

## Determinants of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in Virginia

Questionnaire # \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for answering some questions for us. This is a voluntary survey. This survey is being conducted as part of a research study and all answers will be kept confidential. You can skip any question or end the interview at any time.

People hold many different views about immigration policy. Thinking first about illegal or undocumented immigrants:

Do you favor or oppose permitting all immigrant children to attend public schools, regardless of immigration status?

[probe: includes children who are undocumented]

Favor ..... 1  
Oppose ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you favor or oppose providing in-state tuition rates at public colleges to undocumented immigrants who graduate from high schools in Virginia?

Favor ..... 1  
Oppose ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you favor or oppose the creation of government-sponsored hiring centers for day laborers, which may include undocumented immigrants?

Favor ..... 1  
Oppose ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you favor or oppose requiring local police to check the immigration status of people they encounter during routine activities, such as traffic violations?

Favor ..... 1  
Oppose ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

There are some groups of people known as "Minutemen" who look for undocumented immigrants along the Mexican border and in communities in order to report them to the authorities. Do you approve or disapprove of what these groups are doing?

Approve ..... 1  
Disapprove ..... 2  
Haven't heard anything about them .... 3  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Should UNDOCUMENTED immigrants already living in Virginia be required to go home, or should they be granted some kind of legal status that allows them to stay here?

Required to go home .... 1  
Allowed to stay ..... 2  
Depends ..... 3  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Should it be possible for some undocumented immigrants to remain in the U.S. under a temporary worker program under the condition that they would eventually go home, or not?

Some could stay .... 1  
Don't think so ..... 2  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Should they be allowed to stay only as temporary workers who must eventually return to their home countries, or should it be possible for them to earn a legitimate pathway toward legalization?

All must return home eventually ..... 1  
Possible for them to stay permanently .... 2  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Thinking now about ALL immigrants living in the U.S., that is, people from other countries who come to settle in America either legally or illegally, how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Immigrants improve American society by bringing in new ideas and cultures. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?

Agree strongly ..... 1  
Agree somewhat ..... 2  
Neither Agree nor Disagree .... 3  
Disagree somewhat ..... 4  
Disagree strongly ..... 5  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Our government spends too much money assisting immigrants.

[Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?]

Agree strongly ..... 1  
Agree somewhat ..... 2  
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Immigrants drain social services.

[Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?]

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Refuse ..... 9

Immigrants raise the amount of delinquency and violence in our communities.

[Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?]

Agree strongly ..... 1  
Agree somewhat ..... 2  
Neither Agree nor Disagree .... 3  
Disagree somewhat ..... 4  
Disagree strongly ..... 5  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Non-English speaking immigrants learn English quickly when they get here.

[probe: thinking about adults]

[Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?]

- Agree strongly ..... 1
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- Disagree somewhat ..... 4
- Disagree strongly ..... 5
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Immigrants keep to themselves and don't try to fit in.

[Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?]

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People have different opinions about changes in their communities. Would you agree or disagree that having immigrants as neighbors hurts property values?

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Now, thinking specifically about LEGAL immigrants, would you agree or disagree that immigration:

Hurts American customs and way of life.

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Would you agree or disagree that LEGAL immigration takes jobs way from American workers?

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Refuse .....	9

Would you agree or disagree that LEGAL immigration increases the danger of terrorism?

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Neither Agree nor Disagree ....	3
Disagree somewhat .....	4
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Refuse .....	9

Would you agree or disagree that LEGAL immigration contributes to crime?

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- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Do you agree or disagree that LEGAL immigrant workers in the labor market tend to lower the wages and salaries of American workers?

- Agree strongly ..... 1
- Agree somewhat ..... 2
- Neither Agree nor Disagree .... 3
- Disagree somewhat ..... 4
- Disagree strongly ..... 5
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Thinking about ILLEGAL or UNDOCUMENTED immigrants, would you agree or disagree that UNDOCUMENTED immigration:

Hurts American customs and way of life?

[Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly?]

- Agree strongly ..... 1
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Some people say that the following things are important for being truly American, and others disagree.

How important do you think it is to have ancestors born in the United States? Is it very important, fairly important, not very important or not important at all?

- Very important ..... 1
- Fairly important ..... 2
- Not very important ..... 3
- Not important at all ..... 4
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

To be truly American, how important is it to get ahead through your own efforts?

[Is it very important, fairly important, not very important or not important at all?]

- Very important ..... 1
- Fairly important ..... 2
- Not very important ..... 3
- Not important at all ..... 4
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Generally speaking, how do you feel about the number of LEGAL immigrants now living in the United States? Are there too many, about right, or not enough?

- Too many ..... 1
- About right ..... 2
- Not enough ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

What about the number of illegal immigrants?

[Are there too many, about right or not enough?]

