

Election Eve Poll: 2010 Midterm Elections

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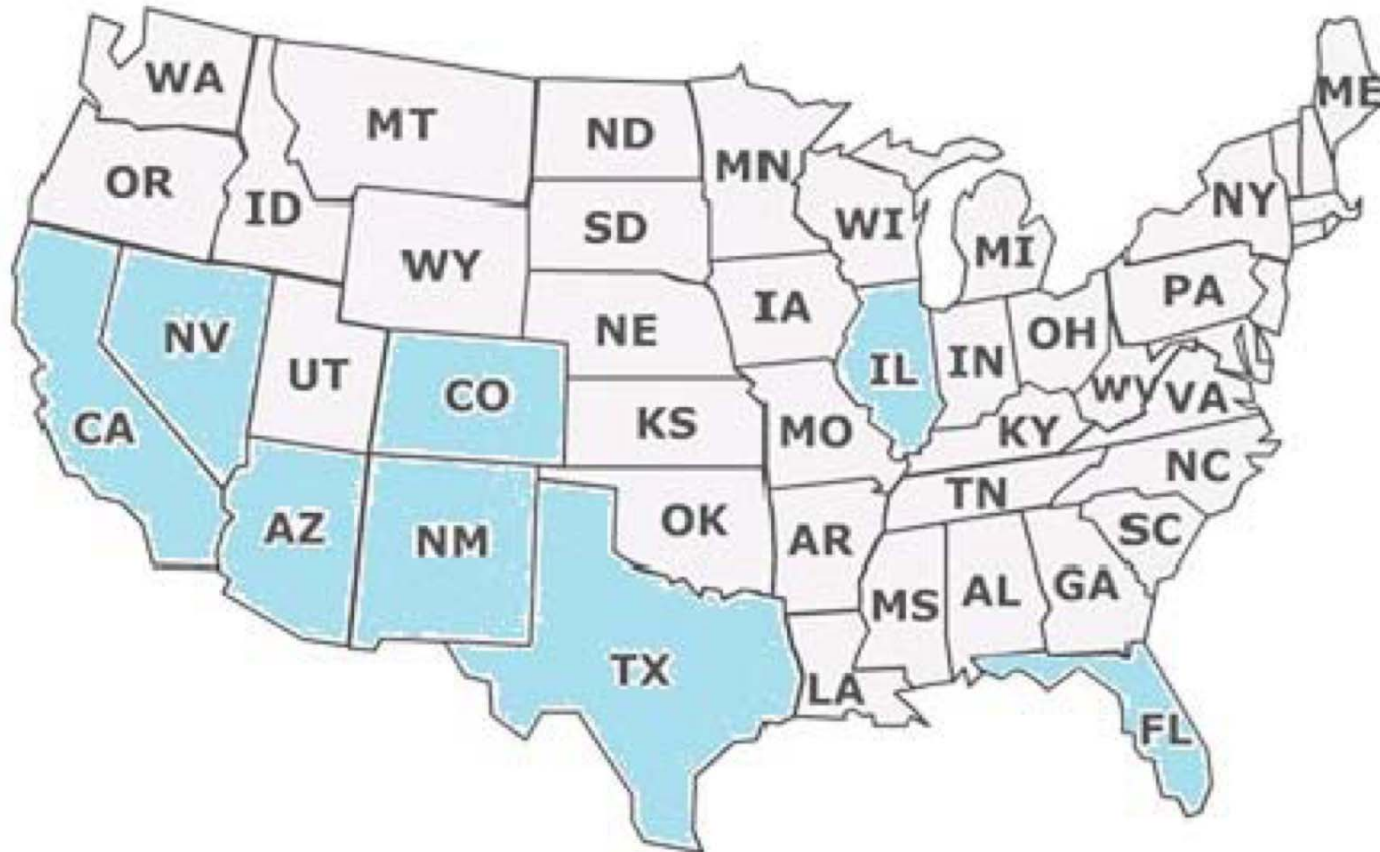
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Election Eve Results



Critical Takeaways

- CALIFORNIA: THE WAVE STOPS HERE!
- Margins of victory for Brown and Boxer closely approximate Latino contribution;
 - Approximately +13% for Brown and +10% Boxer
- Democrats win every statewide office
 - (AG race still close).

