



Members of a group of 228 Guatemalan immigrants deported from the United States arrive at the Air Force base in Guatemala City, on Jan. 10, 2018.
(Johan Ordonez/AFP/Getty Images)

Prensa Libre, which is one of the most circulated newspapers in the country, polled 1,596 people between Jan. 22 and March 20 using electronic devices. The survey was done in conjunction with the Association for Research and Social Studies and Barometro de las Americas.

Poll results found other eyebrow-raising answers from everyday Guatemalans. Despite the dire situation in the country, 75 percent of respondents expressed "little interest" in politics. Nearly 90 percent did not align themselves with any political party, and one-in-five Guatemalans said they would not be participating in the upcoming election on June 16.

The survey follows months of record-breaking apprehensions at the U.S. southern border, with many of the illegal migrants originating from the Northern Triangle region of Central America. A total of 103,492 migrants were either turned back or apprehended in March — the highest month in over a decade. More than 418,000 apprehensions have taken place this fiscal year so far.

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"We don't have room to hold [detainees], we don't have the authority to remove them."

