



Online Deliberative Experiment
Results: Policy Changes for Participants in the Online Deliberation
Significant Changes Only
September 2014

Note: T1 denotes Before Deliberation; T2 denotes After Deliberation; T2-T1 denotes after deliberation minus before deliberation; Sig. denotes statistical significance.

In the Sig. column, * indicates significance 0.10 or below, ** for 0.05, and *** for 0.01 or below. ^a denotes question changed significantly for control group

The first row for each question shows the means for each question and the subsequent rows show the percentages. For the purposes of this document, the answer scales are collapsed for certain questions.

	T1	T2	T2-T1	Sig.
4. And, on the same scale, generally speaking, how serious a problem or not would you say temporary work visas are?	4.707	5.256	.548	.055*
0-4 no problem at all	48.8	35.7		
5	12.2	11.9		
6-10 most serious problem we face	39.0	52.4		
(DK/NA)	(2.4)	(1.2)		
5b. Eliminate the employment-based green card backlog and exempt dependents	5.549	6.563	1.014	.019**
0-4 undesirable	32.4	16.9		
5	17.6	15.6		
6-10 desirable	50.0	67.5		
(DK/NA)	(11.9)	(6.1)		
5e. Create a limit of H1B visas per company as a percentage of their US-based workforce	5.608	6.971	1.362	.001***
0-4 undesirable	27.0	11.7		
5	23.0	15.6		
6-10 desirable	50.0	72.7		
(DK/NA)	(11.9)	(8.3)		
5g. Increase salaries for H1B visas to be tied to local median wage for a given occupation	5.625	7.014	1.389	.000***
0-4 undesirable	31.1	16.1		

5	23.0	12.4		
6-10 desirable	45.9	71.6		
(DK/NA)	(10.8)	(2.4)		
5i. Increase EB-5's limit to 10,000 families rather than 10,000 individuals	5.937	6.762	.825	.025** ^a
0-4 undesirable	26.9	28.2		
5	13.4	6.4		
6-10 desirable	59.7	65.4		
(DK/NA)	(18.3)	(6.0)		
5j. Do not automatically allow the siblings of all American citizens to immigrate to the US as permanent residents	4.974	5.92	.948	.035**
0-4 undesirable	42.5	32.9		
5	15.0	13.4		
6-10 desirable	42.5	53.7		
(DK/NA)	(4.8)	(3.5)		
5n. Increase the number of prosecutions for border crossings to up to 210 per day	5.438	4.726	-.712	.068*
0-4 undesirable	43.4	45.0		
5	9.21	10.0		
6-10 desirable	55.3	45.0		
(DK/NA)	(9.5)	(5.9)		
5q. Introduce a federal mandate on employment verification systems	6.129	6.957	.829	.032**
0-4 undesirable	25.0	15.4		
5	14.5	6.4		
6-10 desirable	60.5	78.2		
(DK/NA)	(9.5)	(4.9)		
5u. Provide DREAMers with a faster path to work authorization	5.918	7.123	1.205	.001***
0-4 undesirable	30.7	19.5		
5	8.0	2.4		
6-10 desirable	61.3	78.1		
(DK/NA)	(10.7)	(3.5)		
5v. Give priority to noncitizen parents of US citizen children in the visa application process	4.913	6.300	1.388	.000***
0-4 undesirable	43.2	26.2		
5	12.4	9.5		
6-10 desirable	44.4	64.3		

(DK/NA)	(3.6)	(1.2)		
5w. Have applicants return to home country while waiting for visa	4.553	4.066	-.487	.099*
0-4 undesirable	56.3	56.3		
5	8.8	10.0		
6-10 desirable	35.0	33.8		
(DK/NA)	(4.8)	(5.9)		
5x. Increase the total number of green cards issued annually by 100%	5.420	6.159	.739	.036*** ^a
0-4 undesirable	35.6	25.3		
5	16.4	10.1		
6-10 desirable	48.0	64.6		
(DK/NA)	(13.1)	(6.0)		
8. Some people think that the US should send all illegal immigrants back to the countries they came from. Suppose these people are at one end of a 0-to-10 scale, at point 0. Other people think that the US should legalize all the illegal immigrants currently here. Suppose these people are at the other end of the scale, at point 10. People who are exactly in the middle are at point 5, and of course other people have opinions at other points between 0 and 10. Where would you place your views on this scale, or haven't you thought much about that?	4.880	5.711	.831	.002***
0-4	41.7	27.4		
5	10.7	11.9		
6-10	47.6	60.7		
(DK/NA)	(3.6)	(1.2)		
10c. Decisions about what WORK VISAS to issue should take into account what job skills they have.	.216	.153	-.063	.028**
Strongly agree (0)	52.4	60.2		
Somewhat agree	30.5	25.3		
Neither agree nor disagree	4.9	8.4		
Somewhat disagree	4.9	2.4		

Strongly disagree (1)	7.3	3.6		
(DK/NA)	(2.4)	(2.4)		
11b. Having close family in the US	5.317	6.329	1.012	.003***
0-4 unimportant	33.7	20.2		
5	14.5	11.9		
6-10 important	51.8	67.9		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(1.2)		
11d. Being able to support oneself financially	7.614	8.084	.470	.084*
0-4 unimportant	9.6	5.9		
5	12.1	7.1		
6-10 important	78.3	87.1		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(0.0)		
11e. Commitment to the US's way of life	6.723	6.940	.217	.514
0-4 unimportant	21.7	17.7		
5	10.8	10.6		
6-10 important	67.5	71.8		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(0.0)		
12. And how strongly would you favor or oppose each of the following?				
a. Reinforcing border controls	.649	.542	-.107	.000***
Strongly oppose (0)	10.7	18.8		
Somewhat oppose	16.7	16.5		
Neither support nor oppose	14.3	18.8		
Somewhat support	19.1	21.2		
Strongly support (1)	39.3	24.7		
(DK/NA)	(0.0)	(0.0)		
c. Allowing more families to be reunited regardless of immigration status	.554	.635	.080	.017**
Strongly oppose (0)	14.5	7.6		
Somewhat oppose	19.3	16.5		
Neither support nor oppose	16.9	20.3		
Somewhat support	28.9	26.6		
Strongly support (1)	20.5	29.1		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(6.0)		
d. Allowing more families to be reunited for legal immigrants	.708	.772	.064	.054**
Strongly oppose (0)	7.3	2.5		
Somewhat oppose	4.9	5.0		
Neither support nor oppose	15.9	15.0		

Somewhat support	39.0	36.3		
Strongly support (1)	32.9	41.3		
(DK/NA)	(2.4)	(2.4)		
16. How strongly would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?				
a. The contributions from working immigrants will help maintain the pension system.	.350	.297	-.053	.066*
Strongly agree (0)	29.0	36.1		
Somewhat agree	32.9	32.5		
Neither agree nor disagree	15.8	15.7		
Somewhat disagree	11.8	6.0		
Strongly disagree (1)	10.5	9.6		
(DK/NA)	(8.4)	(2.4)		
18. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that immigrants have a lot to offer to the US's cultural life, 10 means that immigrants threaten the US's culture, and 5 is exactly in the middle, where would you position yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about that?	3.602	2.928	-.675	.026**
0-4	61.9	67.9		
5	10.7	11.9		
6-10	37.4	20.2		
(DK/NA)	(0.0)	(1.2)		
19. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that immigrants take jobs from US-born, 10 means that immigrants take the sorts of jobs that US-born don't want and 5 is exactly in the middle, where would you position yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about that?	5.524	5.988	.463	.097*
0-4	29.3	25.9		
5	19.5	17.7		
6-10	51.2	56.5		
(DK/NA)	(2.4)	(0.0)		
20. On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means that immigrants	5.295	5.859	.564	.048**

