



**Interviews with 1,025 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 1-4, 2017. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**This sample includes 509 interviews among landline respondents and 516 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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Q21. Thinking about the way the U.S. government deals with the issue of illegal immigration, which of the following policy goals should be the government's top priority: (RANDOM ORDER) [READ LIST

	March 1-4 <u>2017</u>	Sept. 1-4 <u>2016</u>	Nov. 27-Dec.1 <u>2015</u>	Sept. 4-8 <u>2015</u>
Deporting immigrants already in the U.S. illegally	13%	11%	13%	14%
Developing a plan to stop immigrants from entering the U.S. illegally	26%	36%	37%	39%
Developing a plan to allow those in the U.S. illegally who have jobs to become legal residents	60%	51%	49%	46%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%

(QUESTIONS 22 AND 23 ROTATED)

Q22. Do you think the government should attempt to deport all people currently living in the country illegally or should the government not attempt to do that?

	March 1-4 <u>2017</u>	Sept. 1-4 <u>2016</u>	Nov. 27-Dec.1 <u>2015</u>
Should	27%	30%	35%
Should not	71%	66%	63%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%

Q23. Do you think the government should attempt to deport all people currently living in the country illegally who have been convicted of other crimes while living in the U.S., or should the government not attempt to do that?

	March 1-4 <u>2017</u>	Sept. 1-4 <u>2016</u>
Should	78%	83%
Should not	19%	15%
No opinion	3%	2%

Q23a. Thinking about the way that the U.S. goes about enforcing immigration policies, which of the following concerns you more: [READ LIST] (RANDOM ORDER)

March 1-4  
2017

Deportation efforts will go too far and result in deportation of people who haven't committed serious crimes 58%

Deportation efforts won't go far enough and dangerous criminals will remain in the United States 40%

No opinion 2%

Q24. Now, thinking about how the U.S. government should treat illegal immigrants who have been in this country for a number of years, hold a job, speak English and are willing to pay any back taxes that they owe.

Would you favor or oppose a bill that allowed those immigrants to stay in this country rather than being deported and eventually allow them to apply for U.S. citizenship?

	March 1-4 <u>2017</u>	Sept. 1-4 <u>2016</u>	Jan. 31-Feb. 2 <u>2014</u>
Favor	90%	88%	81%
Oppose	9%	11%	17%
No opinion	1%	*	2%

## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,025 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 28% described themselves as Democrats, 25% described themselves as Republicans, and 47% described themselves as independents or members of another party.

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, and telephone usage.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "NA".

Question 21

Thinking about the way the U.S. government deals with the issue of illegal immigration, which of the following policy goals should be the governments top priority:

Deporting immigrants already in the U.S. illegally:

Developing a plan to stop immigrants from entering the U.S. illegally:

Developing a plan to allow those in the U.S. illegally who have jobs to become legal residents:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Deport illegal immigrants	13%	14%	12%	12%	14%
Stop illegal entry	26%	32%	21%	31%	17%
Develop plan, legal residents	60%	54%	66%	56%	68%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Deport illegal immigrants	13%	13%	11%	15%	13%	12%	14%
Stop illegal entry	26%	19%	25%	31%	33%	19%	33%
Develop plan, legal residents	60%	68%	62%	53%	53%	68%	53%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Deport illegal immigrants	13%	13%	14%	8%	14%	7%	14%
Stop illegal entry	26%	24%	28%	27%	26%	29%	32%
Develop plan, legal residents	60%	61%	58%	63%	59%	62%	53%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Deport illegal immigrants	13%	5%	14%	21%	6%	9%	21%
Stop illegal entry	26%	13%	26%	41%	17%	23%	39%
Develop plan, legal residents	60%	81%	60%	37%	76%	68%	39%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Deport illegal immigrants	13%	10%	11%	15%	14%	12%	13%	14%
Stop illegal entry	26%	18%	30%	33%	20%	21%	28%	35%
Develop plan, legal residents	60%	71%	58%	51%	64%	67%	58%	49%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Deport illegal immigrants	13%	5%	21%	24%	5%
Stop illegal entry	26%	14%	42%	44%	15%
Develop plan, legal residents	60%	81%	36%	31%	79%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 22

