

Topline

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 151 AUGUST 2024
FINAL TOPLINE
August 5–11, 2024
TOTAL N=9,201**

Note: Registered voters include adults who report being *absolutely certain* they are registered at their current address. Trump/Lean Trump are those who said if the 2024 presidential election “were held today” they would vote for Donald Trump, the Republican, or lean more toward Donald Trump. Harris/Lean Harris are those who said they would vote for Kamala Harris, the Democrat, or lean more toward Harris.

All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). A hyphen (-) indicates that the sample size for a given subgroup is too small to report for that question or that the responses for a given subgroup are not displayed. Rows/columns may not total 100% or to NETs due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

“No answer” includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don’t know how to answer. In cases where “not sure” was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the “no answer” category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, refer to the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the [methodology](#).

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
All U.S. adults	9,201	+/- 1.3 percentage points
Registered voters	7,569	+/- 1.4 percentage points
NET Trump/Lean Trump	3,234	+/- 2.1 percentage points
NET Harris/Lean Harris	3,823	+/- 2.0 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**VOTEGEN24/VOTEGEN24_LEAN COMBO TABLE****ASK IF CITIZEN (X_CITIZEN=1) [n=8,880]:**

VOTEGEN24 If the 2024 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... [PN:

RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST]**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN24 (VOTEGEN24=4 OR 99) [n=896]:**VOTEGEN24_LEAN As of today do you... [PN: **SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN24]****[PN: ONLY DISPLAY OPTION 4 "None/Other" IF VOTEGEN24_LEAN IS INITIALLY SKIPPED. ALSO****DISPLAY SOFT PROMPT: If you would not support any of the candidates, please select answer choice****None/Other. If you would like to skip, click Next...]****BASED ON THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE (F_REG=1) [n=7,569]:⁶**All U.S. registered voters

45	NET Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump
46	NET Kamala Harris, the Democrat/Lean more toward Harris
7	NET Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a third-party candidate/Lean more toward Kennedy Jr.
1	Lean toward none/Other
*	No answer

n=7,569

U.S. ADULT REGISTERED VOTER TREND FOR COMPARISON:**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	Jul 1-7, <u>2024</u>
Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump	44
Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden	40
Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a third-party candidate/Lean more toward Kennedy Jr.	15
None/Other	2
No answer	*
	Apr 8-14, <u>2024</u>
Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump	49
Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden	48
Vote for neither/Other	2
No answer	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

⁶ Question was asked of all U.S. citizen adults but shown only among those who say they are absolutely certain they are registered to vote.

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ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST]

In your view, do you think the immigration system in this country...

All U.S. adults

		<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
3	Requires no changes	3	5	1
20	Requires only minor changes	20	19	21
75	NET Requires major changes/ Needs to be completely rebuilt	75	74	76
54	Requires major changes	55	49	60
21	Needs to be completely rebuilt	20	25	16
2	No answer	1	1	1

ALL U.S. ADULT TREND FOR COMPARISON:⁷

	<u>Works pretty well and requires only minor changes</u>	<u>Needs major changes</u>	<u>Needs to be completely rebuilt</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	16	54	28	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF LGIMMCTRL and ILIMMCTRL]

LGIMMCTRL

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST]

How much control do you think the U.S. government has over the number of immigrants who enter the country legally?All U.S. adults

		<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
48	NET Complete control/Almost complete control	50	49	51
21	Complete control	22	25	20
27	Almost complete control	27	24	31
33	A moderate degree of control	33	30	37
17	NET Little control/No control	16	21	11
12	Little control	11	13	9
5	No control	5	7	2
1	No answer	1	1	1

⁷ In 2015, the question read, "As far as you know, do you think the immigration system in this country..." and had the response options, "Works pretty well and requires only minor changes," "Needs major changes" and "Needs to be completely rebuilt."

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF LGIMMCTRL and ILIMMCTRL]
 ILIMMCTRL
 ASK ALL:
 [PN: ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS LGIMMCTRL]

How much control do you think the U.S. government has over the number of immigrants who enter the country illegally?

<u>All U.S. adults</u>		<i>Registered voters</i>	<i>NET Trump/Lean Trump</i>	<i>NET Harris/Lean Harris</i>
16	NET Complete control/Almost complete control	15	21	10
6	Complete control	6	10	3
9	Almost complete control	9	11	7
31	A moderate degree of control	30	12	49
52	NET Little control/No control	53	66	40
31	Little control	30	27	33
21	No control	23	39	7
1	No answer	1	1	1

IMMCRN
 ASK ALL:
 [PN: ROTATE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS MEDESC_TYP]

How concerned are you about the number of immigrants entering the country illegally?

<u>All U.S. adults</u>		<i>Registered voters</i>	<i>NET Trump/Lean Trump</i>	<i>NET Harris/Lean Harris</i>
52	NET Extremely/Very concerned	56	87	27
33	Extremely concerned	38	69	10
19	Very concerned	18	18	17
25	Somewhat concerned	23	9	36
22	NET Not too/Not at all concerned	20	3	37
16	Not too concerned	14	2	27
7	Not at all concerned	6	1	10
1	No answer	1	1	1

IMMSUPPORT**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST]**

How much would you favor or oppose each of the following U.S. immigration policies?

		<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
BRDER	Improving security along the country's borders				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	86	88	96	80
	Strongly favor	58	62	89	37
	Somewhat favor	28	26	7	44
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	13	11	3	18
	Strongly oppose	4	3	2	5
	Somewhat oppose	9	8	2	14
	No answer	1	1	*	1
REF	Admitting more civilian refugees from countries where people are trying to escape violence and war				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	67	67	49	85
	Strongly favor	23	22	6	38
	Somewhat favor	44	45	43	47
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	31	32	50	14
	Strongly oppose	10	11	19	3
	Somewhat oppose	21	21	31	11
	No answer	2	1	1	1
SKILL	Legally admitting more high-skilled immigrants				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	78	79	71	87
	Strongly favor	32	31	22	40
	Somewhat favor	46	48	50	46
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	20	20	27	12
	Strongly oppose	7	7	11	3
	Somewhat oppose	14	13	16	9
	No answer	2	2	2	1
DIV	Legally admitting immigrants from all over the world to ensure the nation's immigrant population is diverse				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	52	51	29	72
	Strongly favor	17	17	7	27
	Somewhat favor	35	34	23	45
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	46	47	69	26
	Strongly oppose	22	25	43	8
	Somewhat oppose	24	23	26	18
	No answer	2	2	1	2
LABOR	Legally admitting immigrants who can fill labor shortages				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	69	70	55	86
	Strongly favor	25	25	10	39
	Somewhat favor	44	45	45	47
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	29	29	45	13
	Strongly oppose	11	11	20	4
	Somewhat oppose	18	17	25	9
	No answer	2	1	1	1

IMMSUPPORT CONTINUED...

DEPORT	Enforcing mass deportations of immigrants living in the country illegally				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	54	56	88	27
	Strongly favor	30	33	61	7
	Somewhat favor	24	23	26	19
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	44	42	11	72
	Strongly oppose	21	22	3	41
	Somewhat oppose	23	21	8	32
	No answer	2	1	1	1
STUD	Allowing international students who receive a college degree in the U.S. to legally work and stay in the country				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	77	77	63	89
	Strongly favor	33	31	13	47
	Somewhat favor	44	46	50	42
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	21	22	36	10
	Strongly oppose	6	7	11	3
	Somewhat oppose	15	16	25	7
	No answer	1	1	1	1
MARRY	Allowing undocumented immigrants to legally work and stay in the country if they are married to a U.S. citizen				
	NET Strongly/Somewhat favor	60	58	37	80
	Strongly favor	23	22	6	38
	Somewhat favor	37	36	30	42
	NET Strongly/Somewhat oppose	39	41	63	19
	Strongly oppose	17	18	32	5
	Somewhat oppose	22	22	31	14
	No answer	1	1	1	1

LGLSTATUS**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST]

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

<u>All U.S. adults</u>		<i>Registered voters</i>	<i>NET Trump/Lean Trump</i>	<i>NET Harris/Lean Harris</i>
35	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	38	66	12
64	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met	61	33	87
1	No answer	1	1	1

LGLSTATUS TREND:⁸

	They should not be allowed to stay in the country <u>legally</u>	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain <u>requirements are met</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024			
All U.S. adults	37	62	1
White	44	55	1
Black	23	74	2
Hispanic	23	76	1
Asian	32	65	2
Apr 5-11, 2021			
All U.S. adults	30	69	1
White	36	64	*
Black	20	78	2
Hispanic	15	84	1
Asian	30	68	2
Jun 4-10, 2020			
All U.S. adults	24	75	1
White	29	70	1
Black	18	81	1
Hispanic	12	87	1
Asian	22	76	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**LG_IMLVL****ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST]**Should legal immigration into the United States be...

