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IMMIGRATION IN THE 2024 ELECTION...AND BEYOND

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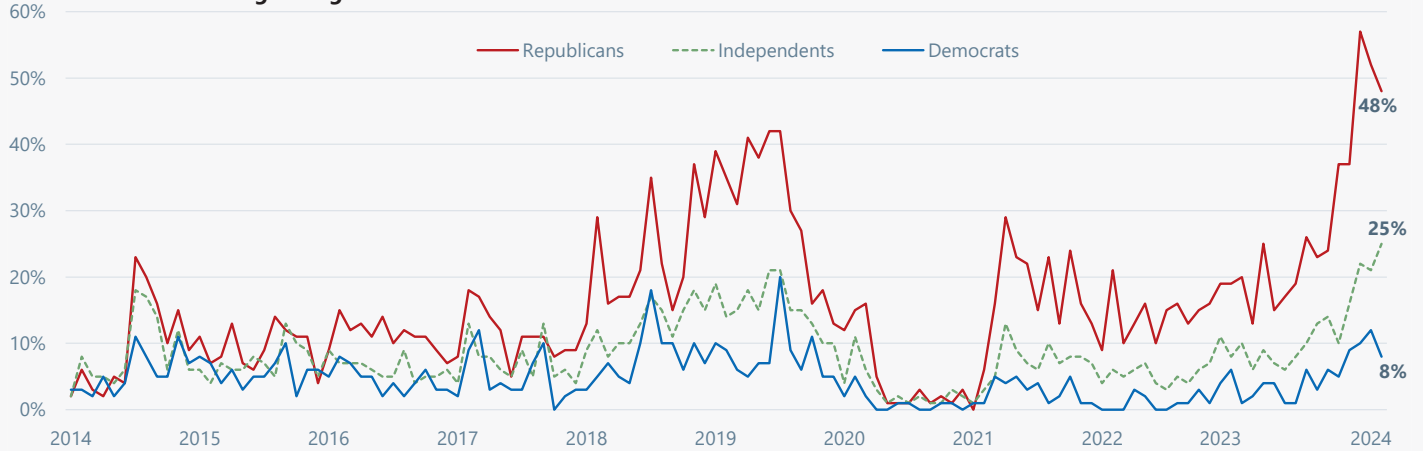
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IMMIGRATION HAS BECOME ONE THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST POLARIZING ISSUE FACING AMERICA

What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

% Mentioning Immigration



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What is Fueling the Immigration Fire?

- 8 years of relentless demonization & disinformation
- Non-stop media coverage
- Political Gamesmanship
 - Chaos caused by busing migrants to Democratic cities
 - Congress is unwilling to legislate & Executive authority is limited (and challenged in court)
- Biden administration's delay in tackling it head-on
 - 70% disapproval of President Biden's handling of immigration among adults.
 - 60% of voters feel like they hear more from Republicans than Democrats or President Biden on the issue of immigration.

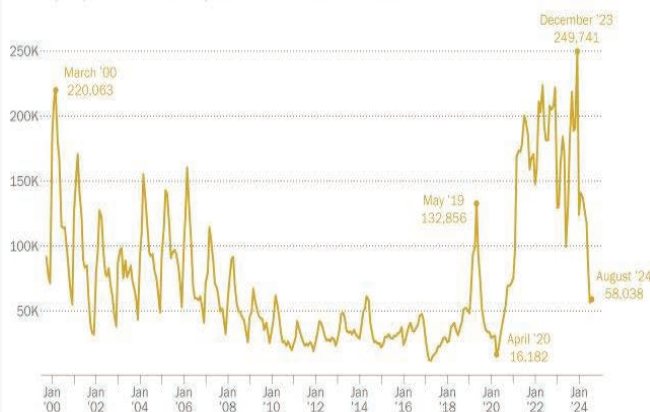


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Unprecedented Challenges at the Southern Border

Encounters with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border peaked in December 2023 but have plummeted since then

Monthly migrant encounters by U.S. Border Patrol at the U.S.-Mexico border



Note: Beginning in March 2020, monthly totals combine apprehensions and expulsions into a new category known as encounters. Monthly totals before March 2020 include apprehensions only. Some migrants are encountered more than once. Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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Asylum Seekers and Humanitarian Parolees Allowed into the United States 2021-2024

Pathway	Number of Migrants
TOTAL	5,682,000
U.S.-Mexico Border (including CBP One entrants)	4,544,000
Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan (CHNV) Parole program	530,000
U.S.-Canada Border	318,000
Uniting for Ukraine	215,000
Operation Allies Welcome	75,000

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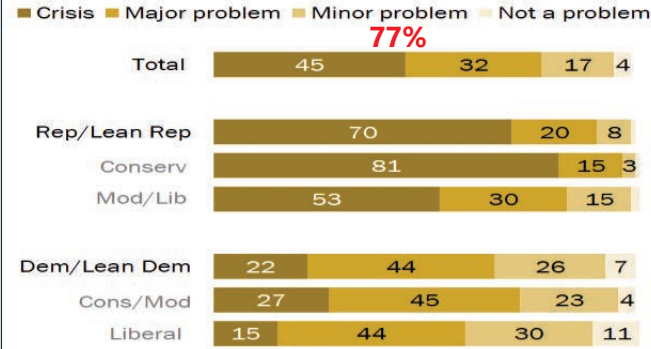


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THE PUBLIC THINKS IT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM...AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE IS UNPOPULAR

Border situation viewed as a 'crisis' by most Republicans; Democrats are more likely to call it a 'problem'

% who say the large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S. at the border with Mexico is (a) ...

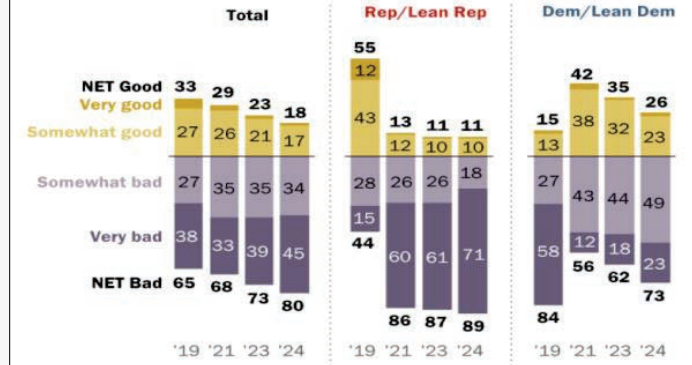


Note: No answer responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 16-21, 2024.

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Only about a quarter of Democrats and even fewer Republicans say the government has done a good job dealing with large number of migrants at the border

% who say the U.S. government is doing a ___ job dealing with the large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S. at the border with Mexico



Note: No answer responses not shown. Surveys conducted in 2023 and prior were worded slightly differently than in 2024. Refer to the Topline for full question wording. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 16-21, 2024.

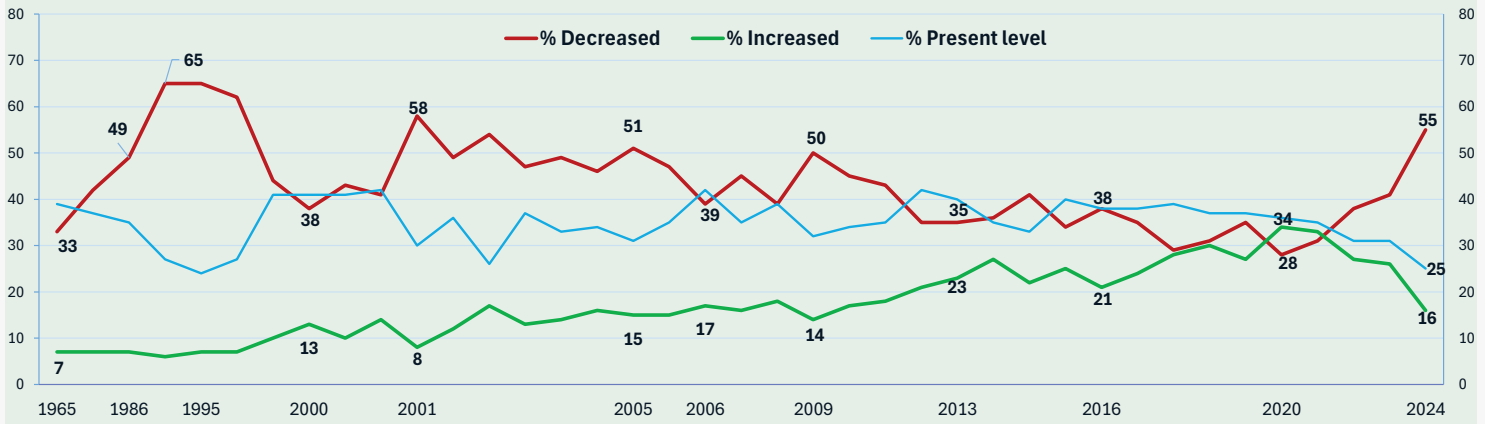
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ATTITUDES TOWARD IMMIGRATION HAVE SHIFTED DRAMATICALLY

AMERICAN'S PREFERENCES FOR IMMIGRATION TO U.S. FROM 1965-PRESENT

Thinking now about immigrants -- that is, people who come from other countries to live here in the United States. In your view, should immigration be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?



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