

NEW CALIFORNIA MEDIA “FLASH” POLL

The Hispanic Reaction to President Bush’s Immigration Proposal

FINAL Questionnaire

800 Latino Nationwide Interviews

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INTERVIEW RESPONDENTS IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH DEPENDING ON HOW THEY ANSWER THE PHONE.

Hello, may I please speak with _____? I am calling from National Opinion Research Services – a professional polling firm. We are conducting a study on the opinions of Latinos about immigration policies and other matters. I can assure you that we are not selling anything and that any information you provide will remain confidential. The interview will only take a few minutes.

SCREENS:

Q1 Are you 18 years of age or older?

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| 1. Yes | (CONTINUE) | 100% |
| 2. No | (TERMINATE) | |
| 3. DK/NA | (TERMINATE) | |

Q2 Do you consider yourself Latino or Hispanic?

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| 1. Yes | (CONTINUE) | 100% |
| 2. No | (TERMINATE) | |
| 3. DK/NA | (TERMINATE) | |

Q3 Would you prefer to be interviewed in English or in Spanish?

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| 1. English | 48% |
| 2. Spanish | 52% |

BUSH JOB RATING and CURRENT ISSUES

Q4 How would you rate the job George W. Bush is doing as President of the United States, excellent, good, mediocre, or poor?

1. Excellent	13%
2. Good	40%
3. Mediocre	26%
4. Poor	15%
5. DK/NA	6%

(ROTATE ISSUES)

Q5 What do you think is the most important issue to you and your family today – education, jobs and the economy, health care, terrorism, or immigration?

1. Education	26%
2. Jobs and the economy	30%
3. Health Care	20%
4. Terrorism	6%
5. Immigration	15%
6. Other _ (VOLUNTEERED)	2%
7. DK/NA	1%

BUSH IMMIGRATION PLAN

Q6 Are you aware of a recent proposal on immigration by President George W. Bush?

1. Yes	(CONTINUE WITH Q7)	74%
2. No	(SKIP TO Q8)	24%
3. DK/NA	(SKIP TO Q8)	2%

IF YES:

Q7 From what you have heard about President Bush's immigration proposal, do you support it or oppose it?

1. Support the Bush immigration proposal	42%
2. Oppose the Bush immigration proposal	20%
3. DK/NA	38%

ALL RESPONDENTS:

Let me tell you about President Bush's immigration proposal. It would grant working undocumented immigrants in the United States temporary legal status or work visas for three years. The work permits or visas would be renewable for an additional three years. After that, most of those in the program would have to return to their native country.

Q8 Now that you have heard this information about President Bush's immigration proposal, do you support it or oppose it?

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| 1. Support the Bush immigration proposal | 45% |
| 2. Oppose the Bush immigration proposal | 45% |
| 3. DK/NA | 10% |

Now I am going to read you a description of some of the most important components of the Bush immigration proposal. For each one, please tell me if you think it is a good idea or a bad idea.

Q9 The proposal would allow immigrants with temporary legal status to travel to their home country and return to the United States. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

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| 1. Good idea | 83% |
| 2. Bad idea | 14% |
| 3. DK/NA | 3% |

Q10 The proposal would allow immigrants with temporary legal status to receive credit in the retirement system of their home country for the social security payments they made while working in the United States. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

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| 1. Good idea | 79% |
| 2. Bad idea | 18% |
| 3. DK/NA | 3% |

Q11 The proposal would allow immigrants with temporary legal status to benefit from the labor laws of the United States, like the minimum wage. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

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| 1. Good idea | 81% |
| 2. Bad idea | 16% |
| 3. DK/NA | 3% |

Q12 The proposal would allow immigrants with temporary legal status to bring members of their immediate family to the United States if they earned enough money to support them. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

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| 1. Good idea | 78% |
| 2. Bad idea | 18% |
| 3. DK/NA | 4% |

As you may have heard, many political and labor leaders have criticized President Bush's immigration proposal. I am now going to read you some of their statements. For each statement, please tell me if you think it is a valid criticism – yes or no.

Q13 Political leaders who oppose President Bush’s immigration proposal say that it does not guarantee a permanent resident visa or U.S. citizenship for any undocumented immigrant that receives temporary legal status – and, after three or six years, immigrants would have to return to their home country. Do you think this is a valid criticism of the Bush proposal – yes or no?

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| 1. Yes | 58% |
| 2. No | 37% |
| 3. DK/NA | 5% |

Q14 Political leaders who oppose President Bush’s immigration proposal say that it would give employers too much power over the undocumented immigrants they sponsor for temporary legal status – and this could lead to abuse at the workplace. Do you think this is a valid criticism of the Bush proposal – yes or no?

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| 1. Yes | 52% |
| 2. No | 43% |
| 3. DK/NA | 5% |

Q15 Political leaders who oppose President Bush’s immigration proposal say that it would create a second-class worker status for immigrants with temporary visas like the “bracero” program of the 1950’s. Do you think this is a valid criticism of the Bush proposal – yes or no?

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| 1. Yes | 55% |
| 2. No | 38% |
| 3. DK/NA | 7% |

Q16 Political leaders who oppose President Bush’s immigration proposal say that President Bush does not care about immigrants – that he is only interested in getting Latino voters to support him in the 2004 election. Do you think this is a valid criticism of the Bush proposal – yes or no?

