

Latino Decisions Everything Latino Politics

COLORADO 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	45
Immigration reform / DREAM Act	44
Education reform / schools	19
Health care	14
Address Wall street / Banking crisis	2
Race relations	3
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	6

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

Strongly approve	50
Somewhat approve	26
Somewhat disapprove	4
Strongly disapprove	16
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	17
Romney – not-certain	2
undecided – lean Romney	1
Obama – certain	69
Obama– not-certain	3
undecided – lean Obama	2
Undecided/don't know	6
Romney Combined	20
Obama Combined	74



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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	64
Undecided but lean Democrat	4
Undecided / Don't know	12
Undecided but lean Republican	4
Will vote Republican	15

5. NO SENATE RACE IN COLORADO

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	24
One of the important issues	35
Somewhat important	27
Not really important	12
Don't know	2

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	54
Less enthusiastic about Obama	9
Have no effect	35
It Depends / Don't know	2
Refused	1

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	9
Less enthusiastic about Romney	64
Have no effect	24
It Depends / Don't know	3
Refused	1



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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	69	
No	28	
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	55
No	43
Don't know	2

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

Very enthusiastic	69
Somewhat enthusiastic	23
Not too enthusiastic	4
Not at all enthusiastic	3
Don't Know	*

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	54
More enthusiastic back in 2008	20
No difference / same level	22
Don't Know	4

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

Republican	15
Democrat	53
Independent	21
Other party	7
Don't know	3
Refused	*

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31. Earlier this year, the Colorado state legislature debated a bill, called the ASSET bill which would have allowed undocumented immigrant youth who graduate from a Colorado High School to attend local colleges and universities, and pay a special tuition rate that would be less than the current non-resident rate, however the bill was defeated.

Do you support or oppose the ASSET bill to allow undocumented immigrant youth to attend college here in Colorado and not have to pay the higher non-resident rates? [Is that strongly or somewhat]

Strongly support	58
Somewhat support	18
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	11
Don't Know	3

A total of 400 Latino registered voters in Colorado were interviewed September 29-October 4, 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.