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ATTITUDES ON IMMIGRATION

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REAGAN-BUSH '84

The President's Authorized Campaign Committee

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DATE: July 26, 1984

SUBJECT: The Simpson-Mazzoli Immigration Bill

In our most recent national poll (July 5 - 8, 1984) a random sample of 1500 Americans evaluated statements about the two major provisions of the Simpson-Mazzoli bill currently in conference: amnesty for aliens who entered the country illegally, and prosecution of employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.

Respondents were specifically asked whether they agree or disagree with the following statement:

Illegal aliens who entered the United States before 1982 should be granted amnesty and the opportunity to apply for United States citizenship.

Agree strongly	19%
Agree somewhat	26
Disagree somewhat	15
Disagree strongly	36
No opinion	4

The numbers indicate that Americans are skeptical about this portion of the bill -- 45% agree with the statement while a bare majority (51%) disagree. Further underscoring this skepticism is the intensity of feelings about granting amnesty. Strong opposition to the bill is significantly higher than is strong support (36% strongly disagree, 19% strongly agree). A review of the appendix of previous opinion polls confirms this finding: Americans are very hesitant to grant amnesty to any aliens, legal or illegal (included in this report is a special appendix of previous polling on attitudes toward illegal immigrants).

The following table juxtaposes the subgroups that voice the highest levels of agreement against those with the greatest disagreement (the table is ranked according to the difference in agreement; a positive difference indicates higher agreement).

Higher Agreement (Favor Amnesty)					
	<u>Total Agree (%)</u>	<u>Strongly Agree (%)</u>	<u>Total Disagree (%)</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree (%)</u>	<u>Diff (%)</u>
Aggregate	45	19	51	36	-6
Other religion	76	35	24	6	52
Black	57	30	42	31	15
Jewish	56	30	44	25	12
Moderate	55	26	40	30	15
New England	54	22	44	33	10
Non-married men	53	25	45	30	8
\$10,000 - \$15,000	52	29	44	27	8
Other ethnic	51	29	43	30	8
Outer South	51	21	44	32	7
Youth (18 - 24)	52	18	46	29	6

Higher Disagreement (Oppose Amnesty)					
\$5,000 - \$10,000	36	22	57	42	-21
Great Lakes	40	18	57	42	-17
Protestant	40	17	55	38	-15
Mountain	40	17	55	44	-15
Married men	41	18	56	43	-15
Base Republican	41	15	55	38	-14
Veterans	41	20	55	45	-14
Conservatives	41	18	55	40	-14
\$40,000 or more	42	15	55	40	-13
35 - 44 years old	42	14	55	37	-13

There is no clear pattern of support or opposition. A broad generalization suggests that supporters of the bill are more liberal while those opposed are more conservative. There is no difference between men and women. Republicans, more than Independents or Democrats are against granting amnesty.

The issue of illegal immigration demands attention from the federal government; however, in the opinion of the American people, granting amnesty is a questionable solution that carries liabilities for the President. Elements of our key constituencies are on both sides of the issue as the following table illustrates.

Key Constituencies

	<u>Agree</u> (%)	<u>Disagree</u> (%)	<u>Margin</u> (%)
<u>Strength</u>			
Base Republicans	41	55	-16
Small Business	45	52	-7
Farm Belt	44	50	-6
<u>Swing</u>			
Blue collar	48	50	-2
Catholics	48	49	-1
Women	46	49	-3
Senior citizens	41	51	-10
Independents/Leaners	47	50	-3
Hispanics	50	41	9
White Southern Baptists	46	51	-5
<u>Secondary Swing</u>			
Jewish	56	44	12
Youth (18 - 24)	52	46	6
Irish	46	49	-3
Professional	45	51	-6
Veterans	41	55	-14

Republicans, veterans, and senior citizens are generally against the measure while Jews, Hispanics, and youth (18 - 24) are more in favor of it. The President is on record in support of the bill and yet the voters who form Reagan's core and swing support are either split or more likely to oppose granting amnesty.

Interestingly, at the Democratic convention, the Hispanic delegates threatened a first ballot boycott in protest of the Simpson-Mazzoli legislation, claiming that the proposed bill is contrary to the best interests of the Hispanic community. However, these data suggest that the average Hispanic American is more likely to favor granting amnesty.

The other major consequence of the legislation -- the prosecution of employers -- is universally favored.

Respondents were asked whether they agree or disagree with the following statement:

Employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens should be prosecuted.

Agree strongly	53%
Agree somewhat	19
Disagree somewhat	16
Disagree strongly	10
No opinion	2

An overwhelming 72% of adult Americans agree with this concept -- 53% strongly agree.

As the following table reveals, basically all Americans feel that employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens deserve prosecution. Even among the five subgroups most likely to oppose the prosecution clause, a majority still agree, including Hispanics.

Higher Disagreement
(Oppose Prosecution)

	Total Agree (%)	Strongly Agree (%)	Total Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	Diff (%)
Aggregate	72	53	26	10	46
Less than \$5,000	61	46	38	22	23
Other ethnic	59	46	35	12	24
Black	64	46	36	19	28
Hispanics	66	45	34	22	32
\$10,000 - \$15,000	65	52	33	14	32

We also asked opinions toward the Simpson-Mazzoli bill in three Western states with large Mexican-American populations: the border states of Texas and New Mexico, and Colorado. Voters in the three states were generally supportive of the legislation.

Respondents were asked:

How strongly do you feel about the need for overhauling
our present immigration laws?

	CA June 14-16 1984 <u>(%)</u>	NM June 14-16 1984 <u>(%)</u>	CO June 20-25 1984 <u>(%)</u>
Quite strongly	62	59	57
Somewhat strongly	20	23	26
Not too strongly	16	17	14
No opinion	2	0	3

If the respondent felt "quite strongly" or "somewhat strongly" about
the need to overhaul immigration laws, they were then asked:

As you may know, there is currently pending in Congress a
bill called the Simpson-Mazzoli bill. This bill would
grant amnesty to illegal aliens who entered the United
States prior to 1982, and would impose penalties against
American employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens. If
you were a U.S. Congressman representing your district in
Washington, would you vote for or against such a bill?

	CA June 14-16 1984 <u>(%)</u>	NM June 14-16 1984 <u>(%)</u>	CO June 20-25 1984 <u>(%)</u>
For	62	56	54
Against	32	39	42
Undecided	6	5	4

Voters in California, New Mexico, and Colorado clearly believe that
our immigration laws require revision. Fully 80% said that current
immigration laws need overhauling. Those who felt the laws need
overhauling generally support the Simpson-Mazzoli bill.
Nevertheless, there exists a sizable block of voters who either don't
feel the laws need revising or oppose passage of the legislation.

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This is a complex, emotional, and potentially divisive subject that has plagued the nation for decades. There also remains a great deal of confusion on the issue in general and about the bill specifically. Reagan said he would sign the bill. In a very low-key manner, Mondale opposes it. Other Democrats are waffling. At this juncture, the best political solution is deadlocking the bill in conference. If it passes, there will be repercussions in the Hispanic community. However, potentially more damaging is the fallout among core conservatives who on principle basically oppose granting amnesty to anyone who enters the U.S. illegally. Although Americans still like to believe the words on the Statue of Liberty, a review of the appendix suggests that there may be latent anti-immigrant sentiment in the country.

APPENDIX:
OTHER POLLS

GENERAL ATTITUDES:

LEVEL AND VOLUME OF
IMMIGRATION

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NATIONAL ATTITUDES ON
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RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
GALLUP NA: 25 JUN NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE 1984-06-03

-----QUESTION-----
Do you think the number of immigrants now entering
the U.S. from each of the following areas is too
many, too few or about right?

-----ANSWER-----

	TOO MANY	TOO FEW	ABOUT RIGHT
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES	26%	11%	50%
LATIN AMERICA	53	5	30
AFRICAN COUNTRIES	31	12	37
ASIAN COUNTRIES	49	6	33

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1984-06-01 1984-06-03 NATIONAL 751 TELEPHONE
ADULTS

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IMMIGRATION AND ILLEGAL ALIEN
RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
CBS NEWS / NEW YORK TIMES 1983-PATRI CBS / NEW YORK TIMES 1983

-----QUESTION-----
There's been a lot of talk recently about
immigration. Some people think it is too easy for
immigrants to into this country now, other people
think it is to hard, and still others think
present immigration laws are about right. What do
you think--is immigration too easy, to hard, or is
current policy about right?

-----ANSWER-----
TOO EASY 61%
TOO HARD 5
ABOUT RIGHT 26
DK/NA 8

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1983-06-13 1983-06-18 NATIONAL 1145/1093 TELEPHONE
1983-11-18 1983-11-22 ADULTS

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION 699-02-64 DECISION/MAKING/INFO 1983-07

-----QUESTION-----
Would you say the U.S. - Mexico immigration
problems is better, worse or about the same as it
was a few years ago?

-----ANSWER-----
BETTER 10%
WORSE 40
SAME 42
NO OPINION 8

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1983-07 1983-07 NATIONAL 1500 TELEPHONE
ADULTS

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IMMIGRATION AND ILLEGAL ALIEN
RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION	699-02-64	DECISION/MAKING/INFO	1983-07

-----QUESTION-----
Do you think that the number of illegal aliens
coming into the United States from Mexico is a
serious problem, or not?

-----ANSWER-----
YES, SERIOUS 85%
NO, ISN'T 14
NO OPINION 1

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1983-07 1983-07	NATIONAL ADULTS	1500	TELEPHONE

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IMMIGRATION AND ILLEGAL ALIEN
RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
ABC NEWS / WASHINGTON POST 0076 WASHINGTON POST ND

-----QUESTION-----
I'm going to read a few statements. For each
please tell me whether you tend to agree or tend
to disagree. How about ... ? Would you say you
tend to agree or disagree?

-----ANSWER-----

	AGREE	DISAGREE	DK
THE U. S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD TREAT ALL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY AS EQUALS	92%	7%	1%
ALL PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T TAKE AWAY	91	9	1
PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE A RIGHT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVT. IF GOVT. TRIES TO TAKE AWAY SOME OF THEIR IMPORTANT RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES	44	48	8
THE GOVT. GETS ITS POWER AND AUTHORITY FROM THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY	81	17	2
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE FORM OF GOVT. WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTRY	80	15	5
US GOVT ALLOW TOO MANY IMMIGRANT	68	22	10

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1983-06-24 1983-06-26 NATIONAL NA NA

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
AUDITS AND SURVEYS, INC.	1982 MAY	THE MERIT REPORT	1982 MAY

-----QUESTION-----
How concerned or unconcerned are you about the
number of illegal aliens who enter and remain
in this country?

-----ANSWER-----	
VERY CONCERNED	59%
FAIRLY CONCERNED	25
FAIRLY UNCONCERNED	7
NOT CONCERNED AT ALL	5
NO OPINION	4

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1982-05-17 1982-05-20	NATIONAL ADULTS	1200	TELEPHONE

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RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
ROPER NA PUBLIC OPINION MAGAZ 1982-06

-----QUESTION-----
In recent years, there has been a lot of
discussion about the number of immigrants allowed
into our country. On the whole, would you say
that you would like to see the number of
immigrants allowed to enter our country increased,
or would like to see the number decreased, or do
you think we are letting in about the right number
now?

-----ANSWER-----
INCREASED 4%
DECREASED 66
LETTING IN RIGHT NUMBER 23
DON'T KNOW 7

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1982-03-20 1982-03-27 NATIONAL NA NA

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
AUDITS AND SURVEYS, INC.	NA	THE MERIT REPORT	NA

-----QUESTION-----
How concerned or not are you about the number of
illegal aliens who enter and remain in this
country?

-----ANSWER-----	
VERY CONCERNED	58
FAIRLY CONCERNED	27
FAIRLY UNCONCERNED	6
NOT CONCERNED AT ALL	6
NO OPINION	3

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1982-02-22 1982-02-25	ADULTS NATIONAL	1202	TELEPHONE

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN----	DATE PUBL
NBC NEWS/ASSOCIATED PRESS	69	NBC NEWS POLL	1981-08-10

-----QUESTION-----
How important to you is the problem of illegal
immigration of aliens to the United States? Would
you say that it is very important, somewhat
important, or not important at all?

-----ANSWER-----	8/81	10/77
VERY IMPORTANT	53%	45%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	34	29
NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL	11	21
NOT SURE	2	5

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1981-08-10 1981-08-11	NATIONAL ADULTS	1601	TELEPHONE

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
NBC NEWS/ASSOCIATED PRESS	69	NBC NEWS POLL	1981-08-18

-----QUESTION-----
Do you think the United States should allow more
immigration to this country, less immigration, or
about the same amount of immigration?

-----ANSWER-----	
MORE IMMIGRATION	5%
ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT	27
LESS IMMIGRATION	65
NOT SURE	3

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1981-08-10 1981-08-11	NATIONAL ADULTS	1601	TELEPHONE

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION 06-99-0002 NA NA

-----QUESTION-----
Each year the number of immigrants admitted to the United States increases. I'm going to read you four possible immigration policies the U.S. could adopt. Please tell me which one you would most support.

-----ANSWER-----
Allow for an annual increase in the number of immigrants admitted 10%
Freeze the number of immigrants admitted at the current level 25%
Reduce the number of immigrants admitted to the U.S. 41%
Allow no more immigrants to be admitted to the U.S. 21%
No Opinion 3%

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1981-05-12 1981-05-17 NATIONAL 1500 TELEPHONE
ADULTS

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
LOS ANGELES TIMES	43	LOS ANGELES TIMES	1981-05

-----QUESTION-----
Do you think the United States should or should
not relax restrictions against Mexican immigrants
if Mexico produces more oil for sale in the United
States?

-----ANSWER-----
Yes 31%
No 56
Not sure 12
Refused 1

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1981-04-12 1981-04-16	NATIONAL ADULTS	1406	TELEPHONE

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE
CBS NEWS / NEW YORK TIMES NA CBS / NEW YORK TIMES 1980-10-06

-----QUESTION-----
Do you think the number of illegal aliens coming
into Texas is a serious problem, or not? (IF YES)
Who do you blame for it?

-----ANSWER-----
No 16%
Yes, Blame U.S. Government 29
Yes, Blame Jimmy Carter 14
Yes, Blame Mexico 4
Yea, Blame Others 15
Yea, Don't Blame Anyone 14
No Opinion 8

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1980-10-01 1980-10-06 TEXAS 1050 TELEPHONE
REGISTERED VOTERS

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
NBC / ASSOCIATED PRESS	55	NBC NEWS POLL	1980-06-05

-----QUESTION-----
Do you think that anyone who wants to come to this
country to live should be allowed to do so, or do
you think that the United States should maintain
limits on the number of people who can settle in
this country?

-----ANSWER-----
U.S. should allow unlimited immigration 11%
U.S. should maintain limits 86
Not sure 3

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1980-05-28 1980-05-30	NATIONAL ADULTS	1615	TELEPHONE

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
HARRIS 1978-05 HARRIS SURVEY 1978-01-16

-----QUESTION-----
Here is a list of things some people believe made
America great. For each, would you tell me if you
feel this was a major factor in making America
great, a minor factor or hardly a factor at all?
Welcoming refugees with scientific backgrounds
from all over the world

-----ANSWER-----

	In Past	In 25 years
Major	54%	53%
Minor	31	30
Hardly at all	8	10
Not Sure	7	7

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1977-11-07 1977-11-14 NATIONAL 1498 NA
ADULTS

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL

DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION 699-16-03 NA NA

-----QUESTION-----

Now I'm going to read you some statements people have made about our country today. I'd like you to tell me how you, personally, feel about each statement by giving me a number somewhere between 1 and 7, where a "1" means you totally disagree with the statement and a "7" means you totally agree with the statement. Of course, many people's opinions fall somewhere in between these two points.

People should not be allowed to move into the United States if they don't speak English.

-----ANSWER-----

Totally Disagree Totally Agree

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	N.O.
(55%)	(10%)	(7%)	(8%)	(5%)	(3%)	(11%)	(1%)

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1979-09-13 1979-09-16 NATIONAL 1000 TELEPHONE
REGISTERED VOTERS

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----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- ----PUBLISHED IN---- DATE PUBL
DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION 06-99-0016 NA NA

----QUESTION-----
CONCEPT #3: ILLEGAL ALIENS

We must recognize how badly illegal aliens are treated in this country and do what we can to help them. One way to help would be to open our borders with Mexico and Canada and allow foreign-born workers to enter the U.S. legally. They could be allowed to work for a while to get ahead and then return to their own country without having to rely on the present underground network that takes advantage of their illegal status. We need friends in Mexico and Canada. Open borders would demonstrate our willingness to extend a hand of friendship.

