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# **Implications of the SB1070 Supreme Court decision on the 2012 election**

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## Implications of the SB1070 decision

- ❖ **The general electorate and immigration**
- ❖ **Latino voters and SB1070**
- ❖ **How this will influence the election**

## Immigration and the general electorate

Multiple polls have demonstrated majority support for comprehensive immigration reform with path to citizenship

	Support CIR
NYT/CBS, May 2010	64%
NBC/WSJ, May 2010	65%
Fox News, Aug 2010	68%
Pew, March 2011	72%
Univision News, Nov 2011	58%
Fox News, Dec 2011	66%
Miami Herald, July 2012	66% in FL

## Immigration and the general electorate

Multiple polls have demonstrated majority support for DREAMers

June 15 DHS deferred action

- Bloomberg, June 2012, 64% support
- Miami Herald, July 2012, 53% support in FL

DREAM Act

- National Journal, May 2012, 84% support
- Fox News, Oct 2011, 63% support
- Univision News, Nov 2011, 58% support
- Latino Decisions, Jun 2012, 62% support
- Merrill/Morrison, Apr 2012, 73% support in Arizona

## A complicated decision...

*“As you may have heard, the United States Supreme Court recently issued a decision on the Arizona immigration law SB1070. The court blocked some parts of the law from going into effect, but they upheld part of the Arizona law which will require state and local police to check the immigration status of a person if there is a reasonable suspicion he or she is an undocumented immigrant, if they have already stopped the person for another reason.*”

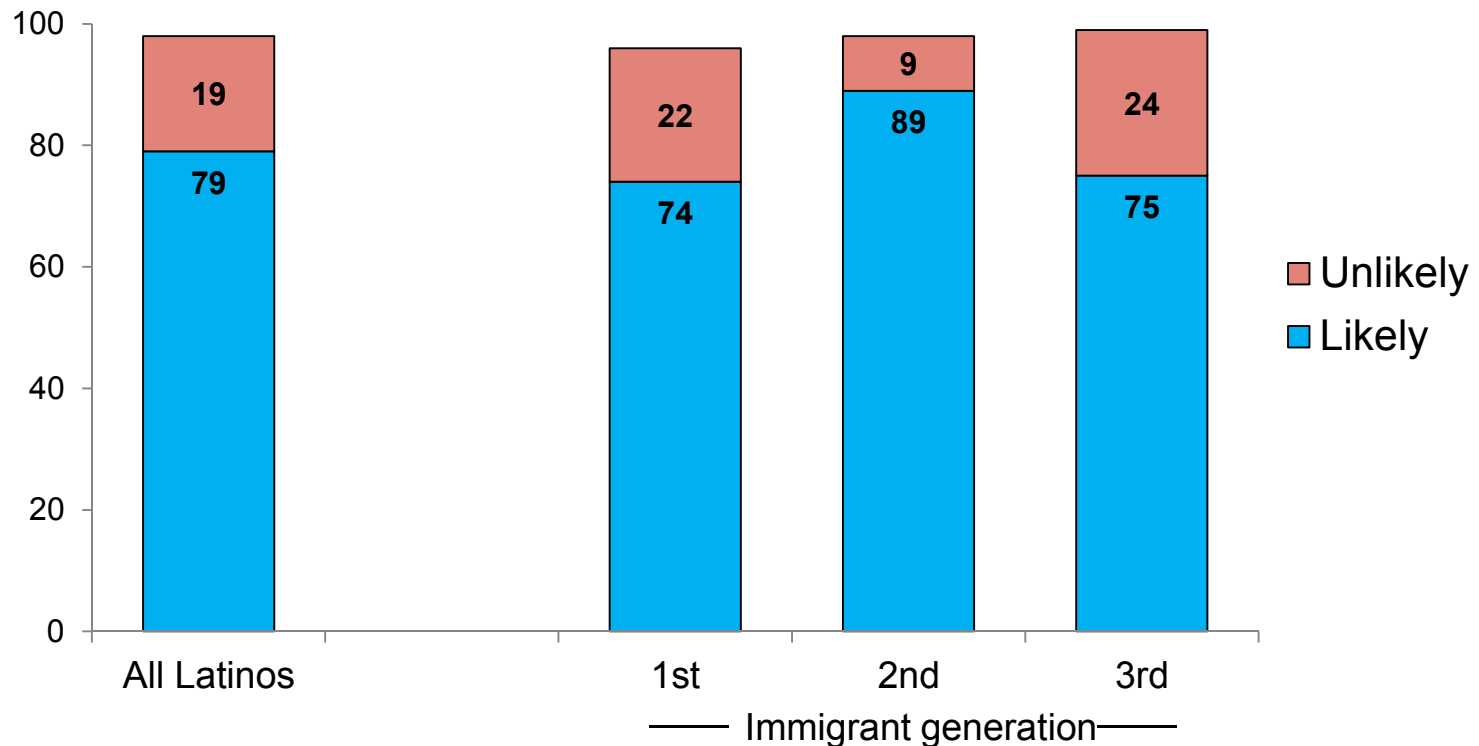
### Latino registered voters:

Support:	29%
Oppose:	66%
Don't know:	5%



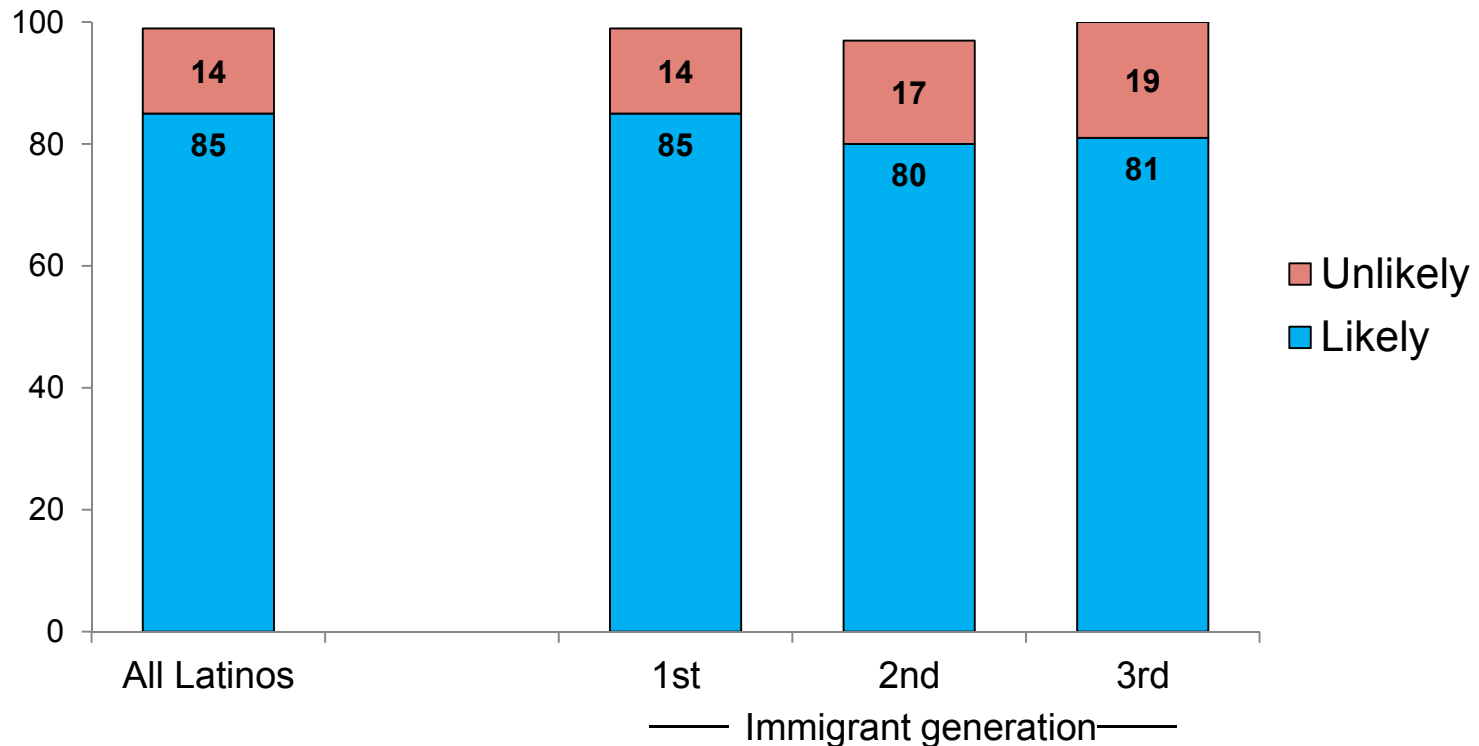
## Reaction among Latinos nationally in 2012

