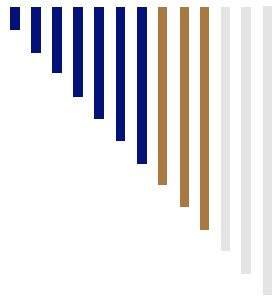


Statewide Surveys on Immigration Policy in Florida, Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada (Expanded)

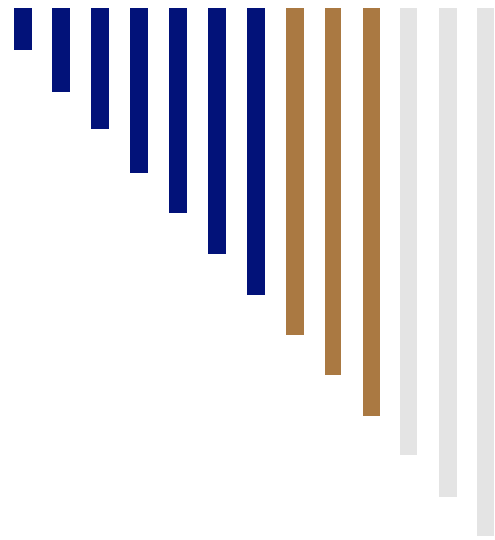
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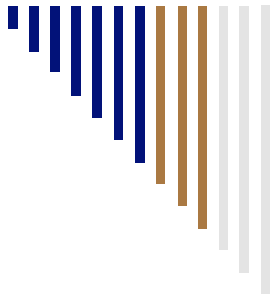


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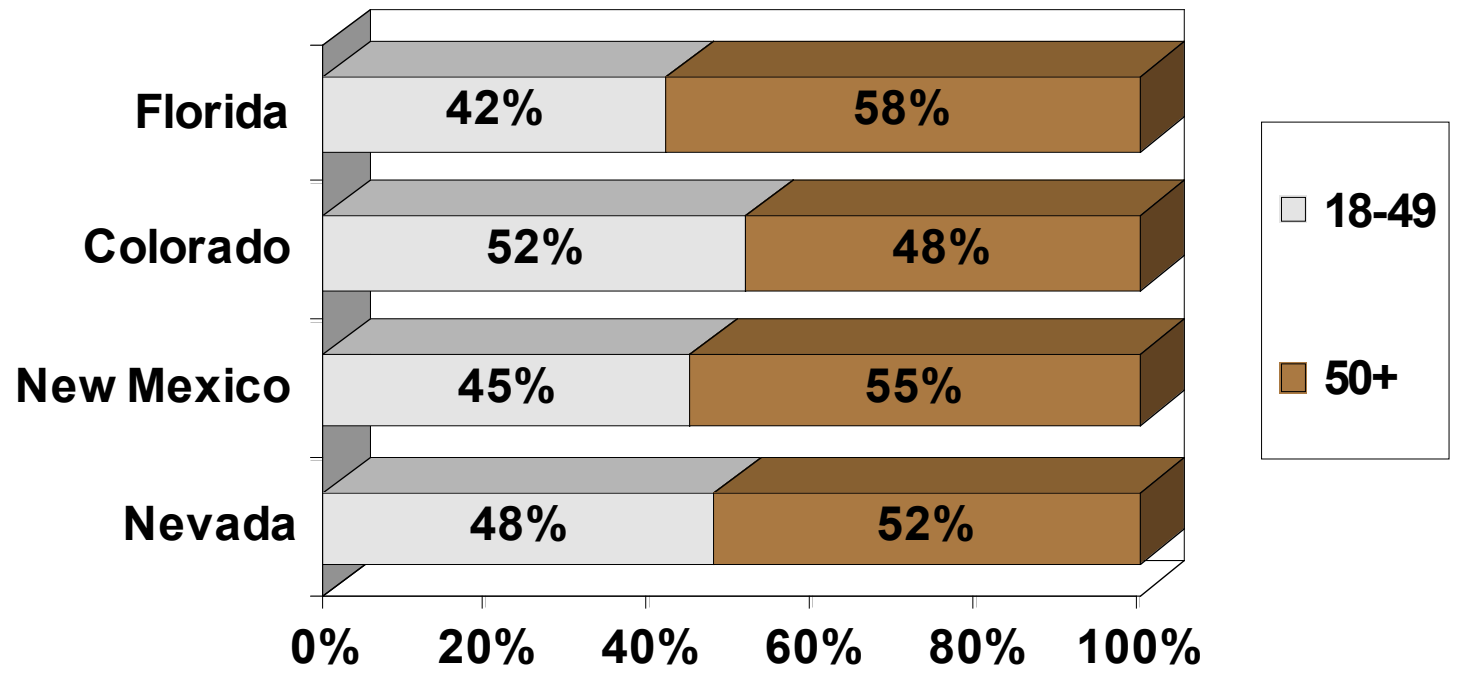
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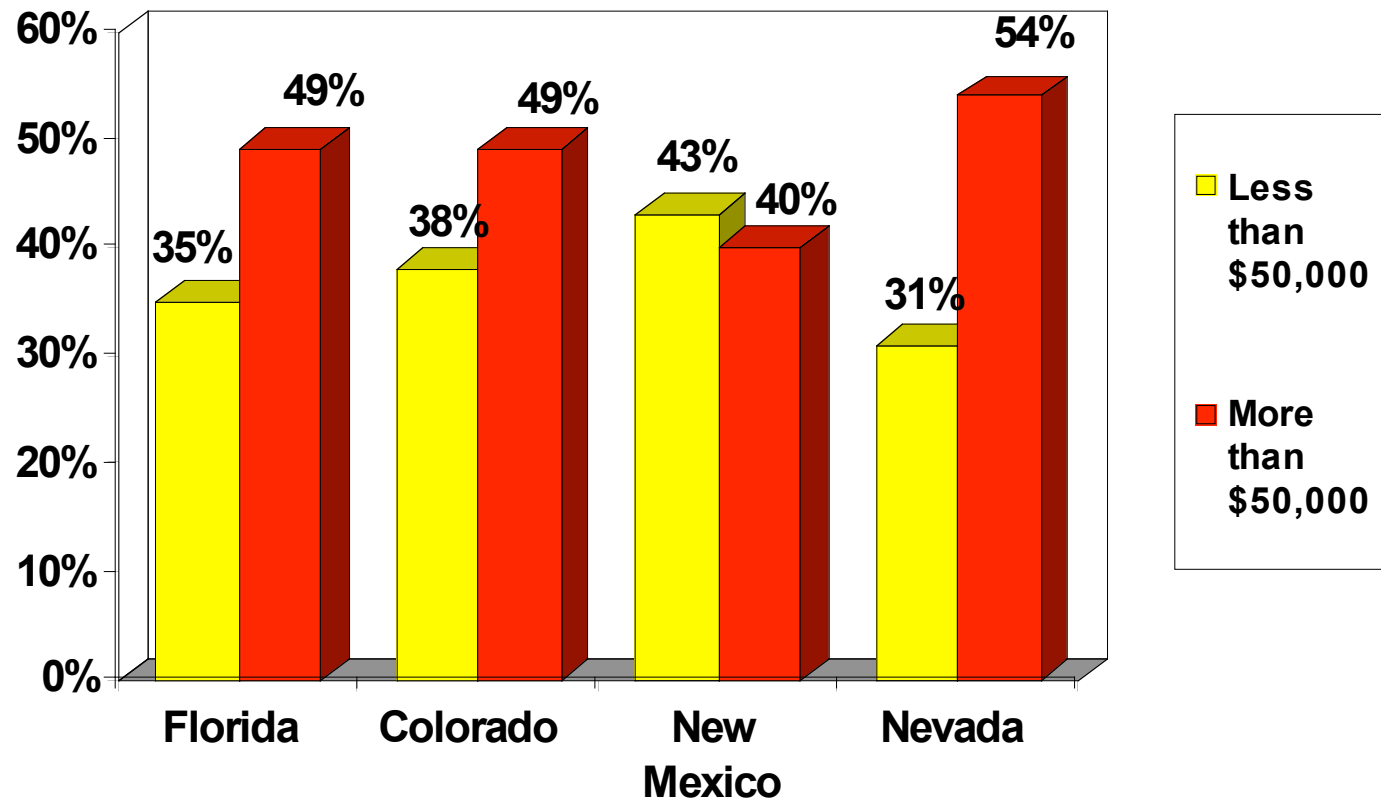
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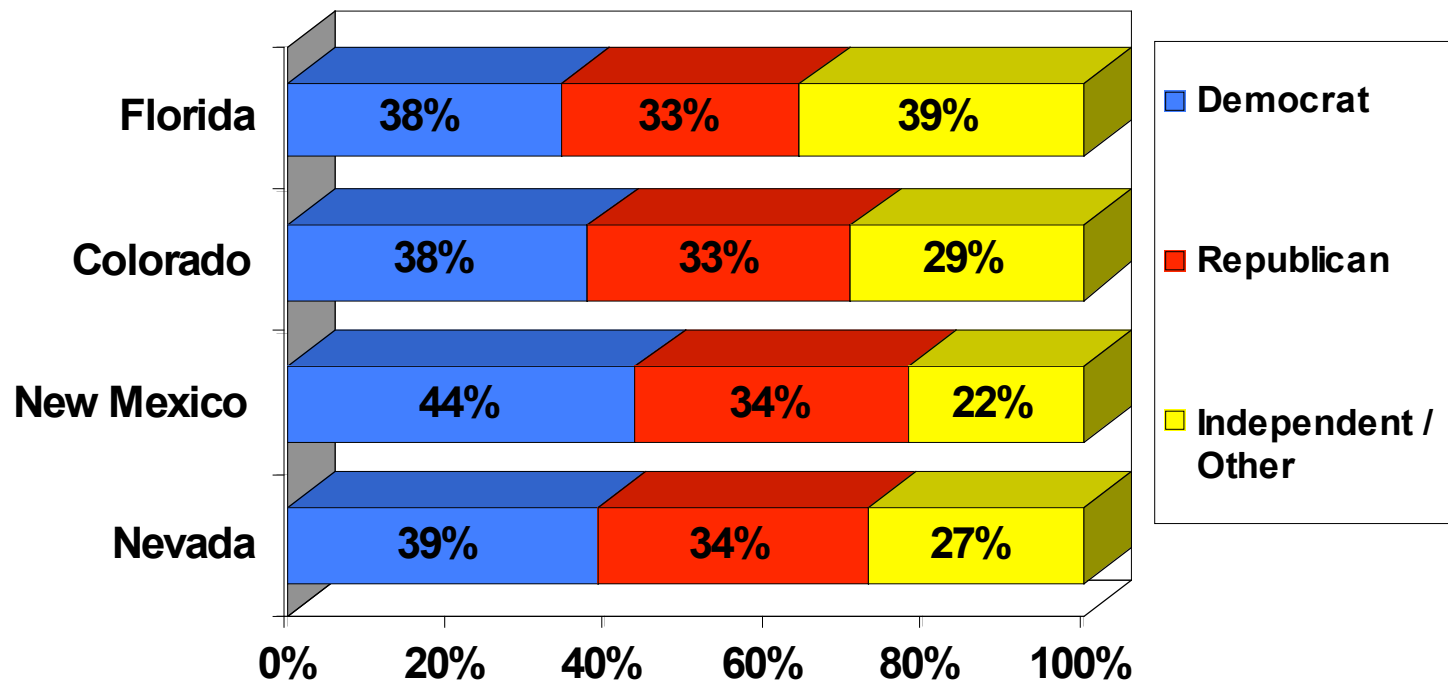
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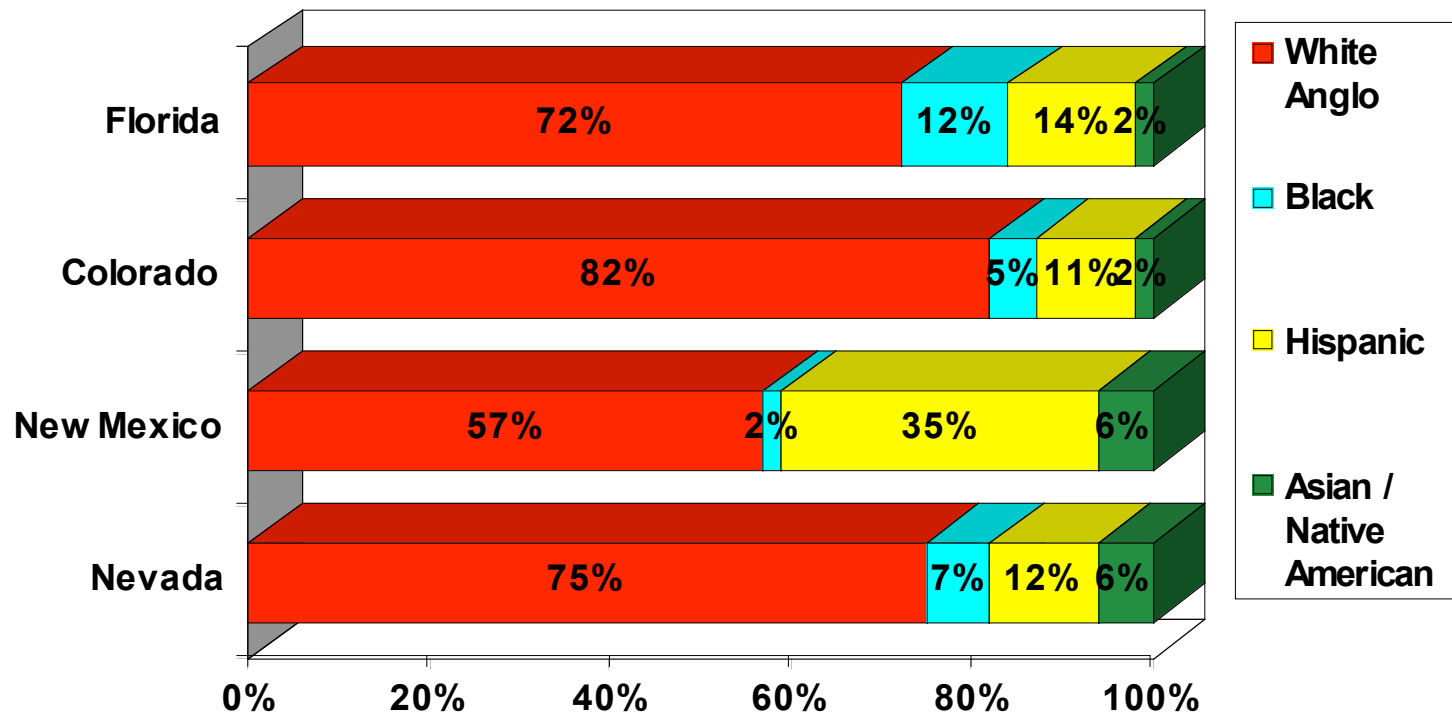
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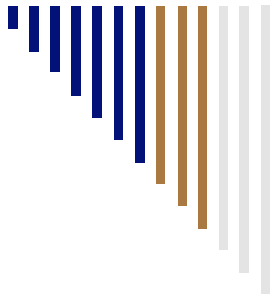


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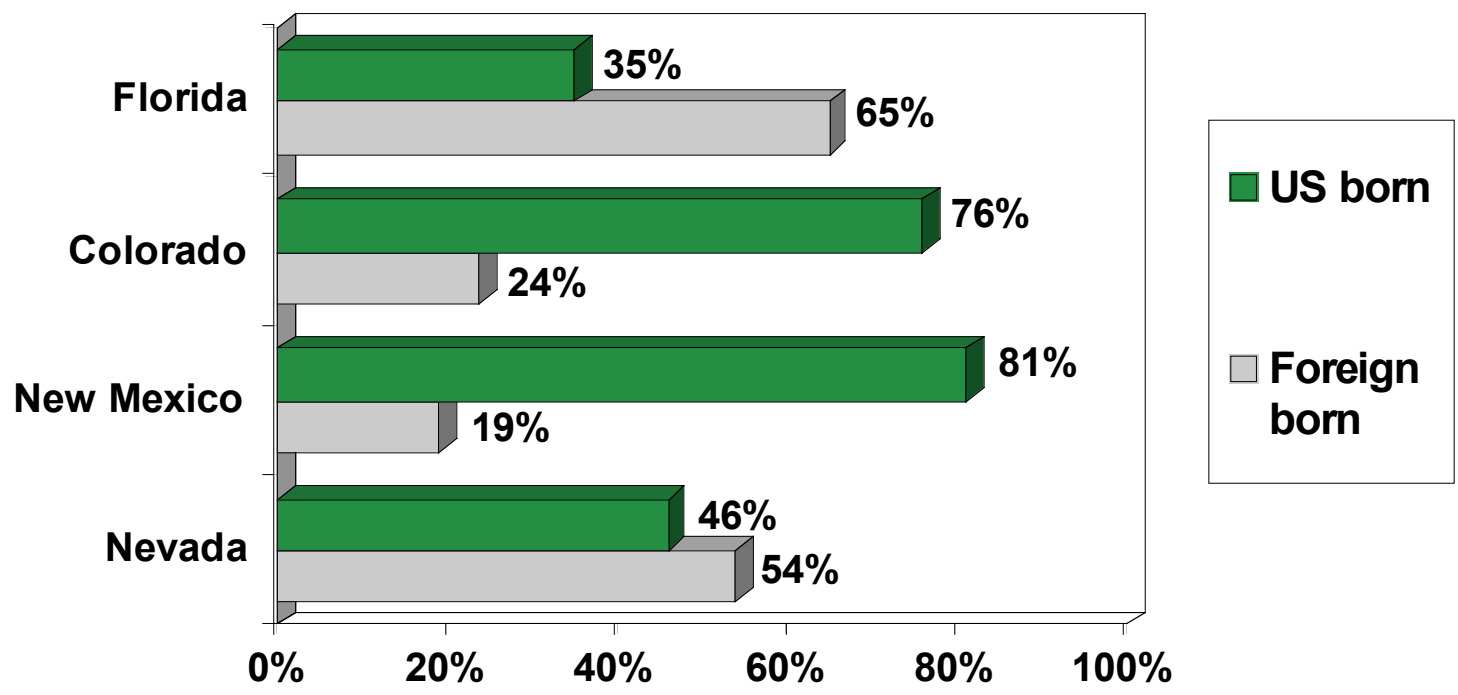
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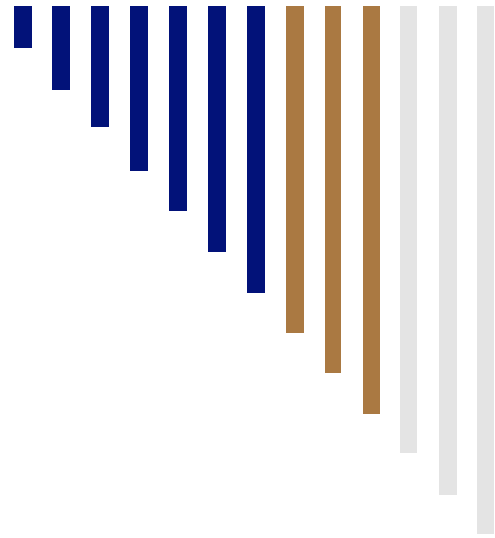




