

FLORIDA LATINO VOTER SURVEY



1. On the whole, what are the most important issues facing the [Hispanic/Latino] community that you think Congress and the President should address? [Open ended, Pre-code to list, RESPONDENT MAY SELECT UP TO TWO]

Fix Economy / Jobs / unemployment	52
Immigration reform / DREAM Act	36
Education reform / schools	15
Health care	16
Address Wall street / Banking crisis	3
Race relations	2
Wars in Afghanistan or Iraq / War on terror	1
International relations / foreign policy	1
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	1
Gas prices / energy prices	1
Housing / mortgages	1
Corruption in government / honesty	1
Global warming / environment	*
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	1
Something else	4
Don't know	8

2. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

Strongly approve	43
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove	5
Strongly disapprove	23
Don't know	3

3. If the 2012 election for President was held today and the candidates were [ROTATE: Republican Mitt Romney and Democrat Barack Obama] who would you most likely vote for?

[**IF CANDIDATE**:] Would you say you are certain to vote [ANSWER] or could change your mind? [**IF UNDECIDED**:] Well, if you had to choose, who would you lean towards?

Romney – certain	27
Romney – not-certain	2
undecided – lean Romney	2
Obama – certain	56
Obama – not-certain	4
undecided – lean Obama	1
Undecided/don't know	5
Romney Combined	31
Obama Combined	61



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4. Now thinking about the upcoming elections for U.S. Congress in November, do you plan to vote for the [ROTATE: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate] in your district?

IF THEY SAY DON'T KNOW OR UNDECIDED, FOLLOW-UP: "If you had to vote today, are you more likely to support the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?"

Will vote Democrat	48
Undecided but lean Democrat	4
Undecided / Don't know	16
Undecided but lean Republican	3
Will vote Republican	28

6. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate in Florida was held today and the candidates were [ROTATE: Republican Connie Mack and Democrat Bill Nelson] who would you most likely vote for?

Mack – certain	27
Mack – not-certain	2
undecided – lean Mack	3
Nelson – certain	38
Nelson – not-certain	11
undecided – lean Nelson	4
Undecided/don't know	15
Mack Combined	32
Nelson Combined	53

10. How important is the issue of immigration in your decision to vote, and who to vote for in this election? Is it [ROTATE FRONT TO BACK] the most important issue – one of the important issues – somewhat important – not really important] to your voting decision?

The most important issue	25
One of the important issues	30
Somewhat important	27
Not really important	16
Don't know	2



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11. In June President Obama announced a new Department of Homeland Security policy to stop the deportation of any undocumented immigrant youth who attends college or serves in the military and to provide them with a legal work permit that is renewable. Does this this new announcement make you more enthusiastic about voting for Obama, less enthusiastic about Obama, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Obama?

More enthusiastic about Obama	53
Less enthusiastic about Obama	9
Have no effect	33
It Depends / Don't know	2
Refused	2

12. Recently, Republican candidate Mitt Romney has said we need to prevent illegal immigrants from being able to work in America, and that any undocumented immigrants should self-deport back home to their original countries. He has called the immigration laws in Arizona, a model for the nation. Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Romney, less enthusiastic about voting for Romney, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Romney?

More enthusiastic about Romney	11
Less enthusiastic about Romney	57
Have no effect	27
It Depends / Don't know	2
Refused	2

15. [IF STATE = FL] Recently Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Connie Mack has said "America is a nation of laws and that's why I oppose amnesty for illegal immigrants and I support building a 700 mile fence along the border. I oppose the DREAM Act because we shouldn't give illegal immigrants the benefits of real U.S. citizens". Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Mack, less enthusiastic about voting for Mack, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Mack?

More enthusiastic about Mack	13
Less enthusiastic about Mack	54
Have no effect	27
It Depends / Don't know	4
Refused.	2

16. [IF STATE = FL] Recently Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Bill Nelson has said "our federal immigration officials need to stop deporting high school honor students and focus on real issues of national security. That is why I am a proud co-sponsor of the DREAM Act to provide a path towards citizenship for undocumented immigrant youth who attend college or serve in the military." Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Nelson, less enthusiastic about voting for Nelson, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Nelson?

More enthusiastic about Nelson61
Less enthusiastic about Nelson8
Have no effect26
It Depends / Don't know4
Refused2



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23. Now take a moment to think about all the people in your family, your friends, co-workers, and other people you know. Do you happen to know somebody who is an undocumented immigrant? This is completely anonymous, and just for a simple demographic analysis.

Yes	49
No	49
Don't know	2

24. And do you happen to know a young person between the ages 5 - 31 who is an undocumented immigrant, who are sometimes referred to as the Dreamers?

Yes	31
No	63
Don't know	6

25. Thinking ahead to the November 2012 presidential election, how enthusiastic are you about voting in the election next year?

Very enthusiastic	70
Somewhat enthusiastic	18
Not too enthusiastic	7
Not at all enthusiastic	4
Don't Know	1

26. Would you say you are MORE enthusiastic about voting in 2012, or that you were more enthusiastic about voting back in 2008?

More enthusiastic about 2012	57
More enthusiastic back in 2008	23
No difference / same level	19
Don't Know	*

27. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Republican	27
Democrat	41
Independent	23
Other party	4
Don't know	4
Refused	1

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30. [IF STATE = FL] The Governor of Florida has instructed local election officials to find and remove non-citizens from the list of legally registered voters. The media have reported that a majority of those effected could be Latinos, and that during this removal process some people who are legally eligible to vote could be wrongly removed from the voter list. How concerned are you that people who are eligible to vote will be removed and blocked from voting? Very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, not at all concerned.

Very concerned	45
Somewhat concerned	24
Not too concerned	10
Not at all concerned	
Don't know	
Refused	2

A total of 400 Latino registered voters in Florida were interviewed September 22-28, 2012 by Latino Decisions for America's Voice. Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish, at the preference of the respondent, all conducted by bilingual interviewers at Latino Decisions calling center, Pacific Market Research. The survey averaged 12 minutes in length, and has an overall margin of error of 4.9% on results that approach a 50/50 distribution. All respondents confirm that they are Hispanic or Latino and currently registered to vote.