

**Latino Policy Coalition**  
**September 2006**  
**500 Likely Latino Voters in 22 States with Highest Density**  
**Oversamples: 300 Likely Latino Voters each in Target CDs (NM-1, CA-11, CO-7, AZ-8)**  
**Total interviews: 1800**

	Total <i>N=1800</i>	Target CDs <i>N=1224</i>
Gender of respondent		
Male .....	48	48
Female .....	52	52

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling for 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.

**(SCREENING QUESTIONS)**

Could I please speak with **[ASK FOR NAME ON LIST]**?  
**DO NOT ACCEPT SUBSTITUTES.**  
**IF NOT AVAILABLE, SCHEDULE CALLBACK OR TERMINATE.**  
**REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY.?**

1. **[TS]** First, are you registered to vote at this address or like many people are you not able to register to vote?

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

2. **[TS]** 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	100
No .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>	

3. **[TS]** Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. What would you say the chances are that you will vote in the general election for Congress and other offices in the November election -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you not think you will vote?

Almost certain .....	89	90
Probably.....	11	10
50-50.....	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
Will not vote .....	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
(Don't know).....	<b>TERMINATE</b>	

4. **[TS APRIL]** Thinking about how things are going in the country. Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

**[IF CHOICE MADE]** Do you feel strongly or somewhat strongly about that?

Right dirctn/strongly.....	14	<b>30</b>	12	<b>26</b>
Right dirctn/somewhat.....	16		14	
(UNSURE).....	15		19	
Wrong track/somewhat .....	23		19	
Wrong track/strongly .....	32	<b>55</b>	36	<b>55</b>

5. **[TS]** How would you rate the job being done by George W. Bush as President – EXCELLENT, GOOD, just FAIR, or POOR?

Excellent .....	7	<b>24</b>	6	<b>25</b>
Good .....	18		19	
Just fair .....	32		27	
Poor .....	41	<b>73</b>	46	<b>73</b>
(Don't know).....	3		2	

6. **[TS JUNE]** How would you rate the job being done by YOUR Member of Congress – EXCELLENT, GOOD, just FAIR, or POOR?

Excellent .....	4	<b>35</b>	5	<b>32</b>
Good .....	30		27	
Just fair .....	39		35	
Poor .....	16	<b>55</b>	20	<b>56</b>
(Don't know).....	10		13	

7. **SSA:** Thinking about the elections this year for Congress compared to past elections, would you say you are more interested, less interested, or interested about the same as past elections?

More.....	42	42
Less .....	13	13
About the same.....	42	42
(Don't know).....	3	3

8. **SSB:** Thinking about this November'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>7.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>
10.....	30	35
8-9.....	26	31
6-7.....	20	13
5.....	15	11
0-4.....	7	6
(Don't know).....	1	4

9. Has any campaign or organization contacted you this year about the upcoming Congressional elections?

IF YES: Was that a Latino organization or candidate, or some other organization or candidate?

Yes- Latino.....	10	10
Yes- not Latino.....	14	16
Yes- both Latino and non-Latino.....	5	10
No- not contacted.....	64	57
(Don't know).....	8	7

**[NATIONWIDE BASE SAMPLE ONLY]**

10. **[TS]** If the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE:]** \_the Republican candidate, OR \_the Democrat candidate, or are you undecided?

**[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?

Republican – strong .....	13	<b>19</b>	--	--
Republican – not-so-strong .....	2		--	
Undecided – lean Republican .....	4		--	
Democrat – strong .....	52		--	
Democrat – not-so-strong .....	5		--	
Undecided – lean Democrat .....	4	<b>61</b>	--	--
Undecided.....	20		--	

**[END NATIONWIDE BASE SAMPLE ONLY]**

**[NEW MEXICO CD-1 OVERSAMPLE ONLY]**

10a. And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today would you vote for: **[READ AND ROTATE]** \_Republican Heather Wilson OR \_Democrat Patricia Madrid, 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, toward whom do you lean?

