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1. Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. Thinking ahead to the November 2014 election, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in the election for Congress and other 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?

	<u>Natl</u>
Certain to vote	71
Probably will vote	10
Chances are 50-50	14
Do not think will vote	3
Don't know	2

2. Compared to the 2012 presidential election, would you say you are MORE enthusiastic about voting this year in 2014, or that you were more enthusiastic about voting back in 2012?

	<u>Natl</u>
More enthusiastic in 2014	32
More enthusiastic in 2012	40
No difference / same level	26
Don't Know	2

3. 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]

	<u>Natl</u>
Create more jobs / unemployment / Economy	35
Immigration reform / DREAM Act / Refugees	51
Education reform / schools	16
Health care	13
Wars Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria / War on terror / ISIS	4
International relations / foreign policy / Latin America	2
Housing / mortgages	2
Gas prices / energy prices	2
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	2
Corruption in government / honesty	2
Global warming / environment	1
Race relations	2
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	2
Something else [DO NOT RECORD]	11
Don't know	8

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4. And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or Democratic candidate running for the U.S. House of Representatives?

If don't know – Okay, but if the election were today and you had to choose, would you vote Republican or Democrat for U.S. Congress?

	<u>Natl</u>
Would vote Republican	19
Lean towards Republican	6
Undecided / Don't know	16
Lean towards Democrat	25
Would vote Democrat	34
Total Republican	25
Total Democrat	59

5. Okay, which of the following three statements do you agree with the most: [ROTATE: I'm voting in 2014 because I wanted to support the Democratic candidate; I'm voting in 2014 because I wanted to support the Republican candidate; I'm voting in 2014 because I wanted to support and represent the Latino community]

	<u>Natl</u>
To support the Democrat	28
To support the Republican	16
To support the Latino community	46
Other/Don't know	10

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are currently doing handling immigration policy?

	<u>Natl</u>	Total
Strongly approve	16	
Somewhat approve	21	37
Somewhat disapprove	22	
Strongly disapprove	31	53
Don't know	10	

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are currently doing handling immigration policy?

	<u>Natl</u>	Total
Strongly approve	10	
Somewhat approve	15	24
Somewhat disapprove	18	
Strongly disapprove	49	67
Don't know	9	

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is currently doing handling immigration policy?

	<u>Natl</u>	Total
Strongly approve	18	
Somewhat approve	24	42
Somewhat disapprove	19	
Strongly disapprove	32	51
Don't know	8	

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9. As of August 2014 the federal government had deported 2.1 million immigrants under the presidency of Barack Obama. The number of people deported under Obama is higher than the number deported by any other President. Does this information make you [rotate: more enthusiastic or less enthusiastic] about Obama and what he has accomplished?

	<u>Natl</u>
More enthusiastic about Obama	20
Less enthusiastic about Obama	56
No effect / same level	19
Don't know	5

10. In January of 2014 Republican House Speaker John Boehner said he was ready to move forward on comprehensive immigration reform. Even though the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan immigration reform bill, Republicans in the House never allowed the bill to come up for a vote. Because they are the majority party in the House, Republicans could have brought the comprehensive immigration reform bill up for a vote, but they chose not to and immigration reform never passed.

Does this make you more like or less likely to support the Republican candidate for Congress in the upcoming November 2014 election?

	<u>Natl</u>
Much more likely to vote GOP	13
Somewhat more likely to vote GOP	11
Somewhat less likely to vote GOP	18
Much less likely to vote GOP	40
Have no effect on my vote	12
Don't know	7
Total more likely GOP	24
Total less likely GOP	58

11. Thinking about what both political parties in Washington D.C. have done, or not done, on the immigration issue, how enthusiastic are you about voting for candidates of EITHER major party in the November 2014 election? Are you... [rotate front/back: very enthusiastic about voting, somewhat enthusiastic about voting, not too enthusiastic about voting, not at all enthusiastic about voting this November?]

	<u>Natl</u>
Very enthusiastic	25
Somewhat enthusiastic	36
Not too enthusiastic	24
Not at all enthusiastic	12
Don't know	4
Total enthusiastic	61

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12. 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?

	<u>Natl</u>
The most important issue	25
One of the important issues	41
Somewhat important	24
Not really important	8
Don't know	2
Total important	66

13. In June 2012 President Obama announced the deferred action for childhood arrivals program that provides temporary legal work permits to undocumented immigrant youth, called DREAMers, who attend college or serve in the military. Since 2012, the Republican majority in the House of Representatives have voted four different times to cancel the program, meaning these immigrants would lose their papers, and could be eligible for deportation.

Does this make you more like or less likely to support the Republican candidate for Congress in the upcoming November 2014 election?

	<u>Natl</u>
Much more likely to vote GOP	13
Somewhat more likely to vote GOP	10
Somewhat less likely to vote GOP	16
Much less likely to vote GOP	51
Have no effect on my vote	8
Don't know	3
Total more likely GOP	23
Total less likely GOP	67

14. If the 2016 Presidential election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate for President, or the Republican candidate for President?

	<u>Natl</u>
Would vote Democrat in 2016	55
Would vote Republican in 2016	20
Undecided / Don't know	25

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15. [SPLIT A] Over the past two years the U.S. Congress has been debating comprehensive immigration reform that would provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the United States. Despite initially co-authoring the bill in the Senate, Republican Marco Rubio ended up opposing the immigration bill because he said it did not contain enough border security measures and he could not trust President Obama to implement the law fairly. Rubio said unless we address border security first, he could not support the House of Representatives acting on immigration reform and ultimately Congress did not pass any legislation on immigration.

