

# WHAT VOTERS WANT ...

## IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT & REFORM

Data from the Civitas Institute's DecisionMaker Poll has consistently found that the vast majority of North Carolinians support comprehensive immigration enforcement and reform at both the federal and local levels. Below is a sampling from the monthly DecisionMaker poll of registered voters. For more information, visit our Web site at [nccivitas.org](http://nccivitas.org).

### Voters Want Immigration Law to Be Enforced

- ★ **91%** of N.C. voters support giving law enforcement officers the technology needed to confirm the identity and legal status of a driver who does not possess a valid driver's license (April 2008).
- ★ **89%** of N.C. voters support allowing police officers to ask arrestees if they are legal residents of the United States (September 2007).
- ★ **88%** of N.C. voters support county participation in the 287(g) program (July 2007).
- ★ **84%** of N.C. voters support deporting illegal immigrants found guilty of driving while intoxicated (May 2007).
- ★ **81%** of N.C. voters support securing the border and enforcing America's immigration laws before new immigration laws are passed (June 2007).
- ★ **68%** of N.C. voters oppose amnesty (June 2007).
- ★ **67%** of N.C. voters support holding illegal immigrants arrested for a crime without bail until trial (September 2007).
- ★ **59%** of N.C. voters support deporting illegal immigrants found guilty of a misdemeanor criminal violation (September 2005).

### Voters Want to Limit Welfare Benefits to U.S. Citizens

- ★ **81%** of N.C. voters oppose giving non-emergency state benefits to illegal immigrants over age 18 (July 2006).
- ★ **81%** of N.C. voters support requiring applicants for state benefits to prove legal residency (July 2006).
- ★ **79%** of N.C. voters think illegal immigration is a burden to our state (May 2008).
- ★ **73%** of N.C. voters oppose providing interpreters to help illegal immigrants obtain state services, including social services and healthcare (August 2005).

### Voters Want to Limit Educational Benefits to U.S. Citizens

- ★ **76%** of N.C. voters support charging out-of-state tuition for illegal immigrants attending community colleges and public universities (February 2008).
- ★ **73%** of N.C. voters oppose paying higher taxes for special school programs for non-English speaking students (July 2005).
- ★ **69%** of N.C. voters oppose providing education benefits to illegal immigrants (August 2005).
- ★ **68%** of N.C. voters oppose allowing illegal immigrants to enroll in community colleges (February 2008).

## **Voters Want Employers to Obey Immigration Law**

- ★ **91%** of N.C. voters support requiring employers to verify the legal status of anyone they employ (April 2008).
- ★ **80%** of N.C. voters support fining employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants (September 2005).
- ★ **72%** of N.C. voters oppose issuing worker permits to illegal immigrants (February 2006).

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