

PRRI Religion and Politics Tracking Survey
April 2, 2014-January 4, 2015
N=52,741

Q.1 As I read a pair of statements, please say whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard <u>work and talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, <u>housing and health care</u>	Neither/ Both equally (VOL.)	Don't know/ Ref. (VOL.)
Dec 30-Jan 4 ¹	55	36	6	3=100
Dec 23-28 ²	57	35	6	3=100
Dec 17-21	58	36	4	2=100
Dec 10-14	57	36	5	1=100
Dec 3-7	60	31	6	4=100
Nov 25-30 ³	53	39	4	3=100
Nov 19-23	57	35	5	2=100
Nov 12-16	55	35	6	4=100
Nov 5-9	57	35	5	3=100
Oct 29-Nov 2	58	33	6	3=100
Oct 22-26	55	38	5	3=100
Oct 15-19	58	33	7	3=100
Oct 8-12	57	34	6	3=100
Oct 1-5	54	35	7	4=100
Sept 24-28	51	39	7	3=100
Sept 17-21	52	38	7	2=100
Sept 3-7	56	35	7	3=100
Aug 27-31	53	37	7	3=100
Aug 20-24	55	35	5	4=100
Aug 13-17	54	39	5	3=100
Aug 6-10	51	38	7	4=100
Jul 30-Aug 3	52	38	5	5=100
July 23-27	49	42	5	4=100
July 16-20	48	41	7	4=100
July 9-13	52	39	6	3=100
July 1-6 ⁴	55	35	6	4=100

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June 25-30	54	35	6	4=100
June 18-23	53	38	5	3=100
June 11-16	55	37	5	3=100
June 4-9	57	35	6	2=100
May 28-June 1	57	31	7	4=100
May 21-26	57	34	5	3=100
May 14-19	57	34	6	3=100
May 7-12	58	32	6	3=100
April 30-May 5	61	29	7	4=100
April 16-21	54	34	7	4=100
April 9-14	55	37	5	3=100
April 2-7	54	38	5	3=100

Q.2 Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should... **[FORM 1 READ IN ORDER (1-3), FORM 2 READ REVERSE ORDER (3-1)]**

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	Identify and deport them	None of these (VOL.)	Don't know/ Ref. (VOL.)
Dec 30-Jan 4 ⁵	61	17	20	1	1=100
Dec 23-28 ⁶	64	16	18	1	1=100
Dec 17-21	62	19	18	1	1=100
Dec 10-14	62	17	18	1	1=100
Dec 3-7	65	18	15	1	1=100
Nov 25-30 ⁷	59	19	21	*	1=100
Nov 19-23	58	21	19	1	2=100
Nov 12-16	61	15	20	1	2=100
Nov 5-9	59	16	22	1	3=100
Oct 29-Nov 2	64	17	17	1	1=100
Oct 22-26	60	16	21	1	2=100
Oct 15-19	59	16	21	1	2=100
Oct 8-12	59	19	20	1	1=100
Oct 1-5	60	17	20	1	2=100
Sept 24-28	56	18	24	2	2=100
Sept 17-21	60	17	19	1	2=100
Sept 3-7	57	17	23	1	2=100
Aug 27-31	57	19	21	1	3=100
Aug 20-24	58	18	20	2	3=100
Aug 13-17	57	19	21	1	1=100
Aug 6-10	57	19	21	1	2=100
Jul 30-Aug 3	57	19	22	1	1=100

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July 23-27	58	17	22	1	2=100
July 16-20	59	18	20	1	2=100
July 9-13	59	15	23	1	2=100
July 1-6 ⁸	58	18	19	2	4=100
June 25-30	59	18	19	1	2=100
June 18-23	58	18	22	1	2=100
June 11-16	62	18	16	1	2=100
June 4-9	61	16	20	1	2=100
May 28-June 1	63	15	17	2	3=100
May 21-26	61	18	18	1	2=100
May 14-19	62	19	16	1	1=100
May 7-12	64	16	17	1	2=100
April 30-May 5	62	19	16	1	2=100
April 16-21	61	18	17	1	4=100
April 9-14	61	16	21	1	1=100
April 2-7	61	16	20	1	2=100

Q.3 All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Ref. (VOL.)
Dec 30-Jan 4 ⁹	22	30	20	19	9=100
Dec 23-28 ¹⁰	21	35	18	20	6=100
Dec 17-21	29	27	17	22	5=100
Dec 10-14	24	34	21	18	4=100
Dec 3-7	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov 25-30 ¹¹	26	28	21	22	4=100
Nov 19-23	24	33	23	15	5=100
Nov 12-16	21	32	21	16	9=100
Nov 5-9	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct 29-Nov 2	22	31	21	18	8=100
Oct 22-26	27	24	19	23	7=100
Oct 15-19	25	30	18	20	7=100
Oct 8-12	24	29	20	21	5=100
Oct 1-5	24	32	18	17	9=100
Sept 24-28	29	29	14	21	8=100
Sept 17-21	27	29	18	20	6=100
Sept 3-7	22	33	18	19	8=100
Aug 27-31	21	32	20	18	8=100
Aug 20-24	25	26	20	22	6=100
Aug 13-17	26	26	17	25	6=100