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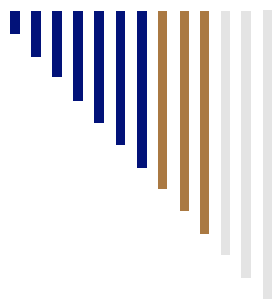
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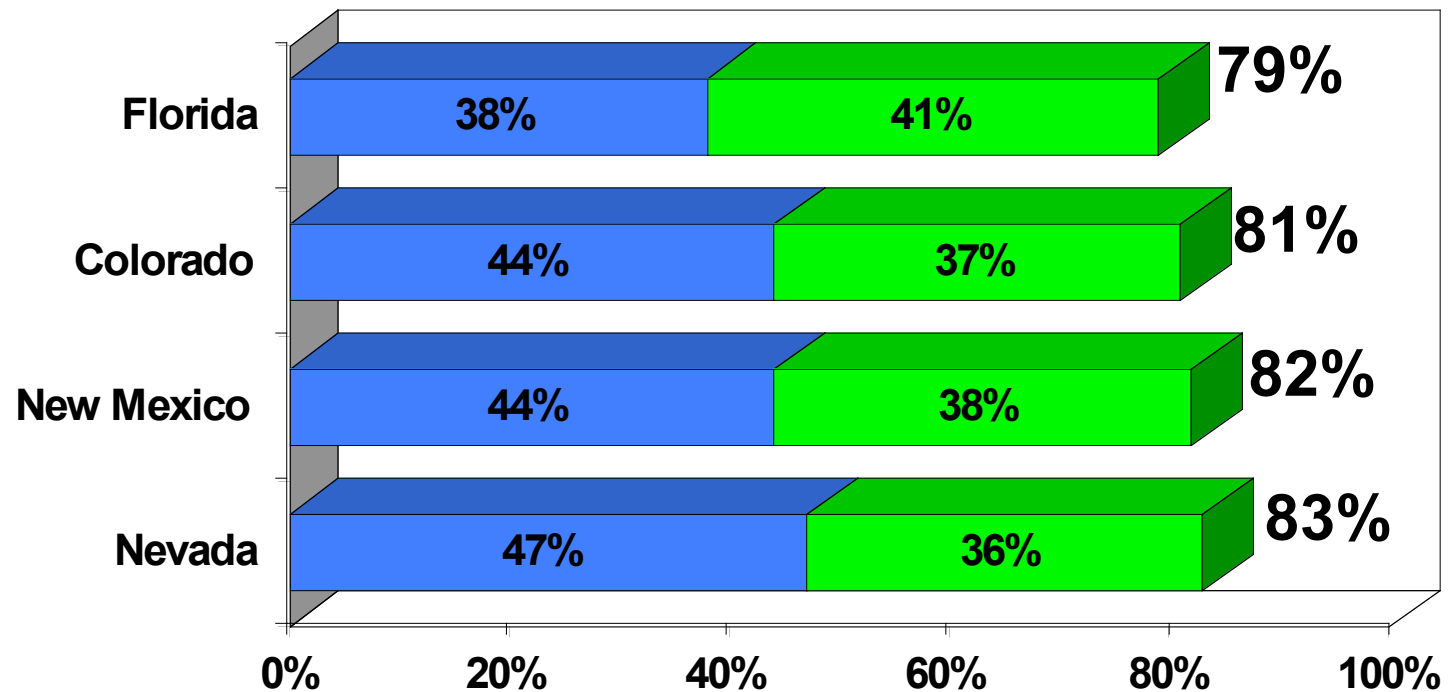
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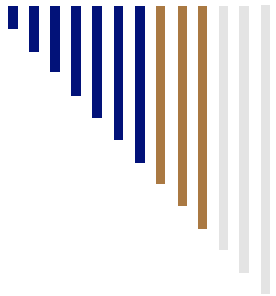
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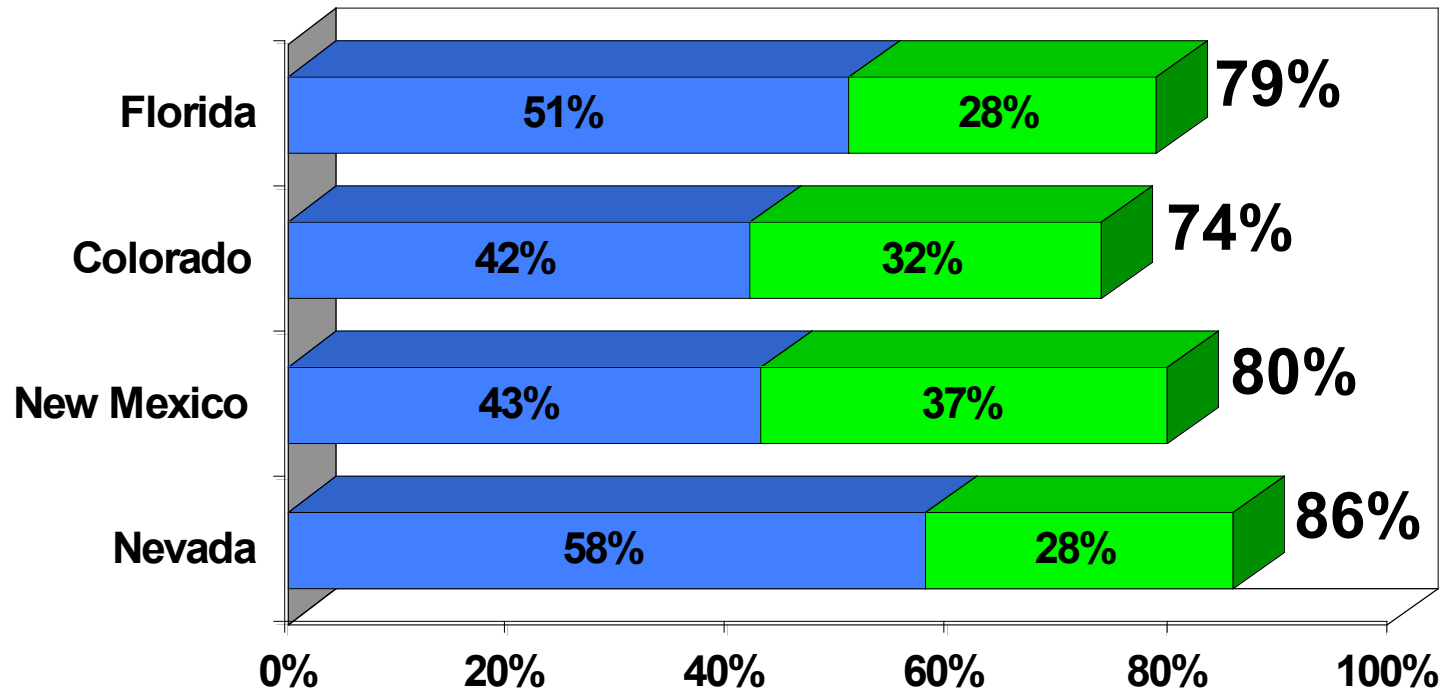
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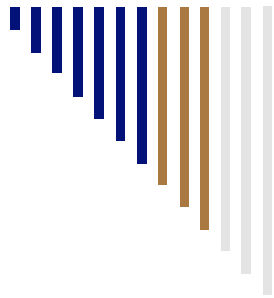




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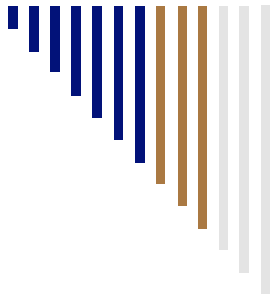




Why do you think most immigrants have come to the United States?

All Voters

	Florida	Colorado	New Mexico	Nevada
To get a job and make a better life for their family	69%	66%	68%	69%
To take advantage of our public health, education, and welfare programs	13%	10%	11%	11%
To be able to send money to their relatives in their home country	10%	12%	9%	12%



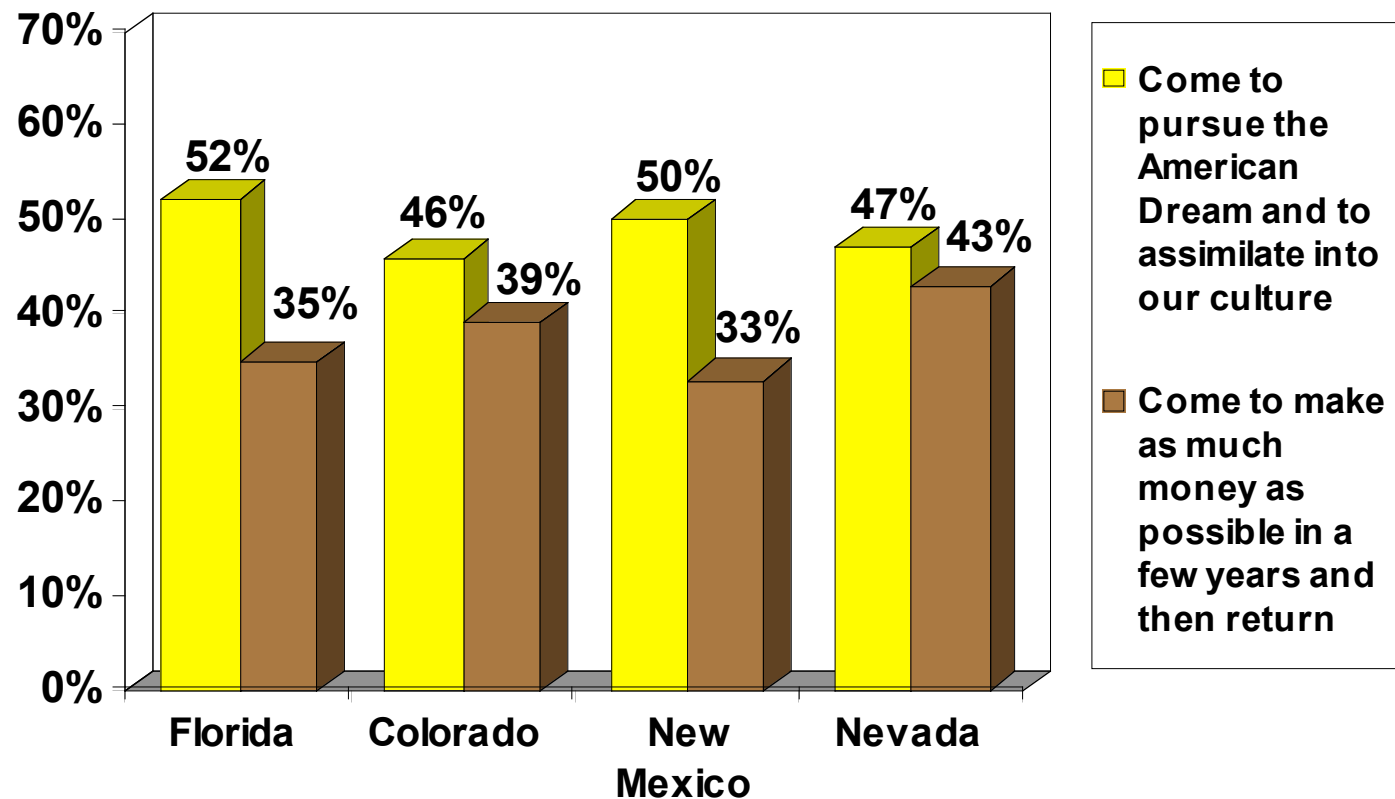
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Hispanic Voters

	Florida	Colorado	New Mexico	Nevada
To get a job and make a better life for their family	83%	74%	77%	78%
To take advantage of our public health, education, and welfare programs	0%	6%	9%	8%
To be able to send money to their relatives in their home country	9%	10%	7%	8%

