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DISTRICT SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS»



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## METHODOLOGY

This report covers the results of our research:

**National:** 1000 total interviews nationwide with likely 2010 general election voters. The interviews were conducted May 9-12, 2009. The margin of error for overall results is  $\pm 3.10\%$  and higher amongst subgroups.

### Swing Congressional Districts:

- **Idaho CD1:** 500 total interviews district-wide with likely 2010 general election voters. The interviews were conducted May 27 – June 2, 2009. The margin of error for overall results is  $\pm 4.38\%$  and higher amongst subgroups.
  - - Newly Democratic held seat (Minnick) in district that McCain won in 2008 by 26%.
- **Alabama CD2:** 500 total interviews district-wide with likely 2010 general election voters. The interviews were conducted May 27 – June 2, 2009. The margin of error for overall results is  $\pm 4.38\%$  and higher amongst subgroups.
  - - Newly Democratic held seat (Bright) in district that McCain won in 2008 by 26%.
- **California CD3:** 500 total interviews district-wide with likely 2010 general election voters. The interviews were conducted May 27 – June 2, 2009. The margin of error for overall results is  $\pm 4.38\%$  and higher amongst subgroups.
  - - Republican held seat (Lungren) in district won by Obama in 2008 by  $<1\%$ .

### Congressional Re-elect Undecideds:

- **Idaho Undecideds** are 33% of the Idaho sample and are defined as anyone was undecided on Congressional re-election ballot and undecided voters who lean toward a candidate (Q7).
- **Alabama Undecideds** are 30% of the Alabama sample and are defined as anyone was undecided on Congressional re-election ballot and undecided voters who lean toward a candidate (Q7).
- **California Undecideds** are 31% of the California sample and are defined as anyone was undecided on Congressional re-election ballot and undecided voters who lean toward a candidate (Q7).

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## MAJOR FINDINGS

Whether we look at key swing districts or the nation as a whole, there are clear similarities – most voters support the idea of comprehensive immigration reform, support it even more when they are given a description of the reform, favor candidates who support tackling immigration now, believe comprehensive reform is fair to all and will help taxpayers, are most concerned about the tax implications of illegal immigration (that illegal immigrants don't pay taxes but receive benefits), and argue that the economic situation in the country makes it more important that Congress tackle immigration reform now. These attitudes are true of all three of the districts in which we polled even though the districts are different on a variety of fronts (different areas of the country, represented by members in different parties, won by different presidential candidates in 2008, different job approval numbers for President Obama, and a different view of who they trust most to handle immigration).

### Support for a Comprehensive Approach

Voters in the three swing congressional districts (ID-1, AL-2, and CA-3) we surveyed mirror the feelings that voters express nationally – most of them support comprehensive immigration reform. The districts have different characteristics (ID-1 and AL-2 are represented by Democratic members in districts where McCain beat Obama by 26%, and CA-3 has a Republican member in a district where Obama beat McCain by less than 1%). Roughly two-thirds of voters in each district support Congress passing “comprehensive immigration reform” with around 2 in 10 opposed. When voters hear the details of a comprehensive proposal (that it entails securing the border, cracking down on employers who hire illegals, and requiring illegal immigrants to register for legal status, pay back taxes, and learn English to be eligible for U.S. citizenship) support rises by double digits to more than 8 in 10 supporting it in each district (ID-1 88% support, AL-2 87%, and CA-3 83%), with a majority *strongly* supporting comprehensive reform and 7%, 8%, and 10% who strongly oppose in each district respectively. Among voters who undecided on the generic congressional ballot, more than 8 in 10 in each district support a comprehensive approach. When asked if they are more likely to support a candidate for Congress who supports or opposes comprehensive reform, at least 8 in 10 voters in each district report they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports comprehensive reform with around 1 in 10 more likely to vote for a candidate who opposes comprehensive reform. Among voters who are undecided on the Congressional ballot, more than 8 in 10 say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports comprehensive reform. In these 3 swing districts, support for comprehensive immigration reform does not hurt a candidate and may even help him.

For several years our polling has indicated that for many voters, the issue of illegal immigration boils down to a question of how tax dollars are collected and spent. Roughly 9 in 10 voters in each district agree that comprehensive immigration reform would help taxpayers by making illegal immigrants pay taxes (more than 6 in 10 *strongly* agree). The proposal is seen as a balanced approach that is fair to all - with 8 in 10 in each district saying the proposal is fair to taxpayers and fair to illegal immigrants. The majority disagrees with the idea that it would take away jobs from Americans. More voters in each district declare that it doesn't amount to amnesty than say it is amnesty, with many of those who support comprehensive reform calling it amnesty, indicating that the amnesty label is not that threatening.

When we asked voters what to do with the 12 million illegal immigrants in the country assuming enforcement is increased, more than 6 in 10 voters in each district maintained that they should be required to register, meeting conditions, and apply for citizenship, while about 1 in 10 said they should be allowed to stay temporarily, and around 2 in 10 said they must leave the country. When given the choice between a comprehensive approach and one that secures the border, ends benefits, and forces illegal immigrants to leave the country, more than 6 in 10 in each district prefer a comprehensive approach.



*Requiring* all immigrants to register and meet requirements including working, paying taxes, and learning English to apply for citizenship appeals to nearly **all** voters (more than 8 in 10 voters in each district support it). The requirement is an important component of immigration reform. Simply “allowing” illegal immigrants to register and meet conditions to apply for citizenship is not as strong an argument as compelling illegal immigrants to register. The requirement is key to getting the enthusiastic support. In each district there is an advantage to requiring illegal immigrants to register over allowing them to register (difference in strong support: ID-1 21%, AL-2 29%, and CA-3 8%).