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| 1. Yes | 63% |
| 2. No | 33% |
| 3. DK/NA | 4% |

Q17 Now that you have more information about President Bush’s immigration proposal, do you support it or do you oppose it?

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| 1. Support the Bush immigration proposal | 47% |
| 2. Oppose the Bush immigration proposal | 43% |
| 3. DK/NA | 10% |

Q18 The Congressional Hispanic Caucus supports an immigration policy that allows undocumented immigrants to earn legalization and become U.S. citizens. Do you support or oppose this earned legalization policy?

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| 1. Support this earned legalization policy | 85% |
| 2. Oppose this earned legalization policy | 11% |
| 3. DK/NA | 4% |

Q19 Which proposal do you think is better – President Bush’s proposal of temporary legal status for undocumented immigrants, or the Congressional Hispanic Caucus proposal of allowing undocumented immigrants to earn citizenship?

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| 1. Bush proposal of temporary legal status | 16% |
| 2. Congressional Hispanic Caucus proposal to earn citizenship | 75% |
| 3. DK/NA | 9% |

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

Q20 Are you aware of the recent Summit of the Americas meeting in Monterrey, Mexico?

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| 1. Yes | 44% |
| 2. No | 55% |
| 3. DK/NA | 1% |

Q21 How important do you think it was for President Bush to participate in the Summit of the Americas with the leaders of Latin American countries - very important, somewhat important, or not important at all?

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| 1. Very important | 51% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 31% |
| 3. Not important at all | 12% |
| 4. DK/NA | 6% |

Q22 Mexican President Vicente Fox announced during the Summit of the Americas that he strongly supports President Bush’s new immigration proposal. How important is it to you that President Fox supports the Bush immigration proposal – very important, somewhat important, or not important at all?

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| 1. Very important | 40% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 33% |
| 3. Not important at all | 24% |
| 4. DK/NA | 3% |

Q23 The final declaration of the Summit of the Americas stated that the United States and Latin America would continue to work for the establishment of a Free Trade Area of the Americas. Do you think this is very important, somewhat important or not important at all?

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| 1. Very important | 50% |
| 2. Somewhat important | 37% |
| 3. Not important at all | 10% |
| 4. DK/NA | 3% |

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Q24 Could you please tell me your age?

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| 1. 18 to 29 | 33% |
| 2. 30 to 39 | 28% |
| 3. 40 to 49 | 17% |
| 4. 50 to 59 | 11% |
| 5. 60 to 64 | 4% |
| 6. 65+ | 5% |
| 7. Refused | 2% |

Q25 What was the highest level of education you completed?

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| 1. Less than a high school diploma | 31% |
| 2. High school diploma | 28% |
| 3. Some college/Technical school | 12% |
| 4. 2 year college degree | 12% |
| 5. 4 year college degree | 10% |
| 6. Graduate degree or more | 6% |
| 7. DK/NA | 1% |

Q26 In what country were you born?

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| 1. United States | (SKIP TO Q28) | 39% |
| 2. Mexico | | 34% |
| 3. Puerto Rico | | 5% |
| 4. Cuba | | 3% |
| 5. Dominican Republic | | 3% |
| 6. South America (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay) | | 6% |
| 7. Central America (El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Panama) | | 10% |
| 8. Spain | | 0% |
| 9. Other _____ | | 1% |
| 10. DK/NA | | 1% |

ONLY FOR THE FOREIGN-BORN:

Q27 Are you a citizen of the United States?

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| 1. Yes | (CONTINUE WITH Q28) | 32% |
| 2. No | (SKIP TO Q30) | 66% |
| 3. DK/NA | (SKIP TO Q30) | 2% |

IF U.S. BORN or YES TO Q27:

Q28 If the election for President of the United States were held today, would you support the Republican candidate George W. Bush or the candidate for the Democratic Party?

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| 1. George W. Bush | (CONTINUE WITH Q29) | 31% |
| 2. Candidate for the Democratic Party | (CONTINUE WITH Q29) | 48% |
| 3. DK/NA | (CONTINUE WITH Q29) | 21% |

Q29 Are you registered to vote?

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| 1. Yes | (SKIP TO A and RECORD) | 84% |
| 2. No | (SKIP TO A and RECORD) | 16% |
| 3. DK/NA | (SKIP TO A and RECORD) | 0% |

IF NO TO Q27:

Q30 Are you planning to live in the United States for the rest of your life or are you planning to return to your home country in the future?

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| 1. Planning to live in the United States | (CONTINUE WITH Q31) | 59% |
| 2. Planning to return to home country | (CONTINUE WITH Q31) | 30% |
| 3. DK/NA | (CONTINUE WITH Q31) | 11% |

Q31 Before I ask you the following question—let me assure you that this interview is 100 percent confidential. This is the final question of our poll. Some people who are not citizens have been able to get the proper documents and are legal residents while other people who are not citizens are still trying to get proper documents and are considered undocumented immigrants—are you a legal resident or an undocumented immigrant?

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| 1. Legal resident | 50% |
| 2. Undocumented immigrant | 42% |
| 3. DK/NA | 8% |

(RECORD BUT DO NOT ASK)

A Gender

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| 1. Male | 50% |
| 2. Female | 50% |

B State/Region

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| 1. Northeast | 17% |
| 2. Midwest | 8% |
| 3. South | 35% |
| 4. West | 40% |