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IMMIGRATION SURVEY OF LATINO VOTERS IN BATTLEGROUND STATES

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About the Survey

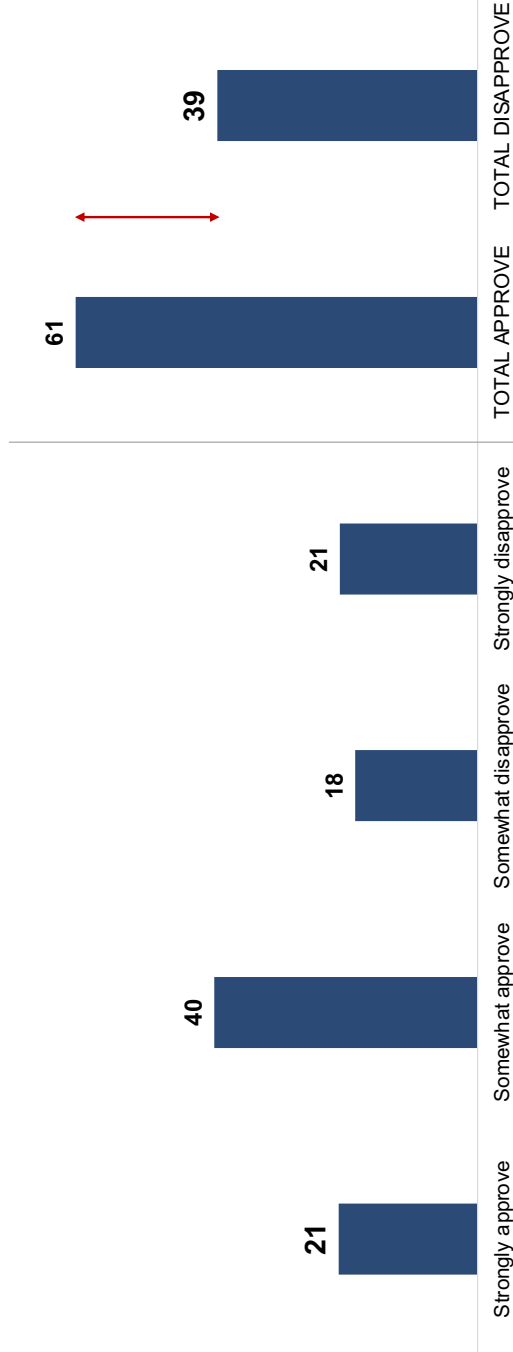
- ▶ Total N=2,000 Latino registered voters across battleground states and congressional districts
 - ▶ Statewide Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Texas
 - ▶ Congressional districts in California and New York
- ▶ Margin of error: $\pm 2.2\%$
- ▶ Field Dates: July 14 – 23, 2023
- ▶ Survey interviews were conducted using a blended mode via live telephone and online
- ▶ Available in English or Spanish, per respondent preference

Key Takeaways

1. President Biden and Democrats have an opportunity to gain critical votes and increase enthusiasm among battleground Latino voters by taking action for Dreamers and long-settled immigrant families in the U.S., and stressing a balanced approach to the nation's immigration system.
2. A majority of Latino voters support President Biden taking administrative action to provide a path to legal status and work authorization to long-term immigrants, including Dreamers, eligible TPS holders and undocumented workers.
3. The Biden administration's immigration policies are very popular, offering Democrats a significant opportunity to demonstrate contrast with Republicans and win critical Latino voters. By articulating their position and contrasting against the GOP rhetoric and policies, President Biden and Democrats can increase Latino support dramatically.
4. Republicans have not made in-roads with battleground Latino voters on immigration. Survey results demonstrate that the majority of Latino voters reject Republican extreme policies and continue to view the GOP as hostile to immigrants.

President Biden currently holds a net positive approval among Latinos (+22 points)

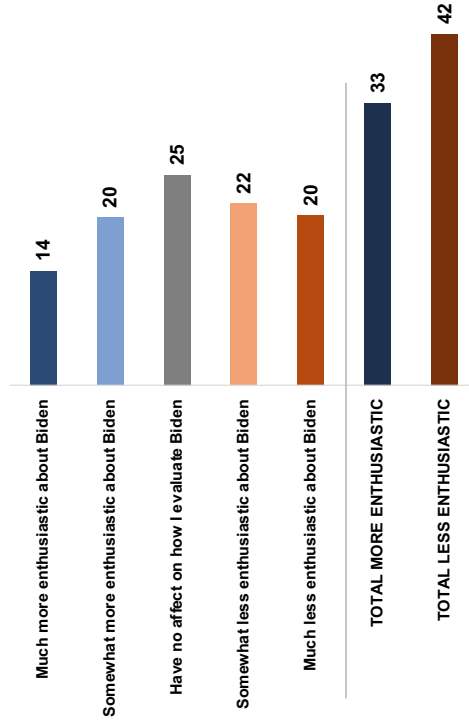
Please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job being done by President Joe Biden.



