



VOTER ATTITUDES ON IMMIGRATION: FAIRFAX COUNTY

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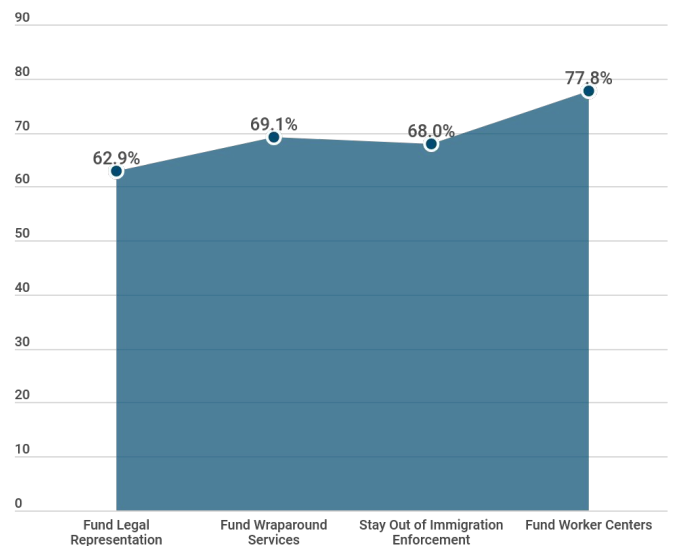
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Executive Summary

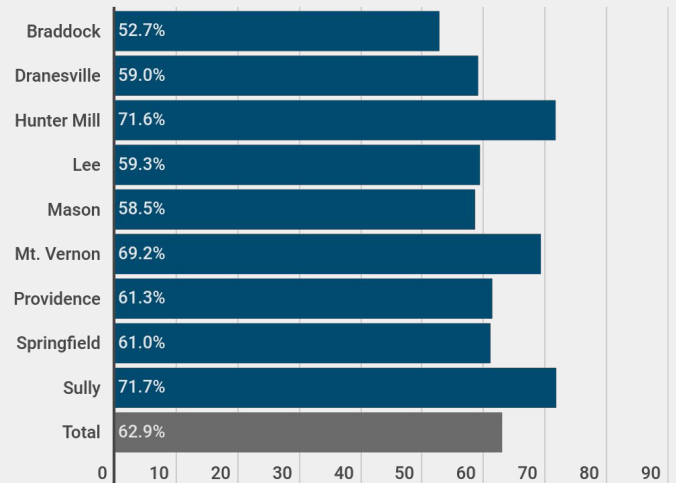
The majority of likely November voters in Fairfax County support efforts by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to expand services, including legal representation, to county residents facing deportation. The majority of likely November voters in Fairfax County also strongly support efforts to provide wraparound services, such as “know your rights” trainings and deportation defense classes, in order to help county residents avoid deportation. Likely November voters in Fairfax County also feel strongly that Fairfax County should stay out of the business of federal immigration enforcement by not turning county residents over to the federal government for deportation. These results reflect the fact that the large majority of likely November voters in Fairfax County feel that immigrants positively contribute to American society and culture and think that undocumented immigrants should be given a path to citizenship.

- Just over 6 out of every 10 (62.9%) likely November voters in Fairfax County support “Fairfax County funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation”
- Nearly 7 out of every 10 (69.1%) likely November voters in Fairfax County support “Fairfax County funding outreach services, including ‘know your rights’ trainings and deportation defense classes, to help county residents avoid deportation”
- Nearly 7 out of every 10 (68.0%) likely November voters in Fairfax County feel that it is important or very important that “Fairfax County stay out of federal immigration enforcement by not turning county residents over to the federal government for deportation”
- Nearly 8 out of every 10 (77.8%) likely November voters in Fairfax County support Fairfax County funding worker centers



LIKELY VOTERS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY SUPPORT LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS FACING DEPORTATION

