

**Latino Decisions / America's Voice June 2012 5-State Latino Battleground Survey**

1. On the whole, what are the most important issues facing the Hispanic community that you think Congress and the President should address?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Jobs	23	23	31	21	26	23
Economy	31	26	19	35	31	31
Immigration	44	55	39	39	52	55
Health Care	11	11	17	8	10	13
Education	10	10	12	10	5	9
Race relations	3	4	4	3	2	2
Foreign policy	2	2	3	2	1	3

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

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Strongly approve	39	39	38	38	44	35
Somewhat approve	28	33	35	24	24	27
Somewhat disapprove	10	10	9	10	10	10
Strongly disapprove	20	15	15	24	17	23
Don't know	3	3	3	4	5	5

3. And how about on the handling of immigration policy. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is currently doing on immigration?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Strongly approve	30	29	23	32	32	21
Somewhat approve	25	30	26	22	23	28
Somewhat disapprove	12	12	15	11	13	15
Strongly disapprove	23	21	21	23	22	26
Don't know	10	8	15	12	10	10

4. 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?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Romney - certain	22	14	16	29	17	22
Romney - lean	3	2	4	5	2	3
Undecided - lean Romney	2	2	2	3	1	3
Obama - certain	56	61	61	49	61	52
Obama - lean	6	10	7	3	5	5
Undecided - lean Obama	1	3	2	1	3	2
Undecided	10	8	8	10	11	13

#### 4. Presidential vote choice collapsed

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Romney - combined	27	18	22	37	20	28
Undecided	10	8	8	10	11	13
Obama - combined	63	74	70	53	69	59

5. 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?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Democrat - certain	51	62	59	43	58	54
Democrat - lean	5	4	6	5	4	5
Undecided	19	18	16	21	15	17
Republican - certain	20	12	15	25	20	20
Republican - lean	5	4	4	6	3	4

#### 5. House vote collapsed

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Democrat - combined	56	66	65	48	62	59
Undecided	19	18	16	21	15	17
Republican - combined	25	16	19	31	23	24

6. If the 2012 election for U.S. Senate in your state was held today and the candidates were [insert state candidate names], who would most likely vote for?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Republican - certain	20	11	na	24	24	25
Republican - lean	5	6	na	4	5	4
Undecided - lean GOP	3	2	na	4	1	3
Democrat - certain	44	51	na	40	46	45
Democrat - lean	7	7	na	7	5	7
Undecided - lean Dem	4	6	na	3	2	1
Undecided	17	17	na	18	17	15

#### 6. Senate vote collapsed

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Republican - combined	28	19	0	32	30	32
Undecided	17	17	0	18	17	15
Democrat - combined	55	64	0	50	53	53

7. Marco Rubio, a Cuban American Republican Senator from Florida, has been rumored to be on the list of likely nominees for Vice-President. If Mitt Romney selects Senator Rubio as his Vice-Presidential candidate, what effect would it have on your likelihood of voting Republican in the November 2012 presidential election? Would it would make you [front to back: much more likely to vote Republican for President, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote Republican for President] or have no effect on your vote?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Much more likely GOP	19	10	7	25	7	14
Somewhat more likely	7	7	8	6	11	6
Somewhat less likely	5	6	4	4	5	5
Much less likely GOP	13	12	11	13	13	9
Have no effect	52	58	64	47	56	61

8. There are a lot of different views on the best way to help the economy grow. As a general approach, do you think it is better for the government to lower people's taxes, or that the government should invest resources in federal projects to stimulate the economy?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Lower taxes	33	27	38	36	33	33
Government should invest	52	59	49	49	55	51
Something else	8	9	5	5	6	10
Don't know	6	5	8	8	6	5

9. Alright, which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward undocumented immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government: \_Send all undocumented immigrants back to their home countries; \_Have a guest worker program that provides immigrants with temporary status to work, but would not put them on a path towards citizenship; \_Allow undocumented immigrants to remain in the United States and eventually qualify for U.S. citizenship, but only if they meet certain

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Deport	14	16	18	13	13	14
Guest worker program	18	19	16	19	13	21
Earned citizenship	62	61	61	63	70	59
Don't know	4	3	3	5	2	4

10. As of February 2012 the federal government had deported 1.2 million immigrants under the presidency of Barack Obama. The number of people deported under Obama is 50 percent higher than the number deported under President Bush. Does this information make you [rotate: more enthusiastic or less enthusiastic] about Obama and what he has accomplished?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
More enthusiastic	21	25	23	19	19	13
Less enthusiastic	38	37	33	38	40	45
No effect / same level	34	30	35	35	36	34
Overall net effect	-17	-12	-10	-19	-21	-32