Wilson – strong .....	16	<b>26</b>	16	<b>26</b>
Wilson – not-so-strong .....	3		3	
Undecided – lean Wilson .....	6		6	
Madrid – strong .....	48		48	
Madrid – not-so-strong .....	6		6	
undecided – lean Madrid.....	6	<b>60</b>	6	<b>60</b>
Undecided.....	15		15	

**[ARIZONA CD-8 OVERSAMPLE ONLY – update both nominees post-primary]**

10b. And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today would you vote for: **[READ AND ROTATE]** \_Republican Randy Graf OR \_Democrat Gabrielle Giffords, 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, toward whom do you lean?

Graf – strong .....	18	<b>25</b>	18	<b>25</b>
Graf – not-so-strong .....	3		3	
Undecided – lean Graf .....	4		4	
Giffords – strong .....	50		50	
Giffords – not-so-strong .....	7		7	
Undecided – lean Giffords .....	6	<b>63</b>	6	<b>63</b>
Undecided.....	12		12	

**[CALIFORNIA CD-11 OVERSAMPLE ONLY]**

10c. And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today would you vote for: **[READ AND ROTATE]**  
 \_Republican Richard Pombo OR \_Democrat Jerry McNerney, 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, toward whom do you lean?

McNerney – strong .....	24	<b>36</b>	24	<b>36</b>
McNerney – not-so-strong .....	8		8	
Undecided – lean McNerney.....	4		4	
Pombo – strong .....	35		35	
Pombo – not-so-strong .....	4		4	
Undecided – lean Pombo.....	4	<b>43</b>	4	<b>43</b>
Undecided.....	21		21	

**[CO-07 OVERSAMPLE ONLY]**

10d. And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today would you vote for: **[READ AND ROTATE]**  
 \_Republican Rick O'Donnell OR \_Democrat Ed Perlmutter, 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, toward whom do you lean?

O'Donnell – strong .....	11	<b>15</b>	11	<b>15</b>
O'Donnell – not-so-strong .....	2		2	
Undecided – lean O'Donnell .....	2		2	
Perlmutter – strong .....	54		54	
Perlmutter – not-so-strong .....	7		7	
Undecided – lean Perlmutter .....	9	<b>69</b>	9	<b>69</b>
Undecided.....	16		16	

**[SHORT SURVEY JUMP TO DEMOGRAPHICS].....**

**SPLIT SAMPLE A**

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for the United States Congress to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue -- **(ROTATE) • the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress.** Here is the first one:

**(READ LIST & RANDOMIZE)**

	<i>N=1000</i>	<i>N=424</i>
11. [TS] Immigration		
GOP .....	16	25
Dems.....	51	38
(Neither) .....	14	18
(Unsure).....	19	18
12. [TS] Economic issues facing families		
GOP .....	18	25
Dems.....	56	52
(Neither) .....	7	11
(Unsure).....	18	11
13. [TS APRIL] War in Iraq		
GOP .....	21	22
Dems.....	49	48
(Neither) .....	12	18
(Unsure).....	18	12
14. [TS APRIL] Homeland security and terrorism		
GOP .....	28	28
Dems.....	38	39
(Neither) .....	11	14
(Unsure).....	22	19
15. _Energy prices		
GOP .....	17	16
Dems.....	49	56
(Neither) .....	15	12
(Unsure).....	19	16

**END SPLIT SAMPLE A—GO TO Q20**

**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for the United States Congress to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue -- **(ROTATE) • President Bush or the Democrats in Congress.** Here is the first one:

