

# NATIONAL STUDY: LATINO REACTIONS TO TRUMP IMMIGRATION POLICIES

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# About the Survey

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- Total N=600 Latino adults
  - Nominal Margin of Error is +/- 4%
- Field Dates: June 18-23, 2025
- English or Spanish, according to preference
- Focus/Content: Latino perceptions on anti-immigrant enforcement, tactics, events, and processes.

# Key Findings: Political Engagement and Issue Priorities

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## **1. Latinos continue to focus on their economic circumstances...**

➤ However, there is a substantial resurgence in the strength of the immigration issue.

## **2. President Trump continues to face declining enthusiasm among Latinos, in general and on the specific issue of immigration.**

## **3. About half of all Latinos fear that they, or someone they are close with, face the threat of deportation.**

## **4. Among immigration policies or potential policies, the Latino public remains supportive of immigrants.**

- Top 3 immigration items Latinos want right now: Path to citizenship for long-term (52), and Dreamers (48), crackdown on smugglers and human trafficking (51)
- Lowest ranked 3 items: Local officials enforcing immigration law (19), finishing the wall (15), and deporting everyone (14)

## **5. Generally speaking, Latinos either favor no deportations (34%), or deportations focused on criminals (50%). Indiscriminate deportation of ANY undocumented person attracts minimal support (15%).**

## **6. Latinos support the anti-ICE, anti-enforcement protests and oppose the use of force against protestors.**

## **7. Latinos favor a fair judicial process, even for alleged or convicted criminals, prior to deportation.**

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# Trump Approval, Overall and on Immigration, Dropping

Trump approval underwater 34-66 (-32), dropping by 7 points since 100-day poll April 19th when it was 37-59 (-22)

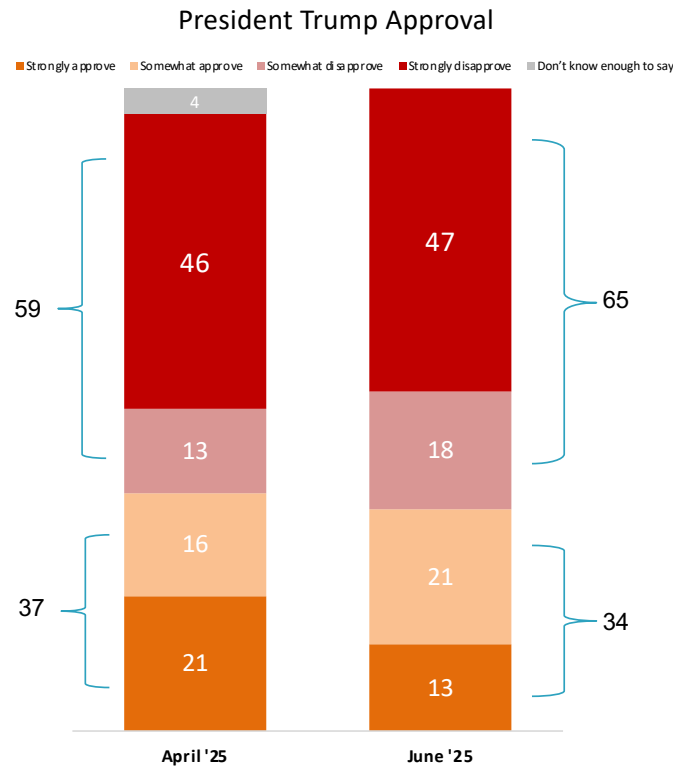
21% of Trump '24 supporters disapprove

67% of young voters disapprove of Trump - sig drop from April 25 when it was 52% disapproval from young Latinos

