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**Attitudes toward priorities for dealing with illegal immigration**

By race, ethnicity, politics, and religious affiliation, United States, 2013<sup>a</sup>

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	25%	25%	47%	2%
<b>Race, ethnicity</b>				
White	31	21	45	2
Black	13	28	58	1
Hispanic	8	41	49	2
<b>Age</b>				
18-29 years	22	37	41	1
30-49 years	26	24	48	1
50-64 years	29	18	50	3
65 years and older	21	24	50	5
<b>Politics</b>				
Republican	43	11	43	3
Democrat	14	32	52	1
Independent	25	26	47	2

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,504 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Feb. 13-18, 2013. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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