

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**JUNE 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**June 12-16, 2013**  
**N=1,512**

**QUESTIONS 1, 20d-e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**QUESTIONS 2-5,8, 14-16, 20a-c, 24-27, 32, 36-37, 39-43 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 6-7, 9-13, 17-19, 21-23, 28-31, 33-35, 38**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

Q.44 How important is it to you that the president and Congress pass significant new immigration legislation this year – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

(U)

Jun 12-16

2013

21	Extremely important
29	Very important
29	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
9	Not important at all
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How important is the issue of illegal immigration to you...*

*Gallup/USA Today*

Jul 2007

35	Extremely important
27	Very important
26	Somewhat important
7	Not too important
4	Not important at all
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 In your opinion, how likely is it that the president and Congress will pass significant new immigration legislation this year - **[READ IN ORDER]**?

(U)

Jun 12-16

2013

14	Very likely
39	Somewhat likely
29	Not too likely
15	Not at all likely
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Next, I have some questions about immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally. We will use the term "undocumented immigrants" to refer to people in this situation.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(U)		May 1-5	Mar 13-17
Jun 12-16		<u>2013</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>2013</u>
<u>2013</u>		25	27
27	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally		
71	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met	73	71
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.47 As you may know, Congress is working on a bill that would allow undocumented immigrants to stay in the country legally if they meet certain requirements. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following requirements. First, would you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose...]**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>NO ITEM a.</b>			
b. A ten-year waiting period for most undocumented immigrants before they could become permanent residents Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	55	43	2
c. Requiring undocumented immigrants to pay fines before gaining legal status Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	56	41	3
d. Requiring undocumented immigrants to show they can speak and understand English before gaining legal status Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	76	23	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Do you think legislation allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for legal status also needs to include increased border security measures, or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: Code "favor," "support," and similar options as punch 1]**

(U)	
Jun 12-16	
<u>2013</u>	
77	Yes, needs to include increased border security
20	No, does not
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

<sup>1</sup> In May 2013 and March 2013, question read "Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?" and the second answer choice read "There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 If Congress passes legislation that includes both increased border security measures and a plan for permanent legal status, do you think that undocumented immigrants already in the country should be allowed to apply for legal status **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

(U)  
 Jun 12-16  
2013  
 43 Only after effective control of U.S. borders has been established  
 49 While improvements to border security are being made  
 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 50****ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Thinking about your daily life, do you have personal contact with any recent immigrants who you know for a fact, or who you suspect, are in the United States illegally, or not?

**ASK IF CONTACT WITH UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS (Q.51=1):**

Q.52 Do you know for a fact that any of the immigrants you come into contact with are in the United States illegally, or do you only suspect the immigrants you come into contact with are here illegally?

(U)		Gallup/USA Today
Jul 12-16		Apr
<u>2013</u>		<u>2006</u>
30	Yes, have contact	36
14	Know for a fact they are here illegally	12
15	Only suspect they are here illegally	23
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1
69	No, do not have contact	62
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2

**NO QUESTIONS 53-54****ASK ALL:**

Q.55 Next, I'm going to read you some statements about undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each statement. First, **[INSERT ITEMS, RANDOMIZE]**: do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?]**

	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	<b>(VOL.)</b>
	Agree	agree	agree	Disagree	disagree	disagree	DK/Ref
a. It would be better for the economy for undocumented immigrants to gain legal status and become legal workers Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	75	44	32	23	10	13	2
b. Deporting all of the undocumented immigrants already in this country would be unrealistic Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	77	57	21	21	9	12	2
c. Most undocumented immigrants are hard workers who should have the opportunity to stay in this country and improve their lives Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	75	38	36	23	11	13	2

**Q.55 CONTINUED...**

	<u>NET Agree</u>	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>NET Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
d. Granting undocumented immigrants legal status would take jobs from U.S. citizens Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	51	29	22	48	24	24	1
e. Granting undocumented immigrants legal status would be a drain on government services Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	61	36	24	36	21	16	3
f. Granting undocumented immigrants legal status would encourage more people to come here illegally Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	64	38	26	34	19	15	2
g. Granting undocumented immigrants legal status would reward illegal behavior Jun 12-16, 2013 (U)	54	28	26	43	20	23	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 Just in general... how sympathetic would you say you are toward immigrants who are in the United States illegally [**READ; READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE**]?

(U)		<i>Gallup/USA Today</i>	
Jun 12-16		<u>May 2010<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>May 2006</u>
<u>2013</u>			
64	NET Sympathetic	64	64
16	Very sympathetic	24	17
47	Somewhat sympathetic	40	46
34	NET Unsympathetic	34	34
19	Somewhat unsympathetic	17	18
15	Very unsympathetic	17	16
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.57 And what's your impression, if the Republican Party supported a way for undocumented immigrants to gain legal status do you think this would help or hurt the Republican Party's performance in national elections, or wouldn't it make much difference?

(U)	
Jun 12-16	
<u>2013</u>	
37	Would help the Republican Party in national elections
18	Would hurt the Republican Party in national elections
41	Wouldn't make much difference
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

<sup>2</sup> In 2010 and 2006, question read, "How sympathetic would you say you are toward illegal immigrants in the United States..."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.58 Just your best guess ... compared with ten years ago, do you think the number of immigrants entering the U.S. illegally today is higher, lower, or about the same?

(U)  
 Jun 12-16  
2013  
 55 Higher  
 15 Lower  
 27 About the same  
 3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

**ASK ALL:**

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>3</sup>	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

<sup>3</sup> In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."