



DREAM Act Poll
National Survey of 1,000 Likely Voters
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- After the recent election, the out-going Congress has been called back for what is known as a lame duck session to finish work on the budget and extend the tax cuts. Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi also want the lame duck Congress to vote on social policy issues like the DREAM Act, which offers legalization to about 2 million illegal immigrants. Should the lame duck Congress limit its work to fiscal issues like the budget and taxes or should the lame duck Congress use the opportunity to address social policies that were too politically difficult to deal with before the election?

59% The lame duck Congress should limit its work to essential business like the budget and taxes and should leave dealing with social policies to the new Congress.

31% The lame duck Congress should use the opportunity to address social policies that were too politically difficult to deal with before the elections.

10% Not sure

- In addition to legalization, the DREAM Act would entitle newly legalized illegal immigrants to benefit from subsidized tuition rates at all state colleges and universities, and qualify for low interest government educational loans. Based on this information, would you be much more likely to support, somewhat more likely to support, somewhat more likely to oppose or much more likely to oppose passage of the DREAM ACT?

18% Much more likely to support

16% Somewhat more likely to support

18% Somewhat more likely to oppose

43% Much more likely to oppose

5% Not sure

- Under the legislation being considered by the lame duck Congress, any illegal immigrant who files an application for legalization under the DREAM Act would be protected from deportation so long as the application is pending. In addition, the government would be barred from using information provided in DREAM Act applications against the applicants, even if they are denied legalization. Based on this information, would you be much more likely to support, somewhat more likely to support, somewhat more likely to oppose or much more likely to oppose passage of the DREAM ACT?

18% Much more likely to support
17% Somewhat more likely to support
16% Somewhat more likely to oppose
42% Much more likely to oppose
7% Not sure

- Based on these additional details about the DREAM Act, would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose passage of the legislation by Congress during the lame duck session?

18% Strongly support
20% Somewhat support
11% Somewhat oppose
43% Strongly oppose
8% Not sure

NOTE: Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence