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#### Vote for U.S. House

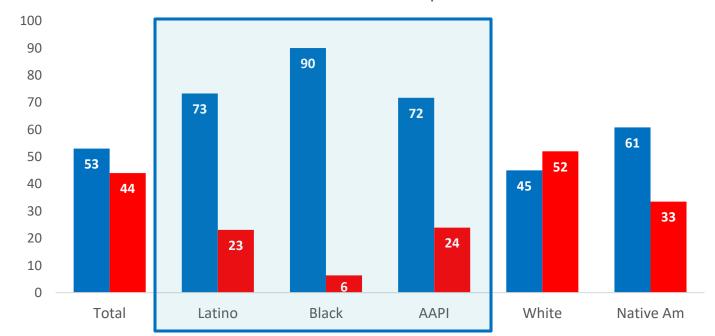
Minority and immigrant voters drove the Blue Wave in the U.S. House elections While the white vote was decidedly less Republican than in 2016 \*Results among

voters in top 70

battlegrounds

House CD

In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or Republican candidate?

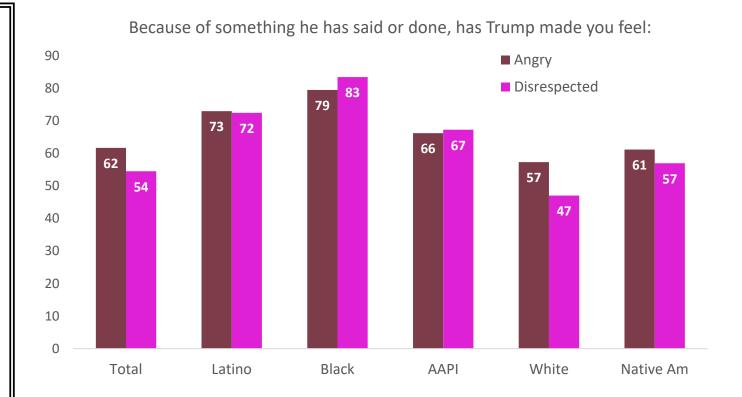


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## A referendum on Donald Trump

Reactions and emotions to President Trump were a driving factor for voters in the 2018 elections

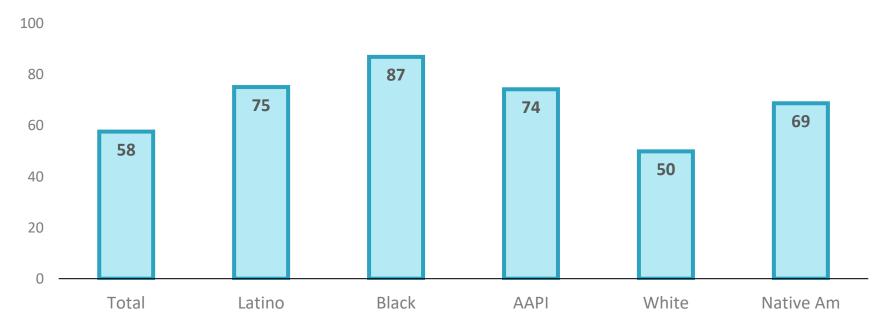
A majority of voters of all races and ethnicities were upset by Trump, not inspired



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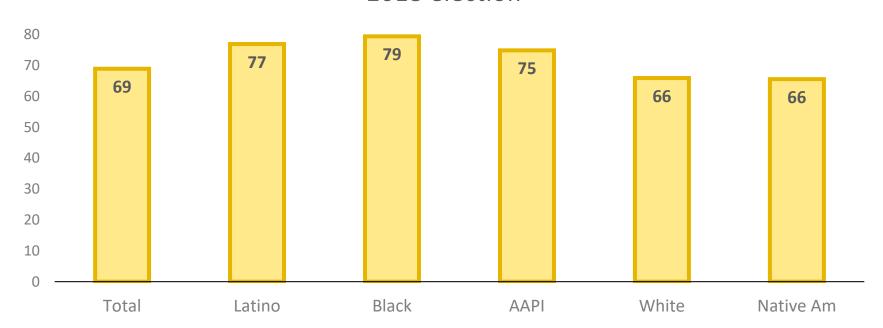
#### Attacks are seen as divisive

Trump and the Republicans are using toxic rhetoric to try and divide us from one another