The national Democratic brand is not that helpful in these swing districts. ID-1 and AL-2 voters preferred McCain by 26% in 2008, and voters in these two districts prefer what they believe to be the Congressional Republican approach to immigration reform over the Democratic approach or President Obama’s approach. However, they overwhelmingly support comprehensive reform, so it may be that they are unclear or misunderstand the parties’ positions on immigration. Given this, members of Congress in these two districts would be better served by not linking themselves with the Democratic Party, but rather being in support of comprehensive reform as a commonsense bipartisan solution. In CA-3, the parties in Congress are tied and Obama has a 5% advantage, so the dynamics are a little more Democratic leaning.

### **Relationship with the Economy**

The economy is by far the top issue, with few citing immigration as one of their top concerns unaided. However, voters perceive a relationship between the economy and immigration reform. In a choice between the argument that the economy is in trouble and the President and Congress should focus on improving it and the claim that the economic crisis makes it more crucial than ever that we solve our immigration issues, the majority of voters in all districts prefer the argument that the economy makes addressing immigration more urgent.

To most, illegal immigration is a fight over taxes. The majority of voters in all 3 districts are most concerned about illegal immigrants using taxpayer services without paying taxes (as opposed to they broke the law, don’t speak English, or take jobs away from Americans). By more than 2 to 1 in each district, voters say we would be better off if those in the country illegally became taxpayers than if they left the country because they are taking away jobs Americans need. So, for many voters the issue of illegal immigration is largely about taxes – both how they are spent on services and the benefit that can come from increasing the legal tax base.

### **Timing of Reform**

While immigration is not one of the top issues voters are most concerned with (the economy is the clear top issue), more than 8 in 10 in each district consider illegal immigration a serious problem (in fact, the majority in each consider it a *very* serious problem), and they would like Congress to pass a solution to the issue.

More than two thirds of voters in each district say they would like immigration reform to take place this year. Voters undecided on the next Congressional election are also largely supportive of Congress passing immigration reform this year. Support for reform this year rises even further to more than 83% in ID-1 and AL-2 and 72% in CA-3 after we give voters messages in support of action.

A clear majority of voters in each district favors the idea that Congress can handle multiple issues at the same time and should tackle immigration reform this year over the notion that Congress has too much on its plate this year with the economy and health care reform and should wait and tackle immigration reform later. A Member of Congress who argues that we can address immigration reform and deal with the economy at the same time has an advantage over a Member who contends that before we address immigration reform, we have to deal with the economy so immigration reform may have to wait until next year or longer (ID-1 47% net advantage for simultaneously, AL-2 44%, and CA-3 35%).

The message testing indicates that addressing the unfairness of the current system for taxpayers, honest businesses, and American workers is the most effective approach for rallying people to support reform.

The most effective messages had a common pro-economy theme – that reform will help honest businesses by stopping unscrupulous companies from undercutting them and paying workers off the books and that reform will increase tax revenue. Despite support for cracking down on businesses, this pro-growth fairness argument is more effective than one that focuses on punishing unscrupulous employers.

A majority of voters in each district support increasing the number of temporary visas for companies unable to fill jobs, but a larger majority favors a commission that would oversee the visa program and take our economic needs into account when determining visa availability.

## **District Outlooks**

Democrats enjoy key political advantages in all 3 of these districts. Both Democrats lead on the ballots (both generic and versus potential opponents) and enjoy positive job approval ratings, while the Republican is weaker with a smaller ballot advantage and negative job approval ratings.

In Idaho's 1<sup>st</sup> District, Minnick has a 17% advantage over a generic Republican candidate, with 49% for Minnick and 32% supporting the Republican candidate. Minnick is leading by 25% among Independents and even receives 24% of the Republican vote. When Minnick is tested against two potential Republican challengers, he has a lead of over 20% in both cases (24% lead over Vaughn Ward and 27% advantage over Bill Sali) and receives over 50% of the vote when voters who lean toward a candidate are factored in. Minnick's job approval is 20% net positive, with 54% rating his performance as excellent or good and 34% calling it fair or poor. He has a net positive job rating from voters in all parties - +33% among Democrats, +23% among Independents, and +8% among Republicans. While most voters look favorably upon Rep. Minnick, they are less positive toward President Obama's job performance – 44% rate it as excellent or good and 54% say he is doing a fair or poor job.

In Alabama's 2<sup>nd</sup> District, because of the support of Independents and Republicans, Bright enjoys a 25% lead over a generic Republican candidate (he leads by 85% among Democrats, 28% among Independents, and receives 31% of the Republican vote). 54% of likely voters prefer Bright, while 29% support the Republican candidate, and 17% are undecided. Against Martha Roby, Bright has a 34% lead. He receives 56% (60% when voters who lean toward a candidate are factored in), Roby receives 22% and 22% are undecided. Among Republicans, Roby only leads by 2%, with 38% for Roby and 36% for Bright. Bright's job approval is net positive among all parties - +40% for Democrats, +8% for Independents, and +14% for Republicans. Overall, 55% rate his job performance as excellent or good, and 36% as fair or poor – net positive by 19%. Voters' opinions about President Obama's job approval are reversed – 40% rate it excellent or good and 58% say it is fair or poor.

In California's 3<sup>rd</sup> District, the majority of voters rate President Obama's job performance positively and Congressman Lungren's performance negatively, they prefer Obama's position on immigration reform, and Lungren receives less than 50% of the vote in each case we tested it. 44% of voters are inclined to re-elect Lungren, while 35% prefer a Democratic candidate, and 21% are undecided. Among Independents, the Democratic candidate has a 2% advantage. Lungren never gets over 50% of the vote, even with leaners, in the 3 matchups we tested (he receives 48% in all of them when voters who are undecided but lean toward a candidate are factored in). He leads by 9% against Durston, 13% against Davis, and 15% versus Bera. While voters are 6% net positive on President Obama's job performance, they are 15% net *negative* about Lungren's job. 35% of voters rate Lungren's performance as excellent or good, while 50% rate it fair or poor. Lungren is handicapped by 35% of registered Republicans giving him fair or poor marks (48% of Independents and 69% of registered Democrats are negative).

