

EXECUTIVE ACTION AND ITS POLITICAL EFFECTS

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Executive Action Options and Impact

- Now that the GOP has abandoned immigration reform, the policy and politics of executive action are aligned.
- President Obama has many policy options at his disposal.
- Polling suggests Democrats will benefit from Presidential action as they did with DACA.
 - ▣ The legacy of the deportation controversy could be blunted with such actions.
- Failing to act could significantly depress Latino turnout in the 2014 and beyond.

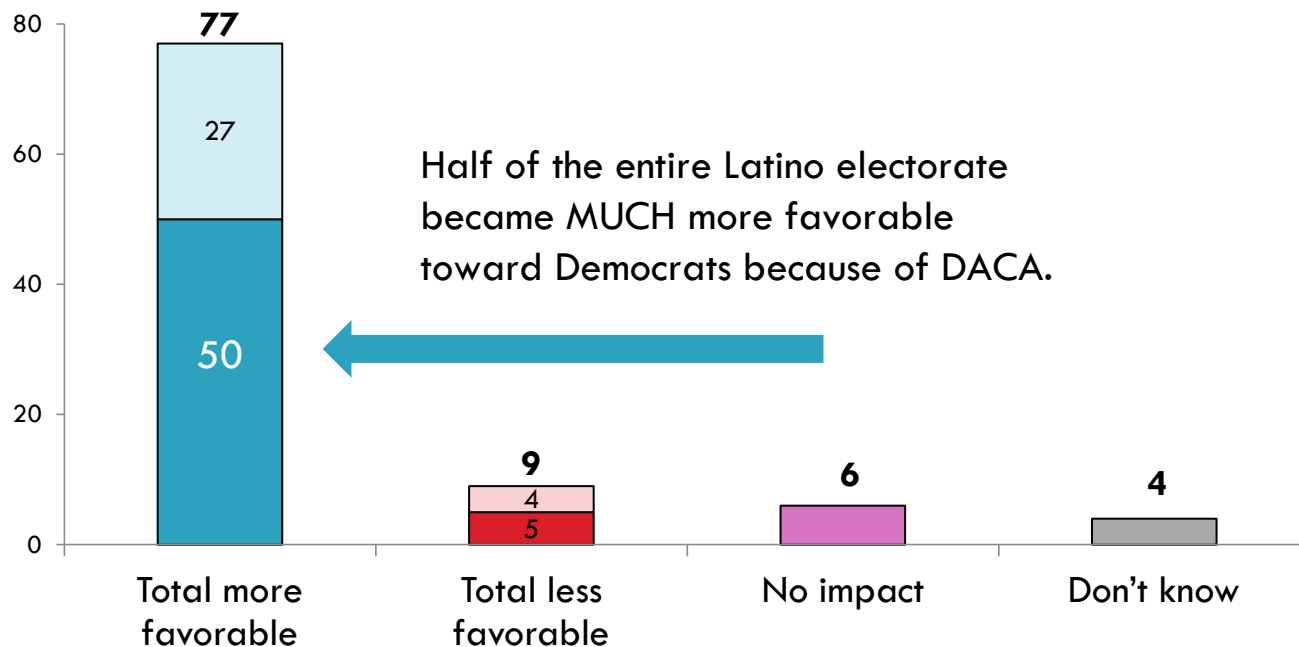
The Research

- On behalf of CAP-AF
- 800 Latino registered voters
- Conducted May 16-23, 2014
- Landline, cell and online blended sample
- Nominal margin of error is +/- 3.4%
- Interview in Spanish or English at subject's discretion



