

Methodological Details

Immigration Attitudes and Accuracy Study

Skeptic Research Center

1. Data Collection Strategy

- Online Survey (Mdn_{duration} = 3 minutes)

2. Research Sponsor

- Skeptics Society

3. Measures

Demographic characteristics

1. Age (in years)
2. Sex
3. Race
4. Household income
5. Educational attainment
6. Parenthood status

Survey Topic: This survey measured attitudes and accuracy about immigration enforcement. Exact question wording, response options, and scale validation information will be provided in topical reports/articles and on graphs shared via X (@SkepResCenter).

4. Population

- Adults that speak English in the United States of America.

5. Sampling

- Quota sampling was used (see demographic breakdown below). Participants were recruited using Prolific (<https://www.prolific.com/about>). The following provides the demographic breakdown of the final sample: $n_{\text{total}} = 2,505$

6. Dates of Data Collection

- From January 25, 2026, and January 31, 2026

7. Procedures to Ensure Data Quality

- Responses needed to pass (1) two attention checks, (2) a duplication check, (3) time-to-completion checks, (4) fraud and (5) bot-identification checks.

8. Limitations:

- This sample was collected via a pre-arranged, pre-screened, pool of survey takers who had agreed to be contacted for research purposes by market research companies. This means that any American who had not previously agreed to be

contacted by a market research service (in this case, Prolific) could not have been included in the sample.

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		Generation			
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Gen Z	647	25.8	25.8	25.8
	Millennial	687	27.4	27.4	53.3
	Gen X	562	22.4	22.4	75.7
	Boomer	609	24.3	24.3	100.0
	Total	2505	100.0	100.0	

		What is your biological sex?			
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	1212	48.4	48.4	48.4
	Female	1293	51.6	51.6	100.0
	Total	2505	100.0	100.0	

		Which racial group do you most closely identify with: - Selected Choice			
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White/Caucasian	1859	74.2	74.2	74.2
	Hispanic/Latino	163	6.5	6.5	80.7
	Black/African American	262	10.5	10.5	91.2
	Asian	169	6.7	6.7	97.9
	Other	52	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	2505	100.0	100.0	

		What was your household income last year (i.e., 2025)?			
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	\$0 to \$24,999	304	12.1	12.1	12.1
	\$25,000 to \$49,999	572	22.8	22.8	35.0
	\$50,000 to \$74,999	490	19.6	19.6	54.5
	\$75,000 to \$99,999	414	16.5	16.5	71.1
	\$100,000 to \$149,999	434	17.3	17.3	88.4
	\$150,000 to \$199,999	167	6.7	6.7	95.0
	\$200,000 or more	124	5.0	5.0	100.0
	Total	2505	100.0	100.0	

What is the highest level of education you have achieved?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	High school diploma or less	369	14.7	14.7	14.7
	Some College or Associate's Degree	767	30.6	30.6	45.3
	Bachelor's Degree	943	37.6	37.6	83.0
	Graduate or Professional Degree (e.g., MA, MD, PhD, JD)	426	17.0	17.0	100.0
	Total	2505	100.0	100.0	

Are you a parent?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	1281	51.1	51.1	51.1
	No	1224	48.9	48.9	100.0
	Total	2505	100.0	100.0	