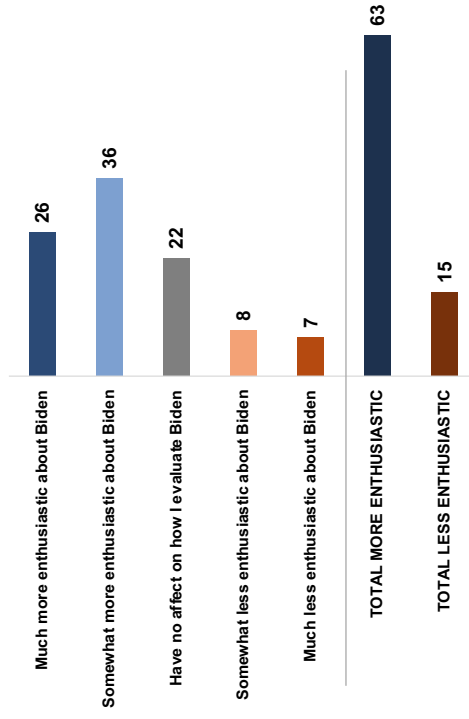
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Latinos feel significantly more enthusiastic about Biden after reading statement stating he will take action to support immigrants living in the US

[SPLIT A] If President Biden takes action to increase border security by adding more agents to monitor and process migrants, **but then takes no action to support immigrants already living here**, such as NOT offering a new path to legal status, would that change the way you view Biden?



[SPLIT B] If President Biden takes action to increase border security by adding more agents to monitor and process migrants and also **takes action to support immigrants already living here**, such as providing temporary legal status to undocumented immigrants, would that change the way you view Biden?

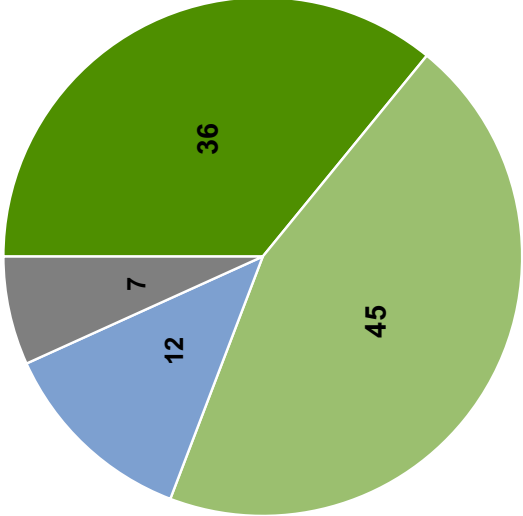


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More than one third of Latino voters (36%) report that the issue of immigration has a lot of influence on the candidate they will support for president in 2024

How much has the issue of immigration influenced the candidate you will support for President in 2024?

