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RE: Battleground Voters Support Humane Immigration Policies

To understand how immigration issues are viewed by voters in this year's elections, Hart Research conducted surveys among likely voters in five Senate battleground states: Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The combined battleground survey has a sample of 2,512 likely voters, with an overall margin of error of $\pm 2.0\%$, including subsamples of 243 Latino likely voters (margin of error $\pm 6.4\%$) and 570 independents (margin of error $\pm 4.2\%$).

U.S. SENATE ELECTIONS

The race for U.S. senator is close in every one of these battlegrounds, ranging from four-point Democratic advantages in Arizona and Georgia to a three-point GOP advantage in Wisconsin. Across all of these battlegrounds, Democrats lead by two points on average, 47% to 45%.

Senate Vote			
	Democrat	Republican	Difference
All States	47	45	D+2
Arizona	47	43	D+4
Georgia	48	45	D+4
Nevada	47	46	D+1
Pennsylvania	46	44	D+2
Wisconsin	46	48	R+3
Whites	40	52	R+12
Latinos	60	29	D+32
Democrats	88	9	D+79
Independents	43	37	D+6
Republicans	7	87	R+80
Age 18 to 39	55	34	D+21
Age 40 to 59	44	48	R+4
Age 60 and older	45	49	R+4
Women	54	38	D+16
Men	39	53	R+13

- Candidates have largely consolidated support among their co-partisans, with Democratic voters giving their candidate a 79-point lead and Republicans giving theirs an 80-point margin. Significantly, battleground independents are breaking for the Democratic candidate by a 6-point margin, 43% to 37%. However, fully one-third of independents (34%) are not yet strongly committed to a candidate.
- Democrats enjoy a strong 32-point margin of support among Latino voters, and neither Kelly, in Arizona, nor Cortez Masto, in Nevada, would lead without their support.
- These Senate races feature a very large gender gap, with women providing an impressive 16-point margin to Democratic candidates on average. Republican candidates lead by 13 points with men.

BATTLEGROUNDS VOTERS' VIEWS ON IMMIGRATION

- An enormous 73% majority of battleground voters say that undocumented immigrants now living in the U.S. should have a way to earn legal status and be provided a path to citizenship. Just 23% believe that undocumented immigrants should all be deported.
 - Three-fourths (75%) of political independents support legal status and a path to citizenship, as do 83% of moderates and 76% of persuadable voters (those not committed to either the Democratic candidate or Republican candidate).
 - Legal status is strongly embraced by young voters under age forty (82%) and by women (78%).
 - Latino voters favor legal status by an overwhelming 82% to 15% margin.
- By a commanding 38-point margin, battleground voters say that they would prefer a candidate who favors allowing people to legally request asylum at the southern border (65%) over one who opposes allowing people to legally request asylum (27%).
 - Independents prefer the pro-asylum candidate by a remarkable 44-point margin (67% to 23%).
 - Biden voters almost universally support allowing asylum requests (86% to 10%), while Trump voters are actually divided on this issue (45% yes, 44% no).
 - Latino voters prefer a candidate who wants to allow asylum requests by 72% to 21%.

- With Dreamers under the threat of having DACA ended by the federal courts, battleground voters say they want to see the Dreamers protected. By 74% to 18%, they would vote for a candidate who favors passing a law to provide the Dreamers with legal status and a path to citizenship over one who favors deporting the Dreamers.
 - An extraordinary 78% of independents support a candidate who favors legal status and a path to citizenship for the Dreamers, as do 84% of moderates and 76% of persuadable voters.
 - Protecting the Dreamers is endorsed by young voters under age forty (80%) and by women (78%).
 - Latino voters favor legal status over deportation by a massive 84% to 9% margin.

- Battleground voters took note when Florida governor Ron DeSantis and Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently sent vulnerable asylum seekers to Massachusetts, New York, and Washington D.C., with nearly nine in ten voters (87%) reporting they had heard about these actions. But they were not impressed, saying by a 29-point margin that they viewed this as “mainly a stunt by the governors (57%)” rather than a genuine effort to improve the asylum system (28%).
 - Political independents say this was a stunt (59%), not a real effort to fix the system (27%), and moderates concur (65% to 23%).
 - DeSantis’ and Abbott’s actions were clearly perceived as a stunt by women (58% to 26%), by young voters (62% to 24%), and by suburban voters (59% to 28%).