

In the Polls

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In a Newsweek poll last week of 1,007 adults nationwide, 61 percent disapproved of the way President Bush is handling immigration, reflecting the findings of a CBS News/New York Times poll from the previous week, in which 58 percent of the respondents disapproved of how the administration is dealing with the issue. Fifty-nine percent of the 1,241 respondents in the CBS poll described illegal immigration as a "very serious" problem for the country, but a majority (61 percent) also thought illegal immigrants who have lived and worked in the United States for at least two years should be given a chance to keep their jobs. An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll in April reflected similar results; 61 percent of the 1,005 respondents favored allowing illegal immigrants to remain in the country if they passed a security check and paid taxes. The margin of error for the polls ranged from three to 3.1 percentage points.