

SUMMARY MEMO: POST-MIDTERMS ASYLUM SURVEY

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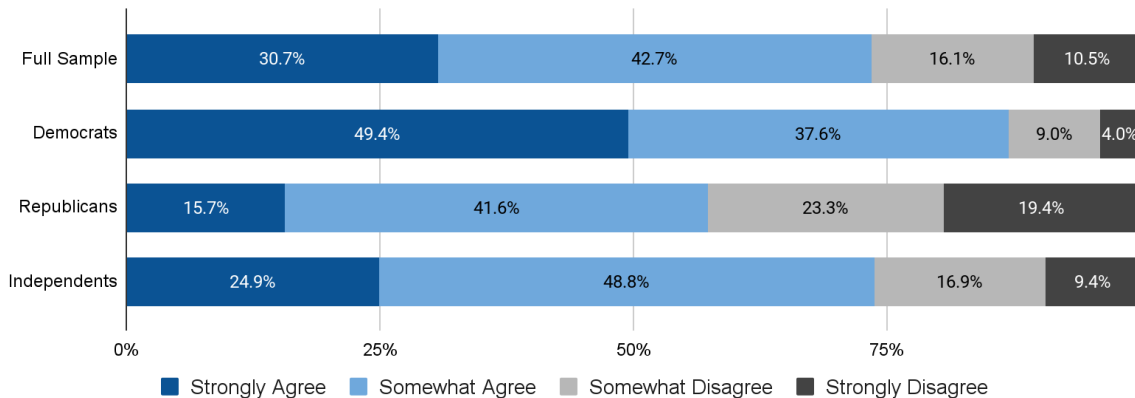
From November 10-14, 2022, the US Immigration Policy Center (USIPC) surveyed over 1,000 Americans to better understand the public's preferences and attitudes toward the US asylum system.

Majority Supports Granting Asylum

Nearly three-quarters of Americans (73.4%) either strongly or somewhat agree that the US should provide asylum to people fleeing persecution and/or violence in their home country. In fact, a majority of Democrats (87%), Republicans (57%), and Independents (74%) support asylum. And while Republicans are less likely to strongly agree (16%), over 4-in-10 Republicans (42%) somewhat agree that the US should offer asylum.

Majority of Americans Support Asylum

QUESTION: Agree/Disagree: The United States should provide people the opportunity to seek asylum at our borders when they are fleeing [POOLED: persecution/persecution and violence] in their country of origin. (n = 1,039)



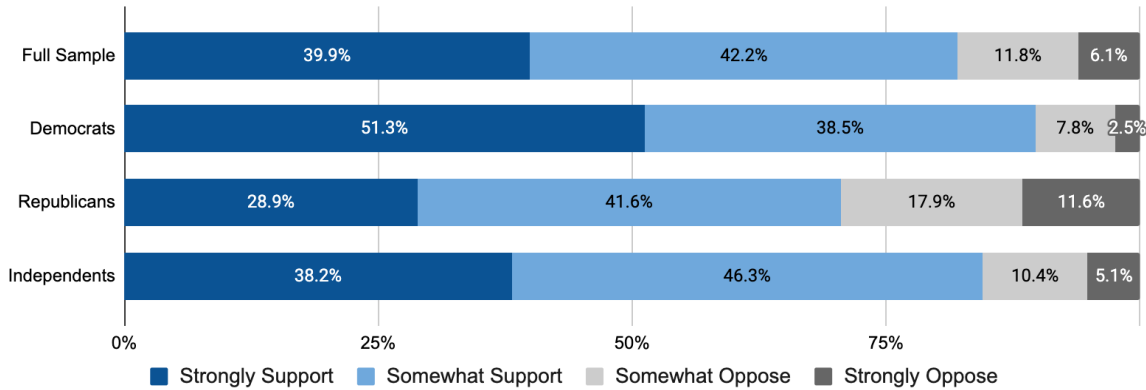
Strong Majority Supports Greater Investment in a Fair, Fast, and Accurate Asylum System

