

Latino Decisions – Texas Poll – February/March 2008

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How closely are you following news about the 2008 presidential race? Are you following the race very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

Very closely	49
Somewhat closely	35
Not too closely	12
Not closely at all.....	5
Don't Know.....	2
Refused	0

(Ref: NEWS08)

2A. As best as you can recall, which **REPUBLICAN** candidate won the Iowa caucus back in January? If you can remember, just tell me the name? [NOTE TO INTERVIEWER, MIKE HUCKABEE WAS THE WINNER, RESPONDENT MUST AT LEAST GIVE LAST NAME]

Mike Huckabee.....	18
Other candidate.....	22
(Don't know/Unsure).....	59
(Refused)	0

(Ref: IOWARWIN)

2B. What about the **DEMOCRATIC** caucus in Iowa? [IF NECESSARY: "Again, if you can remember, just tell me the name?"] [NOTE TO INTERVIEWER, BARACK OBAMA WAS THE WINNER, RESPONDENT MUST AT LEAST GIVE LAST NAME]

Barack Obama	43
Other candidate.....	12
(Don't know/Unsure).....	45
(Refused)	0

(Ref: IOWADWIN)

3A. More than twenty states held presidential primaries and caucuses on Tuesday, February 5th. Best as you can remember, which Republican presidential candidate did the best that day? [IF NECESSARY: "Which Republican candidate won the most states on February 5th?"] [OPEN-ENDED PRECODE]

John McCain.....	43
Mitt Romney.....	2
Mike Huckabee.....	2
BOTH McCain and Romney (tie).....	0
BOTH McCain and Huckabee (tie).....	0
BOTH Romney and Huckabee (tie).....	0
(Don't know/Unsure).....	52
(Refused)	0

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3B. How about the on the Democratic side, which candidate did the best on February 5th?
[OPEN-ENDED PRECODE]

Hillary Clinton	28
Barack Obama	38
BOTH Clinton and Obama (tie)	3
(Don't know/Unsure)	31
(Refused)	99

(Ref: PRIMDFEB)

4. Now I'd like to ask you about some people who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each, please tell me whether you have heard of the person, and if your impression is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable.

If you have no opinion, or have never heard of the person, just let me know.

How about [READ NAME.] Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

RANDOMIZE LIST	very	some	some	very	no	never
[randomize 1-4; then 5-10; then 11-16]	fav	fav	unfav	unfav	opin	heard

1. _George Bush	13	21	16	40	9	1
2. _Nancy Pelosi (peh-LO-see)	12	24	6	7	20	32
3. _Democrats in Congress	23	37	10	5	18	8
4. _Republicans in Congress	7	24	17	20	24	9
5. _Hillary Clinton	50	28	7	8	6	1
6. _Barack Obama (o-bah-ma)	29	39	10	9	9	4
7. _Bill Richardson	16	24	9	6	22	23
8. _John McCain	16	31	13	15	16	8
9. _Mitt Romney	6	20	12	12	23	28
10. _Ron Paul.....	4	13	9	10	27	36
11. _Rick Perry	14	29	13	13	14	16
12. _Rafael Anchia (an-CHEE-ah)	2	7	2	3	21	65
13. _Rick Noriega (nor-EE-ay-ga)	7	10	4	3	22	54
14. _John Cornyn (corn-in).....	5	16	7	9	21	43
15. _Kay Bailey Hutchinson.....	15	22	8	8	16	30
16. _Antonio Villaraigosa (via-rye-go-sah)	10	17	5	2	20	46
17. _ Alberto Gonzalez.....	9	18	6	9	16	41

5. [IF 4.5 = 1-4] Just thinking about Hillary Clinton, why would you say that you have a [INSERT Q4.5 ANSWER] impression? Is it based more on (ROTATE: her role as a Senator from New York; her role as the wife of President Bill Clinton) your impression of Bill Clinton, or some other reason?

US Senate	23
Wife of Bill	18
Impression of Bill	9
Other reason	48
Don't know	2
Refused	1

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Let’s talk for a moment about the 2008 election...

6. **SPLIT A:** And if the 208 election for President were held today and the candidates were [READ AND ROTATE]_Republican John McCain OR_Democrat Hillary Clinton, for whom would you vote, or are you undecided?

[IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, if you had to choose, who would you lean towards?

