

Arizona Voters' Agenda



Immigration Priorities

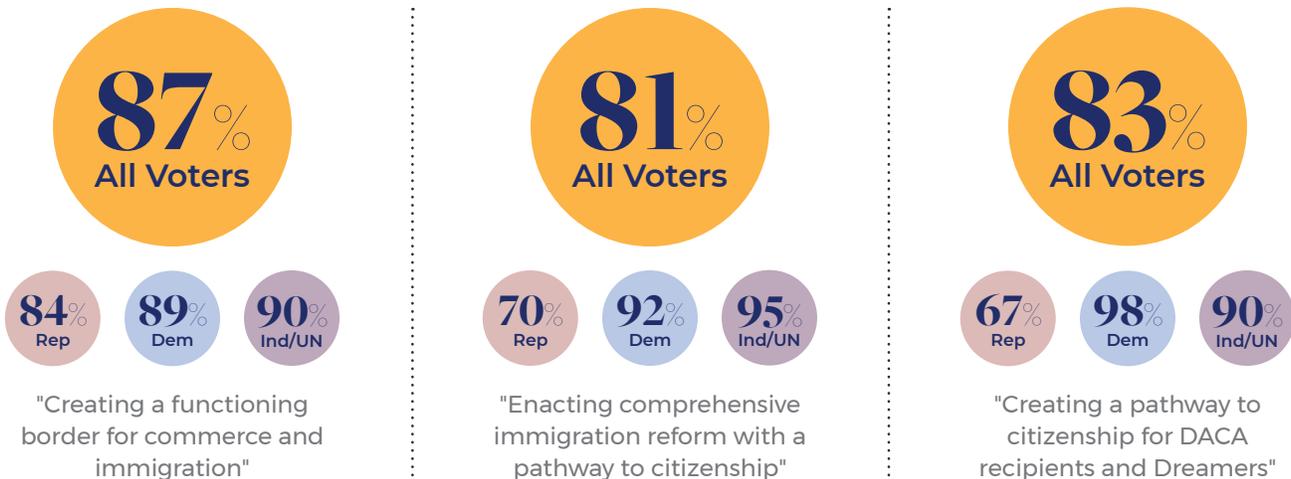
What the majority of Arizona's likely voters want candidates to address as they compete for their votes in the 2022 election

Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) developed the Arizona Voters' Agenda from new survey research of Republican, Democratic, and independent/unaffiliated voters of all ages. The survey was conducted April 12-19, 2022 by HighGround Public Affairs on behalf of CFA. The Agenda focuses on what a majority of likely voters across the political spectrum say are the priorities in the 2022 midterm election. This includes immigration in addition to education, economy & inflation, election reform, and water & the environment.

Key Finding: Arizona Voters Want Plans for Immigration Reform

The findings on immigration priorities demonstrate that voters care the most about supporting Arizona's long-term well-being and success, and hold a highly nuanced understanding of the relationship between immigration, a healthy trade ecosystem, and the future prosperity of our state.

Regardless of political party, Arizonans support significant changes to our immigration system.



What Voters Want to Know: Questions for Candidates

Use these questions to foster productive dialogue and seek out real answers:

- How do you define a functioning border for commerce, and what is your vision for immigration reform?
- How should Arizona influence the Federal Government in creating a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and dreamers who were brought to Arizona as children?
- How do your immigration plans strengthen our business relationships with Mexico and our economy for the long term?

Arizona Voters' Agenda: Immigration Reform

Issues on the Arizona Voters' Agenda meet **all of** the following criteria:

- "Strongly Agree/Support" is 50% and above among All Likely Voters
- Total Support (i.e., the sum of "Somewhat Agree/Support" and "Strongly Agree/Support") is 50% and above among every political affiliation and age group

Policy Items

Creating a functioning border for commerce and immigration.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
64%	87%	84%	90%	89%

Creating a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and dreamers who were brought to Arizona as children.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
61%	83%	67%	90%	98%

Enacting comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
60%	81%	70%	95%	92%

Value Statement

Immigration reform will ultimately strengthen the country. Mexico is Arizona's largest trading partner; we need to get serious about supporting comprehensive immigration reform because it will strengthen our economy and promote border security.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
53%	81%	73%	88%	92%

What Didn't Make the Arizona Voters' Agenda for Immigration?

The Arizona Voters' Agenda survey covered a wide array of issues, and several highly publicized topics did NOT reach the level of support necessary to be considered a priority, including:



"Completing the wall on the border between the United States and Mexico."