Across both parties, an overwhelming majority supports investing more resources in building an asylum system that is fair, fast, and accurate. In the full sample of Americans, 82% strongly or somewhat support greater investment, with a plurality of Americans (40%) expressing strong support. 89% of Democrats, 71% of Republicans, and 84% of Independents either strongly support or somewhat support. In fact, among Republicans, three-in-ten (29%) strongly support and four-in-ten (42%) somewhat support greater investment in a "fair, fast, and accurate" asylum system. This is a

stronger level of support than we obtain for the asylum system as described in the first question in the survey, described above, suggesting the “fair, fast, and accurate” framing has the potential to win support not just for asylum protections, but for greater *investment* in the asylum system.

Majority Supports Greater Investment in “Fair, Fast, and Accurate” Asylum System

QUESTION: There are different ideas for how the US should manage its asylum system. Please tell us whether you support or oppose the following proposal: “The United States should invest more resources to ensure the system for managing asylum-seekers is fair, fast, and accurate.” (n=1,039)

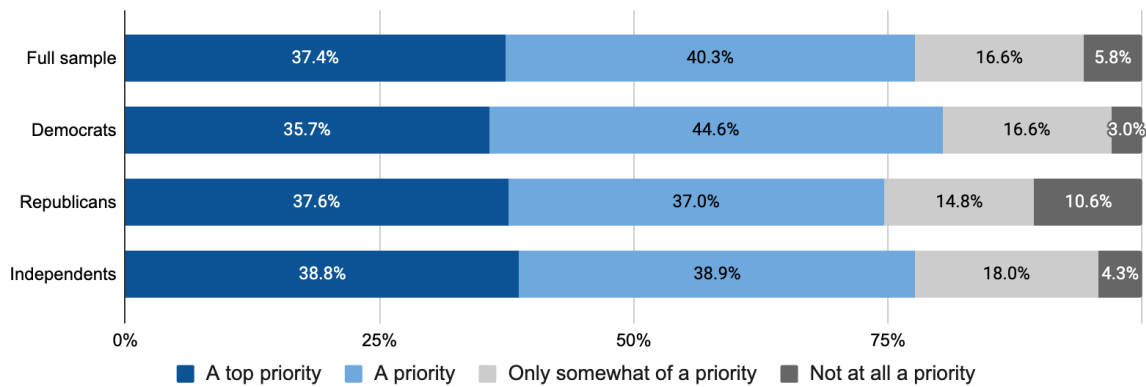


Majority Wants Due Process Respected, Fair and Orderly Asylum Process, Families Kept Together

We asked Americans what they think the priorities should be for the US asylum system. More than three-quarters of Americans (78%) believe that upholding due process in the asylum system should be a priority or a top priority. Upholding due process enjoys a cross-partisan consensus: 80% of Democrats, 75% of Republicans, and 78% of independents share this view. In fact, among Republicans, “upholding due process” was the proposal most likely to be considered a “top priority” (38%) among all the statements/proposals we tested.

Majority of Americans Believe Due Process Should Be an Asylum Priority

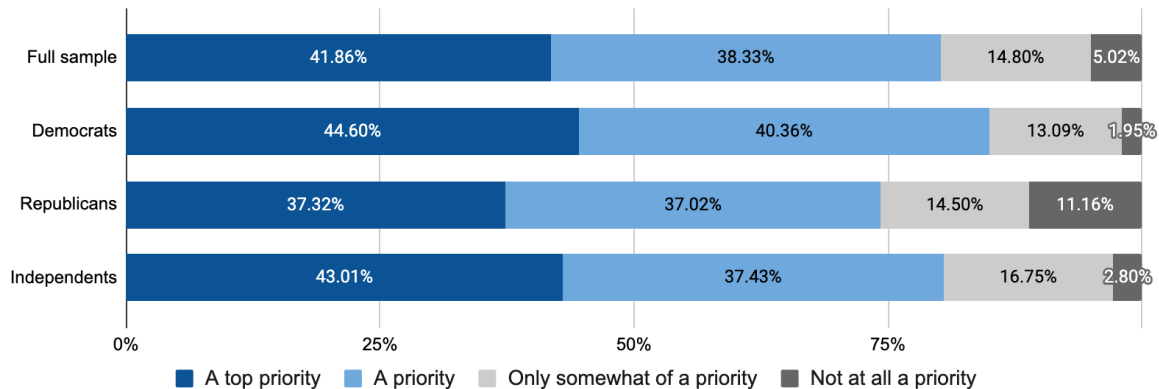
QUESTION: Thinking about the United States asylum process please tell us whether you think the following goals should be a priority if at all: “Upholding due process in the United States asylum process.” (n = 1,039)



