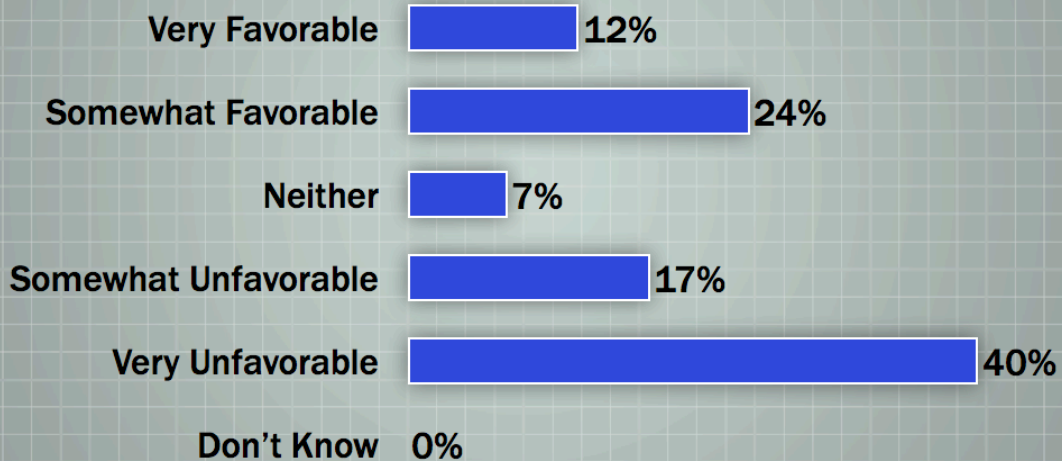


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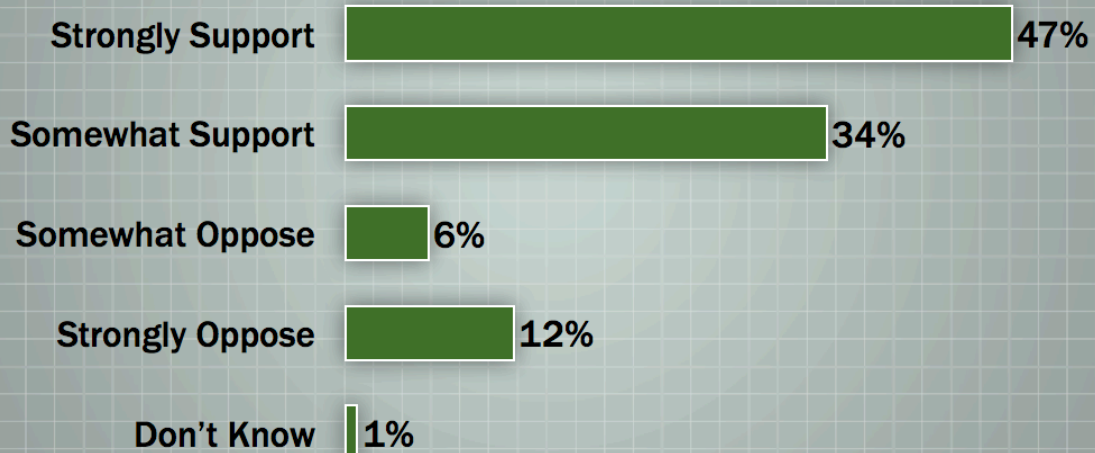
## Your opinion of the Affordable Care Act?



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## Your views on a "pathway to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants?