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Aug 6-10	28	28	17	20	7=100
Jul 30-Aug 3	26	26	16	24	9=100
July 23-27	24	29	18	21	8=100
July 16-20	24	28	17	22	9=100
July 9-13	24	31	17	19	9=100
July 1-6 ¹²	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 25-30	23	29	18	21	8=100
June 18-23	27	27	17	21	8=100
June 11-16	24	28	18	21	9=100
June 4-9	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 28-June 1	25	27	19	18	11=100
May 21-26	26	25	16	24	8=100
May 14-19	22	26	23	17	12=100
May 7-12	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 30-May 5	26	30	18	17	8=100
April 16-21	26	27	18	20	9=100
April 9-14	30	23	15	26	5=100
April 2-7	27	27	18	22	5=100

Q.4 Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<u>Don't know/Ref. (VOL.)</u>
Dec 30-Jan 4 ¹³	18	34	27	18	4=100
Dec 23-28 ¹⁴	19	36	27	15	3=100
Dec 17-21	23	34	27	14	2=100
Dec 10-14	23	32	26	16	3=100
Dec 3-7	23	33	25	15	3=100
Nov 25-30 ¹⁵	20	36	24	18	2=100
Nov 19-23	22	35	24	15	3=100
Nov 12-16	22	36	24	16	3=100
Nov 5-9	24	33	25	14	4=100
Oct 29-Nov 2	20	31	29	17	3=100
Oct 22-26	23	32	24	17	4=100
Oct 15-19	19	36	26	15	4=100
Oct 8-12	21	33	30	13	3=100
Oct 1-5	23	34	25	15	4=100
Sept 24-28	22	37	24	15	3=100
Sept 17-21	18	38	25	15	4=100
Sept 3-7	19	33	28	16	4=100
Aug 27-31	18	33	30	15	3=100

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Aug 20-24	21	34	27	15	4=100
Aug 13-17	21	33	25	18	4=100
Aug 6-10	23	33	23	18	3=100
Jul 30-Aug 3	20	34	24	16	5=100
July 23-27	21	34	24	17	3=100
July 16-20	19	33	27	18	4=100
July 9-13	20	34	23	18	4=100
July 1-6 ¹⁶	20	31	27	17	6=100
June 25-30	19	32	27	16	6=100
June 18-23	22	34	25	15	3=100
June 11-16	21	33	25	16	4=100
June 4-9	21	32	28	16	3=100
May 28-June 1	20	35	26	14	5=100
May 21-26	17	37	26	16	3=100
May 14-19	21	33	27	15	4=100
May 7-12	20	32	26	17	5=100
April 30-May 5	21	35	24	16	5=100
April 16-21	19	33	24	19	5=100
April 9-14	20	32	25	19	4=100
April 2-7	19	30	26	19	7=100

Q.5 Do you think at least some health care professionals in your community should provide legal abortions, or not?

	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>Don't know/ Ref. (VOL.)</u>
Dec 30-Jan 4 ¹⁷	56	41	4=100
Dec 23-28 ¹⁸	57	40	3=100
Dec 17-21	60	38	3=100
Dec 10-14	58	39	3=100
Dec 3-7	58	39	3=100
Nov 25-30 ¹⁹	58	40	3=100
Nov 19-23	56	41	2=100
Nov 12-16	56	41	3=100
Nov 5-9	59	37	4=100
Oct 29-Nov 2	55	40	5=100
Oct 22-26	56	41	3=100
Oct 15-19	58	39	4=100
Oct 8-12	58	39	3=100
Oct 1-5	60	37	3=100
Sept 24-28	57	39	4=100
Sept 17-21	60	35	4=100
Sept 3-7	57	39	4=100

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Aug 27-31	52	44	5=100
Aug 20-24	57	38	5=100
Aug 13-17	58	38	4=100
Aug 6-10	56	40	4=100
Jul 30-Aug 3	57	40	3=100
July 23-27	60	37	4=100
July 16-20	55	41	4=100
July 9-13	55	41	4=100
July 1-6 ²⁰	53	42	4=100
June 25-30	55	41	4=100
June 18-23	56	41	3=100
June 11-16	55	42	4=100
June 4-9	59	38	3=100
May 28-June 1	55	40	5=100
May 21-26	58	38	4=100
May 14-19	56	41	3=100
May 7-12	56	40	4=100
April 30-May 5	58	37	5=100
April 16-21	56	39	5=100
April 9-14	53	44	3=100
April 2-7	51	43	6=100

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Survey Methodology

The 2014 American Values Atlas (AVA) is a project of Public Religion Research Institute. Results for all demographic, religious affiliation, and political affiliation questions were based on 52,741 bilingual telephone interviews (including 26,424 cell phone interviews) conducted between January 2, 2014 and January 4, 2015 by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Results for all opinion questions on specific issues (e.g. abortion, immigration, and same-sex marriage) are based on a subset of 40,571 telephone interviews conducted between April 2, 2014 and January 4, 2015. The AVA was made possible by generous grants from The Ford Foundation and The Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Throughout 2014, roughly 1,000 interviews were completed each week, with about 500 interviews conducted among respondents on their cell phones. Each week, interviewing occurred over a five-day period, from Wednesday through Sunday. The selection of respondents within households was accomplished by randomly requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female currently living in the household.

