National Online Immigration Survey

Key findings from a national survey of 1,000 likely voters, conducted September 22-27, 2021.

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Methodology

Public Opinion Strategies is pleased to present the key findings of an online national survey. The survey was completed September 22-27, 2021, among 1,000 likely voters, and has a credibility interval of +3.53%.
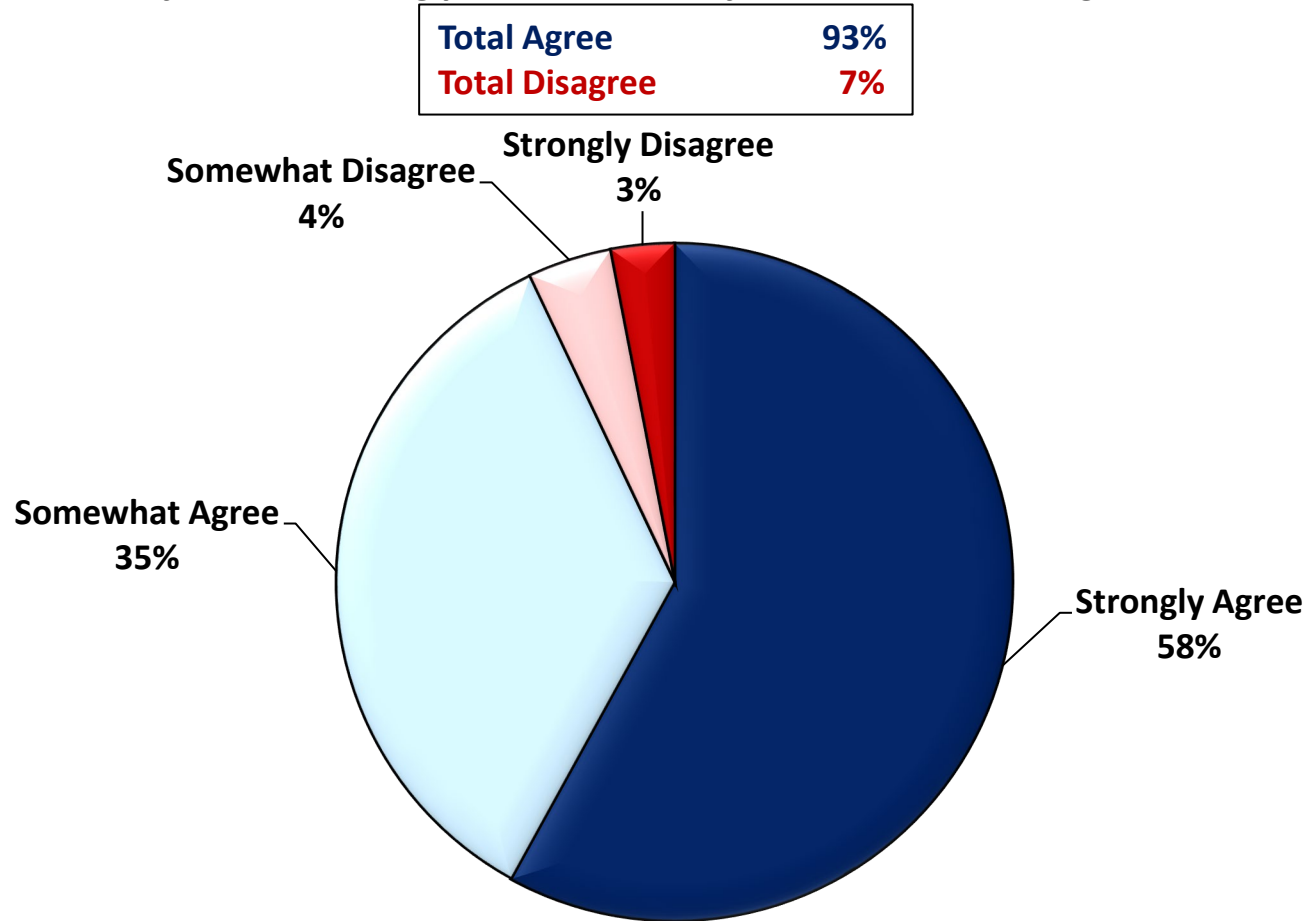
Glen Bolger and Jim Hobart were the principal researchers on this project. Torie Bolger was the project director, and Katie Connolly provided analytical support.

Immigration and The Border

Nine in ten voters believe politicians promise action on the border but fail to deliver.

"Please read the following statement, then indicate whether you agree or disagree. Politicians keep promising action on immigration and the border, but never work together to pass legislation to do anything about it. The time for talk has long passed. It is time for solutions on immigration and the border."

Total Agree	93%
Total Disagree	7%

Strongly Disagree 3%

Somewhat Disagree 4%

Somewhat Agree 35%

Strongly Agree 58%

Voters across partisan lines believe Congress should act on border security before the 2022 elections.

"Border crossings are currently at record levels. Should Congress act BEFORE the 2022 elections on the proposal to address border security and reform our immigration, or should they wait until AFTER the 2022 elections?"

Overall

75% Before

25% Wait Until After

By Party

	Base GOP (23%)	Soft/Lean GOP (16%)	Ind (17%)	Soft/Lean Dem (19%)	Base Dem (26%)
	+36	+38	+50	+44	+70
Before	68%	69%	75%	72%	85%
After	32%	31%	25%	28%	15%