----ANSWER-----
WISE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 FOOLISH
10% 5% 10% 14% 11% 18% 33% DK 1%

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1979-06-01 1979-06-08 NATIONAL 220 IN HOUSE
REGISTERED VOTERS
VOTED IN 1978

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RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION 06-99-0016 NA NA

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-----ANSWER-----
STRONG 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 DK WEAK
15% 14% 9% 16% 12% 14% 20% 1%

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1979-06-01 1979-06-08 NATIONAL 220 IN HOUSE
REGISTERED VOTERS
VOTED IN 1978

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DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION	06-99-0016	NA	NA

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----ANSWER-----
BELIEVABLE UNBELIEVABLE
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 DK
9% 10% 13% 20% 8% 14% 26% 1%

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1979-06-01 1979-06-08 NATIONAL 220 IN HOUSE
REGISTERED VOTERS
VOTED IN 1978

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DECISION/MAKING/INFORMATION 06-99-0016 NA NA

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-----ANSWER-----
CONSERVATIVE VIEW LIBERAL VIEW
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 DK
6% 4% 3% 26% 10% 17% 35% 1%

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1979-06-01 1979-06-08 NATIONAL 220 IN HOUSE
REGISTERED VOTERS
VOTED IN 1978

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-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN----	DATE PUBL
GALLUP	971	GALLUP OPINION INDEX	1977

-----QUESTION-----
Should immigration be kept at its present level,
increased, or decreased?

-----ANSWER-----

Present level	37%
Increased	7
Decreased	42
No opinion	14

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1977-03-25 1977-03-28	NATIONAL ADULTS	1500	IN HOUSE

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RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN-----	DATE PUBL
CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC OPINION	NA	CURRENT OPINION	1975-08

-----QUESTION-----
Would you or would you not be inclined to restrict
or oppose immigration from any particular country
or countries?

-----ANSWER-----

Yes	27%
No	63
Don't know	10

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE----
1975-06	NATIONAL ADULTS	1067	NA

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CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC NA CURRENT OPINION 1975-06
OPINION

-----QUESTION-----
If it were your job to plan an immigration policy
for Canada at this time, would you be inclined to
increase immigration, decrease immigration or keep
the number of immigrants at about the current
level?

-----ANSWER-----
Increase 10%
Decrease 39
Same level 43
Don't know 8

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1975-06 NATIONAL 1067 NA
ADULTS

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
ABC NEWS / WASHINGTON POST 0030 ABC/WASHINGTON POST 1981-03-23

-----QUESTION-----
Recently, there have been many immigrants from
Vietnam. Do you think that . . .

-----ANSWER-----

	White	Black
The government is giving too much assistance to these Vietnamese immigrants	49%	51%
Or should the government give them all the assistance it can until they can get along on their own	41	42
Assistance should continue at current rate	2	2
Don't Know	8	6

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1981-02-26 1981-03-06 NATIONAL 1872 TELEPHONE
ADULTS

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RELATED ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

-----POLLSTER-----	-POLL NO--	-----PUBLISHED IN----	DATE PUBL
ABC NEWS / WASHINGTON POST	0030	ABC/WASHINGTON POST	1981-03-23

-----QUESTION-----
Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about
immigrants. Here are some groups which have
recently been immigrating to this country. For
each, please tell me if you feel that the govern-
ment should encourage them to enter this country
or discourage them from doing so
Vietnamese

-----ANSWER-----
WHITE
Encourage 27%
Discourage 67
Don't Know 6

BLACK
Encourage 25
Discourage 66
Don't Know 9

-----SURVEY DATES-----	-SAMPLE POPULATION--	SAMPLE SIZE	--INTERVIEW MODE---
1981-02-26 1981-03-06	NATIONAL ADULTS	1872	TELEPHONE

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-----POLLSTER----- -POLL NO-- -----PUBLISHED IN----- DATE PUBL
RESEARCH FORECASTS NA CONN MUTUAL LIFE: BE 1981

-----QUESTION-----
The United States has been too willing to accept
refugees from Cuba and South Vietnam.

-----ANSWER-----
Agree 76%
Disagree 17
Neither agree or disagree 7

-----SURVEY DATES----- -SAMPLE POPULATION-- SAMPLE SIZE --INTERVIEW MODE-----
1980-09-01 1980-11-15 NATIONAL 2018 TELEPHONE
AGE 14 AND OLDER