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Immigration and Title 42's Expiration: A Guide for Advocates



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Key Takeaways:

- Awareness of the expiration of Title 42 is low as compared to other recent events.
 However, many Americans have the false impression that it led to a surge of migrants at the border.
- Americans see Title 42 as having been a temporary fix and want a more permanent solution in its stead, as well as comprehensive immigration reform more generally that includes both paths to citizenship and border security.
- Even pluralities of Republicans, and two in three Americans overall, prefer a balanced approach one that expands paths to citizenship for groups like Dreamers if they meet certain criteria while also increasing border security to a security-only approach.
- Biden and Democrats hold significant trust advantages on creating legal pathways to citizenship for immigrants and protecting Dreamers, but Republicans hold a narrow advantage on fixing our immigration system and a larger advantage on border security.



Awareness of the Expiration of Title 42 Is Lower Than Other Recent Events, Especially Outside of Fox News Republicans

Fewer Americans are hearing about Title 42's expiration than about a default (61%) or heard about the shooting down of a Chinese surveillance balloon in February (78%), Trump's potential indictment in March (66%), or the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in March (59%).

Fox-News-viewing Republicans* are more likely to report hearing about the expiration of Title 42 (73% hearing "a lot" or "some")
than non-Fox Republicans (54%), Democrats (51%), or independents (43%).

Total A Lot/Some How much have you seen, read, or heard about... Non-Fox Fox A lot Some A little/Nothing Overall Rep* Rep (5/21/23) The expiration of Title 42, the coronavirus-era border 22 33 45 55 54 policy used to expel migrants on public health grounds (2/13/23) Chinese surveillance balloon shot down 51 78 86 73 (3/27/23) Potential Trump indictment 33 33 34 74 59 66 (5/21/23) Potential default around June 1st 62 45 77 30 39 61 53 (3/27/23) The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank 22 37

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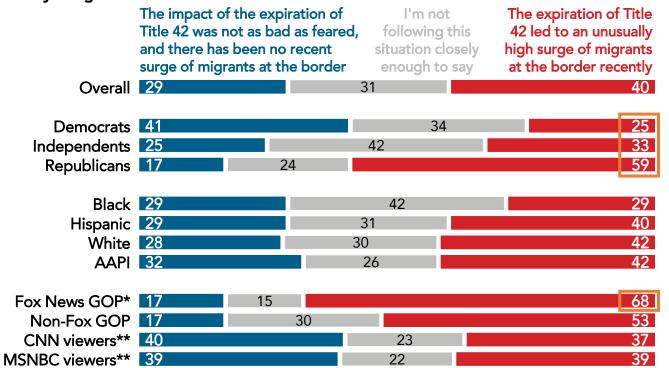
Latest wave conducted May 18-May 21, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org



Despite No Migrant Surge After Title 42's Expiration, the Pre-Expiration Hype of a Potential Surge Left a False Impression

More say there has been "an unusually high surge of migrants at the border recently" (40%) than that "there has been no recent surge of migrants" (29%), despite the latter being the reality of the situation. Fox News Republicans* are most likely to say there has been a surge (68%), though 53% of non-Fox News Republicans, 37% of CNN viewers, and 39% of MSNBC viewers also report high surges of migrants.

Here's what some people are saying about the expiration of Title 42. Which do you agree with more?



NBC News:

Why no post-Title 42 border surge? Shelter operators in Mexico say some migrants are rethinking how to cross the border

CNN:

Fewer than expected migrants arrived at the border after Title 42 expired, but officials remain on high alert



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Bipartisan Majorities Want a Permanent Fix to the Immigration System, Not the Temporary Extension of Title 42

Two in three independents (66%) and half of Republicans (50%) say Title 42 "was a temporary pandemic policy" and that Congress and the President should focus on "a permanent fix... which includes border security and pathway to citizenship laws."

Here's some more about what people are saying about the expiration of Title 42. Which do you agree with more?