■ Before ■ After
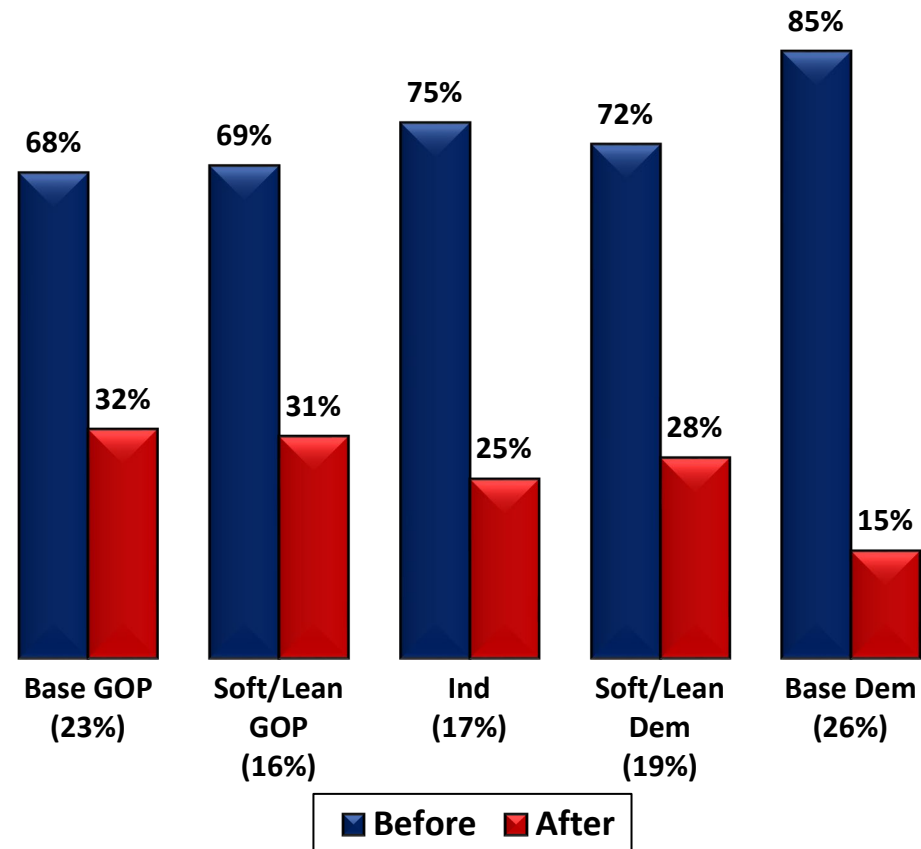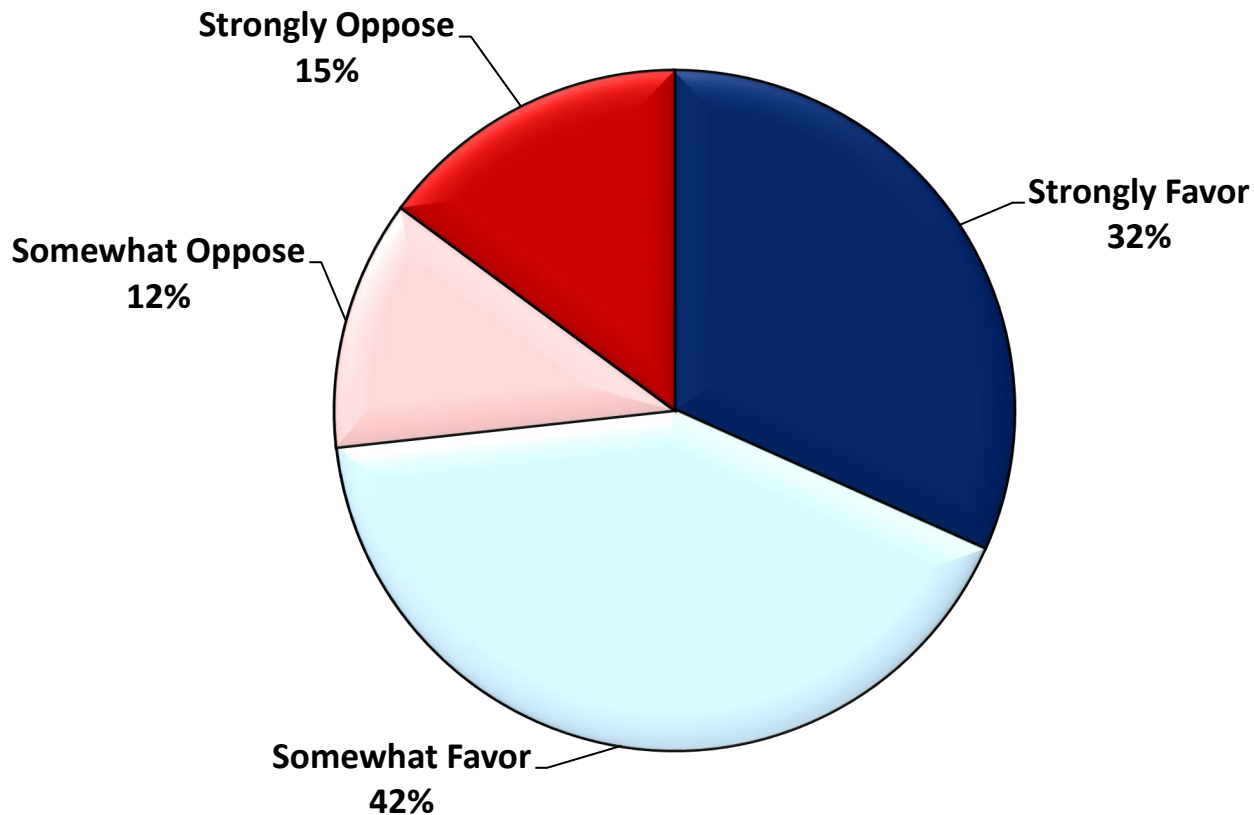
More than 70% of voters are in favor of providing a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers.

*"Do you favor or oppose providing a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children? These people are also known as Dreamers."^*
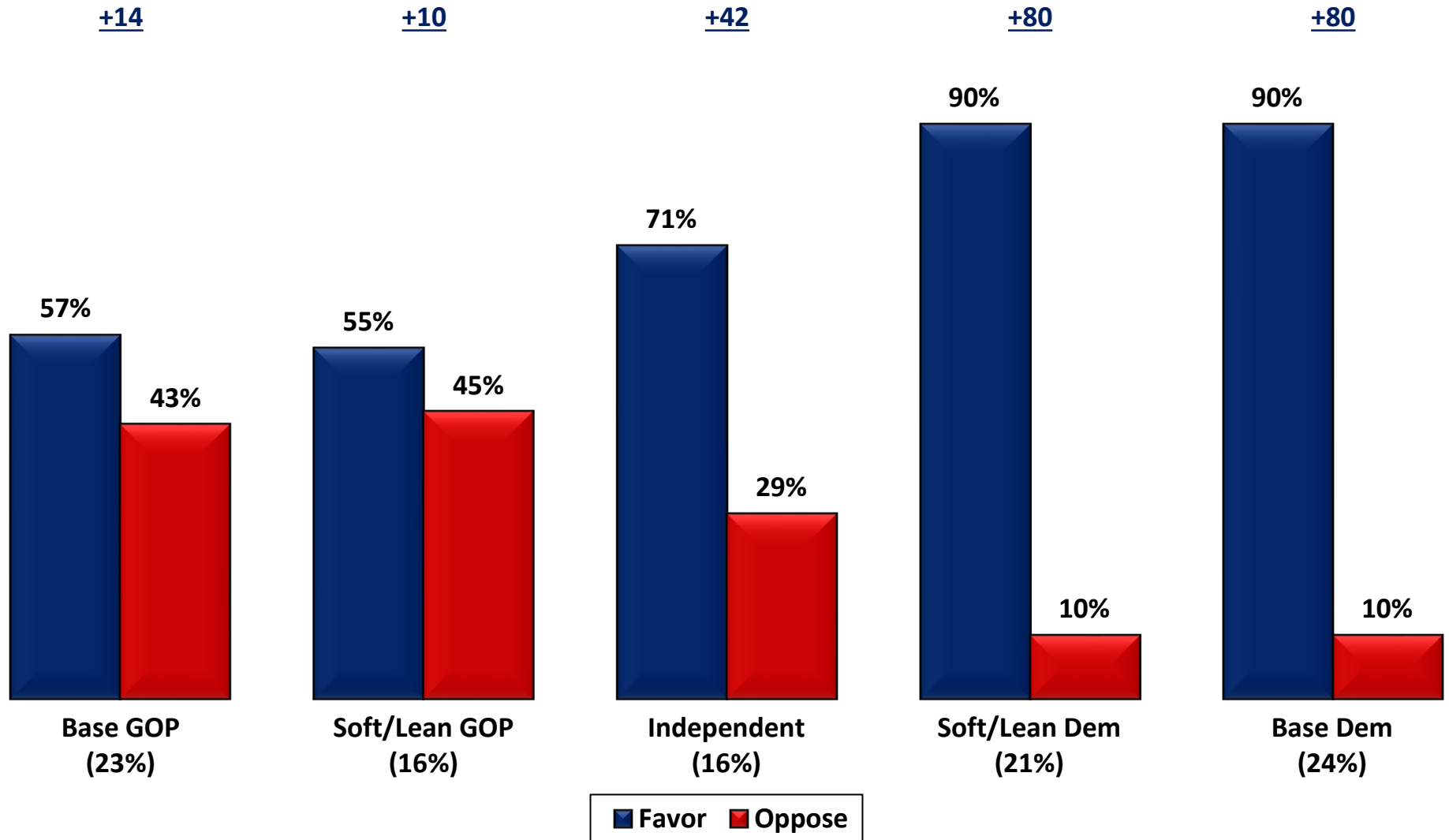
Total Favor	**74%**
Total Oppose	**26%***

Strongly Oppose
15%

Somewhat Oppose
12%

Strongly Favor
32%

Somewhat Favor
42%

Denotes Rounding; ^Split Sample A, N=501.

A majority of GOPers back a pathway to citizenship. Support among Independents tops 70%.

Pathway To Citizenship by Party

| +14 | +10 | +42 | +80 | +80 |

Base GOP (23%)	Soft/Lean GOP (16%)	Independent (16%)	Soft/Lean Dem (21%)	Base Dem (24%)
Favor 57% Oppose 43%	Favor 55% Oppose 45%	Favor 71% Oppose 29%	Favor 90% Oppose 10%	Favor 90% Oppose 10%

■ Favor ■ Oppose
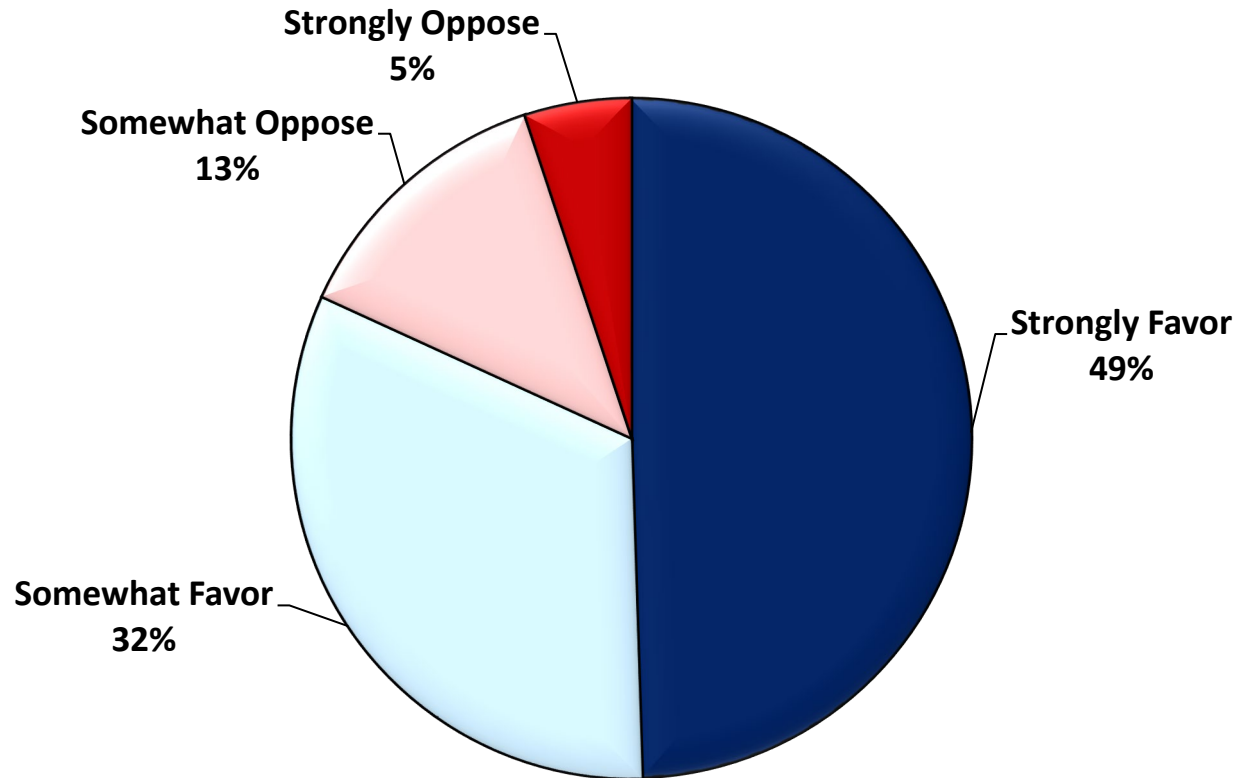
Wow – more than 8-% of voters support strengthening security along our southern border.

