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FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO PLAY BY THE RULES & HAVE NO CRIMINAL RECORD, ARIZONANS FAVOR PATH TO CITIZENSHIP AND WORK PROGRAM

Phoenix, Arizona, April 25, 2013. By an overwhelming seven to two ratio, Arizonans say they favor two ideas for dealing with illegal immigrants who have no record of criminality in this country and who play by the rules:

- a. Providing a path to citizenship and
- b. Granting work papers to those who wish to work in the U.S.
and move back and forth across the border.

“Playing by the rules” means not having a criminal record, paying their taxes, registering their presence in the U.S. and learning to speak the English Language. Support for these two ideas exceeds 70 percent statewide and is strong within all “stripes” of the population including Republicans, Independents and Democrats.

As might be expected, Latinos evidence the strongest support for these two ideas, but other minorities and Caucasians are also very supportive. Young adults in the state are among the strongest supporters along with political moderates. Six of ten political conservatives also line up behind these two ideas.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2013-II-03), is based on 700 interviews with heads of household statewide including 438 registered voters statewide, conducted between April 3 and 16, 2013. Interviewing was conducted in both English or Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on both landlines and cell phones. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3.8 percent of what they would have been had the entire population been surveyed and 4.8 percent had the entire voter population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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Regarding illegal immigrants who have been living in the U.S. for a number of years, do you favor or oppose creating an opportunity for them to stay in this country and apply for citizenship so long as they have no criminal record, pay their taxes, learn to speak English and register their presence in the U.S.?	Regarding illegal immigrants in the U.S. do you favor or oppose a path for them to obtain work papers so that they can move back and forth across the border legally for employment so long as they have no criminal record and pay taxes?
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	PATH TO CITIZENSHIP			PATH TO WORK PAPERS		
	Favor	Oppose	Unsure	Favor	Oppose	Unsure
Statewide	74%	14%	12%	74%	19%	7%
Party						
Democrat	88	5	7	84	16	0
Independent	75	18	7	80	13	7
Republican	71	21	8	76	19	5
Ethnicity						
Caucasian	70	17	13	74	21	5
Latino	89	4	7	85	3	13
Other	73	11	16	66	25	9
Political Philosophy						
Liberal	73	17	10	79	19	2
Moderate	83	6	11	87	11	2
Conservative	68	21	11	61	24	15

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