

America's Voice/Latino Decisions Congressional Battleground Poll - July 2013

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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]

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Create more jobs / Fix the economy	27	20	24
Immigration reform	60	57	59
Education reform / schools	13	14	14
Health care	7	9	8
War in Afghanistan / Foreign policy	1	1	1
Gun violence / gun control / public safety	3	1	2
Housing / mortgages	*	1	1
Global warming / environment	1	*	1
Address Taxes / Cut taxes / Budget deficit	2	3	3
Race relations / discrimination against Latinos	4	8	6
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	2	1	2
Something else [DO NOT RECORD]	10	10	10
Don't know	5	9	7

Now I'd like to ask you about some people who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each, please tell me whether you have heard of the person, and if your impression is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you have no opinion, or have never heard of the person, just let me know. How about [READ NAME.] Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

	very fav	some fav	some unfav	very unfav	no opin	never heard	Total Favor	Total Unfavor
RANDOMIZE LIST [randomize 2-4]								
2. _ President Barack Obama - Midterm	43	27	7	21	2	0	71	27
2. _ President Barack Obama - Surge	43	24	14	16	4	1	66	29
2. _ President Barack Obama - Total	43	26	11	19	3	1	69	28
3. _ Democrats in the Congress - Midterm	24	38	15	14	7	2	61	30
3. _ Democrats in the Congress - Surge	26	37	12	10	13	2	63	22
3. _ Democrats in the Congress - Total	25	38	14	12	10	2	62	26
4. _ Republicans in the Congress - Midterm	8	15	24	44	8	1	23	68
4. _ Republicans in the Congress - Surge	7	17	27	34	14	2	24	61
4. _ Republicans in the Congress - Total	8	16	26	39	11	2	24	65

5. Have you heard or read anything, in the news or elsewhere, about the immigration reforms Congress is considering?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Yes	86	74	80
No	13	25	19
Don't Know	*	1	1

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6. With all the different issues the new Congress and President must address, how important do you think it is for them to address immigration reform this year? Do you think it is [rotate F/B: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important]?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Extremely important	43	36	40
Very important	31	39	35
Somewhat important	16	17	17
Not too important	4	4	4
Don't know	4	3	4
Refuse	2	1	2

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

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Strongly approve	22	22	22
Somewhat approve	27	29	28
Somewhat disapprove	18	17	18
Strongly disapprove	24	18	21
Don't know	8	15	12
Total Approve	50	50	50
Total Disapprove	42	35	39

8. Recently Democrats in the House of Representatives said the House should pass an immigration reform bill only if it includes a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are currently doing handling immigration policy?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Strongly approve	33	32	33
Somewhat approve	32	34	33
Somewhat disapprove	11	12	12
Strongly disapprove	19	13	16
Don't know	6	9	8
Total Approve	65	66	66
Total Disapprove	30	25	28

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

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Strongly approve	7	6	7
Somewhat approve	13	18	16
Somewhat disapprove	18	24	21
Strongly disapprove	52	34	43
Don't know	11	18	15
Total Approve	20	24	22
Total Disapprove	70	58	64

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10. Recently Republicans in the House of Representatives said they plan to pass several immigration-related laws dealing with border security, employer verification, and high-technology jobs, but they are not sure if they will pass any laws dealing with the citizenship status of undocumented immigrants already living in the United States today. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are currently doing handling immigration policy?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Strongly approve	13	8	11
Somewhat approve	15	21	18
Somewhat disapprove	18	20	19
Strongly disapprove	50	40	45
Don't know	4	10	7
Total Approve	28	29	29
Total Disapprove	68	60	64

Congress is considering different ideas to include in the immigration reform bill. I am going to read you a short summary of the immigration bill, and tell me if you support or oppose it.

11. One plan would increase border security and enforcement of our existing immigration laws, require employers to verify that all employees have legal status, and provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, as long as they pass a background check, study English, and pay a fine. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this immigration plan?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Strongly support	38	36	37
Somewhat support	40	40	40
Somewhat oppose	12	13	13
Strongly oppose	9	9	9
Don't know	1	2	2
Total Support	78	76	77
Total Oppose	21	22	22

12. Now thinking about the elections for U.S. Congress in November of 2014, do you think you will 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 for Congress?"