**(READ LIST & RANDOMIZE)**

16.	<b>[TS]</b> Immigration		
	Bush.....	22	23
	Dems.....	45	43
	(Neither).....	16	15
	(Unsure).....	17	20
17.	<b>[TS]</b> Economic issues facing families		
	Bush.....	20	24
	Dems.....	58	52
	(Neither).....	12	6
	(Unsure).....	10	19
18.	<b>[TS APRIL]</b> War in Iraq		
	Bush.....	26	29
	Dems.....	49	44
	(Neither).....	12	14
	(Unsure).....	13	13
19.	<b>[TS APRIL]</b> Homeland security and terrorism		
	Bush.....	33	35
	Dems.....	37	43
	(Neither).....	14	9
	(Unsure).....	16	14
20.	_Energy prices		
	Bush.....	21	18
	Dems.....	52	56
	(Neither).....	13	10
	(Unsure).....	14	16

**END SPLIT SAMPLE B—GO TO Q20**

**(IRAQ AND NATIONAL SECURITY)**

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

21. Thinking about the War in Iraq, are you more or less likely to vote for a Democrat for Congress or doesn't it make a difference? (If more/less likely) Is that much or somewhat more/less likely to vote for a Democrat?

Much more likely .....	43	<b>56</b>	35	<b>50</b>
Somewhat more likely.....	13		15	
Somewhat less.....	4		5	
Much less.....	10	<b>14</b>	11	<b>16</b>
(No difference) .....	25		31	
(Don't know).....	5		3	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

22. How important is a Congressional candidate's position on the Iraq war in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very important .....	64	<b>85</b>	62	<b>88</b>
Somewhat important.....	22		27	
A little important .....	5		4	
Not important at all.....	4	<b>10</b>	5	<b>8</b>
(No difference) .....	3		2	
(Don't know).....	2		2	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

23. In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Iraq, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq or did we make the right decision?

Made a mistake .....	58		54
Make the right decision.....	31		36
(Not sure/don't know).....	10		7
(Other/refused) .....	1		3

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

24. Do you think the war with Iraq has been worth the loss of American lives and other costs or not worth the cost?

Worth it .....	26		21
Not worth it.....	64		71
(Not sure/don't know).....	9		7
(Other/refused).....	1		1

Now I am going to read you some pairs of statements on Iraq. For each pair, please tell me which is closer to your own point of view.

**ROTATE STATEMENTS:**

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

25. \_The war in Iraq was, and continues to be, a diversion from war on terror.

OR

\_The war in Iraq is a central front in the war on terror.

1st statement .....	41	41
2nd statement .....	32	36
(Both) .....	10	5
(Neither) .....	5	8
(Don't know).....	12	9

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

26. \_The war in Iraq has made America safer.

OR

\_The war in Iraq has made America less safe.

1st statement .....	28	24
2nd statement .....	49	57
(Both) .....	6	8
(Neither) .....	10	7
(Don't know).....	7	4

27. \_We must adapt to win in Iraq. Cutting and running now would only strengthen our enemies.

OR

\_We need to begin a phased withdrawal immediately, reducing our troops levels based on benchmarks for success, and have Iraqis take control of their security.

1st statement .....	22	25
2nd statement .....	60	60
(Both) .....	7	6
(Neither) .....	4	4
(Don't know).....	7	5



**(THE ECONOMY)**

**Let's change subjects.....**

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

28. Thinking about the economy, are you more or less likely to vote for a Democrat for Congress or doesn't it make a difference? (If more/less likely) Is that much or somewhat more/less likely to vote for a Democrat?

Much more likely .....	46	<b>56</b>	47	<b>57</b>
Somewhat more likely.....	10		10	
Somewhat less.....	4		3	
Much less.....	9	<b>13</b>	10	<b>13</b>
(No difference) .....	25		29	
(Don't know).....	5		2	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

29. How important is a Congressional candidate's position on the economy in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very important .....	63	64
Somewhat important.....	24	27
A little important.....	6	5
Not important at all.....	3	1
(No difference) .....	2	2
(Don't know).....	2	2

30. Thinking specifically about the economy, what are you personally worried about the most?

**READ AND ROTATE**

_Losing your job.....	15	13
_Rising health care costs.....	20	23
_Higher taxes.....	11	12
_A secure retirement.....	14	9
_Expenses like child care or college tuition .....	6	5
_Rising gas prices.....	9	7
_Paying off debt.....	4	2
_Wages not keeping up with rising costs.....	15	24
(Other).....	3	2
(Don't know).....	2	2

**(ENERGY AND GLOBAL WARMING)**

**Changing topics again.....**

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

31. Thinking about gas prices, are you more or less likely to vote for a Democrat for Congress or doesn't it make a difference? (If more/less likely) Is that much or somewhat more/less likely to vote for a Democrat?

