



Majority of Americans oppose separating families at the border; Path to citizenship for DREAMers has broad support

NPR/Ipsos poll examining views toward immigration policy

Washington, DC, July 15, 2018 – A recent survey conducted by Ipsos, on behalf of NPR, identifies Americans’ positions and attitudes toward immigrants and immigration policy. Significant disparities exist between Democrats and Republicans regarding a variety of immigration policies. Overall, however, there is little support for a variety of current immigration policies being proposed in Congress or by the Trump Administration.

Less than 3 in 10 Americans (28%) support separating families who cross the border illegally as a deterrent. While just 1 in 10 Democrats (11%) and a quarter of independents support this policy, a majority of Republicans (52%) are in favor. Similarly, just 15% of Democrats support building a wall along the *entire* U.S.-Mexico border, compared to three-quarters of Republicans (74%); overall, less than half of the American public (40%) supports a complete border wall. Democrats tend to show more support for admitting refugees and people seeking asylum, while Republicans remain skeptical. Nearly 3 in 4 Democrats (74%) and half of Independents feel that refugees and people seeking asylum are fleeing real violence and persecution. However, most Republicans (65%) believe that refugees and asylum seekers are taking an unfair advantage of the U.S immigration system.

Out of the policies tested, there are just two that are supported by a majority of Americans: fining U.S. employers found to hire undocumented immigrants (65% support) and giving legal status to undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children (60%). Even here, however, partisan differences abound. Over 8 in 10 Republicans (81%) believe in imposing a fine, compared to 56% of Democrats and 67% of Independents. On the other hand, providing legal status to DREAMers earns high marks from Democrats (76%) and Independents (60%), but less so from Republicans (45%).

Currently, 1 in 4 Americans reports that immigration is one of the most worrying facing America, up 7 percentage points from February 2018. This increase is driven by both Democrats (from 10% to 20%) and Independents (from 13% to 25%). Republican concern toward immigration (34%) has remained steady since February.

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1. Which three of the following topics do you find the most worrying?

	Total (n = 1,071)			Democrat (n = 369)			Republican (n = 333)			Independent (n = 191)		
	6/22	2/28	10/17	6/22	2/28	10/17	6/22	2/28	10/17	6/22	2/28	10/17
Healthcare	37%	34%	33%	44%	38%	35%	29%	33%	32%	39%	29%	34%
Crime or gun violence	33	37	27	40	46	37	27	26	19	32	41	26
Terrorism	29	35	41	19	22	33	45	48	55	28	36	40
Immigration	25	18	16	20	10	12	34	32	24	25	13	12
Political extremism or polarization	22	26	22	24	32	20	20	26	21	25	24	23
Climate change	18	16	20	26	24	27	8	10	11	20	16	20
Government budget and debt	16	17	16	12	12	11	23	21	22	19	19	18
Social inequality	16	14	13	24	23	20	8	5	3	9	14	16
Taxes	16	13	11	12	10	8	23	18	12	13	11	11
Nuclear conflict	12	16	19	12	17	21	12	14	20	12	16	17
Education	12	14	13	11	17	19	12	12	10	14	11	7
Unemployment	12	14	11	11	13	12	11	11	8	6	16	12
Natural disasters	11	9	14	8	6	12	8	10	13	12	12	16
Foreign conflicts	8	9	10	8	11	10	6	8	10	8	8	13
Other	5	3	3	4	3	3	6	3	3	6	2	5
None of these	3	3	4	3	2	1	3	1	7	1	6	5

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2. Do you support or oppose the following immigration-related ideas?
Total support

