



## America's Voice Election Eve Survey

Findings from a Survey of 1220 Likely 2012  
General Election Voters Nationwide

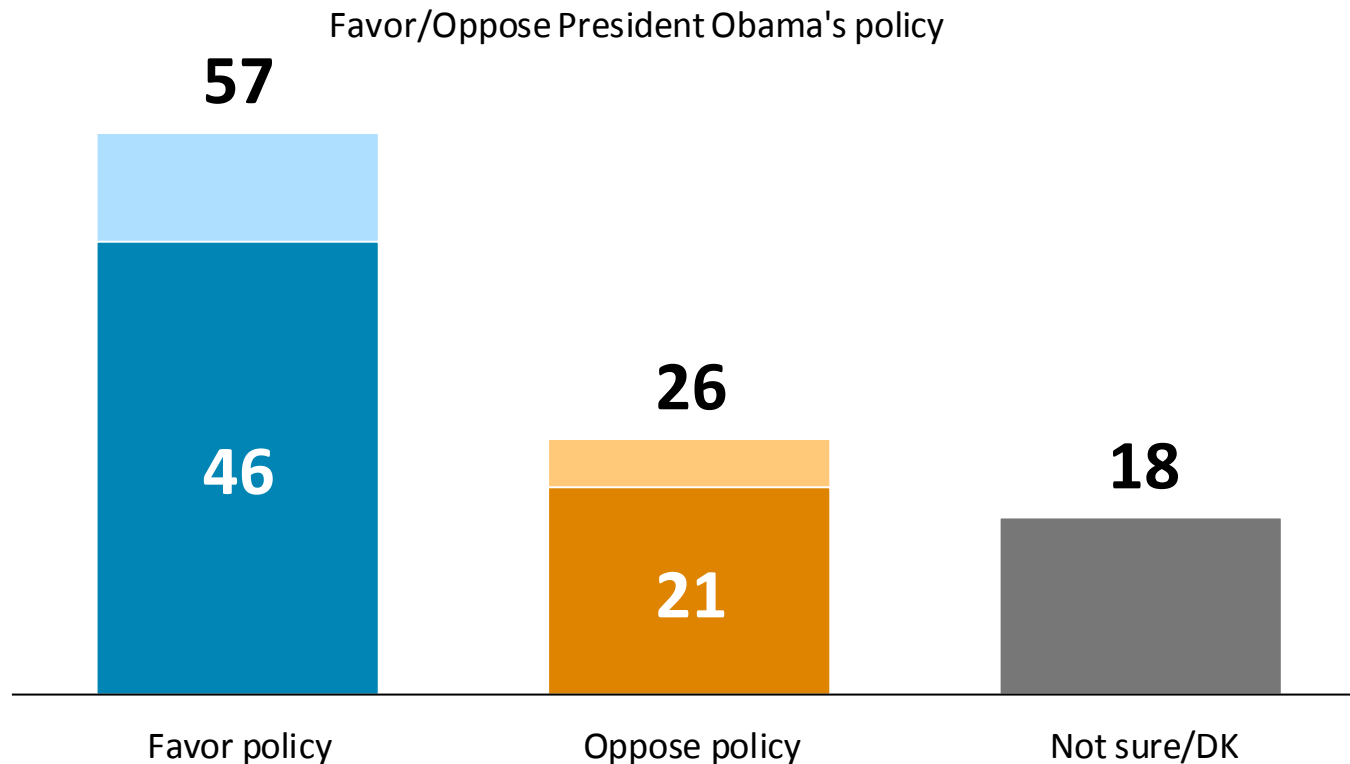
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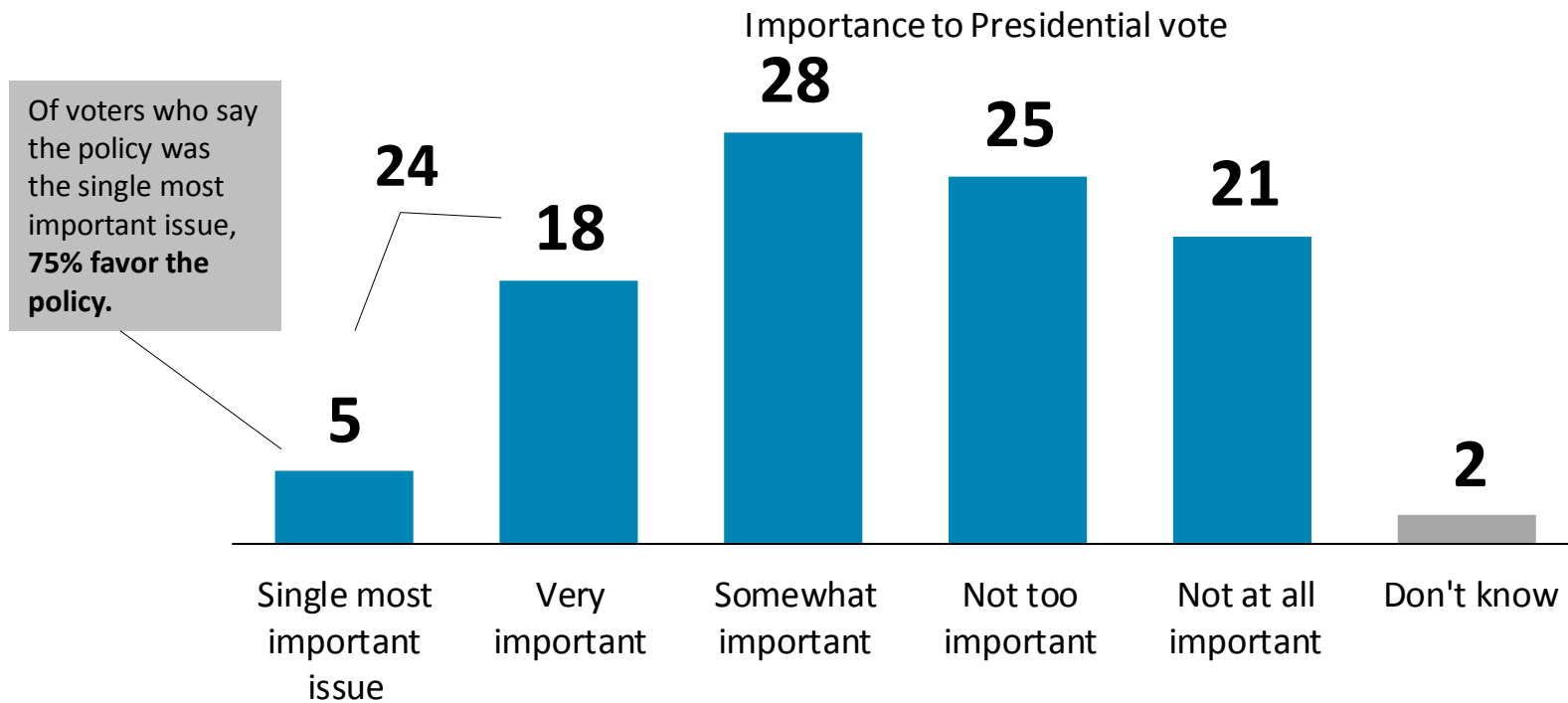
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# Voters support President Obama's decision to stop deporting young immigrants by more than 2 to 1.