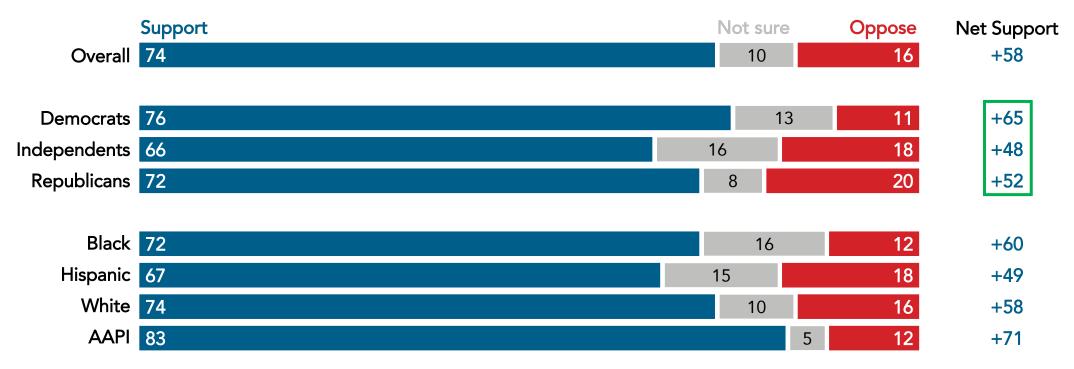
	Those who say that Title 42 was a temporary pandemic policy and what Congress and the President should focus on is a permanent fix to our country's immigration system, which includes border security and pathway to citizenship laws	Those who say that Title 42 helped the government manage the migrant crisis at the border and should not have been allowed to expire as it leaves the country vulnerable to more migrant surges	Net Need Permanent Fix		
Overall	64	36	+28		
Democrats	75	25	+50		
Independents	66	34	+32		
Republicans	50	50	0		
Black	59	41	+18		
Hispanic	65	35	+30		
White	64	36	+28		
AAPI	64	36	+28		



Three in Four Americans Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform When Defined as Part Security, Part Paths to Citizenship

Americans across party lines support comprehensive immigration reform that includes border security and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, including large majorities of Democrats (net +65 support), independents (net +48), and Republicans (net +52).

Do you support or oppose comprehensive immigration reform that includes increasing border security and creating a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, including Dreamers, that meet certain criteria like a background check?





By a Significant Margin, Americans Want a Balanced Approach to the Immigration System Over a Security-Only Approach

Nearly seven in ten independents (69%) and a plurality of Republicans (48%) prefer "a balanced approach that both increases border security and protects Dreamers" over "focusing on border security only."

Which of these two approaches to immigration would you prefer Congress pursue?

A balanced approach that both increases border security and protects Dreamers, the undocumented immigrants who came to Focusing on border security only by continuing to build the border the United States as children, by providing them and other wall and taking a strict approach to migrants at the border by **Net Balanced** eligible immigrants a pathway to citizenship if they meet certain significantly restricting asylum and using policies like family Don't criteria like passing a criminal background check. detention to deter migrants from showing up at the border. Approach know Overall 66 +41Democrats 82 +73 Independents 69 +52 Republicans 48 +2 Black 66 15 +47Hispanic 73 11 +57White 66 28 6 +38AAPI 76 9 +61

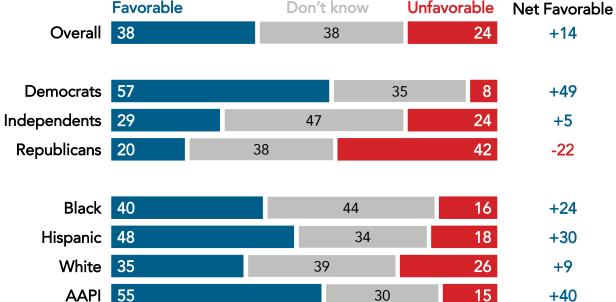


Dreamers Are Viewed Favorably, and Even More So When Clearly Defining Who Dreamers Are

