

IMMIGRATION

Americans Voice Support for New Arizona Immigration Legislation

Seven-in-ten respondents are in favor of requiring state and local police to determine the status of a person if there is “reasonable suspicion” that they are illegal immigrants.

[NEW YORK – Apr. 28, 2010] – Certain components of Arizona’s new immigration law are supported by a large proportion of Americans, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

The online survey of a representative sample of 1,002 American adults asked respondents whether they would support or oppose enacting four of the guidelines included in Arizona’s immigration law in their own state.

Seven-in-ten respondents support both requiring state and local police to determine the status of a person if there is “reasonable suspicion” that they are illegal immigrants (71%) and arresting people who are unable to provide documentation to prove they are in the U.S. legally (also 71%).

Three-in-four Americans (76%) are in favor of making it a crime to transport someone who is an illegal immigrant, and more than half of respondents (53%) would make it a crime to hire day laborers off the street.

Almost two-thirds of Americans (64%) believe immigration is having a negative effect in the U.S., and two-in-five (44%) think the number of legal

KEY FINDINGS

- **71% support arresting people who are unable to provide documentation to prove they are in the U.S. legally**
- **64% believe immigration is having a negative effect in the U.S.**
- **45% think illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S. should be required to leave their jobs and be deported**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

From April 22 to April 23, 2010, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 1,002 randomly selected American adults who are Springboard USA panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.1%. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure samples representative of the entire adult population of the United States. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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immigrants who are allowed to relocate in the U.S. should decrease. In addition, 58 per cent of respondents believe illegal immigrants in the United States take jobs away from American workers.

When asked about a solution to the status of illegal immigrants, 45 per cent of respondents say they should be required to leave their jobs and be deported from the U.S., while 16 per cent would allow them to work on a temporary basis, and 28 per cent support allowing them to stay in the U.S., and eventually apply for citizenship.

Respondents in the Midwest were more likely than those in other areas to express a desire for reducing legal immigration and deporting illegal immigrants.

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Immigration

Next, we'd like to ask you some questions about immigration. All things considered, do you think immigration is having a positive effect or a negative effect in the U.S.?

	Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Positive effect	18%	22%	12%	17%	20%
Negative effect	64%	55%	72%	66%	58%
Not sure	19%	23%	16%	16%	22%

Immigration

From what you have seen, read or heard, do you think the number of legal immigrants who are allowed to relocate in the U.S. should increase, remain the same, or decrease?

	Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Increase	15%	16%	15%	17%	13%
Remain the same	32%	35%	31%	27%	38%
Decrease	44%	39%	49%	47%	38%
Not sure	9%	10%	5%	10%	11%

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Immigration					
There are more than 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States right now. Which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view?					
Region					
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The illegal immigrants in the United States take jobs away from American workers	58%	56%	67%	58%	51%
The illegal immigrants in the United States are employed in jobs that American workers do not want	31%	30%	23%	33%	38%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	10%	11%

Immigration					
Which of these statements comes closer to your own point of view on the status of illegal immigrants who are currently working in the United States?					
Region					
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., and eventually apply for citizenship	28%	31%	21%	28%	32%
They should be allowed to work in the U.S. on a temporary basis, but they should not become citizens	16%	18%	11%	19%	16%
They should be required to leave their jobs and be deported from the U.S.	45%	37%	58%	42%	42%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	10%	9%

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Immigration

As you may know, the Arizona Senate recently passed an immigration bill. Would you support enacting each one of these regulations included in the Arizona immigration bill in your own state? –

Requiring state and local police to determine the status of a person if there is “reasonable suspicion” that they are illegal immigrants

	Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	46%	39%	48%	47%	47%
Moderately support	25%	29%	31%	24%	17%
Moderately oppose	12%	11%	10%	14%	15%
Strongly oppose	10%	13%	7%	11%	11%
Not sure	7%	8%	4%	5%	10%

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Arresting people who are unable to provide documentation to prove they are in the U.S. legally

	Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	43%	39%	46%	45%	40%
Moderately support	28%	26%	30%	26%	29%
Moderately oppose	12%	15%	11%	11%	11%
Strongly oppose	11%	12%	8%	12%	12%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%	5%	7%

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Making it a crime to transport someone who is an illegal immigrant

	Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	56%	48%	58%	58%	56%
Moderately support	20%	22%	24%	17%	20%
Moderately oppose	10%	12%	11%	9%	8%
Strongly oppose	8%	9%	4%	11%	7%
Not sure	6%	9%	2%	5%	9%

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As you may know, the Arizona Senate recently passed an immigration bill. Would you support enacting each one of these regulations included in the Arizona immigration bill in your own state? –

Making it a crime to hire day laborers off the street

	Region				
	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	34%	30%	36%	34%	33%
Moderately support	19%	20%	20%	18%	21%
Moderately oppose	21%	31%	20%	17%	20%
Strongly oppose	18%	11%	17%	21%	18%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%

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