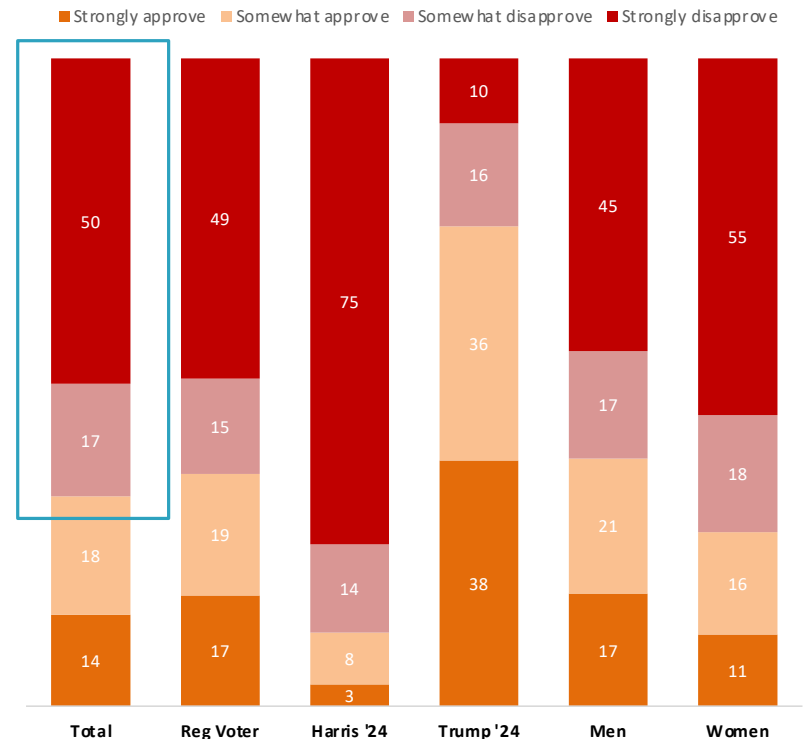
Trump Immigration approval underwater at 32-68 (-36)

26% of Trump '24 voters disapprove of his immigration policy

GOP Congress approval underwater 34-55 (-21)



Views on Trump's handling of immigration issues and deportations:



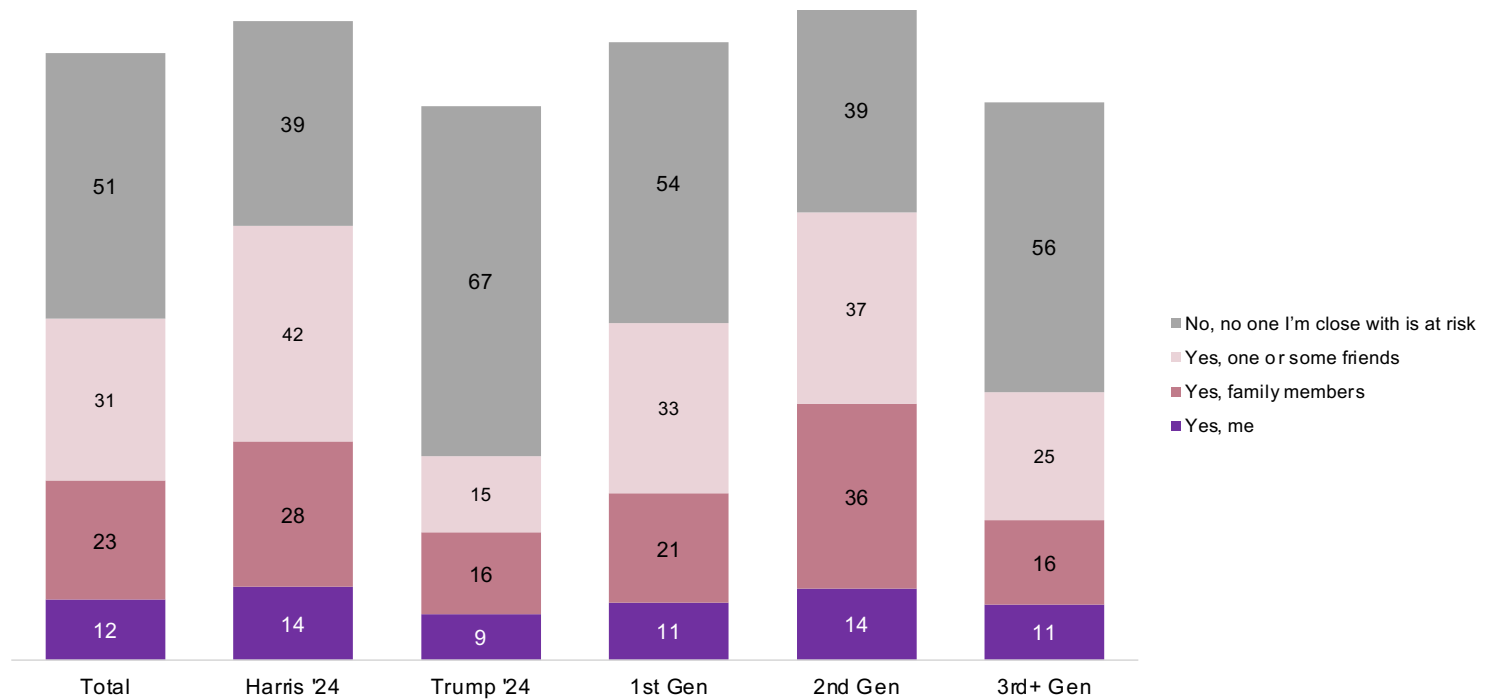
# Widespread Fears of Deportation

ALMOST HALF (49%) of all Latino adults fear deportation of themselves, family members or friends.