<u>All U.S. adults</u>		<i>Registered voters</i>	<i>NET Trump/Lean Trump</i>	<i>NET Harris/Lean Harris</i>
30	Increased	29	17	42
22	Decreased	23	33	12
46	Kept at its present level	46	48	44
2	No answer	2	1	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE⁸ In the April 2024, 2021 and 2020 surveys, the question did not emphasize "undocumented."

IMMSER**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

Should each of the following be eligible for public assistance provided by state and local governments?

		<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
LGL	Immigrants who are living in the U.S. <u>legally</u>				
	Yes	80	79	69	89
	No	19	20	30	10
	No answer	1	1	1	1
ILGL	Immigrants who are living in the U.S. <u>illegally</u>				
	Yes	20	18	4	31
	No	78	81	96	68
	No answer	1	1	*	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**IMMSTS****ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST]**

Do you think the increasing number of immigrants in the United States will make life...

	<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
15	Better for people like you	13	4	23
32	Worse for people like you	34	59	11
52	No different for people like you	51	36	65
1	No answer	1	1	1

[PN: IF X_FORM=1, SHOW LGIMPCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY ILLIMPCT. IF X_FORM=2, SHOW ILLIMPCT FIRST, FOLLOWED BY LGIMPCT]

LGIMPCT

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ILLIMPCT; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING OPTION 3, 98, AND 99 LAST]

What type of impact do you think immigrants living in the country legally are having on each of the following areas?

		<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
CRIME	Crime				
	Making things better	13	12	10	13
	Making things worse	25	24	36	14
	Not having much effect	60	62	53	71
	No answer	2	2	2	2
ECON	The U.S. economy				
	Making things better	46	47	31	62
	Making things worse	19	19	29	9
	Not having much effect	33	33	38	27
	No answer	2	2	2	2
VALUE	Social and cultural values				
	Making things better	37	36	21	49
	Making things worse	17	18	29	7
	Not having much effect	44	45	48	42
	No answer	2	2	2	2
TECH	Science and technological innovation				
	Making things better	45	45	33	57
	Making things worse	7	7	10	3
	Not having much effect	46	46	55	37
	No answer	2	2	2	2
PUBRES	Public resources (such as housing, education, health care, etc.)				
	Making things better	22	21	13	27
	Making things worse	30	31	43	19
	Not having much effect	46	47	42	52
	No answer	2	2	2	2

[PN: IF X_FORM=1, SHOW LGIMPCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY ILLIMPCT. IF X_FORM=2, SHOW ILLIMPCT FIRST, FOLLOWED BY LGIMPCT]

ILLIMPCT

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS LGIMPCT; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS LGIMPCT]

What type of impact do you think immigrants living in the country illegally are having on each of the following areas?

		<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>NET Trump/Lean Trump</u>	<u>NET Harris/Lean Harris</u>
CRIME	Crime				
	Making things better	4	3	1	4
	Making things worse	63	64	92	37
	Not having much effect	31	31	6	56
	No answer	2	2	1	2
ECON	The U.S. economy				
	Making things better	22	21	5	38
	Making things worse	54	56	85	28
	Not having much effect	22	21	9	32
	No answer	2	2	1	3
VALUE	Social and cultural values				
	Making things better	18	16	5	27
	Making things worse	44	47	76	20
	Not having much effect	35	35	18	51
	No answer	2	2	1	2
TECH	Science and technological innovation				
	Making things better	14	12	4	19
	Making things worse	24	25	43	9
	Not having much effect	60	61	52	69
	No answer	2	2	1	2
PUBRES	Public resources (such as housing, education, health care, etc.)				
	Making things better	7	6	3	9
	Making things worse	66	70	92	49
	Not having much effect	24	23	5	40
	No answer	2	2	1	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

KNOWIMM
ASK ALL:

Do you personally know someone in your community who was born outside of the United States?

All U.S. adults

		<i>Registered <u>voters</u></i>	<i>NET Trump/Lean <u>Trump</u></i>	<i>NET Harris/Lean <u>Harris</u></i>
71	Yes	72	69	75
29	No	28	30	25
1	No answer	1	1	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED