



Latino Decisions
California Latino Voter Survey – November 2019

S1. Persons of Latin American descent living in the United States use different terms to describe themselves and their community. Do you usually describe yourself as:

Hispanic.....	64
Latina.....	13
Latino	12
Latinx.....	1
Chicana or Chicano	5
Any of these are acceptable	3
Something else (SPECIFY).....	2

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are headed in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

Right direction.....	30
Wrong track	69
Don't know.....	1

2. How about here in the state of California, would you say things in California are headed in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

Right direction.....	51
Wrong track	47
Don't know.....	2

3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? [Follow up]: Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

Strongly approve.....	13
Somewhat approve.....	15
Somewhat disapprove	16
Strongly disapprove	56
Total approve	27
Total disapprove	73

I'm going to read you the names of several people. After I read each one, please tell me if you have a very favorable view, somewhat favorable view, somewhat unfavorable view, or very unfavorable view of them. If you haven't heard of them or are unfamiliar with them, just tell me that.

	Very Fav	Some Fav	Some Unfav	Very Unfav	No opin/ Nvr heard	Total Fav	Total Unfav	Net
4. Donald Trump	10	10	11	65	4	20	77	-57
5. Gavin Newsom	17	29	15	14	25	46	29	+17
6. Bernie Sanders	36	28	10	10	16	65	19	+46
7. Elizabeth Warren	19	27	9	10	34	46	20	+26
8. Kamala Harris	21	32	11	13	23	53	25	+28
9. Joe Biden	24	32	14	14	16	56	28	+28
10. Cory Booker	9	24	12	8	48	33	20	+13
11. Pete Buttigieg	10	20	12	8	49	30	20	+10
12. Julián Castro	25	27	7	7	32	52	14	+38
13. Tom Steyer	10	21	12	7	50	31	18	+13
14. Andrew Yang	12	28	12	6	42	40	17	+23
15. Amy Klobuchar	8	18	12	7	56	26	19	+7

16. On the whole, what are the most important issues facing your community that you think Congress and the President should address? [RESPONDENT MAY SELECT TWO]

Lowering the costs of health care.....	22
Creating more affordable housing.....	20
Improving wages and incomes	18
Protecting immigrant rights.....	16
Stopping racism against immigrants and Latinos	16
Combating climate change and pollution.....	14
Lowering taxes	14
Addressing mass shootings and gun safety laws	13
Creating more jobs.....	13
Improving K-12 education.....	8
Border security to control immigration	7
Lowering the cost of college	6
Protecting women’s reproductive health	5
Decrease government spending	5
Foreign policy and international relations.....	4
Combating terrorism and ISIS	3
Criminal justice and police reform.....	2
Reducing crime.....	9

17. Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. Thinking about the presidential primary election in California on March 3, 2020, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in th election?

100% certain to vote.....	74
Probably will vote	15
50-50 chance.....	9
Probably will NOT vote	2
Definitely will not vote.....	1

18. Now thinking ahead to the November 2020 election for President of the United States, do you plan to vote for [ROTATE] {the Republican Donald Trump }or for {the Democratic candidate for President}?

IF UNDECDIED: "Even though you are undecided, are you leaning more towards supporting Trump, the Republican, or for the Democratic candidate?"

Will vote for Donald Trump.....	11
Undecided – leaning to Trump.....	6
Will vote for the Democrat	60
Undecided – leaning to Democrat	8
Undecided – don't know how I will vote.....	10
Will vote for an Independent candidate	5
Total Trump	17
Total Democrat	68

19. Okay, which of the following three statements do you agree with most:

I am voting in 2020 because I want to support the Democratic candidate	46
I am voting in 2020 because I want to support the Republican candidate.....	14
I am voting in 2020 because I want to support the Latino community.....	40

20. **A.** Okay, and what if the candidates for President are [ROTATE] {the Republican Donald Trump} or {the Democrat Joe Biden}?

