

POLL FINDS SUPPORT FOR LEGALIZING IMMIGRANTS

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Most voters favor **legalizing** undocumented workers if they pay their taxes, have no criminal record and learn to speak English, according to a nationwide bipartisan **poll** released Tuesday.

The **poll** was sponsored by the Service Employees International Union, one of the nation's largest unions, and Catholic Healthcare West, which employs about 40,000 workers at 48 hospitals in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Of the 1,000 likely voters surveyed this month, 92 percent said an important criteria for **legalization** would be whether undocumented **immigrants** pay U.S. taxes every year. An additional 88 percent said it was key that they have no criminal record, and 87 percent said it was important that they learn English and have steady work.

Without such criteria, voters were split 40 percent in favor of **legalizing** undocumented workers and 49 percent opposed. But with such conditions, those in favor rose to 59 percent, with 34 percent opposed.

The **poll** has a margin of error of 3.2 percent.

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