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**SUPPORT RISES FOR GIVING MOST UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS A  
PATHWAY TO LEGAL STATUS VS. DEPORTATIONS,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
MORE THAN 9 IN 10 VOTERS SAY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE IN  
THE U.S. IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM**

Nearly two-thirds of voters (64 percent) say they prefer giving most undocumented immigrants in the United States a pathway to legal status, while 31 percent say they prefer deporting most undocumented immigrants in the United States, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

This is a change from roughly six months ago. In Quinnipiac University's December 18, 2024 poll, 55 percent of voters said they preferred giving most undocumented immigrants a pathway to legal status and 36 percent said they preferred deporting most undocumented immigrants in the United States.

In today's poll, 31 percent of Republicans say they prefer giving most undocumented immigrants in the U.S. a pathway to legal status, while 61 percent say they prefer deporting them.

Among Democrats, 89 percent say they prefer giving most undocumented immigrants in the U.S. a pathway to legal status, while 8 percent say they prefer deporting them.

Among independents, 71 percent say they prefer giving most undocumented immigrants in the U.S. a pathway to legal status, while 24 percent say they prefer deporting them.

**ICE**

Voters 56 – 39 percent disapprove of the way U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, is doing its job.

Republicans (77 – 17 percent) approve of the way ICE is doing its job, while Democrats (89 – 9 percent) and independents (64 – 32 percent) disapprove of the way ICE is doing its job.

“Keep a path open for undocumented immigrants to stay in the U.S. legally, say voters, who are unhappy with the way deportations are being handled,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

**LOS ANGELES PROTESTS**

Voters 55 – 43 percent disapprove of President Trump's decision to send National Guard troops to respond to protests in Los Angeles.

Voters 60 – 37 percent disapprove of President Trump’s decision to send U.S. Marines to respond to protests in Los Angeles.

### **TRUMP JOB APPROVAL**

Forty-one percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 54 percent disapprove. This compares to Quinnipiac University’s June 11 poll when 38 percent approved and 54 percent disapproved.

In today’s poll, Republicans (87 – 9 percent) approve, while Democrats (92 – 6 percent) and independents (64 – 31 percent) disapprove.

Voters were asked about Trump’s handling of seven issues...

- the military: 45 percent approve, while 49 percent disapprove, with 6 percent not offering an opinion;
- immigration issues: 41 percent approve, while 57 percent disapprove, with 2 percent not offering an opinion;
- foreign policy: 40 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove, with 5 percent not offering an opinion;
- the Israel – Iran war: 39 percent approve, while 53 percent disapprove, with 8 percent not offering an opinion;
- the economy: 39 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 6 percent not offering an opinion;
- deportations: 39 percent approve, while 59 percent disapprove, with 3 percent not offering an opinion;
- trade: 38 percent approve, while 55 percent disapprove, with 7 percent not offering an opinion.

### **POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE**

Ninety-one percent of voters think that politically motivated violence in the United States today is either a very serious problem (54 percent) or a somewhat serious problem (37 percent), while 8 percent think it is either a not so serious problem (6 percent) or not a problem at all (2 percent).

“There is broad agreement across party lines that a cloud of potential political violence looms over the country,” added Malloy.

### **MOST URGENT ISSUE**

Given a list of nine issues and asked which is the most urgent one facing the country today, preserving democracy in the United States (24 percent) ranks at the top, followed by the economy (19 percent), immigration (18 percent), and international conflicts (15 percent). No other issue reached double digits.

In Quinnipiac University’s polls on January 29 and March 13, the economy topped the list.

### **DEMOCRACY**

Nearly half of voters (49 percent) think the system of democracy in the United States is not working, while 43 percent say it is working.

Among those voters who think the system of democracy in the United States is not working, 60 percent blame the Republicans, while 15 percent blame the Democrats. Twenty percent volunteered that they blame both the Republicans and the Democrats and 3 percent volunteered that they blame neither party.

A vast majority of voters (73 percent) do not think democracy in the United States will end in their lifetime, while 17 percent think democracy in the United States will end in their lifetime.

“Democracy, the bedrock of the country, will not collapse in the decades to come, say voters from across the political spectrum,” added Malloy.

### **REPUBLICAN TAX & SPENDING BILL**

Seventy-one percent of voters say they have heard or read either a lot (36 percent) or some (35 percent) about the Republican tax and spending bill named One Big Beautiful Bill Act, while 28 percent say they have heard or read either not too much (12 percent) or not much at all (16 percent) about the bill.

Fifty-five percent oppose the bill, while 29 percent support it, with 16 percent not offering an opinion.

This compares to Quinnipiac University’s June 11 poll, when 53 percent of voters opposed the bill, 27 percent supported it, and 20 percent did not offer an opinion.

Voters are split on one of the bill’s measures that would require new qualifications to receive health insurance through Medicaid. The change would require able-bodied adults under 65 years old who are not disabled to prove they are working or volunteering at least 80 hours a month. Forty-seven percent of voters support the measure, while 46 percent oppose it.

