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MOST AMERICANS believe illegal immigrants should be allowed to become **quest workers** under a process that would eventually lead to citizenship.

At the same time, they want Congress to do more to close the border to stop illegals from entering the country.

In a nationwide poll, conducted by Quinnipiac University, **69%** of American voters **said** illegal immigrants should be allowed into a **quest worker** program and be able to work toward citizenship over a period of several years. Twenty-seven percent opposed that view.

"Two-thirds of Americans favor a **quest worker** program with a path to citizenship," according to Maurice Carroll, director of Quinnipiac's Polling Institute. "Maybe a lot of Americans think back to the stories of their own immigrant families."

Perhaps most surprising, the **quest worker** program had wide support among voters of all political stripes, Carroll **said**.

The poll also found "big margins for a tougher border policy among all parties and among men and women," the pollster noted.

In addition, 65% of American voters support - and 32% oppose - laws in their own communities to fine businesses that hire illegal immigrants, according to poll results.

"Americans think more needs to be done to deal with illegal immigration, and they want it done in their own neighborhoods as well," Carroll added.

The poll was conducted one week after the election, from Nov. 13 to 19, among 1,623 registered voters and had a margin of error of 2.4 percentage points.

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