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# **POLL**

**Interviews with 1,013 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 28-30, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample also includes 883 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points) and 783 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).**

**The sample includes 756 interviews among landline respondents and 257 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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12. What should be the main focus of the U.S. government in dealing with the issue of illegal immigration -- developing a plan that would allow illegal immigrants who have jobs to become legal U.S. residents, or developing a plan for stopping the flow of illegal immigrants into the U.S. and for deporting those already here? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 437 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Become legal residents</u>	<u>Stop illegals/ deport</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Registered Voters</b>			
Sept. 28-30, 2012	56%	39%	5%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	42%	55%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	41%	57%	1%
May 21-23, 2010	37%	61%	2%
<b>All Americans</b>			
Nov. 18-20, 2011	42%	55%	3%
July 16-21, 2010	42%	57%	1%
May 21-23, 2010	38%	60%	2%

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	<u>Allow to become Legal resident</u>	<u>Stop illegals/ Deport those here</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 9-11 *	41	56	3

\* Asked of half sample

13. Earlier this year, Barack Obama announced that the U.S. government would no longer deport illegal immigrants under the age of 30 if they were brought to this country by their parents when they were children. To qualify for this treatment, they must not have a criminal record and be in school or the military or have a high school diploma. Do you think this policy goes too far, does not go far enough, or is about right? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 446 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Too far</u>	<u>Not far enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Registered Voters</b>				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	18%	15%	64%	3%

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 1,013 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, telephone usage and whether respondents own or rent their homes. Registered voters were asked questions about their likelihood of voting, past voting behavior, and interest in the campaign; based on answers to those questions, 783 respondents were classified as likely voters. Respondents who reported that they had already cast an absentee ballot or voted early were automatically classified as likely voters.

## Registered voters

## Question 12

What should be the main focus of the U.S. government in dealing with the issue of illegal immigration -- developing a plan that would allow illegal immigrants who have jobs to become legal U.S. residents, or developing a plan for stopping the flow of illegal immigrants into the U.S. and for deporting those already here?

Base = Registered voters, half sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
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Allow become legal residents	56%	58%	55%	52%	N/A	56%	
Stop illegal/deport those here	39%	38%	39%	43%	N/A	39%	
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	5%	N/A	5%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5		+/-4.5	
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older
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Allow become legal residents	56%	N/A	N/A	52%	48%	64%	50%
Stop illegal/deport those here	39%	N/A	N/A	40%	44%	34%	42%
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	8%	8%	2%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-8.5	+/-5.5
		Under	\$50K	No	Attended		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College		
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Allow become legal residents	56%	N/A	57%	N/A	58%		
Stop illegal/deport those here	39%	N/A	38%	N/A	37%		
No opinion	5%	N/A	5%	N/A	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-6.5		+/-5.5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-
	Total	crat	endent	lican	eral	erate	vative
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Allow become legal residents	56%	80%	50%	36%	N/A	68%	37%
Stop illegal/deport those here	39%	17%	43%	58%	N/A	27%	57%
No opinion	5%	3%	6%	6%	N/A	5%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.0		+/-8.0	+/-7.5
		North	Mid-				
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	Sub-
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Allow become legal residents	56%	N/A	N/A	47%	N/A	61%	54%
Stop illegal/deport those here	39%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A	33%	42%
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	4%	N/A	6%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0		+/-8.0	+/-7.0
							Rural
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Allow become legal residents	56%	N/A	N/A	47%	N/A	61%	54%
Stop illegal/deport those here	39%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A	33%	42%
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	4%	N/A	6%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0		+/-8.0	+/-7.0

\* percentage less than 1%

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Registered voters

Question 13

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Base = Registered voters, half sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
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Too far	18%	22%	14%	23%	N/A	18%	
Not far enough	15%	18%	12%	18%	N/A	15%	
About right	64%	57%	71%	56%	N/A	64%	
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	N/A	3%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5		+/-4.5	

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Too far	18%	N/A	N/A	21%	23%	15%	21%
Not far enough	15%	N/A	N/A	24%	15%	9%	21%
About right	64%	N/A	N/A	52%	57%	73%	54%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	5%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-5.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Too far	18%	16%	20%	18%	18%
Not far enough	15%	19%	12%	21%	11%
About right	64%	62%	65%	60%	67%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-5.5

  

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
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Too far	18%	8%	22%	27%	N/A	16%	28%
Not far enough	15%	10%	18%	16%	N/A	11%	19%
About right	64%	80%	58%	50%	N/A	71%	47%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	7%	N/A	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-8.5		+/-8.0	+/-7.0

  

	Total	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Too far	18%	N/A	N/A	16%	N/A	10%	22%	N/A
Not far enough	15%	N/A	N/A	17%	N/A	7%	17%	N/A
About right	64%	N/A	N/A	65%	N/A	80%	57%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	3%	4%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0		+/-8.5	+/-7.0	

\* percentage less than 1%