# Midwest Business Leaders

Screener

progammer: respondents must come from the following states only: nd, sd, ne, mo, il, ks, mn, ia, wi, in, oh and mi

CARRY OVER:FROM KP

PPAGE

PPGENDER

S1a. In which state do you currently live?

progammer: drop down menu

only those residing in: ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, IN, OH, MI continue

S1. Which statement best describes your current employment status? (Select one response)

1 Working as a paid employee

2 Working – self-employed

3 Other (TERMINATE)

S2. What is your position within your company? (Select one response.)

1 Sole proprietor

2 Owner

3 C-level executive

4 President

5 Vice President

6 Senior Management

7 Other (TERMINATE)

S3. How involved are you in the hiring and firing decisions made by your company? (Select one response.)

1 Very involved

2 Somewhat involved

3 Not too involved

4 Not at all involved (TERMINATE)

S4. How knowledgeable would you say you are about immigration as it pertains to your company’s hiring practices? (Select one response.)

1 Very knowledgeable

2 Somewhat knowledgeable

3 Not too knowledgeable Not at all knowledgeable

S5. How many people are directly employed by your business or company, including yourself? (Select one response.)

1 1-100

2 101-499

3 500-999

4 1000 or more

programmer: quota as follows:

Small company - 1-100

Medium company 101-999

Large company: 1000 or more

S6. What industry is your company in? (Select one response.)

1 Agriculture

2 Construction

3 Educational services

4 Finance and Insurance

5 Healthcare

6 Information

7 Leisure and hospitality (Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, Food Services)

8 Manufacturing

9 Natural resources and mining

10 Professional and management (Professional, scientific, and technical services; management of companies and enterprises)

11 Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing

12 Trade, transportation, and utilities

13 Other Industries (Specify)

if knowledge panel sample do not ask:

S7. Are you…

1. Male
2. Female

S8. What year were you born…[drop down menu]

PROGRAMMER: TERMINATE IF UNDER 18

programmer: for tracking purposes i would like to see:

18 to 34

35 to 54

55+

Quotas

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| **S5** | Number of completes |
| Small company - 1-100 | 175 |
| Medium company 101-999 | 175 |
| Large company: 1000 or more | 150 |
| Total | 500 |

Main Questionnaire

1. Overall, do you think immigration at current levels is good or bad for: (Select one response for each.)

programmer: randomize list.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Good | Bad |
| The Midwest | 1 | 2 |
| The Midwestern economy | 1 | 2 |
| Your company | 1 | 2 |
| Creating jobs in the Midwest | 1 | 2 |
| Job security for American workers | 1 | 2 |
| Your own standard of living | 1 | 2 |
| Your community | 1 | 2 |

2. Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased? (Select one response.)

1 Present level

2 Increased

3 Decreased

3. Is it your impression that over the last year, each of the following has increased, stayed the same, decreased or stopped altogether…?

(Select one response for each.)

programmer: rotate list.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Increased | Stayed the Same | Decreased | Stopped altogether |
| Flow of Legal Immigrants to the US | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Flow of illegal Immigrants to the US | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

4. Do you think that most recent immigrants in the following areas are here legally or illegally…?

(Select one response for each.)

programmer: randomize list.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Legally | Illegally |
| The United States | 1 | 2 |
| The Midwest | 1 | 2 |
| Your own community | 1 | 2 |

These next few questions deal with immigration issues specific to Midwest businesses.

5. Is it your impression that businesses here in the Midwest have too few job applicants who are U.S. citizens to fill jobs in the fields below, or do you think businesses here in the Midwest have a sufficient number of job candidates to fill jobs in: (Select one for each.)

programmer: rotate list.

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Too Few | Sufficient Number |
| High skill fields, such as technology, science and engineering? | 1 | 2 |
| Low-skill fields such as seasonal work, farming, food processing and home health care? | 1 | 2 |

programmer: rotate questions 6a and 6b

6a. Some U.S. companies say they can’t find enough highly skilled legal U.S. residents to fill jobs. One proposal is to increase the number of foreign workers with advanced degrees in math, science and engineering allowed in the U.S. with visas so they can fill those jobs in the U.S. What is your view of this proposal: (Select one response.)

1 I strongly support it

2 I somewhat support it

3 I somewhat oppose it

4 I strongly oppose it

6b. Some U.S. companies also report difficulties in finding enough low skilled workers to fill jobs in seasonal work, farming, food processing and home health care. One proposal is to increase the number of temporary guest workers so they can fill those jobs in the U.S. What is your view of this proposal: (Select one response.)