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fining any U.S. employer found to hire undocumented immigrants	65%	56%	81%	67%
Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children	60	76	45	60
Barring refugees into the U.S. who come from countries with significant terrorist organizations operating within them.	47	29	72	29
Ending the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S.	42	28	64	39
Allocating \$25 billion for border security, including expanding a wall or fence along parts of the U.S.-Mexico border	42	16	76	38
Ban travel to the U.S. by residents of certain Muslim-majority countries	40	20	68	40
Building a wall or fence along the entire U.S./Mexico border	40	16	74	40
Ending the Diversity Visa Lottery system, which is aimed at bringing in immigrants from nations that are under-represented here	39	25	60	37
Ending temporary protections for immigrants from countries that were affected by natural disasters or war	35	22	56	32
Separating families who cross the border illegally as a deterrent	28	11	52	25
Denying asylum to most victims of domestic abuse or gang violence	25	17	36	27

a. Building a wall or fence along the entire U.S./Mexico border.

	Total		Democrat		Republican		Independent	
	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28
Strongly support	24%	22%	6%	7%	50%	44%	24%	20%
Somewhat support	16	16	10	12	23%	24	15	12
Somewhat oppose	13	14	13	12	10%	15	15	17
Strongly oppose	40	42	65	65	12%	14	41	43
Don't know	7	6	6	4	4%	4	5	9
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>32%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>59</i>

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b. Giving legal status to undocumented or illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

	Total		Democrat		Republican		Independent	
	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28
Strongly support	33%	33%	48%	51%	16%	13%	30%	33%
Somewhat support	27	32	28	30	29	39	30	33
Somewhat oppose	15	15	8	8	24	23	16	13
Strongly oppose	18	13	11	5	26	21	19	11
Don't know	7	8	5	5	5	5	5	10
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>66</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>25</i>

c. Ending the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S.

	Total		Democrat		Republican		Independent	
	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28
Strongly support	20%	23%	10%	12%	35%	37%	19%	22%
Somewhat support	21	23	19	18	28	26	20	27
Somewhat oppose	25	27	30	33	18	23	29	25
Strongly oppose	27	20	36	31	14	9	25	14
Don't know	7	9	5	6	5	5	7	11
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>40</i>

d. Barring refugees into the U.S. who come from countries with significant terrorist organizations operating within them.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	27%	13%	49%	22%
Somewhat support	20	16	23	23
Somewhat oppose	22	29	13	25
Strongly oppose	21	35	9	19
Don't know	9	8	6	11
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>44</i>

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e. Ban travel to the U.S. by residents of certain Muslim-majority countries.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	18%	7%	36%	17%
Somewhat support	22	13	32	23
Somewhat oppose	21	23	13	24
Strongly oppose	31	52	11	28
Don't know	9	5	9	7
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>53</i>

f. Separating families who cross the border illegally as a deterrent.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	11%	4%	22%	12%
Somewhat support	16	7	31	13
Somewhat oppose	16	12	20	20
Strongly oppose	51	74	22	49
Don't know	5	4	6	5
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>70</i>

g. Allocating \$25 billion for border security, including expanding a wall or fence along parts of the U.S.-Mexico border.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	24%	8%	48%	21%
Somewhat support	18	8	48	21
Somewhat oppose	16	18	10	24
Strongly oppose	37	63	9	33
Don't know	6	3	4	5
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>57</i>

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- h. End the Diversity Visa Lottery system, which is aimed at bringing in immigrants from nations that are under-represented here.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	22%	10%	40%	21%
Somewhat support	17	15	19	16
Somewhat oppose	22	26	19	23
Strongly oppose	22	33	13	19
Don't know	16	17	9	21
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>37%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>42</i>

- i. Fining any U.S. employer found to hire undocumented immigrants.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	36%	28%	52%	40%
Somewhat support	28	28	30	27
Somewhat oppose	16	21	10	17
Strongly oppose	12	17	5	9
Don't know	7	6	3	8
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>26</i>

- j. Denying asylum to most victims of domestic abuse or gang violence.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	12%	8%	18%	14%
Somewhat support	13	8	18	13
Somewhat oppose	26	20	34	30
Strongly oppose	38	59	16	35
Don't know	11	5	14	8
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>27%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>65</i>

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k. Ending temporary protections for immigrants from countries that were affected by natural disasters or war.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	13%	9%	20%	12%
Somewhat support	22	12	36	19
Somewhat oppose	25	25	25	32
Strongly oppose	30	46	10	30
Don't know	9	8	9	7
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>32%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>62</i>

3. Congress has been debating immigration legislation in recent months. Most of the bills include the following elements:

- Increase border security, including \$25 billion for expanding a wall or fence along parts of the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Create a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.
- End the Diversity Visa lottery system, which is aimed at bringing in immigrants from nations that are under-represented here.
- Limit the ability of legal immigrants to bring their extended family members to the U.S.