979 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from June 22nd – 24th with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	41%	87%	6%	31%	47%	35%
Disapprove	54	9	92	64	47	62
DK/NA	5	3	2	5	6	3

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?  
COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve strongly	33%	74%	6%	21%	38%	28%
Approve smwht	8	13	-	10	9	7
Disapprove smwht	6	4	10	5	5	7
Disapprove strongly	48	5	82	59	41	55
DK/NA	5	3	2	6	6	3

2. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing the country today: the economy, climate change, health care, immigration, abortion, racial inequality, crime, preserving democracy in the United States, or international conflicts?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Economy	19%	24%	13%	23%	22%	16%
Climate change	2	-	5	-	2	2
Health care	5	4	6	3	4	5
Immigration	18	36	7	14	21	15
Abortion	2	3	-	1	1	4
Racial inequality	3	-	4	5	3	3
Crime	5	8	4	4	5	5
Preserving democracy	24	7	41	26	19	28
Intl conflicts	15	13	15	19	15	15
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	5	5	2	3	5	4
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	1	3

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - immigration issues?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	41%	86%	7%	32%	48%	34%
Disapprove	57	12	92	66	48	65
DK/NA	2	3	1	3	4	1

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	82%	7%	30%	45%	33%
Disapprove	56	12	92	63	48	63
DK/NA	6	6	2	6	7	4

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - trade?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	80%	5%	31%	46%	29%
Disapprove	55	15	91	61	48	62
DK/NA	7	5	5	8	6	9

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - deportations?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	81%	5%	32%	45%	33%
Disapprove	59	17	93	66	50	66
DK/NA	3	2	3	2	5	1

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - foreign policy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	85%	7%	31%	47%	34%
Disapprove	54	9	91	63	48	61
DK/NA	5	6	2	6	5	6

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the military?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	45%	91%	8%	38%	51%	39%
Disapprove	49	4	85	57	41	55
DK/NA	6	5	7	5	8	5

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the Israel - Iran war?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	83%	8%	31%	45%	34%
Disapprove	53	11	86	60	45	60
DK/NA	8	6	6	9	10	6

10. Do you support or oppose protests held around the country responding to President Trump's policies?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	62%	26%	89%	70%	57%	65%
Oppose	33	68	8	26	36	31
DK/NA	5	6	3	4	7	4

11. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to send National Guard troops to respond to protests in Los Angeles?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	43%	87%	5%	35%	52%	34%
Disapprove	55	12	92	60	46	63
DK/NA	3	1	4	4	3	3

12. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to send U.S. Marines to respond to protests in Los Angeles?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	37%	78%	4%	30%	45%	30%
Disapprove	60	19	93	67	52	66
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	3	4

13. How much have you heard or read about the Republican tax and spending bill named One Big Beautiful Bill Act; a lot, some, not too much, or not much at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
A lot	36%	31%	42%	36%	36%	36%
Some	35	40	32	36	34	35
Not too much	12	10	11	13	12	13
Not much at all	16	17	14	15	17	16
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1	1

14. Based upon what you have heard or read about the legislation, do you support or oppose the One Big Beautiful Bill Act?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	29%	67%	1%	20%	36%	23%
Oppose	55	17	87	65	50	60
DK/NA	16	16	12	15	14	17

15. As you may know, one of the measures in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act would require new qualifications to receive health insurance through Medicaid. The change would require able-bodied adults under 65 years old who are not disabled to prove they are working or volunteering at least 80 hours a month in order to qualify for Medicaid. Do you support or oppose this measure?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	47%	84%	17%	43%	51%	43%
Oppose	46	12	75	53	41	52
DK/NA	6	4	7	4	8	5

16. If you had to choose, which would you prefer: giving most undocumented immigrants in the United States a pathway to legal status or deporting most undocumented immigrants in the United States?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Giving pathway	64%	31%	89%	71%	57%	70%
Deporting	31	61	8	24	37	24
DK/NA	5	8	3	4	5	5

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, is doing its job?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	77%	9%	32%	48%	32%
Disapprove	56	17	89	64	48	64
DK/NA	4	6	2	3	4	4

18. Do you think the system of democracy in the United States is working, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Working	43%	69%	23%	39%	53%	34%
No	49	22	66	57	41	56
DK/NA	8	9	11	4	6	10

18a. (If no/democracy not working q18) Who do you blame more for the system of democracy not working in the United States: the Republicans or the Democrats?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....		
	DEMOCRACY NOT WORKING Q18		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Republicans	60%	48%	67%
Democrats	15	23	10
BOTH (VOL)	20	19	21
NEITHER (VOL)	3	6	1
DK/NA	2	4	-

19. Do you think democracy in the United States will end in your lifetime, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Will end	17%	8%	24%	18%	12%	21%
No	73	83	66	75	80	67
DK/NA	10	9	10	7	8	12

20. How serious a problem do you think that politically motivated violence is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very serious	54%	51%	56%	56%	49%	58%
Smwht serious	37	42	35	36	38	37
Not so serious	6	5	6	7	10	2
Not a problem at all	2	1	2	2	2	1
DK/NA	1	2	1	-	1	1