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On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, YouGov fielded a survey of registered voters in Arizona in August, 2021. The surveys focused on voters' openness toward reforms to the DACA program and allowing DACA recipients to enjoy certain benefits. The survey fielded from approximately August 6-17, 2021 and included 631 respondents. The margin of error was +/-4.6 percent. The following memo briefly summarizes the results.

#### Executive summary

- Arizona voters overwhelmingly support providing a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, frontline workers, and those protected by Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
  - This support is driven upward by support of a large majority of Democrats and a narrow majority of Independents
  - Accounting for other factors, voters in urban areas and those with college degrees are more supportive of immigration reform policies across the board
- Arizona voters who support Senator Kyrsten Sinema are about as favorable of immigration reform as the state overall
- Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema would both enjoy narrowly improved favorability ratings for supporting a pathway to citizenship
- Kyrsten Sinema's supporters report that on net they would become more favorable of her if she supported a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants

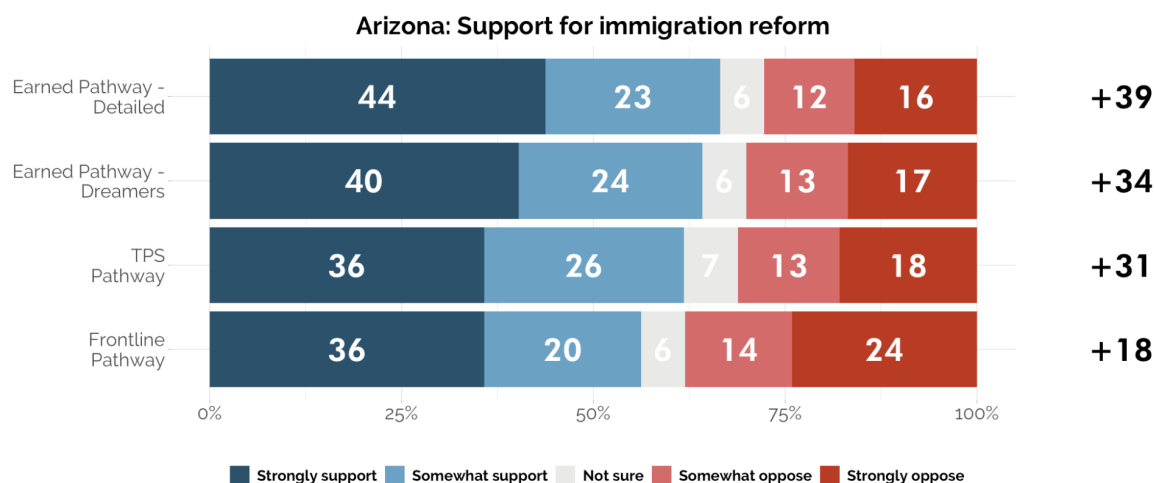
Arizona voters support a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, frontline workers, and those protected by TPS

The survey included several items to measure respondents' attitudes toward providing a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, holders of TPS, and essential workers. The full wording for each item is available in the topline associated with this memo, but briefly summarized here:

