

Americans Oppose Obama Acting Alone On Immigration: Tonight President Barack Obama will unveil details of his executive action circumventing Congress on immigration, as he and others in his administration have been hinting he would do so since the Democrats' midterm defeat earlier this month. Soon after the election, Mr. Obama rationalized his possible move by saying he is the "guy who's elected by everybody." Does he have everybody's support on moving forward on the issue by going around Congress?

Recent polls say he does not. A November 16 *USA Today* poll found only 42% say the president should "take executive action this year to deal with illegal immigration." Almost half – 46% – think he should "wait until January for the new Republican Congress to pass legislation on this issue." Almost all Republicans (76%) and about half of independents (46%) think Mr. Obama should wait, with only 17% of Republicans and 44% of independents supporting executive action. Only Democrats support Mr. Obama's act alone strategy, with 60% favoring executive action and just 28% saying wait to work with the new Congress. Still, it is likely even fewer people will approve after tonight than was suggested in the *USA Today* poll, which used the ambiguous phrase "deal with illegal immigration" that could be interpreted to mean a crack down on illegal immigration.

At his post-midterm press conference, Mr. Obama said he and Congress "can surely find ways to work together on issues where there's broad agreement among the American people." This is one moment where he should practice his own preaching.

