

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	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Almost certain	85	83	82	86	86	85	86	81
Probably	5	4	4	5	4	7	6	4
50 – 50	8	10	9	6	7	6	5	7
Will not vote	2	3	4	3	3	1	2	6

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	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Create more jobs / Fix the Economy	53	58	54	57	62	56	54	53
Immigration reform / DREAM Act	51	42	41	40	37	38	39	40
Education reform / schools	18	19	18	14	13	17	21	19
Health care	17	18	10	12	13	14	13	13
Race relations	4	2	3	2	2	1	1	2
International relations / War in Afgh.	4	3	5	4	4	1	1	1
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3
Gas prices / energy prices	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Housing / mortgages	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	1
Corruption in government / honesty	1	1	1	1	2	*	1	1
Global warming / environment	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	2	1	2	3	4	4	1	3
Something else	8	4	3	3	8	13	6	5
Don't know	5	8	12	11	6	5	8	9

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2. President Barack Obama	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Very favorable	45	45	41	45	50	55	54	45
Somewhat favorable	29	26	31	26	21	23	27	30
Somewhat unfavorable	7	9	8	5	4	1	3	7
Very unfavorable	17	19	18	16	16	15	11	13
No opinion	2	2	4	7	8	5	5	4
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
3. Governor Mitt Romney	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Very favorable	10	13	12	12	13	10	12	12
Somewhat favorable	17	18	15	12	13	15	13	16
Somewhat unfavorable	15	19	18	14	12	13	16	15
Very unfavorable	40	35	33	41	46	45	43	38
No opinion	12	10	13	15	13	10	12	12
Never heard of	5	6	8	5	3	6	5	8
4. Democrats in Congress	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Very favorable	21	21	24	25	30	30	24	21
Somewhat favorable	43	31	29	35	32	31	31	24
Somewhat unfavorable	13	13	13	12	12	11	14	19
Very unfavorable	12	17	15	12	11	11	11	13
No opinion	9	14	16	14	14	12	18	21
Never heard of	2	4	4	2	3	5	3	2
5. Republicans in Congress	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Very favorable	10	14	12	11	11	6	6	8
Somewhat favorable	22	17	14	14	12	16	18	24
Somewhat unfavorable	15	17	20	22	26	25	15	13
Very unfavorable	37	33	36	37	35	35	36	32
No opinion	12	17	15	15	16	15	21	22
Never heard of	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	1

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Democratic and Republican Latino Elected Officials

6L. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa	Wk8
Very favorable	20
Somewhat favorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	5
Very unfavorable	6
No opinion	15
Never heard of	36
Net favorable	+28
6M. New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez	Wk8
Very favorable	9
Somewhat favorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	1
Very unfavorable	4
No opinion	26
Never heard of	41
Net favorable	+23
6K. San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro	Wk8
Very favorable	16
Somewhat favorable	9
Somewhat unfavorable	2
Very unfavorable	4
No opinion	16
Never heard of	53
Net favorable	+19

6N. Illinois Congressman Luis Gutierrez	Wk8
Very favorable	9
Somewhat favorable	13
Somewhat unfavorable	1
Very unfavorable	6
No opinion	16
Never heard of	55
Net favorable	+15
6J. California Congressman Xavier Becerra	Wk8
Very favorable	8
Somewhat favorable	12
Somewhat unfavorable	2
Very unfavorable	3
No opinion	24
Never heard of	51
Net favorable	+15
6G. Florida Congresswoman Ileana Ros Lehtinen	Wk8
Very favorable	10
Somewhat favorable	9
Somewhat unfavorable	1
Very unfavorable	6
No opinion	17
Never heard of	58
Net favorable	+12
6D. Florida Senator Marco Rubio	Wk8
Very favorable	14
Somewhat favorable	17
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	15
No opinion	11
Never heard of	38
Net favorable	+10

6I. Texas Senate Candidate Ted Cruz	Wk8
Very favorable	6
Somewhat favorable	8
Somewhat unfavorable	3
Very unfavorable	4
No opinion	22
Never heard of	57
Net favorable	+7
6E. New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez	Wk8
Very favorable	11
Somewhat favorable	8
Somewhat unfavorable	7
Very unfavorable	6
No opinion	19
Never heard of	50
Net favorable	+6
6F. Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval	Wk8
Very favorable	2
Somewhat favorable	10
Somewhat unfavorable	4
Very unfavorable	6
No opinion	25
Never heard of	54
Net favorable	+2
6H. Puerto Rico Governor Luis Fortuño	Wk8
Very favorable	6
Somewhat favorable	7
Somewhat unfavorable	4
Very unfavorable	9
No opinion	21
Never heard of	53
Net favorable	+0

