

POLL: AMERICANS BACK IMMIGRATION LIMITS

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Nearly eight in 10 **Americans** believe **immigration** rates should be dramatically scaled **back** - and one-fifth want a halt to all **immigration**, legal or not, a new **poll** suggests.

The Roper **poll**, commissioned by a small non-profit group that advocates a substantially decreased U.S. population, comes as Congress is poised to tackle bills seeking to thwart illegal **immigration** and make a dent in legal entries.

Seventy-nine percent of those **polled** for Negative Population Growth Inc. said the United States should allow 600,000 or fewer immigrants entry annually. Of that 79 percent, about half endorsed rates of 100,000 or fewer.

In 1994, the United States granted legal residency, asylum or refugee status to 804,416 foreigners. At least 300,000 people are believed to enter unlawfully each year.

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