## REFORM BALLOTS

### “Comprehensive Immigration” Reform (No Description)

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose Congress passing comprehensive immigration reform?							
Q21	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+43</b>	<b>+48</b>	<b>+44</b>	<b>+51</b>	<b>+50</b>	<b>+49</b>	<b>+43</b>
Total Support	64	65	65	67	64	67	61
Strongly support	31	36	37	39	36	38	36
Somewhat support	33	29	29	28	28	29	24
Total Oppose	21	17	21	16	14	18	18
Somewhat oppose	10	7	9	8	4	7	7
Strongly oppose	10	10	13	8	10	11	10
Don't know	16	17	13	17	22	15	22

### Comprehensive Immigration Reform – with Details

One version of immigration reform that people have discussed would take a comprehensive approach. It would secure the border, crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and require illegal immigrants to register for legal immigration status, pay back taxes, and learn English in order to be eligible for U.S. citizenship.							
Q26	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+72</b>	<b>+76</b>	<b>+75</b>	<b>+67</b>	<b>+76</b>	<b>+71</b>	<b>+74</b>
Total Support	86	88	87	83	88	84	87
Strongly support	58	54	64	50	47	64	54
Somewhat support	28	33	23	33	41	20	33
Total Oppose	14	12	12	16	12	13	13
Somewhat oppose	6	5	4	6	6	4	5
Strongly oppose	7	7	8	10	6	9	8
Don't know	1	0	1	1	0	3	0

## Comprehensive Reform – Candidate Support

In the next election for Congress, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports or opposes comprehensive immigration reform as just described? Is that much more likely to vote for that candidate or somewhat more likely?						
Q33	All			Undec		
	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+77</b>	<b>+71</b>	<b>+68</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+72</b>	<b>+73</b>
Total More Likely – Support	85	83	80	86	82	83
Much more likely to vote for candidate who <b>SUPPORTS</b> comprehensive reform	39	46	43	38	46	43
Somewhat more likely to vote for candidate who <b>SUPPORTS</b> comprehensive reform	46	37	38	48	36	40
Total More Likely - Oppose	8	12	12	7	10	10
Much more likely to vote for candidate who <b>OPPOSES</b> comprehensive reform	5	7	7	5	6	7
Somewhat more likely to vote for candidate who <b>OPPOSES</b> comprehensive reform	5	5	5	5	4	3
No difference	3	3	3	3	4	1
Don't know	3	3	5	2	3	6

## Act Now, Don't Wait – Initially

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose Congress tackling immigration reform this year and not waiting until later?							
Q40	US	All			Undec		
		ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>+56</b>	<b>+57</b>	<b>+37</b>	<b>+57</b>	<b>+66</b>	<b>+32</b>
Total Support	72	77	78	68	78	82	66
Strongly support	42	47	56	44	46	60	46
Somewhat support	29	30	22	24	32	21	20
Total Oppose	27	21	21	31	21	16	34
Somewhat oppose	16	15	11	18	15	12	22
Strongly oppose	11	6	10	14	6	4	12
Don't know	2	2	1	1	1	3	0

## Act Now, Don't Wait after Pro Reform Messages

Given what you just heard, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose Congress tackling immigration reform this year and not waiting until later?							
Q49	US	All			Undec		
		ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+58</b>	<b>+66</b>	<b>+68</b>	<b>+46</b>	<b>+64</b>	<b>+77</b>	<b>+47</b>
Total Support	79	83	83	72	82	87	72
Strongly support	49	52	61	46	51	64	47
Somewhat support	30	31	23	26	31	23	25
Total Oppose	21	17	15	26	18	10	25
Somewhat oppose	11	9	8	13	12	8	12
Strongly oppose	9	8	8	13	6	2	13
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
<i>Margin from Initial</i>	<i>+13</i>	<i>+10</i>	<i>+11</i>	<i>+9</i>	<i>+7</i>	<i>+11</i>	<i>+15</i>

# CONGRESSIONAL BALLOTS

## Generic Re-Elect – Idaho CD1

Suppose next year's election for the House of Representatives was held today, would you vote to re-elect Democratic Congressman Walt Minnick, or would you vote for the Republican candidate? [IF UNDECIDED] Well, which one do you lean toward at this time?

Q7	All	Party ID			Gender		Age	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+17</b>	<b>+92</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+22</b>
Total Walt Minnick	49	94	48	24	44	54	45	53
Democrat Walt Minnick	41	83	37	20	36	45	37	44
Lean Democrat Walt Minnick	8	11	11	4	8	9	8	9
Total Republican Candidate	32	2	23	60	34	30	32	31
Republican candidate	25	0	18	50	27	24	25	25
Lean Republican candidate	6	2	5	10	7	5	7	6
Don't know	19	4	29	16	22	16	23	16

## Generic Re-Elect – Alabama CD2

Suppose next year's election for the House of Representatives was held today, would you vote to re-elect Democratic Congressman Bobby Bright, or would you vote for the Republican candidate? [IF UNDECIDED] Well, which one do you lean toward at this time?