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Will vote Democrat	52	58	55
Undecided by likely to support DEMOCRAT	5	6	6
Undecided/Don't know	23	18	21
Undecided by likely to support Republican	3	4	4
Will vote Republican	16	14	15
Refused	1	*	1
Total Democrat	58	64	61
Total Republican	19	18	19

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13. [SPLIT A] Would you be more or less likely to vote for the Republican congressional candidate in your district in the next election if Republicans take a leadership role in passing comprehensive immigration reform including a pathway to citizenship in the U.S. House, or would it have no impact on your vote?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
More likely to support	39	36	38
Less likely to support	13	14	14
Don't care what they say	37	42	40
It Depends/Don't know	11	8	10

14. [SPLIT B] Would you be more or less likely to vote for a Democratic congressional candidate in your district in the next election if Democrats take a leadership role in passing comprehensive immigration reform including a pathway to citizenship in the U.S. House, or would it have no impact on your vote?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
More likely to support	61	52	57
Less likely to support	8	6	7
Don't care what they say	27	35	31
It Depends/Don't know	4	6	5

Recently, PARTY NAME STATE, said [INSERT QUOTE]. Does this make you [front/back: much more favorable towards the Republican Party, somewhat more, somewhat less, or much less]? RANDOMIZE

15. **Republican Congressman Paul Ryan from Wisconsin** said: "We need to offer people a path to earned legalization and a chance to earn citizenship. We should welcome anyone who is willing to take that pledge and who shares that commitment to our country, but we must also ensure fairness to those who have followed the law."

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	31	30	31
Somewhat more favorable	40	46	43
Somewhat less favorable	9	10	10
Much less favorable	9	7	8
Have no effect (VOL)	9	4	7
Don't know	2	3	3
Total Favorable	71	76	74
Total Unfavorable	18	17	18

16. **Republican Spencer Bachus from Alabama** said: "I support a pathway to citizenship because I don't believe we should have a second class of citizens. Everyone living in the United States should feel invested in the country. I don't believe America is about creating an underclass."

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	26	28	27
Somewhat more favorable	40	35	38
Somewhat less favorable	13	16	15
Much less favorable	10	11	11
Have no effect (VOL)	7	6	7
Don't know	3	3	3
Total Favorable	66	63	65
Total Unfavorable	23	28	26

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17. **Republican Congressman Lou Barletta from Pennsylvania** said “Anyone who believes we’re going to win over the Latino vote is grossly mistaken. The majority that are here illegally are low-skilled or may not even have a high school diploma. The Republican Party is not going to compete over who can give more social programs out. We should not be talking about any kind of pathway to citizenship, we should only be talking about securing our borders.”

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	9	6	8
Somewhat more favorable	6	9	8
Somewhat less favorable	18	19	19
Much less favorable	57	62	60
Have no effect (VOL)	8	3	6
Don't know	2	1	2
Total Favorable	15	15	15
Total Unfavorable	76	81	79

18. **Republican Congressman Paul Broun from Georgia** said: “Some Republicans are getting soft on the issue. These illegal aliens are criminals and we need to treat them as such I’m not in favor of giving amnesty to anybody who has broken the law. We must stop the immigration bill from becoming law.”

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	10	10	10
Somewhat more favorable	11	11	11
Somewhat less favorable	13	24	19
Much less favorable	61	51	56
Have no effect (VOL)	3	3	3
Don't know	1	2	2
Total Favorable	21	20	21
Total Unfavorable	75	75	75

19. **Republican Congressman Louie Gohmert from Texas** said Mexican immigrants are mixing with Al Qaeda terrorists. He said quote “We know Al Qaeda has camps on the Mexican border. They have people who are trained to act Hispanic when they are radical Islamists, and you will draw people who want to destroy you. We must stop the immigration bill from becoming law.”

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	12	8	10
Somewhat more favorable	6	9	8
Somewhat less favorable	15	19	17
Much less favorable	55	51	53
Have no effect (VOL)	6	5	6
Don't know	6	8	7
Total Favorable	19	17	18
Total Unfavorable	70	70	70

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20. **Republican Congressman Steve King from Iowa** said “Congress does not have an obligation to resolve the issue of the 11 million people who are here illegally. They came here on their own. They came here to live in the shadows. There’s no moral calling for us to solve the problem they created for themselves. They can easily solve it by just returning to the country where they came from.”

