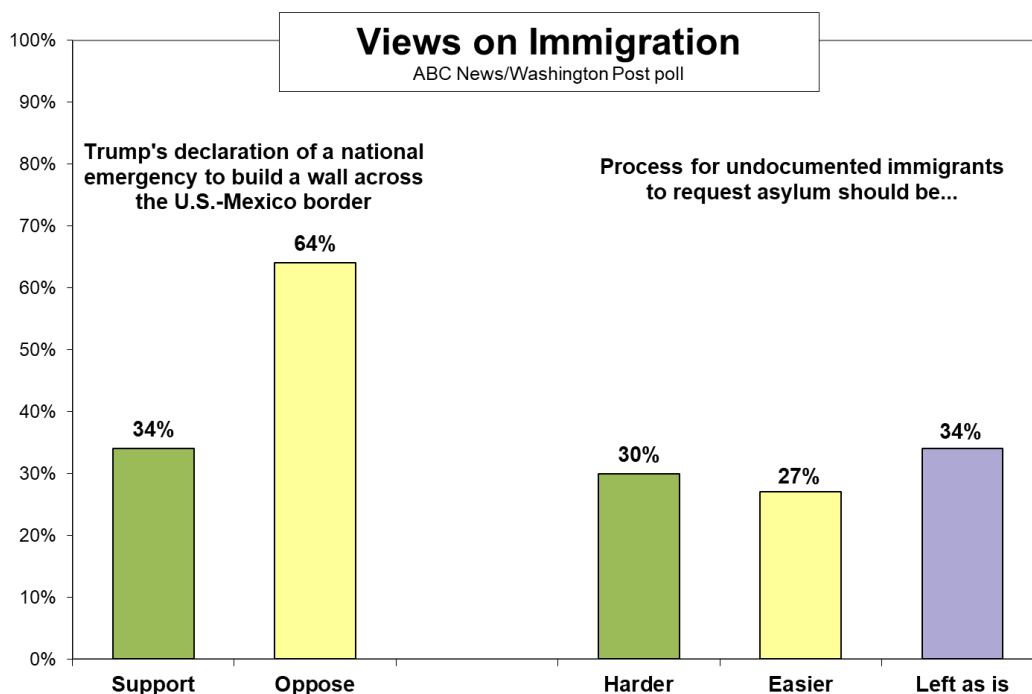


64% Oppose Trump's Move to Build a Wall; On Asylum, Just 30% Support Stricter Rules

Americans by nearly 2-1 oppose Donald Trump's attempts to build a wall across the U.S.-Mexico border and just three in 10 in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll support making it harder for undocumented immigrants to request asylum protection in the United States.

Sixty-four percent oppose Trump declaring a national emergency in order to build a wall without congressional approval, while 34 percent back him. That includes 55 percent who "strongly" disapprove, vs. 28 percent strong support.



Just 30 percent, moreover, favor making it harder for undocumented immigrants to seek asylum, as Trump has proposed. Essentially as many, 27 percent, would make it easier, while 34 percent favor leaving the law as it is now.

Majority opposition to Trump's policies stands even as a sense of the seriousness of the situation has risen. Thirty-five percent now see a crisis, up from 24 percent in January. That said, 64 percent still don't ascribe to the president's claim of a border crisis.

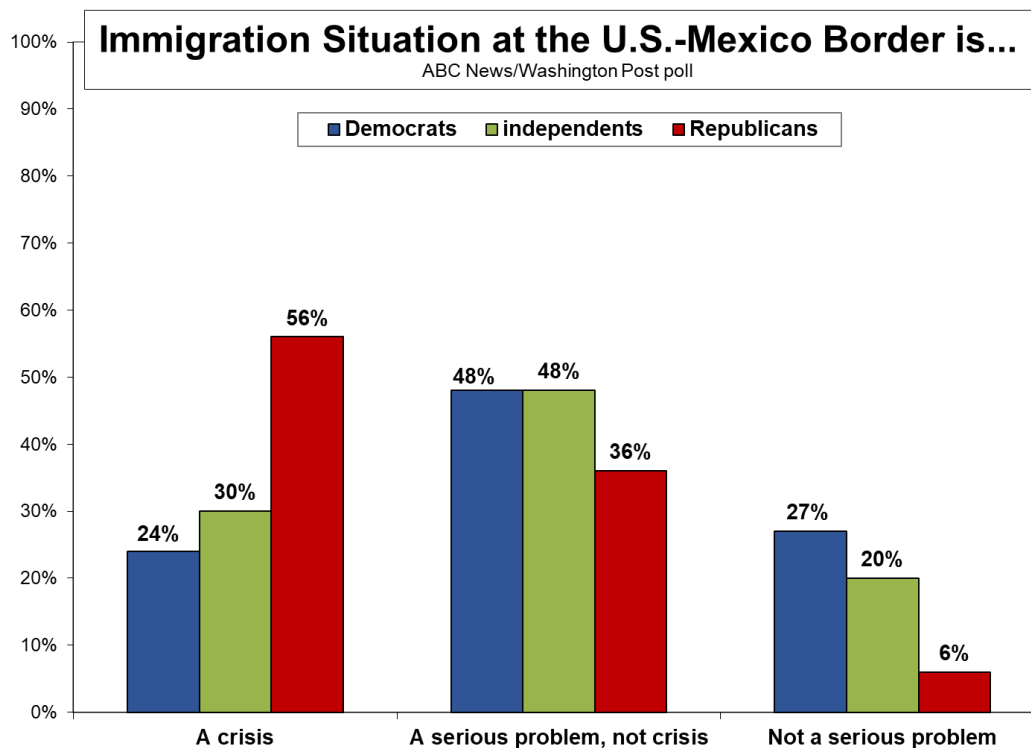
Overall, 57 percent in the poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), disapprove of how Trump is handling immigration, with 39 percent approving. (This matches Trump's overall

job approval rating.) Disapproval has eased a bit, from 62 percent when last tested in September 2017.

In a comparatively better result for Trump, the public divides about evenly on who's mainly to blame for the border situation. Thirty-five percent chiefly blame the Democrats in Congress and 32 percent chiefly blame Trump, with an additional 27 percent blaming neither or both.

GROUPS – Views of the border situation as a crisis have risen across groups, but most steeply among Democrats, up 17 percentage points from 7 percent in January to 24 percent now. It's up similarly, by 16 points, among Hispanics, from 20 percent in January to 36 percent now.

Seeing a crisis peaks among very conservative Americans, 62 percent; Republicans, 56 percent; rural residents, 54 percent; and evangelical white Protestants, 52 percent.



Other opinions likewise are sharply partisan. But even among Republicans, just fewer than half, 46 percent, favor making it harder for undocumented immigrants to request asylum. Support for the idea is highest, 54 percent, among strong conservatives. That falls to a third of independents, a quarter of moderates and about one in seven Democrats and liberals alike.

Assignment of blame, for its part, may be a concern for Trump and his party looking ahead to the 2020 election. Whites blame the Democrats in Congress over the president for the immigration situation by a broad 43-23 percent. But nonwhites, a growing share of the population, see it quite differently. Blacks blame Trump over the congressional Democrats by 57-14 percent; Hispanics do so by 50-19 percent.

Further, whites only divide on Trump's handling of immigration overall, 49-47 percent, approve-disapprove. Seventy-four percent of Hispanics, as well as 87 percent of blacks, disapprove.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone April 22-25, 2019, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 29-26-36 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling and data collection by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md. See details on the survey's methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1, 7-23 previously released.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling immigration? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/25/19	39	29	10	57	11	46	4
9/21/17	35	24	11	62	11	51	3

3. Do you think the situation with illegal immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border is currently a crisis, a serious problem but not a crisis, or not a serious problem?

	A crisis	A serious problem but not a crisis	Not a serious problem	Not a problem (vol.)	No opinion
4/25/19	35	45	18	1	1
1/11/19	24	47	26	1	1

4. Who do you blame more for the immigration situation - (Trump) or (the Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump	Democrats in Congress	Obama admin. (vol.)	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/25/19	32	35	*	8	19	6

5. Trump has declared a national emergency in order to use federal funds to build a wall across the U.S.-Mexico border without congressional approval. Do you support or oppose Trump declaring a national emergency for this purpose? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
4/25/19	34	28	6	64	9	55	2

Compare to:

Presidents can declare a state of national emergency, giving them special powers to take action without approval from Congress. Do you support or oppose Trump using emergency powers to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/11/19	31	25	6	66	14	51	4

6. Undocumented immigrants often request asylum protection under U.S. law, citing persecution in their home country. Do you think the United States should make it (harder) for undocumented immigrants to request asylum, make it (easier) for them to request asylum, or leave this as it is now?

	Make harder	Make easier	Leave as is	No opinion
4/25/19	30	27	34	9

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