

**SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS ON IMMIGRATION POLICIES
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, SEP 26 – OCT 1, 2017**

From September 26th through October 1st, the research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates conducted a survey of 898 randomly selected San Diego County voters likely to vote in the Fall 2018 election. The margin of error for this study is plus or minus four percent.

The following questions and answers relate to immigration policies that respondents were asked to consider. The voter registration of respondents is 39% Democrat, 36% Republican, 20% No Party Preference, and 5% Other.

Q1. Have you heard anything about the Dreamers, the young undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children?

TOTAL YES----- **96%**
 Yes, heard a lot----- 77%
 Yes, heard a little ----- 19%

 No, have not heard anything----- 4%
(DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 0%

Q2. Next, President Trump is ending an executive order signed by President Obama that created DACA, which stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The President says the U.S. Congress must pass a law by March 2018 replacing DACA if Dreamers are to be protected from deportation. There are forty thousand San Diego County Dreamers and about 800 thousand Dreamers nationwide who are in danger if Congress does not act. Some members of Congress say they will not vote for a law protecting Dreamers unless it also includes more border security. Others in Congress say that Dreamers should not be used as bargaining chips and that Congress should pass a bill to protect Dreamers first.

Do you agree or disagree that protecting Dreamers from deportation should be given first priority?

TOTAL AGREE----- **66%**
 Strongly agree ----- 51%
 Somewhat agree----- 15%

TOTAL DISAGREE----- **31%**
 Somewhat disagree ----- 10%
 Strongly disagree----- 21%

(DON'T READ) DK/NA ----- 3%

Q3. Moving along, there is currently a debate in the U.S. Congress about how to reform the nation’s immigration laws. I am going to mention some of the proposals now being considered in Congress. After hearing each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that particular proposal. Here is the first one.....

	<u>STR</u> <u>FAV</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>FAV</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>OPP</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>OPP</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAV</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>OPP</u>
[]a. Allow the more than 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. today to earn legal status by paying fines and back taxes, proving good moral character and learning English -----	41%	28%	8%	19%	4%	69%	27%
[]b. Increase the availability of family immigrant visas to reduce the long, multi-year wait times for people seeking visas to re-unite with their families in the U.S. -----	43%	25%	13%	17%	3%	68%	29%
[]c. Create a temporary worker program that provides for a fixed, temporary stay in the U.S. for work purposes -----	47%	31%	7%	11%	4%	78%	18%
[]d. Fully staff border ports of entry to facilitate cross-border commerce and tourism and eliminate the long wait lines at the border -----	56%	31%	4%	5%	4%	87%	9%
[]e. Allow undocumented immigrants to gain permanent legal status if they were brought to the U.S. as children, received a U.S. high school degree and have no criminal record -----	63%	19%	8%	9%	1%	82%	17%
[]f. Create legal means for immigrant workers to fill U.S. jobs with full labor rights and have a legal path to permanent residence as long as they do not displace U.S. workers -----	47%	30%	8%	12%	4%	77%	20%

	<u>STR FAV</u>	<u>SMWT FAV</u>	<u>SMWT OPP</u>	<u>STR OPP</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL FAV</u>	<u>TOTAL OPP</u>
[]g. Build a wall the entire length of the border with Mexico which would cost U.S. taxpayers about 21 billion dollars-----	26%	10%	4%	60%	0%	36%	64%
[]h. Expand the U.S. Border Patrol from 20 to 25 thousand agents, keeping in mind that each agent apprehends about one person a month -----	30%	21%	16%	30%	3%	51%	46%
[]i. Use drones and other high-tech surveillance equipment around the clock throughout San Diego County to detect undocumented immigrants -----	30%	19%	12%	36%	3%	49%	48%
[]j. Triple the number of ICE immigration agents looking for undocumented immigrants at their homes inside the United States-----	17%	17%	17%	47%	2%	34%	64%
[]k. Build new detention centers to detain over 50,000 undocumented immigrant men, women and children every night-----	11%	9%	17%	57%	5%	21%	74%
[]l. Help people escaping home country persecution by resettling refugees a year in San Diego County who have been vetted and selected by the U.S. -----	36%	30%	11%	16%	6%	66%	28%

Q4. Next, the Homeland Security Department, known as DHS-- which includes the Border Patrol and ICE -- has unique powers which can be applied to citizens and non-citizens alike inside the United States. No other federal, state or local law enforcement officials have these powers. I am going to mention a few of these powers, and after hearing each one, please tell me whether or not you approve of the Homeland Security Department having that particular power. Here is the first one.....

	<u>STR</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>SMWT</u> <u>DISAP</u>	<u>STR</u> <u>DISAP</u>	<u>(DK/NA)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>APPR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>DISAP</u>
[]a. DHS agents assert they have the power to stop and interrogate anyone, anywhere in the United States at any time, without needing reasonable suspicion of a crime to do so -----	12%	11%	14%	60%	2%	24%	75%
[]b. DHS agents assert they have the authority without needing a warrant or probable cause to board and search any form of transportation including personal automobiles within 100 miles of the border, which includes all of San Diego County -----	17%	14%	16%	51%	2%	31%	67%
[]c. DHS agents assert they have the power to enter onto private property within 25 miles of the border -- which includes half of San Diego County -- without needing a warrant or probable cause -----	13%	10%	14%	60%	2%	24%	74%
[]d. DHS agents assert they have the power to enter homes and arrest people inside the United States with only the agency's authorization and claim they do not need a judicial warrant -----	10%	9%	16%	62%	3%	20%	77%

Q Now, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: DHS agents inside the United States should be required to follow the same rules as other federal, state and local law enforcement officers by having probable cause or a warrant before entering private property, searching a vehicle, or detaining someone. **(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: “Is that strong or just somewhat?)**

TOTAL AGREE -----	83%
Strongly agree -----	66%
Somewhat agree-----	18%
 TOTAL DISAGREE -----	 15%
Somewhat disagree -----	7%
Strongly disagree-----	8%
 (DON'T READ) DK/NA -----	 2%