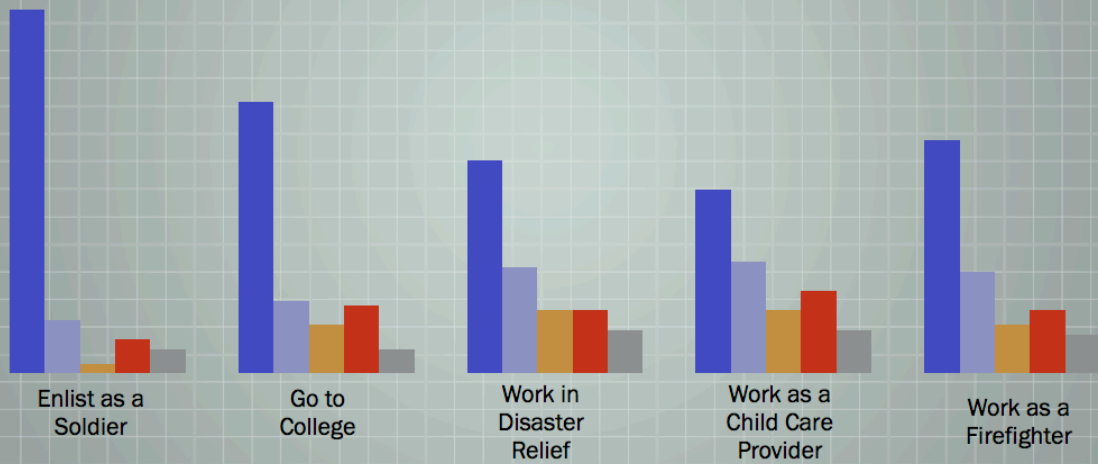


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Would you grant citizenship to a child of immigrants who...

■ Strongly Support 
 ■ Somewhat Support 
 ■ Somewhat Oppose 
 ■ Strongly Oppose 
 ■ Don't Know

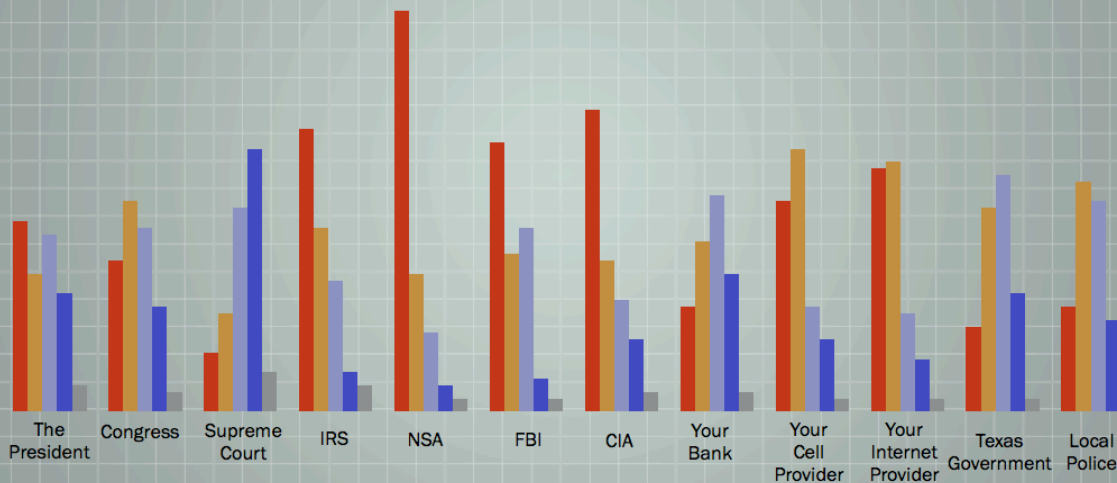


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Chances these institutions would violate your rights to privacy?