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	9	3	6
Somewhat more favorable	7	9	8
Somewhat less favorable	11	15	13
Much less favorable	67	63	65
Have no effect (VOL)	3	7	5
Don't know	2	3	3
Total Favorable	16	12	14
Total Unfavorable	78	78	78

21. Even though a majority of members in the U.S. House of Representatives support the comprehensive immigration bill, the Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner has said he will not allow the House to vote on the bill unless a majority of Republicans members support it. Do you think Boehner should let the members of Congress have a simple yes/no vote on the immigration bill now, or, should he put the vote on hold until a majority of the Republican members agree to support the bill?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Should allow simple yes/no vote now	60	59	60
Should put the bill on hold	32	31	32
Don't know	8	10	9

22. Even though a majority of members in the House of Representatives support the comprehensive immigration bill, Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner has said he will not allow the House to vote on the bill unless a majority of Republicans members support it. If Republican John Boehner, who is in charge of the Congress, does NOT allow the immigration bill to move forward and have a vote, will you feel more favorable to Republicans in Congress or less favorable to Republicans in Congress?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	9	6	8
Somewhat more favorable	5	5	5
Somewhat less favorable	14	27	21
Much less favorable	57	53	55
Have no effect (VOL)	7	6	7
Don't know	7	4	6
Total Favorable	14	11	13
Total Unfavorable	71	79	75

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23: Even though a majority of the Republican members in the House of Representatives oppose the comprehensive immigration bill, the Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner could allow the bill to move forward if a majority, made up of both Democrats and Republicans, agree. If Republican John Boehner, who is in charge of the Congress, allows the immigration bill to move forward for a bipartisan vote, will you feel more favorable to Republicans in Congress or less favorable to Republicans in Congress?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable	24	23	24
Somewhat more favorable	38	33	36
Somewhat less favorable	10	15	13
Much less favorable	17	12	15
Have no effect (VOL)	6	12	9
Don't know	5	5	5
Total Favorable	62	56	59
Total Unfavorable	27	27	27

24. Thinking back over all the times you have voted, have you ever voted for a Republican in any local, state, or national election?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Yes	62	52	57
No	36	44	40
Don't recall	2	3	3

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.

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Yes	65	66	66
No	33	34	34
Don't recall	3	1	2

26. [IF Q25=1] Is that a family member or a friend, who is undocumented, or do you know both?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Yes, family	3	3	3
Yes, friend/other	49	50	50
No	2	*	2
Both	46	44	45
Don't know	1	1	1

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27. Some people we talk to say they don't agree with the Republican Party on a variety of issues such as health care, taxes, the environment and gun control and even if Republicans in Congress supported immigration reform with a path to citizenship, it would not change their support for Republican candidates.

Other people say that while they disagree on some issues, if Republicans in Congress support immigration reform with a path to citizenship they would be more likely to support Republicans running for office in their district. What about you?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Immigration reform doesn't matter, I would still oppose Republicans	32	31	32
If they support immigration reform, I'd be more favorable towards GOP	50	48	49
I already support Republicans (DO NOT READ, VOL ONLY)	4	6	5
It Depends/Don't know	14	14	14

I am going to read some of the policies Republicans in Congress have proposed adding to the immigration reform bill. For each one, tell me if it would make you more or less likely to support the Republican congressional candidate in your district.