Critical Takeaways

- **Latinos Save Harry Reid:**
 - Wins by 5.4% and receives almost 10% of the total vote from Latinos;
- **Latinos propel Bennet in Colorado**
 - He appears to have won by .4%, Latinos made this possible providing over 6% of the vote;
- **Latinos appear to elect Pat Quinn as Governor of Illinois, delivering 4.2% of the total vote he wins by .3%**

Critical Takeaways

- Even where Latino Republicans were on the ballot in Nevada and New Mexico, large Latino majorities went Democratic;
 - Brian Sandoval loses badly among Nevada Latinos
 - Susana Martinez loses among New Mexico Latinos
- Marco Rubio's election, with sizable Latino support, was driven by the historically GOP Florida Cuban population:
 - Among non-Cuban Latinos, he loses 60-40.

Latino Solidarity and Turnout

- Okay, which of the following three statements do you agree with the most:
[ROTATE: I'm voting in 2010 because I wanted to support the Democratic candidate; I'm voting in 2010 because I wanted to support the Republican candidate; I'm voting in 2010 because I wanted to support and represent the Latino community]

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| To support the Dem | 31 |
| To support the Rep | 12 |
| To support Latinos | 47 |
| Other | 6 |
| DK | 4 |

Most Important Issue

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Jobs & Economy | 48 |
| Wall Street | 1 |
| Immigration | 37 |
| Wars in Afghan/Iraq | 1 |
| Image of the US | 1 |
| Health care | 8 |
| Gas prices | 0 |
| Housing | 1 |
| Education | 14 |
| Corropution | 2 |
| Environment | 0 |
| Race relations | 3 |
| Taxes | 2 |
| Something else | 10 |
| DK | 9 |

Generic Two-Party Vote

- In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the [ROTATE: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate] in your district?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------|---------------------|
| Democrat | 76 |
| Republican | 24 |

For One or Against the Other

Democratic Voters

- Would you say your vote is more in FAVOR of the Democratic candidate, or more a vote against the Republican candidate?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|
| In favor of Dem | 79 |
| Against the Rep | 17 |
| Other | 2 |
| Don't know | 2 |

GOP Voters

- Would you say your vote is more in FAVOR of the Republican candidate, or more a vote against the Democrat candidate?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|
| In favor of Rep | 74 |
| Against the Dem | 18 |
| Other | 4 |
| DK | 4 |

Florida Results

- Latino vote for Governor
Alex Sink: 48%
Rick Scott: 51%
- Latino share of voters: 16%
Latino contribution to Scott:
+0.32
- Latino vote for Senate
Kendrick Meek: 20%
Marco Rubio: 62%
Charlie Crist: 18%
- Latino share of voters: 16%
Latino contribution to
Rubio: +6.7
- Note: Senate vote by origin
Cuban Latinos: 78% Rubio
non-Cuban Latinos: 40%
Rubio

Illinois Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**
Patrick Quinn: 83%
Bill Brady: 13%
- **Latino share of voters:**
6%
Latino contribution to
Quinn: +4.2
- **Latino vote for Senate**
Alexi Giannoulias: 84%
Mark Kirk: 15%
- **Latino share of voters:**
6%
Latino contribution to
Giannoulias: +4.1

Texas Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**

Bill White: 80%

Rick Perry: 19%

- **Latino share of voters: 24%**

Latino contribution to White: +14.6

Colorado Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**
John Hickenlooper: 77%
Dan Maes: 9%
Tom Tancredo: 14%
- **Latino share of voters: 10%**
Latino contribution to Hickenlooper: +6.3
- **Latino vote for Senate**
Michael Bennet: 81%
Ken Buck: 19%
- **Latino share of voters: 10%**
Latino contribution to Bennett: +6.2

New Mexico Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**
Dianne Denish: 61%
Susana Martinez: 38%
- **Latino share of voters: 37%**
Latino contribution to Denish: +8.5
- **Latino vote for Sec State**
Mary Herrera: 62%
Dianna Duran: 37%
- **Latino share of voters: 37%**
Latino contribution to Herrera: +9.3

