



To: Interested Parties

From: Global Strategy Group

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Re: NEW POLL RESULTS: Voters are fed up with the Trump administration's overreaches on immigration enforcement and want candidates to fund health care, not supercharge ICE.

A new survey featuring a sample of 1,000 likely voters nationwide and a sample of 636 likely voters in nine Senate battleground states (AK, GA, IA, ME, MI, NC, NH, OH, and TX) shows that voters across the country reject the Trump administration's approach to immigration enforcement and the misplaced spending priorities of Congress. These results make it clear that Trump and Republicans in Congress are vulnerable on the issue of immigration and what voters perceive as enforcement overreach funded through cuts to Medicaid and other popular healthcare programs.

Key findings are outlined below. Additionally, the extensive message testing conducted in this survey recommends the following message against Trump's immigration enforcement agenda:

Trump said he'd fix our broken immigration system and lower the cost of living. Instead, he's spent billions of taxpayer dollars – more than most countries spend on their entire military – to dramatically expand ICE, while cutting health care as costs for families keep climbing higher.

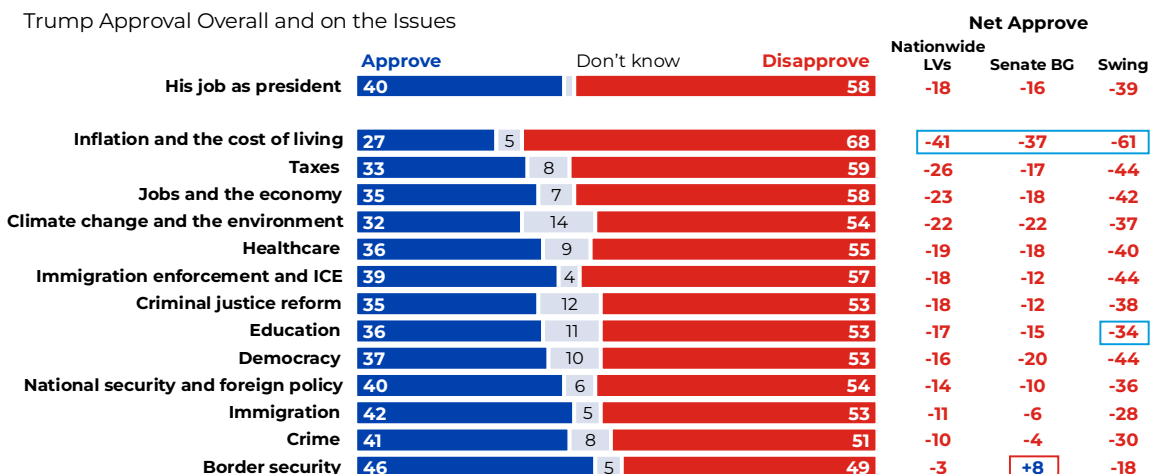
That money empowered masked ICE agents to conduct raids in schools, churches, and hospitals, deport people without due process, and make arrests without warrants in unmarked vehicles: all without any accountability. And all while Trump and Republicans cut Medicaid and healthcare.

Americans want leaders focused on lowering costs and fixing our immigration system. Trump has given us neither: only higher bills and a system that's more broken than when he found it.

Key Findings

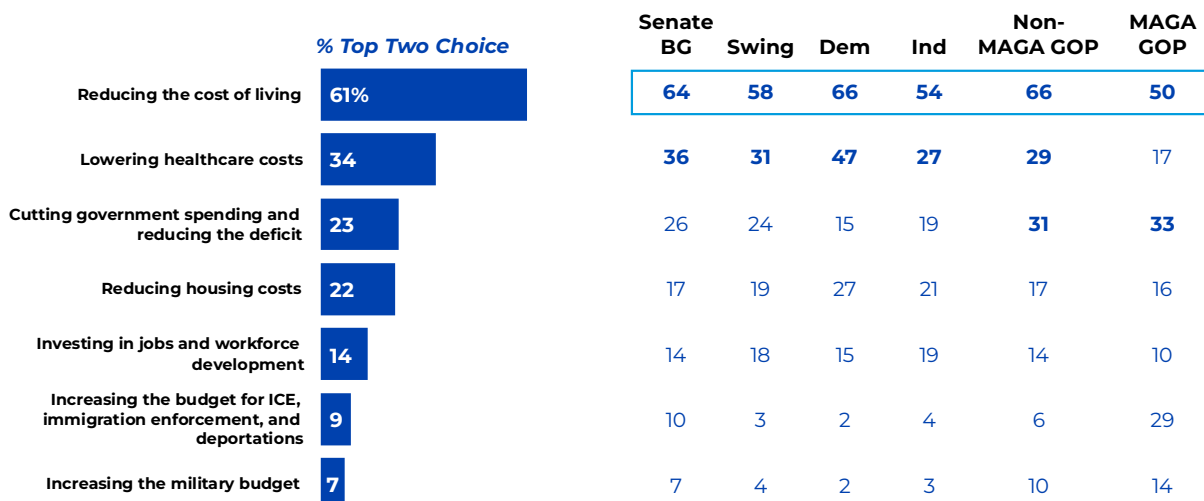
A majority of Americans disapprove of Trump's performance as president, including on the issue of immigration enforcement. Nearly three in five voters (58%) disapprove of the job Trump is doing as president, while only 40% approve (-18 net approval rating). By issue, his lowest approval ratings are on economics – inflation and the cost of living (-41), taxes (-26), jobs and the economy (-23), and healthcare (-19). But his approval rating on immigration enforcement and ICE (-18) is nearly just as bad. **While immigration enforcement was once a strong issue for the president, it's now among his liabilities.**

Trump Approval Overall and on the Issues

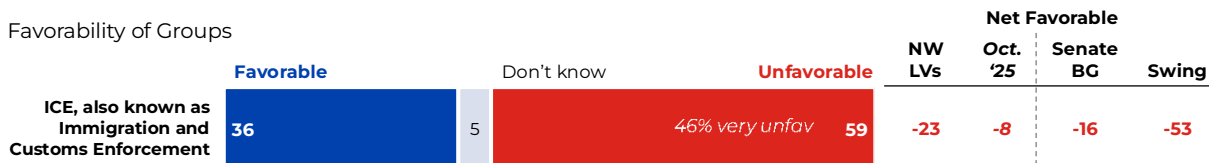


Not only are voters deeply unhappy with ICE enforcement, but they also believe that the administration is spending money on the wrong priorities. When it comes to the spending priorities of Congress, an overwhelming 61% of voters choose reducing the cost of living as one of their top priorities, while only 9% say increasing the budget for ICE is a top spending priority. And, on a separate question, 60% say spending hundreds of billions of dollars on immigration enforcement while cutting funding for healthcare is unacceptable, compared with 28% who say immigration enforcement should be funded even if it requires cuts elsewhere.

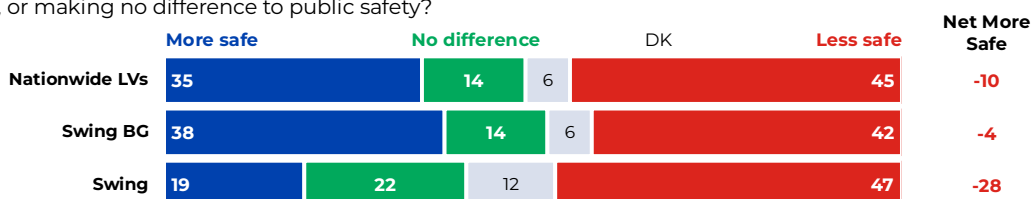
Thinking about federal government spending, which of the following would you most like to see Congress prioritize?



Voters increasingly view ICE unfavorably and believe the agency is making the country less safe rather than more safe. A strong majority of voters (59%) view ICE unfavorably in the aftermath of the deployment of ICE to Minneapolis which led to the fatal shootings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti. ICE's net favorable rating is now -23, a significant change since a national survey we conducted in October of 2025 (-8). Voters are also more likely to say ICE is making the country less safe (45%) than more safe (35%). That concern extends to the scale of immigration enforcement: 63% say it is important to reduce the number of people jailed for immigration violations in the United States.



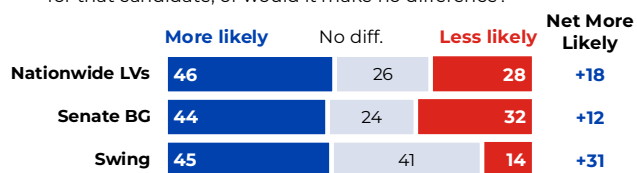
Do you think ICE, also known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is making the country more safe, less safe, or making no difference to public safety?



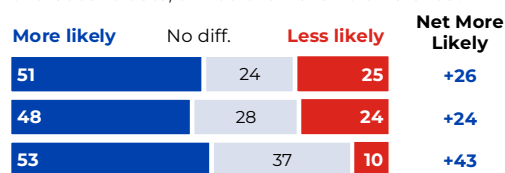
A majority of voters, including wide margins of Democrats, Independents, and swing voters, would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported reducing funding for ICE. Views on ICE and immigration enforcement overreach are also affecting voters' choices for Congress. Likely voters are a net 18 points more likely to vote for a candidate who supports reducing funding for ICE without seeing any messaging, and a net +26 more likely after hearing the message included below.

Message text: At the request of President Trump, Congress has appropriated more than a quarter of a trillion dollars in new funding for federal immigration enforcement. This includes \$145 billion in new funding for ICE, also known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which will increase its budget by 500% over the next three years. At the same time, Congress has cut \$911 billion from Medicaid and other healthcare programs over the next decade, a change that is projected to cause 7.5 million people to lose their health insurance.

[PRE-SPENDING MESSAGE] If a candidate for U.S. Congress supported reducing funding for ICE, also known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, would it make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it make no difference?

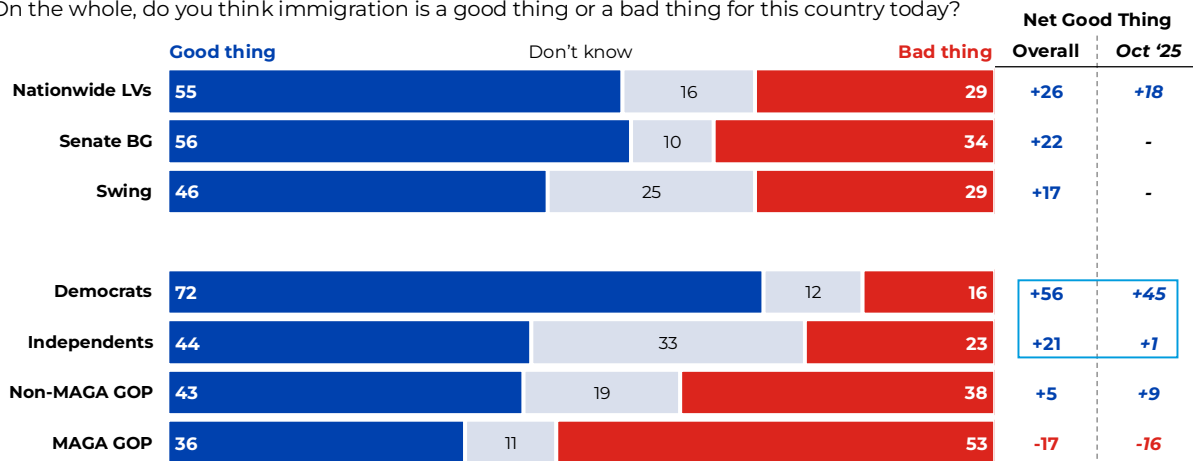


[POST-SPENDING MESSAGE] If a candidate for U.S. Congress supported reducing funding for ICE, also known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, would it make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it make no difference?



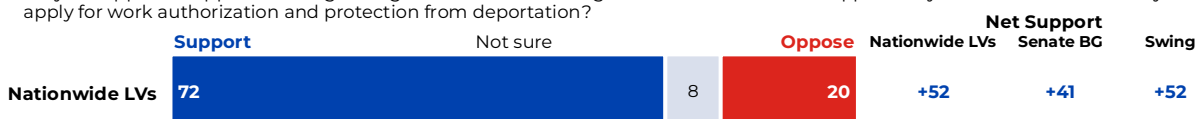
Most voters believe immigration is a good thing for the country and support a path to legal status for immigrants who are working in the United States. Voters not only reject the administration's overreach on immigration enforcement, but they are also much more likely to believe immigration is good for the country (55%) than believe it is a bad thing (29%).

On the whole, do you think immigration is a good thing or a bad thing for this country today?



Voters also overwhelmingly support offering immigrants who are working in the United States the opportunity to remain in the country (72% support) and gain legal status rather than being deported (76%), and by a 3-to-1 margin, are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports a path to citizenship and legal status (52%) than less likely (17%). Among eighteen messages that a candidate for U.S. Congress might make about immigration, the most convincing is: "We need real immigration reform to fix our failed immigration system. That means a balanced approach that secures our borders, while also treating people humanely and creating a fair process for people building their lives here to earn legal status."

Do you support or oppose offering immigrants who are working in the United States the opportunity to remain in the country and apply for work authorization and protection from deportation?



View of Undocumented Immigrants Currently Living in the U.S.



View of Candidate Who Supports Path to Citizenship/Legal Status for Immigrants Living/Working in U.S. for Many Years



ABOUT THE POLL

Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 1,000 2026 likely voters nationwide between July 16 and July 23, 2026. The survey has a confidence interval of +/-3.1%. All interviews were conducted via web-based panel. An oversample of an additional 375 interviews was conducted among Senate battleground likely voters online for a total of 636 interviews among Senate battleground likely voters and a total of 1,375 interviews overall. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic, political, and demographic divisions of the population of likely voters are properly represented. Additionally, the oversample of Senate battleground likely voters has been weighted to its appropriate proportion of nationwide likely voters overall.