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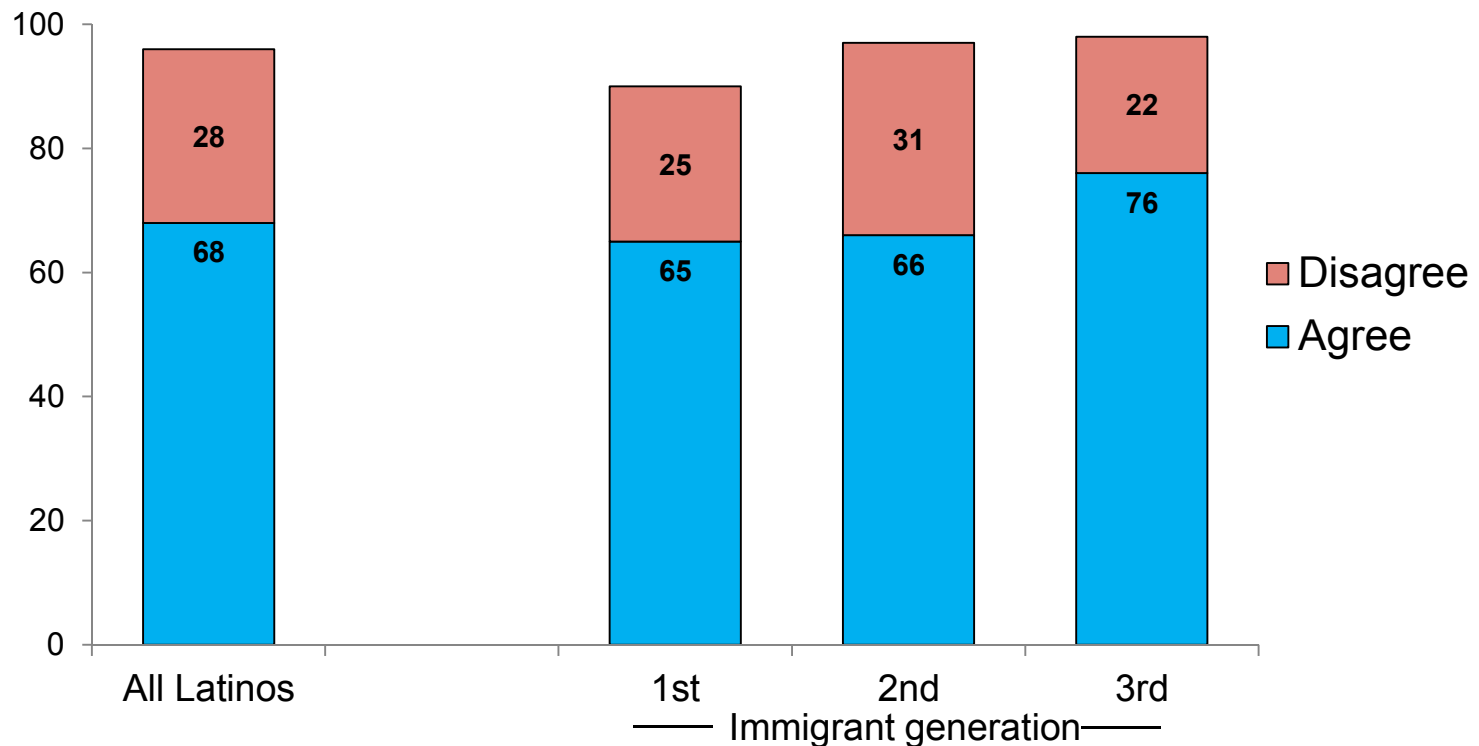
## Reactions to SB1070 among Arizona Latinos 2010

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## Concerns over the impact of SB1070

