

Q1. Below are several changes in food safety regulations recently proposed by the federal Department of Agriculture regarding the slaughter of pigs by pork processing companies. For each one, please indicate whether you favor or oppose this proposed change. **(RANDOMIZE ITEMS.)**

1. Eliminate the current speed limit on pig slaughter lines, which allows killing up to 18 pigs per minute, and allow an unlimited number of kills per minute.
2. Reduce the number of government inspectors assigned to pig slaughter lines by 40%, and have company employees conduct their inspections instead.
3. Allow companies to design their own microbiological testing programs to measure food safety, rather than requiring all companies to meet the same standards.

Strongly favor1
Somewhat favor2
Somewhat oppose3
Strongly oppose4

Q2. Below are two statements about these proposed changes in food safety regulations regarding the slaughter of pigs, one in favor and one opposed. Please indicate which statement you agree with more. **(ROTATE STATEMENTS.)**

Supporters of the regulation changes say these new rules have been demonstrated to provide public health protection at least equivalent to the existing inspection system. In addition, the new system should improve animal welfare. These reforms should also promote innovations in food safety, reduce government costs, and increase the profits earned by pork processing companies.

Opponents of the changes say they will endanger both public health and worker safety. Plants that adopted this approach in a pilot program had higher levels of food contamination. Allowing unlimited speeds on slaughtering lines will also mean more employee injuries and less humane treatment of animals. The government shouldn't put industry profits ahead of employee health and safe food.

Strongly agree with supporters1
Somewhat agree with supporters2
Somewhat agree with opponents3
Strongly agree with opponents4

Q3. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are **(ROTATE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN:)** mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic1
Leaning Democratic2
Completely independent3
Leaning Republican4
Mostly Republican5