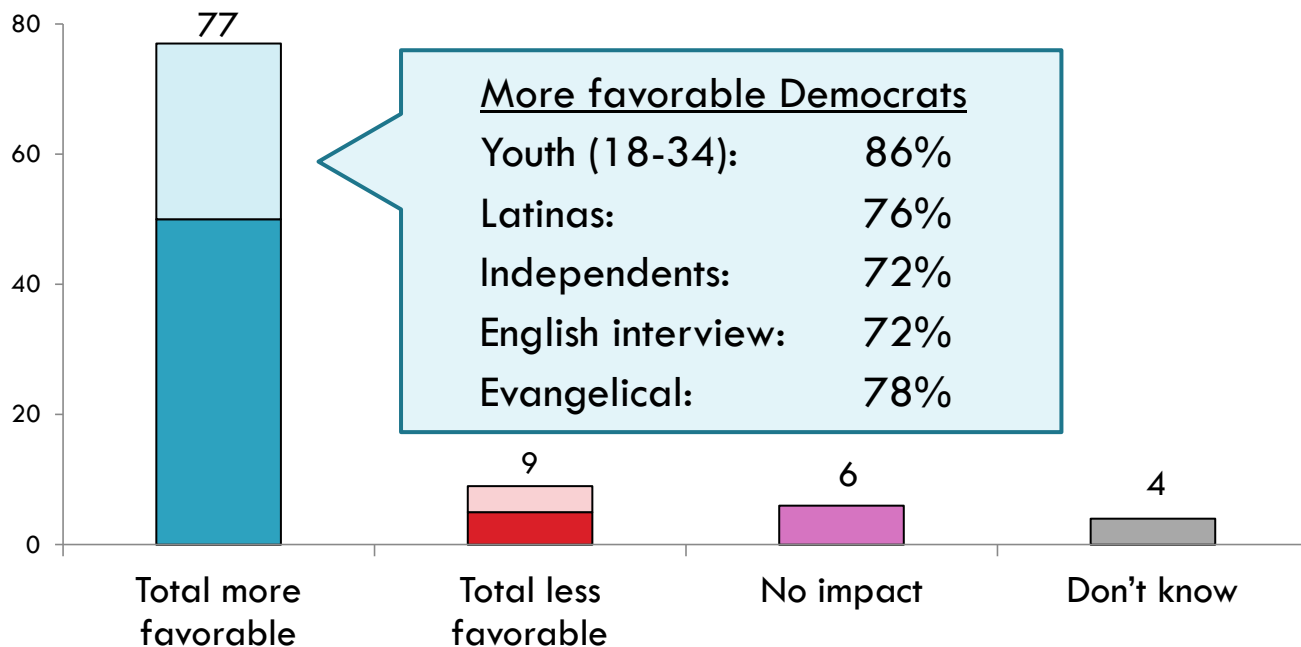
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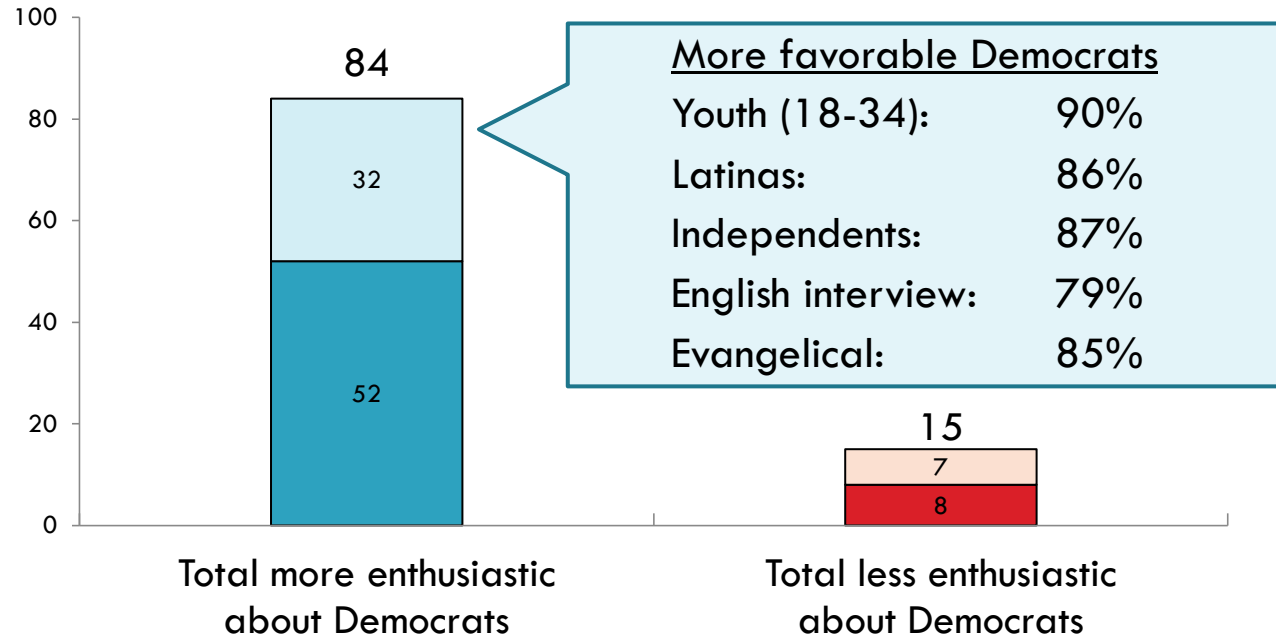
Executive Action options and potential impact

- In light of DACA's success with Latino voters, what impact could currently viable Executive Actions have in 2014 ?
- Evaluate how Democratic support varies by a) who is included, and b) work permit option

*“Even if the U.S. Congress does not pass immigration reform, there are many policies that the President can adopt by himself as the head of the executive branch of government. Would you feel more/less enthusiastic about supporting Democrats in the November 2014 election if President Obama were to sign an executive order stopping the deportation of undocumented immigrants who have not committed a crime **AND...**”*

Executive Action: Renew DACA

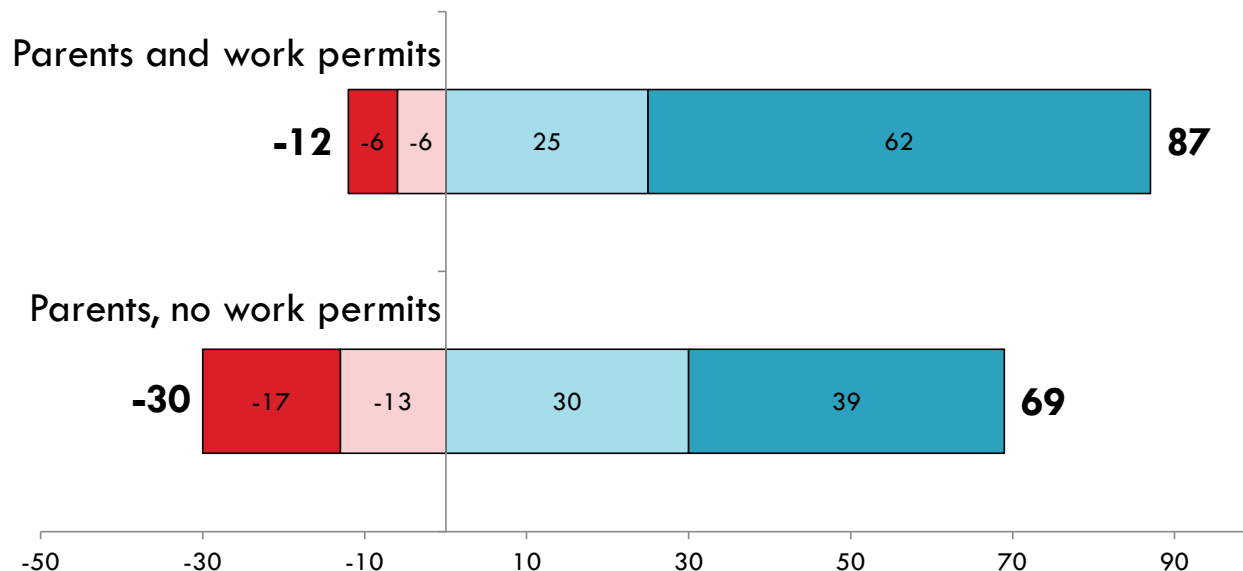
Renewing DACA for 2 years to stop deportations of undocumented immigrant youth in school or high school graduates, and provide them with temporary work permits so they have legal status.



Executive Action: Stop Deporting Parents

Stop deportations of undocumented parents who have not committed a crime and have children under 18 yrs old living in the U.S. [AND providing them with temporary work permits so they have legal status].