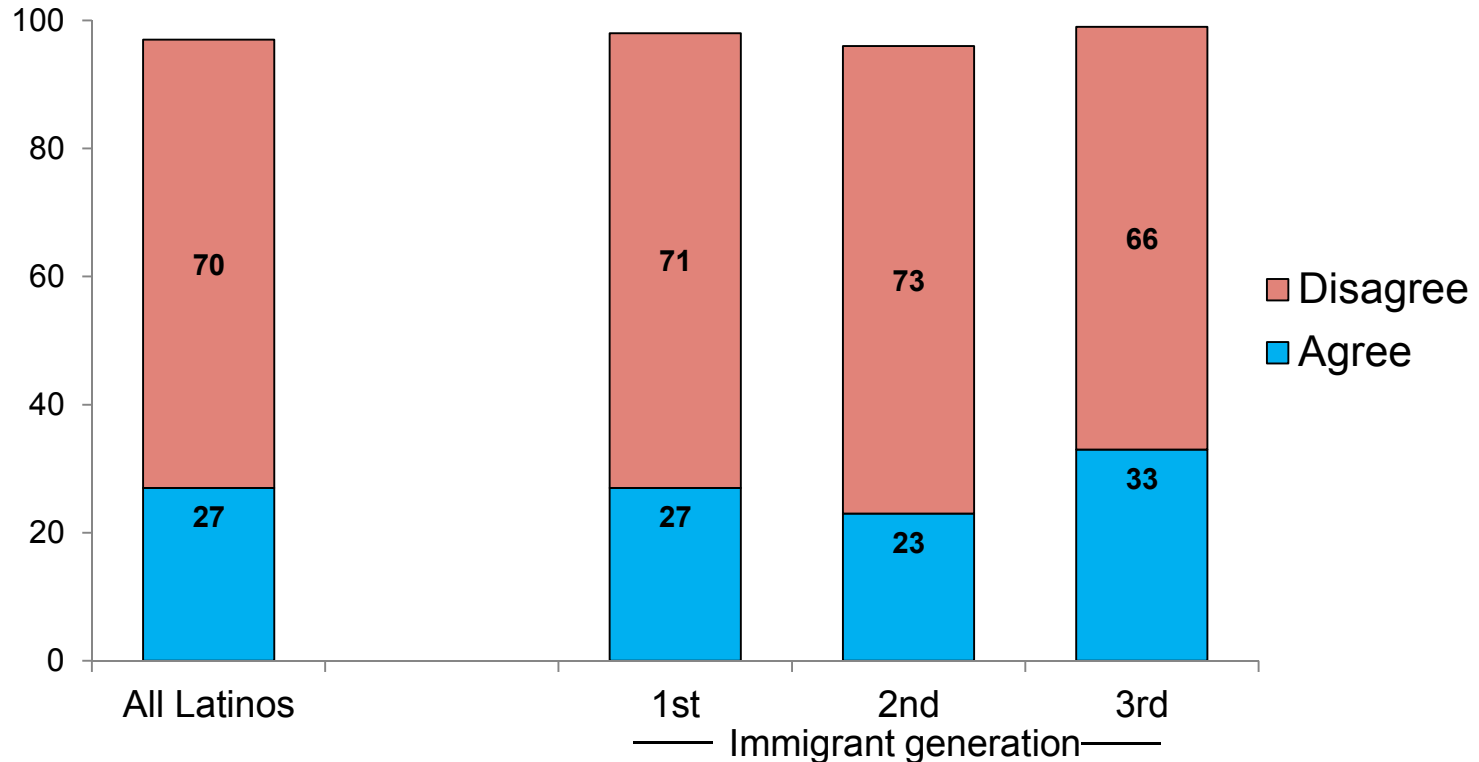
**In the future, immigrants may be less likely to report a crime or volunteer information to the police**