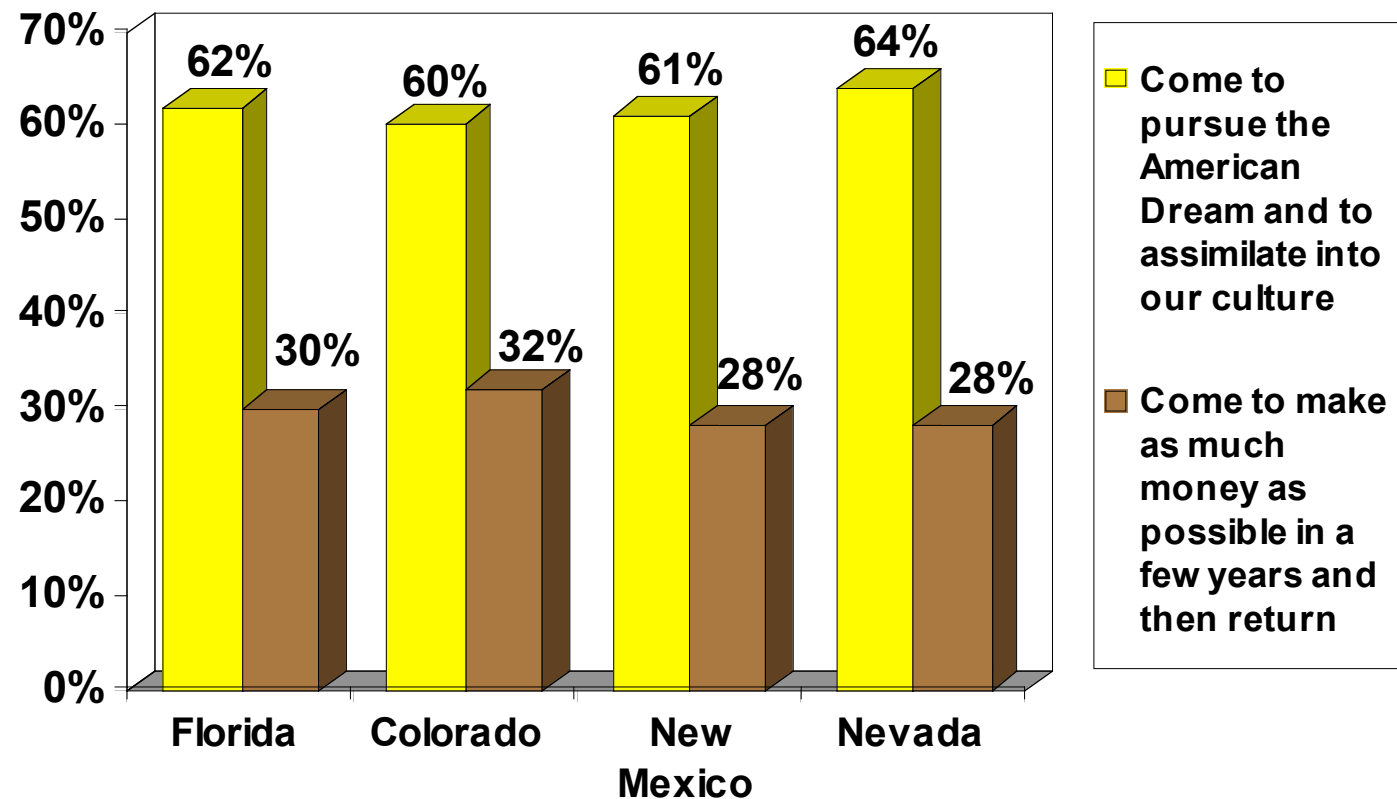
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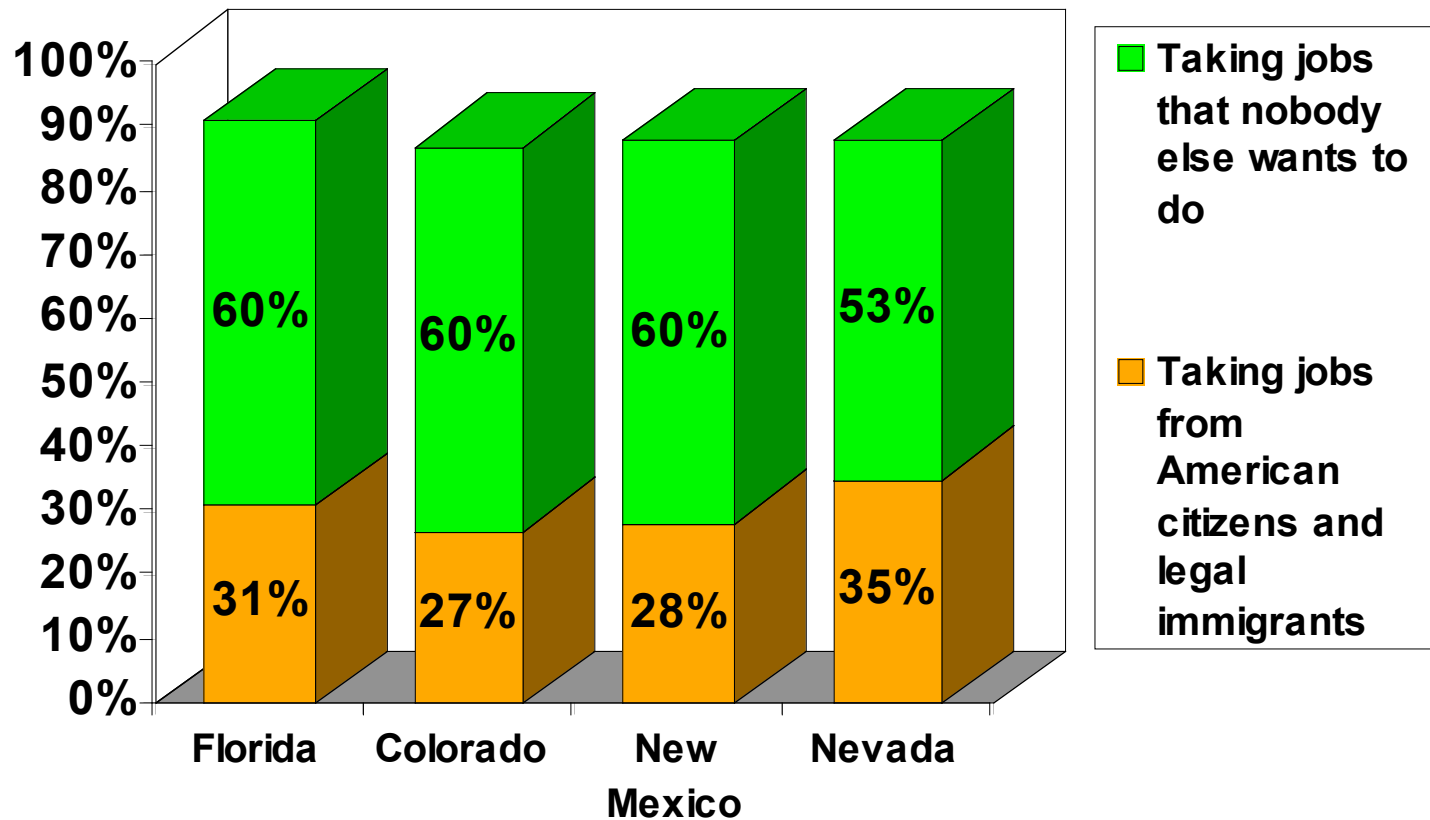
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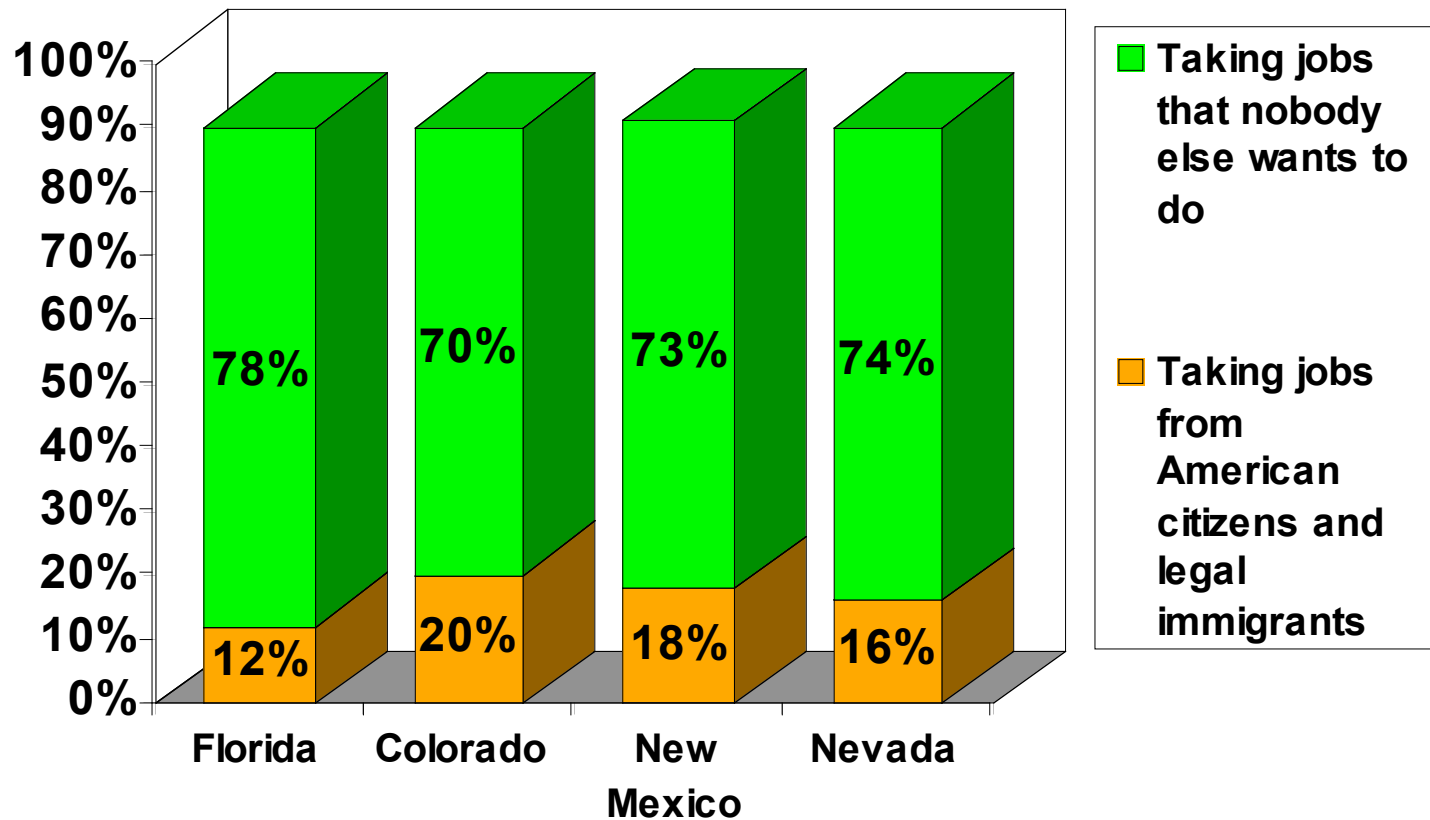
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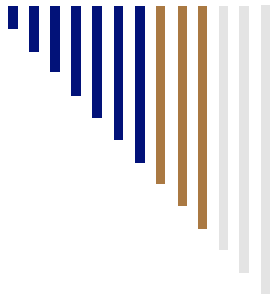
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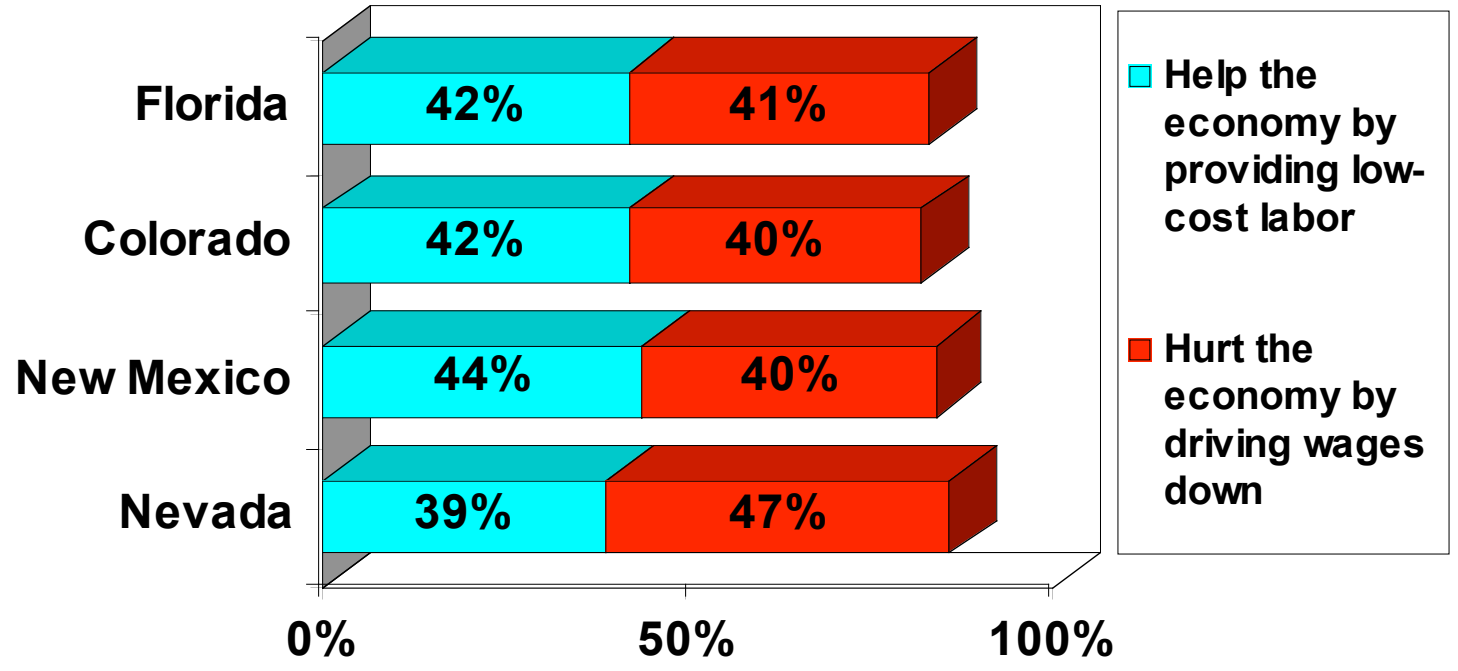
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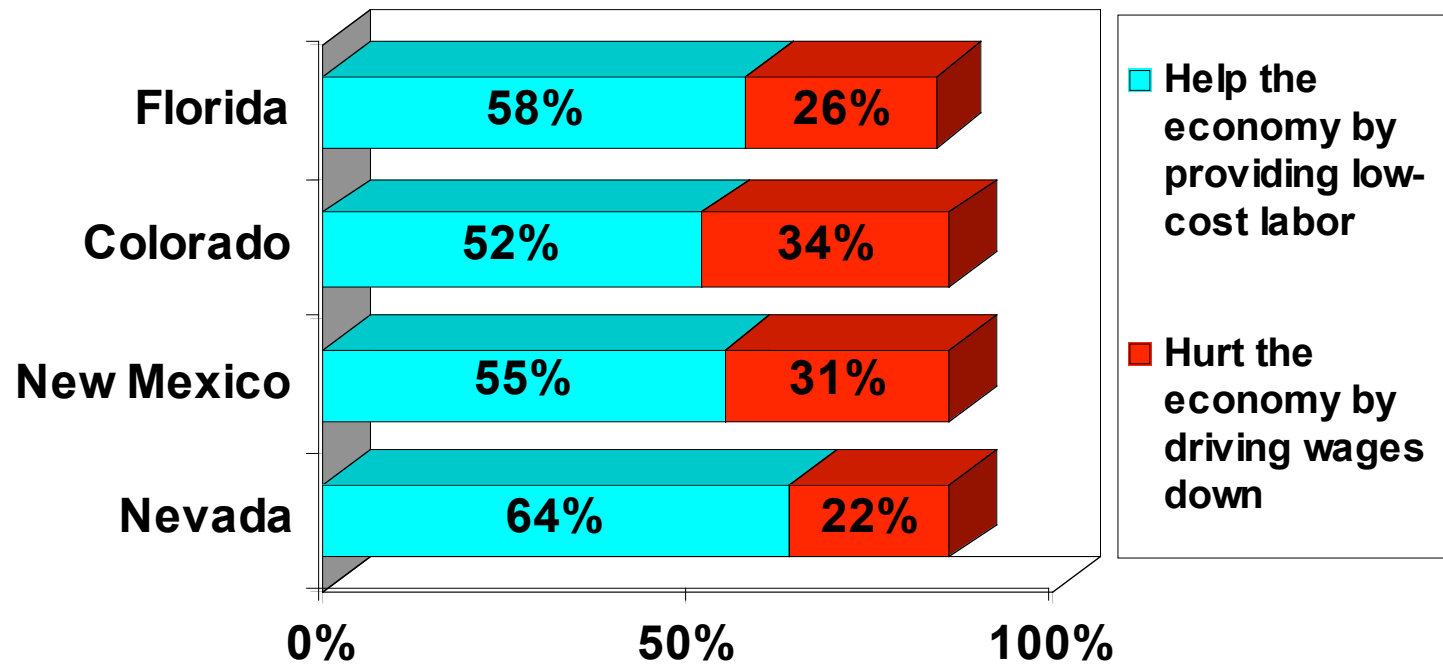
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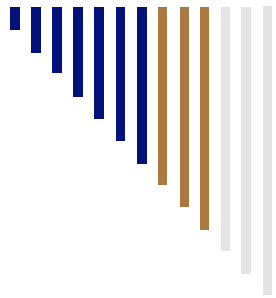
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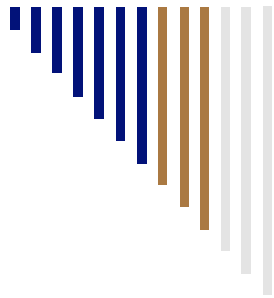




Who do you think is mostly to blame for the broken immigration system?

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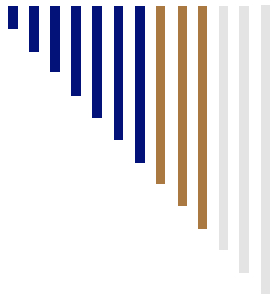
	<i>Florida</i>	<i>Colorado</i>	<i>New Mexico</i>	<i>Nevada</i>
<i>US federal gov't / Congress / President</i>	50%	46%	46%	49%
<i>Businesses that hire illegal immigrants</i>	21%	20%	18%	23%
<i>Mexican gov't</i>	5%	12%	13%	11%
<i>Illegal immigrants</i>	3%	3%	3%	4%