Will vote for Donald Trump.....	16
Undecided – leaning to Trump.....	8
Will vote for the Joe Biden	54
Undecided – leaning to Biden	22
Undecided – don’t know how I will vote.....*	
Total Trump	23
Total Biden	77

21. **B.** Okay, and what if the candidates for President are [ROTATE] {the Republican Donald Trump} or {the Democrat Bernie Sanders}?

Will vote for Donald Trump.....	11
Undecided – leaning to Trump.....	5
Will vote for the Bernie Sanders	71
Undecided – leaning to Sanders.....	12
Undecided – don’t know how I will vote.....	1
Total Trump	16
Total Sanders	83

22. **C.** Okay, and what if the candidates for President are [ROTATE] {the Republican Donald Trump} or {the Democrat Elizabeth Warren}?

Will vote for Donald Trump.....	13
Undecided – leaning to Trump.....	7
Will vote for the Elizabeth Warren	59
Undecided – leaning to Warren	20
Undecided – don’t know how I will vote.....	1
Total Trump	19
Total Warren.....	80

23. **A.** Okay, and what if the candidates for President are [ROTATE] {the Republican Donald Trump} or {the Democrat Kamala Harris}?

Will vote for Donald Trump.....	15
Undecided – leaning to Trump.....	10
Will vote for the Kamala Harris	56
Undecided – leaning to Harris.....	18
Undecided – don’t know how I will vote.....	1
Total Trump	25
Total Harris	74

24. **B.** Okay, and what if the candidates for President are [ROTATE] {the Republican Donald Trump} or {the Democrat Julián Castro}?

Will vote for Donald Trump.....	10
Undecided – leaning to Trump.....	6
Will vote for the Julián Castro	60
Undecided – leaning to Castro	23
Undecided – don’t know how I will vote.....	2
Total Trump	16
Total Castro	82

POLICY OPINIONS SECTION

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements [ROTATE]

25. Congress should pass new regulations to reduce carbon pollution and address climate change

Strongly agree	65
Somewhat agree	25
Somewhat disagree.....	6
Strongly disagree	3
Total Agree	91
Total Disagree	9

26. Congress should pass a law expanding background checks to all gun sales and transfers

Strongly agree	70
Somewhat agree	18
Somewhat disagree.....	8
Strongly disagree	4
Total Agree	89
Total Disagree	11

27. Create tax incentives for business to create more “green jobs” in fields such as solar, wind and renewable energy

Strongly agree	54
Somewhat agree	36
Somewhat disagree.....	7
Strongly disagree	2
Total Agree	91
Total Disagree	9

28. Create a permanent pathway to citizenship for DREAMERS – young undocumented immigrants who came to the country as children, but were raised in this country

Strongly agree	66
Somewhat agree	24
Somewhat disagree.....	7
Strongly disagree	3
Total Agree	90
Total Disagree	10

29. We should move towards a Medicare for all health insurance system that guarantees health care for everyone

Strongly agree	63
Somewhat agree	24
Somewhat disagree.....	8
Strongly disagree	5
Total Agree	87
Total Disagree	13

30. Congress should ban the sale of assault weapons like the AR-15 rifle

Strongly agree	62
Somewhat agree	20
Somewhat disagree.....	11
Strongly disagree	8
Total Agree	81
Total Disagree	19

31. The real crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border is the border patrol separating children from their families and treating immigrants inhumanely

Strongly agree	59
Somewhat agree	20
Somewhat disagree.....	11
Strongly disagree	9
Total Agree	79
Total Disagree	21

32. White supremacist groups pose a threat to the United States today

Strongly agree	57
Somewhat agree	24
Somewhat disagree.....	13
Strongly disagree	6
Total Agree	81
Total Disagree	19

33. [IF Q19=1 or 2] Among the Democratic candidates running for President, who are you currently planning to vote for? {READ LIST – RANDOMIZE NAMES}

Bernie Sanders	31
Joe Biden	22
Elizabeth Warren.....	11
Julian Castro	9
Kamala Harris	8
Andrew Yang	2
Beto O'Rourke	1
Pete Buttigieg.....	1
Cory Booker.....	1
Tulsi Gabbard	1
Amy Klobuchar	*
Tom Steyer	*
John Delaney	*
Marianne Williamson	*
Steve Bullock	*
Tim Ryan.....	*
Wayne Messam.....	*
Will not vote in the Democratic primary	3
Don't know.....	8

34. Please indicate if you generally agree or disagree with each of the following statement.
What happens generally to Latinos in the U.S. will have something to do with what happens to you.