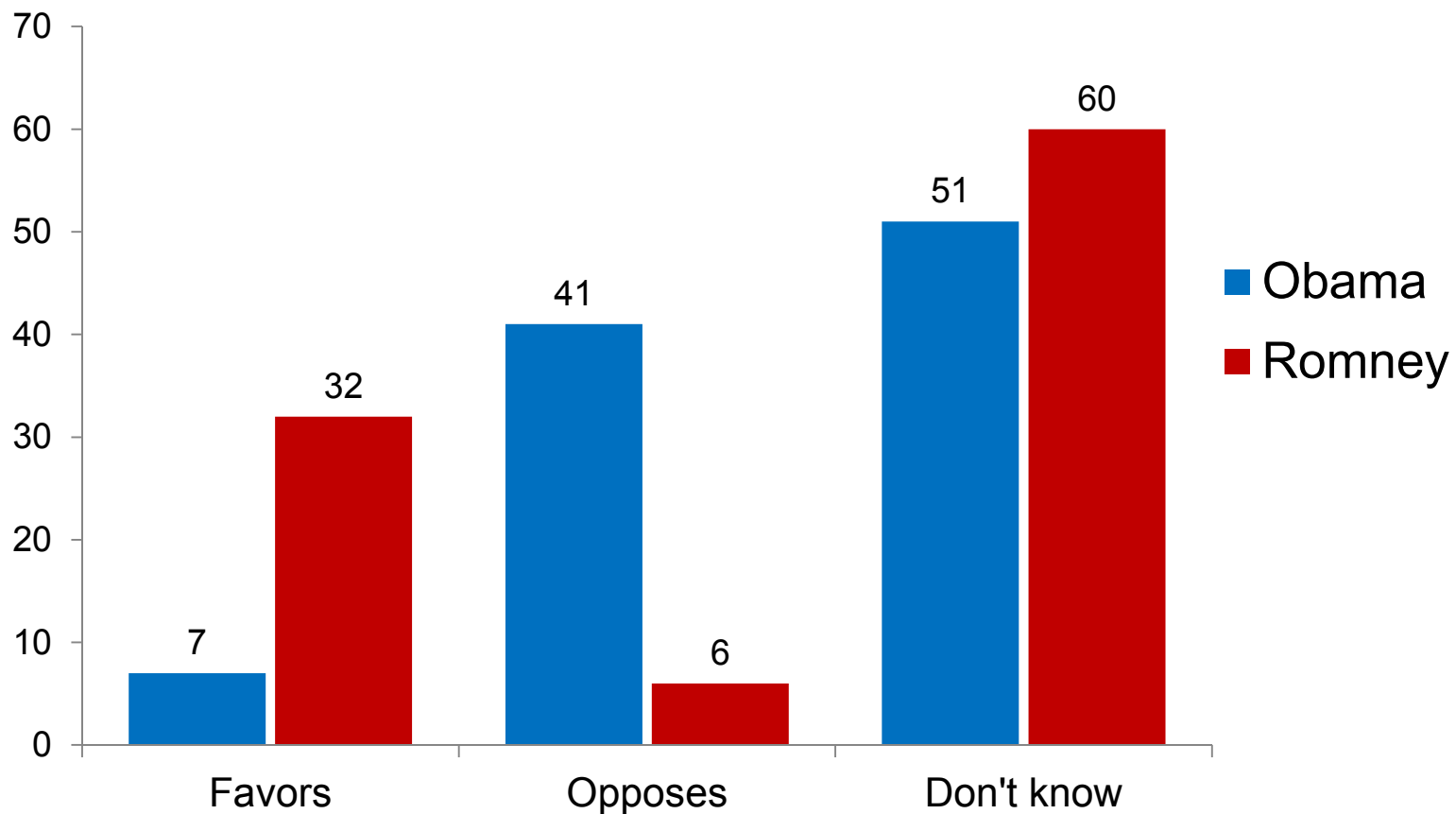


## Concerns over the impact of SB1070

**Allowing police to check immigration status will increase safety in my community**



## What position did presidential candidates take on SB1070?



## Views of the Parties on Immigration

As far as you know, which political party do you think is more responsible for immigration law SB1070 being passed in the first place in Arizona?