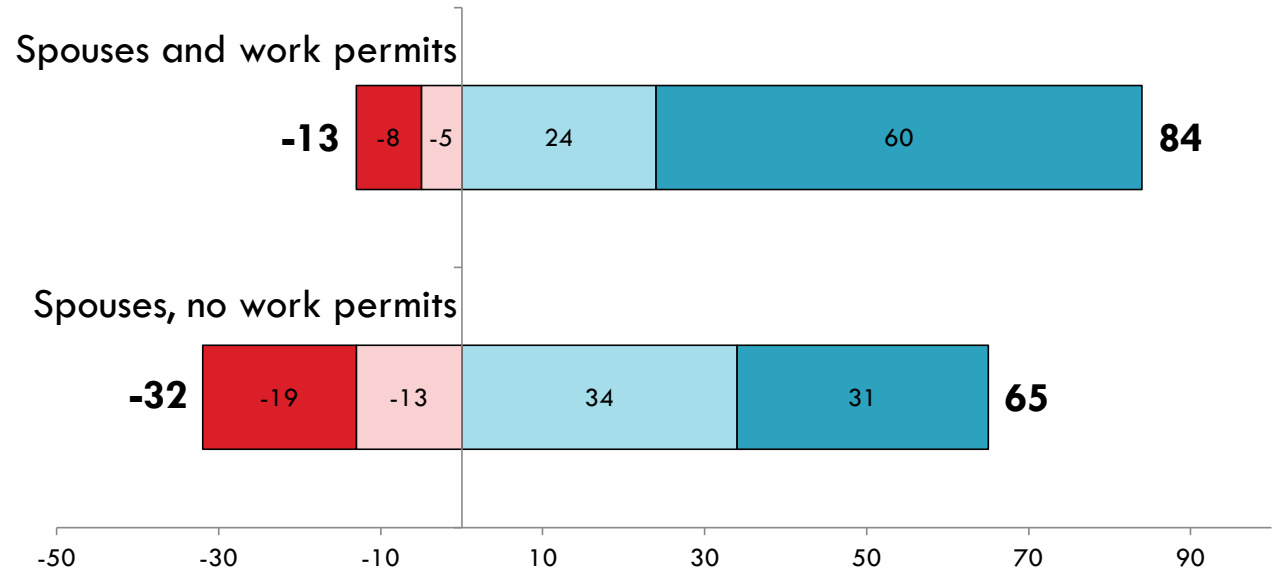
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Executive Action: Stop Deporting Spouses

Stop deportations of undocumented immigrants who have not committed a crime and are married to a U.S. citizen or legal resident. [AND providing them with temporary work permits so they have legal status].

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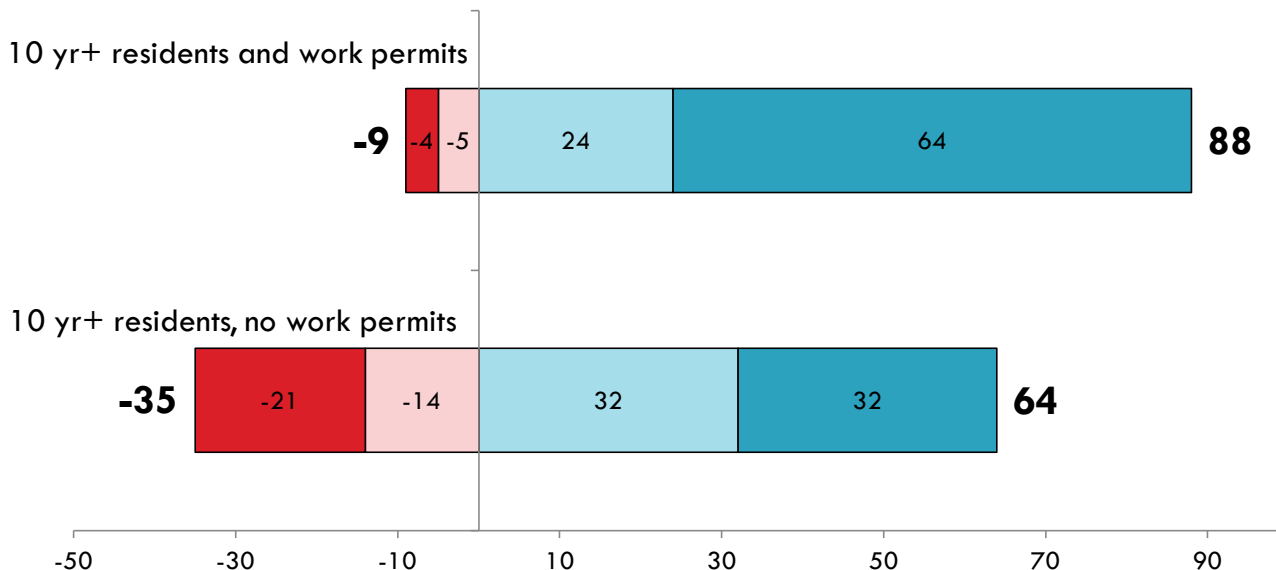