■ Very Likely 
 ■ Somewhat Likely 
 ■ Somewhat Unlikely 
 ■ Very Unlikely 
 ■ Don't Know



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***Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare").***

- "I like the concept but the implementation has been a concern."
- "Certain reforms need to happen: 1) eliminating life-time caps; 2) eliminating pre-existing condition exclusions; and 3) providing access to health care to those who truly cannot afford it. We did not need the albatross that is Obamacare to accomplish these reforms."
- "Train wreck is what I call the increasingly unaffordable care act"
- "Obamacare is already destroying our health care system. We have a novice running our country."
- "I love the president using the comment about 'they' being so vocal against his plan instead of taking the same energy to support it. He has still yet to figure out that 'they' is actually the constituency he represents. He's not on the ballot anymore so we are seeing his agenda now without any barriers. Oh and it's exactly what we thought it was."
- "Government mandated and run health care, it just has a nice ring to it (sarcasm)."
- "Much better would be a single payer system. As long as it's hybrid with the evil insurance companies, there will be problems."
- "The web site problems are minor compared to the problems this law will create."
- "Even less meaningful competition (who that was even possible!), higher prices, mass confusion, and being misled. It's a disaster."
- "I don't like the way it was passed with brute force, or the special carve outs. But, if we require every driver to have insurance, how is this any different?"
- "Total, unmitigated disaster that will elect a GOP U.S. Senate Majority in 2014"
- "We need to address our uncontrolled increases in healthcare costs, this is as good a place to start as any. Why do other countries have just as good of medical results with much lower costs?"
- "Since I am one of the lucky ones with a great, employer-based health care plan, I am strongly in favor of others having the same sense of security and protection from financial ruin if they get sick. Is this way perfect? No. Do I trust Congress to pass another bill to replace it if repealed? No."
- "The Obama Administration knew it could not afford any missteps at the outset - and they still bungled the snap. Now cancellation letters are going out despite the Administration's claim that

no one would give up anything. Right now, the President is playing the role that Kevin Bacon had in Animal House where all he'll has broken loose and he's standing there amidst the chaos claiming 'All is well!'"

- "The Act is proving to be one of the most poorly drafted pieces of legislation ever approved by congress. The website's failure is but a symptom of much larger problems with this government experiment in trying to re-design a major part of the U.S. economy. The complete debacle that the Affordable Care Act is proving to be will indeed be Obama's legacy."

- "A complicated federal program takes time to get everything right. No complicated legislation is created without blemishes and the R's are still just sore losers."

- "LET'S SEE, WORTHLESS, A MESS, POORLY PLANNED, UNMITIGATED DISASTER, CAUSING HEALTHCARE COSTS TO INCREASE, I LOOSE MY DOCTOR AND CURRENT INSURANCE POLICY. BUT OKAY NOT BAD. HOWEVER WE SHOULD NOT ONLY BLAME THE DEMS FOR GETTING US INTO THIS MESS. REPUBLICANS HAD THE WHITE HOUSE SENATE AND HOUSE AND DID NOTHING, ZILCH, NADA, ZERO. THEY ARE TO BLAME BECAUSE OF THEIR INACTION AND LACK OF LEADERSHIP."

- "It has good pieces, but it's obviously overall a disaster that probably will just get worse over time until it's dismantled. The interesting issue is whether we'll go back to a modest, less ambitious policy that simply fills holes in the current system, or a more radical single payer system. It would take a D sweep to do the latter. I predict the former."

- "This is a train wreck of biblical proportions with millions losing coverage and spike in costs. This combined with government spying will define the midterm elections."

- "The ACA is for many people unaffordable and idiotic (60 year old couples being forced to buy maternity coverage?). Many of us who condemned the republicans for the government shutdown because they had the audacity to ask for changes to the ACA are now having 'a-ha' moments."

- "Obamacare, without the mandate, is probably decent public policy. The mandate, however, is a big cost to individuals and businesses, and isn't helping our economic 'recovery'"

- "It's a great start to addressing an important issue. As with the software, there will be some big bumps in the road but at least we have something to start with."