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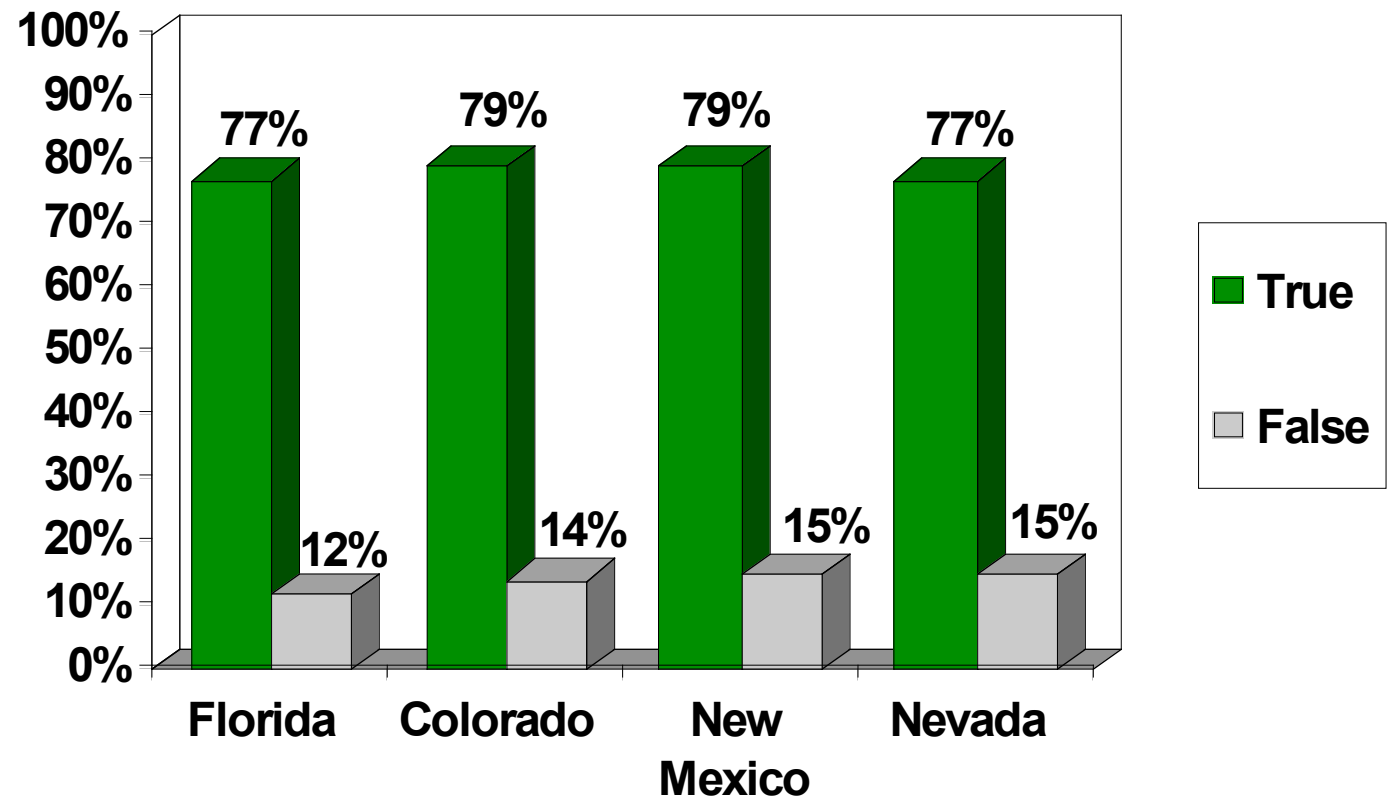
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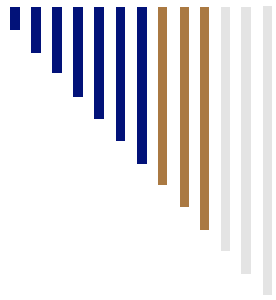
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<i>Businesses that hire illegal immigrants</i>	15%	20%	16%	14%
<i>Mexican gov't</i>	11%	16%	15%	18%
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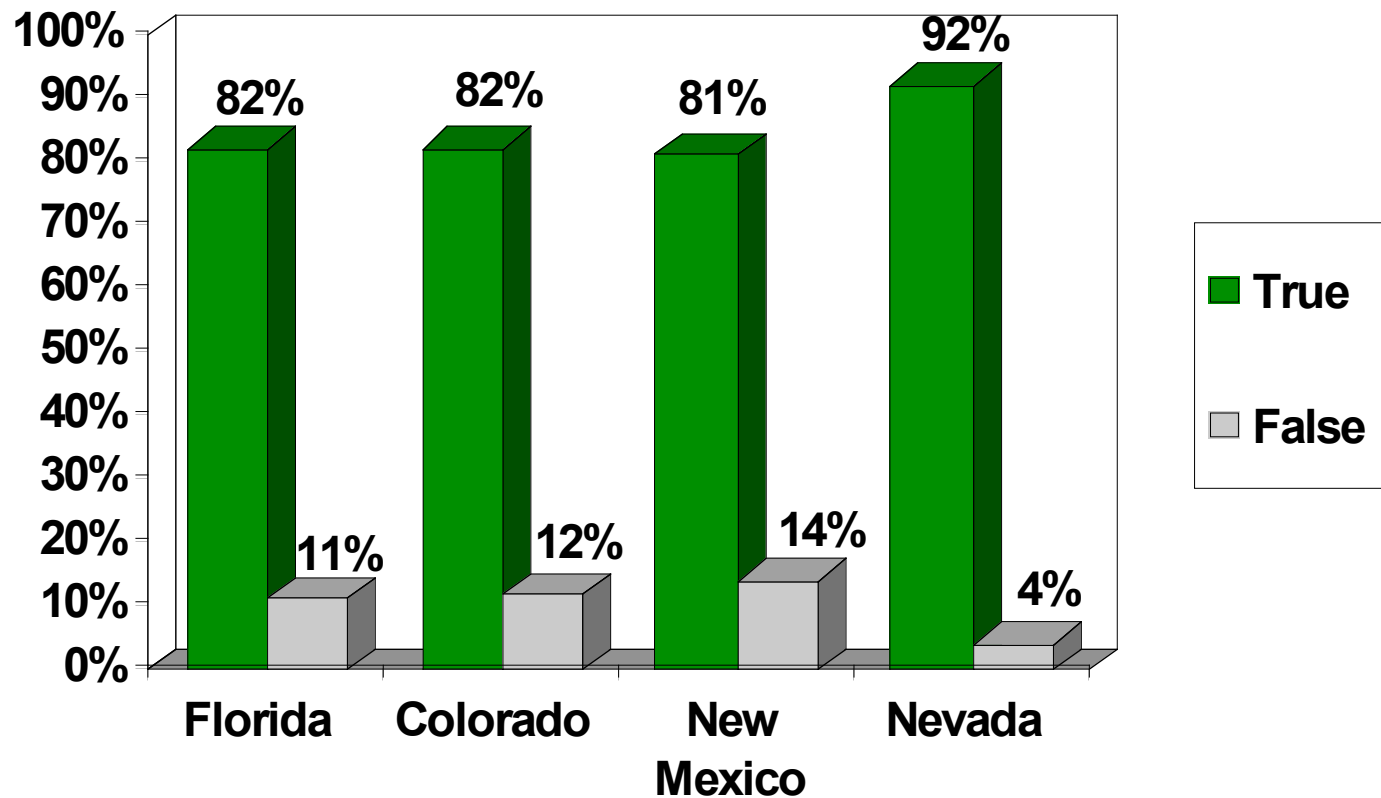
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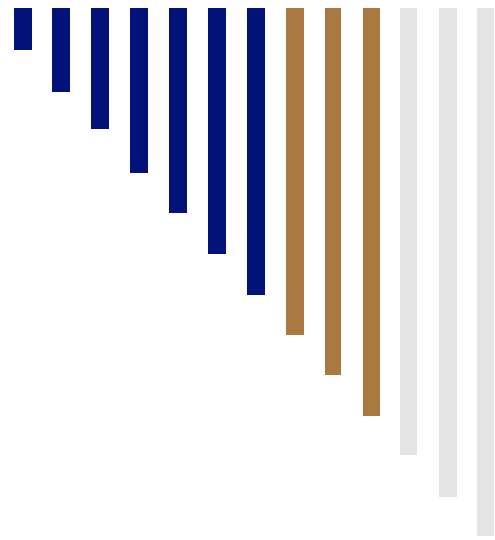




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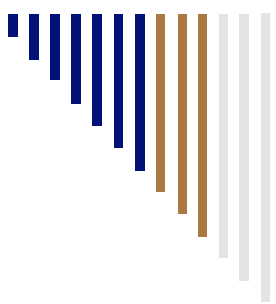
Comprehensive Immigration Reform

The immigration plank of the national Democratic Party's platform – recommended by NDN – has the support of two-thirds of all voters in these four battleground states.



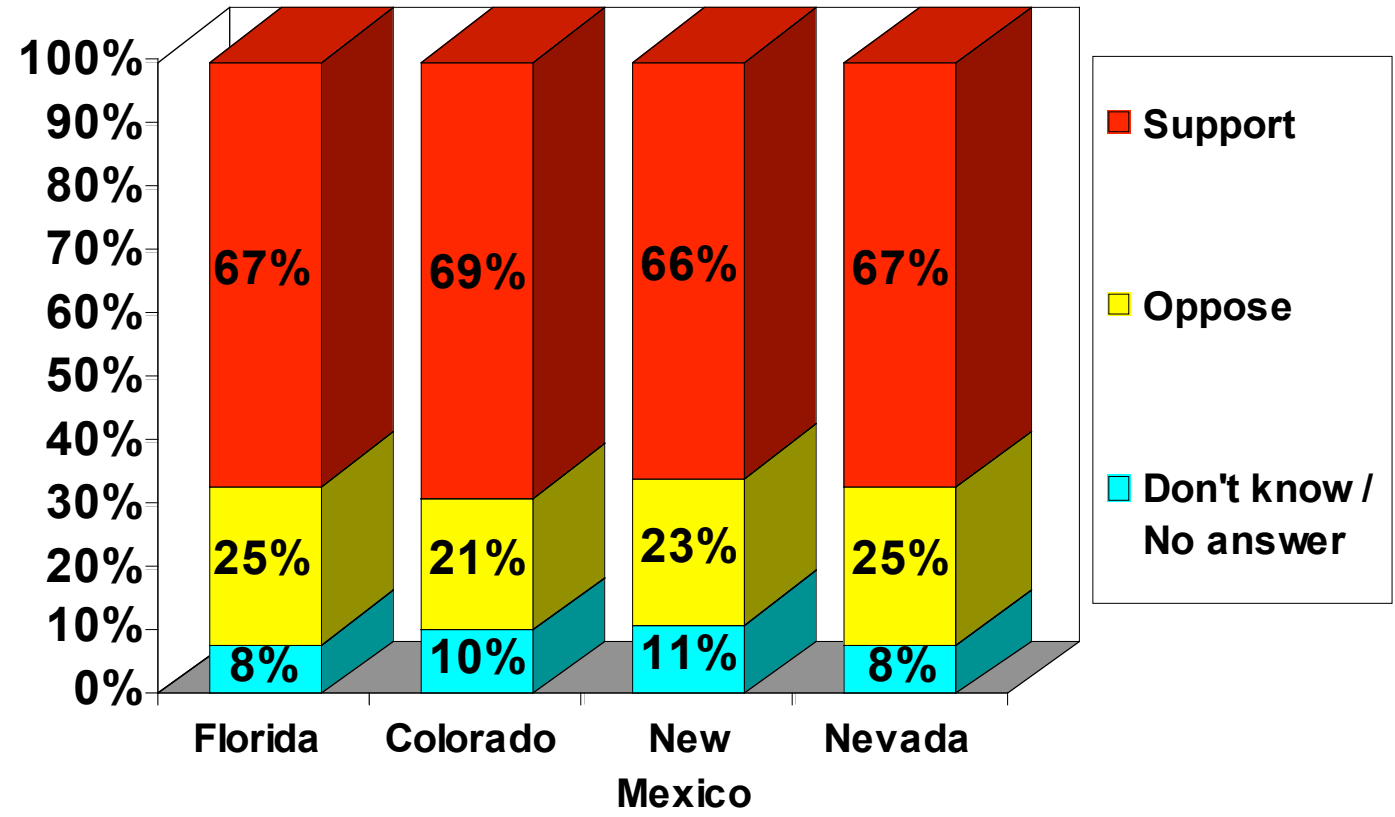
Question on Comprehensive Immigration Reform

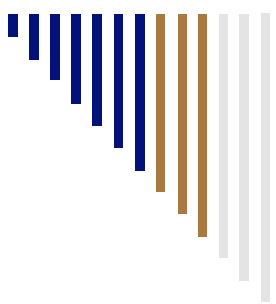
Would you support or oppose a comprehensive immigration reform that strengthens border security, sets up an employment verification plan, establishes serious criminal penalties for employers that hire illegal workers, creates a new visa program for 200,000 workers annually, substantially increases the number of family visas available for the immediate relatives of legal immigrants, and grants illegal immigrants conditional legal status for six years and then a path to permanent residency and citizenship if they meet certain requirements?



Would you support or oppose this comprehensive immigration reform package?

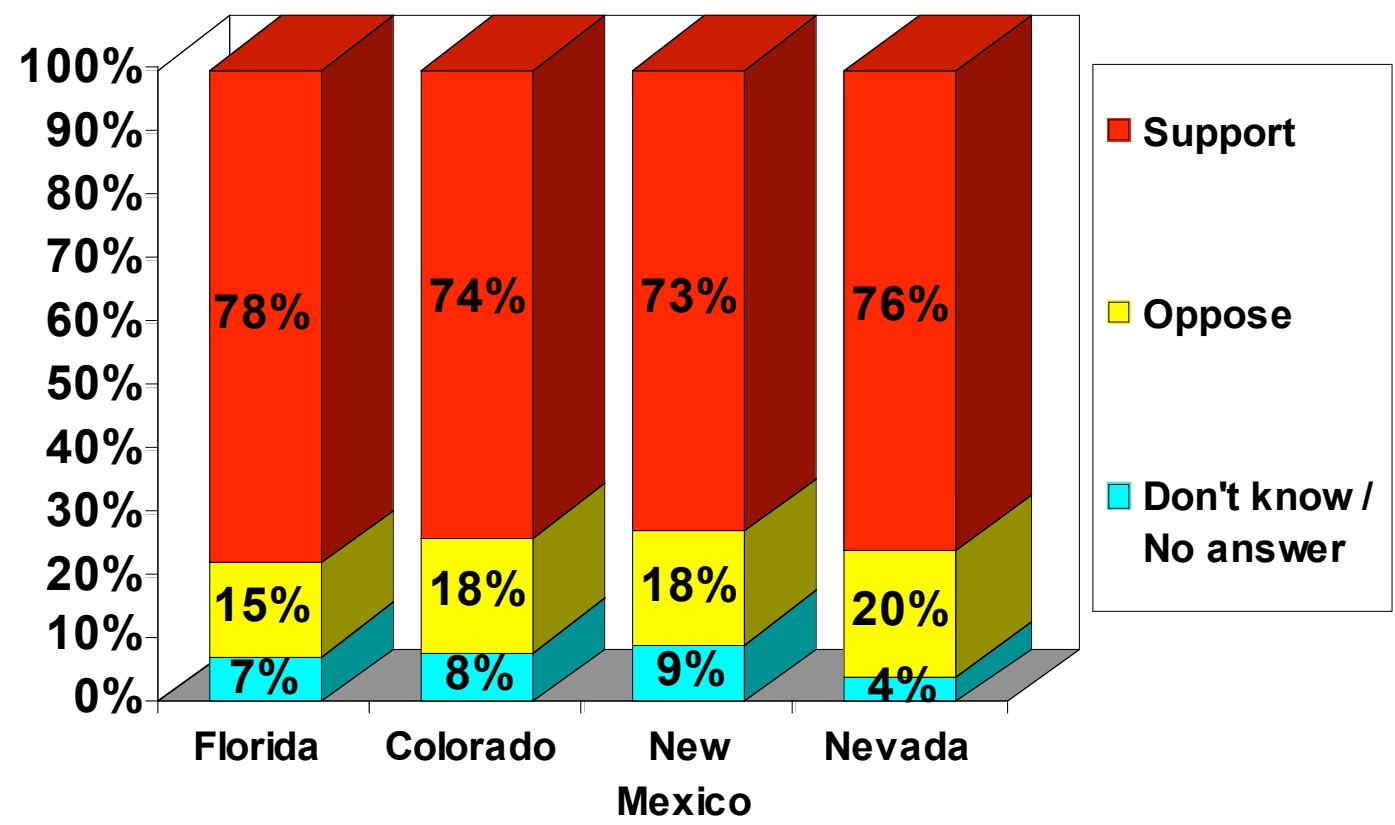
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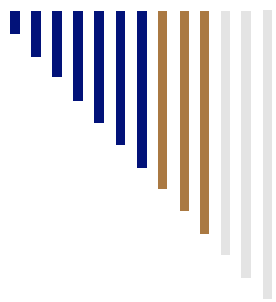




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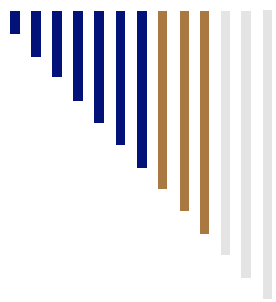




The flow of legal immigrants to the United States should be determined by the needs of the U.S. labor market. The federal government should have a **new visa program for 200,000 workers annually**. The number of visas would increase or decrease depending on labor market conditions. These workers could apply for U.S. permanent residency if they met certain qualifications and requirements.

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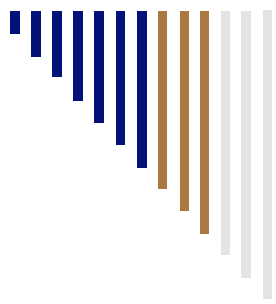
	<i>All voters</i>	<i>Hispanic voters</i>
<i>Florida</i>	75%	88%
<i>Colorado</i>	77%	78%
<i>New Mexico</i>	72%	71%
<i>Nevada</i>	73%	80%



The federal government should set up an **employment verification system** so that employers can check the legal status of potential employees and it should establish serious criminal penalties for employers that knowingly hire illegal workers.

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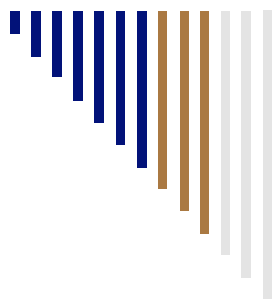
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<i>Florida</i>	74%	64%
<i>Colorado</i>	73%	60%
<i>New Mexico</i>	68%	61%
<i>Nevada</i>	80%	56%



The federal government should grant illegal immigrants that live and work in the United States **conditional legal status** for six years if they are willing to register with the government, to undergo security and criminal background checks, and to pay a fine for having entered the country illegally.