Would you support or oppose Congress passing immigration legislation that contains these proposals?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly support	17%	7%	34%	13%
Somewhat support	31	20	45	31
Somewhat oppose	19	26	12	23
Strongly oppose	19	32	6	17
Don't know	14	14	4	16
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>44%</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>41</i>

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4. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Refugees and asylum seekers that come to the U.S. are fleeing real violence and persecution – strongly agree	25%	42%	7%	19%
Refugees and asylum seekers that come to the U.S. are fleeing real violence and persecution – somewhat agree	26	33	19	31
Refugees and asylum seekers are taking unfair advantage of the system to get into the U.S. – somewhat agree	20	13	29	21
Refugees and asylum seekers are taking unfair advantage of the system to get into the U.S. – strongly agree	18	6	37	18
Don't know	11	7	8	10
<i>Fleeing real violence and persecution (Net agree)</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Taking unfair advantage of the system (Net agree)</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Fleeing real violence – Taking unfair advantage</i>	<i>+13</i>	<i>+56</i>	<i>-39</i>	<i>+10</i>

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5. On a 1 to 7 scale, where 1 means strongly discourage and 7 means strongly encourage, should U.S. immigration policy encourage or discourage the immigration of people with the following characteristics?

*Mean Q5 and Q6 combined *(Excludes don't know responses)*

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
People who swear to uphold the Constitution	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.3
People with advanced education or degrees	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.1
People who have skills or training that are in short-supply in the U.S.	5.2	5.5	4.9	5.1
People who speak English	5.1	5.2	4.9	5
Christians	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.5
Refugees from countries experiencing natural disasters	4.7	5.3	4	4.6
People seeking asylum from political violence	4.7	5.4	3.9	4.3
People from Europe	4.7	5.1	4.2	4.4
Refugees from countries in the midst of civil war	4.6	5.3	3.8	4.4
People seeking asylum from domestic abuse	4.6	5.3	3.8	4.4
People who already have family in the United States	4.6	5.2	3.8	4.4
People from Asia	4.6	5.1	4.1	4.3
People seeking asylum from gang violence	4.5	5.2	3.7	4.3
People from Africa	4.5	5.1	3.8	4.1
People from Latin America	4.5	5	3.9	4.1
People with significant wealth	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.1
People with little or no wealth	4.3	4.8	3.7	4.2
People who enter the U.S. without permission fleeing from violence or conflict	4.1	4.9	3.1	3.9
Atheists	4.1	4.7	3.6	4
People with less than a high school education	4	4.6	3.4	3.7
Muslims	4	4.7	3.3	3.6
People who enter the U.S. without permission seeking better economic opportunities	3.5	4.1	2.6	3.1
People who support communism	2.8	3.2	2.3	2.5

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a. Refugees from countries in the midst of civil war.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	19%	30%	6%	17%
6	13	17	9	13
5	18	21	15	20
4	20	16	25	18
3	10	5	15	13
2	7	3	13	6
1 – Strongly discourage	7	3	10	9
Don't know	6	4	6	4
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>

b. Refugees from countries experiencing natural disasters.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	20%	30%	7%	19%
6	12	17	9	11
5	20	21	19	22
4	21	16	27	23
3	9	6	15	7
2	5	3	8	7
1 – Strongly discourage	6	3	11	7
Don't know	5	4	4	5
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4.6</i>

c. People seeking asylum from political violence.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	21%	34%	9%	15%
6	13	18	7	10
5	19	21	20	19
4	17	13	20	23
3	12	5	21	11
2	6	2	9	8
1 – Strongly discourage	7	3	10	9
Don't know	6	4	4	5
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>4.3</i>

