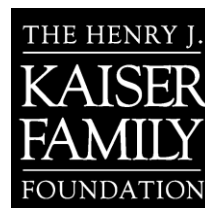


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The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project
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The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The *Post*, Kaiser, and Harvard jointly design and analyze surveys examining public knowledge, perceptions, and misperceptions on major issues. The *Post* then reports the results as well as facts to dispel myths and misperceptions. Our hope is that this project contributes to a better understanding of public knowledge on major issues facing the country as well as more effective efforts by the media to educate, inform, and engage citizens in national debates.

The first report released by the Kaiser Family Foundation, *The Four Americas: Government and Social Policy Through the Eye's of America's Multi-racial and Multi-ethnic Society*, expands on *The Washington Post's* coverage of the first survey beginning on October 8, 1995. This survey focused on the perspectives of different racial and ethnic groups with regard to social policy and the role of government in America. The findings show the different perceptions that America's racial and ethnic groups have of the social and economic standing of the other groups. It also shows how white Americans' misperceptions regarding the social and economic realities facing African Americans relate directly to their views and opinions on public policies and aid to minorities.

The second survey, released by *The Washington Post* on Sunday, January 28, 1996, examines public understanding, perceptions and attitudes about the role of government. It sheds light on why Americans are so distrustful and cynical about the federal government and its ability to act effectively. In addition, a closer look at trust of other institutions as well as fellow Americans is undertaken.

The third survey, released by *The Washington Post* on Sunday, October 13, 1996, examines public understanding, assessments and attitudes about the economy and economic policy. In conjunction with the survey of Americans, a companion survey of 250 economists was also completed. The companion survey shows the differences in perceptions and attitudes of economists compared to the general public.

The fourth survey undertaking, presented by *The Washington Post* in a five part series, beginning Sunday, March 22, 1998, examines Americans' opinions, perceptions and attitudes regarding gender and interactions between the sexes. A series of five related surveys paint an up-to-date picture of gender issues in work place and on the home front, including sexual harassment, the division of household tasks, parenting roles, and the joys and challenges of marriage today.

The fifth set of surveys examines social and moral values and their role in Americans' outlook on politics and policy. Findings from these surveys appeared in a series of occasional articles in *The Washington Post* beginning on September 11, 1998. The goal of the surveys—and their presentation in a series of reflections on values in the public domain—is to shed light on the influence of values on discourse about social and health policy, party politics, and broader questions about the future of our nation.

This sixth survey, released by *The Washington Post* in a series of articles beginning on January 16, 2000, undertakes one of the most comprehensive looks at Latinos in America today. It examines Latino attitudes regarding values, politics, race relations and social policies and compares those attitudes to non-Latino whites and blacks. In addition it provides a closer look at

Latino immigrant perceptions of U.S. culture and their adoption of American customs. The large scope of the study allows for comparisons to be made between Latinos born in the U.S. to those born outside and among Latinos with different national backgrounds.

Additional copies of the national topline and *Post* article reprints from the Latino survey, as well as the other surveys in the series, can be obtained by calling the Kaiser Family Foundation publications request line at 1-800-656-4KFF (race: #1105; government: #1110; economy: #1199; gender: #1383; values:#1441; latinos #3023).

Methodology

The Washington Post/Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University National Survey on Latinos in America was conducted by telephone between June 30 and August 30, 1999. Fieldwork was conducted by International Communications Research. This was a study of a nationally representative sample of 4,614 adults, 18 years and older, including 2,417 Latinos and 2,197 non-Latinos. Among the non-Latinos were 1,802 non-Latino white adults and 285 non-Latino black adults. Respondents were selected at random. The margins of sampling error for each group are $\pm 2\%$ for total respondents, $\pm 2\%$ for Latinos, $\pm 2\%$ for non-Latino whites, and $\pm 6\%$ for non-Latino blacks.

Individuals were identified as “Latino” if they answered “yes” to the question “Are you, yourself of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin background?” Latino adults were interviewed in their choice of English or Spanish. Fifty-three percent of the Latino interviews were conducted predominantly in Spanish. The research was designed to capture the diversity of national backgrounds among Latino Americans. The study included interviews with 818 Mexicans, 318 Puerto Ricans, 312 Cubans, and 593 Central or South Americans. The final results were weighted to the national Latino population, so that nationalities are represented in their actual proportions (as estimated by the Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey). The margins of sampling error for each Latino subgroup are $\pm 4\%$ for Mexicans, $\pm 6\%$ for Puerto Ricans, $\pm 6\%$ for Cubans, and $\pm 4\%$ for Central/South Americans. The margin of sampling error may be higher for some of the sub-groups noted in the analysis.

Representatives of *The Washington Post*, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. All three sponsors are publishing independent summaries of the findings; each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name. The project team included Richard Morin, *The Washington Post* director of polling and Claudia Deane, assistant director of polling; Drew E. Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, Mollyann Brodie, vice president and director of public opinion and media research, and Kristin Kenyon, research associate; and Robert J. Blendon, professor of health policy and political analysis at the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Harvard School of Public Health, and John M. Benson, deputy director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program in the Harvard School of Public Health. A team of outside academic experts also contributed to the project design, including Jorge Chapa, University of Texas at Austin; John Garcia, University of Arizona; Lisandro Perez, Florida International University; Belinda Reyes, Public Policy Institute of California; Clara Rodriguez, Fordham University; Silvio Torres-Saillant, City College of New York, and Ana Maria Arumi, formerly of the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The Kaiser Family Foundation, based in Menlo Park, California, is a nonprofit, independent national health care philanthropy and is not associated with Kaiser Permanente or Kaiser Industries. Copies of the survey topline publication #3023 are available online at www.kff.org, or by calling the Foundation's publications request line at 1-800-656-4533.