Executive Action: Stop Deporting 10yr+ residents

Stop deportations of undocumented immigrants who have lived in the U.S. more than 10 years and have not committed a crime.

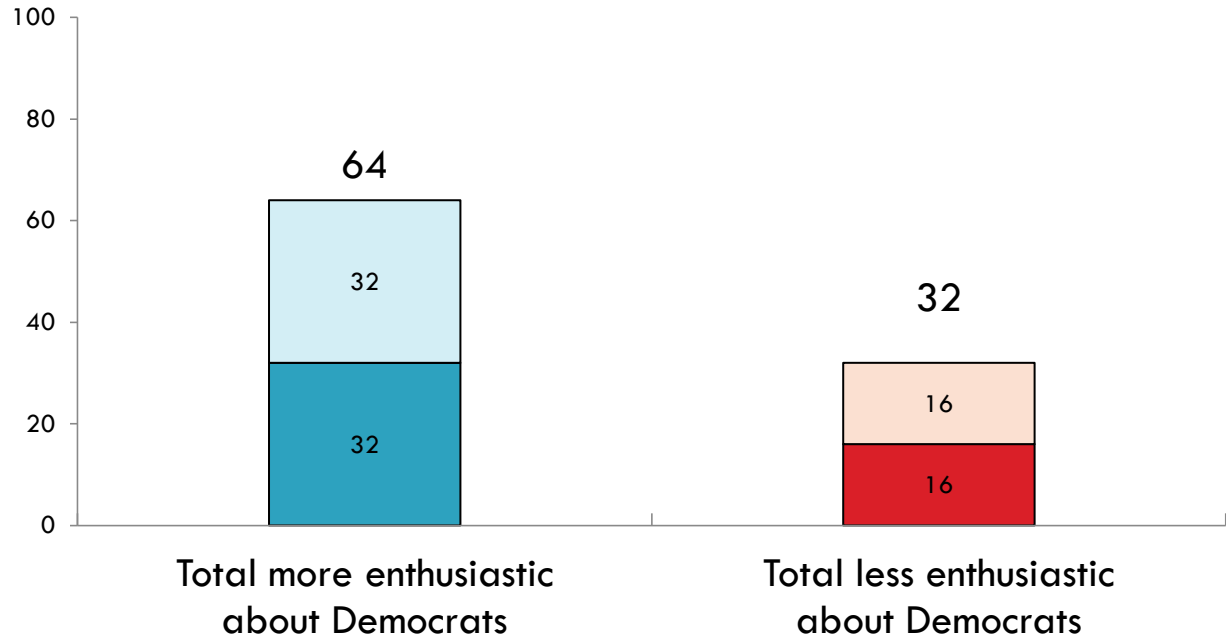
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Executive Action: Prosecutorial Discretion