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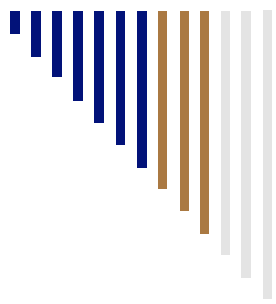
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<i>Florida</i>	68%	81%
<i>Colorado</i>	67%	72%
<i>New Mexico</i>	64%	65%
<i>Nevada</i>	70%	78%



The federal government would grant illegal immigrants with conditional legal status permanent residency and a **path to citizenship** if they maintain a strong employment record, undergo a background check, learn basic English, pay any back taxes and \$2,000 in fines and fees.

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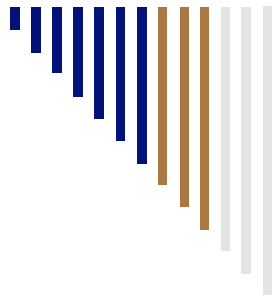
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<i>Nevada</i>	72%	80%



The federal government needs to substantially increase the number of **family visas** available for immediate relatives and thereby reduce the backlogs for spouses and minor children of legal immigrants in the United States.

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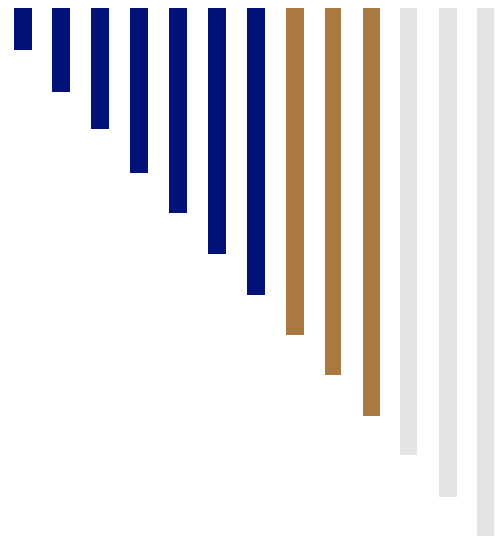
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<i>Florida</i>	58%	76%
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<i>New Mexico</i>	57%	62%
<i>Nevada</i>	56%	74%



The federal government should add an **extra 15,000 border patrol agents**, build 20 new facilities to detain as many as 20,000 illegal immigrants at a time, and raise the criminal penalties for smugglers and immigrants attempting to enter the country illegally.

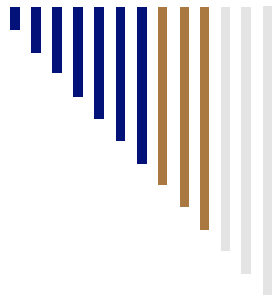
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<i>Florida</i>	55%	52%
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<i>New Mexico</i>	54%	45%
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The Economic Consequences of Our Immigration Policy

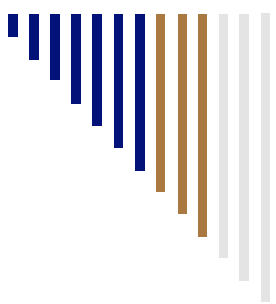
Hispanic voters in these four battleground states are convinced that their economic future and the standard of living of Americans could be impacted by our immigration policy. Non-Hispanic voters have mixed feelings about the economic impact of the immigration issue.



Biggest Problem Currently Facing the United States

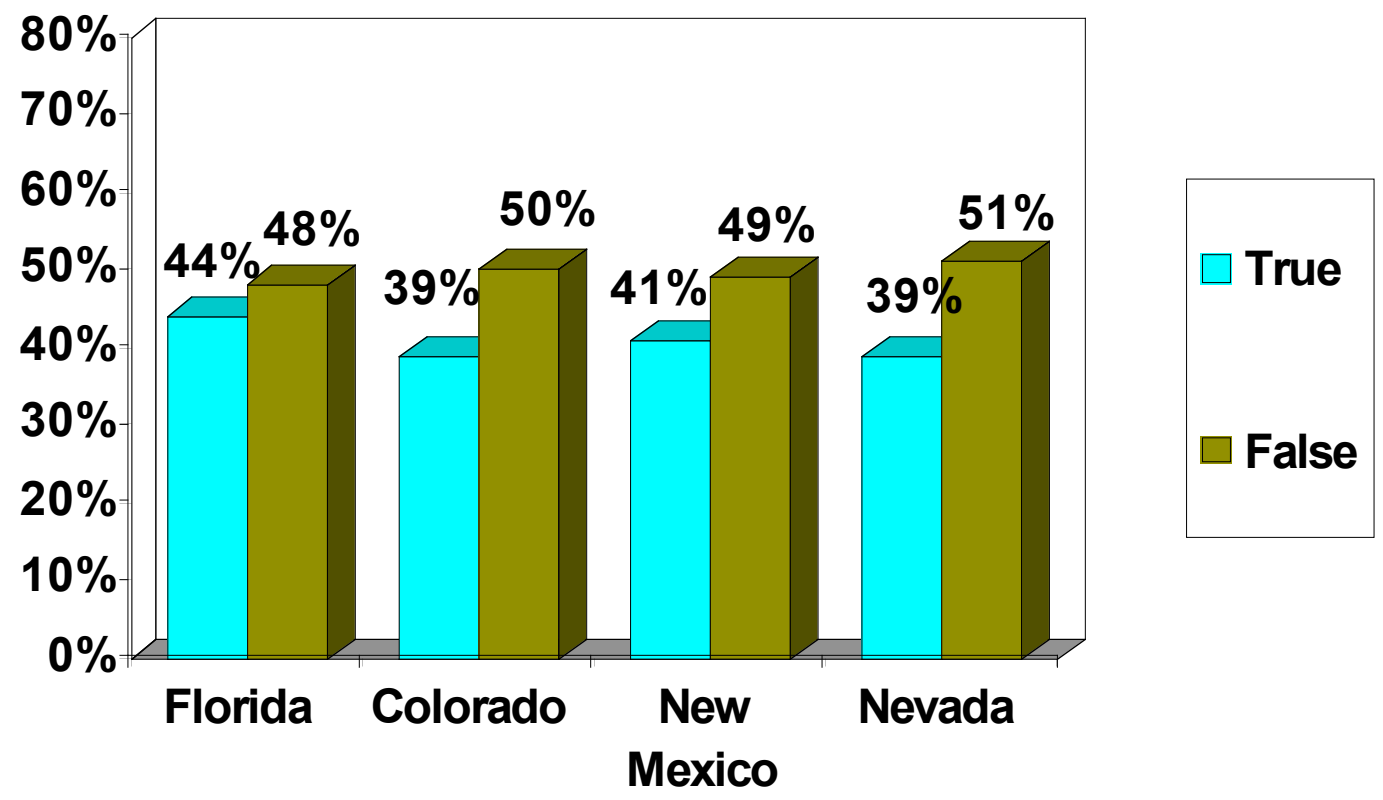
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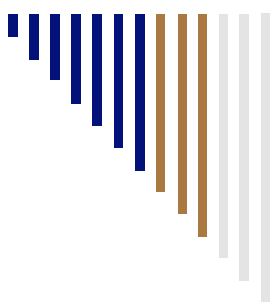
	<i>Florida</i>	<i>Colorado</i>	<i>New Mexico</i>	<i>Nevada</i>
Weak economy	56%	43%	40%	48%
War in Iraq	13%	17%	19%	15%
Illegal immigration	9%	14%	11%	12%
Lack of access to health care	6%	7%	7%	5%
Housing and mortgage crisis	5%	5%	3%	6%
Low quality of public schools	3%	6%	7%	6%



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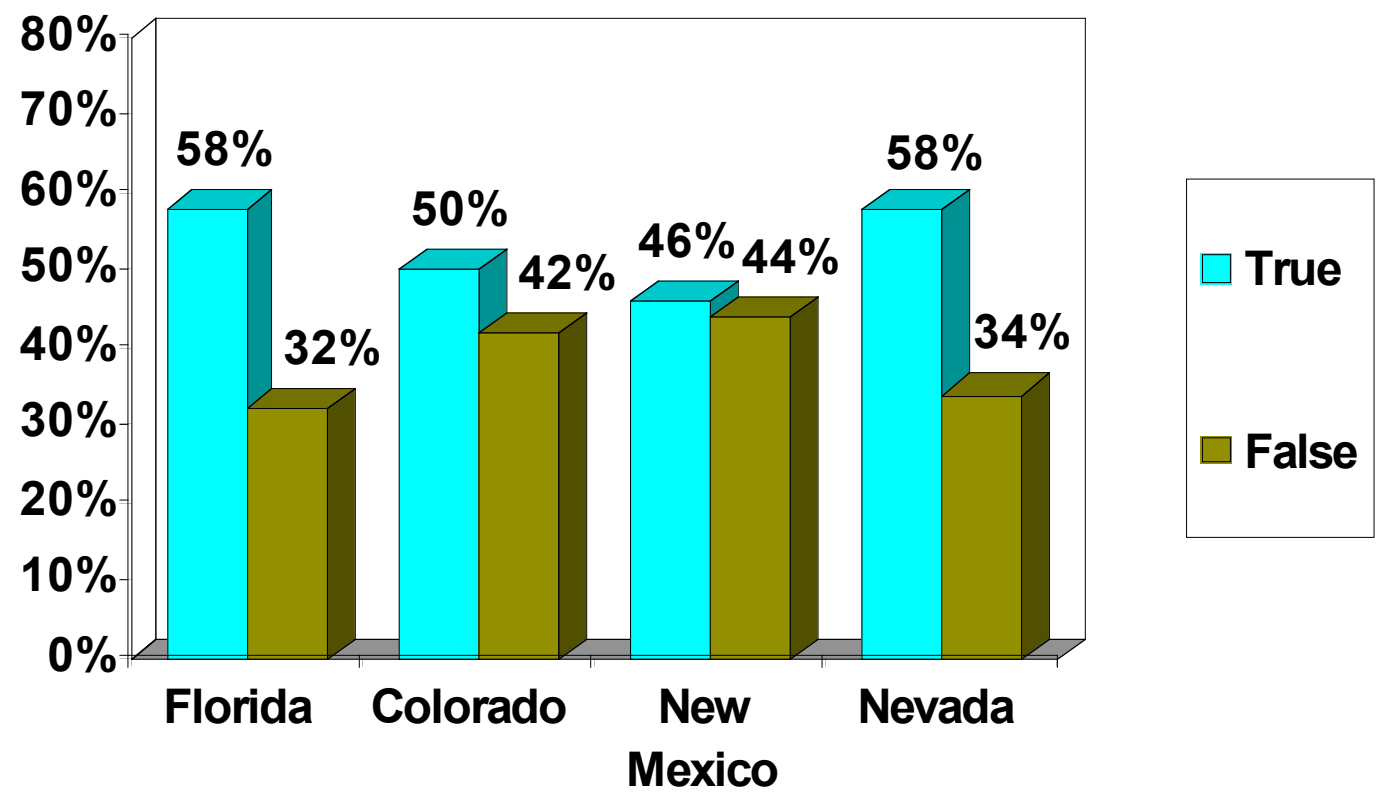
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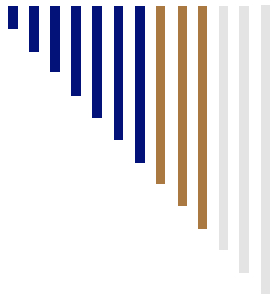




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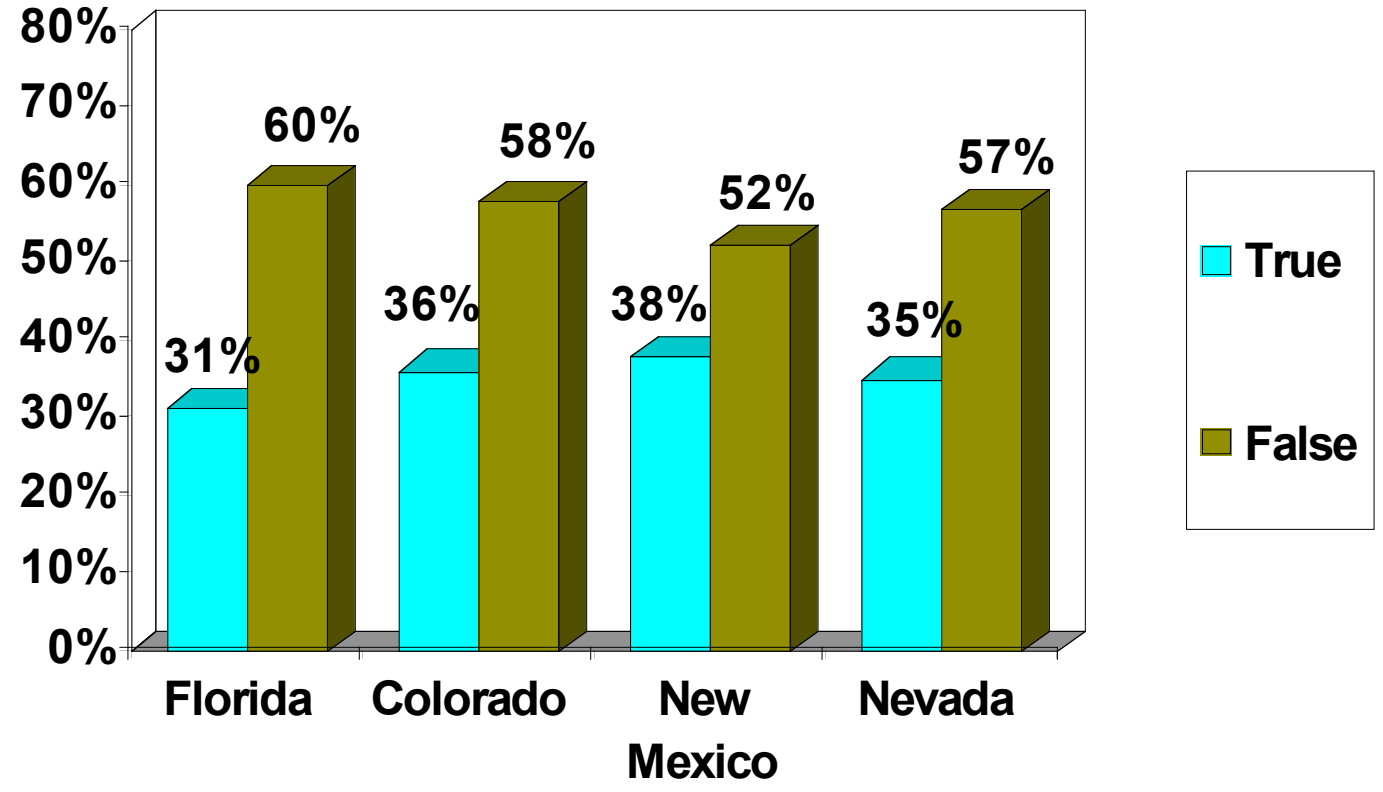
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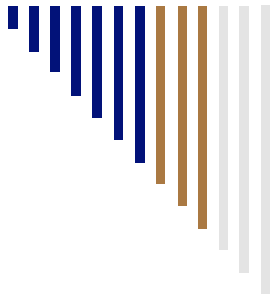




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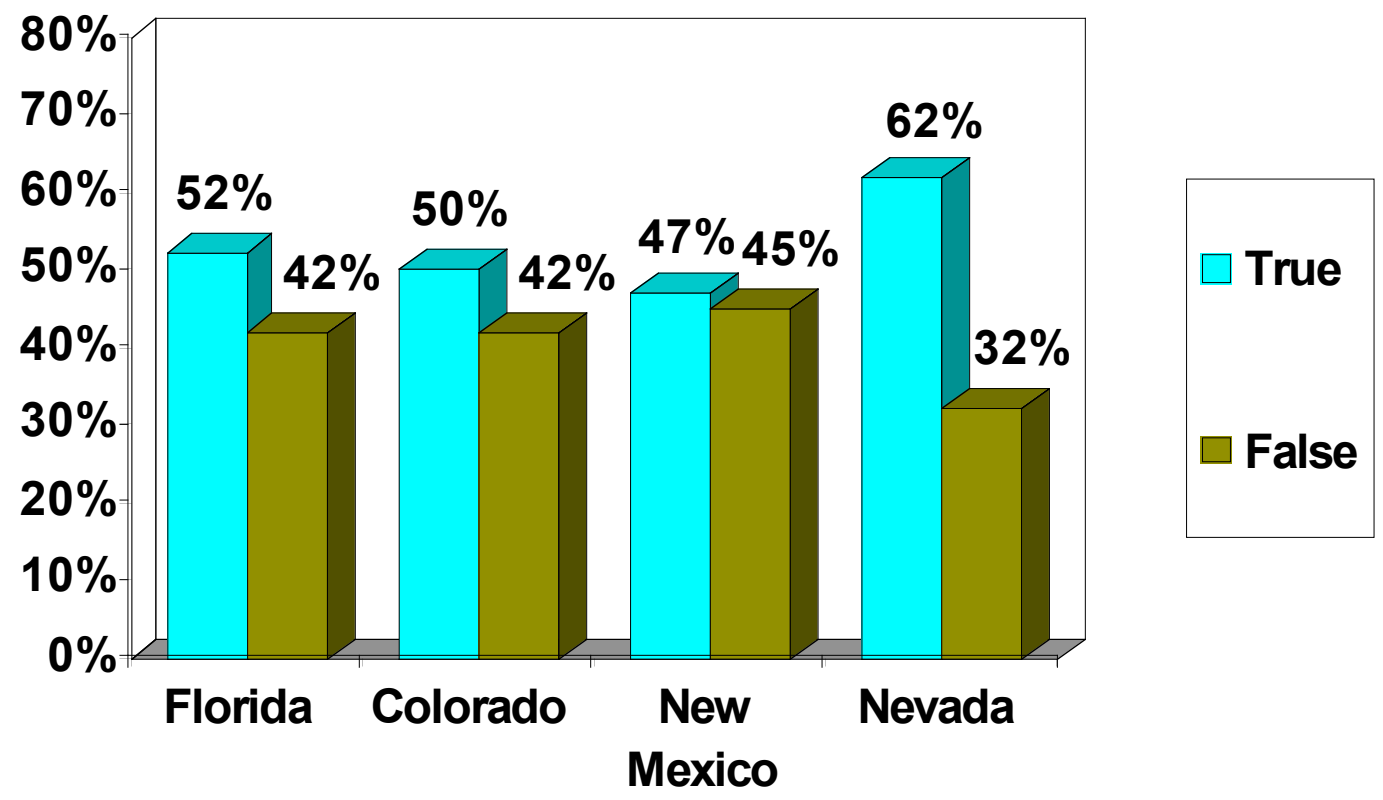
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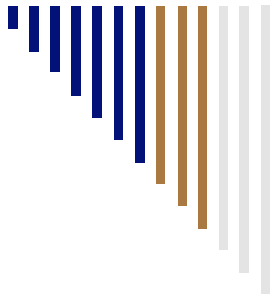