McCain – strong.....	16
McCain – not-so-strong.....	2
undecided – lean McCain	1
Clinton – strong	56
Clinton– not-so-strong.....	5
undecided – lean Clinton	1
Undecided/don’t know.....	16
(Refused)	2

6. **SPLIT B:** And if the 2008 election for President were held today and the candidates were [READ AND ROTATE] _Republican John McCain OR _Democrat Barack Obama, for whom would you vote, or are you undecided?

[IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, if you had to choose, who would you lean towards?

McCain – strong.....	16
McCain – not-so-strong.....	5
undecided – lean McCain	2
Obama – strong	37
Obama– not-so-strong.....	7
undecided – lean Obama	4
Undecided/don’t know.....	26
(Refused)	4

7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Republican.....	10
Democrat.....	61
Independent.....	17
Other party.....	4
Don’t know	6
Refused	1

7a. [IF Q7 = 1 OR 2] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [INSERT ANSWER TO Q7] or not so strong?

Strong partisan.....	60
Not so strong partisan.....	40
Don’t know	1
Refused	0

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7b. [IF Q7 = 3 – 99] If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Republican.....	26
Democrat.....	47
Neither.....	12
Other party.....	1
Don't know.....	11
Refused.....	0

7c. [IF Q7b = 3 – 99] Since there is not an Independent or Third party primary election, are you more likely to participate in the Democratic primary or Republican primary here in Texas?

Republican.....	17
Democrat.....	48
None/Don't know.....	32
Refused.....	4

8. [IF Q7 = 2 OR Q7B = 2 OR 7C = 2] Out of the following leading Democratic candidates for President, who are you planning to vote for in the Texas primaries at this time – (ROTATE: Hillary Clinton; Barack Obama) or someone else?

Clinton.....	57
Obama.....	20
Richardson.....	0
Edwards.....	0
Other candidate.....	1
Undecided/Don't know.....	18
Refused.....	3

9.A [IF Q9 = 88/99] If you had to decide, which candidate are you most likely to vote for in the primaries? (ROTATE: Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama)?

Clinton.....	23
Obama.....	10
Richardson.....	1
Edwards.....	0
Other candidate.....	0
Undecided/Don't know.....	55
Refused.....	0

10. [IF Q7 = 1 OR Q7B = 1 OR 7C = 1] Out of the following leading Republican candidates for President, who are you planning to vote for in the Texas primaries at this time – (ROTATE: John McCain; Mike Huckabee, Ron Paul) or someone else?

McCain.....	59
Romney.....	0
Huckabee.....	17
Paul.....	1
Other candidate.....	7
Undecided/Don't know.....	17
Refused.....	0

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10.A [IF Q10 = 88/99] If you had to decide, which candidate are you most likely to vote for in the primaries? (ROTATE: John McCain; Mike Huckabee, Ron Paul)?

McCain.....	20
Romney.....	0
Huckabee.....	27
Paul.....	0
Other candidate.....	0
Undecided/Don't know	47
Refused	7

11. Political party's and candidates sometimes send people postcards or flyers in the mail before the election. Are you more likely to pay attention to these if they are in Spanish, in English, or in Spanish and English equally?

Spanish.....	19
English.....	33
Both equal	40
Neither / no effect	6
Don't Know.....	2
Refused	0

12. If the presidential election were being held today, what general issues would be most important to you in deciding who to vote for? [Open ended, Pre-code to list, RESPONDENT MAY SELECT ONE OR TWO – RECORD ORDER OF MENTION IF TWO]

Education	20
Jobs/Economy.....	32
War in Iraq.....	20
Ethics in government.....	1
National/homeland security/Border security.....	6
Immigration reform.....	25
The environment / global warming.....	1
Health care	29
Gas prices / energy-related	2
Taxes	2
War on Terrorism.....	2
Morals / values.....	1
Something else.....	6
Don't know	8
Refused	1

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13.A. And here in Texas, what do you think are the most important issues facing the state? [Open ended, Pre-code to list, RESPONDENT MAY SELECT ONE OR TWO – RECORD ORDER OF MENTION IF TWO]

Education	23
Jobs/Economy	28
War in Iraq	6
Ethics in government	1
Texas Border security	3
Immigration reform.....	32
The environment / global warming.....	2
Health care	21
Gas prices / energy-related	4
Taxes	6
War on Terrorism/Homeland Security.....	2
Morals / values.....	1
Something else.....	6
Don't know	10
Refused	1