Strongly agree	29
Somewhat agree	40
Somewhat disagree.....	20
Strongly disagree	11
Total Agree	69
Total Disagree	31

35. Generally speaking, how much of a problem do you think racism against Latinos and immigrants is today?
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|--------------------------------|----|
| Major problem | 57 |
| Somewhat of a problem..... | 29 |
| Not too much of a problem..... | 10 |
| Not a problem at all | 3 |
36. When President Trump says something is “fake news” do you think that is because:
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| He knows that news source is being dishonest about what he said or did..... | 26 |
| The news is accurate but he doesn’t like the coverage wants people to think it’s “fake” | 74 |
37. How much of the time do you trust the news media to report news about politics in an honest and truthful way?
- | | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Almost all of the time | 13 |
| Most of the time | 35 |
| Only some of the time..... | 40 |
| Not at all..... | 12 |
38. Since Trump has become President, do you think there has been an increase or a decrease in honesty, openness and transparency in our democracy?
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| Increase, things are better | 15 |
| Decrease, things are worse | 65 |
| No change..... | 20 |
39. Thinking about the people in your family as well as your friends and co-workers. Do you happen to know someone who is an undocumented immigrant? [Check all that apply]
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|---------------------------------------------|----|
| Yes – someone in my family..... | 17 |
| Yes – a close friend..... | 25 |
| Yes – someone I work with | 16 |
| Yes – someone else I know | 40 |
| No – I don’t know anyone undocumented | 35 |
40. How often do you read or watch news about politics and current affairs?
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| Very often | 31 |
| Somewhat often..... | 40 |
| Not too often | 24 |
| Not at all..... | 5 |

41. Since Trump became President, would you say your interest in politics has increased, decreased, or has it stayed the same?

Increased.....	39
Decreased.....	26
Stayed the same.....	36

42. In 2020 the United States government will implement the Census by sending a postcard to every single household. In 2020 you can fill out the form online using the Internet, or by U.S. mail. On the form, you must indicate the name, age, gender and race or ethnicity of everyone living in your household.

Do you plan to complete the U.S. Census in 2020?

Yes.....	88
No.....	12

43. [IF YES] And do you plan to complete the U.S. Census by....

Using online Internet form	49
By sending form through U.S. mail	38
Prefer to complete in-person with Census official	14

44. Do you think the federal government will only use this information to count the total population, or are you concerned they might share the information with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement or other federal agencies?

Only use for total population count.....	56
Might share information with Immigration enforcement	44

45. Next year, Californians will vote on a ballot initiative that will alter how commercial properties in our state are taxed. The new law would increase taxes on large commercial properties such as Google, Disney and Chevron, among others, to generate revenue for local schools and communities. Would you plan to vote in favor of this initiative or vote against it?

Strongly in favor	45
Somewhat in favor	34
Somewhat against.....	12
Strongly against.....	6
Don't know.....	2
Total in favor	80
Total against.....	19

Methodology

Latino Decisions surveyed 807 Latino registered voters between October 30-Nov 7, 2019. Interviews were collected via landline, cell phone, and web. The online portion was conducted in a respondent self-administered format, and the survey and invitation was available to respondents in English or Spanish. The full data are weighted to match the Latino voter population in the most recent Census ACS data file for age, gender, education, nativity, ancestry, and voter registration status. A post-stratification raking algorithm was used to balance each category to the Census estimates. The survey carries a margin of error of +/- 3.45 percentage points.