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d. People seeking asylum from domestic abuse.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	21%	32%	9%	18%
6	12	19	7	11
5	18	18	16	19
4	19	15	22	19
3	9	4	17	10
2	7	6	11	7
1 – Strongly discourage	8	3	14	10
Don't know	6	3	4	5
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>

e. People seeking asylum from gang violence.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	18%	28%	5%	17%
6	14	18	10	10
5	17	19	17	17
4	21	16	23	23
3	10	6	17	10
2	8	5	13	5
1 – Strongly discourage	7	2	12	13
Don't know	6	5	4	5
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>4.3</i>

f. People who already have family in the United States.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	19%	27%	7%	16%
6	13	17	8	10
5	19	22	17	24
4	21	20	26	17
3	10	4	19	13
2	6	3	9	6
1 – Strongly discourage	6	3	11	10
Don't know	6	5	3	4
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>4.4</i>

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g. People who have skills or training that are in short-supply in the U.S.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	29%	38%	21%	27%
6	16	15	17	15
5	21	20	22	27
4	16	15	21	13
3	6	3	7	8
2	3	2	2	4
1 – Strongly discourage	4	4	6	4
Don't know	5	3	5	3
<i>Mean</i>	5.2	5.5	4.9	5.1

h. People who enter the U.S. without permission seeking better economic opportunities.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	10%	13%	3%	8%
6	8	11	5	2
5	13	17	10	14
4	17	22	12	18
3	13	15	12	11
2	11	8	14	14
1 – Strongly discourage	24	11	41	30
Don't know	5	3	3	3
<i>Mean</i>	3.5	4.1	2.6	3.1

i. People who enter the U.S. without permission fleeing from violence or conflict.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	15%	23%	3%	14%
6	10	14	6	5
5	17	24	11	20
4	19	17	19	19
3	13	10	22	12
2	7	3	11	8
1 – Strongly discourage	14	5	25	18
Don't know	5	4	3	5
<i>Mean</i>	4.1	4.9	3.1	3.9

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6. On a 1 to 7 scale, where 1 means strongly discourage and 7 means strongly encourage, should U.S. immigration policy encourage or discourage the immigration of people with the following characteristics?
- a. People with advanced education or degrees

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	27%	32%	20%	21%
6	17	21	14	19
5	22	23	27	24
4	16	14	17	20
3	6	4	8	9
2	1	1	2	*
1 – Strongly discourage	3	2	5	4
Don't know	6	4	7	3
<i>Mean</i>	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.1

- b. People with less than a high school education

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	11%	17%	4%	7%
6	6	9	4	3
5	15	19	14	11
4	28	27	25	32
3	15	12	19	19
2	8	5	14	7
1 – Strongly discourage	9	5	15	12
Don't know	8	6	7	8
<i>Mean</i>	4	4.6	3.4	3.7

- c. People who speak English

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	21%	23%	17%	21%
6	16	18	13	15
5	24	25	30	22
4	21	20	22	25
3	5	4	6	5
2	3	2	4	2
1 – Strongly discourage	3	2	3	4
Don't know	7	6	5	6
<i>Mean</i>	5.1	5.2	4.9	5

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d. People with significant wealth

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	13%	18%	11%	11%
6	9	9	10	8
5	19	20	17	18
4	29	28	31	29
3	9	8	11	10
2	7	4	7	9
1 – Strongly discourage	5	4	5	8
Don't know	10	8	9	7
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>4.1</i>

e. People with little or no wealth

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	12%	19%	4%	13%
6	10	13	8	6
5	16	22	11	16
4	29	24	33	32
3	12	9	15	12
2	5	2	9	5
1 – Strongly discourage	8	5	13	10
Don't know	8	6	6	6
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>4.2</i>

f. People who swear to uphold the Constitution

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	32%	35%	30%	30%
6	18	21	19	15
5	20	19	23	24
4	15	15	11	15
3	6	5	7	5
2	1	1	2	1
1 – Strongly discourage	3	1	4	4
Don't know	6	4	4	6
<i>Mean</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>5.3</i>