Arizona Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**
Terry Goddard: 85%
Jan Brewer: 14%
- **Latino share of voters:**
14%
Latino contribution to
Goddard: +9.9
- **Latino vote for Senate**
Rodney Glassman: 78%
John McCain: 22%
- **Latino share of voters:**
14%
Latino contribution to
Glassman: +7.8

Nevada Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**
Rory Reid: 84%
Brian Sandoval: 15%
- **Latino vote for Senate**
Harry Reid: 90%
Sharron Angle: 8%
- **Latino share of voters:**
12%
Latino contribution to R.
Reid: +8.5
- **Latino share of voters:**
12%
Latino contribution to
H. Reid: +9.8

California Results

- **Latino vote for Governor**
Jerry Brown: 86%
Meg Whitman: 13%
- **Latino share of voters:**
18%
Latino contribution to
Brown: +13.1
- **Latino vote for Senate**
Barbara Boxer: 86%
Carly Fiorina: 14%
- **Latino share of voters:**
18%
Latino contribution to
Boxer: +10.1

Immigration And the Vote

- How important was the issue of immigration in your decision to vote, and who to vote for in this election? Was it [ROTATE FRONT TO BACK] the most important issue – one of the important issues – somewhat important – not really important] to your voting decision?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| The most important | 34 |
| One of the important | 26 |
| Somewhat important | 23 |
| Not really important | 14 |
| DK | 3 |

Anti-Immigrant Sentiment

- Some people have said that the 2010 election created an anti-immigrant or anti-[Hispanic/Latino] sentiment across the country. To what extent did the anti-immigrant or anti-[Hispanic/Latino] sentiment influence your decisions to vote, and who to vote for in this election? Was it [ROTATE FRONT TO BACK] the most important issue - one of the important issues - somewhat important - not really important] to your voting decision?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| The most important | 28 |
| One of the important | 25 |
| Somewhat important | 22 |
| Not really important | 17 |
| Disagree it existed | 3 |
| DK | 5 |

ARIZONA LAW SB1070

- Earlier this year, Arizona passed a law that requires state and local police to determine the immigration status of a person if there is a reasonable suspicion he or she is an illegal immigrant, and would charge anyone with trespassing who is not carrying proof of legal status when questioned by police. From what you have heard, do you [rotate: support or oppose] the new immigration law in Arizona?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Strongly support | 11 |
| Somewhat support | 6 |
| Neither | 4 |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 |
| Strongly oppose | 65 |
| DK | 5 |

Immigration Policy Preferences

- Alright, which comes closest to your view about what government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States? Should the government [rotate options]:

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Felony and Deportation | 13 |
| Guestworker | 15 |
| Path to citizenship | 66 |
| Don't Know | 6 |

Dream Act

- About a month ago, the Senate debated 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. However it never came up for a full vote. How important do you think it is that the Congress and President act swiftly to pass the DREAM Act? Do you think it is...

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Extremely important | 38 |
| Very important | 37 |
| Somewhat important | 13 |
| Not too important | 3 |
| Not at all important | 4 |
| DK | 5 |

Immigration Specific Obama Approval

- How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing handling immigration reform? Do you [rotate front to back: strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, strongly disapprove]?

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Strongly approve | 19 |
| Somewhat approve | 30 |
| Neither | 6 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 19 |
| Strongly disapprove | 21 |
| DK | 5 |

Barack Obama Approval

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

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Strongly approve | 38 |
| Somewhat approve | 30 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 11 |
| Strongly disapprove | 16 |
| DK | 5 |

Barack Obama 2012?

- Thinking ahead to the next presidential election in 2012 between Barack Obama and a Republican challenger. Do you think you: [ROTATE FRONT TO BACK] will definitely vote to re-elect Obama -- that you MIGHT vote to re-elect Obama – that you MAY NOT vote for Obama – definitely WON'T vote for Obama] in 2012. IF SAY DON'T KNOW: “Just give us your best guess on how what your thinking right now”

| | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Definitely Obama | 39 |
| Might vote Obama | 20 |
| May not vote Obama | 8 |
| Definitely not Obama | 19 |
| DK | 15 |