

Field dates May 24 – June 2, 2011
 Data are from 21 states “national” Latino electorate
 Latino registered voters; bilingual
 N=500; Margin of Error = +/- 4.38%



1. Generally speaking, what are the most important issues facing the 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]

Immigration related / DREAM Act	51
Create more jobs / unemployment	18
Fix the economy (generic).....	17
Education reform / schools	18
Health care.....	6
Race relations	2
Gas prices / energy prices.....	2
Housing / mortgages	2
Wars in Afghanistan or Iraq / War on terror	1
Corruption in government / honesty.....	1
Something else	9

2. And do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President? Is that...

Strongly approve.....	41
Somewhat approve.....	27
Somewhat disapprove.....	9
Strongly disapprove.....	15
Don't know.....	7

3. And do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Is that...

Strongly approve.....	5
Somewhat approve.....	24
Somewhat disapprove.....	27
Strongly disapprove.....	35
Don't know.....	9

4. Even though it is a long time from now, thinking ahead to the November 2012 Presidential election, would you say you are more likely to vote for Democrat Barack Obama, or for the Republican challenger?

If Obama/Republican: “Are you certain to vote for _____ or is there a chance you could change your mind?”

If don't know / undecided: “Okay, I've marked you as undecided – but if you had pick right now are you leaning towards voting for Obama, or for the Republican challenger in 2012?”

Certain to vote for Obama.....	49
Vote Obama, but could change mind.....	12
Undecided, but leaning towards Obama.....	5
Don't know / Undecided.....	10
Undecided, but leaning towards Republican.....	4
Vote Republican, but could change mind.....	8
Certain to vote for Republican.....	10
Don't know.....	3

Thinking about the two political parties in America...

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

Good job.....	48
Don't care too much.....	31
Being hostile	7
Don't know	13
Refused.....	2

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

Good job.....	12
Don't care too much.....	49
Being hostile	23
Don't know	14
Refused.....	1

7. How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing handling immigration reform? Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, strongly disapprove?

Strongly approve.....	14
Somewhat approve.....	34
Neither.....	5
Somewhat disapprove.....	20
Strongly disapprove.....	18
Don't know.....	7
Refused.....	2

8. From what you have heard, during the last year, do you think Democrats in the U.S. Congress were: Ignoring or avoiding the issue of immigration reform / Working on passing immigration reform / Opposing or blocking immigration reform

Ignoring or avoiding the issue of immigration reform.....	43
Working on passing immigration reform.....	33
Opposing or blocking immigration reform.....	10
Don't know.....	12
Refused.....	1

9. From what you have heard, during the last year, do you think Republicans in the U.S. Congress were: Ignoring or avoiding the issue of immigration reform / Working on passing immigration reform / Opposing or blocking immigration reform

Ignoring or avoiding the issue of immigration reform.....	33
Working on passing immigration reform.....	16
Opposing or blocking immigration reform.....	41
Don't know.....	8
Refused.....	2

10. Thinking about the current immigration situation in the U.S., who do you trust more to make the right decisions when it comes to immigration policy? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate party options) President Obama and the Democrats, or the Republicans?

Obama and Democrats.....65
 Republicans.....19
 Both (volunteered).....16

11. Alright, thinking about national policy, which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government:

- _Make all illegal immigrants felons and send them back to their home country
- _Have a guest worker program that allows immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work, but only for a limited amount of time, or
- _Allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States and eventually qualify for U.S. citizenship, but only if they meet certain requirements like paying back taxes and fines, learning English, and pass background check

All illegal immigrants felons..... 10
 Guest worker program 14
 Earned citizenship 75
 Don't know 1

12. And if the federal government proposes a new law to provide an eventual pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, please tell me if you support or oppose each component as a requirement

1. To pay any old taxes and complete a background check

Strongly support.....59
 Somewhat support.....25
 Somewhat oppose.....7
 Strongly oppose.....5
 Don't know.....3

2. To have lived continuously in the U.S. for two years

Strongly support.....48
 Somewhat support.....21
 Somewhat oppose.....9
 Strongly oppose.....16
 Don't know.....5

3. To learn English

Strongly support.....69
 Somewhat support.....20
 Somewhat oppose.....3
 Strongly oppose.....7
 Don't know.....2

4. To return back to their country of origin and fill out paperwork for a visa

Strongly support.....27
 Somewhat support.....13
 Somewhat oppose.....19
 Strongly oppose.....34
 Don't know.....6

5. To pay a fine of \$1000

Strongly support.....28
 Somewhat support.....20
 Somewhat oppose.....12
 Strongly oppose.....34
 Don't know.....6

Currently, many states across the country are considering a number of different policies related to immigration. For each policy that I read (rotate policy options), please tell me whether you approve or disapprove, and how strongly.... If necessary, after each answer, "Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve...."

