

ABIC Action Political Memo Work Permits for Spouses of U.S. Citizens and Mixed Status Families

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Overview

Economic Imperative

As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce noted in a May report, “If every unemployed person in the country found a job, we would still have more than 3 million open jobs.”

Political Context

Among Latino and Mexican American voters more broadly, there is a significant subgroup of **"US Citizen voters"** - 10.6 million U.S. citizen adults living with an undocumented immigrant in the same household. .

Legal Authority

The Secretary of Homeland Security already provides parole- in -place to noncitizen spouses and mixed status families of military service personnel. They can update the policy [manual](#) to include US citizen non-military personnel and their mixed status families

Mobilizing in Base & Swing State

In swing states, "US Citizen Voters" living in the same household as an undocumented immigrant could determine whether President Biden is reelected. In base states, when mobilized they could motivate political leaders to prioritize immigration reform.

*US Citizen Voters, Top 10 States

***US citizen voter living in the same household as an undocumented immigrant**

Rank	State	US Citizen Voters*	Senators
1	California	1,216,000	Feinstein, Padilla
2	Texas	749,000	Cruz, Cornyn
3	Florida	379,000	Scott, Rubio
4	New York	337,000	Schumer, Gillibrand
5	Illinois	217,000	Durbin, Duckworth
6	New Jersey	170,000	Menendez, Booker
7	Arizona	134,000	Sinema, Kelly
8	Georgia	125,000	Warnock, Ossoff
9	Virginia	112,000	Warner, Kaine
10	Washington	105,000	Murray, Cantwell

*US Citizen Voters in Swing States

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State	Margin	Vote Margin	*US Citizen Voters	Multiple of Vote Margin
Arizona	Biden +0.31	10,457	134,000	12.81
Georgia	Biden +0.24	11,779	125,000	10.61
Nevada	Biden +2.4	33,596	83,000	2.47
Wisconsin	Biden +0.63	20,682	28,000	1.35
North Carolina	Trump +1.3	74,483	95,000	1.28
Florida	Trump +3.3	371,686	379,000	1.02
Pennsylvania	Biden +1.2	81,660	63,000	0.77
Michigan	Biden +2.8	154,188	50,000	0.32



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Voted

- **Trump's support among Latino voters grow**

A May 2024 New York Times/Siena College [poll](#) found President Biden losing support among Latino voters, who now account for nearly 15 percent of eligible voters, a record high. The poll shows Mr. Trump edging out Mr. Biden among Hispanic voters with **46 percent supporting Mr. Trump and 40 percent favoring Mr. Biden.**

- **Latino voter registration is growing—fast—in swing states, driven by younger Latinos**

This trend illustrates the reshaping of the electorate as younger Latinos enter the voter rolls, many of whom may be the children of undocumented immigrants. This trend is visible in most swing states.

- **Key number: Two million**

In swing states alone, more than 2 million U.S. citizens live with an undocumented immigrant, and more than 350,000 have an undocumented spouse