*"Do you favor or oppose strengthening border security at our southern border with Mexico through enhanced personnel and patrol, improved technology, and more immigration judges to speed up legal processing of individuals crossing the border?"^*
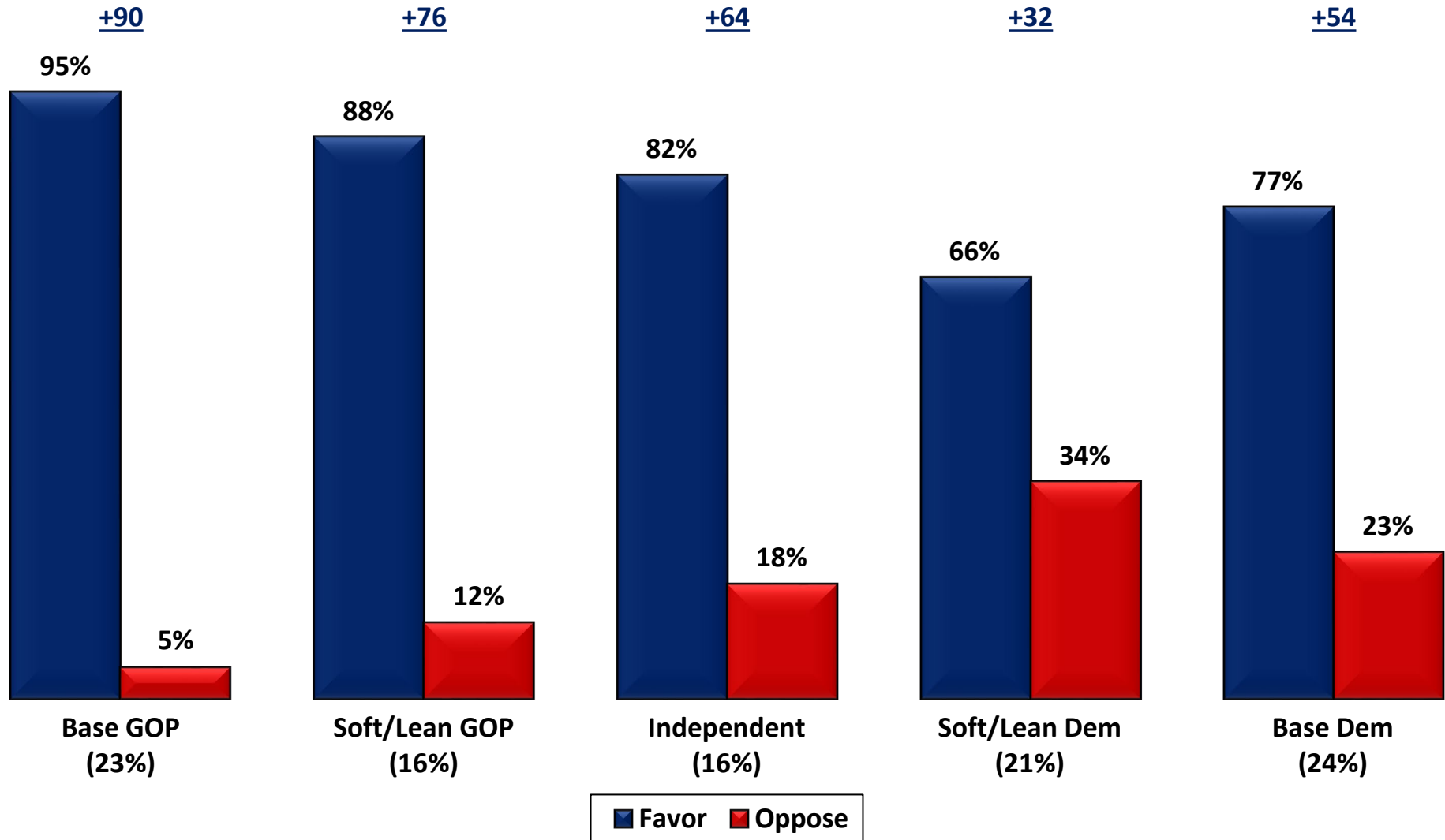
Total Favor	**82%***
Total Oppose	**18%**

Strongly Oppose
5%

Somewhat Oppose
13%

Strongly Favor
49%

Somewhat Favor
32%

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There is strong support for strengthening border security across partisan lines.

