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Attitudes toward main priority of selected immigration policies

By political party and ideology, United States, 2010

Question: "If you had to choose, what should be the main focus of the U.S. government in dealing with the issue of illegal immigration--developing a plan for halting the flow of illegal immigrants into the U.S. or developing a plan to deal with immigrants who are currently in the U.S. illegally?"

	Halt the flow of illegal immigrants into the U.S.	Deal with immigrants now in the U.S. illegally
National	53%	45%
<u>Politics</u>		
Republican	61	38
Democrat	43	53
Independent	54	43
<u>Ideology</u>		
Conservative	61	37
Moderate	51	45
Liberal	34	62

Note: The data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,049 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted May 1-2, 2010. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore, percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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