

McLAUGHLIN & ASSOCIATES
NATIONAL SURVEY OF TEA PARTY SYMPATHIZERS
MAY 12, 2014

1. SOME AMERICANS HAVE VOICED CONCERN OVER THE SIZE, COST AND ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL DEBT AND ORGANIZED AS "TEA PARTY" GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE TEA PARTY WITH THESE CONCERNS?

Total	400
AGREE	100.0
STRONGLY	65.2
SOMEWHAT	34.8

2. WITH WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ARE YOU AFFILIATED?

Total	400
REPUBLICAN	69.5
NON-REPUBLICAN	25.8
DEMOCRAT	5.8
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	20.0
DK/REFUSED	4.8

3. IF YOU WERE TO LABEL YOURSELF, WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE A LIBERAL, A MODERATE, OR A CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS?

Total	400
LIBERAL	3.5
VERY	1.2
SOMEWHAT	2.2
MODERATE	21.5
SOMEWHAT	26.5
VERY	45.8
CONSERVATIVE	72.2
DK/REFUSED	2.8

4. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IN DECIDING YOUR VOTE FOR CONGRESS?

Total	400
ECONOMIC	62.2
GOV'T SPENDING/DEBT	31.8
ECONOMY/JOBS	25.5
TAXES	5.0
SOCIAL	32.2
OBAMACARE	17.2
OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES	12.0
IMMIGRATION	3.0
DK/REFUSED	5.5

5. FROM THE SAME LIST, WHICH IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO YOU IN DECIDING YOUR VOTE FOR CONGRESS?

Total Answering	377
ECONOMIC	63.4
GOV'T SPENDING/DEBT	29.2
ECONOMY/JOBS	22.3
TAXES	11.9
SOCIAL	35.5
OBAMACARE	20.4
OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES	9.5
IMMIGRATION	5.6
DK/REFUSED	1.1

COMBO 1ST & 2ND. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IN DECIDING YOUR VOTE FOR CONGRESS?

Total	400
ECONOMIC	84.0
GOV'T SPENDING/DEBT	59.2
ECONOMY/JOBS	46.5
TAXES	16.2
SOCIAL	55.5
OBAMACARE	36.5
OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES	21.0
IMMIGRATION	8.2
DK/REFUSED	6.5

6. WHEN YOU CONSIDER IMMIGRATION REFORM, HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU THAT CONGRESS ACT ON THE ISSUE THIS YEAR?

Total	400
IMPORTANT	71.2
VERY	37.8
SOMEWHAT	33.5
NOT IMPORTANT	27.2
NOT THAT	17.2
NOT AT ALL	10.0
DK/REFUSED	1.5

7. SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE PROPOSED A PLAN FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM THAT WOULD INCLUDE BOTH IMPROVED BORDER SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS A WAY FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE ALREADY IN THIS COUNTRY TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRY, IF THEY PAY PENALTIES, PAY BACK TAXES, PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND LEARN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CIVICS. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THIS PLAN?

Total	400
SUPPORT	75.5
STRONGLY	39.8
SOMEWHAT	35.8
OPPOSE	18.2
SOMEWHAT	5.2
STRONGLY	13.0
DK/REFUSED	6.2

8. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE IMMIGRATION REFORM THAT WOULD REQUIRE WE REDUCE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BY AT LEAST 90% BEFORE GRANTING LEGAL STATUS TO ANY UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT WHO IS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES, IMPLEMENTS THE E-VERIFY SYSTEM THAT REQUIRES ALL EMPLOYERS TO INSTANTLY CHECK IF SOMEONE IS HERE LEGALLY AND ELIGIBLE TO WORK BEFORE THEY'RE HIRED, AND PROHIBITS ANY IMMIGRANT FROM BEING ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY TAXPAYER FUNDED BENEFIT LIKE WELFARE, FOOD STAMPS OR MEDICAID UNTIL THEY HAVE BECOME A CITIZEN?

Total	400
SUPPORT	79.5
STRONGLY	56.2
SOMEWHAT	23.2
OPPOSE	14.5
SOMEWHAT	7.8
STRONGLY	6.8
DK/REFUSED	6.0

9. WOULD YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE AN IMMIGRATION REFORM PLAN THAT SECURES OUR BORDERS, EXPANDS VISAS FOR HIGH-SKILL WORKERS AND FARM WORKERS, PROVIDES AN EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROGRAM, ALLOWS YOUNG PEOPLE BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY BY THEIR PARENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EARN CITIZENSHIP AND PROVIDES VISAS TO LIVE AND WORK HERE LEGALLY TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT A CRIMINAL RECORD WHO PAY PENALTIES AND BACK TAXES?

