

VIRGINIA 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	47
Immigration reform / DREAM Act	48
Education reform / schools	19
Health care	13
Address Wall street / Banking crisis	1
Race relations	1
Wars in Afghanistan or Iraq / War on terror	1
International relations / foreign policy	1
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	*
Gas prices / energy prices	1
Housing / mortgages	1
Corruption in government / honesty	1
Global warming / environment	1
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	1
Something else	6
Don't know	9

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

Strongly approve	45
Somewhat approve	28
Somewhat disapprove	6
Strongly disapprove	19
Don't know	2

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	18
Romney – not-certain	3
undecided – lean Romney	1
Obama – certain	59
Obama – not-certain	6
undecided – lean Obama	1
Undecided/don't know	7
Romney Combined	22
Obama Combined	66



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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	58
Undecided but lean Democrat	4
Undecided / Don't know	18
Undecided but lean Republican	2
Will vote Republican	17

9. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate in Virginia was held today and the candidates were [ROTATE: Republican George Allen and Democrat Tim Kaine] who would you most likely vote for?

Allen – certain	19
Allen – not-certain	3
undecided – lean Allen	2
Kaine – certain Kaine – not-certain undecided – lean Kaine	55 7 2
Undecided/don't know	12
Allen Combined Kaine Combined	24 64

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	21
One of the important issues	43
Somewhat important	22
Not really important	11
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	57
Less enthusiastic about Obama	8
Have no effect	32
It Depends / Don't know	3
Refused	1



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12. Recently, Republican candidate Mitt Romney criticized the new Department of Homeland Security policy to provide work permits to undocumented immigrant youth who attend college. He said that, if elected President, he would allow immigrant youth who have received their work permits to keep them, BUT he would not grant any new ones. He said he would work on a permanent solution with Congress, but has not given any details of his plan. 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	13
Less enthusiastic about Romney	43
Have no effect	39
It Depends / Don't know	4
Refused	*

19. Recently Republican candidate for U.S. Senate George Allen has said when it comes to immigration we need to build a fence along the entire US-Mexico border. He opposed President Obama's decision to provide legal work status to undocumented immigrant youth, and he promises to vote against the DREAM Act saying quote "If the government rewards illegal behavior, we will encourage more illegal behavior," Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Allen, less enthusiastic about voting for Allen, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Allen?

More enthusiastic about Allen	8
Less enthusiastic about Allen	49
Have no effect	36
It Depends / Don't know	6
Refused	2

20. Recently Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Tim Kaine has said quote, "America is a nation of immigrants. I value the hard work and talent that so many immigrants bring to our nation. I support the DREAM Act so that students brought to the United States by their parents are not penalized, but instead given a meaningful opportunity to pursue the American dream." Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Kaine, less enthusiastic about voting for Kaine, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Kaine?

More enthusiastic about Kaine	65
Less enthusiastic about Kaine	6
Have no effect	26
It Depends / Don't know	3
Refused	*

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	66
No	30
Don't know	3

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	54
No	44
Don't know	2



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

Very enthusiastic	73
Somewhat enthusiastic	20
Not too enthusiastic	5
Not at all enthusiastic	2
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	68
More enthusiastic back in 2008	17
No difference / same level	13
Don't Know	2

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

Republican	15
Democrat	42
Independent	30
Other party	6
Don't know	4
Refused	2

A total of 400 Latino registered voters in Virginia were interviewed October 4 – 11, 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.