

JUSTICE ACTION CENTER – NATIONAL SURVEY OF REGISTERED VOTERS

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Q1: Thinking back to the election for President, Congress and other state offices in November 2020, many people we have interviewed said they were not interested and did not vote, while other people have said they definitely voted. How about you, would the official voter records here in [STATE] indicate that you voted or not in the November 2020 election?

Yes, I am 100% certain I voted	85
I think I voted, but don't recall	3
I did not vote last year	12

Q2: Please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of:

Q2a: Joe Biden

Very favorable	21
Somewhat favorable	22
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Very unfavorable	38
No opinion / neutral	4
Haven't heard enough to give a rating	1
TOTAL FAVORABLE	44
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	51

Q2b: Donald Trump

Very favorable	24
Somewhat favorable	18
Somewhat unfavorable	11
Very unfavorable	42
No opinion / neutral	3
Haven't heard enough to give a rating	1
TOTAL FAVORABLE	42
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	54

Q2c: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as ICE

Very favorable	22
Somewhat favorable	26
Somewhat unfavorable	21
Very unfavorable	15
No opinion / neutral	12
Haven't heard enough to give a rating	4
TOTAL FAVORABLE	48
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	36

Q2d: Undocumented immigrants living in the U.S.

Very favorable	10
Somewhat favorable	18
Somewhat unfavorable	24
Very unfavorable	35
No opinion / neutral	12
Haven't heard enough to give a rating	2
TOTAL FAVORABLE	27
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	59

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Q2e: Undocumented immigrants who arrived in the United States as children, also known as Dreamers

Very favorable	21
Somewhat favorable	27
Somewhat unfavorable	16
Very unfavorable	22
No opinion / neutral	12
Haven't heard enough to give a rating	3
TOTAL FAVORABLE	48
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	38

Q2f: Migrant families who seek asylum in the U.S.

Very favorable	17
Somewhat favorable	34
Somewhat unfavorable	17
Very unfavorable	15
No opinion / neutral	13
Haven't heard enough to give a rating	3
TOTAL FAVORABLE	52
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	32

Q3: How would you describe the state of the immigration system today--would you say it:

Is working very well	9
Is working fairly well	20
Is not working well	40
Needs a complete overhaul	32
TOTAL WELL	29
TOTAL NOT WELL	71

Q4: Based on what you know, do you have more trust in the Democrats or in the Republicans to oversee the issue of immigration?

Democrats a lot more	23
Democrats somewhat more	10
Democrats a little more	7
Republicans a little more	8
Republicans somewhat more	9
Republicans a lot more	25
Trust neither party	18
TOTAL DEMOCRATS MORE	41
TOTAL REPUBLICANS MORE	42

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Q5: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling immigration policy at the border right now?

Strongly approve	14
Somewhat approve	21
Somewhat disapprove	17
Strongly disapprove	38
Don't know enough to say	10
TOTAL APPROVE	35
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	55

Q6: How much have you heard about the current situation at the U.S. – Mexico border?

A great deal	38
Some	40
Not very much	18
Nothing at all	4
TOTAL A LOT/SOME	78
TOTAL NONE/NOT MUCH	22

Q7: How much do you agree with the following statement? The U.S. asylum system should treat all people exercising their legal right to seek safety equally, regardless of where they come from.

Strongly agree	38
Somewhat agree	38
Somewhat disagree	14
Strongly disagree	9
TOTAL AGREE	76
TOTAL DISAGREE	24

Q8: Which statement do you agree with more:

It would be wrong for President Biden to revive Trump's asylum policies that made it more difficult to enter the United States. Instead, Biden should increase access to asylum to uphold our country's fight for opportunity for everyone. 49

Former President Trump had it right: The U.S. should stand tough against those trying to enter the country and block easy access to asylum. 51

Q9: Which statement do you agree with more:

The U.S. asylum system should be equal for anyone coming to the U.S. from any country 60

The U.S. asylum system should be able to prioritize asylees from certain countries, such as refugees from Ukraine 40

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Q10: Some of the migrants attempting to enter the U.S. are children under the age of 18. Do you think they should be detained and deported back to their home country, or should they be allowed to go through an orderly process to apply for asylum here in the U.S.?