Total	400
SUPPORT	68.5
STRONGLY	29.0
SOMEWHAT	39.5
OPPOSE	25.2
SOMEWHAT	10.2
STRONGLY	15.0
DK/REFUSED	6.2

10. CURRENT IMMIGRATION POLICY IS BASED UPON COUNTRY QUOTAS INSTEAD OF UNITED STATES ECONOMIC NEEDS. IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD A REFORM OF THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION LAWS ALLOW FOR U.S. ECONOMIC NEEDS SUCH AS THE NEED FOR SPECIALIZED HIGH SKILL WORKERS OR LESSER SKILLED SEASONAL WORKERS FOR JOBS U.S. CITIZENS TYPICALLY WON'T PERFORM?

Total	400
YES	61.8
NO	27.5
DK/REFUSED	10.8

11. REGARDING THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, WHICH IS BETTER IN YOUR OPINION?

1. IT'S BETTER TO CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT IMMIGRATION SYSTEM WITH THE WAY IT IS NOW. OR,
2. IT'S BETTER TO HAVE A DEAL BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS THAT FIXES THE SYSTEM, SECURES THE BORDER AND RESTORES THE RULE OF LAW.

Total	400
CURRENT SYSTEM	7.2
FIXES THE SYSTEM	84.2
DK/REFUSED	8.5

12. THINKING SOME MORE ABOUT IMMIGRATION, FOR WHOM WOULD YOU RATHER VOTE?

1. A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS WHO FOCUSES ONLY ON INCREASING BORDER SECURITY AND ENFORCEMENT. OR,
2. A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS WHO SUPPORTS BROAD IMMIGRATION REFORM THAT WOULD INCLUDE INCREASED BORDER SECURITY AND A WAY FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE ALREADY IN THIS COUNTRY TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRY IF THEY PAY PENALTIES, PAY BACK TAXES, PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND LEARN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CIVICS.

Total	400
ONLY SECURITY/ENFORC.	25.8
BROAD REFORM	69.2
DK/REFUSED	5.0

13. CONTINUING TO THINK ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS DO YOU AGREE WITH MOST?

1. BECAUSE 11 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE ALREADY BROKEN THE LAW, THEY SHOULD BE DEPORTED TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY.
2. UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE ALREADY A PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND THE ECONOMY AND WHO PAY PENALTIES, PAY BACK TAXES, PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND LEARN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CIVICS SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOME TYPE OF LEGAL STATUS BUT NOT UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP. OR,
3. UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IN THIS COUNTRY WHO PAY PENALTIES, PAY BACK TAXES, PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND LEARN

Total	400
DEPORTED	25.0
LEGAL STATUS	34.2
CITIZENSHIP	35.5
DK/REFUSED	5.2

14. REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, DO YOU HAVE A GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR JOB? IF YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED BUT LOOKING OR RETIRED, PLEASE SAY SO.

Total	400
EMPLOYED	39.2
GOVERNMENT	6.5
PRIVATE SECTOR	32.8
UNEMPLOYMENT	7.2
RETIRED	47.0
DK/REFUSED	6.5

15. WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION?

Total	400
PROTESTANT	60.5
CATHOLIC	22.2
JEWISH	0.5
MUSLIM/ISLAMIC	0.2
MORMON	3.5
ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC	2.2
OTHER	0.8
REFUSED	10.0

16. DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF AN EVANGELICAL OR BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN?

Total Answering	158
YES	70.9
NO	25.3
DK/REFUSED	3.8

17. ARE YOU OR IS A MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD FROM A HISPANIC, LATINO OR SPANISH-SPEAKING BACKGROUND?

Total	400
YES	5.8
NO	92.5
DK/REFUSED	1.8

18. WHAT IS YOUR MAIN RACIAL BACKGROUND?

Total	400
HISPANIC	5.8
AFRICAN AMERICAN	0.2
ASIAN	0.8
WHITE	84.5
OTHER	5.5
DK/REFUSED	3.2

19. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

Total	400
18-29	6.2
30-40	6.2
41-55	25.8
56-65	20.0
OVER 65	39.0
REFUSED	2.8
Mean	57.79

20. GENDER:

Total	400
MALE	50.8
FEMALE	49.2

21. AREA:

Total	400
NEW ENGLAND	4.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	10.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	16.5
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	8.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC	16.0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	9.5
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	11.2
MOUNTAIN	12.0
PACIFIC	11.2

22. AREA:

Total	400
EAST	14.8
MID-WEST	25.2
SOUTH	36.8
WEST	23.2

23. PHONE LIST:

Total	400
CELL PHONE	20.5
LANDLINE PHONE	79.5