

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 87 APRIL 2021  
FINAL TOPLINE  
APRIL 5-11, 2021  
N=5,109**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

LGLSTATUS Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

**ASK IF NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN COUNTRY LEGALLY(LGLSTATUS=1) [N=1,149]:**

NATLDPRT Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally, or should that now be done?

**ASK IF A WAY FOR THEM TO STAY LEGALLY (LGLSTATUS=2) [N=3,925]:**

LGL\_CITIZPRENSHIP And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

| Apr 5-11<br><u>2021</u> |  | June 4-10,<br><u>2020</u> | July 22-<br>Aug 4<br><u>2019</u> | Feb 28-<br>Mar 12<br><u>2017</u> <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 30                      | They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally                                      | 24                        | 27                               | 22  |
| 25                      | Should be a national law enforcement effort to deport  | --                        | 23                               | 19  |
| 5                       | Should NOT be a national law enforcement effort to deport                                      | --                        | 4                                | 3   |
| 1                       | No answer  |                           | *                                | *   |
| 69                      | There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met | 75                        | 72                               | 77  |
| 42                      | Be eligible to apply fo U.S. citizenship   | --                        | --                               | --  |
| 26                      | Be eligible to apply for permanent residency, but no U.S. citizenship                          | --                        | --                               | --  |
| 1                       | No answer  |                           |                                  |   |
| 1                       | No answer  | 1                         | 1                                | 1   |

**ASK ALL:**

ASYLUMHA How much, if anything, have you heard about the increase in the number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?

| Apr 5-11<br><u>2021</u> |                | July 22-<br>Aug 4<br><u>2019</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 46                      | A lot          | 54                               |
| 42                      | A little       | 34                               |
| 12                      | Nothing at all | 11                               |
| 1                       | No answer      | 1                                |

<sup>1</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only. In W24.5, both questions were asked of all adults. Results for NATLDPRT shown only of those who answered, "They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally."

**ASK ALL:**  
BRDERJOB

How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the increased number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?

| Apr 5-11<br><u>2021</u> |                   | July 22-<br>Aug 4<br><u>2019</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3                       | Very good job     | 6                                |
| 26                      | Somewhat good job | 27                               |
| 35                      | Somewhat bad job  | 27                               |
| 33                      | Very bad job      | 38                               |
| 3                       | No answer         | 2                                |

**ASK ALL:**  
BRDERVAL

Thinking about the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, how important, if at all, are each of the following for the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  | <u>Very<br/>important</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>important</u> | <u>Not too<br/>important</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>important</u> | <u>No<br/>answer</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,564]:</b>                                  |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                      |
| a. Reducing the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                      |
| Apr 5-11, 2021   | 47                        | 32                            | 15                           | 5                               | 1                    |
| July 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>2</sup>                                   | 43                        | 31                            | 17                           | 8                               | 1                    |

**ASK ALL:**

b. Providing safe and sanitary conditions for asylum seekers once they arrive in the U.S.

|                     |    |    |    |   |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|---|---|
| Apr 5-11, 2021      | 43 | 34 | 12 | 9 | 2 |
| July 22-Aug 4, 2019 | 52 | 30 | 11 | 6 | 1 |

**NO ITEM c****ASK ALL:**

d. Providing more assistance to countries in places like Central America, where many asylum seekers are coming from

|                     |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| Apr 5-11, 2021      | 26 | 36 | 22 | 15 | 2 |
| July 22-Aug 4, 2019 | 32 | 37 | 19 | 11 | 1 |

**ASK ALL:**

e. Making it harder for asylum seekers to be granted legal status in the U.S.

|                     |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| Apr 5-11, 2021      | 28 | 29 | 26 | 15 | 2 |
| July 22-Aug 4, 2019 | 24 | 29 | 24 | 22 | 1 |

**NO ITEM f**

<sup>2</sup> Previous versions of this question were worded slightly differently. In 2019, the item was worded, "To reduce the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum." In 2021 the item was worded, "Reducing the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum." Similar changes were made to all items

|   | <u>Very<br/>important</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>important</u> | <u>Not too<br/>important</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>important</u> | <u>No<br/>answer</u> |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>BRDERVAL CONTINUED...</b>  |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                      |
| <b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,545]:</b>   |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                      |
| g. Increasing staffing and resources available to process unaccompanied minors more quickly<br>Apr 5-11, 2021 | 52                        | 30                            | 10                           | 5                               | 3                    |
| <b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,545]:</b>   |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                      |
| h. Not allowing people to seek asylum in the United States<br>Apr 5-11, 2021                                  | 22                        | 28                            | 24                           | 22                              | 3                    |
| <b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,564]:</b>   |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                      |
| i. Increasing staffing and resources available to patrol and police the border<br>Apr 5-11, 2021              | 53                        | 32                            | 11                           | 2                               | 1                    |

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=2,016]:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>3</sup>

| <u>Republican</u> | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | <u>Something<br/>else</u> | <u>No<br/>answer</u> | <u>Lean<br/>Rep</u> | <u>Lean<br/>Dem</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 24                | 32              | 27                 | 16                        | 1                    | 19                  | 20                  |

<sup>3</sup> Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.