They should be detained and deported back to their home country 37
They should be allowed to apply for asylum in the U.S. 63

Q11: Some people have called the current situation with thousands of migrants seeking asylum at the border a crisis and a threat to America, while other people have said migration to America is normal and is something the U.S. can handle in an orderly way. Which is closest to your opinion?

The current border situation is a crisis and a threat 57
This is a normal pattern of migration and something the U.S. can handle 43

Q12: When it comes to the migrants at the U.S. – Mexico border, would you rather the United States take a hardline stance and try to block all Central American migrants, including children, from entering the U.S. // or // setup an orderly process for people to apply for asylum, and if they are not eligible, then they must be returned to their home country.

Take a hardline stance block all migrants from entering the U.S. 29
Setup an orderly process for people to apply for asylum to determine if they are eligible 71

Q13: Which of the following policies do you think are the best solutions to fixing our immigration system? Select up to two.

Find, detain, and deport migrants seeking asylum who are currently in the U.S. 16
Allow migrants seeking asylum to register and apply for a pathway to citizenship if they pass a background check and pay a fine 33
Increase border enforcement to make sure nobody can enter the country illegally 39
Make it easier for people to migrate legally to the United States, so they don't have to enter illegally 30
Invest in countries in Latin America to address the violence and poverty causing people to migrate 15
None of these 6

Q14: Which comes closest to the way you think about migrants seeking asylum in the U.S.?

I understand why they are fleeing instability and violence in their country and I wish the U.S. would have a more welcoming and accepting approach to helping migrants 35
I understand why they are fleeing poverty and violence in their country, but it is not our fault and the U.S. should not be expected to accept every immigrant who comes 37
I think many of the immigrants are not actually refugees, they are coming to the U.S. to look for jobs and take advantage of our schools, health care and services 28

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Q15: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We all want the same thing: a safe place to raise our families. For some, that means moving to another neighborhood, and for others, it means coming to a new country. President Biden is currently making it harder for those seeking safety on our shores to go through the legal process to do so, creating chaos and uncertainty along the border.

Strongly agree	23
Somewhat agree	32
Somewhat disagree	30
Strongly disagree	15
TOTAL AGREE	55
TOTAL DISAGREE	45

Q16: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? President Biden claims to uphold values of safety and freedom. He has even recognized that people have a legal right to seek asylum. But now he is doubling down on Trump’s policies that harm people who are just trying to reach safety. The Biden administration should protect the universal human right to seek asylum.

Strongly agree	24
Somewhat agree	34
Somewhat disagree	24
Strongly disagree	18
TOTAL AGREE	58
TOTAL DISAGREE	42

Q17: Now you will see statements from people who think we should create a fair and orderly process for migrants who wish to apply for asylum. How convincing do you find each of these statements?

Q17a: Instead of turning away people seeking protection, the United States should have a fair, just system that reflects principled values and welcomes law-abiding immigrants seeking asylum protections.

Extremely convincing	29
Somewhat convincing	37
Not sure/No opinion	16
Not too convincing	11
Not at all convincing	7
TOTAL CONVINCING	65
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	19

Q17b: Everyone deserves to have the freedom to seek protection from violence and oppression and apply for asylum. But some politicians want to limit exactly who is allowed the freedom to seek asylum and who is not based on skin color. Politicians who want to limit the rights of immigrants and people seeking safety are fundamentally anti-freedom.