Q7	All	Party ID			Gender		Age	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>+85</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+29</b>
Total Bobby Bright	54	88	51	31	53	54	53	55
Democrat Bobby Bright	47	83	44	24	46	48	47	48
Lean Democrat Bobby Bright	7	5	7	7	7	7	6	7
Total Republican Candidate	29	3	23	54	33	26	33	26
Republican candidate	24	1	19	44	26	22	26	21
Lean Republican candidate	6	2	4	10	7	4	6	5
Don't know	17	9	25	15	14	19	15	20

## Generic Re-Elect – California CD3

Suppose next year's election for the House of Representatives was held today, would you vote to re-elect Republican Congressman Dan Lungren, or would you vote for the Democratic candidate? [IF UNDECIDED] Well, which one do you lean toward at this time?

Q7	All	Party Reg			Gender		Age	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+71</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>+8</b>
Total Dan Lungren	44	10	35	78	47	42	44	44
Republican Dan Lungren	38	9	29	68	42	35	37	40
Lean Republican Dan Lungren	6	1	6	10	5	6	7	4
Total Democratic Candidate	35	66	37	7	34	36	33	36
Democratic candidate	31	60	32	4	28	33	31	31
Lean Democratic candidate	4	5	6	2	6	2	2	6
Don't know	21	24	27	15	19	23	23	19

### Minnick vs. Ward Ballot – Idaho CD1

If next year's election for the House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?									
Q8a, 8b	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+89</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+25</b>
Democrat Walt Minnick	49	29	92	44	27	46	51	47	50
Republican Vaughn Ward	25	13	3	17	47	27	22	24	25
Don't know	27	58	5	39	26	27	27	29	25
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+17</b>	<b>+92</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>+25</b>
Minnick w/leaners	52	35	95	49	29	50	54	51	53
Ward w/leaners	29	18	3	20	55	32	26	29	28
Don't know	20	47	2	31	16	18	21	20	19

### Minnick vs. Ward Ballot – Idaho CD1

If next year's election for the House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?									
Q9a, 9b	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+91</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+35</b>
Democrat Walt Minnick	58	49	94	59	34	52	62	50	64
Republican Bill Sali	31	26	3	26	55	34	28	34	29
Don't know	11	25	4	15	11	13	10	15	8
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>+91</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+33</b>
Minnick w/leaners	58	51	94	60	34	53	62	51	64
Sali w/leaners	34	29	3	27	60	37	31	37	31
Don't know	8	20	4	13	6	10	7	11	6

### Bright vs. Roby Ballot – Alabama CD2

If next year's election for the House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?									
Q8a, 8b	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+86</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+30</b>	<b>+37</b>	<b>+30</b>	<b>+38</b>
Democrat Bobby Bright	56	36	89	52	36	55	57	53	59
Republican Martha Roby	22	16	3	19	38	25	20	23	21
Don't know	22	48	8	29	26	20	23	24	20
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>+89</b>	<b>+37</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>+39</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>+40</b>
Bright w/leaners	60	42	92	58	39	59	62	58	63
Roby w/leaners	26	21	3	21	46	30	23	29	23
Don't know	14	36	5	21	14	11	16	13	15

### Durston vs. Lungren Ballot – California CD3

If next year's election for the House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?									
Q8a, 8b	All	Undec	Party Reg			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+53</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-7</b>
Democrat Bill Durston	36	26	67	36	9	36	36	34	38
Republican Dan Lungren	45	29	14	35	78	48	43	46	45
Don't know	19	45	19	29	13	16	21	20	18
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+54</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-71</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-6</b>
Durston w/leaners	38	28	68	42	10	37	39	36	40
Lungren w/leaners	48	33	14	41	81	51	45	50	46
Don't know	14	39	18	18	9	12	16	14	14

### Davis vs. Lungren Ballot – California CD3

If next year's election for the House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?									
Q9a, 9b	All	Undec	Party Reg			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+49</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-12</b>
Democrat Gary Davis	33	22	64	35	6	32	34	32	34
Republican Dan Lungren	46	24	15	34	80	47	45	47	46
Don't know	21	54	21	31	15	20	21	21	20
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+51</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-11</b>
Davis w/leaners	35	23	67	39	6	35	36	34	36
Lungren w/leaners	48	28	16	40	81	50	47	49	47
Don't know	16	49	17	22	13	15	17	16	16

### Bera vs. Lungren Ballot – California CD3

If next year's election for the House of Representatives were held today, and the candidates were... for whom would you vote?									
Q10a, 10b	All	Undec	Party Reg			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-14</b>
Democrat Amerish Bera	31	14	58	30	7	31	30	30	31
Republican Dan Lungren	46	27	13	36	80	48	44	47	45
Don't know	23	59	29	34	13	21	25	23	23
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>+47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-11</b>
Bera w/leaners	34	19	62	36	8	33	34	32	35
Lungren w/leaners	48	30	15	36	82	49	46	49	46
Don't know	19	51	23	29	10	18	19	19	18

## JOB APPROVAL

### Obama Job Approval – Comparison

How would you rate the job Barack Obama is doing as President?			
Q12	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>+6</b>
Total Exc/Good	44	40	52
Excellent	18	18	24
Good	26	22	28
Total Fair/Poor	54	58	46
Fair	23	29	26
Poor	30	28	20
Don't know	2	2	1

### Incumbent Job Approval – Comparison

How would you rate the job... is doing as Congressman?			
Q12	ID CD1 (Minnick)	AL CD2 (Bright)	CA CD3 (Lungren)
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>-15</b>
Total Exc/Good	54	55	35
Excellent	8	13	5
Good	46	41	30
Total Fair/Poor	34	36	50
Fair	27	30	33
Poor	7	5	18
Don't know	12	10	15