take jobs from people who are already in the US, regardless of where they were born, 10 means that immigrants take the sorts of jobs that people already in the US don't want, regardless of where they were born, don't want and 5 is exactly in the middle, where would you position yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about that?				
0-4	37.5	26.5		
5	16.3	15.7		
6-10	46.3	57.8		
(DK/NA)	(4.8)	(2.4)		
21. Of all the immigrants in the US, what percentage do you think are here with no legal status? Please answer with a number between 0 and 100. If you don't know, you may write don't know and move on to the next question.	37.3	30.3	-6.93	.012**
25. On a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' is "not at all", '10' is "completely", and '5' is "exactly in the middle", how much would you say each of the following describes people with WORK visas living in the US?				
d. Respectful of women	5.938	6.609	.672	.009***
0-4	20.6	11.3		
5	27.9	18.3		
6-10	51.5	70.4		
(DK/NA)	(19.1)	(16.5)		
26. On a scale from 0 to 10, where '0' is "not at all", '10' is "completely", and '5' is "exactly in the middle", how much would you say each of the following describes immigrants with no legal status living here in the US?				
a. Honest	4.878	5.689	.811	.006***

0-4	41.6	33.3		
5	19.5	14.1		
6-10	39.0	52.6		
(DK/NA)	(8.3)	(8.2)		
c. Law-abiding	4.685	5.411	.726	.013**
0-4	48.7	40.3		
5	16.7	13.0		
6-10	34.6	46.8		
(DK/NA)	(6.0)	(9.4)		
d. Respectful of women	5.095	5.762	.667	.009***
0-4	34.3	25.0		
5	30.0	27.9		
6-10	35.7	47.1		
(DK/NA)	(16.7)	(19.1)		
e. Tolerant	5.355	5.871	.516	.058*
0-4	27.8	25.0		
5	27.8	23.5		
6-10	44.4	51.5		
(DK/NA)	(14.3)	(18.1)		
28. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is "not at all", 10 is "as much as could reasonably be expected," and 5 is exactly in the middle, how able would you say Congress is able to get important things done?				
	2.904	2.313	-.590	.018**
0-4	72.3	86.9		
5	6.0	2.4		
6-10	21.7	10.7		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(1.2)		
31. Here are some things that people find more or less important for themselves or society to have. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 is extremely unimportant, 10 is extremely important, and 5 is exactly in the middle, how important or unimportant would you say each of the following is to you?				
b. Leaving people and companies free to compete economically	6.812	7.207	.390	.056**
0-4	22.0	15.3		
5	9.8	8.2		

6-10	68.3	76.5		
(DK/NA)	(2.4)	(0.0)		
g. Getting to decide exactly what to do with everything I earn	6.530	6.964	.434	.075*
0-4	25.3	11.8		
5	6.0	14.1		
6-10	68.7	74.1		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(0.0)		
m. Having a safe community	8.952	8.663	-.289	.056*
0-4	1.2	2.4		
5	3.6	2.4		
6-10	95.2	95.3		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(0.0)		
32b. Most public policy issues are so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on.	.705	.610	-.095	.004***
Strongly agree (0)	2.4	9.4		
Somewhat agree	19.1	22.4		
Neither agree nor disagree	11.9	11.8		
Somewhat disagree	27.4	25.9		
Strongly disagree (1)	39.3	30.6		
(DK/NA)	(0.0)	(0.0)		
32d. I have opinions about politics that are worth listening to.	.205	.199	-.006	.085*
Strongly agree (0)	42.2	48.2		
Somewhat agree	45.8	30.6		
Neither agree nor disagree	4.8	15.3		
Somewhat disagree	2.4	3.5		
Strongly disagree (1)	4.8	2.4		
(DK/NA)	(1.2)	(0.0)		
33d. They have good reasons; there are just better ones on the other side.	.399	.332	-.067	.042**
Strongly agree (0)	14.6	15.3		
Somewhat agree	36.6	50.6		
Neither agree nor disagree	31.7	20.0		
Somewhat disagree	8.5	11.8		
Strongly disagree (1)	8.5	2.4		
(DK/NA)	(2.4)	(0.0)		