***Do you support or oppose passing a comprehensive immigration overhaul at the federal level that would provide a pathway to citizenship for most illegal immigrants currently living in the United States?***

- "If by 'comprehensive' you mean a plan that includes a sensible guest worker program AND truly secures our border, then yes. Otherwise, this was tried in the 80s and it failed."
- "It is difficult to deal with immigration in any meaningful way until rules are made that set out a workable process."
- "Last I checked - that was the American way and how we have come to be the country we are today. A lot of Mexicans died outside of the walls of the Alamo, but let's not forget the ones that died inside as well. This whole attitude of pulling up the ladder once we have climbed on top ourselves only lowers us all."
- "Need to see the details of any plan!"
- "I don't understand the concept of putting at the head of the immigration line those whose first act in this country was to break one of its fundamental laws."
- "The system needs to be overhauled--for addressing illegals as well as legitimate legal immigrants. It's just not working today. With regards to illegal immigrants, the devil's in the details, but some sort of legally recognized status--not full blown citizenship, maybe a new type of guest worker--for them can solve lots of our problems. If they want citizenship, there's a well-known process to make that happen and breaking the rules ain't the way to do it."
- "The idea that we can do nothing but border security is absurd. We need a holistic approach."
- "Pick a date by which all illegal immigrants and dependent minors who register at designated local government offices and pass a basic criminal background check are granted amnesty and citizenship. Close the doors for those not registered by that date and deport aggressively. (Subject others to a regular immigration application process.) Move on to the next issue."
- "Comprehensive immigration reform would have to mean meeting somewhere in the middle. Unfortunately, the two sides of the issue have no sense of middle. Can't let everyone in. Can't keep everyone out."
- "No citizenship. Allow for a guest worker program."
- "It is past time."
- "SHOW ME THE DETAILS AS LONG AS THEY GO TO THE END OF THE LINE"
- "Who can trust this Administration to implement it honestly and well, particularly the parts of the law with which it disagrees?"
- "The US economy is DRIVEN by the labor provided by the immigrant"

population - without them our economy would TANK! These are people who pay BILLIONS in sales taxes, etc. each year, yet receive VERY LITTLE in return. It would be best to bring them inside - even if it begins with a guest worker program - to allow them to work here and return home for short periods. Further, included in an immigration overhaul MUST be a category for 'general work' - we seem to have NO problems bringing scientist, engineers, IT specialists, but we have NO category for the people who help provide a place for us to live and work through the construction industry; feed our bodies by working in the farm/food industry."

- "I support solving the problem of having illegal people in this country. Let's set up a worker program and get them on the tax rolls, nothing more American than paying taxes. Just because they are working on farms, restaurants, or in hi-tech, we should not just give them amnesty or citizenship."

### ***Do you support or oppose granting citizenship to persons brought here illegally as children if they...***

- "If an individual is willing to put their life on the line in uniform in service to our country, an offer of citizenship should come with that. Otherwise, which occupations or endeavors result in citizenship should be part of a sensible visa program that makes our country stronger intellectually and economically."

- "Anyone brought here as a child ought to have the chance to be a productive American citizen, especially if they are working or going to school."

'Sending them all home' is not an option, How much would that cost?? The GOP and TX Federation of Republican Woman have passed unanimous resolutions in support! GWB got 44% of Hispanic vote, Mitt got 21%, how is that working out for the future of the GOP? I am a staunch Republican."

- "Might as well get some taxes out of them!"

- "Federal law already provides a pathway for illegal immigrants, namely they return to their countries and queue up like their fellow countrymen and go through the legal process."

- "Illegal=against the law. I'm quite moderate, but I think that maybe we should enforce our laws."

- "Anytime you read the word 'comprehensive' when it's related to legislation, prepared to get screwed."

- "Anyone willing to fight for our freedom is one of us."

- "We do not punish children for the sins of their fathers."

- "With the exception of military service, they need to do more than just work in one of those jobs. They need to take some additional affirmative step-- take the oath, sure; but there's got to be more to demonstrate their commitment. Babysitting my kids

shouldn't give them the right to vote in this country."