1 I strongly support it

2 I somewhat support it

3 I somewhat oppose it

4 I strongly oppose it

7. Would you support or oppose a law that would vary the number of lower skilled immigrants allowed to enter the country depending on how the U.S. economy is doing? (Select one response.)

1 Support

2 Oppose

Next we have some questions about immigration reform.

8. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? (Select one response.)

1 They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to apply for U.S. citizenship

2 They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship only if they pay a penalty and wait a number of years

3 They should be allowed to stay in their jobs with work permits, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship

4 They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.

programmer: split sample a/b for q9.

9a. SPLIT A: One version of immigration reform that people have discussed would do the following: Increase border security at a cost of 46 billion dollars, identify illegal immigrants, and penalize employers who hire them. Illegal immigrants who are qualified to stay will be required to pay taxes and to learn English before they can apply for citizenship after ten years. Do you favor or oppose this version of immigration reform? (Select one response.)

1 Favor

2 Oppose

9b. SPLIT B: The Senate passed a comprehensive bill on immigration reform that would do the following: Increase border security at a cost of 46 billion dollars, identify illegal immigrants, and penalize employers who hire them. Illegal immigrants who are qualified to stay will be required to pay taxes and to learn English before they can apply for citizenship after ten years. Do you favor or oppose this version of immigration reform? (Select one response.)

1 Favor

2 Oppose

10. When it comes to immigration reform, which of the following would you prefer: (Select one response.)

programmer: ROTATE FIRST TWO OPTIONS.

1 To have Congress enact stricter border control now and put off consideration of a path to legal status for later

2 To have Congress enact a path to legal status now and put off consideration of stricter border control for later

3 Do both now – to have Congress enact stricter border control AND enact a path to legal status

4 Not do either – to enact neither stricter border control nor path to legal status

11. From what you have heard, what kind of effect do you think that immigration reform would have on: (Select one for each.)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Mostly Positive | Mostly Negative | Both Positive and Negative | No effect |
| Small businesses in the Midwest | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Medium-sized businesses in the Midwest | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Large businesses in the Midwest | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

programmer: ask each open-end on a separate screen

12a. Why do you feel immigration reform is (INSERT q11\_1 RESPONSE) for small business

12b. Why do you feel immigration reform is ((INSERT q11\_2 RESPONSE) for medium business

12c. Why do you feel immigration reform is ((INSERT q11\_3 RESPONSE) for large business

programmer: insertone text box for each Q12 question.

13. Would you support or oppose a law that would require all businesses to check whether the documents provided by their employees match information in government data bases to confirm they are authorized to work in the U.S, with stiff fines and penalties for employers who knowingly hire unauthorized workers? (Select one response.)

1 Support

2 Oppose

The next set of questions refers to your own business.

14. Does your business generally employ mostly high-skilled or mostly low-skilled workers? (Select one response.)

1 Mostly high-skilled

2 Mostly low-skilled

15. Does your business currently or has your business in the past employed legal immigrants? (Select one response.)

1 Yes, currently

2 Yes, in the past

3 No

programmer: if q15 = 1 or 2 continue, otherwise skip to instruction before q22.

[IF Q15=1 or 2]

16. Do you hire immigrants as seasonal workers or year round workers or both? (Select one response.)

1 Seasonal workers

2 Year-round workers

3 Both

17. Are these immigrants mostly high-skilled or mostly low-skilled workers? (Select one response.)

1 Mostly high-skilled

2 Mostly low-skilled

18. Regardless of skill level, was your experience using immigrant labor positive or negative? (Select one response.)

1 Positive

2 Negative

19. Why did you say (INSERT Q18 RESPONSE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

programmer: enter text box.

20a. Which one of the following best describes the most important reason you use immigrant labor:

20b. Which best describes the second most important reason you use immigrant labor:

(Select one response per column)

programmer: allow one response for each. respondent can not select the same reason for both primary and second

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| programmer: randomize list. | Most Important Reason | Second Most Important Reason |
| Cannot find enough US citizens to fill these jobs |  |  |
| Immigrants were friends or family members |  |  |
| Targeting customer market where the cultural language skills are needed |  |  |
| Improve workforce diversity |  |  |
| Cannot find US citizens with qualifications needed |  |  |
| Labor costs |  |  |
| Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specify) |  |  |

21a. Which one of the following represents the biggest challenge you faced in using immigrant labor?

21b. Which is the second biggest challenge you faced in using immigrant labor?

