

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 52 JULY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JULY 22- AUGUST 4, 2019  
N=4,175**

**Note: In several cases, questions from past surveys conducted by telephone are shown as trends for comparison. This is noted throughout this topline.**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

PTYISSUE

Which party would you say you agree with on each of the following policy areas?

**[RANDOMIZE; REVERSE ORDER OF OPTIONS FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST; MAINTAIN SAME ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR SINGLE RESPONDENT]**

a. Policies to deal with illegal immigration

July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>		Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u> <sup>1</sup>
25	Strongly agree with the Republican Party	20
14	Somewhat agree with the Republican Party	17
20	Somewhat agree with the Democratic Party	21
20	Strongly agree with the Democratic Party	17
19	Don't agree with either party	23
2	No answer	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

LGLSTATUS

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

**ASK IF NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN COUNTRY LEGALLY (LGLSTATUS=1) [N=1,097]:**

NATLDPRT

Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally, or should that not be done?

July 22- Aug 4, <u>2019</u>		Feb 28- Mar 12, <u>2017</u> <sup>2</sup>
27	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	22
23	<i>Should be a national law enforcement effort to deport</i>	19
4	<i>Should not be a national law enforcement effort to deport</i>	3
*	<i>No answer</i>	*
72	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met	77
1	No answer	1

<sup>1</sup> In 2016, each PTYISSUE item was asked on a separate screen; question was programmed: "Would you say you agree with the [RANDOMIZE TO MATCH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Republican Party or the Democratic Party] on the following policy area?" with response options listed in order that they appeared in question stem

<sup>2</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only. In W24.5, both questions were asked of all adults. Results for NATLDPRT shown only of those who answered, "They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally."

**LGLSTATUS/NATLDPRT CONTINUED...****PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.?

**ASK IF NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN COUNTRY LEGALLY (Q75=1):**

Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally, or should that not be done?

	Allowed to stay legally	Not allowed to stay legally	<i>Should be law enforcement effort to deport</i>	<i>Should NOT be law enforcement effort to deport</i>	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
July 10-15, 2019	76	23	19	4	1	2
Oct 20-25, 2016	80	18	13	4	*	2
Mar 17-26, 2016	75	23	17	5	1	2
Sep 22-27, 2015	74	24	--	--	--	3
May 12-18, 2015	72	27	--	--	--	2
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	70	27	--	--	--	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	71	25	--	--	--	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	68	30	--	--	--	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	73	24	--	--	--	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	71	27	--	--	--	2
May 1-5, 2013	73	25	--	--	---	3
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>3</sup>	71	27	--	--	--	2

**RANDOMIZE UNDCIMPCTa-c****ASK ALL:**

UNDCIMPCTa When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs that American citizens <u>would like to have</u>	Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs American citizens <u>don't want</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	20	77	3

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

a.	Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs that American citizens <u>would like to have</u>	Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs American citizens don't <u>want</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
July 10-15, 2019	22	71	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	20	71	9
Aug 9-16, 2016 <sup>4</sup>	24	71	5

<sup>3</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."

<sup>4</sup> In August 2016 surveys, question was worded: "When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S. which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right?"

**ASK ALL:**

UNDCIMPCTb When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	In general, undocumented immigrants are as honest and hardworking as <u>American citizens</u>	In general, undocumented immigrants are NOT as honest and hardworking as <u>American citizens</u>	No answer
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	73	24	3

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

b.	In general undocumented immigrants are as honest and hardworking as <u>American citizens</u>	In general undocumented immigrants are not as honest and hardworking as <u>American citizens</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
July 10-15, 2019	73	19	8
Aug 9-16, 2016	76	18	6

**ASK ALL:**

UNDCIMPCTc When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. are more likely than American citizens to <u>commit serious crimes</u>	Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. are NO more likely than American citizens to <u>commit serious crimes</u>	No answer
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	28	69	3

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the U.S which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

c.	Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. are more likely than American citizens to <u>commit serious crimes</u>	Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. are NO more likely than American citizens to <u>commit serious crimes</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
July 10-15, 2019	28	66	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	26	65	10
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	67	6

**ASK ALL:**

ASYLUMHA

How much, if anything, have you heard about the increase in the number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?

July 22-  
Aug 4  
2019

54	A lot
34	A little
11	Nothing at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

BRDERJOB

How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the increased number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?

July 22-  
Aug 4  
2019

6	Very good job
27	Somewhat good job
27	Somewhat bad job
38	Very bad job
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

BRDERVAL

Thinking about the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, how important, if at all, are each of the following for the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK ALL:</b>					
a. To reduce the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum July 22-Aug 4, 2019	43	31	17	8	1
b. To provide safe and sanitary conditions for asylum seekers once they arrive in the U.S. July 22-Aug 4, 2019	52	30	11	6	1
c. To increase the number of judges handling asylum cases July 22-Aug 4, 2019	52	34	9	4	1
d. To provide more assistance to countries in places like Central America, where many asylum seekers are coming from July 22-Aug 4, 2019	32	37	19	11	1
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,089]:</b>					
e. To make it harder for asylum seekers to be granted legal status in the U.S. July 22-Aug 4, 2019	24	29	24	22	1

**BRDERVAL CONTINUED...**

	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,086]:</b>					
f. To make it easier for asylum seekers to be granted legal status in the U.S. July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	35	21	18	1

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

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