The largest share fear the deportation of friends.

About half of all Latinos reported no specific fears.

Do you feel that you or anyone in your family, or close friends, are at risk from the policies on deportation that the Trump administration is implementing? Check all that apply.



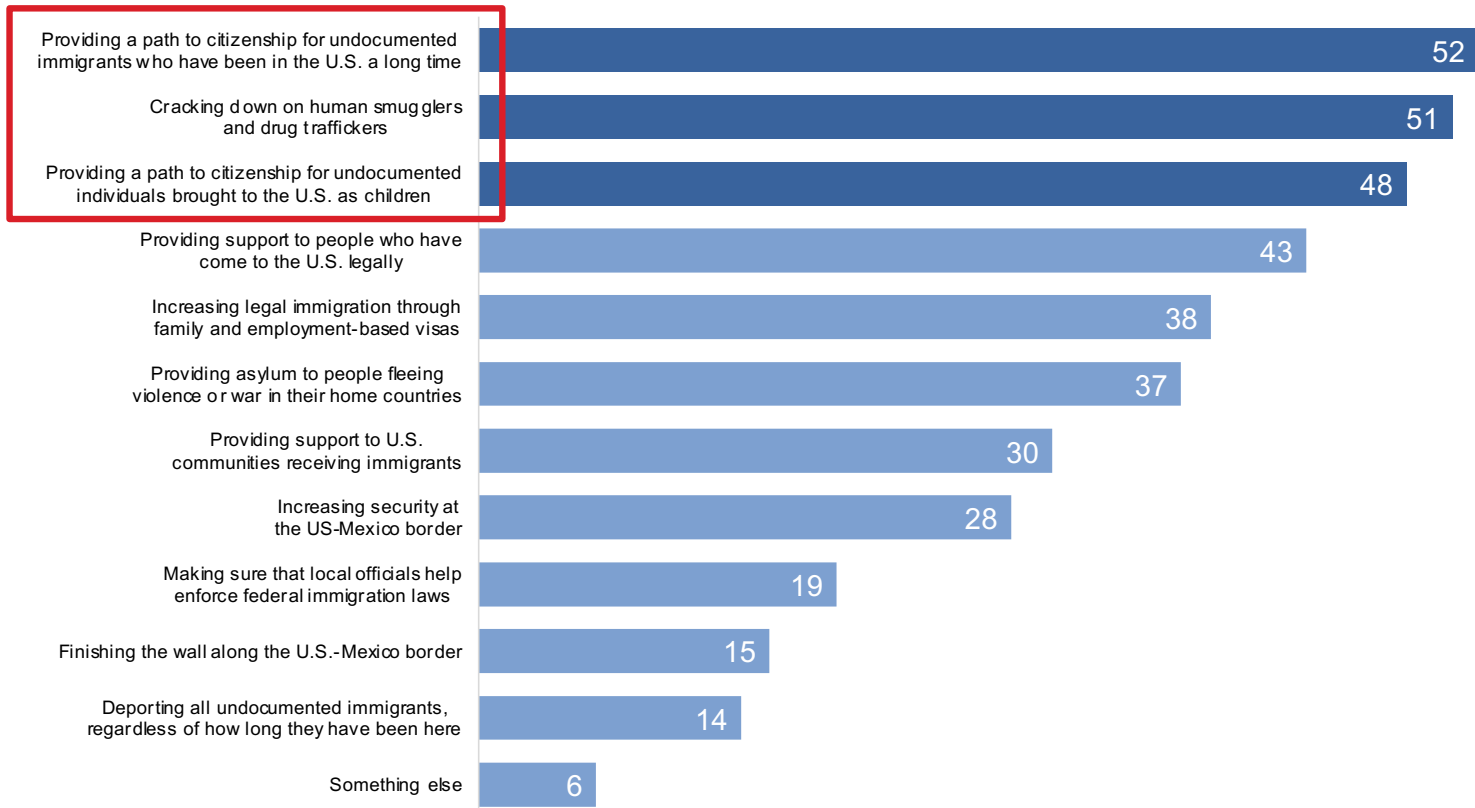
# Support to Various Immigration Policies

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# General Opposition to Mass Deportation

Latinos oppose detention and deportation of non-criminal immigrants.

