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Attitudes toward priorities for dealing with illegal immigration

By race, ethnicity, politics, and religious affiliation, United States, 2010^a

Question: "What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S....

Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements; OR should BOTH be given equal priority?"

	Better border security	Creating path to citizenship	Equal priority for both	None/don't know/refused
Total	33%	22%	42%	4%
Race, ethnicity				
White	37	18	41	4
Black	26	23	47	3
Hispanic	11	41	45	2
Politics				
Republican	47	12	37	3
Democrat	21	30	46	3
Independent	34	20	43	3
Religion				
Protestant	37	19	41	3
White evangelical	42	15	39	4
White mainline	40	17	40	3
Black Protestant	27	24	46	2
Catholic	28	24	45	3
White Catholic	37	16	44	3
Hispanic Catholic	8	42	47	3
Unaffiliated	32	27	38	4

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 3,003 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted July 21-Aug. 5, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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