Extremely convincing	23
Somewhat convincing	26
Not sure/No opinion	21
Not too convincing	14
Not at all convincing	16
TOTAL CONVINCING	49
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	29

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Q17c: The United States has a long tradition of treating those in search of freedom with dignity. Freedom includes the right to seek safety, to start anew and build a better life. Under U.S. immigration law, we have legal obligations to offer those unable to return to their country of origin or who are at risk of persecution a chance at safety. This ensures the freedom of those fleeing poor conditions. We must protect that freedom just as we fight to protect all our other freedoms.

Extremely convincing	27
Somewhat convincing	36
Not sure/No opinion	19
Not too convincing	9
Not at all convincing	8
TOTAL CONVINCING	64
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	17

Q17d: The freedom to move has always been a part of the American experience, and is necessary in times of drought, famine, and war. Those who are fleeing violence and oppression in their home countries deserve the opportunity to apply for asylum in the U.S. and have their case heard while remaining safe. This freedom should be afforded to all, not just a privileged few.

Extremely convincing	31
Somewhat convincing	31
Not sure/No opinion	20
Not too convincing	9
Not at all convincing	9
TOTAL CONVINCING	62
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	18

Q17e: [MAGA SPLIT] The United States prides itself as a beacon of hope for those around the world seeking freedom: freedom to move, freedom of expression, and freedom over their own bodies. By seeking to limit migrants' rights, certain MAGA politicians are endangering freedom for everyone.

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Not sure/No opinion	20
Not too convincing	18
Not at all convincing	14
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Q17f: [REPUBLICAN SPLIT] The United States prides itself as a beacon of hope for those around the world seeking freedom: freedom to move, freedom of expression, and freedom over their own bodies. By seeking to limit migrants’ rights, certain Republican politicians are endangering freedom for everyone.

Extremely convincing	23
Somewhat convincing	25
Not sure/No opinion	19
Not too convincing	15
Not at all convincing	18
TOTAL CONVINCING	49
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	32

Q17g: [MAGA SPLIT] Current asylum seekers are similar to those who came to our shores seeking freedom in previous generations: They are resilient, intrepid, and courageous and are exactly the people we should be welcoming to our communities. Instead, certain MAGA politicians want to divide our countries and shut the door on those seeking safety. This anti-freedom attitude is wrong for our communities and the future of our country.

Extremely convincing	20
Somewhat convincing	25
Not sure/No opinion	21
Not too convincing	18
Not at all convincing	16
TOTAL CONVINCING	45
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	34

Q17h: [REPUBLICAN SPLIT] Current asylum seekers are similar to those who came to our shores seeking freedom in previous generations: They are resilient, intrepid, and courageous and are exactly the people we should be welcoming to our communities. Instead, certain Republican politicians want to divide our countries and shut the door on those seeking safety. This anti-freedom attitude is wrong for our communities and the future of our country.

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Somewhat convincing	30
Not sure/No opinion	19
Not too convincing	14
Not at all convincing	15
TOTAL CONVINCING	52
TOTAL NOT CONVINCING	29

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PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

D1: In order to make sure we get a representative sample of Americans of all backgrounds, please indicate your race or ethnicity.

White, not-Hispanic	74
Hispanic or Latino	13
Black or African American	12
Asian or Pacific Islander	3
Native American	3
Middle East or North African	1
Other	1

D2: In what state are you currently a registered voter?

Alabama	2
Alaska	<1
Arizona	3
Arkansas	1
California	10
Colorado	1
Connecticut	1
Delaware	<1
District of Columbia	<1
Florida	8
Georgia	3
Hawaii	<1
Idaho	<1
Illinois	5
Indiana	2
Iowa	1
Kansas	<1
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	1
Maine	<1
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	3
Minnesota	2
Mississippi	1
Missouri	2
Montana	<1
Nebraska	1
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	3
New Mexico	<1
New York	6
North Carolina	4
North Dakota	1
Ohio	4
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	4

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Rhode Island	<1
South Carolina	2
South Dakota	<1
Tennessee	2
Texas	8
Utah	1
Vermont	<1
Virginia	3
Washington	2
West Virginia	1
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	<1

D3: Please indicate your gender.