- Too many ..... 1
- About right ..... 2
- Not enough ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

How often do you find yourself worried about the presence of immigrants in the United States? Would you say often, sometimes, not very often, or never?

[Probe: thinking about ALL immigrants]

- Often ..... 1
- Sometimes ..... 2
- Not very often ..... 3
- Never ..... 4
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Thinking of the streets immediately around your house or apartment, what part of the housing units would you say are occupied by immigrants? Would you say very few, not many, quite a few, a lot, or most?

[verify percentage as listed with responses]

Very few (less than 10 percent) ..... 1  
Not many (less than 25 percent) ..... 2  
Quite a few (between 25 and 50 percent) .... 3  
A lot (between 50 and 75 percent) ..... 4  
Most (75 percent or more) ..... 5  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

How many immigrants would you say shop or eat at the stores and restaurants you visit? Would you say many, some, few or none?

Many ..... 1  
Some ..... 2  
Few ..... 3  
None ..... 4  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

How many immigrants would you say work at the places where you shop and eat? Would you say many, some, few or none?

Many ..... 1  
Some ..... 2  
Few ..... 3

None ..... 4  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

How many immigrants would you say attend your church service or community facilities, like parks and community centers? Is it many, some, few or none?

Many ..... 1  
Some ..... 2  
Few ..... 3  
None ..... 4  
Not applicable .... 7  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do people in your neighborhood commonly employ immigrants as babysitters or to help with house or yard work?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you consider yourself to be strongly liberal, somewhat liberal, neither liberal nor conservative, somewhat conservative, or strongly conservative?

Strongly liberal ..... 1  
Somewhat liberal ..... 2  
Neither liberal nor conservative ... 3  
Somewhat conservative ..... 4  
Strongly conservative ..... 5  
Don't know ..... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

The next few questions are for statistical purposes only.

Are you registered to vote?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2  
Not eligible ... 3  
Don't know ... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you usually vote in major elections?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2  
Don't know ... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you consider yourself to be non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, or American Indian?

- Non-Hispanic white ..... 1
- Non-Hispanic black ..... 2
- Hispanic or Latino ..... 3
- Asian or Pacific Islander ... 4
- American Indian ..... 5
- More than one ..... 6
- Something else ..... 7
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Did you immigrate to the United States from another country?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- Refuse ... 9

Did any of your parents, spouse, or spouse's parents immigrate to the U.S. from another country?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- Don't know ... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

What is your primary employment status? Are you employed full-time, employed part-time, retired, a homemaker, a student, in the military or are you looking for work?

- Employed full-time ..... 1
- Employed part-time ... 2
- Retired ..... 3
- Homemaker ..... 4
- Student ..... 5

Military .....	6
Looking for work .....	7
Other .....	8
Refuse .....	9

Do you (did you) work in one of these industries?

[Read list]

Agriculture, fishing or farming .....	1
Mining .....	2
Construction .....	3
Manufacturing .....	4
Professional, scientific or technical .....	5
Education .....	6
Health care and social services .....	7
Something else .....	8
Not applicable .....	9
Refuse .....	10

Could you tell me what industry that is?

[please use lower case only]

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What is the highest year of school you completed? Was it less than high school, high school grad, some college, two-year or vocational degree, 4-year college degree, or graduate or professional degree?

Less than high school .....	1
High school graduate .....	2
Some college or vocational school .....	3
Two year college or vocational degree .....	4
4 year college degree .....	5
Some graduate or professional school .....	6
Graduate or professional degree .....	7
Other .....	8
Don't know .....	9
Refuse .....	10

What is your occupation?

[please use lower case only]

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Are you self-employed?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Do you own a business?

Yes ..... 1  
No ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8  
Refuse ..... 9

Last year, would you say your total household income was more or less than \$75,000?

More ..... 1  
Less ..... 2  
Don't know .... 8

Was it less than \$25,000, \$25,000 to \$50,000, or \$50,000 to \$75,000?

- Less than \$25,000 ..... 1
- \$25,000 to \$50,000 ..... 2
- \$50,000 to \$75,000 ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 8
- Refuse ..... 9

Was it \$75,000 to \$100,000, \$100,000 to \$150,000, or more than \$150,000?

- \$75,000 to \$100,000 ..... 1
- \$100,000 to \$150,000 ..... 2
- More than \$150,000 ..... 3
- Refuse ..... 8
- Don't know ..... 9

What year were you born?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. If you have any questions you can contact the Center for Social Science Research at 703-993-2993. Have a nice day/evening.

[If you are interested in the results of this survey, they will be posted to our website this Fall at [www.cssr.gmu.edu](http://www.cssr.gmu.edu)]

Code respondent's sex:

- Male ..... 1
- Female ..... 2
- Not sure ..... 3