### Obama Job Approval – Idaho CD1

How would you rate the job Barack Obama is doing as President?									
Q12	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>+92</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-59</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-12</b>
Total Exc/Good	44	35	96	39	19	37	50	46	43
Excellent	18	11	53	13	2	12	23	16	19
Good	26	24	42	26	17	24	28	30	23
Total Fair/Poor	54	61	4	59	78	61	48	53	55
Fair	23	33	3	27	32	24	23	24	23
Poor	30	28	1	32	46	37	25	29	32
Don't know	2	4	0	2	3	2	2	1	3

### Obama Job Approval – Alabama CD2

How would you rate the job Barack Obama is doing as President?									
Q12	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>+71</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-22</b>
Total Exc/Good	40	25	85	33	14	37	43	43	38
Excellent	18	7	52	10	0	15	20	21	15
Good	22	18	33	23	13	22	22	22	23
Total Fair/Poor	58	72	14	65	83	62	54	55	60
Fair	29	41	12	39	34	30	29	28	31
Poor	28	31	2	26	49	32	25	28	29
Don't know	2	3	1	2	3	1	3	2	2

### Obama Job Approval – California CD3

How would you rate the job Barack Obama is doing as President?									
Q12	All	Undec	Party Reg			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+60</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+4</b>
Total Exc/Good	52	55	80	51	29	49	55	53	52
Excellent	24	24	47	22	6	22	27	19	29
Good	28	31	33	29	23	27	28	34	22
Total Fair/Poor	46	43	20	47	69	50	44	45	48
Fair	26	24	17	32	32	26	26	29	24
Poor	20	19	4	16	37	24	17	16	24
Don't know	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	1

### Minnick Job Approval – Idaho CD1

How would you rate the job Walt Minnick is doing as Congressman?									
Q11	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+25</b>
Total Exc/Good	54	45	64	55	46	53	54	49	57
Excellent	8	1	14	5	8	8	8	6	9
Good	46	43	50	50	38	45	46	43	48
Total Fair/Poor	34	37	31	32	38	37	32	37	32
Fair	27	28	29	25	29	28	27	31	24
Poor	7	8	2	7	9	8	5	6	8
Don't know	12	19	5	13	16	10	14	14	11

### Bright Job Approval – Alabama CD2

How would you rate the job Bobby Bright is doing as Congressman?									
Q11	All	Undec	Party ID			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+40</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+29</b>
Total Exc/Good	55	43	68	48	51	53	56	52	58
Excellent	13	3	24	9	9	11	15	11	15
Good	41	39	44	39	42	42	41	40	43
Total Fair/Poor	36	37	28	40	37	39	33	42	29
Fair	30	31	24	35	31	32	29	37	23
Poor	5	6	4	5	6	7	4	4	6
Don't know	10	20	4	12	12	9	11	7	13

### Lungren Job Approval – California CD3

How would you rate the job Dan Lungren is doing as Congressman?									
Q11	All	Undec	Party Reg			Gender		Age	
			Dem	Ind	Rep	M	F	<50	50+
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-23</b>
Total Exc/Good	35	19	18	25	55	32	38	39	32
Excellent	5	2	2	2	9	3	7	2	8
Good	30	17	16	23	46	29	31	36	24
Total Fair/Poor	50	55	69	48	35	52	49	45	55
Fair	33	36	38	32	28	34	32	33	32
Poor	18	19	31	16	7	18	17	12	23
Don't know	15	26	13	26	10	16	14	16	13

# POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

## Nation Direction

In general, do you think that things in the **nation** are heading in the right direction or are they headed off on the wrong track?

Q5	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>+3</b>
Right Direction	51	37	33	42	30	21	46
Wrong track	42	55	59	48	61	70	43
Don't know	7	8	8	10	8	10	11

## Most Important Issue

What two or three issues or problems would you say are the most important things that the President and Congress should focus on?

Q6 Ranked by US	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Economy	66	67	66	66	68	65	67
Health Care	33	28	30	29	28	30	27
Iraq	19	13	12	14	11	11	11
Education	18	9	9	10	10	7	13
Budget	12	10	7	11	11	7	15
Defense/Security	11	11	11	7	16	12	4
Immigration	7	8	7	7	10	3	10
Government Reform	7	8	5	5	8	7	5
Taxes	7	6	4	6	5	4	5
International	6	5	7	9	5	5	6
Energy	4	4	5	3	2	4	0
Seniors	4	5	3	3	5	1	5
Values	4	3	4	5	2	6	5
Environment	4	3	1	4	1	1	5
Crime	3	4	3	3	3	3	5
Abortion	3	6	6	2	6	9	1
Housing	3	2	2	5	1	1	6
Transportation	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4	3	3	2	2	3	2
Don't know	1	3	4	2	1	5	3

## STATE OF THE ECONOMY AND ITS FUTURE

### U.S. Economy

Do you think the United States economy is just having a few problems, is in a recession, or is in a depression?							
Q13	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Just having a few problems	10	7	9	7	6	8	7
In a recession	66	63	64	66	67	61	62
In a depression	22	27	25	25	24	26	29
None/other	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Don't know	1	1	3	2	2	4	2

### Place in Economy

Which of the following is closest to how you feel about <b>your place in the economy?</b>							
Q14	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
You are <b>getting ahead</b>	9	6	9	9	5	6	10
You are staying about the <b>same</b>	56	58	65	51	59	66	40
You are <b>falling behind</b>	35	36	26	40	36	28	50
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### American Economy

Do you think America's economy is getting:							
Q15	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Better	26	25	25	22	24	21	25
Worse	43	47	47	51	46	52	50
Not changing	29	27	27	26	29	27	25
Don't know	2	1	1	1	1	1	0

# ATTITUDES TOWARD THE ISSUE OF IMMIGRATION

## Point of View – Democrats vs. Republicans in Congress

Whose approach to immigration reform more closely <b>reflects your point of view</b> ?							
Q16 Split A	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>+2</b>
The <b>Democrats</b> in Congress	42	27	30	31	22	13	24
The <b>Republicans</b> in Congress	35	43	43	31	47	58	22
Both equally	2	1	2	2	3	1	5
Neither	9	13	8	17	13	17	22
Don't know	12	15	16	19	15	11	27