Data collection was based on stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) of landline telephone households and randomly generated cell phone numbers. The sample was designed to represent the total U.S. adult population from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group.

The weighting was accomplished in two separate stages. The first stage of weighting corrects for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns. In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density, and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from 2010 Census data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2013 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's March 2014 Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting was accomplished using iterative proportional fitting (IFP), a process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights are trimmed so that they do not exceed 4.0 or fall below 0.25 to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error for total sample is +/- 0.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for total sample is 1.3. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

Appendix: Sample Sizes

Table 1. Weekly Sample Sizes

<u>Field Dates</u>	<u>Unweighted Sample Size</u>
Dec 30-Jan 4 ²¹	1,014
Dec 23-28 ²²	1,016
Dec 17-21	1,011
Dec 10-14	1,018
Dec 3-7	1,016
Nov 25-30 ²³	1,011
Nov 19-23	1,004
Nov 12-16	1,012
Nov 5-9	1,018
Oct 29-Nov 2	1,008
Oct 22-26	1,002
Oct 15-19	1,004
Oct 8-12	1,004
Oct 1-5	1,008
Sept 24-28	1,001
Sept 17-21	1,006
Sept 3-7	1,032
Aug 27-31	1,027
Aug 20-24	1,019
Aug 13-17	1,025
Aug 6-10	1,015
Jul 30-Aug 3	1,029
July 23-27	1,026
July 16-20	1,024
July 9-13	1,011
July 1-6 ²⁴	1,021
June 25-30	1,016
June 18-23	1,009
June 11-16	1,017
June 4-9	1,023
May 28-June 1	1,013
May 21-26	1,017
May 14-19	1,011
May 7-12	1,000
April 30-May 5	1,017
April 16-21	1,017
April 9-14	1,015
April 2-7	1,012

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Table 2. State Sample Sizes

<u>State</u>	<u>Total Sample</u>	<u>Issue Subsample</u>
United States	52,741	40,571
Alabama	820	633
Alaska	338	290
Arizona	952	734
Arkansas	549	432
California	4,506	3,441
Colorado	927	731
Connecticut	565	442
Delaware	157	124
Florida	3,265	2,499
Georgia	1,657	1,292
Hawaii	195	163
Idaho	309	243
Illinois	1,822	1,414
Indiana	1,294	951
Iowa	681	523
Kansas	568	447
Kentucky	814	620
Louisiana	825	616
Maine	300	236
Maryland	975	724
Massachusetts	984	737
Michigan	1,670	1,248
Minnesota	1,035	796
Mississippi	536	418
Missouri	1,102	866
Montana	256	194
Nebraska	360	284
Nevada	434	321
New Hampshire	267	219
New Jersey	1,448	1,104
New Mexico	371	292
New York	3,502	2,745
North Carolina	1,864	1,416
North Dakota	180	143
Ohio	2,041	1,508
Oklahoma	737	578
Oregon	742	588

Pennsylvania	2,515	1,883
Rhode Island	191	144
South Carolina	837	649
South Dakota	164	125
Tennessee	1,200	920
Texas	3,575	2,807
Utah	516	400
Vermont	156	120
Virginia	1,517	1,175
Washington	1,133	871
West Virginia	452	333
Wisconsin	1,201	954
Wyoming*	123	95

Note: * Includes less than 100 respondents and results should be interpreted with caution.

Table 3. Metropolitan Area Sample Sizes

<u>Metropolitan Area</u>	<u>Total Sample</u>	<u>Issue Subsample</u>
United States	52,741	40,571
Atlanta	858	678
Boston	689	513
Charlotte	382	300
Chicago	1,243	954
Cincinnati	388	276
Cleveland	326	243
Columbus	326	239
Dallas	925	736
Denver	440	348
Detroit	644	498
Houston	802	636
Indianapolis	332	234
Kansas City	366	292
Las Vegas	309	229
Los Angeles	1,407	1,074
Miami	801	620
Milwaukee	325	267
Minneapolis-St. Paul	603	470
Nashville	279	229
New York	3,383	2,647
Orlando	348	253
Philadelphia	1,045	804
Phoenix	568	428
Pittsburgh	482	357
Portland	355	272
San Francisco	498	394
Seattle	470	354
St. Louis	491	389
Tampa-St. Petersburg	532	411
Washington, DC	937	700