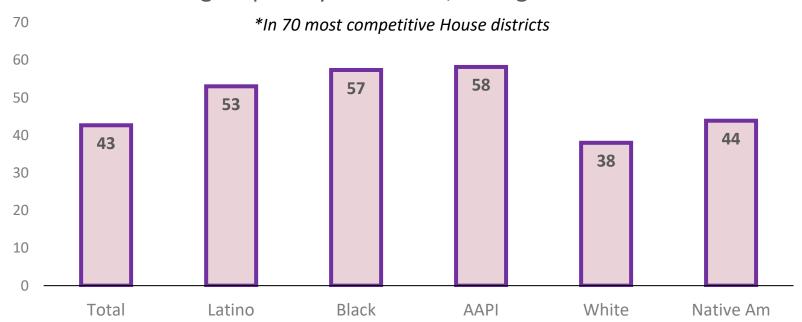
#### Self-mobilization

Encouraged your friends or family to register or vote in the 2018 election



# Reported contact by campaign

Did anyone from a campaign, political party, or some other group ask you to vote, or register to vote?

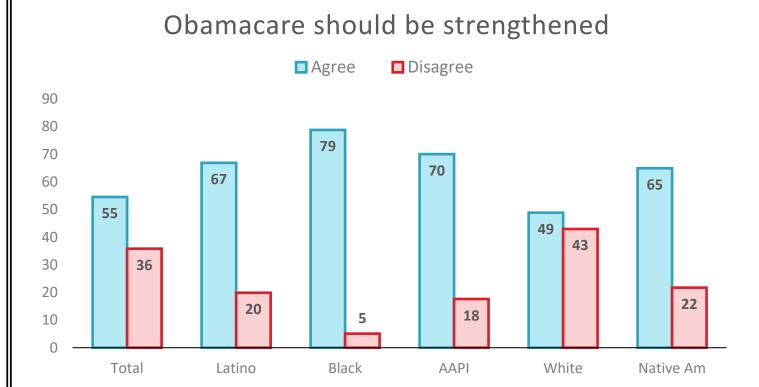


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#### Access to affordable health care

Policy Issues in 2018

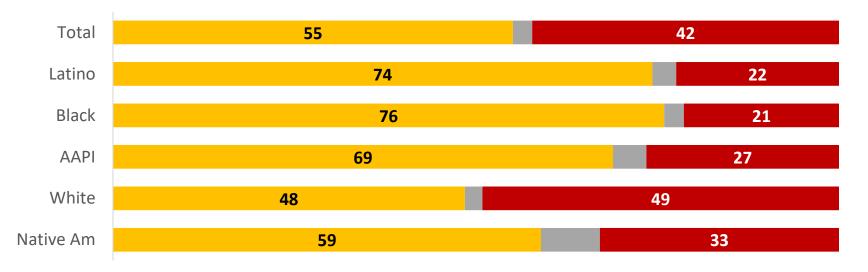
Voters wanted expanded access to health care, not repeal



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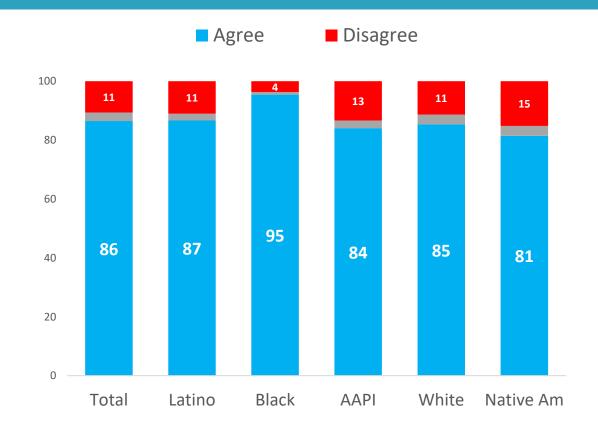
# No "net gain" from attacking immigrants

- Immigrants just want to provide a better life for their families, just like you and me. I support legislation to make America more welcoming to immigrants
- America has too many illegal immigrants, they hurt the economy, bring crime and gang violence to our cities. We have to crack down on illegal immigration