## Point of View – Obama vs. Republicans in Congress

Whose approach to immigration reform more closely <b>reflects your point of view</b> ?							
Q17 Split B	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>+2</b>
President <b>Obama</b>	45	32	29	37	22	17	27
The <b>Republicans</b> in Congress	34	44	46	32	49	53	25
Both equally	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Neither	7	7	7	9	12	7	11
Don't know	13	16	17	22	17	23	35

## View of Illegal Immigration

In your view, is illegal immigration a very serious problem facing this country, a somewhat serious problem, a little serious, or not at all a serious problem?							
Q18	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+62</b>	<b>+77</b>	<b>+73</b>	<b>+71</b>	<b>+82</b>	<b>+77</b>	<b>+75</b>
Total Serious Problem	81	88	86	85	91	88	87
Very serious	46	57	60	51	58	61	56
Somewhat serious	35	31	26	34	33	27	31
Total Not Serious Problem	19	11	13	14	9	11	12
A little serious	12	8	7	9	6	8	9
Not at all serious	6	3	6	6	3	3	3
Don't know	0	1	1	1	0	1	1

## Illegal Immigration – Biggest Concern

Which of the following is most concerning about illegal immigration?							
Q20	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Illegal immigrants <b>take jobs</b> away from Americans and depress wages.	17	10	17	7	10	16	8
Illegal immigrants use <b>taxpayer services</b> and don't pay taxes.	49	58	52	54	62	47	56
Illegal immigrants <b>don't speak English</b> and don't assimilate into our culture.	8	6	6	9	6	8	8
Illegal immigrants <b>broke the law</b> by entering the country illegally.	20	19	21	21	15	24	19
Don't know	6	7	5	9	6	5	9

# IMMIGRATION REFORM

## What to Do with 12 Million who Remain

Most Members of Congress agree that to deal with the problem of illegal immigration, we need to make our borders secure, crack down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants, and deport illegal immigrants who commit crimes. In addition to these steps, what should be done about the 12 million illegal immigrants **who will remain in the country**:

Q19	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
They <b>must leave</b> the country.	20	22	27	20	23	30	22
They should be legally allowed to <b>stay on a temporary basis</b> but not allowed to become U.S. citizens.	10	10	8	12	11	11	15
They should be <b>required to register</b> , meet certain conditions, and eventually be allowed to apply for citizenship.	68	65	62	63	63	55	58
Don't know	2	3	2	4	4	3	5

## Comprehensive Reform vs. Secure the Border/Stop Benefits/Force to Leave

Now I'd like to read you a pair of statements about the issue of immigration reform. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views. Which is closer to your view? Is that much closer or somewhat closer?

**A:** We need a comprehensive approach that secures the border, cracks down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and requires all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet requirements to become legal, including working, paying taxes and learning English.

**B:** We need to secure our border, stop giving taxpayer funded benefits to illegal immigrants, and make sure that those who broke our laws by entering this country illegally are forced to leave.

Q37	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+36</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+29</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>+31</b>
Total Statement A	67	65	63	63	64	60	63
Much closer	39	37	38	36	37	34	36
Somewhat closer	29	27	25	27	27	26	27
Total Statement B	31	34	35	34	33	36	32
Much closer	21	23	22	23	22	23	20
Somewhat closer	10	10	12	11	11	13	12
Don't know	1	2	2	3	2	3	5

## Elements of Immigration Reform – Total Support/Total Oppose

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose this type of immigration reform?							
Q22-25 Ranked by Strongly Supp	%Total Support/% Total Oppose						
	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Requiring</b> all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes and learning English to apply for citizenship.	93/7	90/8	91/8	85/13	92/8	88/9	84/16
<b>Increasing security</b> on the U.S. - Mexico border.	88/11	89/11	92/6	86/13	91/8	91/5	85/14
<b>Cracking down on employers</b> who hire illegal immigrants.	85/14	89/9	83/15	84/15	92/8	79/17	85/15
<b>Allowing</b> illegal immigrants who register and meet certain requirements, including working, paying taxes and learning English to apply for citizenship.	87/13	84/15	84/15	86/14	79/20	83/17	87/13

## Elements of Immigration Reform – Strongly Support

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose this type of immigration reform?							
Q22-25 Ranked by Strongly Supp	% Strongly Support						
	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Requiring</b> all illegal immigrants to register with the government and meet certain requirements including working, paying taxes and learning English to apply for citizenship.	74	75	81	69	78	75	64
<b>Increasing security</b> on the U.S. - Mexico border.	66	65	80	63	65	79	62
<b>Cracking down on employers</b> who hire illegal immigrants.	64	67	68	60	69	63	61
<b>Allowing</b> illegal immigrants who register and meet certain requirements, including working, paying taxes and learning English to apply for citizenship.	58	54	52	61	56	45	60

## Comprehensive Immigration Reform – Effects (Total Agree/Total Disagree)

One version of immigration reform that people have discussed would take a comprehensive approach. It would secure the border, crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and require illegal immigrants to register for legal immigration status, pay back taxes, and learn English in order to be eligible for U.S. citizenship.

Do you agree or disagree that this proposal...? Is that strongly or somewhat?