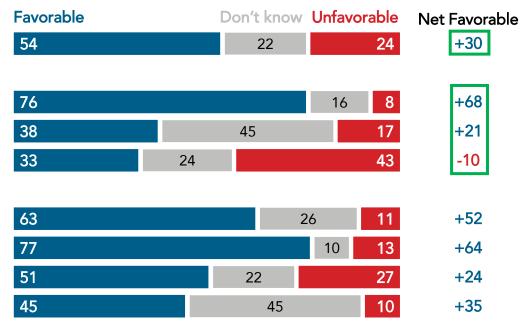
Defining "Dreamers" leads a majority of Americans (54%) to express favorable views (compared to 38% without a definition, with 38% not knowing enough to say).

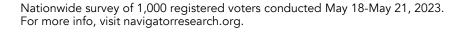
(Split sample) Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Dreamers.

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(Split sample) Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Dreamers, the undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children.







Biden and Democrats Trusted More to Create Legal Pathways to Citizenship; Republicans Trusted More on Border Security

Americans trust Biden and the Democratic Party more than the Republican Party on "protecting Dreamers" (net +30 trust Biden and Democrats overall) and "creating legal pathways to citizenship for immigrants" (net +18), as Republicans hold a slimmer advantage on "fixing our immigration system" (net +6 Republicans) and a larger advantage on "securing the southern border" (net +17).

Below is a list of issues. Please indicate who you trust more to handle each one.

	Biden and the	The Repub		publican	Net Trust Biden and Democrats More			
*/** Split sample	Democratic Party	Don't k	know	Party	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
*Protecting Dreamers, the undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children	56		18	26	+30	+76	+39	-24
*Creating legal pathways to citizenship for immigrants	52		14	34	+18	+75	+24	-50
**Fixing our immigration system	40	14		46	-6	+67	-18	-88
**Securing the southern border	34	15		51	-17	+53	-37	-90



Family Separation, Criminalizing Citizens for Interacting With the Undocumented, and Ending DACA Are GOP Steps Gone Too Far

Pluralities of Democrats and independents say every policy tested goes too far, as do Republicans on a range of policies including family separation, deputizing citizens to arrest migrants who cross the border, and criminalizing housing/transporting undocumented immigrants.

Below is a list of immigration policies enacted or proposed by some Republican leaders over the years. For each, please indicate your opinion.

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*/** Split sample	Too far	Don't know	Appropriate	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep		
The family separation policy, which separates immigrant children from their parents at the border	71		11 18	+53	+74	+46	+33		
Giving ordinary citizens the authority to arrest migrants who cross the border, and providing them immunity from any criminal prosecution related to their actions			11 23	+43	+67	+31	+20		
Making it a felony for U.S. citizens to have an undocumented immigrant in their home or give them a ride in their car	A/I		9 27	+37	+62	+27	+12		
Ending DACA, which would lead to the mass deportation of all Dreamers, the undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children	61	1	2 27	+34	+62	+27	+3		
Blocking all legislation that would create pathways to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for many years and have passed a criminal background check	60	1	2 28	+32	+55	+32	+6		
*Banning the use of asylum for migrants seeking protection from persecution or violence in their home countries	~ /	15	28	+29	+50	+21	+8		
Denying access to public school for all undocumented immigrant children	55	11	34	+21	+59	+15	-19		
The family detention policy, which detains immigrant families and children in jails at the border	53	12	35	+18	+59	+11	-26		
**Significantly restricting the use of asylum for migrants seeking protection from persecution or violence in their home countries		15	37	+11	+50	+11	-32		
Spending billions of dollars to finish building a wall at the U.SMexico border	46	10	44	+2	+57	+1	-60		



Net Too Far



About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Jessica Floyd, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from May 18-May 21, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 76 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.