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# Public Opinion and Immigration

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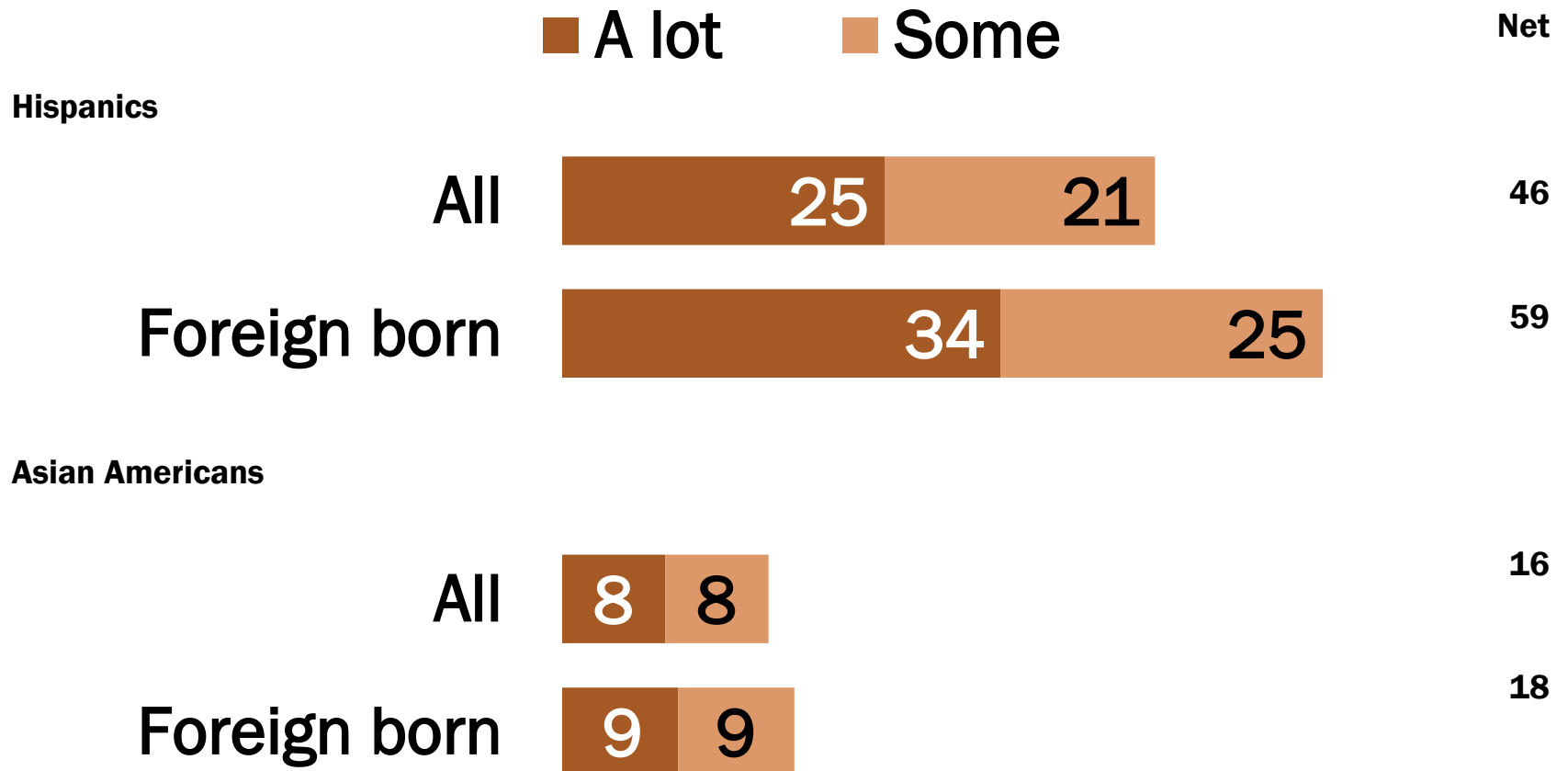


**Hispanic Trends Project**

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# Hispanics Worry More about Deportation than Asian Americans

% saying they worry “a lot” or “some” that they themselves, a family member or a close friend may be deported.



Source: Pew Research Center 2013 Survey of Hispanics, Oct 16-Nov 3, N=701; 2013 Survey of Asian Americans, Oct 16-31, N=802.

# Still Broad Support for Path to Legal Status...

<i>Immigrants currently living in the U.S. illegally who meet certain requirements ...</i>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Change</b>
	%	%	%
Should have a way to stay legally	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-5</b>
To apply for citizenship	46	40	-6
To apply for permanent residency only	24	24	0
Don't know	3	3	0
Should not be allowed to stay legally	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>+6</b>
Don't know	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-1</b>
	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	

Surveys conducted Feb. 14-23, 2014 and July 8-14, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

## ...But Support Has Declined among Republicans

- Today, 54% of Republicans say undocumented immigrants “should be allowed to stay legally” in the U.S., down from 64% in February
- Among Tea Party Republicans, the decline was sharper, falling from 56% in February to 41% today.
- Democrats showed a small decline as well—falling from 81% in February to 77% today.

# Passing Immigration Legislation Rises in Importance

## More Say It is Important to Pass 'Significant' Immigration Legislation

*% saying passage of significant new immigration legislation is extremely/very important ...*

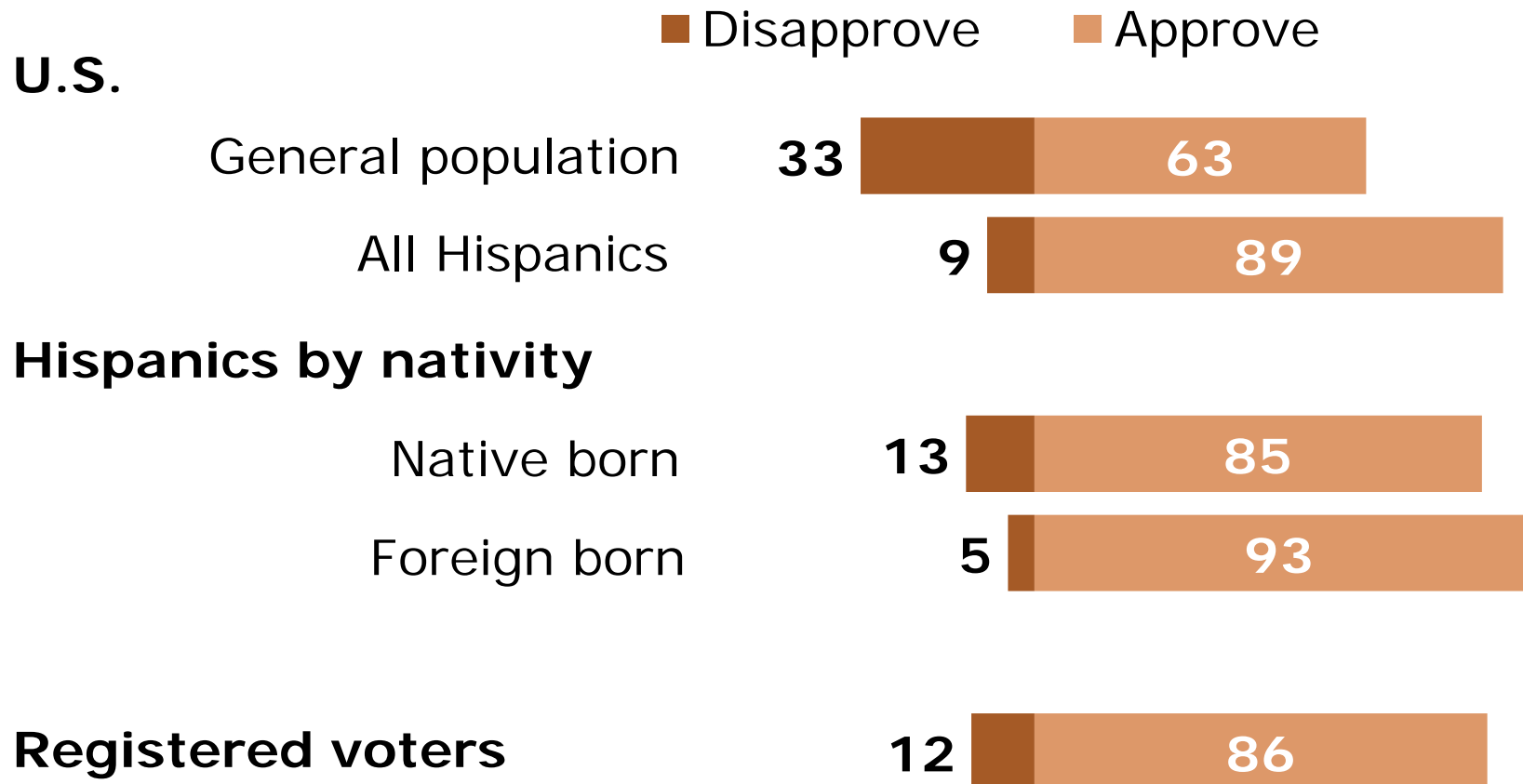
	<b>Feb 2014</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Change</b>
	%	%	
Total	49	61	+12
Republican	46	61	+15
Democrat	60	63	+3
Independent	44	61	+17
White	44	58	+14
Black	49	64	+15
Hispanic	72	75	+3

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.

