

# THE WMUR GRANITE STATE POLL

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### NH FAVORS AZ LAW ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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DURHAM, NH – New Hampshire residents believe illegal immigration is a serious problem for the United States and favor the Arizona law that a federal court recently blocked parts of.

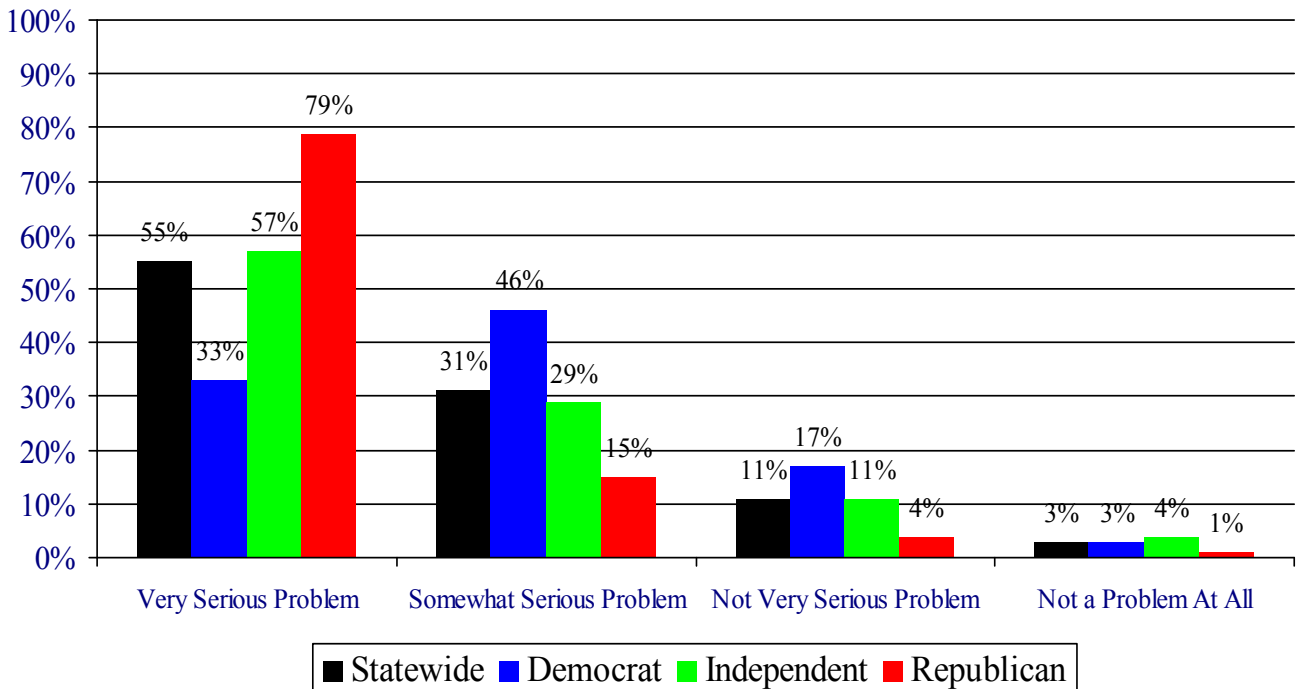
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### Concern About Illegal Immigration

Although New Hampshire is not seen as a state with serious problems because of illegal immigration, state residents think this is a very serious problem for the United States. In the most recent WMUR Granite State Poll, 55% of New Hampshire adults say that illegal immigration is a very serious problem for the United States, 31% think it is a somewhat serious problem, 11% think it is a not very serious problem, only 3% think it is not a problem at all, and 1% don't know.

There is a distinct partisan divide on this issue, 79% of Republicans think illegal immigration is a very serious problem for the United States while 57% of Independents think it is a very serious problem and only 33% of Democrats think it is a very serious problem.