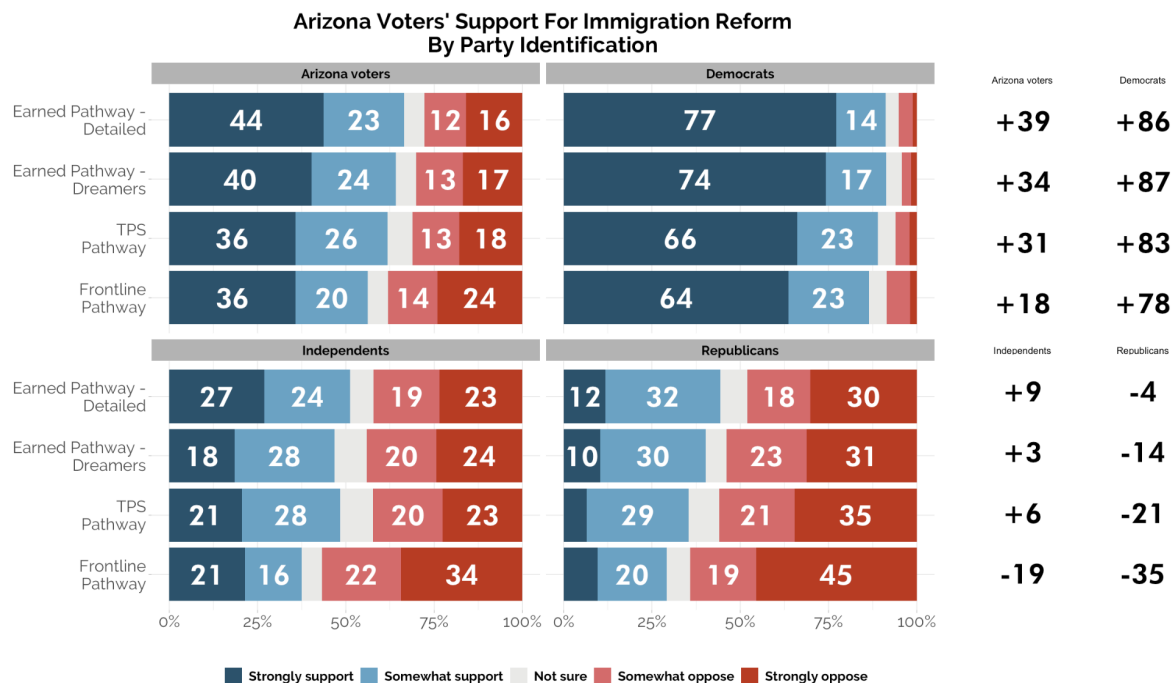
- **Earned Pathway - Detailed:** *Support for an earned pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders, and essential workers, conditional on background checks and learning English*
- **Earned Pathway - Dreamers:** *Support for allowing Dreamers, people who came to the United States as children, to have a pathway to citizenship*
- **TPS Pathway:** *Support for allowing TPS holders to have a pathway to citizenship*
- **Frontline Workers Pathway:** *Support for allowing undocumented immigrants who work in essential industries to have a pathway to citizenship*

The following chart shows support for these reforms among Arizona voters. Overall, we find that Arizona voters are broadly supportive of these options for providing a pathway to citizenship.

A pathway to citizenship for at least some undocumented immigrants enjoyed outright majority support in each case. The most popular approaches to a pathway to citizenship included the **Detailed** pathway and the **Dreamers** pathway. Though the **TPS** pathway was statistically about as popular as these as well. About two-thirds of Arizona voters support each of these policies. Similarly, about 62 percent of Arizona voters support providing a pathway to citizenship for TPS holders.

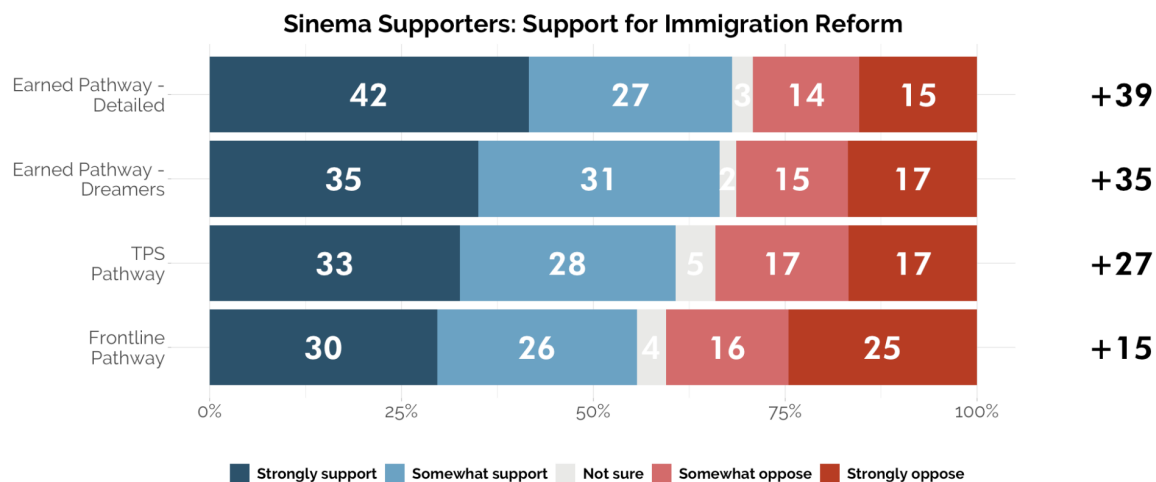


Accounting for other factors, party identification is the primary divider of public opinion on immigration reform in Arizona. Democratic voters are generally supportive of immigration reform. Independents are split, with Independents who identify as more liberal (even if they do not say they “lean” toward the Democratic party) typically siding with Democrats, and vice versa for Independents who identify as moderate or more conservative. Republicans are split on the **Detailed** framing of immigration reform, but otherwise are opposed to a pathway to citizenship.



