

Immigration

A recent [KFF/New York Times 2025 survey of immigrants](#), conducted from August 28th to October 20th, looks at how America's foreign-born voter population — citizens and noncitizens — views the state of immigration enforcement as the Trump administration continues efforts to ramp up detentions and deportations on a mass scale. The partisan identity of immigrant voters is mixed, with one quarter (25%) identifying as Republicans, just over a third (36%) identifying as Democrats, and four in ten saying they are either independent (34%) or don't identify with either major U.S. political party (5%).

Most immigrant voters in the United States, 61 percent, support President Trump's efforts at the southern border. At the same time, fewer immigrant voters approve of the tactics used to carry out raids beyond the border. Large majorities of immigrant voters disapprove of many of President Trump's immigration enforcement actions, including deporting immigrants to countries they are not from (80%), efforts to end birthright citizenship (69%), using federal immigration agents wearing masks or plainclothes during immigration enforcement activities (67%), and increasing efforts to deport more people living in the U.S. illegally (53%).

Four in ten immigrant voters say the U.S. is too tough in enforcing immigration laws, and 59 percent disapprove of how Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is handling its job. While close to half (46%) feel that current immigration enforcement "is necessary," large shares also say they feel "angry" (49%) and "afraid" (39%) about what is happening, and fewer feel "satisfied" (28%) or "proud" (19%).

Two-thirds (64%) of immigrant voters say immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally "strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents," while about a third (35%) say "they are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and health care."

About half (51%) of immigrant voters say immigrants in the U.S. were better off under President Biden, 20 percent say better off under President Trump, and 29 percent say "makes no difference." Almost six in ten (56%) immigrant voters say "the U.S. used to be a great place for immigrants, but that is no longer true," and 42 percent say "the U.S. is a great place for immigrants."

For some insights on Americans' views of immigrants, see a New York Times review of recent polls of the general public on [how Americans feel about immigrants and immigration](#).