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g. People who support communism

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	5%	9%	2%	2%
6	4	4	5	2
5	6	8	6	3
4	15	16	11	17
3	14	18	9	17
2	13	12	14	16
1 – Strongly discourage	35	26	50	37
Don't know	7	7	4	5
<i>Mean</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>2.5</i>

h. Atheists

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	14%	22%	7%	12%
6	7	10	5	5
5	11	11	11	13
4	28	27	29	32
3	9	5	12	11
2	6	2	12	6
1 – Strongly discourage	12	10	14	11
Don't know	13	12	11	10
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>4</i>

i. Christians

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	19%	21%	17%	15%
6	12	13	14	7
5	19	21	19	18
4	28	23	31	35
3	5	6	5	6
2	3	2	2	5
1 – Strongly discourage	4	6	3	5
Don't know	9	8	8	9
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.5</i>

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j. Muslims

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	12%	19%	7%	7%
6	6	9	5	2
5	15	20	10	16
4	25	24	19	33
3	11	8	15	11
2	7	5	11	5
1 – Strongly discourage	15	6	25	20
Don't know	9	9	7	6
<i>Mean</i>	4	4.7	3.3	3.6

k. People from Europe

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	16%	24%	9%	11%
6	11	13	10	6
5	19	21	17	21
4	31	26	35	37
3	6	4	9	8
2	3	1	6	1
1 – Strongly discourage	5	3	7	8
Don't know	9	8	7	7
<i>Mean</i>	4.7	5.1	4.2	4.4

l. People from Africa

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	15%	24%	6%	8%
6	9	13	7	7
5	17	20	11	22
4	30	24	35	33
3	8	5	13	7
2	5	3	8	4
1 – Strongly discourage	7	3	10	12
Don't know	10	8	9	6
<i>Mean</i>	4.5	5.1	3.8	4.1

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m. People from Asia

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	15%	23%	5%	12%
6	11	14	10	8
5	18	19	18	17
4	31	26	34	36
3	8	5	10	9
2	3	2	6	3
1 – Strongly discourage	5	4	8	8
Don't know	9	8	9	7
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>4.3</i>

n. People from Latin America

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
7 – Strongly encourage	15%	24%	5%	9%
6	9	12	8	5
5	29	26	33	36
4	29	26	33	36
3	10	7	13	12
2	4	2	7	2
1 – Strongly discourage	6	4	10	9
Don't know	10	7	9	8
<i>Mean</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>4.1</i>

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7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total agree

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Immigrants are an important part of our American identity	69%	81%	56%	71%
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	57	48	72	58
America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution	46	63	26	45
The U.S. should give priority to immigrants who speak English	37	27	50	37
Most immigrants to the United States do not easily assimilate into American society	33	20	47	34

a. When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants.

	Total		Democrat		Republican		Independent	
	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28
Strongly agree	34%	26%	25%	18%	48%	38%	33%	22%
Somewhat agree	23	26	23	24	24	31	25	27
Neither agree nor disagree	27	23	31	25	18	17	30	27
Somewhat disagree	7	10	8	14	4	7	8	10
Strongly disagree	6	12	10	16	4	5	3	11
Don't know	4	3	3	2	2	2	1	3
Agree (Net)	57%	52%	48%	42%	72%	69%	58%	49%
Disagree (Net)	13	22	18	31	8	12	11	21

b. Immigrants are an important part of our American identity.

