

VOICE OF ATLANTA: Too much immigration, most say

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
September 15, 2002 Sunday, Home Edition

Copyright 2002 The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
ajc.com

Section: @issue;

Length: 161 words

Body

The United States is too open to immigration, according to more than seven in 10 respondents to the latest Voice of Atlanta questionnaire.

Only 15 percent of respondents think U.S. immigration policy is "about right," and Atlantans are sharply split on whether recent immigrants have made a contribution to the nation or caused too many problems.
AJC

The deepest divisions were between Republicans and Democrats who answered the questionnaire. For example, 84 percent of Republicans thought the United States is too open to immigrants; 62 percent of Democrats felt that way.

The Voice of Atlanta is a panel of metro Atlanta residents who answer questionnaires on the Internet. The latest sample totaled 1,022 people and was taken in late August. The VOA, in which respondents volunteer to take part, is not believed to be as accurate as a scientific poll, in which respondents are randomly selected. To register for the VOA, go to ajc.com/voiceofatlanta.

Graphic

Graphic: When it comes to immigration policy, do you think the United States is:

..... Total....Men....Women....Dem....GOP

Too open to

immigrants..... 71%....71%.....72%....62%....84%

Too closed to

immigrants.....8%... 9%..... 7%....10%... 2%

About right on

immigration.....15%....17%.....14%....20%....11%

Don't know.....6%... 3%..... 8%... 8%... 3%

VOICE OF ATLANTA: Too much immigration, most say

Do you think **most** recent immigrants have made a positive contribution to the nation, or have they caused too many problems?

..... Total....Men....Women....Dem....GOP

Positive

contribution..... 27%....32%.....23%....32%....16%

Caused problems.....27%....27%.....26%....17%....39%

Both equal..... 33%....29%.....37%....35%....33%

Neither one..... 6%... 6%..... 6%... 7%... 5%

Don't know.....7%... 6%..... 9%... 9%... 7%

Do you think U.S. citizens and noncitizens who are in this country legally should be treated the same under the law?

..... Total....Men....Women....Dem....GOP

Yes.....61%....58%.....63%....67%....52%

No..... 35%....39%.....32%....29%....42%

Don't know.....4%... 3%..... 5%... 4%... 6%

The **Voice** of **Atlanta** is prepared for the Internet and analyzed by the Marketing Workshop Inc.

Classification

Language: ENGLISH

Subject: **IMMIGRATION** (91%); US REPUBLICAN PARTY (90%); US DEMOCRATIC PARTY (90%); POLLS & SURVEYS (88%)

Geographic: **ATLANTA**, GA, USA (91%); GEORGIA, USA (92%); UNITED STATES (92%)

Load-Date: September 15, 2002