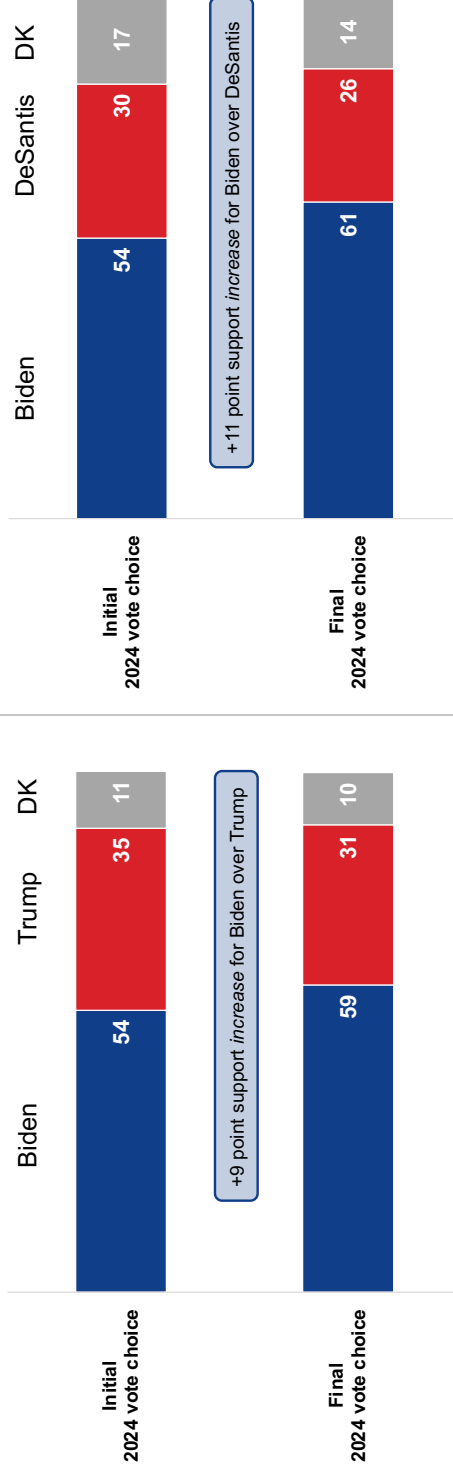
■ A lot of influence ■ Some influence ■ No influence at all ■ Don't know



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Latino support for Biden over Trump and DeSantis increases when voters are re-asked 2024 vote choice after hearing about both Biden and Republican current positioning on immigration

If the 2024 election for President was today, and the candidates were Republican [Split A/B: Donald Trump / Ron DeSantis] or Democrat Joe Biden, who would you vote for right now?

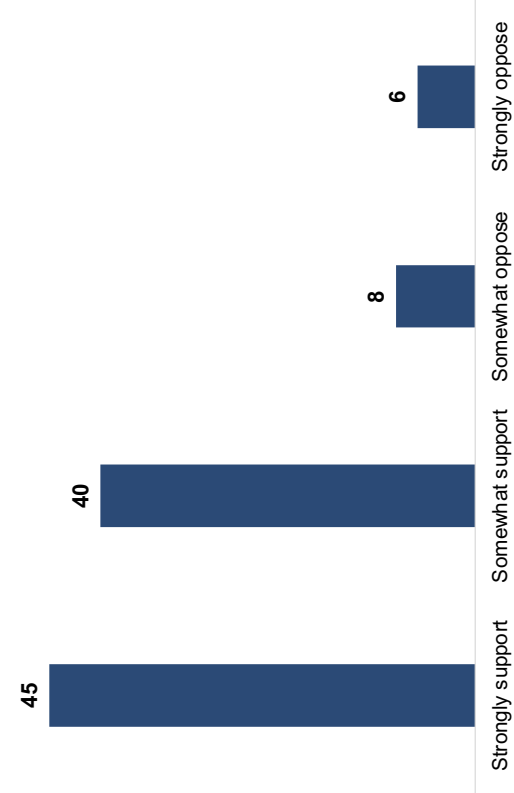


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Policies that support immigrants already living and working in the US, such as expanding TPS and creating legal pathways for migration and citizenship have strong support among Latino voters

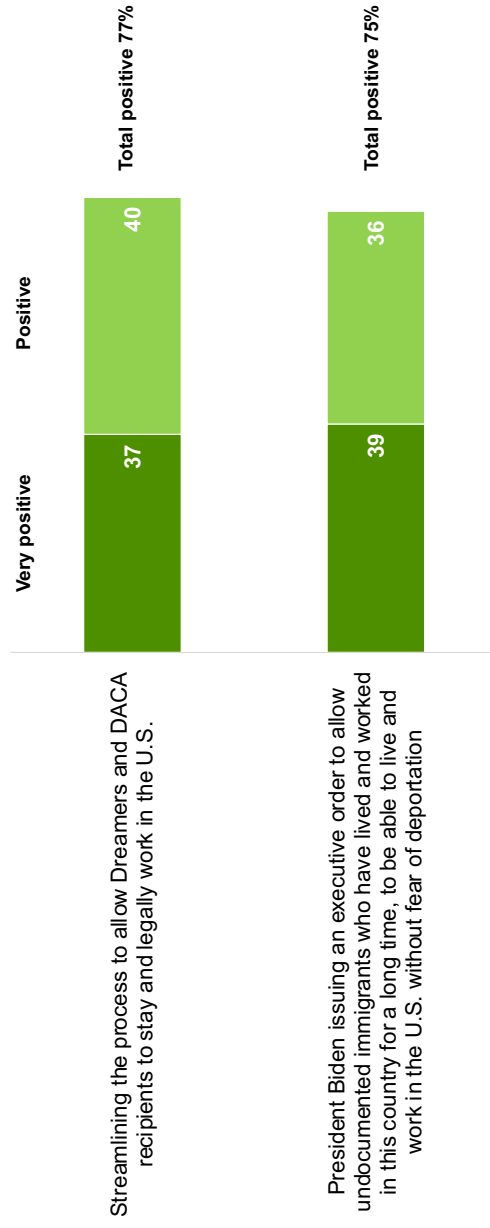
[A] As you may know, there is a government program called the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program that gives temporary status to immigrants who have gone through background checks, are already living in the U.S., and have come from the countries that have been severely affected by dangerous conditions, political turmoil, and natural disasters.

