

The New York Times Poll

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Total N= 1,000

*All trends are from New York Times/CBS News polls unless otherwise noted.
Asterisk indicates registered respondents only.*

1. Which comes closer to your opinion: 1. America should always welcome all immigrants, OR 2. America should always welcome some immigrants, but not others, OR 3. America cannot afford to open its doors to any newcomers?

	Welcome all	Welcome some	No newcomers	DK/NA
1/3-5/94 CBS	19	43	34	4
8/3-5/96*	23	44	29	4
10/23-27/96 CBS	22	49	26	4
5/18-23/07	24	48	24	4
4/28-5/2/10	33	34	27	6
5/7-11/14	46	30	19	5

2. Thinking specifically about recent immigrants, that is, people who have come to the United States to live and work in the past ten years or so, which comes closer to your opinion? 1. The U.S. is a country with a basic American culture and values that immigrants take on when they come here. OR 2. The U.S. is a country made up of many cultures and values that change as new people come here. **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Basic American culture and values	Made up of many cultures and values	DK/NA
5/27-8/2/04 NPR/Kaiser/Harvard ¹	34	63	2
5/7-11/14	31	65	4

¹Wording: Now I'd like you to think specifically about recent immigrants. What I mean is people who have come to the United States to live and work in the past ten years or so.)...Which statement is closer to your belief?...

3. And what kind of country do you think the U.S. SHOULD be? 1. A country with a basic American culture and values that immigrants take on when they come here, OR 2. A country made up of many cultures and values that change as new people come here. **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Basic American culture and values	Made up of many cultures and values	DK/NA
5/27-8/2/04 NPR/Kaiser/Harvard	59	37	4
5/7-11/14	54	42	4

4. Overall, would you say most recent immigrants to the United States contribute to this country, or do most of them cause problems?

	Contribute	Cause problems	Both(vol.)	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
6/19-23/86	34	44	7	2	13
6/21-24/93	30	50	7	2	11
1/3-5/94	29	53	8	2	8
12/7-10/01	51	31	4	1	13
5/18-23/07	57	28	6	1	8
4/28-5/2/10	49	31	7	2	12
5/7-11/14	66	21	5	2	7

5. Do you think the immigrants coming to this country today take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans don't want?

	Take jobs from American citizens	Take jobs Americans don't want	Both	DK/NA
6/83 NYT	42	47		10
6/86	34	52	9	5
6/93B	36	55		9
1/94 CBS	31	52	10	9
12/95	36	55		10
2/22-24/96	39	51	7	4
10/23-27/96 CBS	22	67	6	6
7/13-27/03	30	59	6	5
1/12-15/04	39	53	4	4
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	33	52	10	5
10/3-5/05 CBS	31	58	7	4
1/5-8/06 CBS	35	48	11	6
5/7-11/14	22	66	6	6

6. Do you think the government should focus more on protecting the border and stopping the flow of illegal immigrants in the United States or more on helping illegal immigrants who are already here become part of American society? **RESPONSE OPTIONS WERE ROTATED.**

	Protecting the border	Help become part of American society	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	50	46	5

7. Would you support or oppose local police taking an active role in identifying undocumented or illegal immigrants?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	55	39	6

7a. IF SUPPORT in Q7: What if that meant that immigrants would be less likely to report a crime or volunteer information to the police - In that case, would you support or oppose local police taking an active role in identifying undocumented or illegal immigrants?

	Support	Oppose	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	75	18	7

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	Support	Oppose NET	Oppose in first ask	Oppose if less likely to report	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	41	49	39	10	10

8. Were you, or either of your parents, or any of your grandparents born in a country other than the United States? (If Yes, ask:) Who was it?

	Self	One or more parent	One or more grandparent	No	DK/NA
6/19-23/86	4	12	22	60	2
5/7-11/14	8	10	22	59	1

Are you:	Single, never married	Single, living with partner	Married	Separated	Widowed	Divorced	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	20	9	54	3	5	8	-

Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18 living in your household?

	Yes	No
5/7-11/14	24	76

What is your age?

	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	30	16	17	18	18	1

What is the last grade of school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post grad	Tech school/ other	Refused
5/7-11/14	12	30	26	19	10	3	1

Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes:

	Under \$15,000	\$15- \$29,999	\$30- \$49,999	Under \$50K unspecified	\$50- \$74,999	\$75- \$100,000	Over \$100K	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	12	20	14	3	16	9	14	11

Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

	Yes	No	Refused
5/7-11/14	15	83	2

Would you consider yourself to be White, Black or of some other race?

	White	Black	Other	DK/NA
5/7-11/14	74	12	12	2

What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

	5/7-11/14
Baptist	8
Catholic, Roman Catholic	23
Christian (Just Christian)	15
Jewish/Judaism	2
Lutheran	2
Methodist	3
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints/LDS)	2
Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, Four Square Gospel)	2
Protestant	12
Atheist	2
Agnostic	2
Other	9
Nothing in particular	15
Refused	3

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican a Democrat or independent?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Other	DK	Refused
5/7-11/14	20	32	39	1	4	4

Generally speaking, would you describe your views as very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal or very liberal?

	5/7-11/14
Very conservative	13
Somewhat conservative	24
Moderate	28
Somewhat liberal	19
Very liberal	8
Don't know	5
Refused	3

Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
5/7-11/14	74	26	-	1

	Male	Female
5/7-11/14	48	52