

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
March 15-28, 2021  
N=3,375**

**Notes: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (\*). Rows/columns may not total to 100% due to rounding. Foreign born excludes those born in Puerto Rico, unless otherwise noted.**

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Total Hispanic respondents	3,375	+/- 2.8% points
<i>Foreign born (excluding Puerto Rico)</i>	1,477	+/- 4.2% points
Naturalized U.S. citizen	868	+/- 5.8% points
Green card	351	+/- 7.8% points
No green card	266	+/- 8.8% points
<i>U.S. born (including Puerto Rico)</i>	1,753	+/- 4.0% points
<i>2nd generation</i>	931	+/- 5.7% points
<i>3rd generation or higher</i>	806	+/- 5.6% points
<i>Dem/Lean Dem</i>	2,303	+/- 3.4% points
<i>Rep/Lean Rep</i>	859	+/- 5.6% points

**ASK ALL:**

ST.2 As far as you know, do you think the immigration system in this country... **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-4 OR 4-1]**

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
3	Requires no changes	3	2	3	2
15	Requires only minor changes	13	15	16	15
53	Requires major changes	54	53	49	58
29	Needs to be completely rebuilt	30	28	32	24
1	No answer	1	1	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

ASYLUMHA\_MOD How much, if anything, have you heard about the increase in the number of children and families seeking asylum at the United States border with Mexico?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
52	A lot	59	47	45	49
39	A little	37	42	45	39
8	Nothing at all	4	11	10	11
1	No answer	1	1	*	1

**ASK ALL:**

BRDRJOB\_MOD

How would you rate the job the United States government is doing dealing with the increased number of children and families seeking asylum at the United States border with Mexico?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
5	Very good job	7	4	4	4
31	Somewhat good job	37	25	22	29
37	Somewhat bad job	35	40	42	37
23	Very bad job	18	29	30	27
3	No answer	3	3	2	4

**ASK ALL:**

IMMVAL

Thinking about the issue of immigration, how important of a goal should each of the following be for immigration policy in the United States? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

**NO ITEM a**

- b. Increasing deportations of immigrants currently in the country illegally

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
18	Very important goal	15	21	18	25
27	Somewhat important goal	23	30	26	35
33	Not too important goal	35	31	35	27
20	Not at all important goal	23	16	21	11
2	No answer	3	1	*	2

**TREND:**

	Dec 3-23, <u>2019</u>
Very important goal	17
Somewhat important goal	25
Not too important goal	32
Not at all important goal	24
No answer	2

**GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:**

	Sep 3-15, <u>2019</u>
Very important goal	28
Somewhat important goal	26
Not too important goal	29
Not at all important goal	16
No answer	1

**IMMVAL CONTINUED...**

c. Establishing a way for most immigrants currently in the country illegally to stay here legally

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
51	Very important goal	60	43	50	36
32	Somewhat important goal	28	36	34	38
10	Not too important goal	6	13	12	15
5	Not at all important goal	4	7	4	9
2	No answer	2	1	*	2

**TREND:**

	Dec 3-23, <u>2019</u>
Very important goal	54
Somewhat important goal	29
Not too important goal	8
Not at all important goal	8
No answer	2

**GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:**

	Sep 3-15, <u>2019</u>
Very important goal	33
Somewhat important goal	34
Not too important goal	18
Not at all important goal	15
No answer	1

d. Increasing security along the United States-Mexico border to reduce illegal crossings

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
42	Very important goal	45	39	36	43
33	Somewhat important goal	34	32	33	32
17	Not too important goal	14	19	21	17
6	Not at all important goal	4	8	9	6
2	No answer	2	1	1	2

**TREND<sup>1</sup>:**

	Dec 3-23, <u>2019</u>
Very important goal	34
Somewhat important goal	32
Not too important goal	21
Not at all important goal	11
No answer	2

<sup>1</sup> In 2019, the question asked about the "U.S.-Mexico border."

