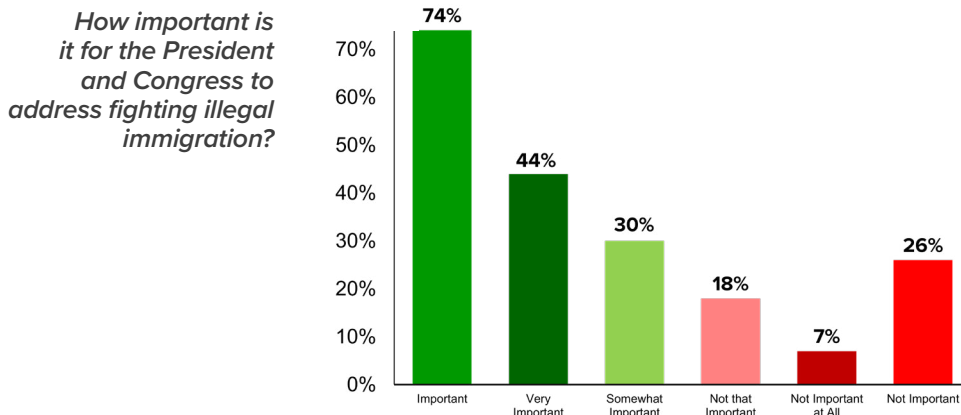


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INTRODUCTION

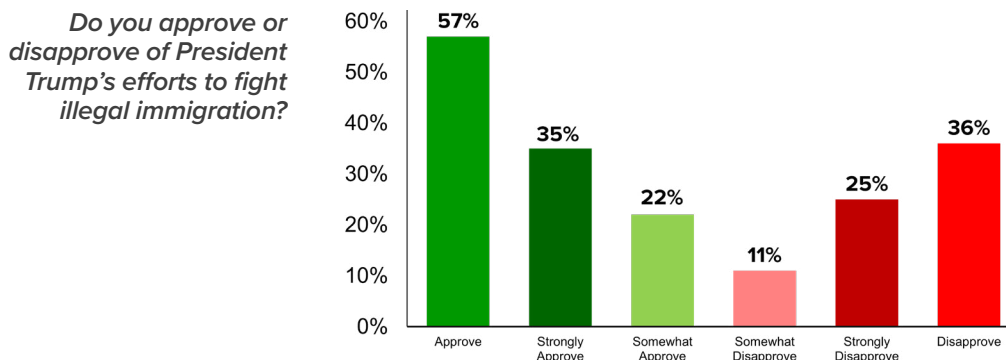
In light of recent media coverage over the violent protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minnesota, Plymouth Union Public Research conducted a nationwide survey to measure how voters across the country and across the political spectrum truly feel about the efforts of President Trump and ICE to curb illegal immigration and safeguard America. What we found is that despite the media’s attempts to portray immigration enforcement as a bad thing, Americans from all walks of life want the rule of law upheld and approve of how President Trump and ICE have handled their serious and necessary task to defend our nation.

GENERAL ATMOSPHERICS ON IMMIGRATION



On the surface, nearly three-fourths of voters (**74%**) stated that fighting illegal immigration was an important issue for the President and Congress to address. We see a considerable disparity in intensity: **44%** of Americans say that fighting illegal immigration is “Very Important” compared to only **7%** who believe the issue is “Not Important at All”. The overall importance of fighting illegal immigration is widely held even among the most ardent voices against ICE over the past year, including Democrats (**58%**) and Kamala Harris voters (**59%**).

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S LEADERSHIP TO FIGHT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION



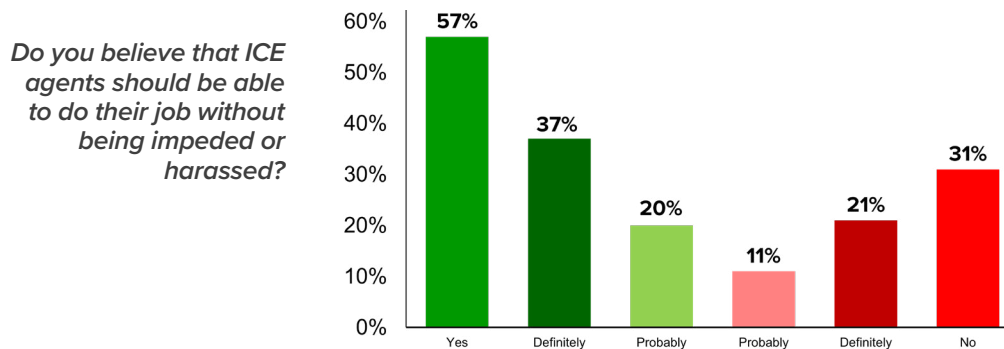


Voters also approve of the President’s overall efforts to fight illegal immigration, including “cracking down on border crossings and increasing deportations.” Approval for his anti-illegal immigration policies sits at **57%**. In addition, we saw specific examples of the current administration’s border security agenda also receive high marks:

- **78%** of Americans believe the United States has a responsibility to stop international drug traffickers and cartel operations before they reach our country.
- **64%** of Americans believe that Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro should stand trial in the United States for his role in international drug trafficking and cartel operations.
- **51%** of Americans approve of using ICE agents to fight illegal immigration.

SUPPORT FOR ICE AGENTS

Even in the midst of an onslaught of negative coverage against ICE agents being driven by Democrat policymakers and members of the mainstream media, Americans strongly stand with ICE agents who are enforcing President Trump’s anti-illegal immigration agenda. **57%** of voters sampled believe that ICE agents should be able to do their job without being impeded or harassed, a direct blow to the anti-ICE agitators in places like Minneapolis and California.



Respect for ICE agents among American voters is high. Our sample applauded the men and women of ICE for answering the call of duty, standing up for our nation’s safety, and for having the courage to do a dangerous job that many are not brave enough to do.

- **58% Agree:** The men and women of ICE are putting their lives on the line to keep America safe. It’s wrong that some are attacking them when all they’re doing is their job.
- **57% Agree:** ICE agents have the dangerous job of keeping us safe from violent criminals. I wouldn’t want to be an ICE agent, but I’m happy there are people in my community willing to serve in this necessary role.

There is far less support for the anti-ICE paid protestors and agitators, with only **30%** of voters stating that they support political organizations that pay protestors to impede or harass ICE agents. This figure includes **55%** of voters who consider themselves to be “Very Liberal” and **46%** of voters under the age of 30.

CONCLUSION

Voters broadly see illegal immigration as a serious issue that President Trump is properly addressing. There is clear openness for enforcement measures and general approval of the current approach, especially efforts to disrupt cartels and hold foreign actors accountable. Support extends to ICE officers enforcing these policies. Voters emphasize respect for their service and the need to let them do their jobs. By contrast, organized efforts to obstruct enforcement draw limited sympathy and appear confined to a small but vocal slice of the electorate. Overall, the center of public opinion favors the America First message of fighting illegal immigration and supporting ICE agents protecting our communities.



METHODOLOGY

Plymouth Union Public Research conducted an online survey of n = 1,000 likely general election voters nationwide, resulting in a margin of error of +/- 3.1%. Our sample consisted of an even partisan split between Democrats and Republicans at 40% each with the remaining 20% consisting of independent voters. This survey was completed between January 16 and 18, 2026.