Strengthening Border Security by Party

	Base GOP (23%)	Soft/Lean GOP (16%)	Independent (16%)	Soft/Lean Dem (21%)	Base Dem (24%)
Net	+90	+76	+64	+32	+54
Favor	95%	88%	82%	66%	77%
Oppose	5%	12%	18%	34%	23%

■ Favor ■ Oppose
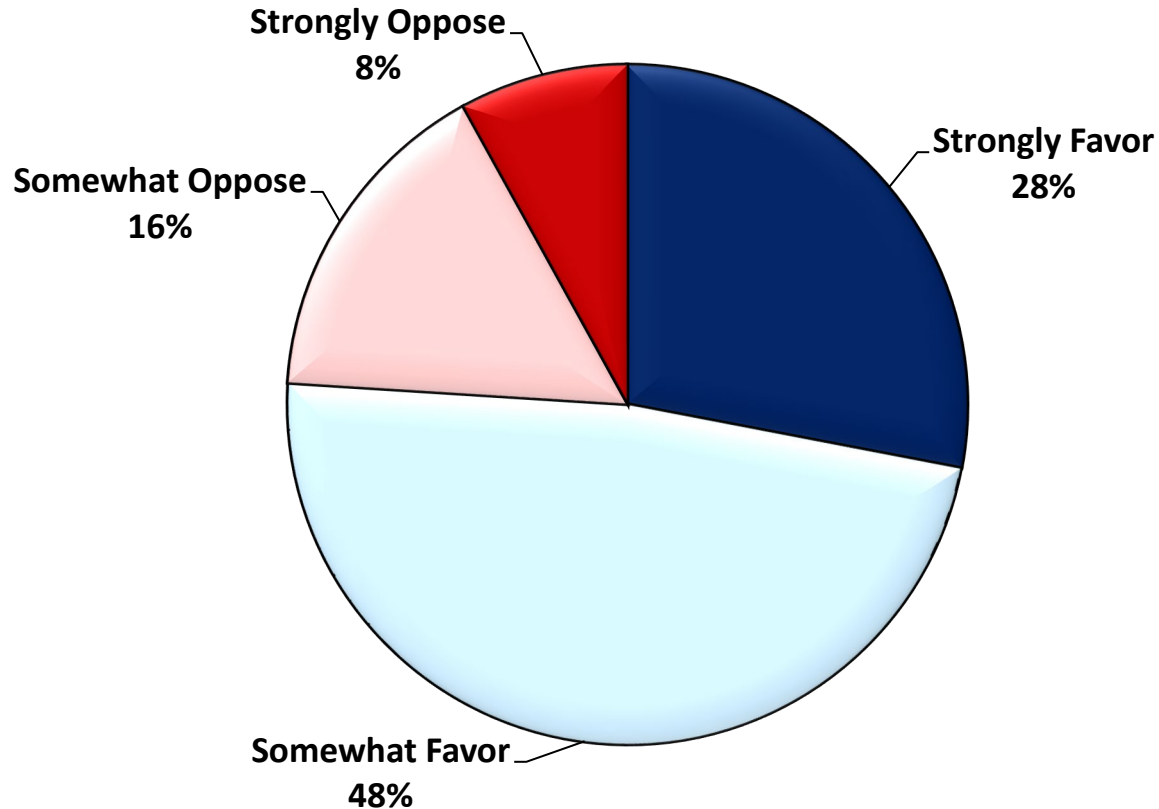
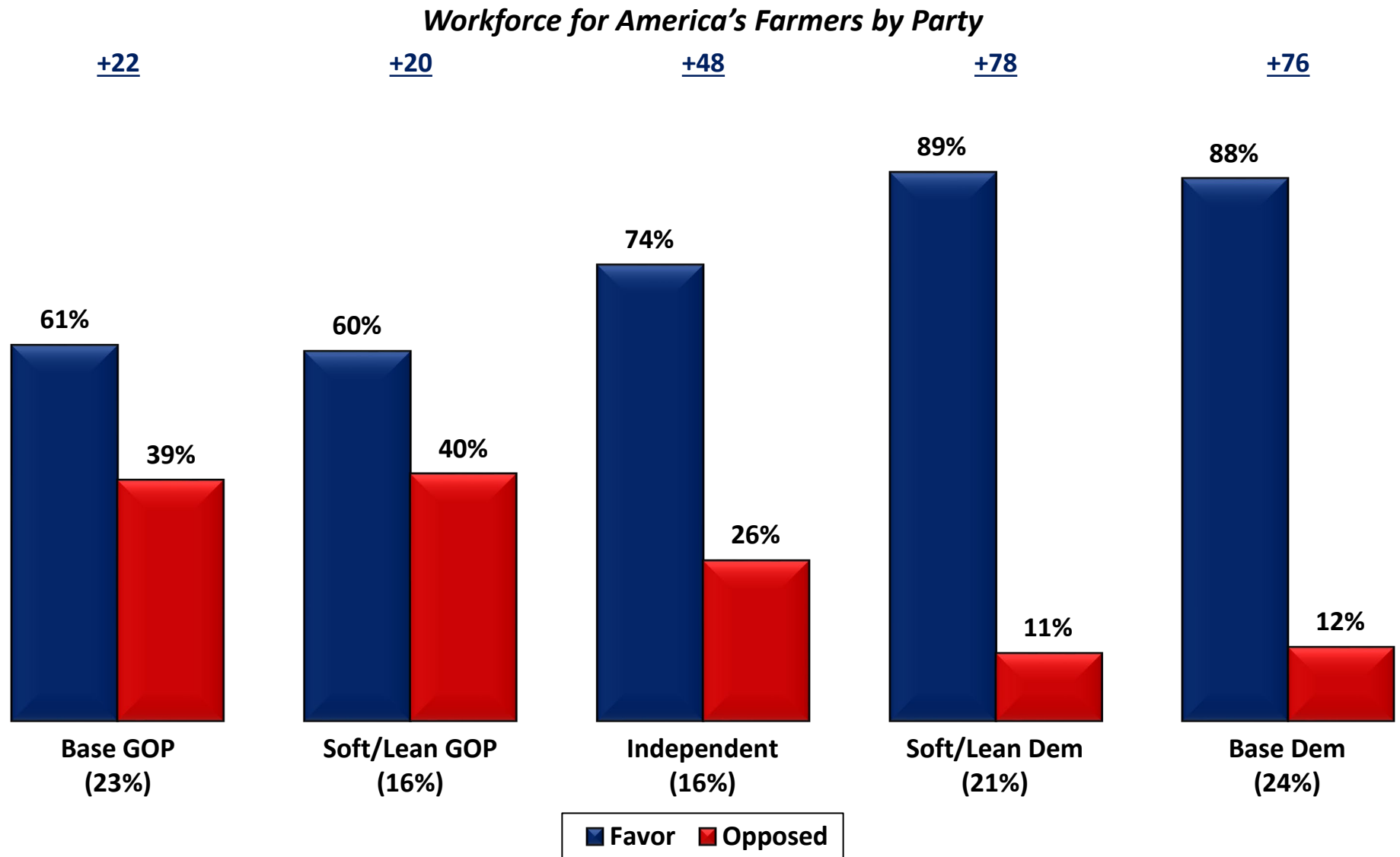# Three-quarters of voters back a proposal for ensuring a legal, reliable workforce for America's farmers.

