Latino Decisions

WEEK 9: Latino Decisions tracking poll of Latino registered voters was conducted from October 8 – October 21, 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 375 surveys for a margin of error of +/- 5.1 percent. Our final tracking results will be posted on Monday November 1, 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	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
Almost Certain	71.8	69.5	67.1	65.6	72.6	74.9	75.1	75.1

BY VOTE HISTORY OFF FILE (2006-general, 2008-primary, 2008-general)

Percent of all Latinos in sample \rightarrow	(22%)	(22%)	(41%)	(31%)
	None	2008-gen	06 + 08 gen	All 3
	0/3	<u>Only</u>	2/3	3/3
Almost Certain	65.9	69.0	88.1	88.8
Less than certain	34.1	31.0	11.9	11.2

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	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
Economy	34.7	30.6	32.6	32.5	30.5	32.1	33.5	31.7
Immigration	23.9	27.7	29.5	27.8	24.0	24.6	21.9	22.0
Jobs	21.0	17.1	13.8	14.5	19.2	23.4	23.7	20.1
Healthcare	13.9	14.7	13.5	15.1	18.3	14.2	11.6	12.4
Education	11.7	11.5	9.5	13.5	14.7	14.1	12.3	14.5
Taxes	5.3	3.9	2.6	4.1	3.7	3.4	2.2	3.1

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

Strongly Approve Somewhat Approve Somewhat Disapprove Strongly Disapprove	9/6 28.3 33.1 12.0 23.3	9/13 30.9 35.4 5.7 22.1	9/20 33.0 35.5 7.5 18.8	9/27 31.8 35.6 12.4 15.9	10/4 38.0 32.8 12.6 11.9	10/11 36.0 31.6 11.2 15.4	10/18 35.3 31.9 9.7 16.9	10/25 31.2 35.4 9.7 18.8
APPROVE	61.4	66.3	68.5	67.4	70.8	67.6	67.2	66.6
DISAPPROVE	35.2	27.8	26.3	28.3	24.5	26.6	26.6	28.5

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

Strongly Approve Somewhat Approve Somewhat Disapprove Strongly Disapprove	9/6 5.8 33.0 22.6 26.6	9/13 6.7 31.6 21.4 29.4	9/20 7.2 34.2 19.9 28.7	9/27 8.5 33.4 22.7 24.3	10/4 9.0 34.3 21.5 23.9	10/11 9.8 32.8 19.2 27.3	10/18 9.8 28.5 26.6 24.4	<u>10/25</u> 6.6 33.3 24.1 22.8
APPROVE	38.8	38.3	41.4	41.9	43.3	42.6	38.3	39.9
DISAPPROVE	49.2	50.8	48.6	47.0	45.4	46.5	51.0	46.9

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	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
Democratic Candidate	55.1	53.6	51.1	53.1	57.6	59.2	59.0	57.7
Republican Candidate	24.8	23.1	21.6	20.4	18.7	20.1	22.3	23.2
Undecided	20.1	23.3	23.7	26.5	23.6	20.8	18.7	19.0

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	0/3	Only	2/3	<u>3/3</u>
Democratic Candidate	55.4	68.5	57.8	59.8
Republican Candidate	22.4	9.8	18.7	20.3
Undecided	20.1	21.7	23.5	19.9

BY SELF-REPORTED VOTE INTENTION/ENTHUSIASM

	Almost	Not	Very	Some	Not
	Certain	Certain	Enthus	<u>Enthus</u>	<u>Enthus</u>
Democratic Candidate	59.6	58.0	58.4	65.1	52.9
Republican Candidate	15.8	23.1	15.8	16.3	25.2
Undecided	24.6	18.9	25.8	18.6	21.9

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

Strongly Approve Somewhat Approve Somewhat Disapprove Strongly Disapprove	9/6 13.3 31.7 22.1 25.9	9/13 14.9 29.7 20.0 25.3	9/20 19.0 31.1 17.7 23.5	9/27 16.1 32.9 21.3 21.9	10/4 16.9 32.5 20.6 20.4	10/11 21.1 28.2 17.5 23.0	10/18 18.6 30.3 17.3 20.0	10/25 13.9 30.5 20.8 21.1
APPROVE	45.0	44.6	50.1	49.0	49.4	49.3	48.9	44.4
DISAPPROVE	48.0	45.3	41.2	43.2	41.0	40.5	37.3	41.9

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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	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
Ignoring/Avoiding	42.5	47.9	45.4	39.9	40.2	41.0	42.6	41.3
Working on Passing	30.5	25.1	25.7	30.8	34.9	36.4	32.9	34.3
Oppose/Blocking	14.3	12.0	15.7	13.8	8.2	10.6	11.6	13.1

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	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
Ignoring/Avoiding	34.4	36.6	35.0	36.3	36.3	31.0	32.5	38.2
Working on Passing	14.1	14.3	15.6	13.1	9.7	14.2	17.4	17.1
Oppose/Blocking	36.2	36.9	37.1	36.5	40.0	43.2	37.5	34.3

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

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
More excited	31.5	32.8	33.9	36.0	38.2	32.4	34.0	36.3
Same	9.8	12.1	10.0	7.8	11.3	11.6	13.6	15.2
Less excited	48.1	53.1	48.7	48.5	43.5	49.5	46.3	44.3

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

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
More excited	19.4	18.8	17.0	16.3	17.4	18.2	19.2	20.0
Same	9.3	5.1	5.8	5.8	8.1	8.4	8.8	7.4
Less excited	63.2	64.6	66.5	71.3	67.9	66.0	65.0	66.6

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

	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27	10/4	10/11	10/18	<u>10/25</u>
Very enthusiastic	40.7	42.4	46.1	40.3	41.3	50.2	55.6	58.3
Somewhat enthusiastic	35.4	30.9	32.4	38.3	35.9	32.9	27.1	24.8
Not too enthusiastic	15.6	14.6	12.4	12.0	10.4	9.6	11.1	11.1
Not at all	6.7	6.2	5.4	6.7	8.2	5.6	4.4	4.0

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Very enthusiastic	56.0	53.2	63.1	62.2
Somewhat enthusiastic	27.7	25.5	25.9	26.8
Not too / Not at all	16.3	21.3	11.0	11.0