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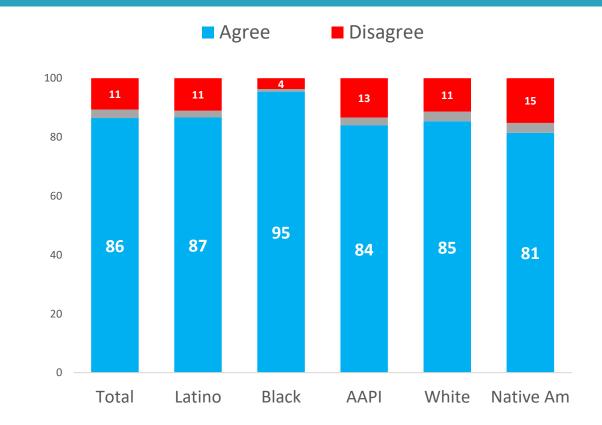
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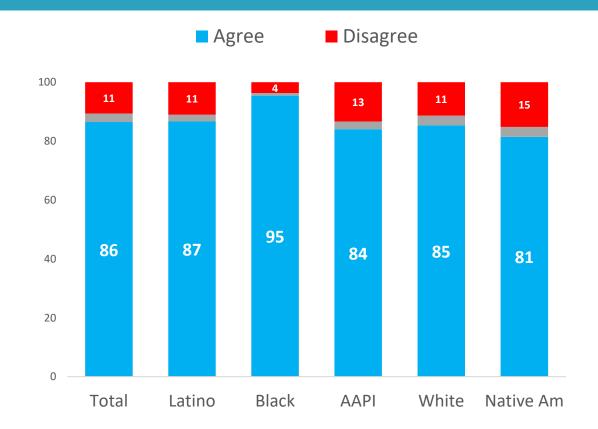
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# WHAT DO OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS TELL US ABOUT LATINO ENGAGEMENT?

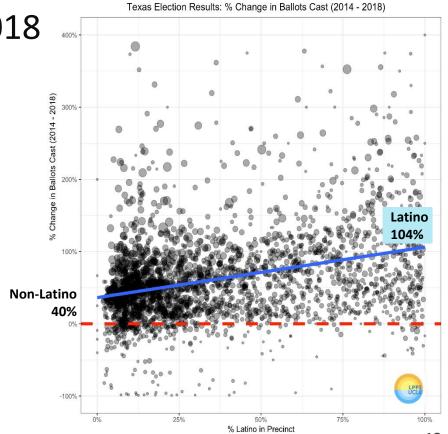
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>	Roberts	13%	83%	+ 39%
>	Sabine	4%	87%	+ 49%
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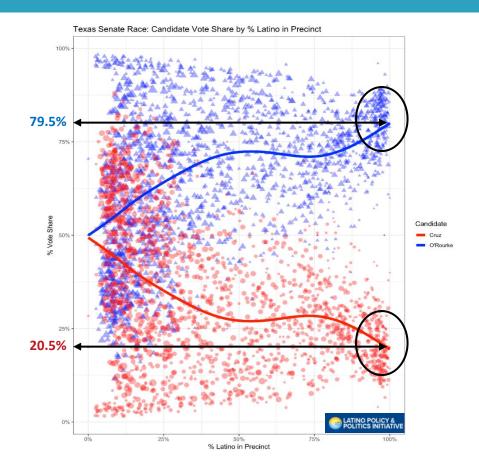
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#### Latino vote in Texas: Beto v. Cruz

Latino Vote choice

	LD	Exit
Beto	74	67
Cruz	24	35



# SUCCESSFUL LATINO OUTREACH: 2018 ROSEN FOR NEVADA

# Early Polling Illustrated Challenge

#### June Polling

Rosen 54% Heller 19%

Favorables +15 Never Heard, 49%

#### American Election Eve Poll

Rosen 71% Heller 25%

Electorate was at least 18% Latino

- Rosen had three challenges
  - > To introduce herself to an electorate that did not know her well;
  - To maintain her image among non-Hispanic voters as practical and independent without turning off Latinos;
  - To redefine Heller from his "moderate" image on health and immigration to one more closely defined by Trump;
    - (Heller was very helpful in this regard!)
- LD tested 27 unique messages across three waves;
  - Messages directly informed campaign ads in English and Spanish.
  - Messengers tested to inform creatives content.
  - Closing argument tested in September and modified in October for late-campaign adjustments.
  - James Aldrete did the amazing and effective creatives.
  - LD Reviewed all creatives for feedback on translation and emphasis.

# Rapid Reaction/Cultural Context

- Morning of Oct 30, story on Executive Order attempt to modify 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, birthright citizenship appears;
- 6:00 AM LD team proposes new GOTV ad.
  - Research confirmed Heller's stated position;
  - Creatives developed by Aldrete and reviewed by campaign leadership;
  - Approval across team.
- Ads for radio and TV shipped by 8:20 pm same day; digital ads by noon the next day.

#### What did we learn about 2018

- Minority voters were greatly engaged, both through campaigns and through self-mobilization
- Minority voters were angry and supported candidates who stood up for their issues: self-respect, anti-racism, and prohealth care
- Continued investment in Latino, black and AAPI communities has the greatest opportunity for short, medium, and longterm gains, the demographic changes are happening, and they aren't stopping



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