28. Only providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as youth, and now attend college or serve in the military, the so called DREAMers, but it would not provide a path to citizenship for anyone else. The other 9 million undocumented immigrants would remain undocumented without legal status. Does this proposal make you:

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more likely to support Republicans	8	7	8
Somewhat more likely to support GOP	20	18	19
Somewhat less likely to support GOP	26	24	25
Much less likely to support Republicans	39	44	42
No effect	3	4	4
Don't know	4	2	3
Total more likely support	28	26	27
Total less likely support	65	68	67

29. Before undocumented immigrants can become eligible for any sort of legal status, the Department of Homeland Security must first prove that they have stopped and arrested at least 90% of new immigrants entering the country illegally. If this border enforcement goal is not met, immigrants would never be able to apply for any sort of legal status. Does this proposal make you:

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more likely to support Republicans	10	6	8
Somewhat more likely to support GOP	10	11	11
Somewhat less likely to support GOP	20	24	22
Much less likely to support Republicans	51	54	53
No effect	1	2	2
Don't know	7	3	5
Total more likely support	20	16	18
Total less likely support	71	78	75

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30. If Republicans in Congress block the bill and President Obama takes executive action to provide legal status for undocumented immigrants how that make you feel about Republicans in Congress? Would you feel less favorable or more favorable towards Republicans than you do now? Is that much more, or somewhat...

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable to Republicans	14	11	13
Somewhat more favorable to GOP	12	19	16
Somewhat less favorable to Republicans	19	19	19
Much less favorable to Republicans	45	42	44
Have no effect	5	7	6
Don't know	4	2	3
Total more favorable	26	29	28
Total less favorable	65	62	64

31. If Republicans in Congress block the bill and President Obama takes executive action to provide legal status for undocumented immigrants how that make you feel about Obama and the Democrats? Would you feel less favorable or more favorable towards Obama than you do now?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Much more favorable towards Obama/Dems	50	47	49
Somewhat more favorable towards Obama/Dems	17	19	18
Somewhat less favorable towards Obama/Dems	5	9	7
Much less favorable towards Obama/Dems	18	16	17
Have no effect	5	6	6
Don't know	5	4	5
Total more favorable	67	66	67
Total less favorable	23	24	24

32. Republicans in the House of Representatives have said providing undocumented immigrants with a pathway to citizenship must wait until after the border is secure, [ROTATE: do you think that is a legitimate concern which must be first addressed, OR they are using border security as an excuse to try and block a pathway to citizenship?]

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Legitimate concern	29	25	27
Using to block action	64	68	66
Combination of both	3	2	3
Something else	*	1	1
Don't know	3	4	4

33. Some Republicans in the House of Representatives want an immigration bill that includes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Other Republicans in the House of Representatives want to create a legal status that allows undocumented immigrants to work and pay taxes, but bans them from becoming American citizens and voting. When it comes to legal status and immigration reform, which do you prefer: a pathway to citizenship, or legal status without the possibility for citizenship?

	Midterm	Surge	Total
Pathway to citizenship	79	74	77
Legal status without citizenship	12	19	16
Neither (VOL)	3	3	3
Something else	1	1	1
Don't know	5	1	3

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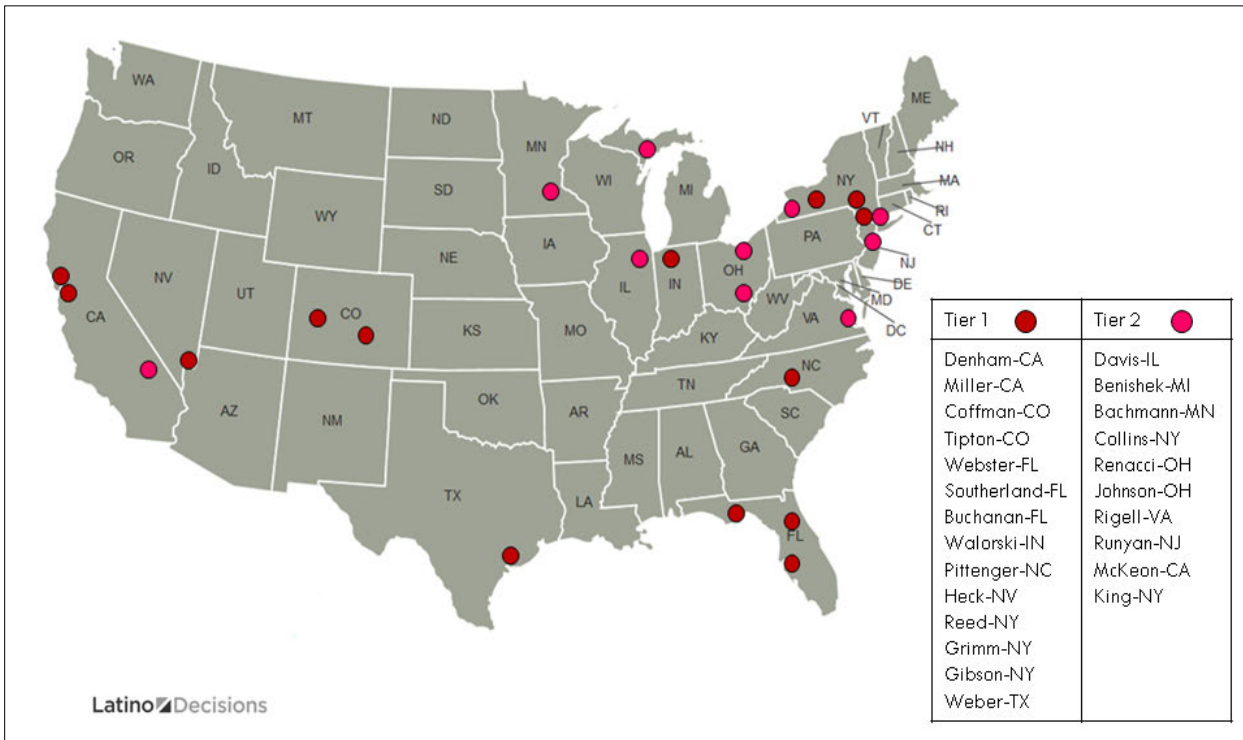
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Methodology