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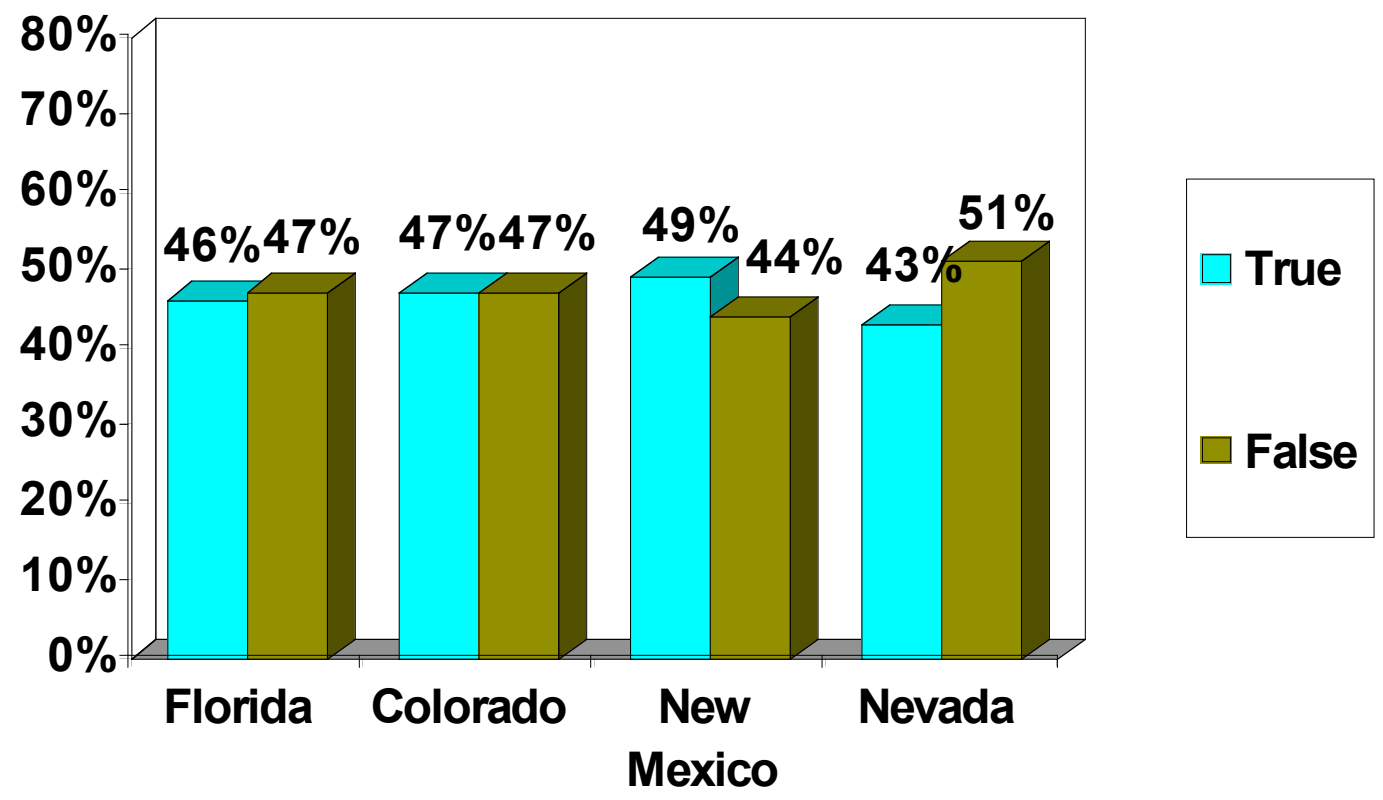
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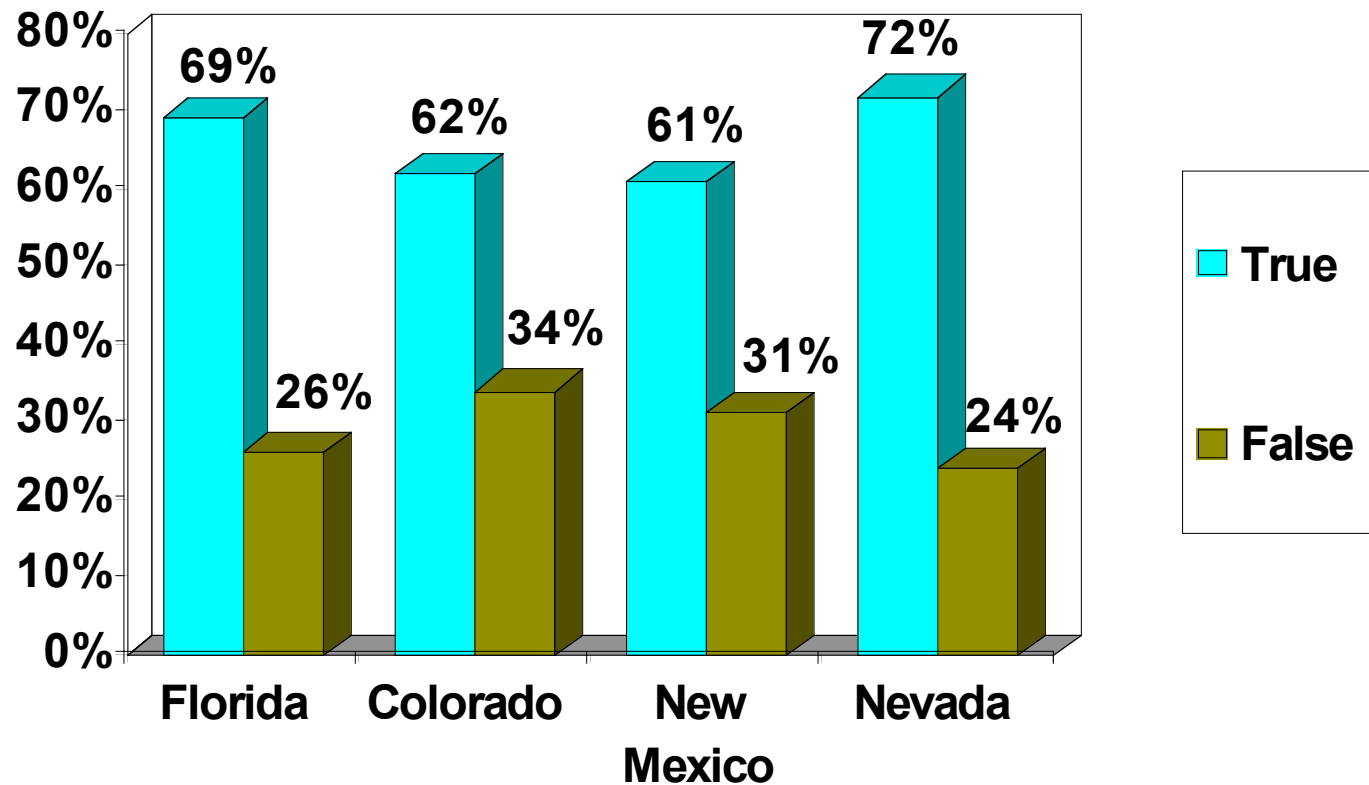
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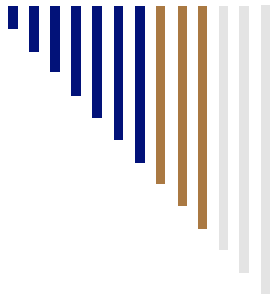
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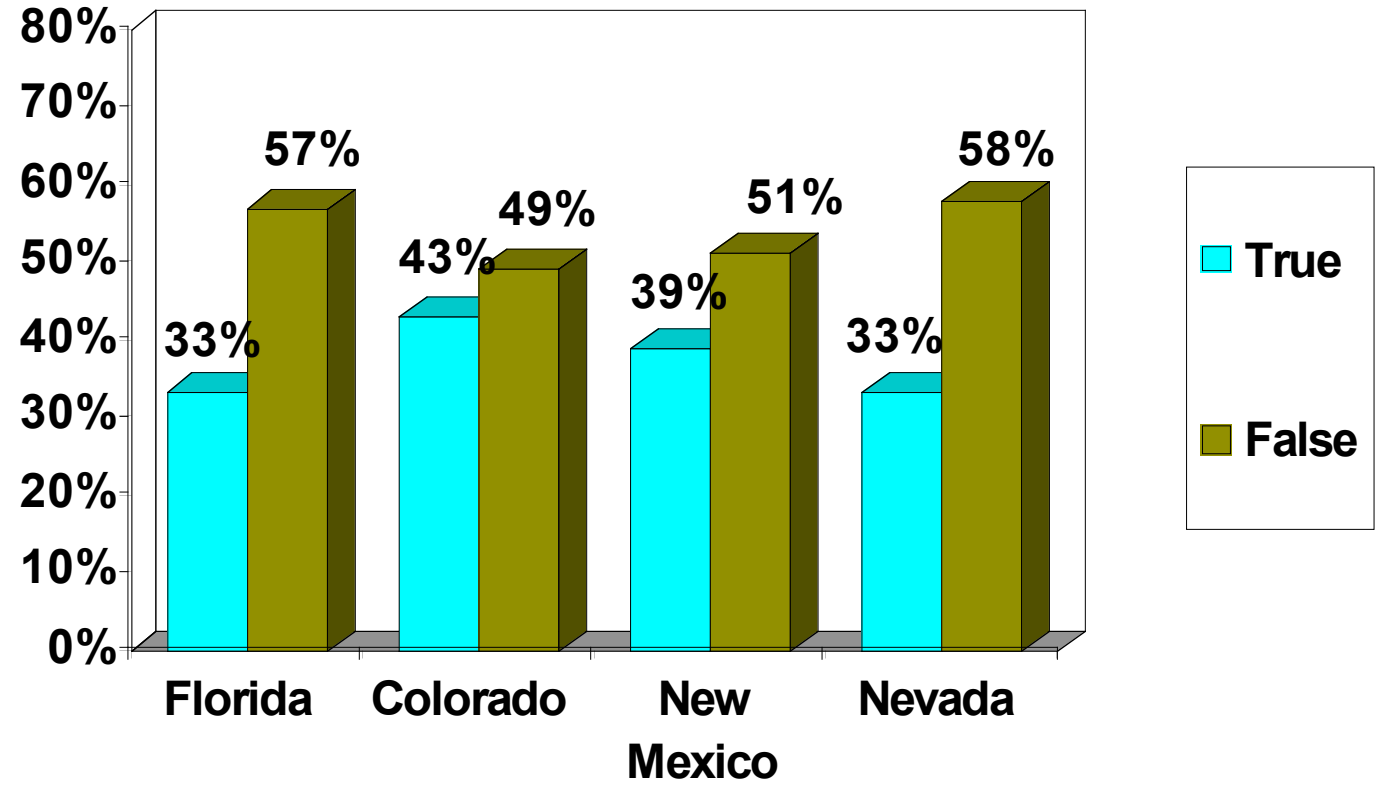
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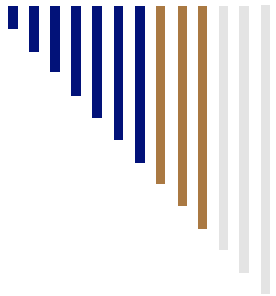




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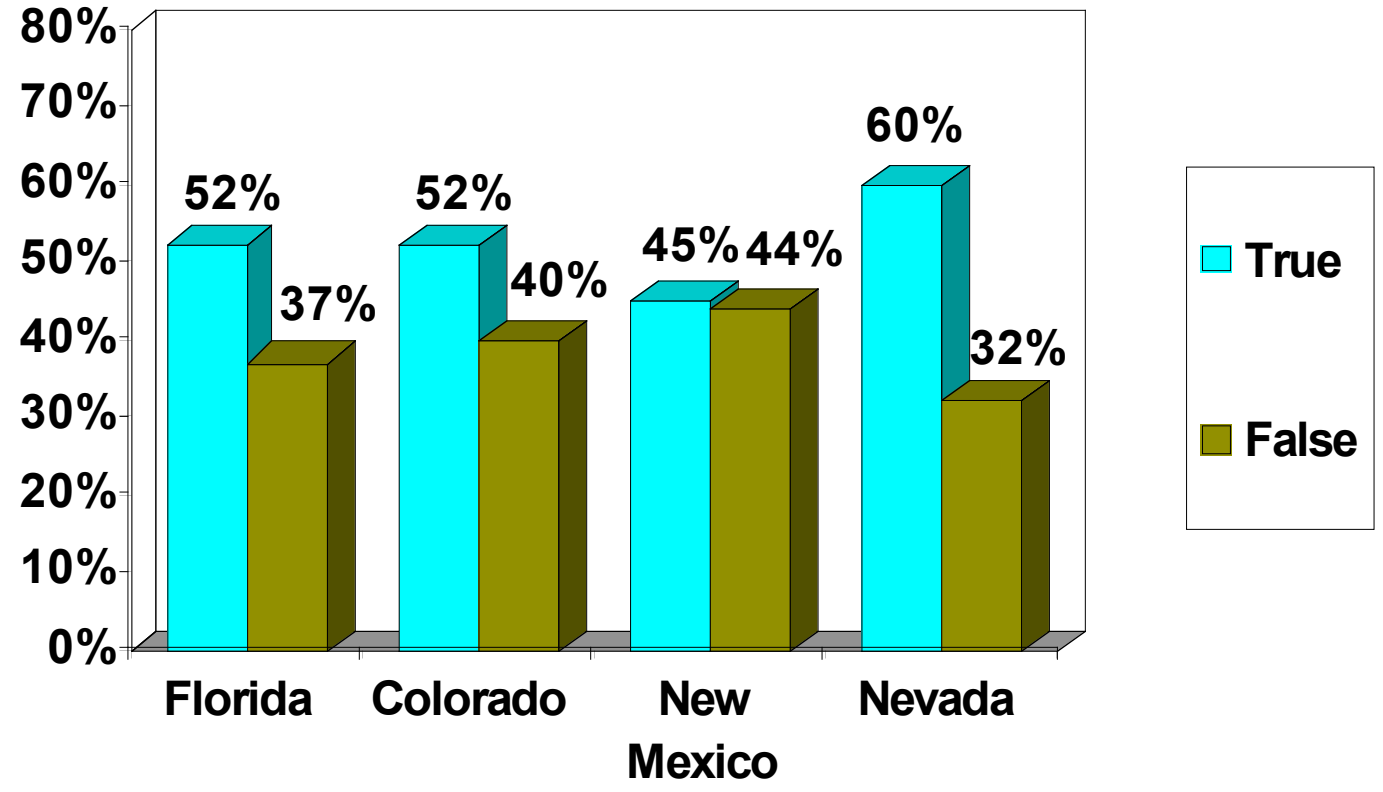
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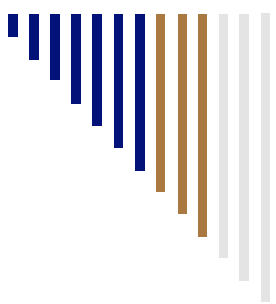