11. [SPLIT A] Let's say one of the candidates had a plan to improve the economy that you supported, and on the immigration issue the candidate said, quote – **illegal immigrants are a threat to America who have committed a crime, we can never support amnesty for illegals** – end quote. Would that statement make you more likely to support the candidate, less likely to support the candidate, or would you not care what they said about immigration if you agreed with their plan for the economy?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
More likely to support	17	12	17	21	16	16
Less likely to support	49	59	41	43	50	55
Don't care what they say	21	20	28	20	25	19
Don't know	12	9	12	15	9	8

12. [SPLIT B] Let's say one of the candidates had a plan to improve the economy that you supported, and on the immigration issue the candidate said, quote – **America is a nation of immigrants, we need to treat immigrants with respect and dignity and help them become part of America instead of attacking them** – end quote. Would that statement make you more likely to support the candidate, less likely to support the candidate, or would you not care what they said about immigration if you agreed with their plan for the economy?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
More likely to support	67	65	56	71	63	58
Less likely to support	3	2	5	3	10	6
Don't care what they say	18	21	25	16	20	25
Don't know	10	12	13	10	4	9

13. Recently 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?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
More enthusiastic	54	62	51	50	60	56
Less enthusiastic	11	11	11	10	9	15
No effect / same level	33	26	35	38	29	28
Overall net effect	+43	+51	+40	+40	+51	+41

15. Previously, Republican candidate Mitt Romney has said we need to prevent illegal immigrants from being able to work in America, and that any undocumented immigrants should self-deport back home to their original countries. He has called the immigration laws in Arizona, a model for the nation. Do these statements make you [rotate: more enthusiastic about voting for Romney, less enthusiastic about voting for Romney] or would it have no effect on how you feel about Romney?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
More enthusiastic	8	7	9	8	7	10
Less enthusiastic	59	63	55	57	63	60
No effect / same level	29	27	32	29	28	28
Overall net effect	-51	-56	-46	-49	-56	-50

16. Would you say the Democratic Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanics that they don't care too much about Hispanics, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanics?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Doing good job	50	49	48	51	55	44
Don't care too much	30	30	28	30	26	33
Being hostile	6	7	12	4	8	7
Don't know	13	13	10	13	10	14

17. Would you say the Republican Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanics that they don't care too much about Hispanics, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanics?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Doing good job	15	11	16	18	14	16
Don't care too much	42	43	40	41	45	35
Being hostile	31	35	30	29	28	34
Don't know	11	10	12	11	11	13

18. (SPLIT A) Thinking ahead to the November 2012 presidential election, how enthusiastic are you about voting in the election next year?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Very enthusiastic	60	53	60	63	61	64
Somewhat enthusiastic	23	25	28	22	25	20
Not too enthusiastic	10	14	8	8	12	11
Not at all enthusiastic	5	6	3	5	2	5

19. (SPLIT B) How about as compared to the 2008 presidential election? Would you say you are MORE enthusiastic

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
More enthusiastic in 2012	48	46	44	50	43	44
More enthusiastic in 2008	29	29	30	28	36	37
No difference / same	22	24	26	21	20	18

20. Some legal experts predict that the Supreme Court will uphold the Arizona immigration law that allows police to stop, question, and detain anyone they suspect is in the United States illegally. If the Supreme Court upholds this law, it would allow other states to implement similar immigration laws. If the Court does uphold the Arizona immigration law do you think [rotate: this will contribute to an anti-immigrant, anti-Hispanic environment in America, OR this is just politics as usual and it won't have much effect]

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Anti-immigrant environment	60	65	56	58	65	58
Politics as usual	28	24	33	30	24	27
Other	5	5	4	5	5	7
Don't know	6	4	6	6	5	5

21. 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>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Yes - total who know	55	68	60	45	74	60
-- A family member	11	14	17	7	18	11
-- A friend or co-worker	44	54	43	38	56	49
No	42	30	36	51	22	35

22. Do you know of any person or family who has faced detention or deportation for immigration reasons?

	<u>5 states combined</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>NV</u>	<u>VA</u>
Yes	30	37	35	24	41	33
No	69	61	64	75	58	65

#### **About the Poll:**

Latino Decisions interviewed 2,000 Latino registered voters between June 12-21, 2012 using live telephone callers, sampled across five states, with 400 each in AZ, CO, FL, NV, VA. A mix of landline and cell phone-only households were called, and up to 5 attempts were made per number. Latino respondents had the opportunity to complete the survey in either English or Spanish, using fully bilingual callers, and overall 38% of Latinos chose to complete the survey in Spanish. Data are weighted to the state proportion of the Latino population across the five states for a combined battleground sample as well as weighted accurately within each state. Overall, the entire sample has a margin of error of +/- 2.2% and each state sample has a margin of error of +/- 4.9%. For more, please visit: [www.latinodecisions.com](http://www.latinodecisions.com)