*"Do you favor or oppose ensuring a legal, reliable workforce for America's farmers and ranchers by streamlining the agricultural guest worker program and providing earned legal status for essential undocumented agricultural workers?"^*

Total Favor	**75%***
Total Oppose	**25%***

Strongly Oppose 8%

Somewhat Oppose 16%

Strongly Favor 28%

Somewhat Favor 48%

Denotes Rounding; ^Split Sample A, N=501.

Both Republicans and Democrats support the bill.

Workforce for America's Farmers by Party

	+22	+20	+48	+78	+76

Base GOP (23%)
- Favor: 61%
- Opposed: 39%

Soft/Lean GOP (16%)
- Favor: 60%
- Opposed: 40%

Independent (16%)
- Favor: 74%
- Opposed: 26%

Soft/Lean Dem (21%)
- Favor: 89%
- Opposed: 11%

Base Dem (24%)
- Favor: 88%
- Opposed: 12%

■ Favor ■ Opposed

Immigration Proposal Description

"There is a proposal in Congress that would address immigration and border security. This proposal brings together three bills, [all of which have bipartisan support]**. This proposal would:

Provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children. These people are also known as Dreamers.

Strengthen border security at our southern border with Mexico through enhanced personnel and patrol, improved technology, and more immigration judges to speed up legal processing of individuals crossing the border.
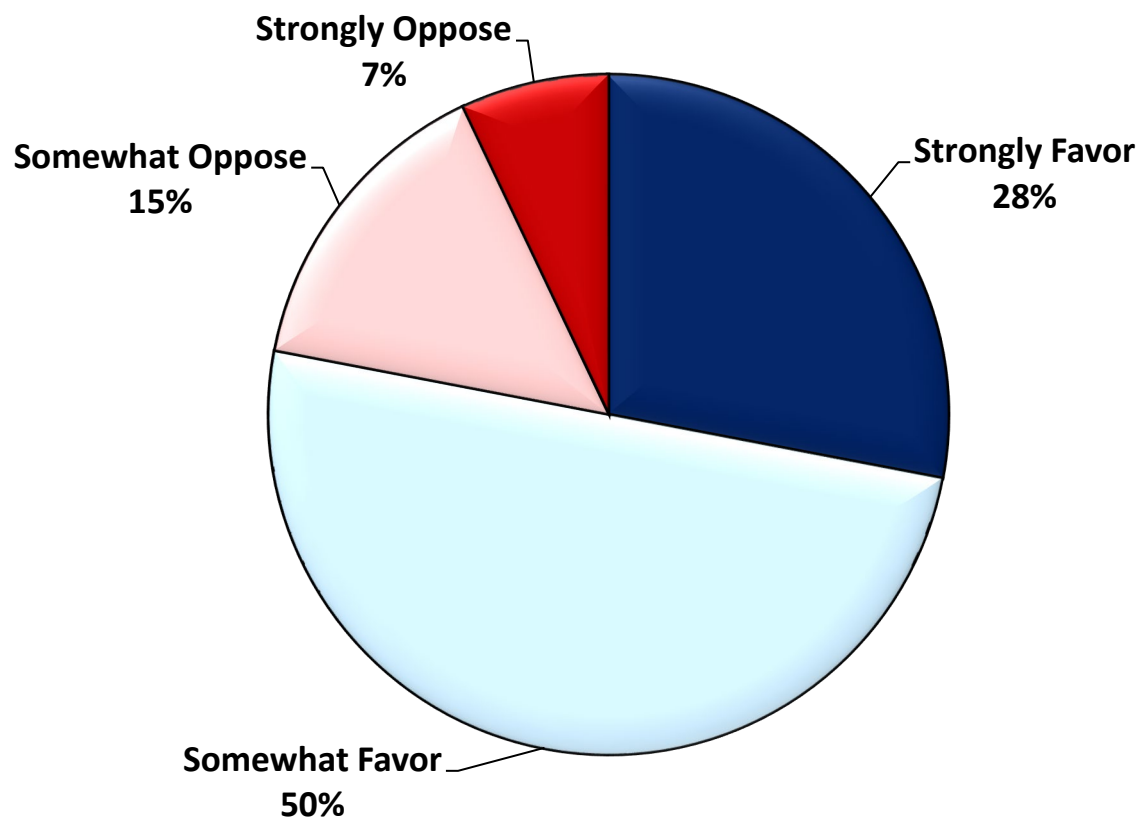
Ensure a legal, reliable workforce for America's farmers and ranchers by streamlining the agricultural guest worker program and providing earned legal status for essential undocumented agricultural workers."