Q27-32 Ranked by Strongly Supp	%Total Agree/% Total Disagree						
	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Would <b>help taxpayers</b> by making illegal immigrants pay taxes.	91/8	89/9	91/7	87/11	88/10	87/10	91/9
Would be <b>fair to taxpayers</b> .	81/17	82/14	82/13	81/17	84/12	78/15	81/18
Would <b>reduce illegal hiring</b> and exploitation.	80/17	83/13	84/12	77/19	83/13	81/14	75/21
Would be <b>fair to illegal immigrants</b> .	79/17	83/13	81/13	79/16	84/13	79/15	86/13
Would <b>take away</b> American <b>jobs</b> .	38/61	37/58	46/52	30/68	37/60	47/51	29/70
Amounts to <b>amnesty</b> for illegal immigrants.	48/45	40/50	44/47	43/49	39/52	39/51	41/47

## Comprehensive Immigration Reform – Effects (Strongly Agree)

One version of immigration reform that people have discussed would take a comprehensive approach. It would secure the border, crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and require illegal immigrants to register for legal immigration status, pay back taxes, and learn English in order to be eligible for U.S. citizenship.

Do you agree or disagree that this proposal...? Is that strongly or somewhat?

Q27-32 Ranked by Strongly Supp	% Strongly Agree						
	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Would <b>help taxpayers</b> by making illegal immigrants pay taxes.	64	63	71	61	57	66	58
Would be <b>fair to taxpayers</b> .	49	44	53	44	38	53	44
Would <b>reduce illegal hiring</b> and exploitation.	47	41	51	44	32	46	40
Would be <b>fair to illegal immigrants</b> .	45	51	52	47	47	50	49
Would <b>take away</b> American <b>jobs</b> .	18	15	27	15	17	25	13
Amounts to <b>amnesty</b> for illegal immigrants.	17	15	18	17	15	19	17

## TIMING OF REFORM

### Member of Congress – Economy then Immigration

Would you be much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, much less favorable toward a Member of Congress who said that **before we address immigration reform we have to deal with the economy**, so reform of illegal immigration may have to wait until next year or longer?

Q34 Split A	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>+32</b>
Total More Favorable	62	58	60	61	51	52	63
Much more favorable	31	23	28	25	23	18	30
Somewhat more favorable	32	36	32	36	28	34	33
Total Less Favorable	34	39	37	33	44	44	31
Somewhat less favorable	15	19	18	13	20	20	15
Much less favorable	19	20	19	19	23	21	16
No difference	1	3	1	4	5	0	4
Don't know	2	0	3	3	0	6	2

### Member of Congress – Economy and Immigration

Would you be much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, somewhat less favorable, much less favorable toward a Member of Congress who said that we can **address immigration reform and deal with the economy at the same time**, so reform of illegal immigration should be addressed this year?

Q35 Split B	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+53</b>	<b>+66</b>	<b>+67</b>	<b>+63</b>	<b>+69</b>	<b>+72</b>	<b>+72</b>
Total More Favorable	75	80	82	79	81	84	85
Much more favorable	37	40	49	35	38	45	44
Somewhat more favorable	38	41	33	45	43	39	40
Total Less Favorable	22	14	15	16	12	12	13
Somewhat less favorable	13	7	10	11	6	11	8
Much less favorable	8	7	5	5	6	1	5
No difference	2	3	1	4	5	2	2
Don't know	1	3	1	2	2	2	0

## Congress and Immigration Reform – Wait vs. Take On This Year

Which is closer to your view of Congress:							
Q36	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
With the economy and health care reform already on Congress' plate for this year, they should <b>wait</b> and tackle immigration reform later.	39	33	27	39	29	25	38
Congress can handle multiple issues at the same time. They should tackle immigration reform <b>this year</b> .	59	64	70	59	68	70	60
Don't know	1	3	3	2	3	5	2

## Immigration in this Economy

Which is closer to how you think about the issue of immigration and this economy?							
Q38	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
We would be better off if people who are in the United States illegally left the country because they are <b>taking away jobs</b> that Americans need.	26	28	31	23	29	29	24
We would be better off if people who are in the United States illegally <b>became legal taxpayers</b> so they pay their fair share.	71	68	65	73	65	62	71
Both	1	1	2	1	2	3	0
Neither	2	2	1	2	4	3	3
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

## Focus – Economy Solely vs. Economic Crisis Makes Immigration Reform More Crucial

Now I'd like to read you a pair of statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views. Which is closer to your view? Is that much closer or somewhat closer?

**B:** The **economic crisis we are currently in makes it more crucial** than ever that we solve our immigration problems. We must pass a comprehensive approach that secures the border, cracks down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants, and requires all illegal immigrants to register with the government, undergo background checks, and pay back taxes to earn legal immigration status. They would have to meet additional conditions in order to become citizens including learning English and continuing to work and pay taxes. If we do this, we will ensure that all Americans get higher wages and move 12 million illegal immigrants out of the shadows and onto the tax rolls.

**A:** With the economic situation in this country so bad right now, this just **isn't the time to worry about fixing immigration**. The world economy is in turmoil, and the President and Congress need to focus on getting things back on track before more Americans lose their jobs or their homes.

Q39	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+1</b>
Total Statement B	57	61	62	53	60	62	47
Much closer	35	32	37	32	27	37	29
Somewhat closer	22	29	25	21	33	25	17
Total Statement A	39	34	35	42	35	31	46
Much closer	21	16	22	26	16	16	28
Somewhat closer	18	18	13	16	20	15	19
Don't know	4	6	4	6	5	6	7

## PRO REFORM THIS YEAR MESSAGES

### *Text of Positive Messages – in order of effectiveness*

#### **Undercut Honest Employers**

Currently, law-abiding employers are undercut by bad-actor competitors who underpay workers without papers and pay them off the books in order to win business. Under immigration reform, all workers will be legal and unscrupulous employers who try to gain an advantage by violating immigration, labor and tax laws will be penalized severely, creating a level playing field for honest employers and all workers.