50% say only immigrants with a **PROVEN** criminal record should be targeted;

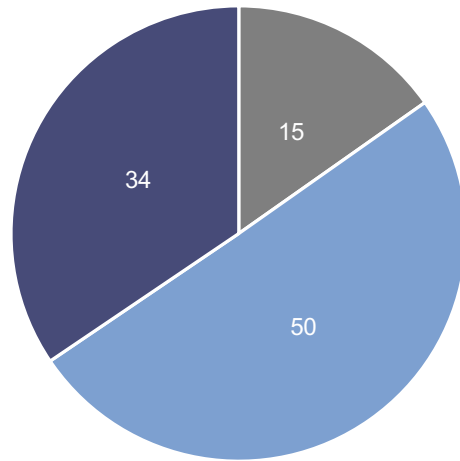
34% say they oppose any large-scale deportations

(84% total opposition to indiscriminate deportations).

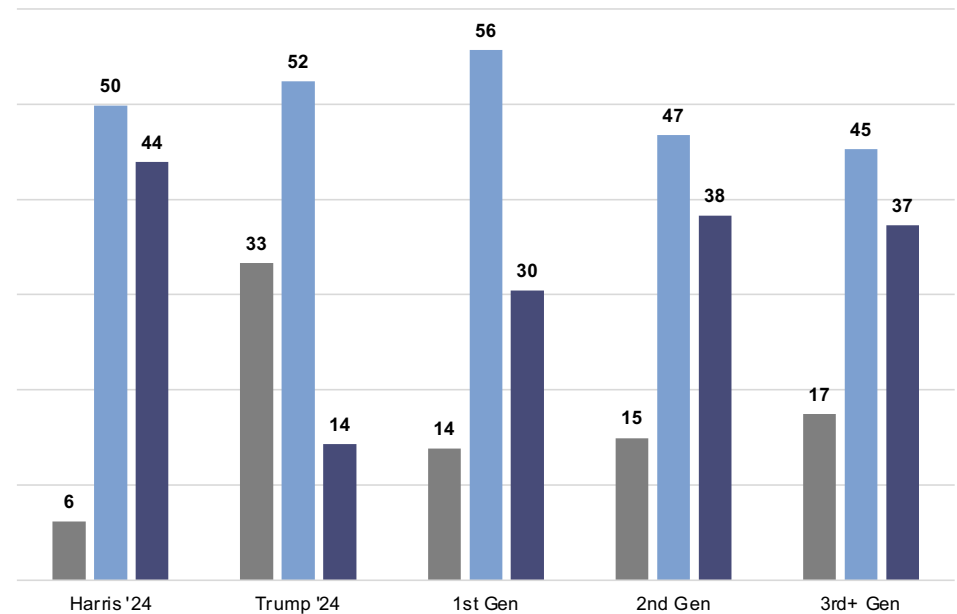
Only 15% say Trump policy of widespread deportations should continue.

President Trump often claims that the people being deported are criminals, but official records suggest that many of the people being detained and deported have not committed a crime. Would you say that:

■ You favor deporting all undocumented people   ■ You favor deporting only undocumented people with a proven criminal record   ■ You do not favor any large scale deportation policy



