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Immigration Results

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Question 5

Q5. Below is a list of possible threats to the vital interest of the United States in the next 10 years. For each one, please select whether you see this as a critical threat, an important but not critical threat, or not an important threat at all:

Q5/6a. Large numbers of immigrants and refugees coming into the U.S. (% critical threat)				
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
1998	55	56	58	51
2002	60	58	62	57
2004	52	62	49	50
2006	51	63	46	44
2008	51	63	46	44
2010	51	62	41	51
2012	40	55	30	40
2014	39	55	21	42
2015	44	63	29	46
2016	43	67	27	40
2017	37	62	21	35
2018	39	66	20	37
2019	43	78	19	42
2020	32	61	13	26
August 2021	42	74	22	38
March 2022	34	68	12	29
2022	39	70	18	37

Summary – Q5/6a, Threat of immigrants and refugees – 2022 data only

	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Critical threat	39	70	18	37
Important but not critical threat	37	25	45	37
Not an important threat	24	5	36	26

Question 390

Q390. Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

Kept at present level (%)				
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
2002	28	29	26	25
2004	31	25	34	31
2006	39	38	41	38
2008	39	32	46	38
2010	40	43	41	36
2012	42	46	45	37

2016	41	33	49	41
2019	43	37	47	44
2020	44	45	41	46
2022	43	42	45	42
Increased (%)				
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
2002	15	10	14	20
2004	11	5	12	13
2006	13	9	14	15
2008	15	10	18	18
2010	15	10	20	14
2012	19	15	20	20
2016	18	13	24	17
2019	27	15	36	25
2020	28	11	43	26
2022	28	11	39	30
Decreased (%)				
	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
2002	55	60	55	51
2004	54	69	50	50
2006	46	51	43	46
2008	46	57	36	44
2010	42	44	42	41
2012	37	39	34	42
2016	39	53	26	41
2019	29	47	16	30
2020	27	43	16	27
2022	28	46	15	28

Summary – 390, Legal Immigration to the US – 2022 data only

	Overall	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Kept at present level	43	42	45	42
Increased	28	11	39	30
Decreased	28	46	15	28

Methodology

This analysis is based on data from the 2022 Chicago Council Survey of the American public on foreign policy, a project of the Lester Crown Center on US Foreign Policy. The 2022 Chicago Council Survey was conducted July 15–August 1, 2022 by Ipsos using its large-scale nationwide online research panel, KnowledgePanel, in both English and Spanish among a weighted national sample of 3,106 adults aged 18 or older living in all 50 US states and the District of Columbia. The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 1.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for partisan subgroups or for partial-sample items.

Partisan identification is based on how respondents answered a standard partisan self-identification question: “Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?”

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