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Respondents' concern over effects of stricter immigration laws

United States, 2010

Question: "Thinking about the situation in the U.S. if stricter new immigration laws were passed, how concerned are you about each of the following--very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned. How about that...?"

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned
Illegal immigrants and their families who have lived in the U.S. peacefully and productively for many years would be forced to leave the country	45%	32%	13%	9%
Hispanics living in the U.S. would be harassed by authorities accusing them of being illegal immigrants	42	32	13	12
Taking strict measures against illegal immigrants would go against the American tradition of welcoming those who come to the U.S. to find a better life	34	30	17	17

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](#).

Source: Gallup, Inc., *The Gallup Poll* [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/127649/Americans-Value-Aspects-Immigration-Reform.aspx> [June 16, 2010]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.