In addition to ensuring due process in the asylum system, a strong majority of Americans (80%) believe that a fair and orderly process at the border should be a top priority or a priority for the asylum system. This includes 85% of Democrats, 74% of Republicans, and 80% of Independents.

Majority of Americans Prioritize a Fair and Orderly Asylum System at the Border

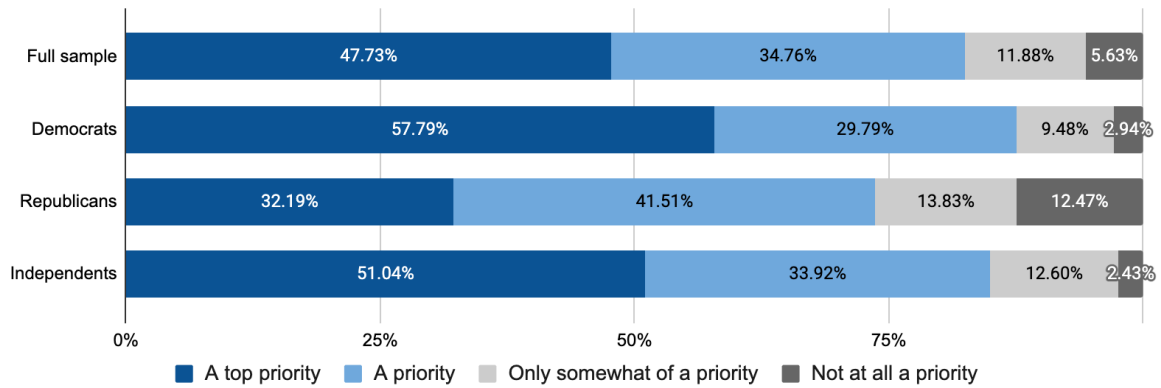
QUESTION: Thinking about the United States asylum process please tell us whether you think the following goals should be a priority if at all: "Having a fair and orderly system for seeking asylum at the border." (n = 1,039)



Finally, of the asylum system priorities we tested, the one most likely to be declared a "top priority" by our full sample of respondents was "Ensuring that families seeking asylum in the United States are kept together" (48%). Grouping our respondents by their partisan identification, this is true of Democrats (58%) as well as Independents (51%). 32% of Republicans consider keeping families together to be a "top priority," while 38% consider ensuring due process to be a "top priority" and 37% consider having a fair and orderly system at the border to be a "top priority."

Keeping Families Together is Americans' Top Asylum Priority

QUESTION: Thinking about the United States asylum process please tell us whether you think the following goals should be a priority if at all: "Ensuring that families seeking asylum in the United States are kept together." (n = 1,039)



SURVEY METHODOLOGY: The survey sample consists of 1,039 Americans, recruited by the sample provider Lucid Marketplace. The questionnaire was delivered online, Nov. 10-14, 2022. The margin-of-error for topline results of a probability sample of equivalent size is +/- 3% (with 95% confidence). Post-stratification weights were applied to achieve representativeness across the following dimensions: age, gender, race/ethnicity, census region, and party ID. Results presented in this summary memo are weighted accordingly.