Republicans: 50%

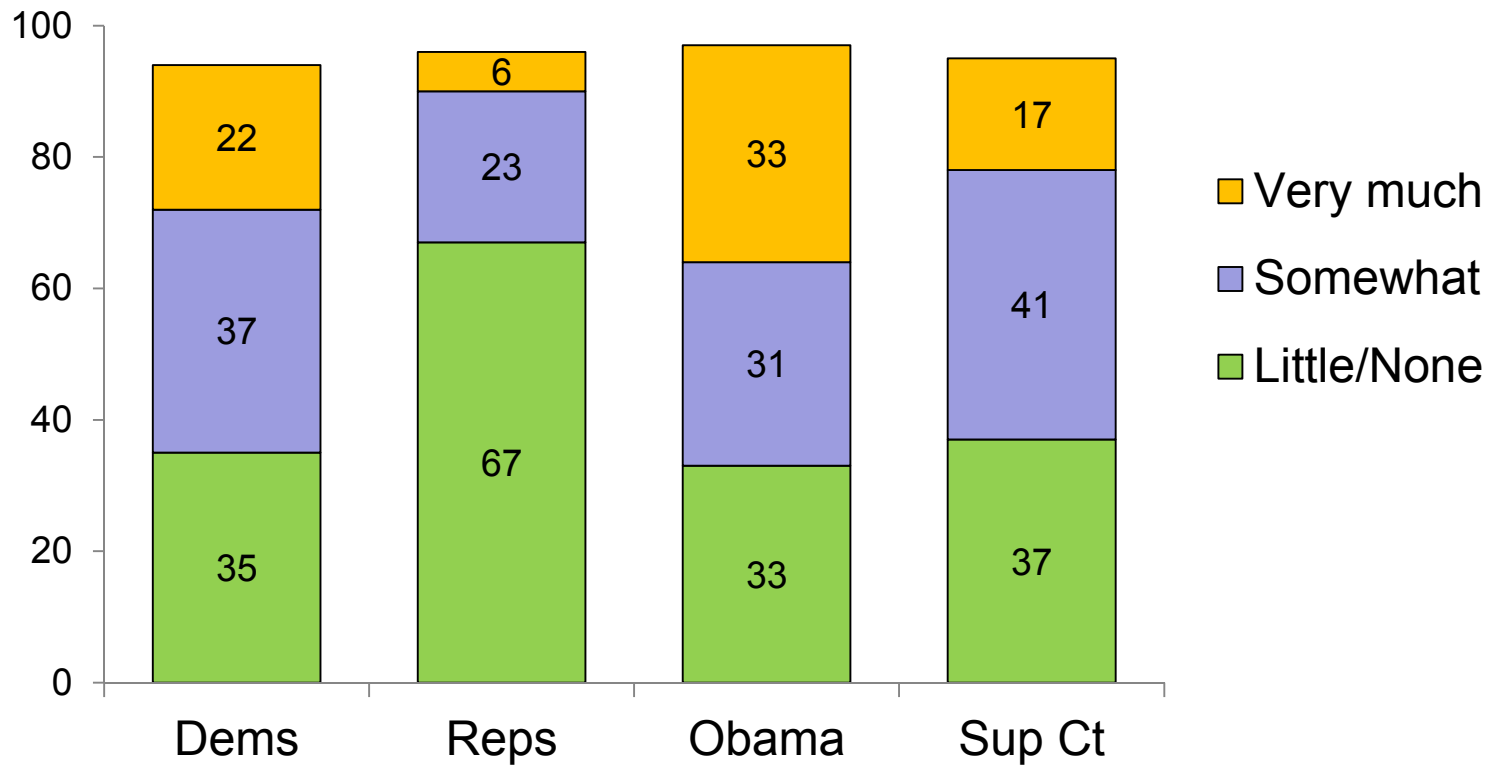
Democrats: 14%

Both equally: 28%

From what you have heard or seen in the news, do you think **{Democrats/Republicans}** in the U.S. Congress are: Ignoring or avoiding the issue of comprehensive immigration reform / Working to pass comprehensive immigration reform / Opposing or blocking comprehensive immigration reform

	<u>Dems in Congress</u>	<u>Reps in Congress</u>
Ignoring or avoiding	33	30
Working on passing	38	21
Opposing or blocking	13	34
Don't know	16	14

## How much do you trust each branch of government to do what is right for Latinos?



## The Candidates on Immigration

Thinking about a long term solution to the immigration issues in America, which candidate do you think will do a better job handling immigration reform

	<u>Handling Immigration</u>
Barack Obama	63%
Mitt Romney	19%
Neither/Don't know	17%