**IMMVAL CONTINUED...****GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:**

	Sep 3-15, <u>2019</u>
Very important goal	40
Somewhat important goal	28
Not too important goal	21
Not at all important goal	10
No answer	1

**NO ITEMS e-f**

- g. Encouraging more highly skilled individuals from around the world to immigrate and work in the United States

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
32	Very important goal	36	28	32	23
38	Somewhat important goal	36	40	40	40
19	Not too important goal	17	21	17	25
9	Not at all important goal	7	10	10	9
2	No answer	3	*	*	2

- h. Establishing stricter policies to prevent people who enter the country legally from overstaying their visas and remaining in the United States illegally

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
37	Very important goal	39	35	30	41
35	Somewhat important goal	36	35	37	33
19	Not too important goal	16	21	25	18
6	Not at all important goal	5	8	8	6
2	No answer	3	1	*	2

- i. Allowing immigrants who came to the country illegally as children to remain in the United States and apply for legal status

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
52	Very important goal	57	49	55	43
32	Somewhat important goal	31	33	31	35
8	Not too important goal	5	11	8	14
5	Not at all important goal	4	6	5	5
2	No answer	2	1	--	2

**IMMVAL CONTINUED...**

j. Restricting immigration from countries with high COVID infection rates

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
50	Very important goal	51	48	44	53
30	Somewhat important goal	28	33	36	29
13	Not too important goal	14	12	12	12
6	Not at all important goal	4	7	8	5
2	No answer	2	1	*	1

k. Making it easier for United States citizens or legal residents to sponsor a family member to immigrate to the United States

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
40	Very important goal	44	37	41	33
37	Somewhat important goal	38	37	37	35
15	Not too important goal	12	20	17	22
5	Not at all important goal	4	6	4	8
2	No answer	2	1	*	2

**SELECTED DEMOGRAPHICS****PARTY/PARTYLN COMBO TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

**ASK IF INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE OR DID NOT RESPOND TO PARTY (PARTY=3,4 OR 99)**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
27	Republican/lean Republican	24	30	28	32
61	Democrat/lean Democrat	63	61	66	56
12	Refused to lean	13	10	6	12

**ASK ALL:**

SELFNAT Where were you born?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
4	Puerto Rico	--	8	1	15
47	United States	--	92	99	85
44	In another country	100	--	--	--
5	No answer	--	--	--	--

**ASK ALL:****BASED ON BORN IN U.S. AND BORN IN PUERTO RICO (SELFNAT=1, 2) <sup>2</sup>**

MOTHERNAT Where was your MOTHER born?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
11	Puerto Rico	--	11	2	21
49	United States	--	49	20	79
39	In another country	--	39	78	--
1	No answer	--	1	*	--
<i>n=1,753</i>		--	<i>n=1,753</i>	<i>n=931</i>	<i>n=806</i>

**ASK ALL:****BASED ON BORN IN U.S. AND BORN IN PUERTO RICO (SELFNAT=1, 2) <sup>3</sup>**

FATHERNAT Where was your FATHER born?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
13	Puerto Rico	--	13	2	26
42	United States	--	42	13	74
42	In another country	--	42	84	--
2	No answer	--	2	1	--
<i>n=1,753</i>		--	<i>n=1,753</i>	<i>n=931</i>	<i>n=806</i>

**ASK ALL:****BASED ON BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY OR REFUSED TO ANSWER (SELFNAT=3, 99) <sup>4</sup>**

CITIZEN Are you a citizen of the United States, or not?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
43	Yes	44	--	--	--
54	No	54	--	--	--
3	No answer	2	--	--	--
<i>n=1,622</i>		<i>n=1,477</i>			

**ASK IF NOT A CITIZEN OR REFUSED TO ANSWER (CITIZEN=2, 99):**

GREENCARD Earlier you said you are not a citizen of the United States. Do you have a green card or have you been approved for one?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>-Among U.S. born-</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
51	Yes	54	--	--	--
38	No	38	--	--	--
11	No answer	9	--	--	--
<i>n=685</i>		<i>n=609</i>			

<sup>2</sup> Question asked of all adults but reporting only among U.S. born, including Puerto Rico.<sup>3</sup> Question asked of all adults but reporting only among U.S. born, including Puerto Rico.<sup>4</sup> Question asked of all adults but reporting only among foreign born, excluding Puerto Rico.