

Latino Decisions Everything Latino Politics

S4. Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. Thinking ahead to the November 2012 election, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in the election for U.S. President and [INSERT STATE] state offices - are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you not think you will vote?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Almost certain	85	83	82	86	86
Probably	5	4	4	5	4
50 - 50	8	10	9	6	7
Will not vote	2	3	4	3	3

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 ONE OR TWO – RECORD ORDER OF MENTION IF TWO]

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Create more jobs / Fix the Economy	53	58	54	57	62
Immigration reform / DREAM Act	51	42	41	40	37
Education reform / schools	18	19	18	14	13
Health care	17	18	10	12	13
Race relations	4	2	3	2	2
International relations / War in Afgh.	4	3	5	4	4
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	2	2	2	3	2
Gas prices / energy prices	1	1	1	1	1
Housing / mortgages	1	1	1	2	1
Corruption in government / honesty	1	1	1	1	2
Global warming / environment	1	1	1	1	1
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	2	1	2	3	4
Something else	8	4	3	3	8
Don't know	5	8	12	11	6

Now I'd like to ask you about some people who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each, please tell me whether you have heard of the person, and if your impression is <u>very favorable</u>, somewhat favorable, somewhat <u>unfavorable</u>, or <u>very</u> unfavorable. If you have no opinion, or have never heard of the person, just let me know.

2. President Barack Obama Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard of	Wk1 45 29 7 17 2 *	Wk2 45 26 9 19 2 *	Wk3 41 31 8 18 4 *	Wk4 45 26 5 16 7 *	Wk5 50 21 4 16 8 *
3. Governor Mitt Romney	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Very favorable	10	13	12	12	13
Somewhat favorable	17	18	15	12	13
Somewhat unfavorable	15	19	18	14	12
Very unfavorable	40	35	33	41	46
No opinion	12	10	13	15	13
Never heard of	5	6	8	5	3

4. Democrats in Congress Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard of	Wk1 21 43 13 12 9 2	Wk2 21 31 13 17 14 4	Wk3 24 29 13 15 16 4	Wk4 25 35 12 12 14 2	Wk5 30 32 12 11 14 3
5. Republicans in Congress Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard of	Wk1 10 22 15 37 12 3	Wk2 14 17 17 33 17 3	Wk3 12 14 20 36 15 3	Wk4 11 14 22 37 15 2	Wk5 11 12 26 35 16 1
6. GOP Congressman Paul Ryan Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard of	Wk1 10 12 10 28 19 22	Wk2 12 14 10 27 21 16	Wk3 		
6B. Vice President Joe Biden Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard of	Wk1 	Wk2 	Wk3 19 28 7 25 12 10		
6C. Former Pres Bill Clinton Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard of	Wk1 	Wk2 	Wk3 	Wk4 56 26 4 11 2 *	

7. Thinking about the upcoming Congressional elections for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the [ROTATE: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate]?

Will vote Democrat Undecided but likely DEMOCRAT Undecided / Don't know Undecided but likely REPUBLICAN Will vote Republican	Wk1 55 9 15 6 15	Wk2 52 8 13 6 21	Wk3 50 8 15 6 21	Wk4 57 6 9 8 17	Wk5 62 5 11 9 13
COMBINED DEM	64	60	58	63	67
COMBINED GOP	21	27	27	25	22

7a. If the Presidential election was held today would you vote for [ROTATE: Republican Mitt Romney OR Democrat Barack Obama]?

Romney – certain Romney – not-certain undecided – lean Romney	Wk1 20 4 2	Wk2 23 5 2	Wk3 21 7 1	Wk4 20 5 1	Wk5 19 5 *
Obama – certain	55	53	56	62	63
Obama– not-certain	9	9	7	4	5
undecided – lean Obama	1	2	3	2	1
Undecided/don't know	9	7	5	6	6
Romney Combined	26	30	29	26	24
Obama Combined	65	64	66	68	69

8. Compared to the 2008 presidential election, would you say you are MORE enthusiastic about voting this year in 2012, or that you were more enthusiastic about voting back in 2008?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
More enthusiastic in 2012	37	35	35	40	44
More enthusiastic in 2008	40	38	38	30	29
No difference / same level	21	25	24	25	23
Don't Know	2	2	3	4	4

9. Thinking about the last two administrations, which would you say is MOST responsible for the economic downturn these last few years? Would you say the economic policies of [ROTATE: President George W. Bush or President Barack Obama] are more to blame?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Bush is to blame	68			62	64
Obama is to blame	14			17	17
Both are to blame (VOL)	10			10	10
Neither / something else	3			5	4
Don't know	4			2	3

Q9B. Thinking about President Obama and the U.S. Congress, which would you say is MOST responsible for economy not improving more quickly these last few years? Would you say [ROTATE: the lack of leadership of President Obama OR, the lack of leadership of Republicans, OR the lack of cooperation and fighting among both parties in Congress?]

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Lack of leadership by Obama			22	20	
Lack of leadership by GOP			13	14	
Fighting in Congress			56	56	
All of the above			4	2	
Don't know			4	7	

10. Thinking about the future of our economy, which party do you trust more to make the right decisions and improve our economic conditions? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Obama and Democrats		59			
Romney and Republicans		30			
Neither (VOL)		6			
Both (VOL)		*			
Don't know		4			

10B. Thinking about issues important to women in this country, which party do you trust more to make the right decisions and address issues of concern to women? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4
Obama and Democrats				73
Romney and Republicans				16
Neither (VOL)				3
Both (VOL)				3
Don't know				3

10C. Thinking about security and <u>foreign policy issues in the Middle East</u>, which candidate do you trust more to make the right decisions and improve our political and economic relationships with countries in the Middle East? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Obama and Democrats					71
Romney and Republicans					24
Neither (VOL)					2
Both (VOL)					2
Don't know					2

10D. Thinking about <u>U.S. relations with Latin America</u>, which candidate do you trust more to make the right decisions and improve our political and economic relationships with Latin America Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Obama and Democrats					74
Romney and Republicans					17
Neither (VOL)					5
Both (VOL)					3
Don't know					2

11. Would you say the Democratic Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanic/Latinos, that they don't care too much about Hispanic/Latinos, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanic/Latinos?

*	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Doing a good job	59	55	49	55	59
Don't care too much	26	27	30	23	23
Being hostile	5	5	6	4	3
Don't know	9	8	11	17	13
Refused	2	5	4	1	2

12. Would you say the Republican Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanic/Latinos, that they don't care too much about Hispanic/Latinos, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanic/Latinos?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Doing a good job	14	17	19	19	18
Don't care too much	56	49	47	46	45
Being hostile	21	23	20	19	20
Don't know	7	8	12	16	15
Refused	2	3	2	1	2

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

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Republican	14	14	15	16	15
Democrat	48	50	51	50	51
Independent	26	28	25	26	26
Other party	10	7	4	6	6
Don't know	2	1	2	1	2

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

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Very enthusiastic	54	51	49	55	59
Somewhat enthusiastic	31	33	28	23	24
Not too enthusiastic	12	11	13	13	9
Not at all enthusiastic	2	5	8	6	4
Don't Know	*	*	*	2	3

About the Poll

This is the fifth release of an 11-week tracking poll of Latino registered voters. Each week impreMedia and Latino Decisions will release a new rolling cross-section of 300 completed interviews with Latino registered voters across all 50 states. Interviews are 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 10 minutes in length, and has an overall margin of error of 5.6% on results that approach a 50/50 distribution. All respondents confirm that they are Hispanic or Latino and currently registered to vote. This third wave of the survey was fielded Sept 14-Sept 20, 2012