Female	51%
Male	49%
I do not identify with these terms	<1%

D4: What is your age?

18 to 29 years	14%
30 to 39 years	21%
40 to 49 years	16%
50 to 59 years	18%
60 years or above	31%

D5: What is the highest level of education you completed?

Did not complete High School	2%
High School graduate or GED	24%
Some college, but did not graduate	21%
2-year Associates degree or Technical Certification	13%
4-year Bachelor's degree	28%
Post-graduate degree	13%

D6: Were you born in the United States, the island of Puerto Rico, or another country?

United States	94%
Island of Puerto Rico	1%
Another country	5%

D7: [If Latino] Hispanics and Latinos have their roots in many different countries. To what country or countries do you or your family trace your ancestry?

Argentina	1
Bolivia	<1
Chile	1
Colombia	2
Costa Rica	<1
Cuba	6

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Dominican Republic	4
Ecuador	1
El Salvador	3
Guatemala	1
Honduras	<1
Mexico	59
Nicaragua	1
Panama	<1
Paraguay	<1
Peru	<1
Puerto Rico	12
Uruguay	<1
Venezuela	2
Spain/Spanish	3
Other country	2

D8: Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be:

Definitely consider myself a Democrat	25
I lean more toward Democrat	13
Independent, of the 2 major parties	21
I lean more toward Republicans	16
Definitely consider myself a Republican	23
Other political party	2

D9 When you think about the community that you live in, which comes closest to how you would describe it? How would you describe the area in which you live?

Large urban area	24
Large suburban near large city	28
Small suburban near small town or city	20
Small town or small city	13
Rural area	14

D10: What is your religion?

Protestant	21
Catholic	25
Other Christian	18
Jewish	4
Muslim	2
Other	8
No religion/secular	23

D11: [If Catholic, Protestant, or Other Christian] In terms of your religious beliefs, would you describe yourself as either an evangelical Christian or a born-again Christian?

Yes, I am an evangelical Christian or a born-again Christian	46
No, I am not an evangelical Christian or a born-again Christian	54

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D12: Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be:

Very conservative	18
Somewhat conservative	22
Moderate	37
Somewhat liberal	13
Very liberal	11

D13: Politically speaking, what describes you best?

Libertarian	5
Progressive	9
Liberal	22
Conservative	37
Fiscal conservative/social moderate	13
None of these	14

D14: If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

Less than \$20,000	15
Between \$20,000 and \$29,999	11
Between \$30,000 and \$39,999	12
Between \$40,000 and \$49,999	9
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	19
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	13
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	12
\$150,000 or more	9

D15: How often do you use the following for updates on news and events:

D15a. Cable TV such as CNN, MSNBC or Fox

Every day	33
A few times per week	21
Maybe once per week	11
A few times per month	7
Only a few times per year	8
Never	20

D15b. Spanish language television and radio

Every day	6
A few times per week	5
Maybe once per week	4
A few times per month	4
Only a few times per year	5
Never	75

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D15c. YouTube

Every day	39
A few times per week	20
Maybe once per week	10
A few times per month	8
Only a few times per year	6
Never	18

D15d. Facebook

Every day	45
A few times per week	17
Maybe once per week	7
A few times per month	5
Only a few times per year	3
Never	23

D15e. Twitter

Every day	18
A few times per week	14
Maybe once per week	6
A few times per month	5
Only a few times per year	5
Never	52

D15f. TikTok

Every day	19
A few times per week	12
Maybe once per week	6
A few times per month	4
Only a few times per year	4
Never	55

D15g. Instagram

Every day	25
A few times per week	14
Maybe once per week	6
A few times per month	5
Only a few times per year	4
Never	46

D16: Were your parents born in the United States or in another country?

Both parents born in United States	81
Both parents born in another country	13
One parent born in United States	6

D17: Survey language

English	92
Spanish	8