Do you support President Biden using this program to provide temporary protected status to undocumented immigrants who meet these requirements, allowing them to stay and work in the U.S.?



Latino voters highly support streamlining legal processes that would allow DACA recipients, Dreamers, and certain undocumented immigrants the ability to work and stay in the U.S.

Next are a list of words and phrases that people use when they debate immigration issues in the United States. For each item, please indicate whether you think of it as a positive thing or a negative thing.

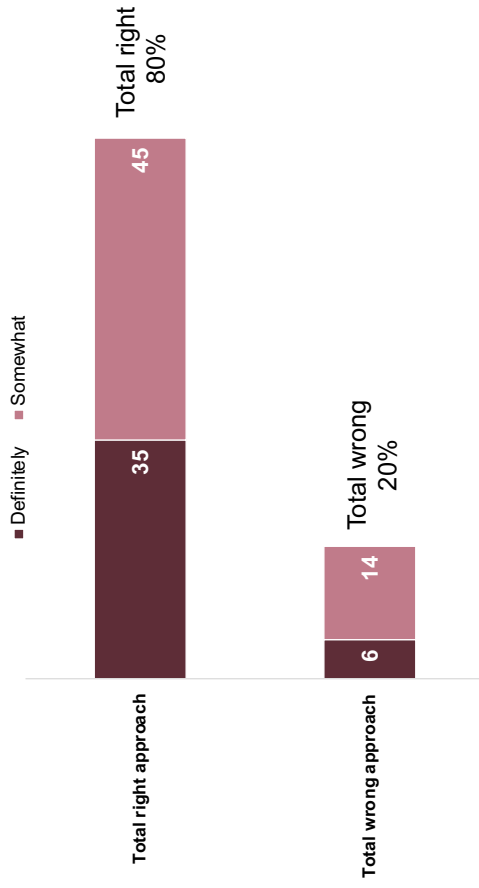


When presented with policy alternatives President Biden can take, 80% of Latino voters believe in a “balanced” approach is the right track

Do you think this is the right approach or wrong approach to the border?

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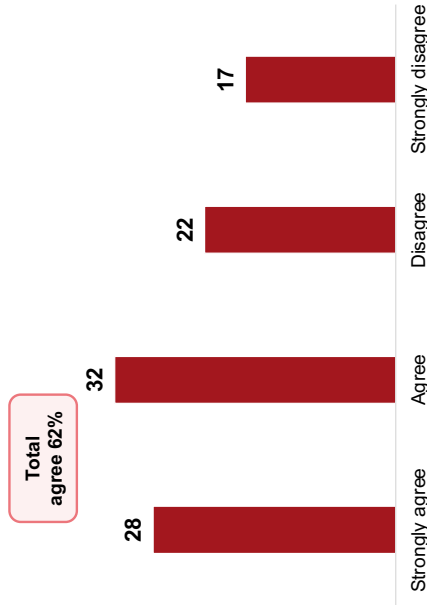
President Biden believes we need a new balanced approach on immigration that increases resources for border security while also creating a way for Dreamers and undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S. to earn a pathway to legal status and citizenship if they meet certain requirements like a background check. Biden says immigrants should be able to earn legal protections to continue contributing to our communities and economy.



