



CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

With Nielsen Scarborough

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Americans Views on President Trump's Immigration Policies

Survey Methodology

The survey was carried out March 15 – April 2, 2019 online from a nationally representative sample of Nielsen Scarborough's probability-based panel, originally recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of adults. The poll was conducted among a national poll of 3,015 respondents, with a margin of error of +/- 1.78%. Overall, the sample was adjusted to reflect population estimates (Scarborough USA+/Gallup) for Americans. The survey variables balanced through weighting were: age, gender, race/ethnicity, household income, level of education, census regional division, and political party affiliation.

Note: These questions were fielded as part of a larger poll on foreign and domestic issues. Participants in this study were provided by Nielsen from Nielsen's sample of respondents.

Q31. Do you approve or disapprove of the current immigration raids that are being carried out across the country by federal immigration enforcement agents? **[PLEASE DISPLAY ANSWER CHOICES IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q30]**

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Strong Approve	65%	5%	21%	32%
2. Somewhat Approve	23	14	26	19
3. Somewhat Disapprove	9	25	32	19
4. Strongly Disapprove	4	56	20	30

Q32. Which comes closest to your views regarding the immigration raids being carried out by the Trump administration?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. The immigration raids are only targeting undocumented immigrants who have a criminal record	37%	3%	12%	19%
2. The immigration raids are targeting all undocumented immigrants, regardless of whether they have a criminal record	35	81	52	58
3. I don't know who the immigration raids are targeting	28	15	37	23

Q33. Would you say immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, or immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Helps more than it hurts	18%	67%	29%	42%
2. Hurts more than it helps	41	9	22	24
3. A little of both	41	25	49	34

Q38. As you may know, when some families trying to enter the U.S. illegally at the southern border have been caught and detained, U.S. officials have separated parents from their children. Do you think this separation of parents and children is acceptable, unacceptable, or haven't you heard enough about it to say?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Acceptable	49%	5%	18%	25%
2. Unacceptable	34	92	68	65
3. Not Sure	17	3	15	10

Q39. When immigrants and their children are detained at the U.S. border for coming into the country illegally, do you think the U.S. should do everything it can to keep such families together, even if it means that fewer face criminal prosecution, or should the U.S. do everything it can to prosecute immigrants entering illegally, even if it means their families are separated?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Everything to keep families together	24%	87%	53%	56%
2. Everything to prosecute	58	7	21	30
3. Not Sure	17	7	26	13

Q40. As you may know, a judge has ordered the Trump administration to reunite parents and children who were separated at the border. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration has handled the reunifications so far?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Approve	60%	13%	28%	35%
2. Disapprove	11	76	40	44
3. Not Sure	28	11	32	21

Q41. In general, do you think undocumented immigrants are more likely to commit crimes than American citizens?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	56%	8%	24%	30%
2. No	23	82	49	54
3. Not Sure	21	10	27	16