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Attitudes toward priorities for dealing with illegal immigration

United States, 2010-2013^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
2010 July	33%	22%	42%	4%
2010 September	30	23	44	2
2011 February	35	21	42	3
2011 November	29	24	43	4
2012 June	28	27	42	3
2013 February	25	25	47	3

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](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

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