	Total		Democrat		Republican		Independent	
	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28
Strongly agree	42%	40%	59%	55%	24%	24%	42%	38%
Somewhat agree	27	35	22	27	32	47	29	38
Neither agree nor disagree	16	12	11	9	23	12	15	13
Somewhat disagree	6	6	3	4	10	9	5	5
Strongly disagree	6	5	3	3	9	6	9	6
Don't know	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
Agree (Net)	69%	75%	81%	83%	56%	71%	71%	76%
Disagree (Net)	12	11	6	7	19	15	13	10

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c. The U.S. should give priority to immigrants who speak English.

	Total		Democrat		Republican		Independent	
	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28	6/22	2/28
Strongly agree	11%	16%	8%	13%	17%	22%	11%	17%
Somewhat agree	26	28	20	20	33	35	26	31
Neither agree nor disagree	35	29	38	34	29	22	41	31
Somewhat disagree	12	13	14	16	10	12	11	7
Strongly disagree	11	11	14	14	7	6	7	11
Don't know	6	3	6	2	3	2	4	3
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>18</i>

d. America has a moral obligation to accept refugees facing persecution.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	20%	33%	10%	15%
Somewhat agree	25	31	16	29
Neither agree nor disagree	23	18	22	28
Somewhat disagree	13	6	25	11
Strongly disagree	13	8	23	13
Don't know	5	4	4	3
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>24</i>

e. Most immigrants to United States do not easily assimilate into American society.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	11%	6%	18%	12%
Somewhat agree	22	14	29	23
Neither agree nor disagree	29	26	32	30
Somewhat disagree	21	30	13	23
Strongly disagree	11	18	4	8
Don't know	6	6	4	4
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>34%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>31</i>

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8. Do you agree or disagree or disagree with the following statements?

Total agree

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
I am proud to be an American	77%	73%	89%	74%
America needs a strong leader to take the country back from the rich and powerful	71	77	65	71
The American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful	71	86	51	76
Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me	67	72	64	70
The mainstream media is more interested in making money than telling the truth	65	48	86	63
In the U.S., it does not matter where you come from; if you work hard, you can get ahead	65	57	79	61

a. America needs a strong leader to take the country back from the rich and powerful.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	46%	54%	38%	46%
Somewhat agree	25	23	28	25
Neither agree nor disagree	17	15	21	17
Somewhat disagree	5	4	6	4
Strongly disagree	3	2	5	5
Don't know	3	2	3	3
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>

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b. The American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	41%	56%	23%	47%
Somewhat agree	29	29	28	29
Neither agree nor disagree	15	8	22	14
Somewhat disagree	8	4	17	5
Strongly disagree	4	1	8	4
Don't know	3	2	2	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>9</i>

c. Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	35%	37%	31%	43%
Somewhat agree	32	35	33	27
Neither agree nor disagree	20	16	20	24
Somewhat disagree	8	8	10	3
Strongly disagree	2	1	4	2
Don't know	3	2	2	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>70%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>5</i>

d. The mainstream media is more interested in making money than telling the truth.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	41%	24%	65%	42%
Somewhat agree	24	23	21	21
Neither agree nor disagree	13	13	9	16
Somewhat disagree	10	17	4	11
Strongly disagree	9	20	*	8
Don't know	3	2	1	2
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>19</i>

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e. I am proud to be an American.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	55%	46%	70%	52%
Somewhat agree	22	27	19	22
Neither agree nor disagree	13	15	6	14
Somewhat disagree	6	9	3	9
Strongly disagree	2	3	1	1
Don't know	2	1	1	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>11</i>

f. In the U.S., it does not matter where you come from; if you work hard, you can get ahead.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	28%	22%	38%	27%
Somewhat agree	36	36	41	34
Neither agree nor disagree	15	16	9	19
Somewhat disagree	12	16	6	15
Strongly disagree	6	9	4	3
Don't know	2	2	2	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>61%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>19</i>