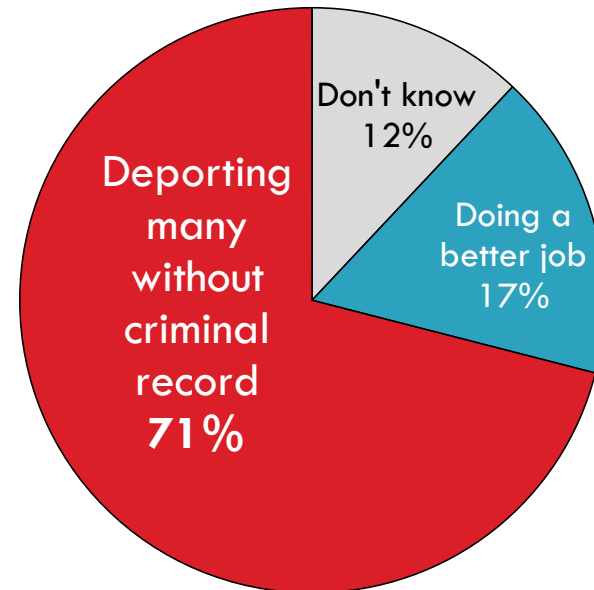
Give immigration agents more discretion in who they do and don't deport. Officials could use their judgment to determine if they should deport someone or allow them to stay in the U.S.



Latinos concerned over deportations

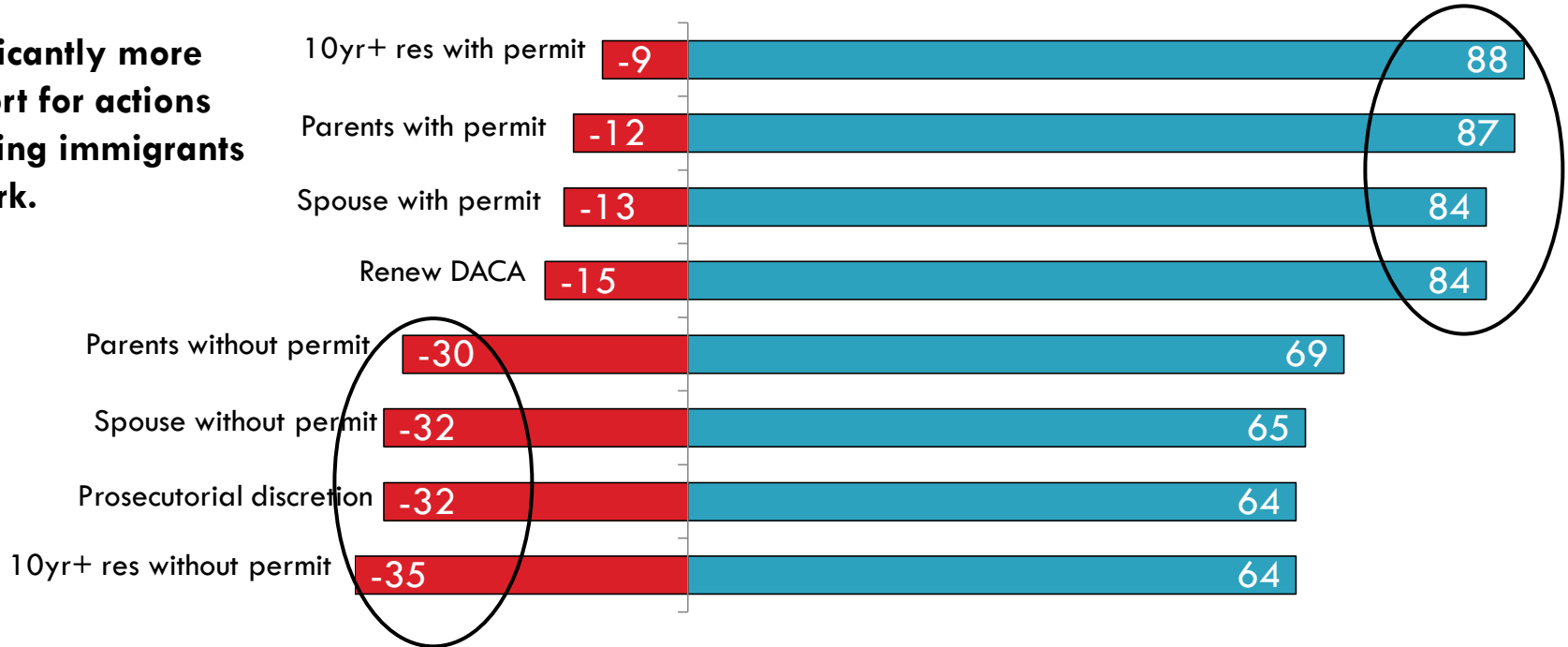
Regardless of the facts on the ground, Latino voters currently perceive the Obama administration as deporting too many immigrants without cause.

