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Ipsos Poll on Immigration

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
 Interview dates: January 30 – February 1, 2026
 Number of interviews: 1,020

Margin of error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable*

Annotated Questionnaire

BZD1_1. How important do you think each of the following are for immigration policy in the U.S.? Secure borders to prevent people from entering the U.S. illegally

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Extremely important	37%	67%	13%	36%
Very important	24%	22%	26%	27%
Somewhat important	24%	9%	37%	26%
Not too important	8%	1%	14%	7%
Not at all important	5%	-	10%	3%
Skipped	2%	*	-	1%
Extremely/Very Important (Net)	61%	89%	38%	63%
Not too/Not at all Important (Net)	13%	1%	24%	10%

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BZD1_2. How important do you think each of the following are for immigration policy in the U.S.? Enforcement of existing U.S. immigration laws within the country

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Extremely important	31%	57%	12%	29%
Very important	25%	26%	23%	32%
Somewhat important	29%	17%	40%	27%
Not too important	8%	1%	17%	8%
Not at all important	4%	-	8%	2%
Skipped	2%	*	-	1%
Extremely/Very Important (Net)	57%	82%	35%	62%
Not too/Not at all Important (Net)	12%	1%	25%	10%

BZD1_3. How important do you think each of the following are for immigration policy in the U.S.? A way for undocumented immigrants in the country to gain legal status if they have jobs and no criminal record

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Extremely important	35%	16%	57%	37%
Very important	25%	28%	25%	27%
Somewhat important	22%	28%	12%	23%
Not too important	8%	12%	6%	7%
Not at all important	8%	16%	1%	5%
Skipped	2%	*	-	1%
Extremely/Very Important (Net)	60%	44%	82%	64%
Not too/Not at all Important (Net)	16%	28%	7%	12%

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BZD1_4. How important do you think each of the following are for immigration policy in the U.S.? Training and conduct standards for federal officers who enforce immigration laws

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Extremely important	57%	48%	67%	64%
Very important	23%	33%	15%	20%
Somewhat important	13%	15%	9%	10%
Not too important	3%	3%	4%	3%
Not at all important	2%	*	5%	1%
Skipped	2%	*	-	1%
Extremely/Very Important (Net)	80%	81%	82%	84%
Not too/Not at all Important (Net)	6%	3%	9%	4%

BZD2. How much, if anything, have you heard about the fatal shooting of Alex Petti in Minneapolis by U.S. immigration officers?

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
A lot	56%	52%	70%	53%
A little	33%	40%	24%	37%
Nothing at all	10%	9%	6%	10%
Skipped	1%	-	-	*

BZD3. [Base: Heard a lot or a little about the shooting in BZD2] Have you seen video footage of the fatal shooting of Alex Petti in Minneapolis by U.S. immigration officers?

	Total (N=927)	Republican (N=277)	Democrat (N=301)	Independent (N=270)
Yes	67%	61%	74%	67%
No	33%	39%	26%	33%
Skipped	-	-	-	-

BZD4. Based on what you know, do you think the fatal shooting of Alex Petti by U.S. immigration officers was...?

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Necessary use of force	16%	33%	2%	14%
Excessive use of force	55%	24%	88%	54%
Not sure	28%	43%	9%	32%
Skipped	1%	-	-	-

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TREND. (Ipsos poll conducted January 16-18, 2026) Based on what you know, do you think the fatal shooting of Renee Nicole Good by a U.S. immigration officer was...?

	Total (N=1,229)	Democrat (N=345)	Republican (N=363)	Independent (N=393)
<i>Necessary use of force</i>	25%	3%	54%	22%
<i>Excessive use of force</i>	52%	91%	19%	53%
<i>Not sure</i>	23%	7%	27%	25%
<i>Skipped</i>	*	-	*	*

TM3361Y25. Overall, do you think efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers to deal with unauthorized immigration in the country...?

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
<i>Go too far</i>	62%	30%	92%	65%
<i>Do not go far enough</i>	13%	22%	4%	12%
<i>Are about right</i>	23%	45%	4%	21%
<i>Skipped</i>	3%	2%	*	2%

TREND. Overall, do you think efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers to deal with unauthorized immigration in the country...?

	Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted Jan 23-25, 2026* (N=1,139)	Ipsos poll conducted Jan 16-18, 2026 (N=1,229)
<i>Go too far</i>	58%	59%
<i>Do not go far enough</i>	12%	13%
<i>Are about right</i>	26%	26%
<i>Skipped</i>	2%	2%

* *Question wording: Overall, do you think efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to deal with unauthorized immigration in the country...*

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BZD5. Which better describes your own views? Do you ...

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Support deporting undocumented immigrants and are comfortable with current tactics	26%	54%	5%	20%
Support deporting undocumented immigrants but are uncomfortable with current tactics	45%	42%	40%	53%
Do not support deporting undocumented immigrants	26%	2%	53%	25%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	3%

BZD6. In the last twelve months, have federal immigration enforcement efforts had an impact on your own local community?

	Total (N=1,020)	Republican (N=308)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Yes, major impact	16%	6%	28%	15%
Yes, minor impact	27%	22%	31%	29%
No, not had an impact	54%	71%	40%	54%
Skipped	3%	1%	*	2%

BZD7. [Base: Federal immigration enforcements have had major/minor impact in BZD6] And would you say the impact of federal immigration enforcement efforts in your community has been?

	Total (N=468)	Republican (N=88)	Democrat (N=316)	Independent (N=291)
Mostly positive	13%	37%	2%	15%
Mostly negative	64%	14%	86%	66%
Mix of positive and negative	23%	49%	12%	18%
Skipped	1%	-	1%	1%

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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted January 30 to February 1, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,020 general population adults aged 18 or older.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race and ethnicity, census region, metropolitan status, education, household income, 2024 vote choice and political party identification. Political party identification benchmarks are from the 2025 NPORS annual survey, with a midyear adjustment estimated across aggregated KnowledgePanel surveys. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2025 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- 2024 Vote Choice (Trump, Harris, Another candidate, Did not vote)
- Political Party ID (Democrat, Lean Democrat, Republican, Lean Republican, Independent/Something else)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.43. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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