Total



# Latinos Support Protestors, Oppose Use of Force

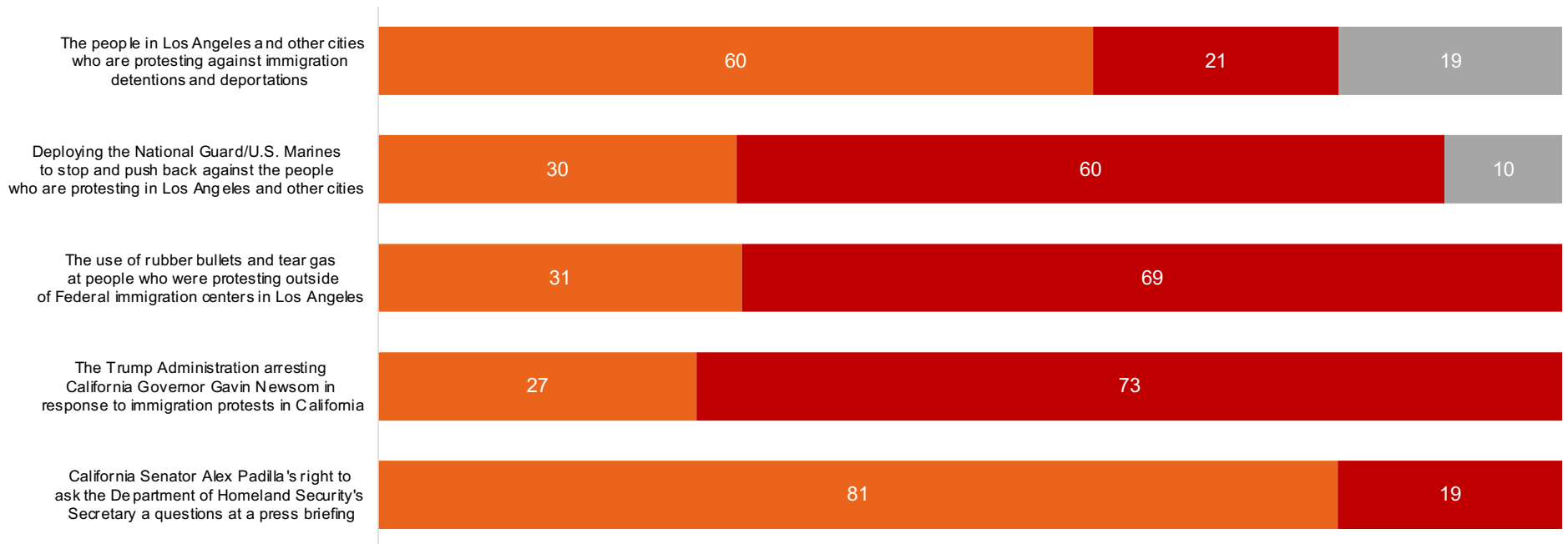
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- By a 3-to-1 margin (60-21) Latinos support the protestors;
- By a 2-to-1 margin (60% oppose; 30% support), Latinos oppose the use of the national guard or military troops;
- 69% say it is wrong for law enforcement to use rubber bullets and tear gas against protestors;
- Threatening to arrest a governor is an abuse of power (73-27);
- What happened to Padilla should not have happened (81-19).

# Latinos Support Protestors, Oppose Use of Force

From what you have heard or seen, do you support or oppose:

Support Oppose Have not heard enough to say



July 24-August 6, 2024 N=400 per state (+/-4.9%)

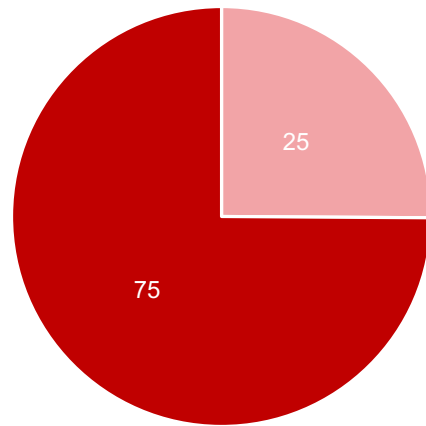
# Latinos Favor the Rule of Law, Fair Process

Three-quarters of Latino oppose deportation without a fair hearing in court (75%)

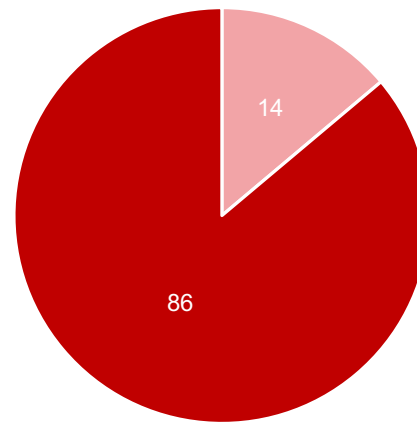
Even a majority of Trump supporters (51%) say immigrants accused of a crime should receive a fair court hearing with evidence before facing deportation

Currently the Trump administration is arresting, detaining, and deporting immigrants they claim are violent gang members, and sending many of them to a prison in El Salvador. However, most of these immigrants have not received court hearings, and deny they have any gang affiliations. Which statement comes closer to your view on this issue?

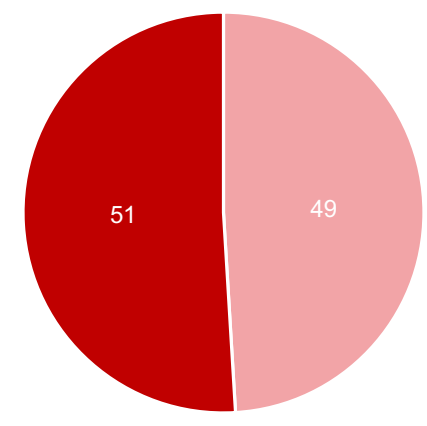
- The President should be allowed to detain and immediately deport any immigrant he suspects of being a gang member to the prison in El Salvador
- Any immigrant accused of a crime should be allowed to receive a fair court hearing with evidence before they face deportation



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Harris '24



Trump '24

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