- Support for legal representation for immigrants facing deportation is strongest among Democratic likely November voters (88.3%) and likely November voters who identify as politically liberal (89.1%)
- There is cross-over support as well, as 1 out of every 3 (33.2%) Republican likely November voters and just over 3 out of every 10 (30.8%) likely November voters who identify as politically conservative also support funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation
- Regardless of party, the majority of likely November voters support funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation
- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 85.9% support funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 93.4%
- There is also majority support among likely November voters across all magisterial districts. This ranges from a low of 52.7% in Braddock to a high of 71.7% in Sully (followed closely by 71.6% in Hunter Mill)
- A full 75.9% of Democratic likely November voters say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation



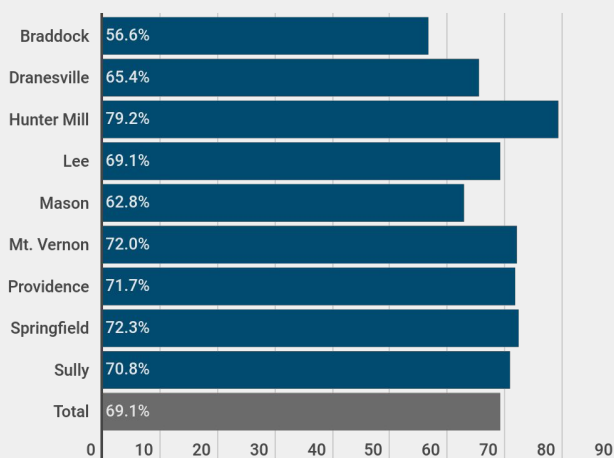
Likely November Election Voters: % Support Funding Legal Representation

- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 70.7% say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 79.7%
- Moreover, a majority of likely November voters (50.7%) say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding legal representation for county residents facing deportation
- The majority that is more likely to vote for a supervisor who supports funding legal representation spans every age group, gender, those with and without a bachelor's degree or higher, and for each race/ethnic demographic we tested

LIKELY VOTERS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY SUPPORT WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO HELP COUNTY RESIDENTS AVOID DEPORTATION

- Support for wraparound services to help county residents avoid deportation is strongest among Democratic likely November voters (90.6%) and likely November voters who identify as politically liberal (91.1%)
- There is strong cross-over support as well, as just over 4 out of every 10 (40.4%) Republican likely November voters and over 4 out of every 10 likely November voters who identify as politically conservative (42.3%) also support funding outreach services to help county residents avoid deportation
- Regardless of party, the majority of likely November voters support funding outreach services to help county residents facing deportation
- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 85.3% support funding outreach services to help county residents avoid deportation. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 93.9%
- There is also majority support among likely November voters across all magisterial districts. This ranges from a low of 56.6% in Braddock to a high of 79.2% in Hunter Mill
- Nearly 8 out of every 10 (77.9%) Democratic likely November voters say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding outreach services to help county residents avoid deportation
- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 71.5% say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding outreach services to help county residents avoid deportation. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 83.4%
- Moreover, a majority of likely November voters (52.2%) say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding outreach services to help county residents avoid deportation

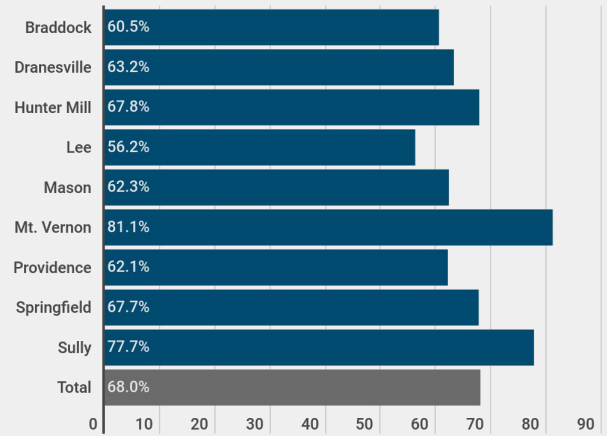
- The majority that is more likely to vote for a supervisor who supports funding outreach to those facing deportation spans every age group, gender, those with and without a bachelor's degree or higher, and for each race/ethnic demographic we tested