The **Detailed** framing of a pathway to citizenship enjoyed the support of 91 percent of Democrats, 46 percent of Independents, and 40 percent of Republicans. In contrast, the **Frontline Pathway** framing had the support of 87 percent of Democrats, but just 37 percent of Independents and 29 percent of Republicans. Within Independent voters, 83 percent of those who identify as liberal support the **Detailed** framing as do 63 percent of moderate Independents and 23 of conservative Independents.

Notably, supporters of US Senator Kyrsten Sinema (who comprise about 37 percent of the sample) are not significantly different from the state overall on the subject of immigration reform. As with the rest of the state, they overwhelmingly support expanding citizenship to Dreamers under a variety of conditions. They are split on the question of providing citizenship to frontline workers.



The following chart shows some of the divides among subgroups of interest within Arizona voters. These include subgroup differences that are statistically robust, meaning that they persist even when accounting for other factors in a more complicated analytical setting. This chart also includes the views of Sinema supporters for comparison. These results suggest that support for immigration reform policies is driven by Democrats and a narrow plurality of Independents. Independents are overall in favor of providing a pathway to citizenship in three of the four cases we polled. Republican voters are split on the earned pathway to citizenship but are clearly opposed to the other policies we polled.

Even accounting for partisan and ideological differences, these differences persist between voters at different levels of education and in different geographies. Arizona voters living in urban areas are overwhelmingly supportive of immigration reform, while voters in rural areas are more split. Across the issues we surveyed, voters with a college degree are more supportive than those without a college degree, though this difference is substantively marginal compared to others.

We also find that, within Democratic voters, there is a significant divide between those who identify as “moderate” and those who identify as “liberal” or “very liberal.” These differences extend to conservative Democrats, but the share of Arizona voters who identify as both Democratic and conservative is too small to analyze with much confidence. While Democrats overwhelmingly support immigration reform, liberal and very liberal Democrats (who comprise about 60 percent of Democrats, and 27 percent of voters overall) are consistently at least a few percentage points more supportive of immigration reform than are moderate Democrats (who comprise about 36 percent of Democrats and 16 percent of voters overall).

## Net policy support in Arizona

	All		Sinema supporters			Party ID		
						Dem	Ind	Rep
Earned Pathway to Citizenship - Dreamers	+39%		+39%			+86%	+9%	-4%
Earned Pathway to Citizenship - Detailed	+34%		+35%			+87%	+3%	-14%
TPS Pathway to Citizenship	+31%		+27%			+83%	+6%	-21%
Frontline Pathway to Citizenship	+18%		+15%			+78%	-19%	-35%

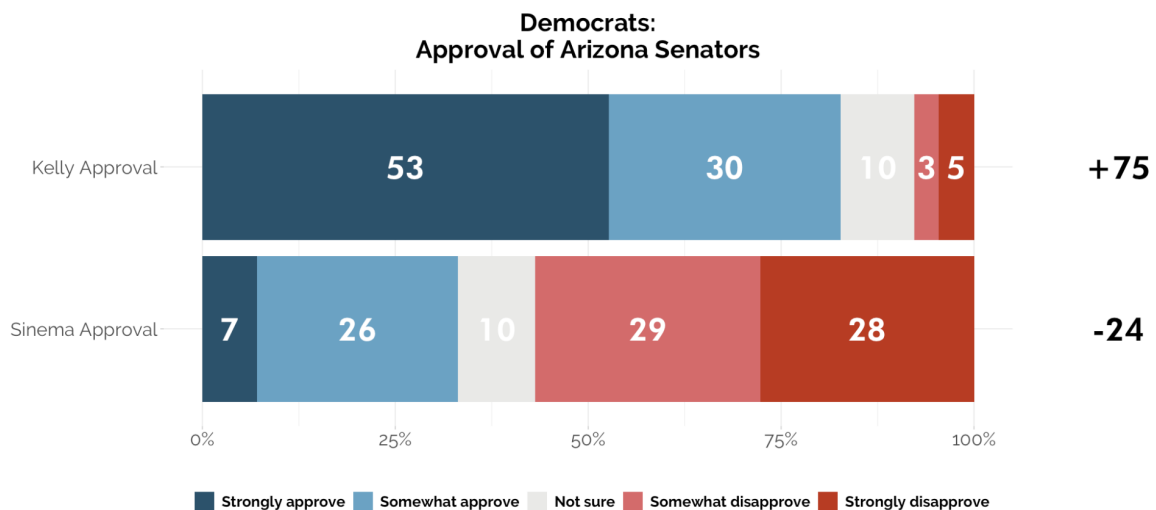
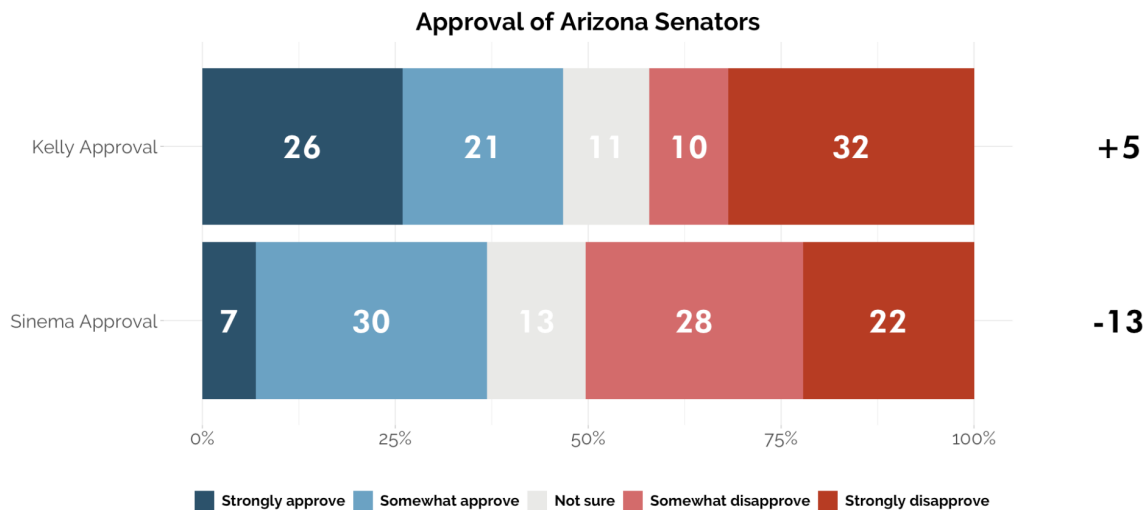
  