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]?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Will vote Democrat	55	52	50	57	62	64	64	61
Undecided but likely DEMOCRAT	9	8	8	6	5	5	4	6
Undecided / Don't know	15	13	15	9	11	9	9	10
Undecided but likely REPUBLICAN	6	6	6	8	9	3	3	5
Will vote Republican	15	21	21	17	13	19	15	14
COMBINED DEM	64	60	58	63	67	69	68	67
COMBINED GOP	21	27	27	25	22	22	18	19

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

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Romney – certain	20	23	21	20	19	16	15	15
Romney – not-certain	4	5	7	5	5	4	4	4
undecided – lean Romney	2	2	1	1	*	1	1	4
Obama – certain	55	53	56	62	63	67	67	59
Obama– not-certain	9	9	7	4	5	5	2	7
undecided – lean Obama	1	2	3	2	1	1	3	1
Undecided/don't know	9	7	5	6	6	6	6	10
Romney Combined	26	30	29	26	24	21	20	23
Obama Combined	65	64	66	68	69	73	72	67

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	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
More enthusiastic in 2012	37	35	35	40	44	36	34	40
More enthusiastic in 2008	40	38	38	30	29	30	36	34
No difference / same level	21	25	24	25	23	29	27	24
Don't Know	2	2	3	4	4	3	1	2

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	Wk6	Wk7
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	Wk6	Wk7
Lack of leadership by Obama	--	--	22	20	--	--	15
Lack of leadership by GOP	--	--	13	14	--	--	14
Fighting in Congress	--	--	56	56	--	--	60
All of the above	--	--	4	2	--	--	6
Don't know	--	--	4	7	--	--	5

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	Wk6	Wk7
Obama and Democrats	--	59	--	--	--	72	--
Romney and Republicans	--	30	--	--	--	20	--
Neither (VOL)	--	6	--	--	--	5	--
Both (VOL)	--	*	--	--	--	*	--
Don't know	--	4	--	--	--	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 foreign policy issues in the Middle East, 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.S. relations with Latin America, 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

10E. When it comes to Medicare, the government backed health insurance system for people over 65, some people have said [rotate: we should reduce or cap government spending on Medicare by providing a fixed amount of support for each person to buy their own private insurance // other people have said // the government needs to protect Medicare so health insurance is always there for people over 65, even if it means increasing government spending.

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Reduce or cap government spending	--	--	--	--	--	17	19
Govt protect even if it means raise taxes	--	--	--	--	--	71	75
Don't know	--	--	--	--	--	12	6

10F. Do you support or oppose providing federal tax money to families, called vouchers, that they could use to pay for part of the cost to send their kids to any school, such as other public schools outside their district, or even private schools, but that money would be taken away from the general budget for public schools.

	Wk7
Strongly support	19
Somewhat support	19
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	28
Neither	6
Don't know	12

**10G. 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?**

	Wk8
<b>Obama did not push hard enough to get it passed</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>GOP blocked efforts to pass reforms</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Refused</b>	<b>2</b>

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	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Doing a good job	59	55	49	55	59	64	65	53
Don't care too much	26	27	30	23	23	22	22	28
Being hostile	5	5	6	4	3	4	5	7
Don't know	9	8	11	17	13	8	7	11
Refused	2	5	4	1	2	2	2	3

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	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Doing a good job	14	17	19	19	18	15	16	17
Don't care too much	56	49	47	46	45	48	50	49
Being hostile	21	23	20	19	20	17	17	17
Don't know	7	8	12	16	15	18	16	13
Refused	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	4

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

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Republican	14	14	15	16	15	15	15	14
Democrat	48	50	51	50	51	51	52	52
Independent	26	28	25	26	26	25	17	23
Other party	10	7	4	6	6	6	11	7
Don't know	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	3

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	Wk6	Wk7	Wk8
Very enthusiastic	54	51	49	55	59	58	53	51
Somewhat enthusiastic	31	33	28	23	24	35	34	30
Not too enthusiastic	12	11	13	13	9	4	7	8
Not at all enthusiastic	2	5	8	6	4	2	3	9
Don't Know	*	*	*	2	3	1	2	1

18C. How important are what the candidates say and perform in the presidential debates in how you evaluate each candidate and decide how you will vote? Are the debates [rotated F/B: very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important]?

	Wk8
Very important	51
Somewhat important	25
Not too important	9
Not at all important	10
Don't know	2
Refused	2

**About the Poll**

This is the eighth 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 Oct 5-Oct 11, 2012