Likely November Election Voters: % Support Funding Wraparound Services

SUPERMAJORITY OF LIKELY VOTERS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY WANT TO STAY OUT OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT BY NOT TURNING COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR DEPORTATION

- Democratic likely November voters (87.3%) and likely November voters who identify as politically liberal (87.4%) feel most strongly about Fairfax County staying out of federal immigration enforcement collaboration
- There is also strong cross-over support, as nearly 4 out of every 10 Republican likely November voters (38.0%) and just under 4 out of every 10 likely November voters who identify as politically conservative (42.3%) also feel that it is important or very important that Fairfax County stay out of the business of federal immigration enforcement
- Regardless of party, the majority of likely November voters feel that it is important or very important that Fairfax County stay out of the business of federal immigration enforcement
- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 76.5% feel that it is important or very important that Fairfax County stay out of the business of federal immigration enforcement. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 80.0%
- Strong majorities of likely November voters feel that it is important or very important that Fairfax County stay out of the business of federal immigration enforcement across all magisterial districts. This ranges from a low of 56.2% in Lee to a high of 81.1% in Mount Vernon
- Over 3 out of every 4 (76.7%) Democratic likely November voters say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported local policies that kept Fairfax County out of the business of federal immigration enforcement

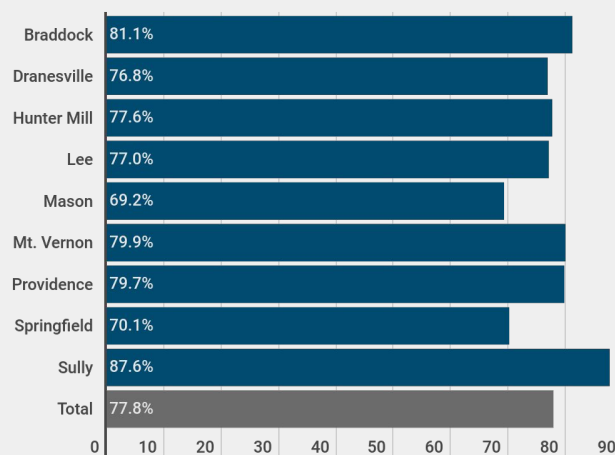


Likely November Election Voters: % Stay Out of Federal Immigration Enforcement

- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 70.2% say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported local policies that kept Fairfax County out of the business of federal immigration enforcement. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 76.7%
- Moreover, a majority of likely November voters (54.5%) say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported local policies that kept Fairfax County out of the business of federal immigration enforcement
- The majority that is more likely to vote for a supervisor who supports keeping Fairfax County out of the business of federal immigration enforcement spans every age group, gender, those with and without a bachelor's degree or higher, and for each race/ethnic demographic we tested

LIKELY VOTERS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY WANT TO FUND WORKER CENTERS

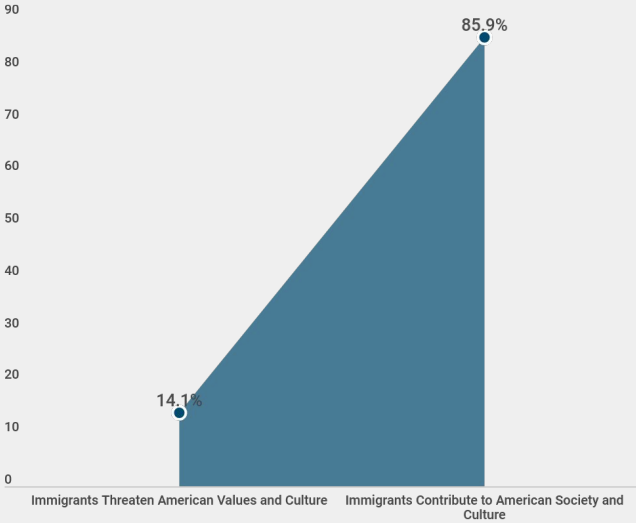
- Democratic likely November voters (92.6%) and likely November voters who identify as politically liberal (94.6%) express the strongest support for county-funded worker centers
- The majority of Republican likely November voters (58.2%) and the majority of likely November voters who identify as politically conservative (56.3%) also support Fairfax County funding worker centers
- Regardless of party, the majority of likely November voters support funding worker centers
- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 87.5% support Fairfax County funding worker centers. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 95.1%
- Strong majorities of likely November voters support Fairfax County funding worker centers across all magisterial districts. This ranges from a low of 69.2% in Mason and a high of 87.6% in Sully
- Nearly 8 out of every 10 (78.2%) Democratic likely November voters say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding worker centers
- When subsetting the analysis by likely 2019 primary voters, the data show that 72.9% say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding worker centers. Among Democratic likely 2019 primary voters, this increases to 82.8%