13.B. And what do you think is the most important issues facing the Latino community here in Texas? [Open ended, Pre-code to list, RESPONDENT MAY SELECT ONE OR TWO – RECORD ORDER OF MENTION IF TWO]

Education	24
Jobs/Economy	31
War in Iraq	1
Ethics in government	1
Texas Border security	3
Immigration reform.....	36
The environment / global warming.....	1
Health care	19
Gas prices / energy-related	0
Taxes	2
War on Terrorism/Homeland Security.....	1
Morals / values.....	1
Something else.....	7
Don't know	0
Refused	0

14. Do you happen to know which political party currently has the most seats in the Texas State Senate in Austin?

Republican.....	24
Democratic.....	16
Both.....	2
Neither.....	1
(DON'T READ) Don't know	56
(DON'T READ) Refused	1

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15. Do you happen to know what state-level office is now held by David Dewhurst (Doo - hurst)? [ROTATE LIST]

Attorney General	2
Agriculture Commissioner.....	0
Secretary of State	1
Lieutenant Governor.....	5
(DON'T READ) Don't know	92
(DON'T READ) Refused	1

16. Do you happen to know what office is now held by Antonio Villaraigosa (via-rye-go-sah)? [ROTATE LIST]

Mayor of Los Angeles	19
Governor of California	2
Attorney General of the United States	1
United States Senator	1
(DON'T READ) Don't know	76
(DON'T READ) Refused	1

17. Switching topics...Considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq has been worth fighting, or not?

Yes, worth fighting ...	24
No, not worth fighting ...	67
DK ...	6
RF ...	2

18. Thinking about current circumstances and our chances of success, which of the following comes closest to your feelings about the war in Iraq?

The current policy is working and should be continued.....	8
I favor the war but favor an even larger commitment of US forces.....	6
I think the time has come to begin reducing US forces in Iraq.....	31
I favor immediate withdrawal of US forces from Iraq.....	50
Don't know.....	4
Refused.....	1

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19. Now I'd like to talk about immigration. 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 FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP EVERY OTHER CALL):

- _Make all illegal immigrants felons and send them back to their home country
- _Have a guest worker program that allows immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work, but only for a limited amount of time, or
- _Allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States and become U.S. citizens, but only if they meet certain requirements like first returning to their home country for a visa, and paying back taxes and fines over a period of time
- _Grant amnesty to all illegal immigrants in the country, giving them residence and the right to work without the fear of being deported

All illegal immigrants felons	7
Guest worker program	24
Earned citizenship	33
Amnesty	30
Don't know	4
Refused	2

20. Do you think the state of Texas should pass a law making English the official language?

Yes	31
No	64
(Don't know)	5
(Refused)	0

(Ref: IMMENG2)

21. Do you think undocumented immigrants should qualify for in-state tuition if they grew up and graduated high school in the state of Texas?

Yes	78
No	16
(Don't know)	5
(Refused)	1

(Ref: IMMTUIT)

22. The federal government plans to build a 70 mile long wall along the South Texas and Mexico border. Do you think the new border wall will decrease illegal immigration in Texas?

Yes	21
No	73
(Don't know)	4
(Refused)	1

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23. Do you think public schools should fund bilingual education programs to assist students whose first language is not English?

Yes.....	79
No.....	17
(Don't know)	4
(Refused)	0

(Ref: IMMBIED)

24. During an average week, how often do you watch news on television at home? Is it...

Every day.....	54
Six days	4
Five days	10
Four days	9
Three days	10
Two days	5
One day	6
Never / none.....	1
Don't know	1
Refused	0

25. When you watch television, do you watch Spanish-language stations more often, English-language stations more often, or do you watch both equally?

If Spanish, ask “Would you say you only watch in Spanish, or you mostly watch in Spanish?”

If English ask, “Would you say you only watch in English, or you mostly watch in English?”

If both equally ask, “Do you probably watch more in Spanish or in English, or is it exactly equal?”

Only Spanish.....	11
Mostly Spanish	6
More Spanish than English	8
Both exactly equal.....	32
More English than Spanish	16
Mostly English.....	13
Only English.....	13
Don't know	0
Refused	0

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26. How about when you listen to the radio? [If necessary: “do you listen to English-language radio stations, Spanish-language stations, or do you listen to ?”]

If Spanish, ask “Would you say you only listen in Spanish, or you mostly listen in Spanish?”

If English ask, “Would you say you only listen in English, or you mostly listen in English?”

If both equally ask, “Do you probably listen more in Spanish or in English, or is it exactly equal?”

Only Spanish.....	14
Mostly Spanish	9
More Spanish than English	7
Both exactly equal	27
More English than Spanish	9
Mostly English.....	9
Only English.....	13
Don't know	10
Refused	2

27. Which of the major TV stations would you say you watch the most, (ROTATE: NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX, UNIVISION, TELEMUNDO)

NBC	12
ABC.....	16
CBS.....	6
FOX.....	11
UNIVISION	30
TELEMUNDO	10
Other station [SPECIFY]	10
Don't know	4
Refused	0

28. In addition to [ANSWER TO Q27], which major station would you say you watch the second most?

NBC	11
ABC.....	13
CBS.....	11
FOX.....	12
UNIVISION	12
TELEMUNDO	13
Other station [SPECIFY]	17
Don't know	10
Refused	1

29. How about newspapers? Do you ever buy or read one of the local newspapers here in Texas?

Yes.....	62
No.....	38
Don't know	0
Refused	0

30. [IF Q28=1] Which newspapers do you read the most? [OPEN-ENDED, ALLOW TWO RESPONSES]

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31. Candidates will often try to get endorsements from different groups and individuals to build support among voters. If you knew that _____ had endorsed a candidate, would you be more likely or less likely to support the candidate?

And what about (second option, third option)? If you knew that _____ had endorsed a candidate, would you be more likely or less likely to support the candidate?

RANDOMIZE LIST

	More	Less	No Impact	DK	RF
a. Jorge Ramos	30	15	21	32	2
b. George W. Bush	21	49	23	5	2
c. Henry Cisneros	41	19	23	15	1
d. Rick Perry	28	30	26	15	1
e. the Congressional Hispanic Caucus	38	13	25	23	1
f. Jesse Jackson	19	32	27	21	1
g. the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	37	18	23	21	1
h. the Cesar Chavez Foundation	45	14	24	15	1
i. Bill Richardson	30	21	25	22	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Latinos have their roots in many different countries. To what country do you or your family trace your ancestry?

Mexico	76
Guatemala	1
El Salvador	1
Puerto Rico	0
Cuba	0
Dominican Republic.....	0
Colombia	1
United States / America	12
Other country	6
Don't know	1
Refused	1

D2. Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

United States.....	61
Another country.....	38
Puerto Rico	1
Don't know	0
Refused	1

D3. [IF D2=1]. How about your parents, were they born in the United States or in another country?

Both parents born in United States.....	52
Both parents born another country	31
1 parent born in U.S.	16
Don't know	1
Refused	0

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D4. How many total people over the age of 18 live in your household? _____ 99=Refused

D5. What is the highest level of education you completed? Again, just stop me when I read the correct category.

Grades 1 – 8.....	18
Some High School	14
High School graduate.....	20
Some College/Technical School	24
College graduate.....	15
Post-graduate education.....	6
Don't know.....	2
Refused.....	1

D6. When it comes to religion, do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, other Christian, Mormon, or something else?

Catholic.....	67
Protestant	3
Christian	19
Mormon.....	1
Atheist or agnostic.....	4
Other.....	3
None	1
(DON'T READ) Don't know	1
(DON'T READ) Refused.....	1

D7. Do you consider yourself an evangelical or born-again Christian?

Yes.....	29
No.....	59
Don't know.....	10
Refused.....	1

D8. When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as a Liberal, a Conservative, a Moderate, or have you not thought much about this? [If “Liberal/Conservative” reply, WAIT AND ASK: Would you call yourself very [Conservative/Liberal] or not? If “Moderate” reply, ASK: Would you say that you are slightly Liberal, slightly Conservative, or neither?]

Very liberal.....	3
Liberal.....	13
Slightly liberal.....	1
Moderate.....	19
Slightly conservative.....	3
Conservative.....	17
Very conservative.....	2
Not thought about it/Don't know.....	41
Refused.....	1