

**National Council of La Raza  
Survey of 1,050<sup>1</sup> Latino Likely Voters in 23 States  
November 2-6, 2006**

**AGE 18-24 ONLY**

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling from National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

Gender of respondent	(n=107)
Men .....	51
Women .....	49

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address or are you not registered to vote?

Registered to vote .....	.100
Not able to/Not registered.....	<b>TERMINATE</b>

2. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes.....	.100
No .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>

3. Often things come up and people are not able to vote. Thinking ahead to Tuesday's elections for United States Congress and other offices, how likely are you to vote? Are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

**PROBE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ALREADY VOTED:** Did you vote absentee or did you vote earlier in-person?

Almost certain .....	92
Already voted earlier in person .....	5
Already voted earlier absentee .....	2
Probably vote .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>
About 50-50 .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Probably not vote .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Definitely not vote .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>

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1 The survey had a base sample of 800 Latino/a likely voters plus an oversample of 200 likely Latino voters under age 25 and a second oversample of 50 Spanish-language interviews, bringing the total number of interviews to 1,050, including 220 Spanish-language interviews and 238 interviews with 18-24 year olds which were down-weighted to represent the actual proportion among all Latino likely voters.

4. **SSA:** Thinking about this year’s elections for Congress, using a scale from zero to ten please tell me how interested you are in the election. Zero means you are not at all interested and ten means you are extremely interested. You can be any number in between.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10.....	32
8-9.....	31
6-7.....	23
5.....	12
0-4.....	1
(Don't know) .....	2

5. **SSB:** Compared to previous elections would you say you are more enthusiastic about voting than usual or less enthusiastic?

More.....	45
Less .....	19
(Same).....	33
(Don't know).....	3

**(GENERAL ENVIRONMENT)**

6. I am going to read you a list of concerns other people said were important to them in deciding how to vote this year. Please tell me which issue was most important to you?

**READ AND RANDOMIZE:**

_The economy and jobs .....	19
_Education.....	25
_Taxes.....	5
_Social Security and retirement.....	2
_Moral values .....	2
_Health care .....	7
_The war in Iraq.....	18
_Immigration.....	14
_Terrorism and national security .....	1
_The budget deficit .....	1
_Crime and drugs.....	3
(Don't know).....	2

Now turning to the elections....

**[IF HAVE NOT YET VOTED (Q3= 1)] [ALREADY VOTED (Q3=2,3) GO TO Q8]**

7. In the race for United States Congress will you vote for: **[ROTATE]** \_the Republican candidate, OR \_the Democratic candidate, or are you undecided?

(IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE OR SHE VOTED/WILL VOTE, SAY:) This survey is being done for research purposes only. Your willingness to discuss your vote is really important for assuring the accuracy of our research, and we promise that we will always maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your responses.

**[IF CANDIDATE:]** Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?  
**[IF UNDECIDED:]** Well, if the election were today and you **HAD** to decided, which way would you lean?

<b>Republican</b> .....	<b>20</b>
Republican – strong <b>[GO TO Q9]</b> .....	10
Republican – not-so-strong <b>[GO TO Q9]</b> .....	3
undecided – lean Republican <b>[GO TO Q9]</b> .....	6
 <b>Democrat</b> .....	 <b>60</b>
Democrat – strong <b>[SSA:GO TO Q10; SSB: GO TO Q11]</b> .....	48
Democrat – not-so-strong <b>[SSA:GO TO Q10; SSB: GO TO Q11]</b> .....	6
Undecided – lean Democrat <b>[SSA:GO TO Q10; SSB: GO TO Q11]</b> .....	6
 Undecided <b>[SKIP TO Q12]</b> .....	 20

**[IF HAVE ALREADY VOTED (Q3= 2, 3)]**

8. Let’s turn to the election. In the race for United States Congress did you vote for: **[ROTATE]**: \_the Republican candidate, OR \_the Democratic candidate?