### Seriousness of Illegal Immigration

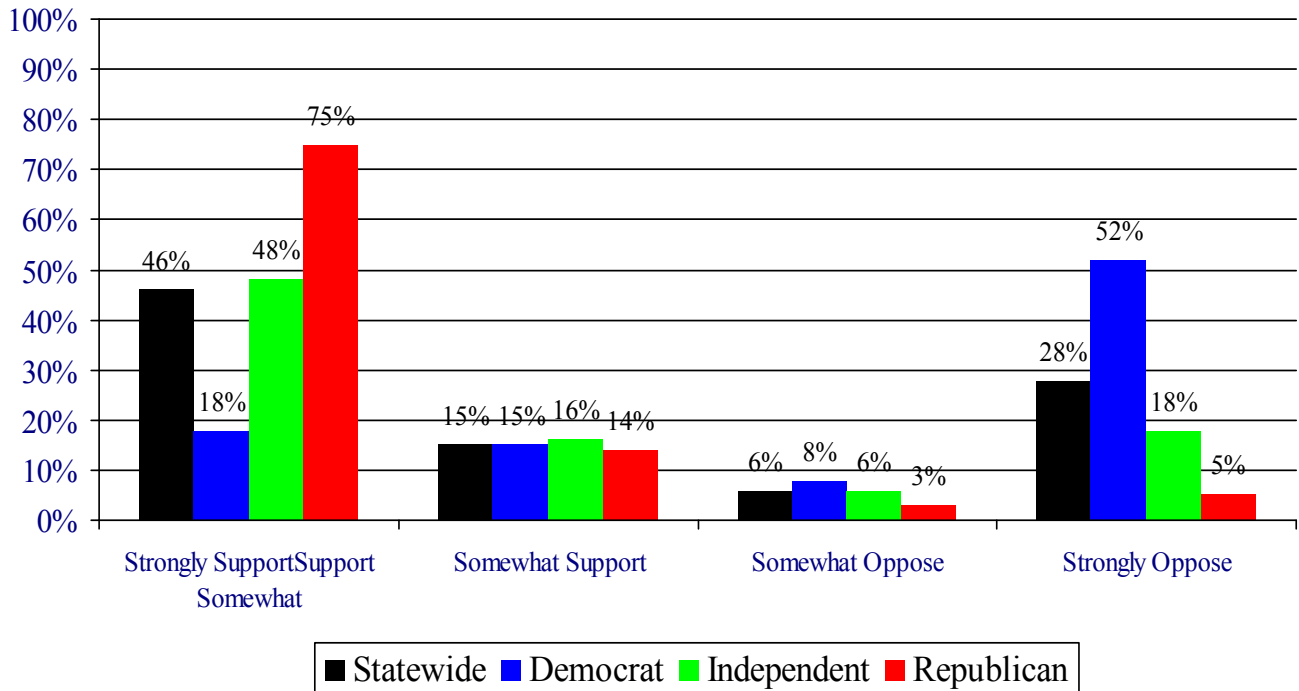


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This week, a federal judge blocked the implementation a controversial Arizona law that would, among other things, given police the power to verify the residency status of people who have been stopped for traffic violations and other police business. New Hampshire residents support the Arizona law – 46% say they strongly support the Arizona law, 15% somewhat support it, 6% somewhat oppose, 28% strongly oppose, and 6% are not sure.

Republicans strongly support this law (75%) while a majority of Democrats strongly oppose the law (52%). Most Independents support the Arizona law, but not as strongly as Republicans.

### Support / Oppose Arizona Immigration Law



### Granite State Poll Methodology

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The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, and region of the state. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

“Turning to immigration for a moment ... In general, how serious a problem do you think illegal immigration is in the United States: a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all?”

	<b><u>Very Serious Problem</u></b> <b>55%</b>	<b><u>Somewhat Serious</u></b> <b>31%</b>	<b><u>Not Very Serious</u></b> <b>11%</b>	<b><u>Not A Problem</u></b> <b>3%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>1%</b>	<b><u>(N=)</u></b> <b>504</b>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>						
Registered Democrat	32%	45%	18%	4%	1%	125
Registered Undeclared	53%	38%	8%	1%	1%	205
Registered Republican	79%	11%	6%	4%	0%	131
Democrat	33%	46%	17%	3%	1%	214
Independent	57%	29%	11%	4%	0%	97
Republican	79%	15%	4%	1%	0%	184
Liberal	29%	47%	19%	3%	1%	108
Moderate	49%	38%	11%	1%	0%	213
Conservative	83%	11%	4%	2%	0%	155
Union household	52%	35%	9%	3%	0%	65
Non-union	56%	30%	11%	2%	1%	436
10 yrs or less in NH	60%	30%	9%	1%	0%	95
11 to 20 years	46%	31%	20%	4%	0%	89
More than 20 years	56%	31%	9%	3%	1%	317
18 to 34	42%	32%	24%	1%	0%	53
35 to 49	61%	24%	14%	1%	0%	108
50 to 64	52%	35%	9%	4%	0%	186
65 and over	58%	32%	7%	2%	2%	152
Male	53%	28%	15%	4%	0%	243
Female	58%	33%	7%	1%	1%	261
High school or less	72%	21%	6%	1%	1%	101
Some college	58%	32%	9%	0%	1%	117
College graduate	56%	27%	12%	3%	1%	162
Post-graduate	36%	43%	16%	5%	0%	119
Less than \$30K	55%	29%	11%	2%	3%	61
\$30K to \$60K	61%	27%	10%	2%	0%	91
\$60K to \$75K	56%	39%	1%	4%	0%	37
\$75K to \$100K	42%	49%	9%	0%	0%	56
\$100K or more	46%	35%	15%	3%	0%	129
Attend services 1 or more/week	64%	30%	5%	1%	0%	137
1-2 times a month	48%	36%	14%	2%	0%	71
Less often	60%	25%	14%	0%	0%	128
Never	46%	35%	13%	5%	2%	156
North Country	42%	55%	1%	2%	0%	50
Central / Lakes	53%	32%	12%	3%	0%	84
Connecticut Valley	61%	27%	6%	4%	2%	66
Mass Border	65%	22%	13%	1%	0%	138
Seacoast	47%	31%	18%	3%	1%	82
Manchester Area	54%	33%	9%	3%	1%	84
First Cong. Dist	52%	34%	11%	3%	1%	264
Second Cong. Dist	59%	28%	11%	2%	1%	240

“A new law in Arizona would give police the power to ask people they've stopped to verify their residency status. Supporters say this will help crack down on illegal immigration. Opponents say it could violate civil rights and lead to racial profiling. On balance, do you support or oppose this law?” “Is that strongly or somewhat?”

	<b><u>Strongly Support</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Support</u></b>	<b><u>Somewhat Oppose</u></b>	<b><u>Strongly Oppose</u></b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b>	<b><u>(N=)</u></b>
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