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**STOP TAKING THE KIDS, 66 PERCENT OF U.S. VOTERS SAY,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
SUPPORT FOR DREAMERS IS 79 PERCENT**

American voters oppose 66 – 27 percent the policy of separating children and parents when families illegally cross the border into America, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Republican voters support the separation policy 55 – 35 percent, the only listed party, gender, education, age or racial group to support it, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds.

American voters also support 79 – 15 percent allowing immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children, so-called “Dreamers,” to remain and ultimately to apply for citizenship.

All listed groups support Dreamers, ranging from 61 – 28 percent among Republicans to 94 – 5 percent among Democrats.

Support for Dreamers has ranged from 77 percent to 81 percent in every Quinnipiac University National Poll conducted this year.

American voters oppose 58 – 39 percent building a wall along the border with Mexico. The only listed groups to support the wall are Republicans 77 – 17 percent and white voters with no college degree 52 – 44 percent.

The Trump Administration has been too aggressive in deporting illegal immigrants, 50 percent of voters say, as 13 percent say the administration has not been aggressive enough and 33 percent say the administration has been acting appropriately.

“When does public opinion become a demand that politicians just can’t ignore? Two-thirds of American voters oppose the family separation policy at our borders,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Neither quotes from the Bible nor get-tough talk can soften the images of crying children nor reverse the pain so many Americans feel.”

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“And if you are a Dreamer, voters say, ‘We have your back,’” Malloy added.

Illegal immigrants currently living in the U.S. should be allowed to stay and eventually apply for citizenship, 67 percent of American voters say.

Another 8 percent say they should be allowed to stay, but not become citizens, and 19 percent say they should be forced to leave.

Among Republicans, 48 percent say illegal immigrants should be allowed to stay and apply for citizenship, while 9 percent say they should be allowed to stay, but not become citizens, and 36 percent say they should be forced to leave. All other listed groups support by wide margins a path to citizenship.

Legal immigration to the U.S. should be increased, 30 percent of American voters say, as 17 percent say it should be decreased and 49 percent say it should be kept the same.

From June 14 – 17, Quinnipiac University surveyed 905 voters nationwide, with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points, including design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Texas as a public service and for research.

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20. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Support	39%	77%	9%	35%	41%	36%	37%	52%			
Oppose	58	17	91	62	55	60	58	44			
DK/NA	4	6	1	3	4	3	5	4			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Support	22%	42%	42%	44%	46%	43%	44%	13%	30%		
Oppose	73	55	54	53	50	53	51	87	66		
DK/NA	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	-	4		

TREND: Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Jun 18, 2018	39	58	4
Apr 11, 2018	40	57	3
Feb 06, 2018	37	59	4
Jan 11, 2018	34	63	3
Dec 13, 2017	36	62	2
Sep 28, 2017	37	60	3
May 11, 2017	33	64	3
Apr 20, 2017	33	64	3
Apr 05, 2017	33	64	3
Feb 23, 2017	37	60	3

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22. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently living in the United States? A) They should be allowed to stay in the United States and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship. B) They should be allowed to remain in the United States, but not be allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship. C) They should be required to leave the U.S.

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No
A) Stay/Citizenship	67%	48%	88%	65%	61%	73%	69%	59%		
B) Stay/Not citizen	8	9	4	10	10	6	8	6		
C) Not stay	19	36	6	19	24	15	17	27		
DK/NA	6	7	3	6	6	6	5	7		

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A) Stay/Citizenship	80%	65%	65%	64%	56%	72%	64%	88%	69%
B) Stay/Not citizen	3	7	8	11	9	6	7	5	11
C) Not stay	13	24	21	18	28	17	23	7	14
DK/NA	4	4	6	7	7	5	6	-	7

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	Stay/ Citizen	Sty/Not Citizen	Not Stay	DK/NA
Jun 18, 2018	67	8	19	6
Sep 28, 2017	68	9	19	4
Aug 16, 2017	63	10	22	4
Mar 08, 2017	63	11	23	4
Jan 12, 2017	59	9	25	6
Nov 23, 2016	60	12	25	4
Aug 03, 2015	55	9	32	4
Nov 25, 2014	48	11	35	6
Nov 13, 2013	57	12	26	4
Jul 12, 2013	54	12	28	6

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23. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Support	79%	61%	94%	80%	75%	82%	84%	69%
Oppose	15	28	5	15	20	11	13	20
DK/NA	6	11	1	5	6	6	4	10

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	89%	75%	78%	78%	75%	78%	76%	91%	86%
Oppose	8	20	17	15	19	15	17	7	12
DK/NA	4	6	5	8	6	8	7	2	2

TREND: Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

	Sup	Opp	DK/NA
Jun 18, 2018	79	15	6
Apr 11, 2018	77	18	5
Feb 20, 2018	80	16	4
Feb 06, 2018	81	14	5

24. In your opinion, has the Trump administration been too aggressive in deporting immigrants who are here illegally, not aggressive enough, or has the Trump administration been acting appropriately when it comes to deporting immigrants who are here illegally?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Too aggressive	50%	10%	86%	51%	44%	55%	54%	34%
Not aggr enough	13	25	4	11	17	8	9	20
Acting appropriately	33	62	9	32	35	31	32	41
DK/NA	4	3	1	5	3	5	6	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Too aggressive	59%	50%	47%	45%	40%	47%	44%	76%	67%
Not aggr enough	7	17	11	15	19	10	14	-	9
Acting appropriately	31	29	39	33	37	36	37	24	23
DK/NA	2	4	3	6	4	6	5	-	1

TREND: In your opinion, has the Trump administration been too aggressive in deporting immigrants who are here illegally, not aggressive enough, or has the Trump administration been acting appropriately when it comes to deporting immigrants who are here illegally?

	Too Aggrsv	Not Enough	Acting Apprtly	DK/NA
Jun 18, 2018	50	13	33	4
Feb 06, 2018	44	11	37	8
Apr 20, 2017	47	11	37	5
Mar 08, 2017	49	9	38	5

25. As you may know, some families seeking asylum from their home country cross the U.S. border illegally and then request asylum. In an attempt to discourage this, the Trump administration has been prosecuting the parents immediately, which means separating parents from their children. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No
							Yes	No		
Support	27%	55%	7%	24%	32%	22%	26%	37%		
Oppose	66	35	91	68	61	70	68	52		
DK/NA	8	11	2	8	7	9	6	12		

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	16%	29%	30%	30%	38%	25%	31%	12%	14%
Oppose	80	61	65	60	55	65	60	88	80
DK/NA	5	10	5	10	8	10	9	-	6

26. Do you think that legal immigration to the United States should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same as it is now?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No
							Yes	No		
Increased	30%	16%	41%	30%	30%	29%	35%	18%		
Decreased	17	28	8	16	14	19	9	24		
Same	49	52	47	49	52	47	50	53		
DK/NA	4	4	3	5	4	4	6	5		

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Increased	35%	30%	27%	27%	25%	27%	26%	45%	35%
Decreased	12	19	18	17	15	19	17	17	16
Same	51	48	52	48	54	49	51	38	49
DK/NA	2	3	4	7	6	5	5	-	-

TREND: Do you think that legal immigration to the United States should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same as it is now?

	Incr	Decr	Same	DK/NA
Jun 18, 2018	30	17	49	4
Feb 06, 2018	24	17	54	6