- "We best not devolve into the Roman model of mercenary armies, but as a path to earned citizenship the idea has merit."
- "Pick a date by which all illegal immigrants and dependent minors who register at designated local government offices and pass a basic criminal background check are granted amnesty and citizenship. Close the doors for those not registered by that date and deport aggressively. (Subject others to a regular immigration application process.) Move on to the next issue."
- "The only answer that gives me great pause is 'work as a child care provider.' Seems like affluent people are willing to look the other way for their own personal nannies but not for others brought here illegally who go on to pursue college, professional careers or public service."
- "What difference could it possibly make?"
- "Whatever is done on this front, don't move anyone to the head of the line. There are many examples of immigrants who have come to this country and did what was asked of them in the current system - sometimes taking years - to become a citizen. It can be done under the current system."
- "These may be a portion of the pathway, but they shouldn't be stand-alone paths."
- "I support having immigrants here. Most want to work. I applaud that. But, I

know people who have come here properly and waited 10 20 and even 30 years to get citizenship. Give those who are here illegally the opportunity to 'come out of the shadows' and get a status that puts them here temporarily but puts them at the back of the line."

- "I wouldn't discriminate on the basis of the work the person does. There ought to be a fair process that applies equally to all."
- "If you fight for the country - you SHOULD be allowed to be a citizen of that country!"
- "You fail to understand that becoming a citizen is earned, they have to complete the program and those that stick with it to become citizens know more about the US government than you average Joe!"
- "Would depend upon the length of service required as well as the number of people who are applying for those jobs."
- "This whole issue is about supply and demand for the labor market. We have an entire culture of trying to over-supply college graduates to reduce labor costs and now an move to over-supply unskilled labor to reduce labor costs."
- "Give cedar choppers automatic citizenship after two years of removing cedar trees in Texas"
- "Poorly-worded question. They can all obtain citizenship under current law, it just takes forever. Perhaps you mean an \*expedited\* amnesty or grant of citizenship via these means?"



- "Support granting citizenship period."

***Do you think each of the following institutions, agencies, or individuals are very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely to violate your constitutional rights or right to privacy?***

- "The Constitution was framed on a suspicion of government power, why should we be any less suspicious of government today?"
- "Its not paranoia if they are really after you."
- "Best way to avoid it is to get off the grid."
- "Terrorism has provided a green light to 'national security' agencies to run amuck and violate wholesale our constitutional rights, virtually unchecked."
- "I bet 99% of the people responding to this don't even know their Constitutional rights and/or the right to privacy, nor do they know how those rights are in jeopardy beyond bullet points circulated by the DNC, RNC, and Tea Party."
- "Considering the court losses alone, one has to put the Texas state government at the top of the list."
- "We wouldn't know if it weren't for the whistle blowers."
- "Once Susan Combs is gone from office (and only if her hand-picked successor and fan boy Glenn Hegar isn't elected), all Texans' data will be more secure"
- "The Congress is too stupid to violate my privacy rights."
- "Well as you can tell by my responses I think 'privacy' is a quaint little thought from the past!"
- "If the State (generic term) has a legitimate need to examine my phone or email records, and keeps the results of that examination confidential, I don't consider that to be a violation. I'd rather have my Gmail scanned by some federal functionary than allow another 911 event in an American city."
- "You forgot to list the Texas Tribune. How can I be sure that my email address where Evan Smith constantly peddles for donations won't be compromised at some point?"
- "Technically, the Supreme Court can't violate your constitutional rights--it gets to define them."
- "At some point those in law enforcement are going to have to start deciding whether they support the people and the Constitution or take and enforce orders that are not constitutional and infringe on our rights."
- "Who the heck knows? What kind of question is this? Which government

entity am I more paranoid about? Like and trust least?"

- "Are you kidding me?? The State of Texas spent an ENTIRE summer treading on the rights our rights as women; they had ALREADY eroded my right to privacy in conversations with my Dr or healthcare provider!"

- "If they can bug the German President and the unlimited funds of the NSA, every call is recorded."

- "There is no such thing as a right to privacy unfortunately. That is what happens to rights that are only found in the constitution's 'penumbra'."

- "Seriously? This is a question?"

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