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Attitudes toward illegal immigration policies

United States, 2007 and 2009-2011

Question: "Thinking about illegal immigration in the U.S. ...Do you favor or oppose...?"

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know/ refused
Providing a way for illegal immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines and have jobs?			
2007 June	63%	30%	7%
2007 December	58	35	7
2009	63	34	3
2010 ^a	68	30	2
2011	72	24	3
Stronger enforcement of immigration laws and border security			
2011	78	19	3

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2011 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,525 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Mar. 8-14, 2011. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aIn the 2010 survey and earlier, the question was not part of a list, and the question began "Thinking about immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally..."

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