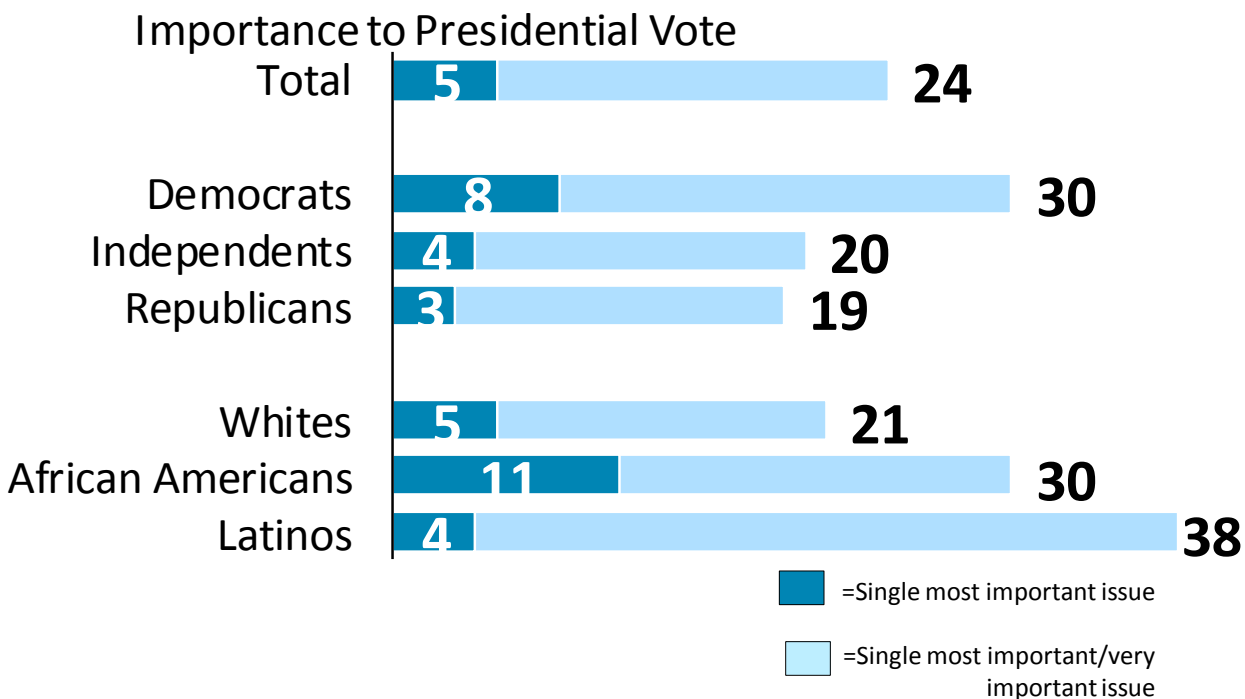
Earlier this year, President Obama announced that the U.S. government would stop deporting immigrant youth who came to this country as children but are not legal residents. To qualify, these young immigrants must pass a background check and be in school, or the military, or have a high school diploma. Do you favor or oppose this policy or are you not sure?  
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Almost a quarter of voters say Obama's policy was either a very important or the single most important issue to their voting decision for President this year. The issue of immigration in general was the most important issue to 4% of voters.