Much more likely .....	40	<b>52</b>	37	<b>48</b>
Somewhat more likely.....	12		11	
Somewhat less.....	5		4	
Much less.....	9	<b>14</b>	8	<b>11</b>
(No difference) .....	30		39	
(Don't know).....	5		2	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

32. How important is a Congressional candidate's position on the issue of gas prices in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very important .....	54	<b>78</b>	58	<b>84</b>
Somewhat important.....	24		27	
A little important.....	10		6	
Not important at all.....	6	<b>16</b>	7	<b>13</b>
(No difference) .....	2		1	
(Don't know).....	4		2	

33. Out of the following list, which concerns you most when it comes to the direction of the energy situation in America?

Rising gas prices .....	30		21	
Rising utility prices .....	14		11	
The impact of global warming on the environment .....	18		22	
Dependence on oil from Mid-East and foreign countries.....	31		38	
(Other – if other, ask what) .....	2		2	
(Don't know).....	5		6	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

34. Thinking about global warming, are you more or less likely to vote for a Democrat for Congress or doesn't it make a difference? (If more/less likely) Is that much or somewhat more/less likely to vote for a Democrat?

Much more likely .....	40	<b>55</b>	41	<b>52</b>
Somewhat more likely.....	15		11	
Somewhat less.....	2		4	
Much less.....	9	<b>11</b>	8	<b>12</b>
(No difference) .....	29		34	
(Don't know).....	6		2	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

35. How important is a Congressional candidate's position on the issue of global warming in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very important .....	48	<b>73</b>	41	<b>79</b>
Somewhat important.....	25		38	
A little important.....	11		9	
Not important at all.....	7	<b>19</b>	9	<b>18</b>
(No difference) .....	3		2	
(Don't know).....	6		1	

**(IMMIGRATION)**

**Now for something different.....**

**[SPLIT SAMPLE A]**

36. Thinking about immigration, are you more or less likely to vote for a Democrat for Congress or doesn't it make a difference? (If more/less likely) Is that much or somewhat more/less likely to vote for a Democrat?

Much more likely .....	46	<b>58</b>	37	<b>50</b>
Somewhat more likely.....	12		14	
Somewhat less.....	4		6	
Much less.....	10	<b>13</b>	11	<b>17</b>
(No difference) .....	25		29	
(Don't know).....	4		4	

**[SPLIT SAMPLE B]**

37. How important is a Congressional candidate's position on immigration in deciding whom to vote for in November – VERY important, SOMEWHAT important, A LITTLE important, or NOT important AT ALL?

Very important .....	60	<b>82</b>	68	<b>96</b>
Somewhat important.....	22		28	
A little important.....	5		1	
Not important at all.....	5	<b>10</b>	2	<b>2</b>
(No difference) .....	5		1	
(Don't know).....	4		1	

38. **[TS- added fourth punch in JUNE]** 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 working and paying back taxes 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

Make illegal immigrants felons and send back .....	9	13
Guest worker program to work limited amount of time .....	19	22
Allow immigrants to become citizens with requirements.....	54	50
Grant amnesty .....	13	8
(None).....	2	2
(Other/Don't know).....	3	5

39. Thinking about President Bush's proposal to increase border security, do you think it is about keeping TERRORISTS out of the country or keeping LATINO IMMIGRANTS out of the country?

Terrorists out.....	26	27
Immigrants out .....	34	42
(Both) .....	27	20
(Neither) .....	6	5
(Don't know).....	8	5

**(DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS)**

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

40. **[TS]** 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?

