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**Attitudes toward main priority of U.S. immigration policies**

United States, selected years 2006-2012

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 | No opinion |
|------|---|--|------------|
| 2006 | 52%   | 43%  | 4%         |
| 2010 | 50  | 45   | 5          |
| 2011 | 55  | 43   | 2          |
| 2012 | 41  | 55   | 5          |

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2012 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,004 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 7-10, 2012. 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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