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# Support for Obama's Deferred Action Program

Question: President Obama recently announced a policy that will allow illegal immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the U.S. and apply for work permits. Do you ....



# Many Know Someone Who Has or Will Apply for DACA

Percent of Latinos saying...

**All Latinos**

31

**Nativity**

Native born

24

Foreign born

37

***Among the foreign born***

U.S. citizen

28

Legal resident

37

Not a U.S. citizen  
or a legal resident

48

**Registered voters**

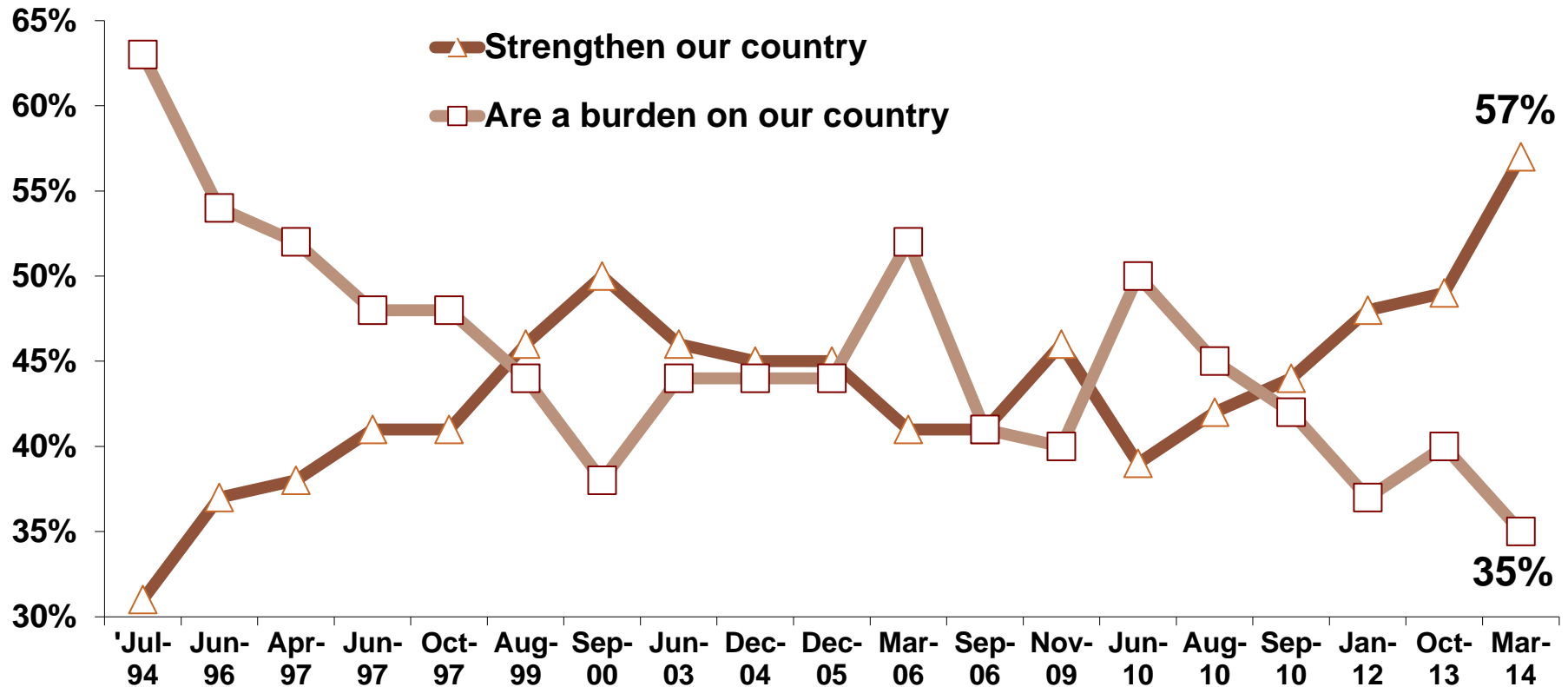
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# Immigrants...Strength or Burden?

**Question:** Which of these comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right.

1. Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents OR
2. Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care?

Percent of adults





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