

S4. Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. Thinking ahead to the November 2012 election, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in the election for U.S. President 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?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Almost certain	85	83	82	86	86	85	86
Probably	5	4	4	5	4	7	6
50 – 50	8	10	9	6	7	6	5
Will not vote	2	3	4	3	3	1	2

1. On the whole, what are the most important issues facing the [Hispanic/Latino] community that you think Congress and the President should address? [Open ended, Pre-code to list, RESPONDENT MAY SELECT ONE OR TWO – RECORD ORDER OF MENTION IF TWO]

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Create more jobs / Fix the Economy	53	58	54	57	62	56	54
Immigration reform / DREAM Act	51	42	41	40	37	38	39
Education reform / schools	18	19	18	14	13	17	21
Health care	17	18	10	12	13	14	13
Race relations	4	2	3	2	2	1	1
International relations / War in Afgh.	4	3	5	4	4	1	1
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Gas prices / energy prices	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
Housing / mortgages	1	1	1	2	1	1	*
Corruption in government / honesty	1	1	1	1	2	*	1
Global warming / environment	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	2	1	2	3	4	4	1
Something else	8	4	3	3	8	13	6
Don't know	5	8	12	11	6	5	8

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.

2. President Barack Obama	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Very favorable	45	45	41	45	50	55	54
Somewhat favorable	29	26	31	26	21	23	27
Somewhat unfavorable	7	9	8	5	4	1	3
Very unfavorable	17	19	18	16	16	15	11
No opinion	2	2	4	7	8	5	5
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

3. Governor Mitt Romney	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Very favorable	10	13	12	12	13	10	12
Somewhat favorable	17	18	15	12	13	15	13
Somewhat unfavorable	15	19	18	14	12	13	16
Very unfavorable	40	35	33	41	46	45	43
No opinion	12	10	13	15	13	10	12
Never heard of	5	6	8	5	3	6	5

4. Democrats in Congress	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Very favorable	21	21	24	25	30	30	24
Somewhat favorable	43	31	29	35	32	31	31
Somewhat unfavorable	13	13	13	12	12	11	14
Very unfavorable	12	17	15	12	11	11	11
No opinion	9	14	16	14	14	12	18
Never heard of	2	4	4	2	3	5	3

5. Republicans in Congress	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Very favorable	10	14	12	11	11	6	6
Somewhat favorable	22	17	14	14	12	16	18
Somewhat unfavorable	15	17	20	22	26	25	15
Very unfavorable	37	33	36	37	35	35	36
No opinion	12	17	15	15	16	15	21
Never heard of	3	3	3	2	1	3	3

6. GOP Congressman Paul Ryan	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3
Very favorable	10	12	--
Somewhat favorable	12	14	--
Somewhat unfavorable	10	10	--
Very unfavorable	28	27	--
No opinion	19	21	--
Never heard of	22	16	--

6B. Vice President Joe Biden	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3
Very favorable	--	--	19
Somewhat favorable	--	--	28
Somewhat unfavorable	--	--	7
Very unfavorable	--	--	25
No opinion	--	--	12
Never heard of	--	--	10

6C. Former Pres Bill Clinton	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4
Very favorable	--	--	--	56
Somewhat favorable	--	--	--	26
Somewhat unfavorable	--	--	--	4
Very unfavorable	--	--	--	11
No opinion	--	--	--	2
Never heard of	--	--	-	*

7. Thinking about the upcoming Congressional elections for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the [ROTATE: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate]?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Will vote Democrat	55	52	50	57	62	64	64
Undecided but likely DEMOCRAT	9	8	8	6	5	5	4
Undecided / Don't know	15	13	15	9	11	9	9
Undecided but likely REPUBLICAN	6	6	6	8	9	3	3
Will vote Republican	15	21	21	17	13	19	15
COMBINED DEM	64	60	58	63	67	69	68
COMBINED GOP	21	27	27	25	22	22	18

7a. If the Presidential election was held today would you vote for [ROTATE: Republican Mitt Romney OR Democrat Barack Obama]?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Romney – certain	20	23	21	20	19	16	15
Romney – not-certain	4	5	7	5	5	4	4
undecided – lean Romney	2	2	1	1	*	1	1
Obama – certain	55	53	56	62	63	67	67
Obama– not-certain	9	9	7	4	5	5	2
undecided – lean Obama	1	2	3	2	1	1	3
Undecided/don't know	9	7	5	6	6	6	6
Romney Combined	26	30	29	26	24	21	20
Obama Combined	65	64	66	68	69	73	72

8. Compared to the 2008 presidential election, would you say you are MORE enthusiastic about voting this year in 2012, or that you were more enthusiastic about voting back in 2008?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
More enthusiastic in 2012	37	35	35	40	44	36	34
More enthusiastic in 2008	40	38	38	30	29	30	36
No difference / same level	21	25	24	25	23	29	27
Don't Know	2	2	3	4	4	3	1

9. Thinking about the last two administrations, which would you say is MOST responsible for the economic downturn these last few years? Would you say the economic policies of [ROTATE: President George W. Bush or President Barack Obama] are more to blame?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Bush is to blame	68	--	--	62	64	--	--
Obama is to blame	14	--	--	17	17	--	--
Both are to blame (VOL)	10	--	--	10	10	--	--
Neither / something else	3	--	--	5	4	--	--
Don't know	4	--	--	2	3	--	--

Q9B. Thinking about President Obama and the U.S. Congress, which would you say is MOST responsible for economy not improving more quickly these last few years? Would you say [ROTATE: the lack of leadership of President Obama OR, the lack of leadership of Republicans, OR the lack of cooperation and fighting among both parties in Congress?]

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Lack of leadership by Obama	--	--	22	20	--	--	15
Lack of leadership by GOP	--	--	13	14	--	--	14
Fighting in Congress	--	--	56	56	--	--	60
All of the above	--	--	4	2	--	--	6
Don't know	--	--	4	7	--	--	5

10. Thinking about the future of our economy, which party do you trust more to make the right decisions and improve our economic conditions? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Obama and Democrats	--	59	--	--	--	72	--
Romney and Republicans	--	30	--	--	--	20	--
Neither (VOL)	--	6	--	--	--	5	--
Both (VOL)	--	*	--	--	--	*	--
Don't know	--	4	--	--	--	4	--

10B. Thinking about issues important to women in this country, which party do you trust more to make the right decisions and address issues of concern to women? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4
Obama and Democrats	--	--	--	73
Romney and Republicans	--	--	--	16
Neither (VOL)	--	--	--	3
Both (VOL)	--	--	--	3
Don't know	--	--	--	3

10C. Thinking about security and foreign policy issues in the Middle East, which candidate do you trust more to make the right decisions and improve our political and economic relationships with countries in the Middle East? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Obama and Democrats	--	--	--	--	71
Romney and Republicans	--	--	--	--	24
Neither (VOL)	--	--	--	--	2
Both (VOL)	--	--	--	--	2
Don't know	--	--	--	--	2

10D. Thinking about U.S. relations with Latin America, which candidate do you trust more to make the right decisions and improve our political and economic relationships with Latin America? Would you say you have more confidence in (rotate) President Obama and the Democrats, or Mitt Romney and the Republicans?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5
Obama and Democrats	--	--	--	--	74
Romney and Republicans	--	--	--	--	17
Neither (VOL)	--	--	--	--	5
Both (VOL)	--	--	--	--	3
Don't know	--	--	--	--	2

10E. When it comes to Medicare, the government backed health insurance system for people over 65, some people have said [rotate: we should reduce or cap government spending on Medicare by providing a fixed amount of support for each person to buy their own private insurance // other people have said // the government needs to protect Medicare so health insurance is always there for people over 65, even if it means increasing government spending.

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Reduce or cap government spending	--	--	--	--	--	17	19
Govt protect even if it means raise taxes	--	--	--	--	--	71	75
Don't know	--	--	--	--	--	12	6

10F. Do you support or oppose providing federal tax money to families, called vouchers, that they could use to pay for part of the cost to send their kids to any school, such as other public schools outside their district, or even private schools, but that money would be taken away from the general budget for public schools.

	Wk7
Strongly support	19
Somewhat support	19
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	28
Neither	6
Don't know	12
Total support	38
Total oppose	42

11. Would you say the Democratic Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanic/Latinos, that they don't care too much about Hispanic/Latinos, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanic/Latinos?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Doing a good job	59	55	49	55	59	64	65
Don't care too much	26	27	30	23	23	22	22
Being hostile	5	5	6	4	3	4	5
Don't know	9	8	11	17	13	8	7
Refused	2	5	4	1	2	2	2

12. Would you say the Republican Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanic/Latinos, that they don't care too much about Hispanic/Latinos, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanic/Latinos?

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Doing a good job	14	17	19	19	18	15	16
Don't care too much	56	49	47	46	45	48	50
Being hostile	21	23	20	19	20	17	17
Don't know	7	8	12	16	15	18	16
Refused	2	3	2	1	2	2	1

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

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Republican	14	14	15	16	15	15	15
Democrat	48	50	51	50	51	51	52
Independent	26	28	25	26	26	25	17
Other party	10	7	4	6	6	6	11
Don't know	2	1	2	1	2	2	2

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

	Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4	Wk5	Wk6	Wk7
Very enthusiastic	54	51	49	55	59	58	53
Somewhat enthusiastic	31	33	28	23	24	35	34
Not too enthusiastic	12	11	13	13	9	4	7
Not at all enthusiastic	2	5	8	6	4	2	3
Don't Know	*	*	*	2	3	1	2

#### **About the Poll**

This is the seventh release of an 11-week tracking poll of Latino registered voters. Each week impreMedia and Latino Decisions will release a new rolling cross-section of 300 completed interviews with Latino registered voters across all 50 states. Interviews are conducted in English or Spanish, at the preference of the respondent, all conducted by bilingual interviewers at Latino Decisions calling center, Pacific Market Research. The survey averaged 10 minutes in length, and has an overall margin of error of 5.6% on results that approach a 50/50 distribution. All respondents confirm that they are Hispanic or Latino and currently registered to vote. This third wave of the survey was fielded Sept 28-Oct 4, 2012