Latino Decisions

WEEK 6: Latino Decisions tracking poll of Latino registered voters was conducted from September 17 – 31, 2010 with Latino registered voters in 21 states that comprised 94 of the Latino electorate in 2008. Interviews were conducted by telephone in English and Spanish, at the discretion of the respondent. Data are weighted to known CPS estimates for state, language, and the weighted sample produced 355 surveys for a margin of error of +/- 5.2 percent. New results will be posted on Monday October 11, 2010. More details on our methodology are posted online: http://latinodecisions.wordpress.com/methodology/

Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. Thinking ahead to the November 2010 election, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in the election for U.S. Congress 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?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Almost Certain	71.8	69.5	67.1	65.6	72.6

If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, what general issues would be most important to you in deciding who to vote for? (open ended - may select two)

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Economy	34.7	30.6	32.6	32.5	30.5
Immigration	23.9	27.7	29.5	27.8	24.0
Jobs	21.0	17.1	13.8	14.5	19.2
Healthcare	13.9	14.7	13.5	15.1	18.3
Education	11.7	11.5	9.5	13.5	14.7
Taxes	5.3	3.9	2.6	4.1	3.7

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

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Strongly Approve	28.3	30.9	33.0	31.8	38.0
Somewhat Approve	33.1	35.4	35.5	35.6	32.8
Somewhat Disapprove	12.0	5.7	7.5	12.4	12.6
Strongly Disapprove	23.3	22.1	18.8	15.9	11.9
APPROVE	**61.4**	**66.3**	**68.5**	**67.4**	**70.8**
DISAPPROVE	**35.2**	**27.8**	**26.3**	**28.3**	**24.5**

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Strongly Approve	5.8	6.7	7.2	8.5	9.0
Somewhat Approve	33.0	31.6	34.2	33.4	34.3
Somewhat Disapprove	22.6	21.4	19.9	22.7	21.5
Strongly Disapprove	26.6	29.4	28.7	24.3	23.9
APPROVE	**38.8**	**38.3**	**41.4**	**41.9**	**43.3**
DISAPPROVE	**49.2**	**50.8**	**48.6**	**47.0**	**45.4**

Thinking about the upcoming elections for Congress and Senate in November, do you plan to vote for the [ROTATE: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate]?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Democratic Candidate	55.1	53.6	51.1	53.1	57.6
Republican Candidate	24.8	23.1	21.6	20.4	18.7
Undecided	20.1	23.3	23.7	26.5	23.6

How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing handling immigration reform?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Strongly Approve	13.3	14.9	19.0	16.1	16.9
Somewhat Approve	31.7	29.7	31.1	32.9	32.5
Somewhat Disapprove	22.1	20.0	17.7	21.3	20.6
Strongly Disapprove	25.9	25.3	23.5	21.9	20.4
APPROVE	**45.0**	**44.6**	**50.1**	**49.0**	**49.4**
DISAPPROVE	**48.0**	**45.3**	**41.2**	**43.2**	**41.0**

From what you have heard, during the last year, do you think Democrats in the U.S. Congress were: [Rotate: Ignoring or avoiding the issue of immigration reform / Working on passing immigration reform / Opposing or blocking immigration reform]

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Ignoring/Avoiding	42.5	47.9	45.4	39.9	40.2
Working on Passing	30.5	25.1	25.7	30.8	34.9
Oppose/Blocking	14.3	12.0	15.7	13.8	8.2

From what you have heard, during the last year, do you think Republicans in the U.S. Congress were: [Rotate: Ignoring or avoiding the issue of immigration reform / Working on passing immigration reform / Opposing or blocking immigration reform]

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Ignoring/Avoiding	34.4	36.6	35.0	36.3	36.3
Working on Passing	14.1	14.3	15.6	13.1	9.7
Oppose/Blocking	36.2	36.9	37.1	36.5	40.0

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As part of the Defense spending bill, Democratic Senator Harry Reid introduced an amendment called the DREAM Act, which would allow undocumented immigrant children to eventually become U.S. citizens if they attend college, or serve in the U.S. military. The Senate voted to block consideration of the Defense bill, which included the DREAM Act amendment. Do you think the Senate should have passed the DREAM Act amendment, or was blocking it the right thing to do?

[NEW QUESTION WAVE 6]

Should have passed	71.8
Blocking it was right	16.6
Don't know	11.6

Thinking back over the past year and a half since Obama became president, do you consider yourself more excited about the <u>Democratic Party</u> and what they are doing, or less excited about the Democrats?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
More excited	31.5	32.8	33.9	36.0	38.2
Same	9.8	12.1	10.0	7.8	11.3
Less excited	48.1	53.1	48.7	48.5	43.5

Thinking back over the past year and a half since Obama became president, do you consider yourself more excited about the <u>Republican Party</u> and what they are doing, or less excited about the Republicans?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
More excited	19.4	18.8	17.0	16.3	17.4
Same	9.3	5.1	5.8	5.8	8.1
Less excited	63.2	64.6	66.5	71.3	67.9

There are many possible causes for our economic troubles these last years. Thinking about the last two administrations, which would you say is _most_ responsible for the economy these last few years. Would you say the economic policies of [ROTATE: President George W. Bush or President Barack Obama] are more responsible?"

[NEW QUESTION WAVE 6]

Obama is to blame………….11.6
Bush is to blame……………77.2
Both are to blame……..……..2.5
Neither--someone else..……..3.5
Don't know/Refuse………….5.2

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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 the Republicans?

[NEW QUESTION WAVE 6]

Obama and Democrats………….63.3
Republicans……………..……...17.0
 Both (volunteered)………………1.3
 Neither (volunteered)……………8.2
 Don't know………..………….7.7
 Refused…………………………2.4

How enthusiastic are you about voting in the November 2010 elections?

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4
Very enthusiastic	40.7	42.4	46.1	40.3	41.3
Somewhat enthusiastic	35.4	30.9	32.4	38.3	35.9
Not too enthusiastic	15.6	14.6	12.4	12.0	10.4
Not at all	6.7	6.2	5.4	6.7	8.2