	Education		Urban/suburban/rural			Ideology (within Democrats)	
	College	Less than college	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Liberal	Moderate
Earned Pathway to Citizenship - Dreamers	+45%	+36%	+62%	+27%	+12%	+88%	+84%
Earned Pathway to Citizenship - Detailed	+46%	+28%	+55%	+24%	+9%	+92%	+80%
TPS Pathway to Citizenship	+41%	+26%	+52%	+23%	-7%	+92%	+66%
Frontline Pathway to Citizenship	+25%	+15%	+45%	+4%	-9%	+87%	+64%

Supporting a pathway to citizenship would improve favorability for Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema

Public opinion toward Arizona's senators is split, with Senator Kelly on net being slightly popular and Senator Sinema being unpopular. We asked voters if they approved or disapproved, or were unsure how they felt about Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema. Arizona voters approve of Mark Kelly by a 47-42 margin, but overall disapprove of Kyrsten Sinema by a 37-50 margin. It is also worth noting that voters seem to be more decided (and polarized) on Kelly, who has higher numbers for both "strong approve" and "strong disapprove" than "somewhat approve" and "somewhat disapprove", whereas for Sinema, votes are much more likely to choose the middle categories.

These differences are driven by Senator Sinema's slightly higher support among Independents and Republicans, but considerably lower support among Democrats. Kelly enjoys an 83-8 approval rating among Democrats, compared to a 33-57 net disapproval of Sinema. In contrast, Kelly has an unfavorable rating among Republicans, by an 11-77 margin, while Sinema enjoys a 42-44 split among Republicans. Independent voters are on net disfavorable toward Senator Kelly by a 30-56 margin, but are split by a 46-46 margin for Sinema.