Do you think the government should attempt to deport all people currently living in the country illegally or should the government not attempt to do that?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	27%	29%	25%	28%	24%
Should not	71%	69%	73%	70%	75%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Should	27%	21%	24%	35%	29%	21%	33%
Should not	71%	79%	72%	63%	69%	78%	65%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Should	27%	28%	26%	21%	29%	20%	32%
Should not	71%	70%	73%	76%	69%	77%	66%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Should	27%	13%	27%	42%	14%	21%	44%
Should not	71%	86%	71%	55%	86%	78%	53%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	27%	22%	31%	31%	22%	21%	26%	40%
Should not	71%	77%	68%	66%	77%	79%	72%	57%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	*	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Should	27%	14%	42%	49%	12%
Should not	71%	85%	55%	47%	87%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 23

Do you think the government should attempt to deport all people currently living in the country illegally who have been convicted of other crimes while living in the U.S., or should the government not attempt to do that?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	78%	83%	73%	80%	75%
Should not	19%	14%	24%	18%	21%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Should	78%	69%	82%	82%	84%	72%	84%
Should not	19%	27%	14%	18%	12%	24%	14%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	*	4%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Should	78%	79%	79%	71%	82%	70%	86%
Should not	19%	17%	20%	27%	15%	28%	12%
No opinion	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	78%	64%	79%	93%	60%	80%	93%
Should not	19%	33%	19%	4%	36%	18%	5%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	78%	75%	84%	82%	70%	71%	82%	87%
Should not	19%	24%	13%	17%	24%	26%	17%	9%
No opinion	3%	1%	3%	1%	6%	3%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Should	78%	66%	93%	95%	67%
Should not	19%	31%	5%	4%	30%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 23A

Thinking about the way that the U.S. goes about enforcing immigration policies, which of the following concerns you more:

Deportation efforts will go too far and result in deportation of people who haven't committed serious crimes:

Deportation efforts won't go far enough and dangerous criminals will remain in the United States:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Deportation efforts too far	58%	54%	62%	55%	65%
Deportation efforts not enough	40%	44%	37%	43%	35%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Deportation efforts too far	58%	69%	57%	53%	49%	65%	52%
Deportation efforts not enough	40%	30%	42%	44%	48%	34%	46%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Deportation efforts too far	58%	61%	56%	67%	54%	65%	50%
Deportation efforts not enough	40%	36%	43%	32%	44%	34%	48%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Deportation efforts too far	58%	80%	61%	29%	84%	64%	29%
Deportation efforts not enough	40%	20%	38%	68%	16%	34%	68%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	3%	*	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

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Deportation efforts too far	58%	66%	63%	49%	59%	66%	56%	50%
Deportation efforts not enough	40%	32%	35%	49%	39%	34%	42%	45%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	*	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Deportation efforts too far	58%	80%	31%	23%	81%
Deportation efforts not enough	40%	19%	66%	74%	18%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 24

Now, thinking about how the U.S. government should treat illegal immigrants who have been in this country for a number of years, hold a job, speak English and are willing to pay any back taxes that they owe. Would you favor or oppose a bill that allowed those immigrants to stay in this country rather than being deported and eventually allow them to apply for U.S. citizenship?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	90%	89%	91%	91%	90%
Oppose	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Favor	90%	91%	91%	88%	90%	93%	88%
Oppose	9%	9%	8%	10%	9%	7%	11%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Favor	90%	92%	90%	91%	90%	91%	91%
Oppose	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	90%	96%	89%	87%	95%	94%	81%
Oppose	9%	4%	11%	12%	5%	6%	17%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	90%	91%	93%	89%	89%	88%	92%	92%
Oppose	9%	9%	6%	10%	11%	11%	7%	6%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Favor	90%	96%	86%	84%	95%
Oppose	9%	3%	13%	15%	5%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

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