	N=1800		N=1224	
Strong Democrat.....	45	<b>59</b>	45	<b>59</b>
Not so strong Democrat.....	8		9	
Independent - lean Democrat.....	6		5	
Independent.....	16		16	
Independent - lean Republican.....	3		2	
Not so strong Republican.....	4		3	
Strong Republican.....	12	<b>19</b>	13	<b>19</b>
(dk/na/other).....	6		5	

**[SHORT VERSION DOES NOT RECEIVE THIS]**

41. **[TS]** Are you married, single, unmarried living with a partner, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married.....	60	64
Single.....	20	20
Unmarried with partner.....	4	2
Separated/divorced.....	6	6
Widowed.....	8	4
(Don't know).....	3	3

42. **[TS]** What is your age?

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

18-25 years.....	9	9
26-29.....	7	7
30-34.....	9	8
35-39.....	9	10
40-44.....	10	9
45-49.....	9	11
50-54.....	10	8
55-59.....	6	9
60-64.....	6	6
65-69.....	6	5
70-74.....	6	6
Over 75.....	9	10
(Refused/don't know).....	4	3

44. **[TS]** What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

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

1 - 11th grade.....	18	16
High school graduate.....	30	30
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech).....	7	4
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree).....	20	24
College graduate.....	15	16
Post-graduate school.....	6	7
(Don't know).....	3	3

**[SHORT VERSION DOES NOT RECEIVE THIS]**

45. **[TS]** We want to classify people into broad income groups for statistical purposes only. What would you say is your total family income before taxes?

**(READ LIST AND FIT INCOME TO CORRECT CATEGORY)**

Under \$10,000.....	4	7
\$10,000-\$19,999 .....	12	6
\$20,000-\$29,999 .....	13	11
\$30,000-\$39,999 .....	14	11
\$40,000-\$49,999 .....	9	12
\$50,000-\$59,999 .....	8	8
\$60,000-\$74,999 .....	5	7
\$75,000-\$99,999 .....	5	7
\$100,000 & over .....	5	6
(Unsure/don't know) .....	4	6
(Refused).....	20	20

**[SHORT VERSION DOES NOT RECEIVE THIS]**

46. **[TS]** What is your religion? **DO NOT READ**

Protestant (include Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, United Church of Christ).....	6	8
Methodist .....	2	1
Baptist.....	2	1
Evangelical (include Church of God, Pentecostal, 7th Day Adventist) .....	3	1
Non-traditional (include Christian Science, Jehovah's Witness).....	3	3
Catholic.....	65	66
Jewish.....	3	1
Mormon, Church of Latter Day Saints [LDS].....	1	1
(Other).....	7	8
(None).....	7	6
(Don't know).....	3	4

47. **[TS- Intro change]** Latinos come from many different national origins. Which Latin American country are you or your ancestors originally from? **READ LIST:**

Mexico.....	54	58
El Salvador.....	3	1
Guatemala .....	1	0
Nicaragua.....	0	0
Panama.....	0	0
(Other Central American- Honduras, Costa Rica, etc.).....	1	2
Cuba .....	4	0
Dominican Republic.....	4	1
Puerto Rico .....	8	2
South America (Colombia, Argentina, etc.).....	4	4
Other Latino .....	12	22
(Refused) .....	9	10

48. How often do you watch Spanish-language television like Telemundo or Univision?

**READ CHOICES:**

Every day .....	37	23
More than once a week.....	13	11
Once a week.....	7	10
Once or twice a month.....	6	8
Less than once a month.....	9	13
Never .....	24	32
(Don't' know).....	4	3

49. **[TS]** Were you born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or did you immigrate to this country?

Born in US/Puerto Rico.....	61	75
Immigrate .....	34	21
(Unsure/refused).....	5	4

50. **[IF BORN IN U.S. IN Q73:] [TS]** Did either of your parents immigrate to the United States?

Yes.....	54	43
No .....	42	54
(Unsure/refused).....	4	3

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?

\_\_\_\_\_

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