

NEW MEXICO 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	30
Health care	18
Education reform / schools	13
Address Wall street / Banking crisis	1
Race relations	3
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	2
Corruption in government / honesty	1
Global warming / environment	1
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	1
Something else	5
Don't know	9

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

Strongly approve	41
Somewhat approve	26
Somewhat disapprove	5
Strongly disapprove	22
Don't know	4

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	21
Romney – not-certain	2
undecided – lean Romney	1
Obama – certain	61
Obama – not-certain	7
undecided – lean Obama	1
Undecided/don't know	7
Romney Combined	24
Obama Combined	69



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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	60
Undecided but lean Democrat	3
Undecided / Don't know	12
Undecided but lean Republican	5
Will vote Republican	20

9. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate in New Mexico was held today and the candidates were [ROTATE: Republican Heather Wilson and Democrat Martin Heinrich] who would you most likely vote for?

undecided – lean Wilson Heinrich – certain Heinrich – not-certain undecided – lean Heinrich Undecided/don't know Wilson Combined January 10	Wilson – certain Wilson – not-certain	25 7
Heinrich – not-certain 5 undecided – lean Heinrich 1 Undecided/don't know 10 Wilson Combined 33		
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Undecided/don't know 10 Wilson Combined 33	Heinrich – not-certain	5
Wilson Combined 33	undecided – lean Heinrich	1
	Undecided/don't know	10
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Heinrich Combined 5/	Heinrich Combined	57

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	28
Somewhat important	27
Not really important	18
Don't know	3

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	46
Less enthusiastic about Obama	7
Have no effect	45
It Depends / Don't know	2
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	8
Less enthusiastic about Romney	46
Have no effect	41
It Depends / Don't know	4
Refused	*

21. Recently Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Heather Wilson has said quote "While I do not support amnesty, and never have, these are real lives at stake — children who were brought to this country through no decision of their own — and we owe it to them to find a long-term solution. Unfortunately, the President's decision is temporary and leaves many questions unanswered. I look forward to working with Senator Marco Rubio in the US Senate in finding a bipartisan, long-term solution to this very important issue." Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Wilson, less enthusiastic about voting for Wilson, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Wilson?

More enthusiastic about Wilson	21
Less enthusiastic about Wilson	25
Have no effect	49
It Depends / Don't know	4

22. Recently Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Martin Heinrich has said - quote"DREAM Act students represent much of what's best about our nation: hard work, motivation, and a willingness to serve this country. The DREAM Act is good for our economy, our security, and our nation. And the DREAM Act is the type of fair, practical immigration policy that Americans are demanding. It's time to make the Dream a reality". Do these statements make you more enthusiastic about voting for Heinrich, less enthusiastic about voting for Heinrich, or would it have no effect on how you feel about Heinrich?

More enthusiastic about Heinrich	47
Less enthusiastic about Heinrich	8
Have no effect	42
It Depends / Don't know	2

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	58
No	37
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	47
No	49
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	64
Somewhat enthusiastic	16
Not too enthusiastic	11
Not at all enthusiastic	6
Don't Know	2

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	59
More enthusiastic back in 2008	23
No difference / same level	18
Don't Know	1

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

Republican	19
Democrat	56
Independent	16
Other party	5
Don't know	4
Refused	*

32. When it comes to the driver's license issue, some people have said [rotate: undocumented immigrants should not be able to apply for a driver's license //other people have said // the law should be reformed so that undocumented immigrant drivers are required to be licensed, but should be subjected to stricter identity and residency requirements as well as tougher penalties for fraud. Which approach comes closer to your views on this issue?

Should not be able to get a license	21
Licensed, but subjected to stricter requirements	70
Don't know	7

33. There is a driver's license reform proposal being considered here in New Mexico that would subject undocumented immigrant drivers to stricter identity and residency requirements, more frequent renewals, and tougher penalties for fraud. Would you support this proposal being implemented by state government.

Strongly Support	37
Somewhat Support	26
Somewhat Oppose	15
Oppose Strongly	12
Don't know	10
Total support	63
Total oppose	27

A total of 400 Latino registered voters in New Mexico were interviewed October 3 – 10, 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.