

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
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RE: **NEW POLL** – Voters in California’s 10th Congressional District say their member of Congress has not done enough on Trump’s family separation issue; want oversight & accountability

The Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance” policy that separated children from their parents is concerning constituents who plan to vote in the Midterms in California’s 10th Congressional District

While CA-10 leans Republican on party self-identification and is currently represented by Republican Congressman Jeff Denham, voters in the district made it clear that their member of Congress has not done enough to address family separations and want to see increased Congressional oversight and action to hold those responsible for the crisis accountable. Voters overwhelmingly say that the Trump Administration has a responsibility to return the children to their parents and want their member to increase transparency, accountability and oversight of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) – an Office within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which is charged with overseeing the separated children. As the poll went into the field, hundreds of children separated from their families remained in ORR custody.

Voters in the 10th District are paying close attention to the Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance policy” and say they would be more favorable to their member of Congress if they were to take action to hold those responsible accountable.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group’s recent poll are as follows:

KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **Constituents of Congressman Denham say their member of Congress has not done enough and view the “zero tolerance” policy as “inhumane”:** Although Congressman Denham signed a letter in June asking federal agencies for more information on the family separations, the majority of his constituents (53%) say their member of Congress has not done enough on the issue. Nearly the same number of voters (55%) agree more that the policy of separating children from their parents is “inhumane and we should hold those responsible for it accountable” compared to just 28% who say the policy is “necessary and will stop people from illegally crossing our borders.”
- **The majority of voters want Congress to take action on this issue:** Two-thirds of voters (64%) say they want Congress to act by increasing the accountability and transparency of the agencies and officials overseeing the separated children. This is a bipartisan view with support from most Democrats (67%), Independents (76%), and Republicans (57%). In addition to increased transparency and accountability, half of Denham’s constituents (50%) support legislation to immediately reunite the children with their families.

- **Voters had little confidence that the Trump Administration would reunite these children by the court's July 26 deadline:** Nearly eight in ten voters (79%) say that the Trump Administration has a responsibility to reunite the separated children with their parents, however nearly the same number (77%) say they had “very little” or only “some” confidence that the Trump administration would meet the deadline to do so – including 58% who say they have “very little confidence.”
- **Voters are more favorable to a member of Congress who takes action on this issue:** At least three-quarters of voters (74%) said they would have a more favorable view of their member of Congress if he supported legislation to increase transparency on this issue, while almost two-thirds (68%) said they would be more favorable towards him if he supported an investigation into the conditions and facilities where children are being held. Most voters (71%) also said they would be more favorable towards him if he called for the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement to testify before Congress about the reunification efforts and treatment of the children in its care. And six in ten voters (59%) would have a more favorable view of him if he supported legislation to stop the Trump Administration from separating children from their parents altogether.
- **Voters are paying close attention to the child separation issue:** Nine in ten likely voters say they have seen, read, or heard either “a lot” or “some” about the Trump Administration’s “zero tolerance policy”, including more than two-thirds (67%) saying they have heard “a lot” about the issue. The issue is salient across political party, with Democrats (72%), independents (68%), and Republicans (62%) all saying they have heard “a lot” about this issue.

ABOUT THIS POLL

Global Strategy Group conducted surveys of 400 likely 2018 Midterm election voters in California’s 10th Congressional District between July 24-27, 2018. The results of each survey have a margin of error of +/- 4.9%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic and demographic divisions of the expected electorate are properly represented based on historical turnout.