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Obama's policy mobilizes Latinos, African Americans, and Democrats while the policy is less important to the presidential vote of Republicans, Independents, and white voters.



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Latinos, Democratic and black women, older voters, and those who live in New England are most likely to say Obama's policy was either the single most important or very important issue to their voting decision. Of voters who oppose the policy, only 5% say it was the single most important issue determining their vote.

**Most likely to say Obama's policy was a very important or the single most important issue to vote**

Latinos – 38%

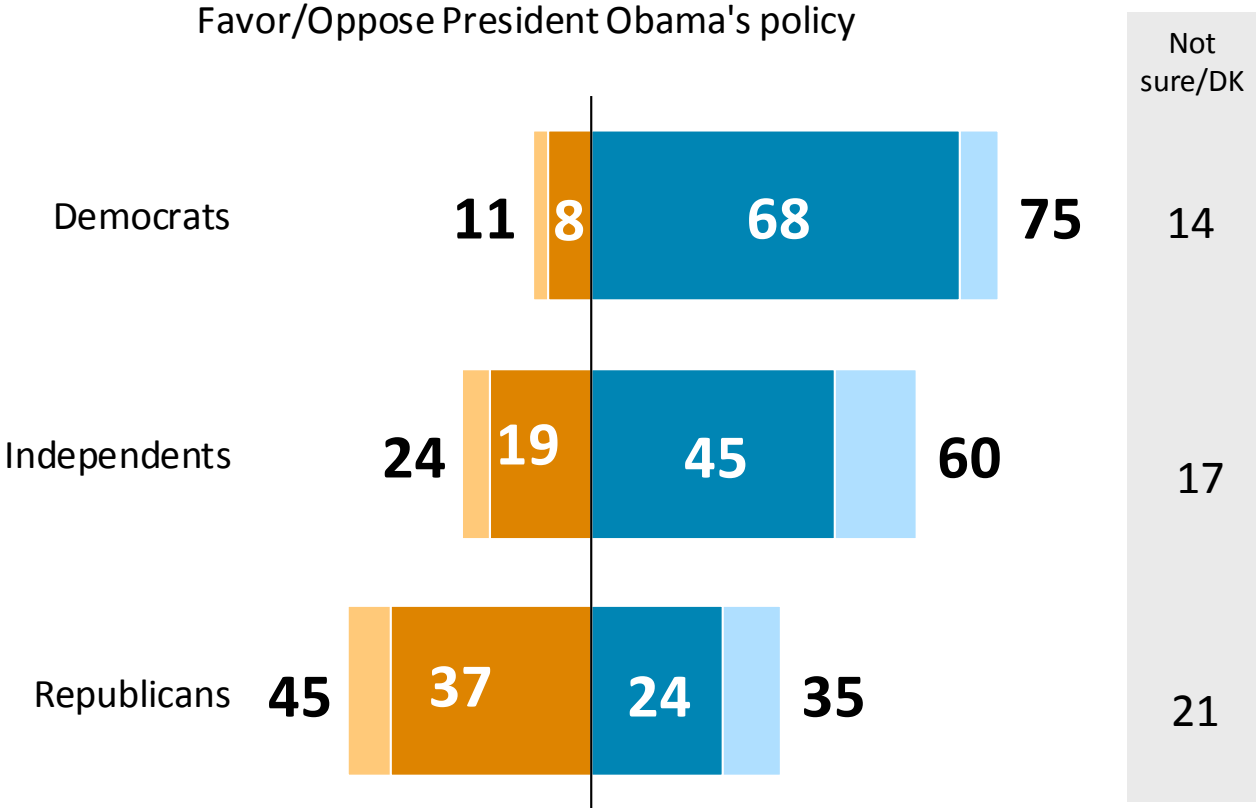
Democratic women – 32%

Age 70-74 – 32%

Black women – 31%

New England – 31%

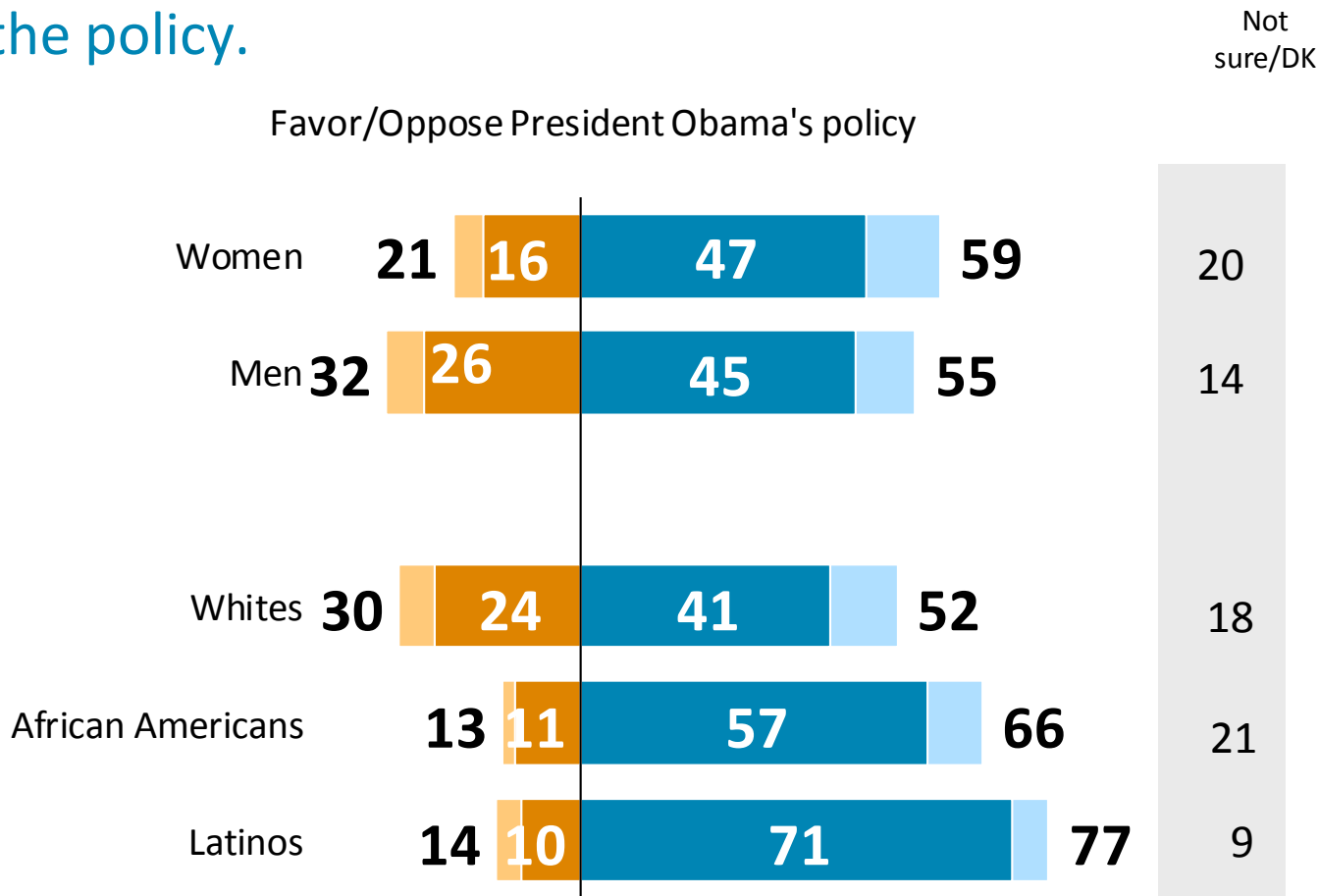
# Support for Obama's policy cuts across party lines, with strong majorities of Democrats and Republicans in favor and over a third of Republicans who also support the decision.