Thinking about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Republican Marco Rubio for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Rubio in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	17
Somewhat likely	18
Not that likely	14
Not at all likely	45
Don't know	6
Total likely	35
Total unlikely	59

16. [SPLIT B] Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush has supported immigration reform, saying recently – quote “Immigrants create an engine of economic prosperity. We should allow immigrants to pursue their dreams in our country.” Although he had previously supported immigration reform with a path to citizenship, Jeb Bush changed his position in his book in which he said quote “A grant of citizenship is an undeserving reward for conduct that we cannot afford to encourage - those immigrants who violated the laws can remain, but cannot obtain the cherished fruits of citizenship.” End quote. More recently, he reversed himself again saying now he does support comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship.

Thinking again about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Republican Jeb Bush for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Bush in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	15
Somewhat likely	17
Not that likely	19
Not at all likely	43
Don't know	6
Total likely	32
Total unlikely	62

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17. [SPLIT B] As Governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie signed the state DREAM Act into law which allows undocumented immigrant students to attend college and pay in-state tuition. However Christie vetoed a measure that would allow these immigrants to apply for state financial aid. When it comes to national immigration reform, Chris Christie has said the system is broken and needs to be fixed but most recently he said “I have no role in the immigration debate, except for how it may affect the individual citizens of New Jersey. I won’t have anything to say on immigration until I become a candidate for President.” Saying only it is an issue that Congress needs to address.

Thinking again about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Republican Chris Christie for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Christie in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	7
Somewhat likely	26
Not that likely	18
Not at all likely	41
Don't know	7
Total likely	33
Total unlikely	59

18. [SPLIT A] Texas Senator Ted Cruz has said the best approach to immigration reform is to triple the size of the border patrol. He voted against the 2013 bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform and he said, quote - “I have serious concerns about any legislation that would create a pathway to citizenship for those who are here illegally. We should prohibit all federal, state and local benefits for those who are here illegally, and ensure that illegal immigrants are not given a path to citizenship.” He supports giving local police more authority to stop, question and detain anyone they suspect is undocumented and most recently Cruz has said he will try to force a government shutdown to block President Obama from providing relief from deportation to any undocumented immigrants.

Thinking again about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Republican Ted Cruz for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Cruz in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	12
Somewhat likely	12
Not that likely	17
Not at all likely	56
Don't know	3
Total likely	24
Total unlikely	73

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19. [SPLIT B] Kentucky Senator Rand Paul has said he believes we need to fix our broken immigration system, however in 2013 when the U.S. Senate voted on a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bill that included a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, Rand Paul voted no. He said his first priority would be to secure the border and build more fence, not giving out citizenship to illegal immigrants. He said he is worried that non-citizens will try to get on Welfare. He supports letting undocumented immigrants staying in the U.S. to work, but says they should not be able to get citizenship.

Thinking again about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Republican Rand Paul for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Paul in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	8
Somewhat likely	16
Not that likely	21
Not at all likely	50
Don't know	5
Total likely	24
Total unlikely	71

20. [SPLIT A] Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said she is a strong supporter of immigration reform. Clinton has said, quote – “one of our strongest attributes is that we are a nation of immigrants” and as a U.S. Senator, Clinton consistently voted yes on a comprehensive immigration reform bill. She has said that if elected President she would sign a bill into law that provides a pathway to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants.

Thinking again about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Democrat Hillary Clinton for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Clinton in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	49
Somewhat likely	24
Not that likely	6
Not at all likely	18
Don't know	4
Total likely	73
Total unlikely	24

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21. [SPLIT B] Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has said she is a strong supporter of immigration reform, however when she ran for President in 2008 Clinton said, quote “As president I will not support driver’s licenses for undocumented people,” and according to an analysis by the New York Times, quote “Mrs. Clinton’s statement and her vow to focus on border security is closer to Republican language than traditional Democratic language” when it comes to immigration reform. More recently she said she supports the deportation of any Central American children caught crossing the border illegally saying, quote “we have to send a clear message, just because your child gets across the border, that doesn’t mean the child gets to stay.”

Thinking again about the 2016 presidential election, how likely are you to consider voting for Democrat Hillary Clinton for President? Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not at all likely to consider voting for Clinton in 2016?

	<u>Natl</u>
Very likely	24
Somewhat likely	24
Not that likely	18
Not at all likely	30
Don’t know	4
Total likely	48
Total unlikely	48

22. [SPLIT A] Thinking about the Democratic Party, which statement comes closest to your own views:

	<u>Natl</u>
The Democratic Party is truly committed to passing Comprehensive immigration reform and other issues important to Latinos	41
Democrats don’t really care about addressing Latino issues until an election comes around and just want Latino votes, but don’t deliver on policies Latinos care about	42
Neither of these / Something else	11
Don’t know	6

23. [SPLIT B] Thinking about the Democratic Party, which statement comes closest to your own views:

	<u>Natl</u>
The Democratic Party is truly committed to immigrant rights and treats the Latino community like a priority	28
The Democratic Party expects Latinos to vote for them, but is unwilling to take political risks or take a stand on behalf of immigrants	53
Neither of these / Something else	11
Don’t know	7

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

	<u>Natl</u>
Republican	14
Democrat	45
Independent	30
Other party	6
Don't know	4

25. 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.

	<u>Natl</u>
Yes	55
No	40
Don't know	3
Refused	3