(Select one response per column)

programmer: allow one response for each. respondent can not select the same reason for both primary and second

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| programmer: randomize list. | Biggest challenge | Second Biggest challenge |
| Language and cultural differences |  |  |
| Concerns about whether you are complying with the law |  |  |
| The time and expense involved in verifying legal right to work, such as reviewing green cards and I-9 cards |  |  |
| Difficulty of navigating the US visa system |  |  |
| Resistance from current workforce |  |  |
| Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specify) |  |  |

[IF Q15 = 3]

22a. Which one of the following represents the biggest reason why you do not use immigrant labor?

22b. Which represents the second biggest reason why you do not use immigrant labor? (Select one response.)

programmer: allow one response for each. respondent can not select the same reason for both primary and second

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| programmer: randomize list. | Biggest Reason | Second Biggest Reason |
| I do not have the need or opportunity to hire ANYONE right now |  |  |
| Don't have a problem finding qualified citizens |  |  |
| Worried about the legal consequences of accidentally hiring someone who does not have the legal permission to work |  |  |
| There are few immigrants where I live |  |  |
| Don't want to go through the process required to verify they are legally allowed to work in the US because of the time required |  |  |
| Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specify) |  |  |

programmer: ask all.

programmer: rotate questions 23a and 23b

23A. How important do you believe it is for the country and the overall economy to allow more high skill, foreign workers who might work in the high tech industries into this country legally? (Select one response.)

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not very important

4 Not at all important

23B. How important do you believe it is for the country and the overall economy to allow more low skill, foreign workers who might work in the agricultural, restaurant or service industries into this country legally? (Select one response.)

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not very important

4 Not at all important

24. How familiar are you with the E-Verify system or other federal systems designed to help employers check the legal status of employees? (Select one response.)

1 Very familiar

2 Somewhat familiar

3 Somewhat unfamiliar

4 Very unfamiliar

25. Have you or has your company ever used the E-Verify system or other federal systems to check the legal status of your employees? (Select one response.)

1 Yes

2 No

programmer: if q25 = 1 continue, otherwise skip to q27.

26. Which of the following best describes your experience with E-Verify? (Select one response.)

1 Easy and convenient

2 Difficult and time-consuming

3 Somewhere in between

4 Not sure

27. Would you favor or oppose adjusting some E-Verify requirements in case the ultimate system looks different in details, such as exempting businesses with five employees or less, delaying the implementation of the system nationally until it works properly and phasing the system in overtime with small businesses being the last to implement this system? (Select one response.)

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

28. Have you or your company ever used the visa program before for your business hiring needs for: (Select one for each.)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| High-skill workers? | 1 | 2 |
| Low-skill workers? | 1 | 2 |

29. Have you applied to sponsor a worker for any of the following types of guest-worker visas in the past three years? (Select one for each.)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| H1B – skilled worker visa | 1 | 2 |
| H2A – temporary agricultural worker visa | 1 | 2 |
| H2B – temporary nonagricultural worker visa | 1 | 2 |

30. How important is it to you that the president and Congress pass significant new immigration legislation this year? (Select one response.)

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not too important

4 Not important at all

Demographics

Business Demographics

D1. What is the annual revenue of your company? (Select one response.)

1 Under $1 million 2 $1 million to under $10 million

3 $10 million to under $100 million

4 $100 million to under $1 billion

5 $1 billion to under $5 billion

6 $5 billion to under $20 billion

7 $20 billion or more

8 Don't know

9 Prefer not to say

D2. How long has your company been operating? (Select one response.)

1 Less than 2 years

2 3-5 years

3 6-10 years

4 11-20 years

5 21+ years

D3. How long have you been with your current company? (Select one response.)

1 Less than 2 years

2 3-5 years

3 6-10 years

4 11-20 years

5 21+ years

D4. Does your company have offices in countries other than the United States? (Select one response.)

1 Yes

2 No

[IF D4=YES]

D5. In how many other countries does your company have offices? (Select one response.)

1 1-2

2 3-5

3 6-10

4 11-19

5 20+

D6. Where is your company headquartered? (Select one response.)

1 In the Midwest of the United States

2 In the United States, but not the Midwest

3 Outside the United States

D7. Is your company publicly or privately held? (Select one response.)

1 Publicly held

2 Privately held

Party ID Demographics

P1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else? (Select one response.)

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 Something else

[IF P1=1]

P2. Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican? (Select one response.)

1 Strong

2 Not strong

[IF P1=2]

P3. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat? (Select one response.)

1 Strong

2 Not strong

[IF P1=3 OR 4]

P4. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party? (Select one response.)

1 Republican

2 Democratic

3 Neither

**Thank you very much for your time**