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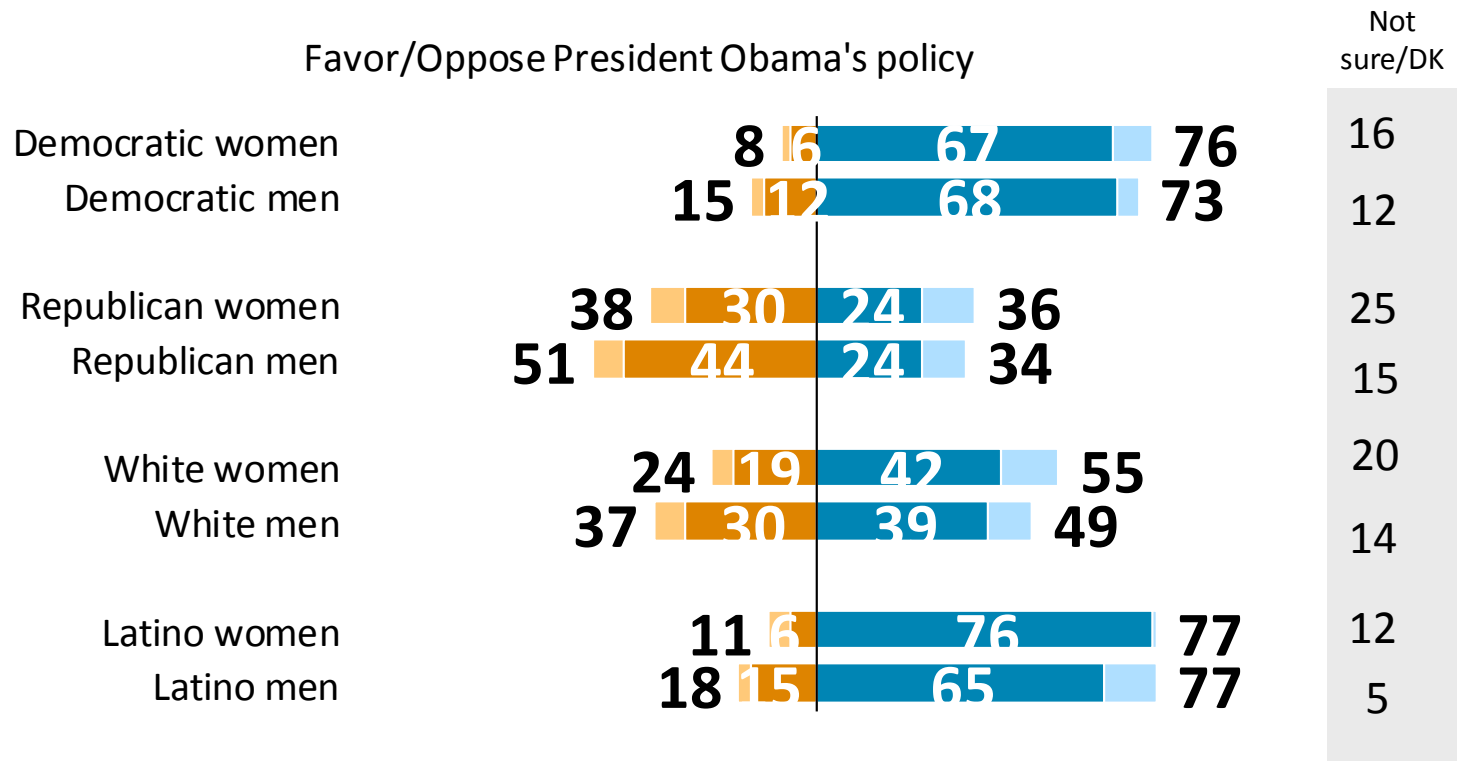
A slight gender gap exists with women being more likely to favor Obama's policy. Unsurprisingly, more than three-quarters of Latinos favor this policy, but a majority of white voters favor the decision as well, including 41% who strongly favor the policy.



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The gender gap is actually driven by Republicans, as a majority of Republican men oppose Obama's policy compared to 38% of Republican women. White women are also slightly more favorable toward the policy compared to white men, while for Latinos, women drive the intensity of support.



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