9. In your own words, what does it mean to be an American?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Freedom (Net)	47	50	45	47
Freedom (unspecified)	25	27	26	22
Chasing the American dream/ freedom of opportunity	11	14	9	11
Freedom of choice	8	9	8	11
Freedom of speech	6	8	4	4
Freedom of religion	5	3	5	7
Freedom from tyranny/ oppression/ persecution	2	3	1	4
Freedom to have an education	2	1	3	2
Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness	2	2	1	3
Land of the free	1	-	1	1

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Values (Net)	29	34	27	33
Hard-working	7	6	10	7
Open arms/ acceptance of all	6	10	2	7
Being nice/ kind/ respectful/ compassionate	6	9	5	4
Helping the less fortunate	4	5	2	10
Respect/ support/ follow the core value/ customs (of this country)	4	2	6	5
Contribute to society/ make the world a better place	2	2	2	4
Independent	2	2	2	1
Justice (for all)	1	*	2	4
Standing up/ defends this country from threats (foreign and domestic)	1	1	1	1
Equality/ equality for all/ treat everyone equally	1	2	1	2
Being a moral/ upstanding citizen	1	2	2	1
Support human rights	1	1	2	1
Take responsibility for one's action	1	2	*	1
Being honest/ trustworthy	1	*	1	1
Pride/ Patriotism (Net)	22	17	29	19
Proud/ pride/ love in my country	12	10	14	14
Greatest country in the world	4	3	6	2
Patriotic/ loyal to country	3	1	4	1
Honor/ respect the flag	2	2	4	2
Support the military	2	2	3	1
Strong/ powerful	1	1	2	*
Home of the brave	1	*	1	*
Law/ Rules/ Guidelines (Net)	14	11	21	13
Upholding the Constitution	7	5	12	6
Obey/ uphold the law	6	5	9	6
Vote in election	2	2	2	3
Pay taxes	1	1	1	1
Citizenship (Net)	11	10	10	15
(Legal) citizen of the United States	7	6	6	12
Born/ raised on American soil	5	5	4	4
Not sure anymore/ losing our identity/ negative mentions	8	11	5	10
Safe/ peaceful/ do not live in fear	2	2	2	3
Diverse culture/ country	2	2	2	3

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Land founded by immigrants/ allow legal immigration	2	1	1	3
Learn/ speak English	1	-	3	2
All/ everything	1	*	*	1
Other	8	6	11	8
Nothing	1	1	1	-
Don't know	5	3	4	3

10. How do you get most of your news?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Television	60%	67%	60%	52%
Online/Internet	54	53	52	53
Social Media (Twitter, Facebook)	30	34	24	23
Print Newspapers/Magazines	22	23	25	26
Radio	21	19	26	19
Mobile News Apps	16	19	14	11
None of the above	3	2	4	4

11. Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of television news?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
FOX News	20%	6%	42%	15%
CNN	14	22	6	11
NBC	12	14	9	11
CBS	11	11	9	13
ABC	10	11	7	15
MSNBC	7	14	2	2
Public television	5	6	3	5
Other	7	7	6	8

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12. Which if any of the following applies to you?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
One or more of my casual acquaintances was born outside of the United States	40%	46%	43%	37%
There are many immigrants living in my community	35	41	30	35
One or more of my closest friends was born outside of the United States	27	29	25	26
No one I know was born outside the United States	26	23	28	27
One or more of my immediate family members (parent, sibling, or child) was born outside of the United States	24	23	23	21
I was born outside of the United States	10	8	9	12

13. How would you describe the area in which you live?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Rural	24%	23%	26%	24%
Suburban	48	43	53	52
Urban	28	34	20	24

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These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted June 19-20, 2018. For the survey, a sample of roughly 1,071 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English and Spanish. The sample includes 369 Democrats, 333 Republicans, and 191 Independents.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos’s online panel (see link below for more info on “Access Panels and Recruitment”), partner online panel sources, and “river” sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos “Ampario Overview” sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2016 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

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The poll also has a credibility interval plus or minus 5.8 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.1 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 8.1 percentage points for Independents.

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