

Latino Consortium/Latino Decisions CIR Poll Toplines - Released March 18, 2013

1. Right now there are four Democrats and four Republicans in the U.S. Senate who are working together on an immigration reform plan that would include a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. If the leaders of the Republican Party work hard to help get this bill passed with Republican votes, would that make you more likely to consider voting Republican in the future, less likely to consider voting Republican, or have no effect on your vote in the future?

More likely to vote Republican.....32
Less likely to vote Republican.....13
Have no effect on my vote.....49
Don't know.....6
Refused.....1

2. Right now there are four Democrats and four Republicans in the U.S. Senate who are working together on an immigration reform plan that would include a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. If the bill passes the U.S. Senate, but then gets defeated because Republicans in the House of Representatives vote it down, would that make you more likely to consider voting Republican in the future, less likely to consider voting Republican, or have no effect on your vote in the future?

More likely to vote Republican.....8
Less likely to vote Republican.....39
Have no effect on my vote.....47
Don't know.....6
Refused.....1

3. Congress is considering many different ideas to include in a new immigration reform law. I am going to read two different policies being considered:

One plan would increase border security and enforcement of our existing immigration laws, require employers to verify that all employees have legal status, and provide a clear pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, as long as they pass a background check, learn English, and pay a fine. They would go to the back of line behind other immigrants who have already applied for a green card, but they would have a chance to apply for citizenship later on.

Another plan would increase border security and enforcement of our existing immigration laws, require employers to verify that all employees have legal status and provide a temporary probationary status for undocumented immigrants, as long as they pass a background check, learn English, and pay a fine. They might eventually be able to apply for a green card and citizenship one day, but that could only happen after politicians declare that the border is fully secure.

Which would you support more? The plan that would provide a clear pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, so long as they meet certain requirements, OR the plan that would give them probationary status until the border is declared fully secure, and then they could start to apply for citizenship?

Clear pathway to citizenship.....70
Wait until border is secure.....25
Neither of these.....3
Something else.....0
Don't know.....2
Refused.....0

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4. Another immigration reform issue Congress is debating, is how much time undocumented immigrants would need to wait before becoming eligible to apply for a green card and citizenship. In your opinion, what is the fair and right amount of time undocumented immigrants should be required to wait before getting on a path to citizenship? Is that:

less than a year.....30
1 to 5 years.....49
5 to 10 years.....15
10 to 15 years.....2
15 to 20 years.....0
more than 20.....0
never2
Don't know.....2
Refused.....1

5. Now take a moment to think about all the people in your family, your friends, co-workers, and other people you know. Do you happen to know somebody who is an undocumented immigrant?

Yes.....63
No.....35
Don't know.....1
Refused.....1

6. [If Q5= yes] Is that a family member or a friend, who is undocumented, or do you know both?

Yes, family.....6
Yes, friend / other.....51
Both.....39
Don't know.....2
Refused.....1

7. Do you personally know someone who has faced detention or deportation for immigration reasons?

Yes, know of someone.....39
No, do not know anyone.....60
Don't know.....0
Refused.....0

8. Last year President Obama announced a new Department of Homeland Security policy, often called "deferred action", to stop the deportation of any undocumented immigrant youth who attends college or serves in the military and to provide them with a legal work permit that is renewable. Do you personally know anyone who applied for, or even anyone who is eligible to apply for this policy? [allow multiple]

Yes, know someone who applied.....22
Yes, know someone who is eligible.....18
No, do not know anyone.....65
Don't know.....1
Refused.....0