Republican <b>[GO TO Q9]</b> .....	26
Democrat <b>[SSA:GO TO Q10; SSB: GO TO Q11]</b> .....	20
(Other party) <b>[SKIP TO Q12]</b> .....	6
(Undecided) <b>[SKIP TO Q12]</b> .....	48

7/8.Combined ballot

<b>Republican</b> .....	<b>20</b>
Republican – strong.....	11
Republican – not-so-strong.....	3
undecided – lean Republican .....	6
 <b>Democrat</b> .....	 <b>57</b>
Democrat – strong .....	46
Democrat – not-so-strong.....	5
Undecided – lean Democrat .....	6
 (Other party) .....	 0
Undecided.....	22

**IF VOTED/WILL VOTE REPUBLICAN: [Q7=1, 2, 3; Q8=1]**

9. Would you say that this vote for the Republican candidate for Congress is more a vote in favor of the Republican candidate or more a vote against the Democratic candidate?

In favor of the Republican.....	63
Against the Democrat .....	24
(Neither).....	2
(Don't know).....	11

**IF VOTED/WILL VOTE DEMOCRAT [Q7=4, 5, 6; Q8=2]**

10. **SPLIT SAMPLE A:** Would you say that this vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress is more a vote in favor of the Democratic candidate or more a vote against the Republican candidate?

In favor of the Democrat.....	68
Against the Republican.....	21
(Neither).....	4
(Don't know).....	7

**IF VOTED/WILL VOTE DEMOCRAT [Q7=4, 5, 6; Q8=2]**

11. **SPLIT SAMPLE B:** Would you say that this vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress is more a vote in favor of the Democratic candidate or more a vote against President Bush?

In favor of the Democrat.....	51
Against President Bush .....	34
(Neither).....	9
(Don't know).....	6

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

12. Overall, who do you trust more to make decisions that are in the best interest of Latinos –

ROTATE –

\_The Republican Party

OR

\_The Democratic Party

Republican Party.....	24
Democratic Party .....	54
(Both/neither) .....	13
(Don't know).....	9

13. When did you register to vote – did you register in the last year, or before that??

Within last year .....	29
Before .....	68
(Don't know/remember) .....	3

14. Do you remember how you registered to vote -- was it:

**READ LIST ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE:**

At the Department of Motor Vehicles.....	28
At a community voter registration drive .....	10
At a public library .....	8
By mail .....	13
Online .....	1
Through someone who came to your home .....	2
At the Elections Department or some other government office.....	6
At a naturalization or citizenship ceremony .....	1
At a college or university.....	13
Somewhere else ( <i>always read last</i> ) .....	11
(Don't know/remember) .....	8

In the past six months has anyone contacted you to talk about the elections or voting through any of the following means:

	Yes	No	(don't know)
<b>RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS 15-18</b>			
15. _By phone .....	41	58	1
16. _By mail.....	45	52	3
17. _In person at your door or at a meeting .....	21	76	2
18. _By email.....	12	83	4

19. There are many ways that people get their news and information about voting and elections. Of the following, please tell me which you would say was your main source of information:

**READ LIST:**

English language television .....	50
Spanish language television .....	12
English language radio .....	3
Spanish language radio .....	0
English language newspapers or magazines .....	11
Spanish language newspapers or magazines .....	2
Internet.....	10
Newsletters from organizations .....	3
Conversations with friends, family, or co-workers .....	6
(Somewhere else).....	3
(Don't know).....	0

20. **SSA:** Did you hear any ads or programs on Spanish language radio encouraging Latinos to get involved politically, register to vote, or get out and vote?

Yes.....	49
No .....	48
(Don't know).....	2

21. **SSB:** Did you see any ads or programs on Spanish language television encouraging Latinos to get involved politically, register to vote, or get out and vote?

Yes.....	50
No .....	49
(Don't know).....	2

22. **SSA:** Has anyone from the Democratic Party contacted you this year about the Congressional elections or getting out the vote?

Yes.....	36
No .....	62
(Don't know).....	2

23. **SSB:** Has any from the Republican Party contacted you this year about the Congressional elections or getting out the vote?

Yes.....	19
No .....	80
(Don't know).....	2

**(IMMIGRATION)**

*Now for something different.....*

24. Overall, do you feel that immigration into the U.S. is **(ROTATE FIRST TWO CHOICES)** \_a good thing for the country, \_a bad thing for the country, or have you not thought about it much?

**IF GOOD/BAD, ASK:** Is that strongly or not so strongly?

Good thing- Strongly .....	43
Good thing- Not so strongly .....	22
Bad thing- Not so strongly.....	4
Bad thing- Strongly .....	8
Haven't thought about it.....	19
(Don't know).....	4

<b>Good thing</b> .....	<b>65</b>
<b>Bad thing</b> .....	<b>12</b>

25. How important was the immigration issue in deciding your vote – was it the MOST important issue, ONE of the most important issues, SOMEWHAT important, a LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Most important.....	30
One of most important.....	21
Somewhat important.....	29
A little important.....	10
Not at all important.....	10
(Don't know).....	1
<b>Important</b> .....	<b>51</b>
<b>Less important</b> .....	<b>48</b>

26. Did you, anyone in your family, or any close friends participate in any of the rallies or marches held on the immigration issue this year, or don't you know anyone who participated? **(mark all that are applicable)**

Participated themselves.....	12
Someone in family participated.....	14
Close friend participated.....	19
Don't know anyone.....	51
(Other).....	2
(Don't know/refused).....	2

27. Do you think the tone of the immigration debate in the last year has helped or hurt the Latino community?

Helped.....	39
Hurt.....	40
(Both).....	5
(Neither/no difference).....	9
(Don't know).....	7

28. Did the events in the last year surrounding the issue of immigration make you more likely to support the [ROTATE] \_the Democratic party or \_the Republican party, or didn't it make a difference?

**(If Party):** Is that much or somewhat more?

Much more Dem.....	32
Somewhat more Dem.....	9
Somewhat more Rep.....	4
Much more Rep.....	8
(No difference).....	43
(Don't know).....	4
<b>More Dem</b> .....	<b>41</b>
<b>More Rep</b> .....	<b>12</b>

29. Which one of the following comes closer to your definition of moral values:

**[ROTATE]**

- \_ Opposing social policies like legalizing gay marriage ..... 10
- \_ Favoring social policies to help the poor..... 75
- (Both/neither) ..... 11
- (Don't know)..... 4

**(DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS)**

**The final questions are for statistical purposes only:**

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

**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

**[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

- Strong Democrat..... 40
- Not so strong Democrat..... 8
- Independent - lean Democrat ..... 7
- Democrat ..... 55**
- Independent ..... 17**
- Republican ..... 23**
- Independent - lean Republican ..... 5
- Not so strong Republican ..... 7
- Strong Republican ..... 11
- (dk/na/other) ..... 6

31. What is your age?

32. **IF REFUSED:** I am going to read you some age categories. Stop me when we get to your category:

- 18-21 years ..... 43
- 22-24 years ..... 57
- 25-29..... 0
- 30-34..... 0
- 35-39..... 0
- 40-44..... 0
- 45-49..... 0
- 50-54..... 0
- 55-59..... 0
- 60-64..... 0
- 65-69..... 0
- 70-74..... 0
- Over 75..... 0
- (Refused/don't know) ..... 0

33. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

**[CIRCLE ONE - DO NOT READ]**

1 - 11th grade .....	5
High school graduate .....	38
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech).....	3
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree) .....	36
College graduate .....	14
Post-graduate school.....	2
(Don't know) .....	1

34. And how often do you attend church or other religious services – every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, hardly ever, or never?

Every week .....	30
Once or twice a month.....	26
Several times a year .....	14
Hardly ever.....	18
Never .....	10
(Don't know).....	2

35. Many people did not get the chance to vote in the Presidential elections in 2004. How about you? In the 2004 election for President did you vote for George Bush, John Kerry, some other candidate, or did you not vote in that election?

George Bush.....	16
John Kerry.....	43
Someone else.....	3
Did not vote that year.....	32
(Don't know).....	5

36. Latinos come from many different national origins. Which Latin American country are you or your ancestors originally from? **READ LIST:**

Mexico .....	60
El Salvador.....	3
Guatemala .....	4
Nicaragua .....	0
Panama .....	0
(Other Central American- Honduras, Costa Rica, etc.) .....	2
Cuba .....	4
Dominican Republic.....	2
Puerto Rico .....	5
South America (Colombia, Argentina, etc.) .....	4
Other Latino .....	11
(Refused).....	6

37. What is the primary language spoken in your household, Spanish or English?

Spanish.....	35
English.....	33
Both.....	31
(Don't know).....	1

38. Were you born in the United States or did you immigrate to this country?

Born in US.....	82
Immigrate.....	16
(Unsure/refused).....	2

What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

And finally, strictly for verification purposes, can I have just your first name?

\_\_\_\_\_

And your phone number to make sure it is correctly marked off of our list?

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**That completes our public opinion survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening).**