**Language included for Split Sample B, N=499.

More than three-quarters of voters back the merged bill.
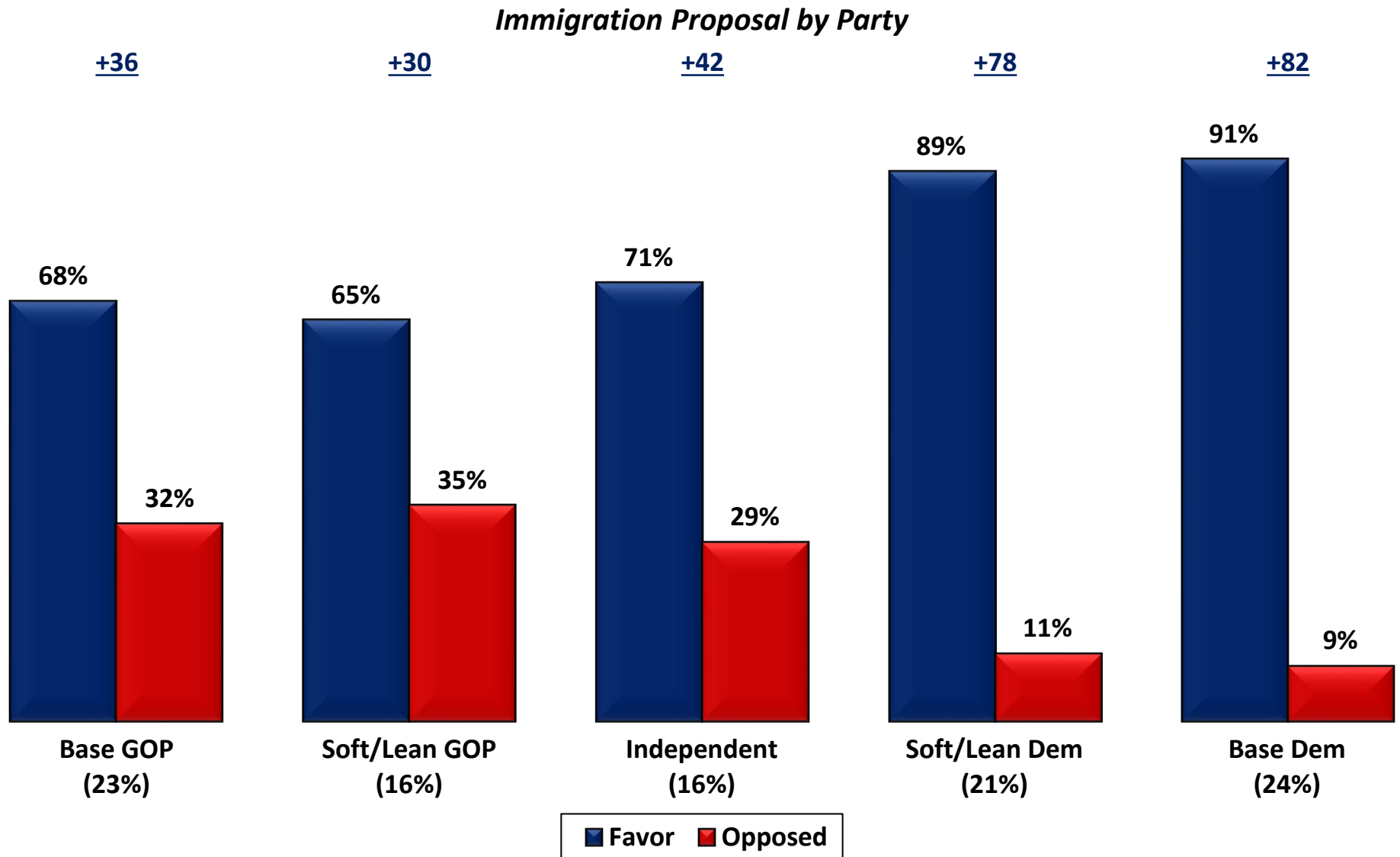
*"Do you favor or oppose this proposal?"^*

Total Favor	**78%**
Total Oppose	**22%**

Strongly Oppose
7%

Somewhat Oppose
15%

Strongly Favor
28%

Somewhat Favor
50%

^Split Sample A, N=501.

Support for the bill is bipartisan.

Immigration Proposal by Party

| | +36 | +30 | +42 | +78 | +82 |

- Base GOP (23%): Favor 68%, Opposed 32%
- Soft/Lean GOP (16%): Favor 65%, Opposed 35%
- Independent (16%): Favor 71%, Opposed 29%
- Soft/Lean Dem (21%): Favor 89%, Opposed 11%
- Base Dem (24%): Favor 91%, Opposed 9%

■ Favor ■ Opposed

Voters in favor of the proposal cite a need for workers and believe legal immigration is good immigration.

"Why do you favor this proposal in Congress that would address immigration, border security, and agricultural worker immigrants?"
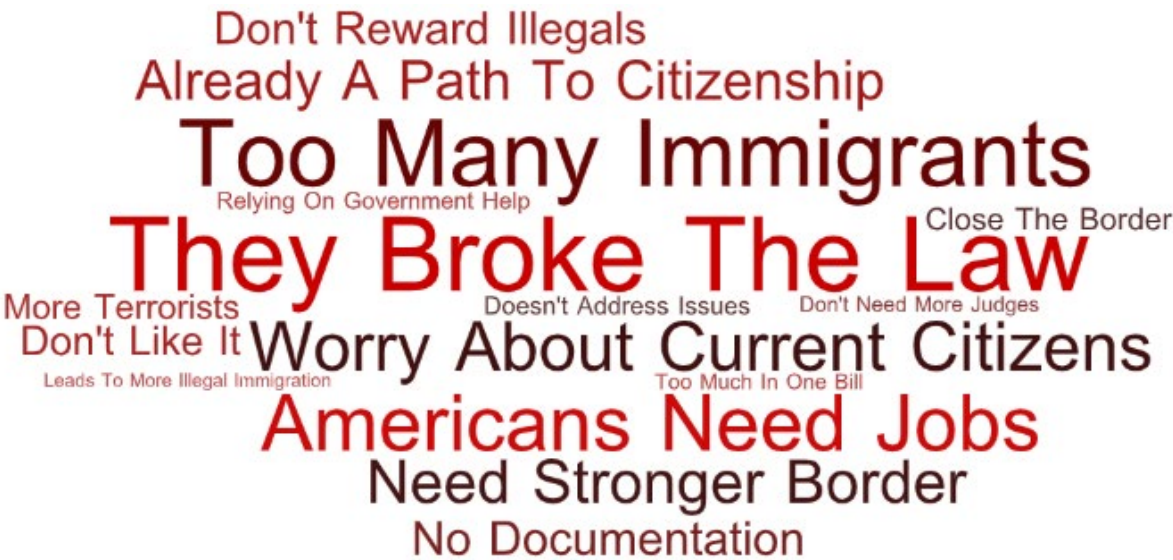

(Among Respondents In Favor)

Need Workers	16%	Stops Illegal Immigration	10%	Right Thing	7%	Good Opportunity	4%
Legal Is Good	15%	End Chaotic Process	9%	Solution	7%	Protect Our Borders	4%
System Not Working	12%	Better For Security	9%	Better For Economy	6%	Children Had No Say	4%
Common Sense	10%	Good For Country	8%	Melting Pot	5%	Humane	4%
Fair	10%	American Dream	8%	Worked For Citizenship	5%	Already Vetted	3%

Voters in opposition mention how immigrants broke the law and how Congress should focus more on current citizens.