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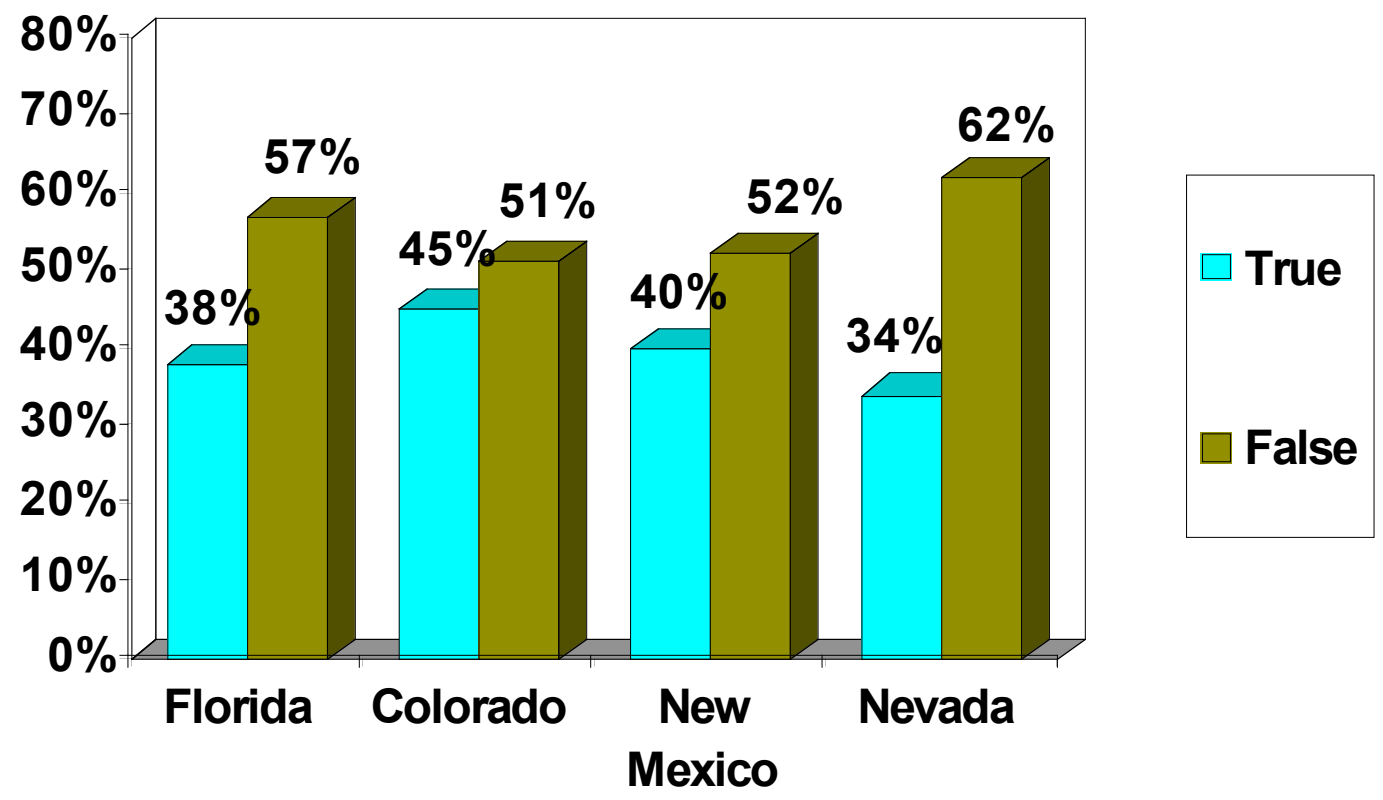
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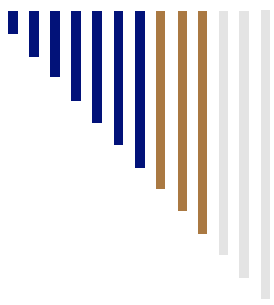




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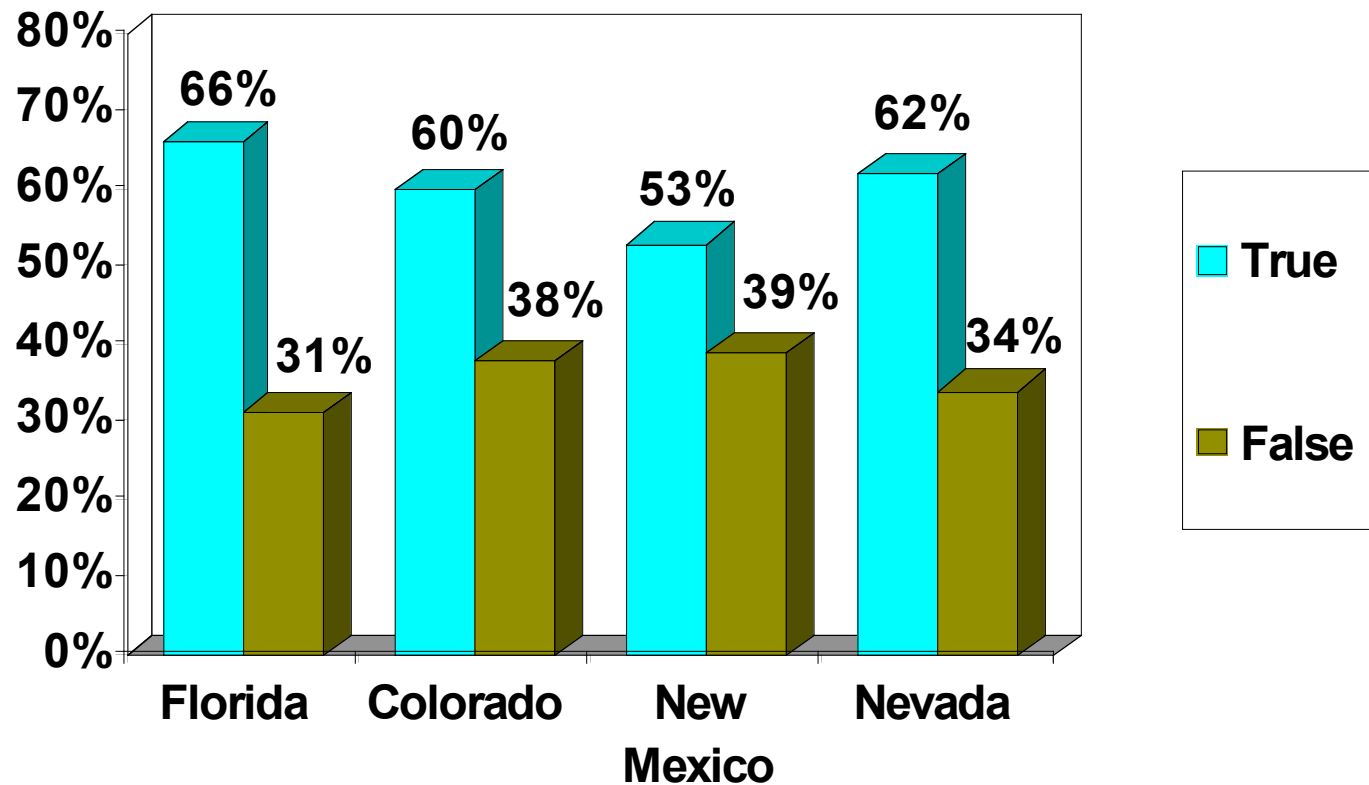
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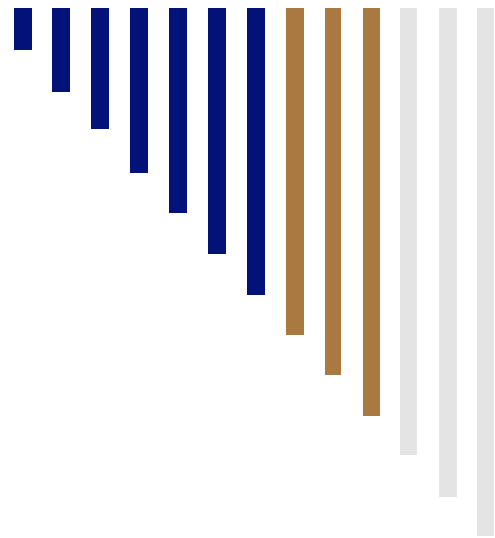




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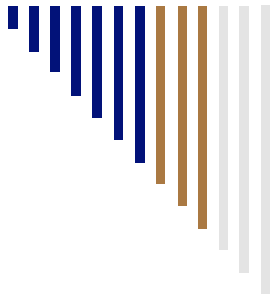
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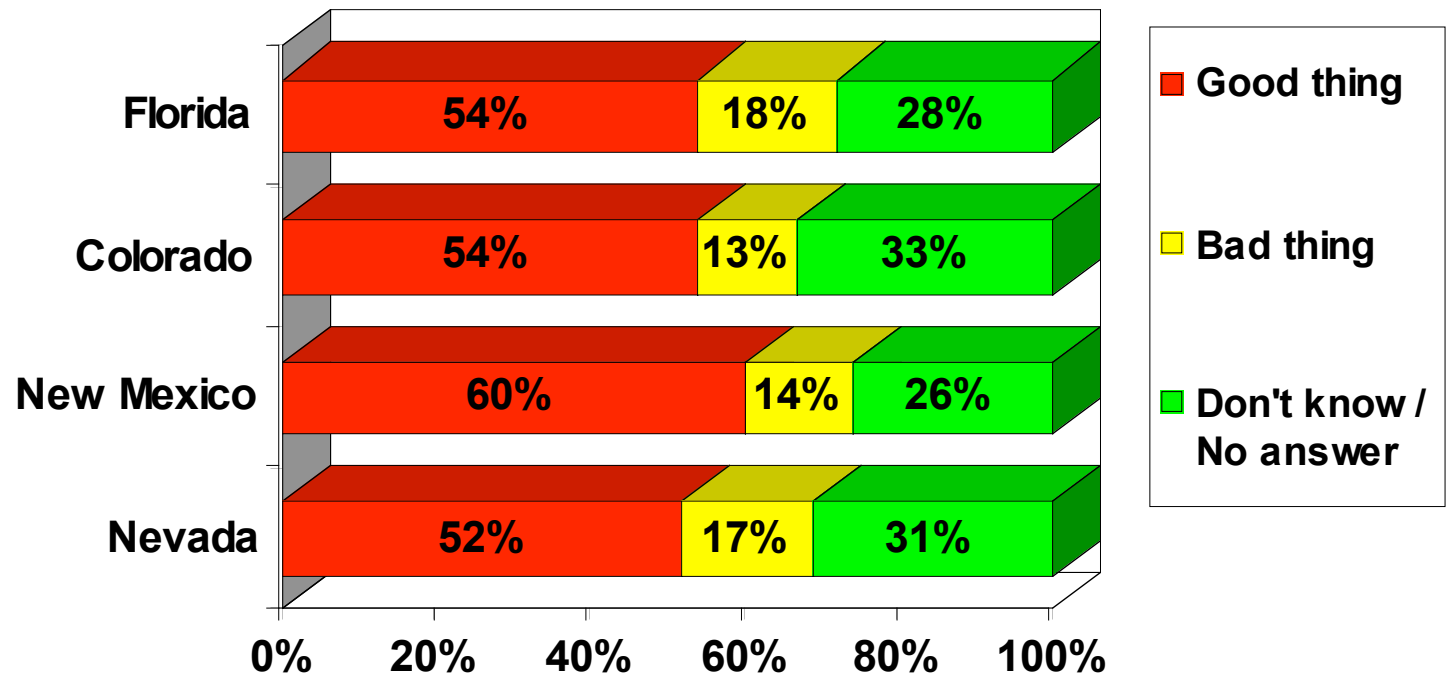
The Impact of Racism on the Immigration Issue

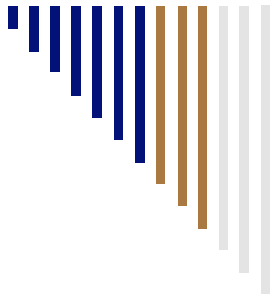
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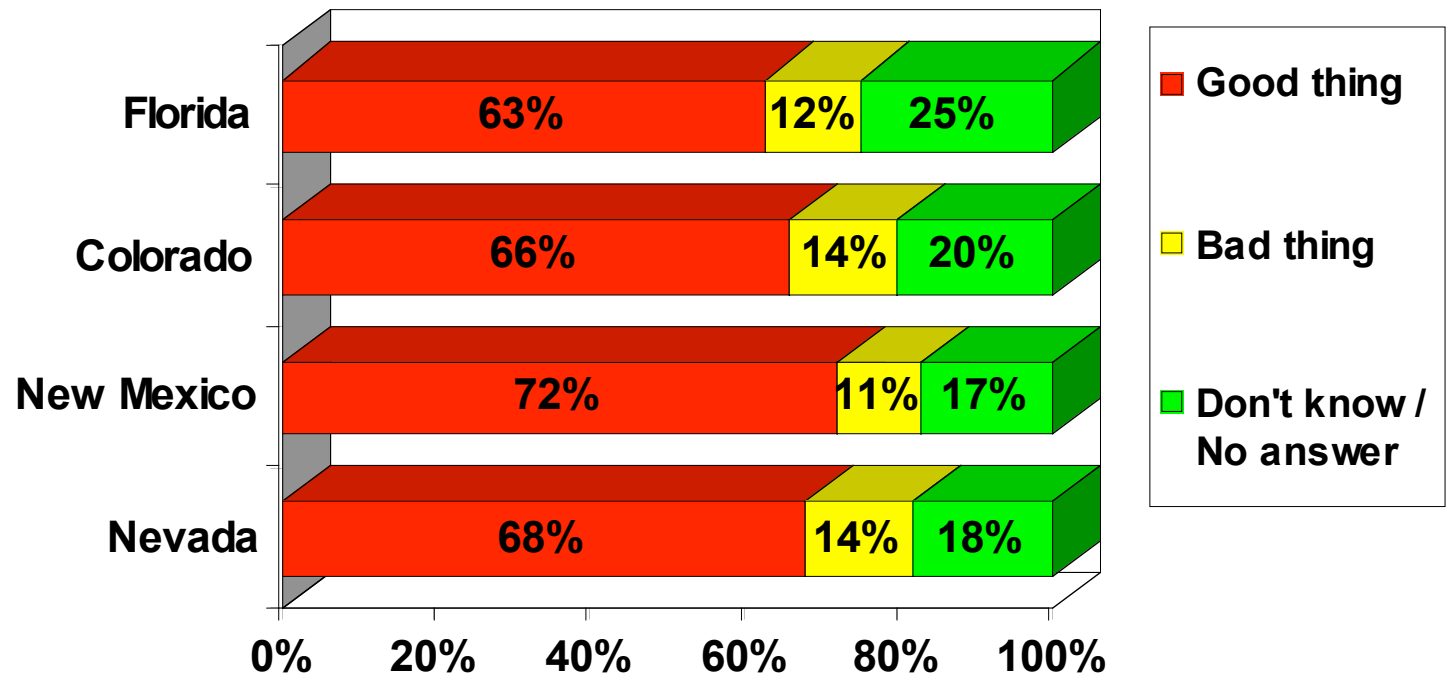
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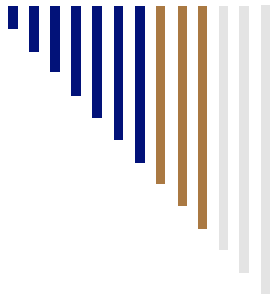




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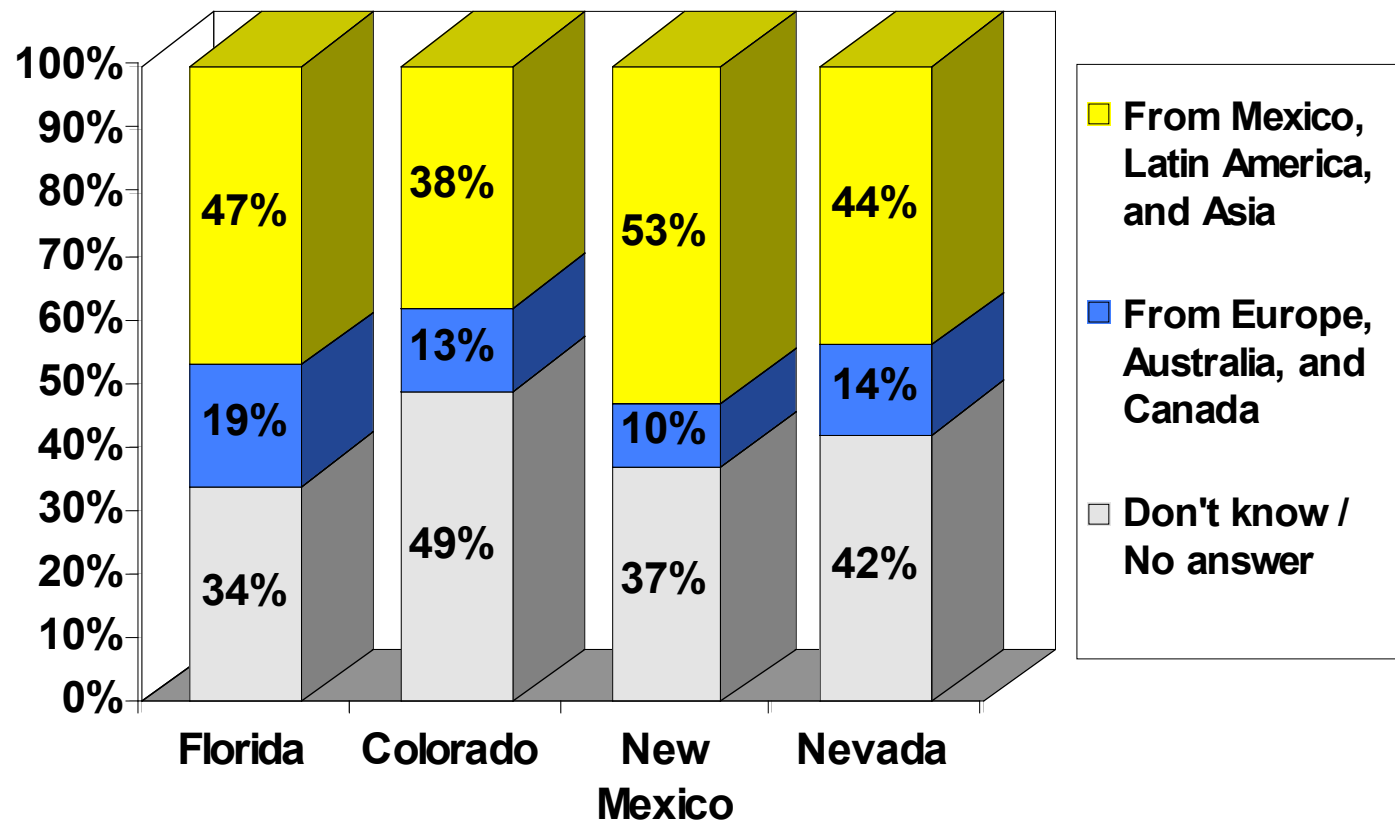
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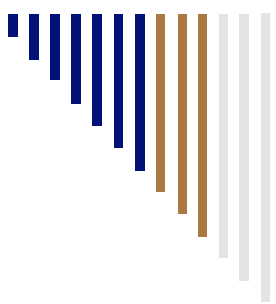