#### **Fix Economy/Restore Fairness**

Fixing our immigration system is a critical component of fixing our economy. It will increase tax payments, restore fairness to the system when all workers and employers are on the books, and level the playing field for all.

#### **Fewer Contributions to Social Security**

Every moment we wait means lost tax revenue and fewer contributions to the already near bankrupt Medicare and Social Security trust funds. It is estimated that over the next 50 years new, legal immigrants entering the U.S. would add 407 billion dollars to the Social Security system.

#### **Broken System - Guidelines**

The immigration system is broken, and we must fix it now before even more illegal immigrants enter the country. We cannot afford to wait any longer for immigration reform that secures the border, cracks down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and requires all illegal immigrants to register and meet certain requirements to become legal and be eligible to apply for citizenship, including working, paying taxes and learning English.

#### **New Revenue**

The Congressional Budget office estimated that bringing the existing undocumented workforce into the system would add 66 billion dollars in new revenue over ten years, as more employers and more workers pay their fair share in taxes.

#### **Broken System**

The broken immigration system is a symbol of how Washington has been avoiding tough problems for too long. With a new President, it's time to turn the page on partisan gridlock and get things done.

#### **Improve Economy**

When immigrants become legal workers, they earn more and improve the economic health of the U.S. A study after immigration reform in the 1980s found that the hourly wage of newly legal workers increased 15 percent within five years. With higher salaries, immigrants buy more goods and services and pay more taxes, creating jobs and reducing the deficit.

#### **Crack Down on Employers**

Immigration reform will crack down on bad actor employers who exploit workers and undermine the wages of all. It will reverse the race to the bottom of the economic scale, increase the bargaining power of all workers, and lift wages for American and immigrant workers alike.

## Messages – Much More Likely

Does this make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, much less likely to support Congress tackling immigration reform this year?							
Q41-48	% Much More Likely						
	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Undercut Honest Employers	49	42	52	38	42	49	48
Fix Economy/Restore Fairness	45	37	42	34	37	33	45
Fewer Contributions to Social Security	43	40	46	38	40	37	43
Broken System - Guidelines	43	36	48	31	36	41	37
New Revenue	38	32	45	36	32	37	30
Broken System	35	35	47	41	31	49	37
Improve Economy	34	30	37	31	25	33	22
Crack Down on Employers	27	23	36	26	20	40	20

## Messages – Total More Likely/Total Less Likely

Does this make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, much less likely to support Congress tackling immigration reform this year?							
Q41-48	% Total More Likely/% Total Less Likely						
	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
Undercut Honest Employers	83/15	83/16	87/11	75/23	83/16	87/11	80/16
New Revenue	79/19	77/19	81/14	76/21	79/18	77/14	72/25
Fix Economy/Restore Fairness	78/20	76/20	80/17	72/27	76/20	76/21	76/22
Improve Economy	76/21	77/21	76/19	72/26	79/17	74/19	69/30
Fewer Contributions to Social Security	76/21	73/22	78/19	73/25	73/22	73/22	78/19
Broken System - Guidelines	75/23	76/22	84/15	70/27	76/22	75/21	74/26
Broken System	73/24	76/20	78/18	77/20	73/22	75/19	75/24
Crack Down on Employers	70/26	69/29	74/21	66/29	71/27	74/21	59/38

## Ballot after Pro Reform Messages

Given what you just heard, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose Congress tackling immigration reform this year and not waiting until later?							
Q49	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+58</b>	<b>+66</b>	<b>+68</b>	<b>+46</b>	<b>+64</b>	<b>+77</b>	<b>+47</b>
Total Support	79	83	83	72	82	87	72
Strongly support	49	52	61	46	51	64	47
Somewhat support	30	31	23	26	31	23	25
Total Oppose	21	17	15	26	18	10	25
Somewhat oppose	11	9	8	13	12	8	12
Strongly oppose	9	8	8	13	6	2	13
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
<i>Margin from Initial</i>	<i>+13</i>	<i>+10</i>	<i>+11</i>	<i>+9</i>	<i>+7</i>	<i>+11</i>	<i>+15</i>

# VISAS

## Increase Visas

Some have said that our legal immigration system is broken, and we don't have a reasonable way of bringing in foreign workers when we need them. They propose increasing the number of temporary visas for workers when companies are unable to find Americans to fill available jobs. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose increasing the number of temporary worker visas when companies cannot find American workers to take the jobs?

Q50	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+19</b>
Total Support	54	57	52	58	54	53	58
Strongly support	21	25	19	27	22	20	27
Somewhat support	33	32	32	31	32	33	30
Total Oppose	45	42	45	40	44	40	39
Somewhat oppose	16	14	15	16	16	10	17
Strongly oppose	28	28	31	24	28	30	22
Don't know	1	2	3	2	2	7	4

## Commission

Some have said that our legal immigration system is broken, and we don't have a realistic way to determine actual labor market needs and regulate the number of foreign workers we accept accordingly. They propose establishing a commission to oversee work visa programs and ensure that the number of foreign workers is related to the economic needs of our nation. The commission would determine the number of visas to be given out each year based on actual labor market needs, unemployment patterns, and changing economic and demographic trends. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose establishing a commission to oversee the visa program?

Q51	All				Undec		
	US	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3	ID CD1	AL CD2	CA CD3
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+38</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+32</b>	<b>+26</b>	<b>+19</b>
Total Support	68	66	64	62	66	61	59
Strongly support	31	22	30	26	21	28	22
Somewhat support	36	44	34	36	45	32	36
Total Oppose	30	32	33	35	34	35	40
Somewhat oppose	13	12	14	13	12	13	15
Strongly oppose	17	20	19	22	22	23	25
Don't know	2	2	3	3	1	4	1