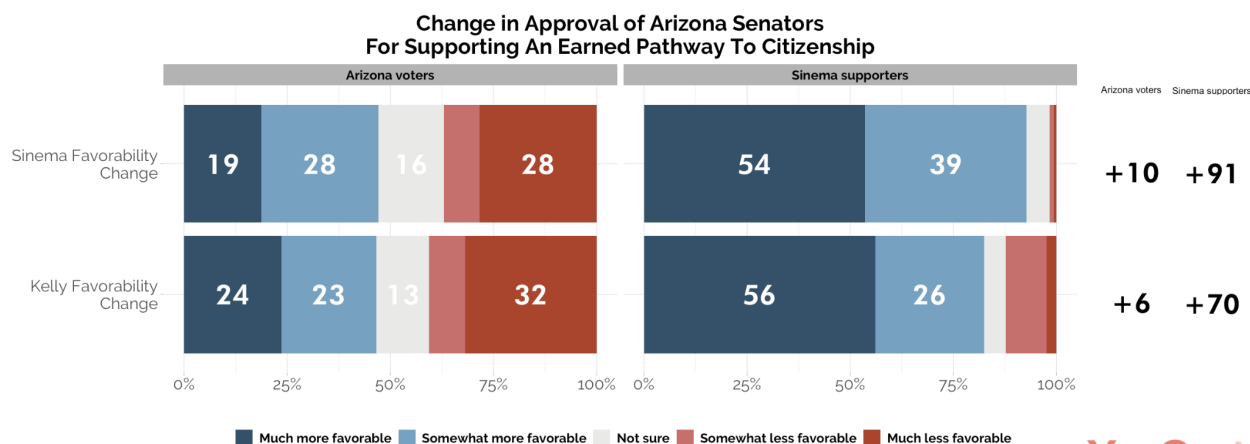


Our survey also included a theoretical exercise asking voters about the impact that supporting a pathway to citizenship would have on voters' views of Kyrsten Sinema and Mark Kelly. For both senators, we asked:

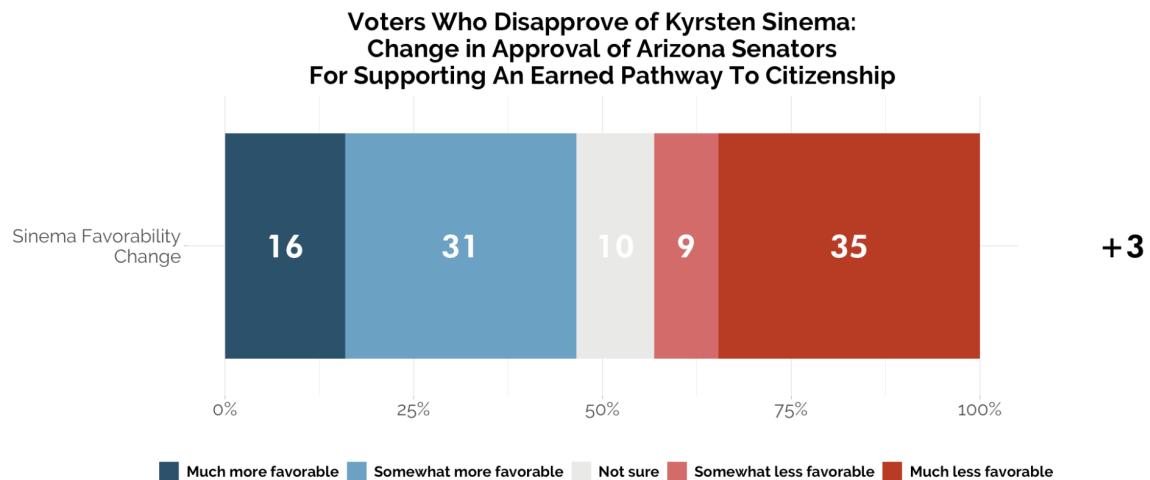
*Now, imagine that Arizona Senator (Kyrsten Sinema or Mark Kelly) supported creating an earned pathway to citizenship for undocumented people in the United States. Would this make you feel [more favorable or less favorable] toward Senator (Kyrsten Sinema or Mark Kelly)?*

Our results suggest that voters overall, including supporters of Kyrsten Sinema, would become more supportive of both Senators if they supported an earned pathway to citizenship for undocumented people. Overall, Arizona voters report they would move on net about 10 percentage points in favor of Senator Sinema, and about 6 percentage points in favor of Senator Kelly. This result is driven upward by Democrats and by supporters of Kyrsten Sinema, regardless of party identification.

Perhaps more surprisingly, while Senator Sinema has a cross-partisan base of support (i.e., her supporters include relatively large shares of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans), her supporters also overwhelmingly report they would become more favorable to her if she supported a pathway to citizenship. These voters would become more supportive of Senator Kelly, as well.



Among voters who report they have an unfavorable view of Senator Sinema, about 47 percent of these voters report supporting a pathway to citizenship would make them feel *more* favorable toward Senator Sinema, and about 44 percent of voters with an unfavorable view of Sinema report they would feel *less* favorable toward her. In other words, our results suggest Sinema would narrowly gain support among those not currently inclined to support her.



## Conclusion

Arizona voters overwhelmingly support policies that would expand the pathway to citizenship to a variety of undocumented populations in the United States. Key constituencies of both incumbent Senators would feel more favorable toward their incumbents if they found out either supported a pathway to citizenship. Arizona voters overall, supporters of senators Kelly and Sinema, and voters who are skeptical of their incumbents report that on net they would favor seeing their senators support a pathway to citizenship.