

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

20 May 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone May 18-19, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Democrats n=348,  $\pm 5$ ; Republicans n=319,  $\pm 5.5$ ; Independents n=178,  $\pm 7$

Questions 1-8 released separately.

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Eric Holder is doing as attorney general?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	36%	27	37
Democrats	53%	9	38
Republicans	21%	42	36
Independents	34%	35	31

Questions 10-28 released separately.

Moving on...

29. Do you believe individual states should have the right to make their own immigration laws and protect their borders, if they believe the federal government has failed to act, or not?

	Yes, states should have the right	No, not up to states	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	65%	32	3
Democrats	45%	50	5
Republicans	85%	14	1
Independents	65%	33	2

*For reference: Do you think Arizona was right to take action by passing its new immigration law and not waiting any longer for the federal government to act, or do you think securing the border with Mexico is the responsibility of the federal government and Arizona should have waited for the federal government to take action on immigration?*

	Right to take action	Should have waited	(Don't know)
4-5 May 10	61%	27	12

30. In general, do you think immigrants who come to the United States today help the country and make it a better place to live or hurt the country and make it a worse place to live?

	Help	Hurt	(Depends)	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	41%	31	25	4
Democrats	45%	30	21	4
Republicans	36%	38	23	3
Independents	45%	20	32	3
4-5 Apr 06	42%	30	20	8
14-15 Jan 03	38%	33	21	8

31. Do you think the United States should increase or decrease the number of LEGAL immigrants allowed to move to this country?

	Increase	Decrease	(No change)	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	31%	43	17	9
Democrats	37%	37	16	9
Republicans	29%	49	14	7
Independents	27%	41	22	11
11-12 Jul 06	24%	51	17	8

32. Do you think the current level of security at the country's borders is too strict, not strict enough or about right?

	Too strict	Not strict enough	About right	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	2%	76	18	3
Democrats	4%	65	28	3
Republicans	1%	85	13	1
Independents	2%	81	11	5
29-30 Aug 06	4%	77	15	4

33. Which of the following statements comes closest to what you think the country needs to do to solve the illegal immigration problem:

SCALE: 1. We need to completely overhaul the country's immigration laws  
 2. We need to enforce the country's current immigration laws 3. (Don't know)

	Overhaul immigration laws	Enforce current laws	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	34%	61	5
Democrats	43%	51	6
Republicans	22%	73	5
Independents	36%	61	3
5-6 June 07	34%	58	8

34. Do you favor or oppose allowing local and state law enforcement officials to question anyone who they think may be in the country illegally?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	65%	30	5
Democrats	54%	41	5
Republicans	77%	19	5
Independents	62%	31	7

35. Do you favor or oppose requiring people to show documents proving their immigration status if government officials have reasonable cause to ask for them?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	84%	13	2
Democrats	75%	21	3
Republicans	95%	4	1
Independents	82%	15	3

36. Do you favor or oppose allowing local and state police to detain anyone who cannot prove their immigration status?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	76%	19	5
Democrats	69%	27	4
Republicans	85%	9	6
Independents	73%	19	7

37. (Skip if in AZ: n=884, ±3) Would you favor or oppose YOUR state passing an immigration law like Arizona's new law?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	52%	31	18
Democrats	31%	48	20
Republicans	73%	10	17
Independents	55%	33	12

38. Some businesses and organizations are boycotting trips to Arizona or business with Arizona because of the state's new immigration law. Do you support or oppose these types of boycotts?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	23%	66	11
Democrats	34%	53	13
Republicans	10%	81	9
Independents	28%	65	7

39. After publicly questioning the constitutionality of the new Arizona immigration law, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder recently admitted in a House Judiciary Committee hearing that he hadn't read the law. Do you think it is shocking for the attorney general to take a stand about laws he has not read, or is it not a big deal?

	Shocking	Not a big deal	(Don't know)
18-19 May 10	83%	12	5
Democrats	77%	19	4
Republicans	92%	5	3
Independents	81%	13	6

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
18-19 May 10	39%	35	20	3	3
4-5 May 10	41%	37	18	2	2
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4	2
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4	2
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5	3
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3