Only 17% think ICE policies are “working”



Executive Action Impact Summary

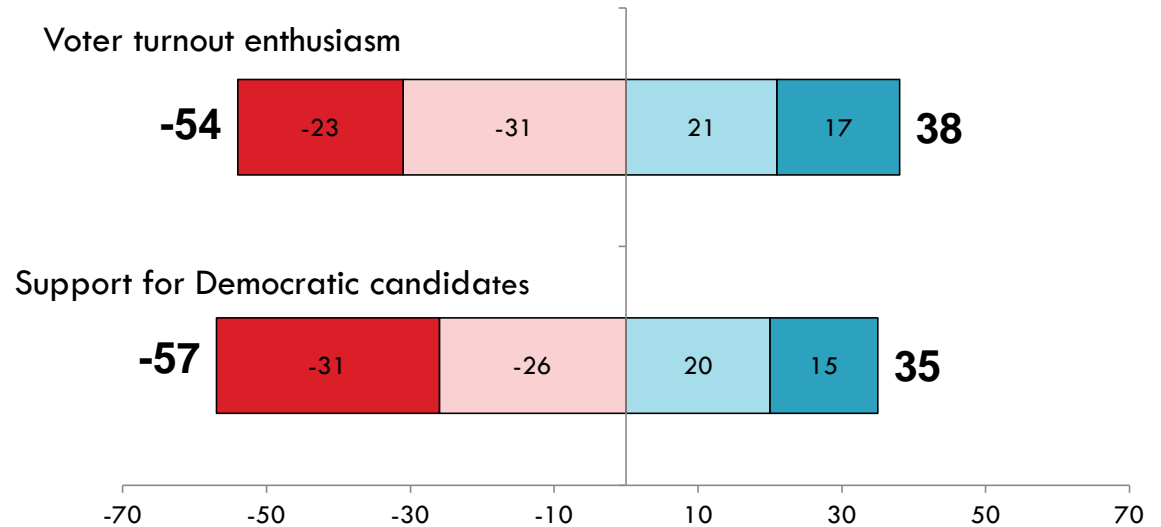
Significantly more support for actions allowing immigrants to work.



No Executive Action Impact

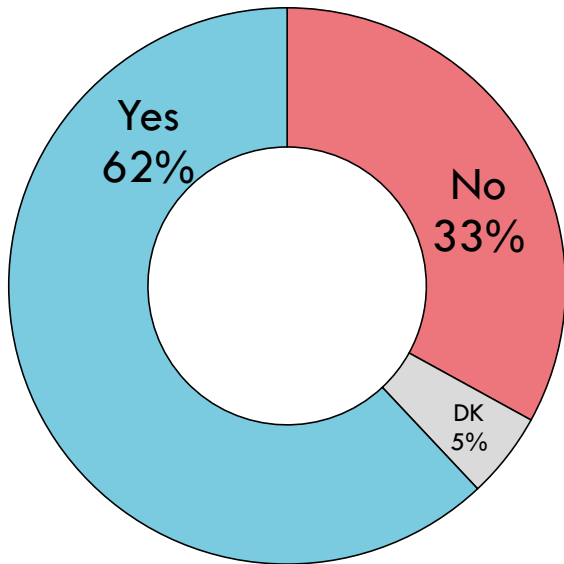
If President Obama decides NOT to sign any executive orders, making no changes in immigration policy, would that make you feel more/less enthusiastic about [supporting Democrats/turnout out to vote] in the November 2014 election?

Enthusiasm for Democratic Candidates and Turnout



Ties to undocumented immigrants

Know Someone Undocumented



- 32% of Latino voters know someone who has been detained or deported
- Among the 62% who know undocumented immigrants, 91% say these are their friends and family members.

Concluding Thoughts

- Democrats stand to gain where Republicans missed an opportunity.
- The movement from legislation to executive action may have long-term political implications for both parties.
- Broad support for a range of Executive Action measures.
 - ▣ Temporary work permits would provide the most clear benefit for immigrants, and Democrats in 2014 as well.
 - ▣ Latino voters are dubious about prosecutorial discretion

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