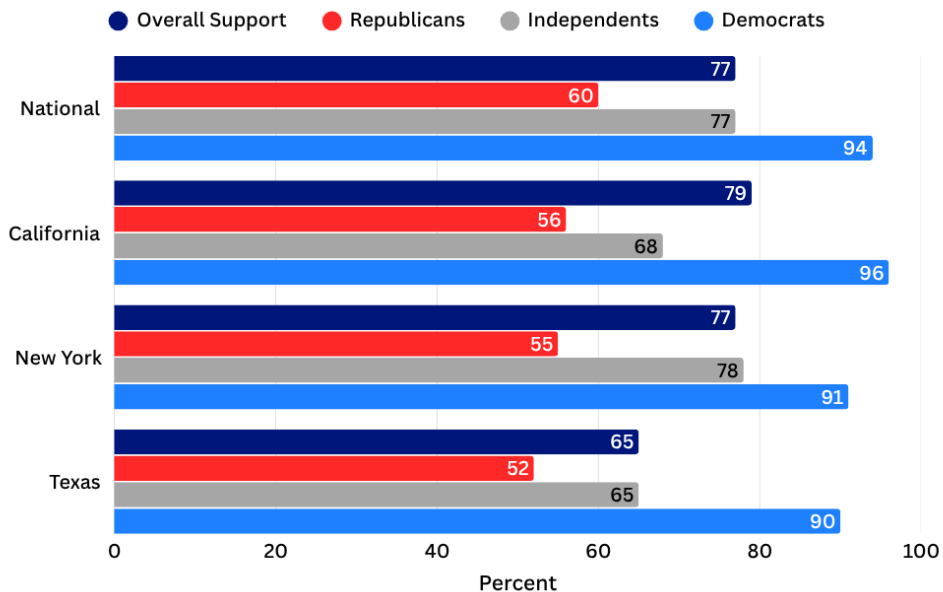


Voters across parties support the right to government-funded counsel for all people facing deportation in immigration court across California, New York, and Texas, broadly consistent with national support.

Nationally, 77 percent of voters support providing a government-funded attorney to people who cannot afford one, including in immigration court, or “universal representation.” Of the three states polled by YouGov on behalf of the Vera Institute of Justice and Vera Action in the summer of 2026, support for universal representation is highest in California (79 percent), followed by New York (77 percent), and Texas (65 percent).

Support for universal representation by state and nationally



Majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents in all three states expressed support for universal representation. In all three states, support for government-funded representation extends across party lines. California has the highest level of Democratic support at 96 percent, compared with 91 percent in New York, and 90 percent in Texas, while Republican support ranges from 56 percent in California, to 55 percent in New York, and 52 percent in Texas. With this level of cross-party agreement, universal representation stands out not as a partisan position but as a common-sense solution that voters across the country are ready to embrace.

About the Data: The Vera Institute of Justice (Vera) commissioned YouGov to conduct polls nationally, in New York, and in California around the topics of universal representation and immigration enforcement from June 26 to July 2, 2026, with sample sizes of 2,017, 534, and 606 respectively. Vera Action also commissioned YouGov Blue to conduct a poll from August 24 to August 30, 2026, in Texas with a sample size of 800. In each poll, respondents were asked “Do you support the right to a government-funded attorney for all people who cannot afford one, including in immigration court?” The above graph presents the weighted results.