"Why do you oppose this proposal in Congress that would address immigration, border security, and agricultural worker immigrants?"
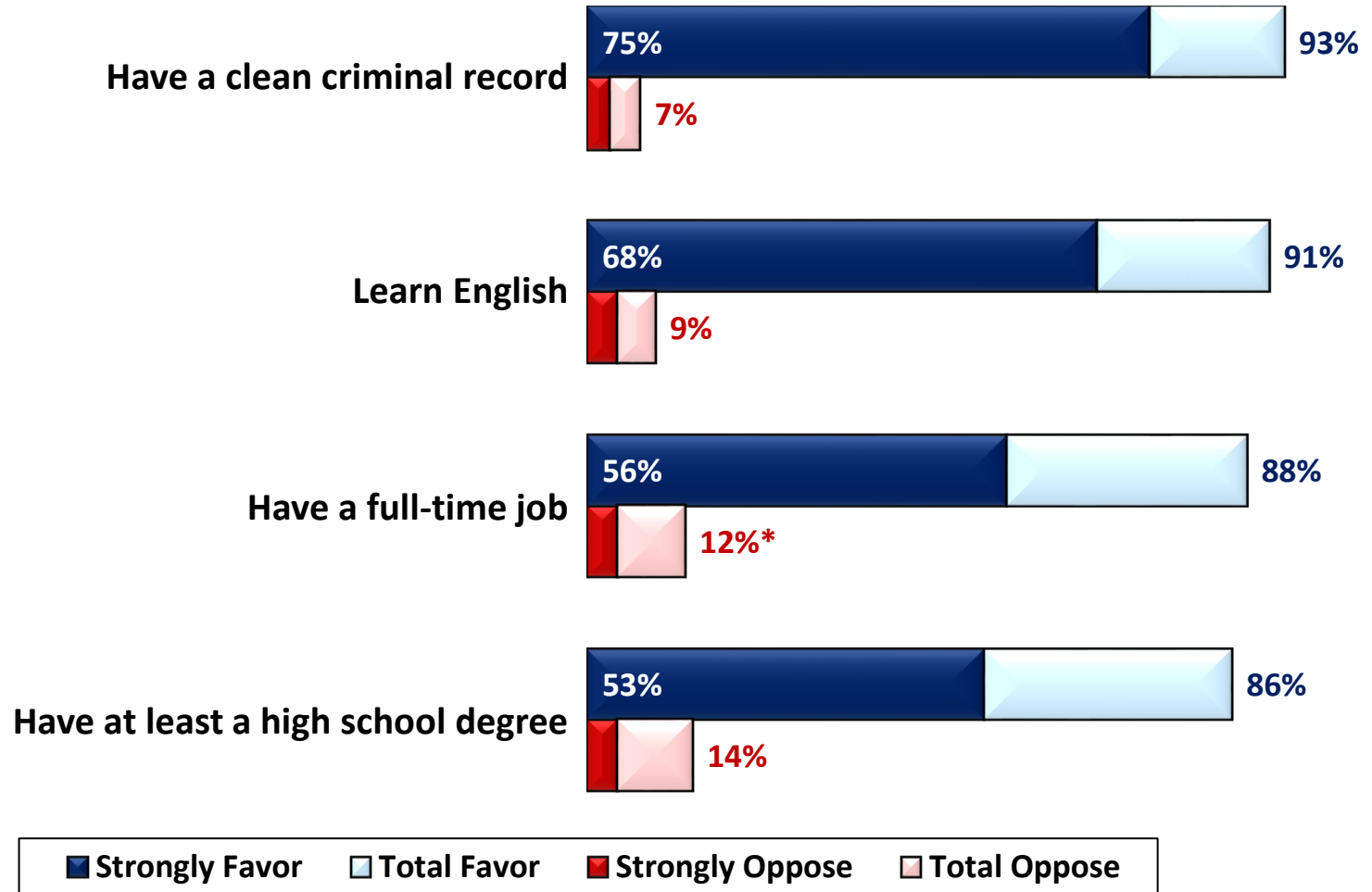
Don't Reward Illegals
Already A Path To Citizenship
Too Many Immigrants
Relying On Government Help
Close The Border
They Broke The Law
More Terrorists   Doesn't Address Issues   Don't Need More Judges
Don't Like It   Worry About Current Citizens
Leads To More Illegal Immigration   Too Much In One Bill
Americans Need Jobs
Need Stronger Border
No Documentation

(Among Respondents Opposed)

They Broke The Law	19%	Already A Path To Citizenship	11%	Relying On Government Help	5%	More Terrorists	3%
Too Many Immigrants	17%	Need Stronger Border	8%	Close The Border	4%	Don't Like It	3%
Worry About Current Citizens	16%	Don't Reward Illegals	7%	Don't Need More Judges	4%	Too Much In One Bill	3%
Americans Need Jobs	12%	No Documentation	5%	Doesn't Address Issues	3%	Leads To More Illegal Immigration	3%

Each of these potential requirements is strongly favored by a majority of voters.

"Please read the list of following requirements for Dreamers to become a United States citizen. After reading each one, please indicate whether you favor or oppose that requirement."

Ranked by % Strongly Favor

Have a clean criminal record
- 75%
- 93%
- 7%

Learn English
- 68%
- 91%
- 9%

Have a full-time job
- 56%
- 88%
- 12%*

Have at least a high school degree
- 53%
- 86%
- 14%

■ Strongly Favor   □ Total Favor   ■ Strongly Oppose   □ Total Oppose

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