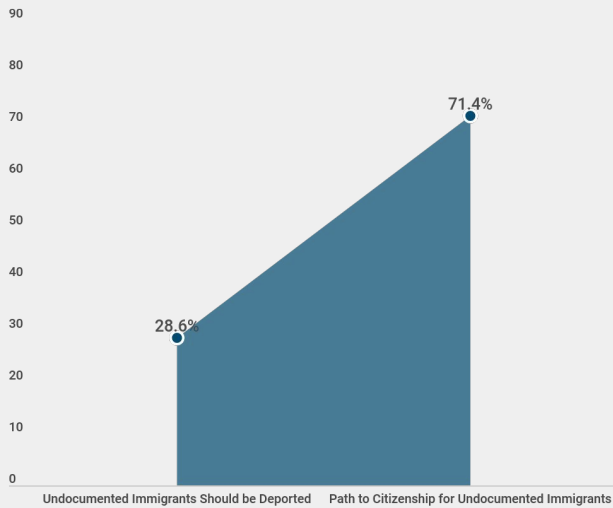
Likely November Election Voters: % Support Funding Worker Centers

- Moreover, a strong majority of likely November voters (61.9%) say they would be more willing to vote for a Fairfax County supervisor if he or she supported funding worker centers
- The majority that is more likely to vote for a supervisor who wants to fund worker centers spans every age group, gender, those with and without a bachelor's degree or higher, and for each race/ethnic demographic we tested

SUPERMAJORITIES OF LIKELY NOVEMBER VOTERS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY FEEL THAT IMMIGRANTS CONTRIBUTE TO AMERICAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE AND THINK THAT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP



- When asked which statement comes closest to their views, 85.9% of likely November voters say that "Immigrants positively contribute to American society and culture" compared to just 14.1% who say that "Immigrants threaten traditional American values and culture"



- When asked which statement comes closest to their views, 71.4% of likely November voters say that "Undocumented immigrants should be given a path to citizenship if they meet certain requirements, such as having a clean criminal record and paying taxes" compared to just 28.6% who say that "If people are here in the country illegally, they should be deported"

Methodology

This survey was fielded from March 8 to March 18. Likely November voters were identified using voter files obtained from NationBuilder and L2. Voters are labeled likely November voters if they voted in 3 out of the last 5, 4 out of the last 5, or 5 out of the last 5 odd-year November general elections. These voters, who comprised the sample frame, were randomly selected to participate in the survey. All surveys were conducted via phone (landlines and cell phones) by America's Survey Company (ASC). ASC was instructed to verify the identity of the voter and the address of the voter before proceeding. The raw data were weighted to reflect the citizen voting age population (CVAP) of Fairfax County by age group (18-34, 35-55, 55+), by sex, and by education (less than bachelor's degree or bachelor's degree or higher). Estimates of the size and characteristics of the Fairfax County CVAP population were obtained using the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-YR Public Use Microdata. Regarding race/ethnicity, respondents were given the option to identify as Hispanic/Latino, White not Hispanic/Latino, Black not Hispanic/Latino, AAPI not Hispanic/Latino, and "Other" not Hispanic/Latino. The margin of error is 2.9%.

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