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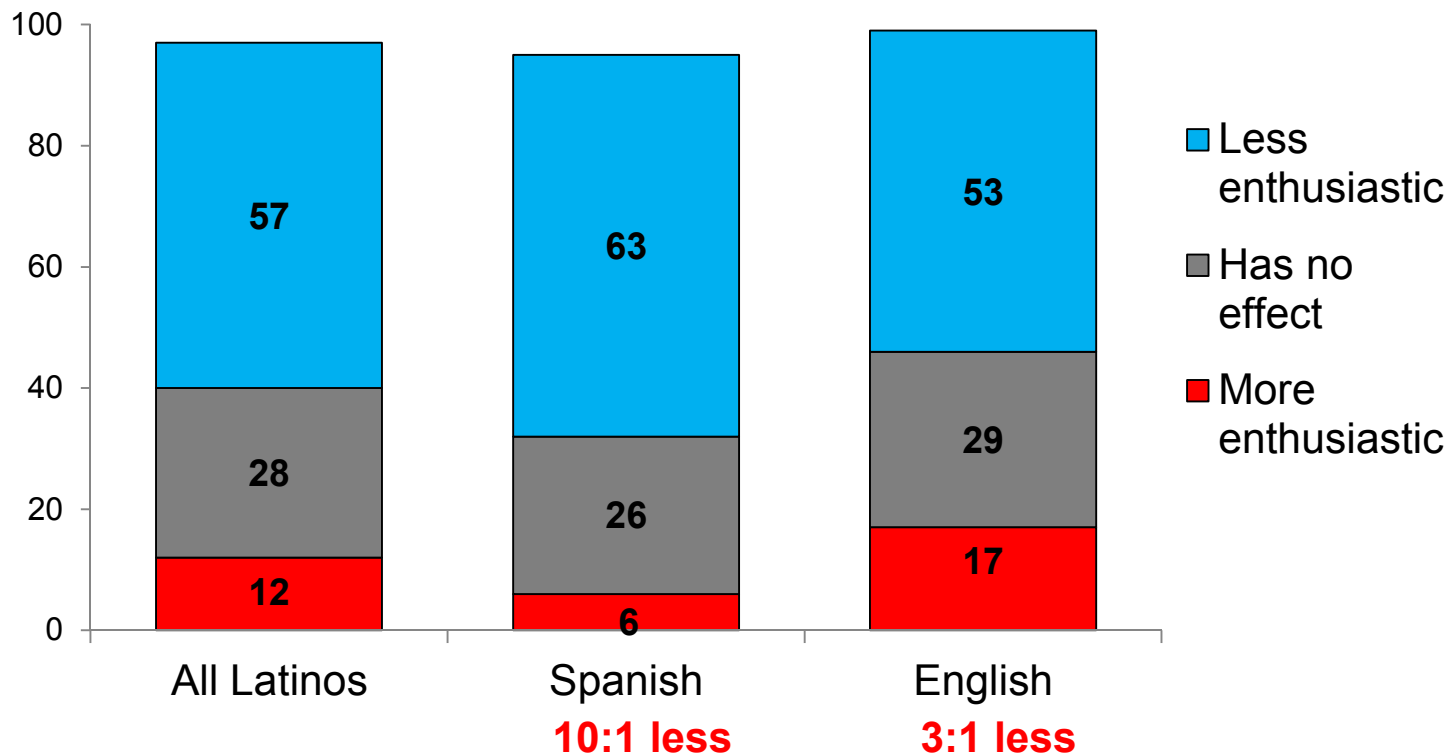
	<u>Handling Immigration</u>	<u>2012 Vote choice</u>
Barack Obama	63%	70%
Mitt Romney	19%	22%
Neither/Don't know	17%	8%

## Mitt Romney's Immigration Problem?

Recently Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said that states like Arizona should have a right to pass their own immigration laws. Romney has said ***“I believe that each state has the duty and the right to secure our borders and preserve the rule of law. I wish the court had given the states more authority to enforce immigration laws”***. He has called immigration laws in Arizona a model for the nation and said undocumented immigrants should self-deport back to their home countries.

## Mitt Romney's Immigration Problem?

Romney statements on SB1070/Arizona - make you more or less enthusiastic about Romney?





## Obama's Enthusiasm Problem?

Thinking ahead to the November 2012 presidential election, how enthusiastic are you about voting in the election next year?

### By Presidential Vote Choice

	Romney <u>Voters</u>	Obama <u>Voters</u>	
Very enthusiastic	67%	58%	-09%
Somewhat	14%	27%	
Not too enthusiastic	18%	15%	

## Obama's Enthusiasm Problem?

Thinking ahead to the November 2012 presidential election, how enthusiastic are you about voting in the election next year?

### By knowledge of Obama stance SB1070

	Know he <u>Opposes</u>	Don't know <u>his position</u>	
Very enthusiastic	68%	45%	<b>+23%</b>
Somewhat	18%	28%	
Not too enthusiastic	14%	27%	

## Obama's Enthusiasm Problem?

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### Dems in Congress action on immigration

	<u>Ignoring/ Avoiding</u>	<u>Working on passing</u>	
Very enthusiastic	58%	65%	<b>+7%</b>
Somewhat	24%	22%	
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