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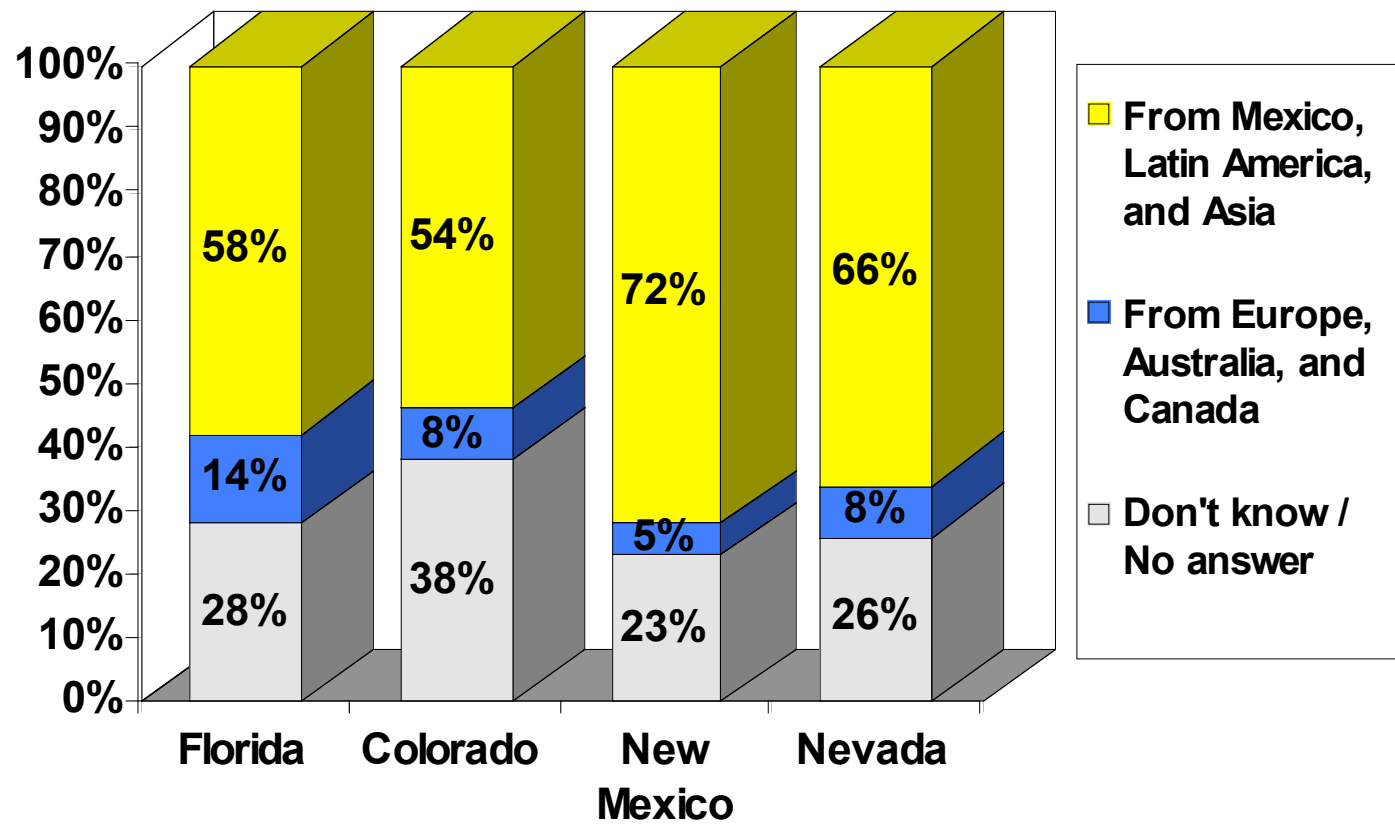
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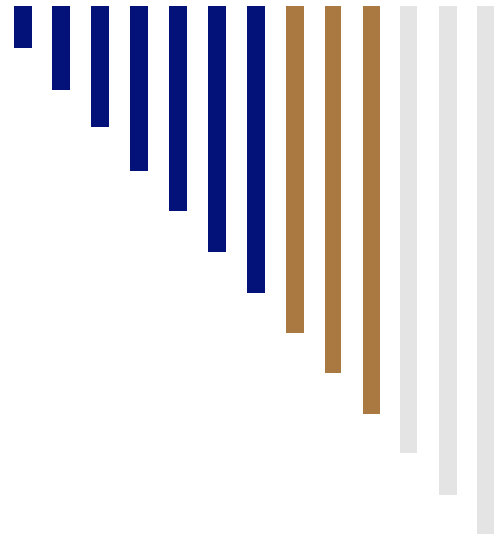




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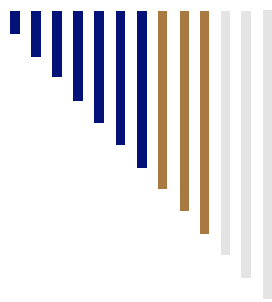
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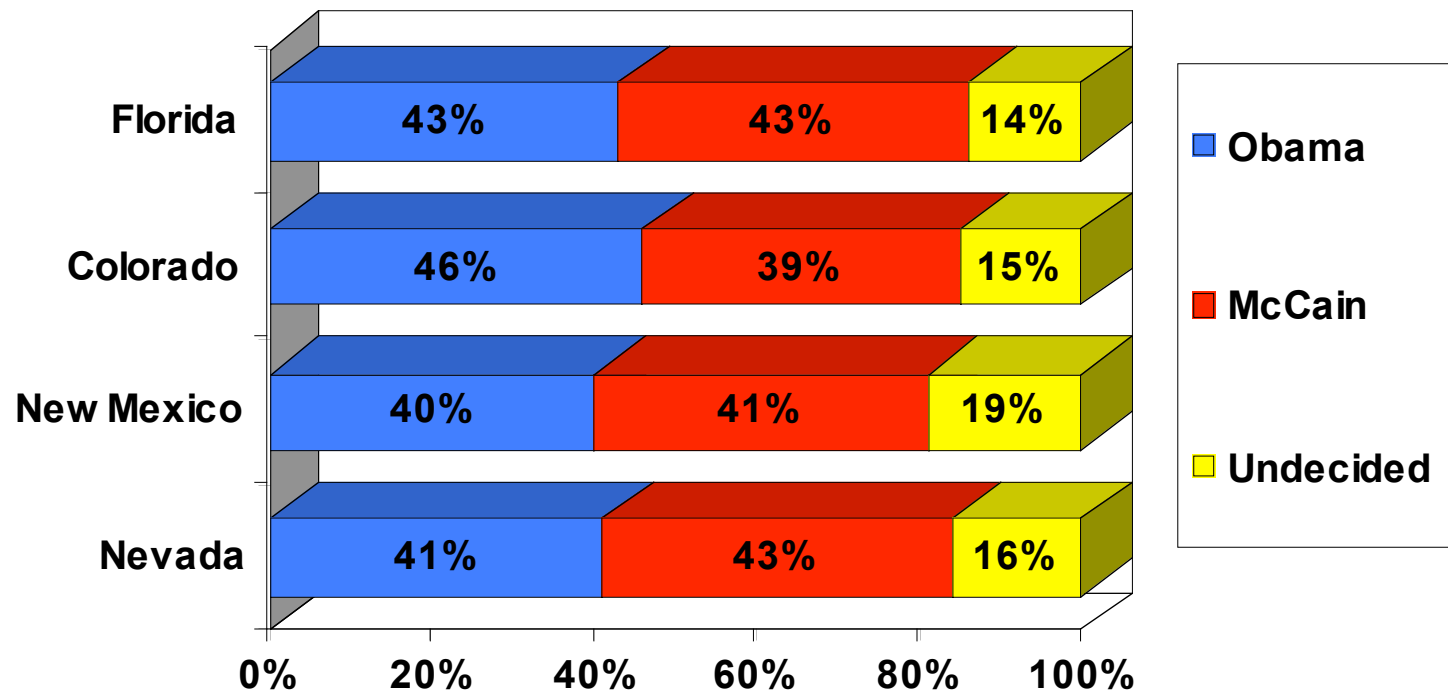
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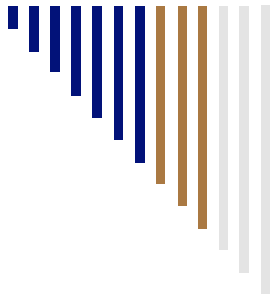
The Hispanic vote will be crucial in determining the outcome of the Presidential race in these four battleground states. Barack Obama and the Democratic Party have a substantial advantage over John McCain and the Republican Party on the immigration issue among these voters.



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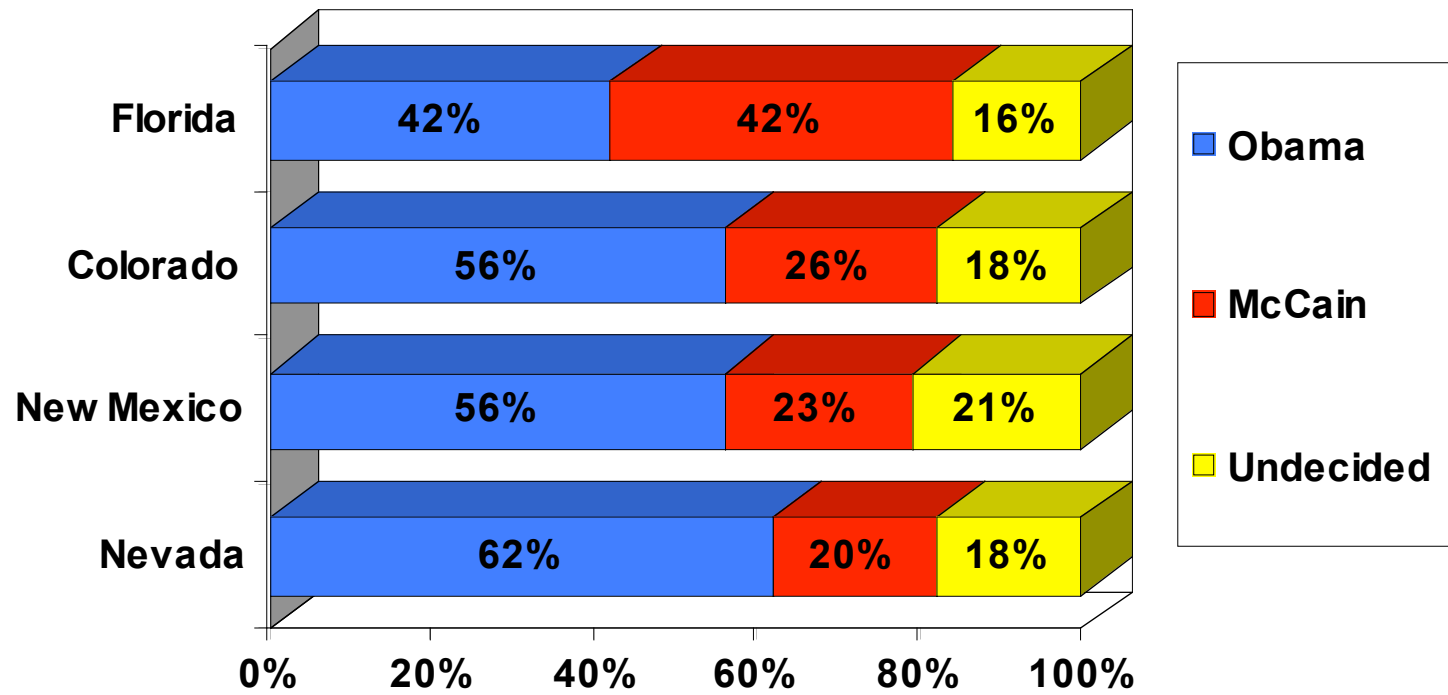
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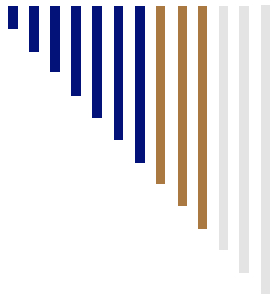




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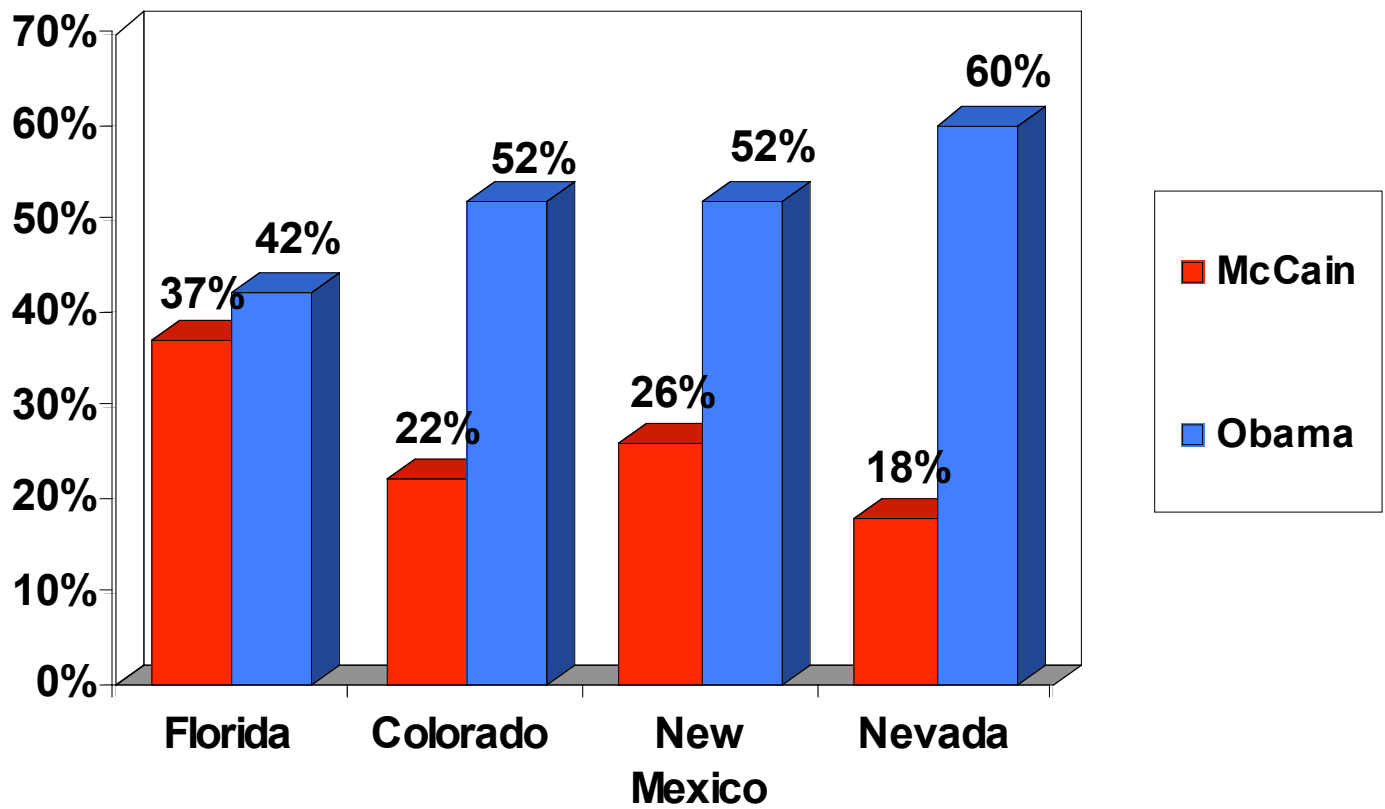
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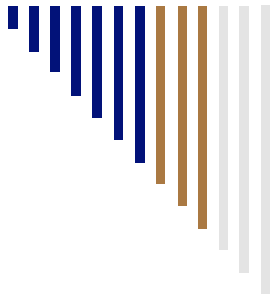




Which candidate do you think would do a better job on the immigration issue – Barack Obama or John McCain?

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Which political party do you think has done a better job on the immigration issue – the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?
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