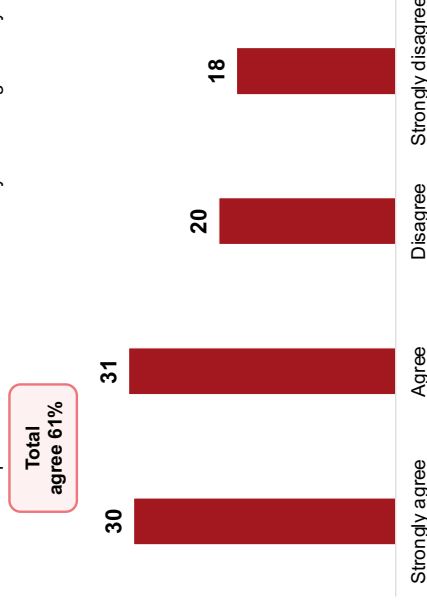
The Biden administration's immigration policies are very popular, and the two overall strongest counter messages on immigration were related to the economy and lack of solutions

Next are some things people have said about the Republican Party's approach to immigration. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each statement:

[B] Republicans bash immigrants who contribute to American communities and our economy, including immigrants who are small business owners, farmers, first responders and taxpayers.



[B] Republicans don't have solutions for working families. They divide Americans by taking away reproductive rights from women, banning history books in schools, and attacking immigrants to try to distract us from their failure to deliver bipartisan solutions for our economy and immigration system.

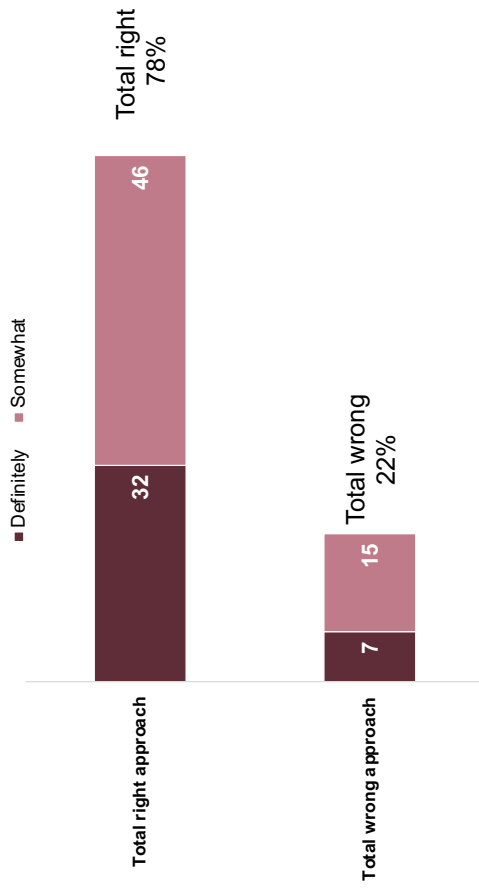


When hearing about President Biden's comprehensive approach to immigration issues, Latino voters overwhelmingly agree Biden policies are the right approach

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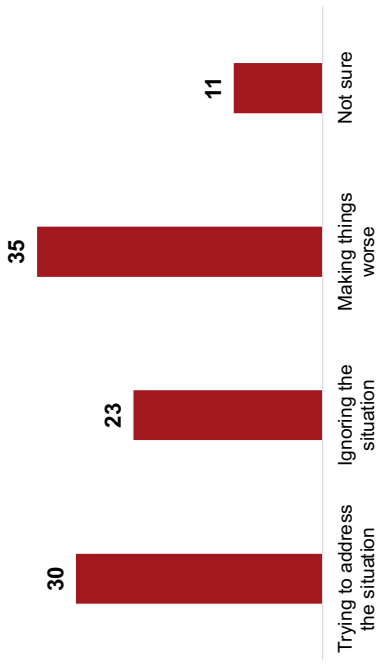
President Biden has outlined the following approach to immigration:

President Biden believes that we need a safe, orderly and humane immigration system, and that's why he's pushing for fair and fast processing of refugee families at the border by increasing investments in facilities, technology, and judges. Migrants who arrive at the border are properly screened and those who are not eligible to be here are removed. Biden is also working with other Latin American countries to enhance legal pathways and share responsibility in addressing the causes of migration.

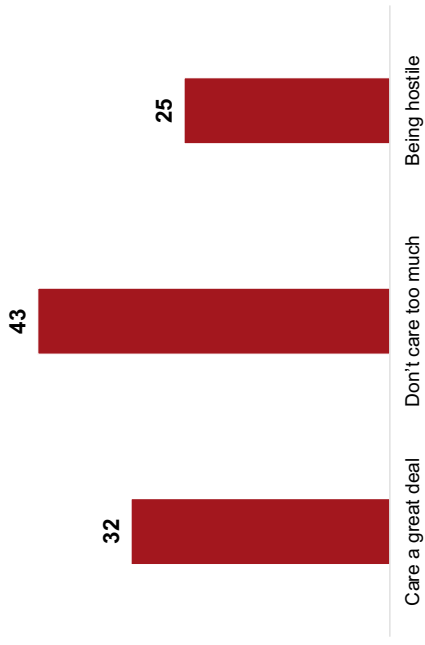


Republicans have not made in-roads with battleground Latino voters on immigration and Latinos continue to view the GOP as hostile to Latinos and anti-immigrant.

When it comes to managing asylum seekers and immigrants at the US-Mexico border, do you think the Republicans in Congress are trying to address the situation or mostly ignoring the situation at the border



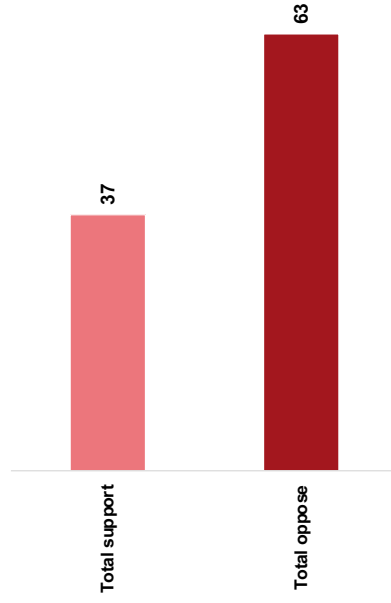
Would you say the Republican Party cares a great deal about addressing issues important to the Latino community, that they don't care too much about Latinos, or that Republicans are being hostile towards the Latino community?



A majority of Latino voters reject Republican objectives and Trump era policies

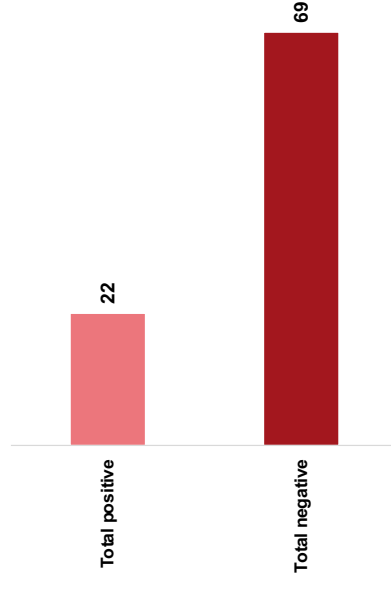
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Build a 2,000 mile wall along the entire US-Mexico border



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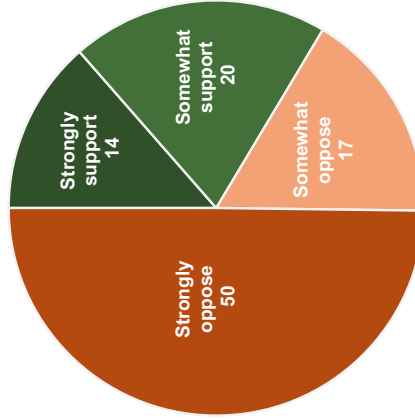
Family separation at the border



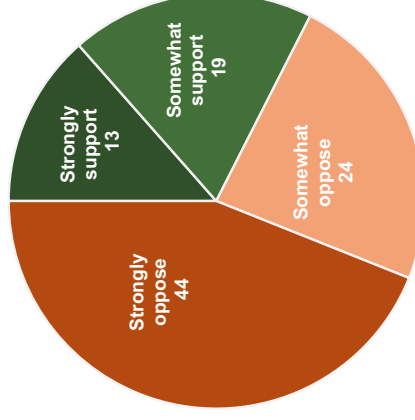
By a 2-to-1 margin Latino voters oppose denying citizenship to U.S. born children with non-citizen parents and almost 70% oppose Republican proposals to block migrants who enter the U.S. from applying for asylum

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Change the constitution to deny citizenship to children born in the U.S. if their parents are not U.S. citizens



Block any migrant who enters the U.S. from being able to apply for asylum



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