Latino Decisions interviewed a total of 800 Latino voters, sampled proportionately across 24 Congressional districts listed in our Tier 1 and Tier 2 competitive U.S. House districts, all held by Republican incumbent House members. The districts are mapped below, and detailed on page 11.

The sample was divided evenly with 400 Latinos who voted in the 2010 Midterm elections, and 400 Latinos who did not vote in the Midterm, but did vote in the 2012 Presidential, which we identify as "Presidential Surge" voters.

All respondents were interviewed by live callers, to landline and cellphone-only households, and were given the opportunity to complete the survey in English or Spanish at their discretion. The survey was fielded between July 23-20, 2013 and contains a margin of error of +/- of 4.9% on each sample of 400 voters, and +/- 3.5% for the overall survey 800 voters.



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Latino Influence House Seats Held by Republicans (24 seats)

Tier	Current Representative	State	District	2012 Margin Congressional	2012 Margin Obama -Romney	White VAP	Latino VAP
1	Denham	CA	10	5.4	3.6	51.8	34.9
1	Miller	CA	31	10	16.6	34.4	44.4
2	McKeon	CA	25	9.6	-1.9	50.3	31.5
1	Coffman	CO	6	2.0	5.1	67.3	16.7
1	Tipton	CO	3	12	-6	75.6	20.6
1	Webster	FL	10	3.4	-7.7	69.9	14.2
1	Southerland	FL	2	5.4	-5.8	68.5	4.8
1	Buchanan	FL	16	7.2	-9.3	83.5	8.8
2	Davis	IL	13	0.3	-0.3	83.4	2.6
1	Walorski	IN	2	1.4	-14	85.2	6.3
2	Benishek	MI	1	0.5	-8.3	93.2	1.1
2	Bachmann	MN	6	1.2	-15	93.0	1.8
1	Pittenger	NC	9	6.1	-13.4	76.6	6.6
2	Runyan	NJ	3	8.8	4.6	80.0	5.6
1	Heck	NV	3	7.5	0.8	64.4	13.5
1	Reed	NY	23	3.8	-1.2	91.1	2.6
1	Grimm	NY	11	5.4	4.3	66.9	13.9
1	Gibson	NY	19	5.8	6.2	87.9	5.4
2	Collins	NY	27	1.6	-12.4	93.5	1.8
2	King	NY	2	17	4.4	68.8	18.6
2	Renacci	OH	16	4.0	-8.2	94.0	1.5
2	Johnson	OH	6	6.6	-12.5	95.7	0.7
1	Weber	TX	14	8.9	-19.8	56.9	19.2
2	Rigell	VA	2	7.6	1.5	66.5	5.7