

Most U.S. citizens support path to legalization for the undocumented



Washington, August 17 (RHC)-- While U.S. President Donald Trump threatens to deport millions of undocumented immigrants, the majority of U.S. citizens believe that immigrants should have some way to remain legally in the United States.

In recent months, the Republican President has posted warnings on Twitter about increasing immigrant expulsions, and his executive announced at the end of July the intention to broaden accelerated deportations of undocumented immigrants who cannot prove they have remained in the country for two years or more.

But this policy appears to be at odds with public opinion, as a poll by the Pew Research Center showed that 72% of Americans think there should be some way for undocumented immigrants already living in the country to legally remain in the country if they meet certain requirements.

Only 27% of participants in the poll released this Monday believe that there should be no way to legalize the status of irregular immigrants.

According to the survey, conducted from July 22 to August 4 among a national population of 4,175 people, 87% of Democrats support the legal permanence of these people in U.S. territory, compared to only 12% that rejects them.

Even among Republicans, support for a chance to remain legally exceeds the number of people who oppose such an option, 54 to 45%.

However, the number of Republican voters favoring legal status for the undocumented fell in comparison to a similar poll conducted in March 2017, just two months after Trump's arrival to power, when 61% favored such a process and 38% were against it.

In the same poll of the Pew Research Center, 65% of Americans said the federal government is doing a lousy job of dealing with the high number of people seeking asylum on the U.S.-Mexico border, compared to just 33% who rated this work as good.

On the other hand, 86% believe it is important to increase the number of judges handling asylum cases and 82% find it necessary to provide safe and sanitary conditions for applicants for that protection once they arrive in the country.

The results of the poll were disclosed a few days after 680 undocumented people were arrested in raids that took place at seven Mississippi food processing facilities.

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