13. A law which would require state and local police to check on immigration status

Strongly approve.....19
 Somewhat approve.....10
 Somewhat disapprove.....12
 Strongly disapprove.....56
 Don't know.....2

14. A law that would state only the federal government can check immigration status, and block state and local police from checking immigration status

Strongly approve.....52
 Somewhat approve.....10
 Somewhat disapprove.....6
 Strongly disapprove.....26
 Don't know.....5

15. Allowing undocumented immigrant children who graduate from high school to qualify for in-state tuition rates if they attend college

Strongly approve.....68
 Somewhat approve.....10
 Somewhat disapprove.....3
 Strongly disapprove.....14
 Don't know.....5

16. Blocking undocumented immigrant children who graduate from high school from attending state colleges or universities

Strongly approve.....23
 Somewhat approve.....6
 Somewhat disapprove.....7
 Strongly disapprove.....62
 Don't know.....2

17. Declaring English the official language

Strongly approve.....47
 Somewhat approve.....14
 Somewhat disapprove.....8
 Strongly disapprove.....26
 Don't know.....4

18. Requiring state and local governments to provide official documents in both English and Spanish if requested.

Strongly approve.....65
 Somewhat approve.....18
 Somewhat disapprove.....4
 Strongly disapprove.....9
 Don't know.....4

19. Preventing anyone who is undocumented from obtaining a state drivers license

Strongly approve.....32
 Somewhat approve.....13
 Somewhat disapprove.....13
 Strongly disapprove.....39
 Don't know.....3

20. Requiring all drivers to be licensed and purchase auto insurance regardless of their immigration status

Strongly approve.....85
 Somewhat approve.....8
 Somewhat disapprove.....1
 Strongly disapprove.....5
 Don't know.....1

21-SPLIT A. During the 2008 election Barack Obama promised to pass immigration reform that provided a pathway to citizenship. In 2009 he said he would pass immigration reform during his first year in office, but immigration reform was never passed. Do you think immigration reform not passing was understandable given all the issues faced by the country; OR President Obama should have prioritized immigration reform and worked harder to get it passed

Understandable given all the issue..... 46
 Obama should have prioritized..... 42
 Both / combination (Don't Read)..... 1
 (Don't know)..... 11

22-SPLIT B. During the 2008 election Barack Obama promised to pass immigration reform that provided a pathway to citizenship. In 2009 he said he would pass immigration reform during his first year in office, but immigration reform was never passed. Do you think immigration reform failed to pass because President Obama did not push hard enough to get it passed; OR because Republicans in the Congress blocked efforts to pass reforms?

Obama did not push hard enough..... 33
 Republicans blocked it..... 50
 Both / combination (Don't Read)..... 8
 (Don't know)..... 8

23. Recently, President Obama hosted 3 meetings on immigration reform with community leaders, outlined a plan for reform, and gave a speech in which he said *It is time for Democrats and Republicans in the Congress to join me in passing immigration reform.* Which comes closer to your view? The president is serious about trying to pass immigration reform in the next two years; OR: the president is just saying what [H/L] want to hear because the election is approaching

President is serious about immigration..... 51
 Just saying what [H/L] want to hear..... 41
 Both / combination (Don't Read)..... 3
 (Don't know)..... 6

24. 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.....53
 No.....42
 Don't know.....3
 Refused.....3

25. Is that a family member or a friend, who is undocumented, or do you know both?

Yes, family.....16
 Yes, friend / other.....37
 No.....42
 Don't know.....3
 Refused.....3

26. When you hear Republicans say that immigration reform must wait until the border is secure, do you think that is a legitimate concern that needs to be addressed; OR they are using that excuse to block action on immigration reform?

Legitimate concern.....30
 Using it to block action.....55
 Combination of both.....2
 Something else.....2
 Don't know.....10

27. Even if the U.S. Congress does not pass immigration reform, there are many things that the President can encourage, as the head of the executive branch of government. Please tell me if you support or oppose each action by the executive branch of government:

1. Stopping the deportation of any undocumented immigrant high school and college age youth who has not committed any crime.

Strongly support.....57
 Somewhat support.....9
 Somewhat oppose.....5
 Strongly oppose.....26
 Don't know.....2

2. Putting increased resources and manpower into workplace raids and deportations

Strongly support.....18
 Somewhat support.....11
 Somewhat oppose.....13
 Strongly oppose.....49
 Don't know.....8

3. Stopping the deportation of any parent who has not committed a crime and has children under the age of 18 living in the U.S.

Strongly support.....49
 Somewhat support.....11
 Somewhat oppose.....10
 Strongly oppose.....29
 Don't know.....1

4. Stopping the deportation of any undocumented immigrant who has not committed a crime, and is married to a U.S. citizen or legal resident

Strongly support.....57
 Somewhat support.....17
 Somewhat oppose.....3
 Strongly oppose.....20
 Don't know.....2

5. Shifting resources away from work place raids, and instead towards securing the border

Strongly support.....29
 Somewhat support.....21
 Somewhat oppose.....19
 Strongly oppose.....21
 Don't know.....8

28. Do you know of any person or family who has faced detention or deportation for immigration reasons?

Yes, know of someone.....25
 No, do not know anyone.....73
 Don't know.....2

29. Some people have said that there seem to be a lot of anti-immigrant, and even anti-[Hispanic/Latino] statements, policies and attitudes surfacing in the last year; while other people have said this is politics as usual and no such anti-immigrant environment exists today. Do you feel as though an anti-immigrant or anti-[H/L] environment exists today, or not?

Yes, anti-immigrant environment definitely exists.....60
 Yes, anti-immigrant environment exists somewhat.....16
 No, no such environment exists.....18
 Don't know.....6

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

Very enthusiastic.....48
 Somewhat enthusiastic.....28
 Not too enthusiastic.....13
 Not at all enthusiastic.....8
 Don't know.....3