**WASHINGTON POST/KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION/HARVARD UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL SURVEY ON LATINOS IN AMERICA
NATIONAL TOPLINE BY RACE AND ETHNICITY
N=4614**

NOTE: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding.

Total = Total Adults

Latinos = Total Latinos

Non-Latino Whites = Total whites who are not Latino

Non-Latino Blacks = Total blacks who are not Latino

(Born Outside the US) = Respondents who were not born in the US (includes Puerto Ricans who were born on the island unless otherwise noted)

VOL. = Respondent volunteered the response

DK = Don't know

Ref. = Refused

1. Are you, yourself of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin background?

	Yes	No
Total	10	90
Latinos	100	-
Non-Latino Whites	-	100
Non-Latino Blacks	-	100

3/4 Summary. What country did you and your ancestors come from?
 (PROBE: IF NECESSARY: Earlier you said you were Hispanic or Latino, what
 Hispanic country did your family or ancestors come from? Which country do
 you identify with more?

Based on Latinos

	Total/Latinos
Argentina	*
Barbados	*
Belize	*
Bolivia	*
Brazil	*
Chile	*
Colombia	2
Costa Rica	*
Cuba	5
Dominican Republic	2
Ecuador	1
El Salvador	6
Falkland Islands	-
Guatemala	1
Guyana	*
Haiti	*
Honduras	2
Mexico	59
Nicaragua	1
Panama	1
Paraguay	*
Peru	1
Portugal	*
Puerto Rico	10
Spain	4
Suriname	-
Uruguay	*
Venezuela	*
Other (Specify)	3
Don't Know	3

SUMMARY LATINO NATIONAL BACKGROUND

	Total/Latinos
Mexican	61
Puerto Rican	10
Cuban	5
Central/South American	16
Other (includes Dominican)	8

5. Would you prefer to be interviewed in English or Spanish?
Based on Latinos

	English	Spanish
Total/Latinos	49	51

6. Were you born in the U.S. or in another country?

	U.S.	Another country
Total	90	10
Latinos	40	60
Non-Latino Whites	98	2
Non-Latino Blacks	92	8

7. In what country were you born?

Based on Latinos who were born outside the U.S.

	Total/Latinos
Argentina	1
Barbados	-
Belize	-
Bolivia	1
Brazil	1
Chile	*
Colombia	3
Costa Rica	*
Cuba	7
Dominican Republic	3
Ecuador	1
El Salvador	9
Falkland Islands	-
Guatemala	1
Guyana	*
Haiti	*
Honduras	2
Mexico	59
Nicaragua	1
Panama	1
Paraguay	*
Peru	1
Portugal	*
Puerto Rico	8
Spain	*
Suriname	-
Uruguay	*
Venezuela	*
Other (Specify)	1
Don't know	-

8. On another subject, Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
Total	61	34	5
Latinos	82	12	7
Non-Latino Whites	53	41	6
Non-Latino Blacks	92	7	1

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
Total	43	47	10
Latinos	57	29	14
Non-Latino Whites	42	49	9
Non-Latino Blacks	43	44	13

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way (your state's governor/mayor) is handling his job as (governor/mayor)?

Based respondents from TX, FL, CA, NY, IL, or D.C.

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
Total	63	22	15
Latinos	71	16	13
Non-Latino Whites	63	22	15
Non-Latino Blacks	51	32	17

11. If the election for president in the year 2000 was being held today, and the candidates were (Al Gore, the Democrat) and (George W. Bush, the Republican) for whom would you vote? (IF CANNOT VOTE, ASK:) If you could vote...

	Al Gore, the Democrat	George W. Bush, the Republican	Can't vote/not registered (vol.)	Don't Know
Total	35	51	2	11
Latinos	40	45	4	11
Non-Latino Whites	31	56	3	10
Non-Latino Blacks	64	29	1	7

12. Now I'm going to read you the names of some institutions in American society. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. How about . . . ? Next, how about . . . ? Is that very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat?

a, b, c, d, e, and f are based on half of total respondents; g and h are based on the total

Total:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Very	
a. The criminal court system in your community	52	19	33	42	21	21	5
b. The Catholic Church	67	32	36	20	12	7	13
c. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the INS	42	7	35	37	19	18	21
d. The military	87	53	34	10	6	4	3
e. The news media	52	15	36	46	23	23	2
f. The police in your community	85	51	34	15	8	7	1
g. The Democratic Party	58	19	39	34	20	14	8
h. The Republican Party	54	15	40	37	21	16	9

Latinos:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Very	
a. The criminal court system in your community	52	22	29	38	15	23	10
b. The Catholic Church	75	54	21	18	8	11	6
c. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the INS	48	20	28	45	20	25	6
d. The military	76	50	27	16	8	8	7
e. The news media	67	28	39	27	16	11	6
f. The police in your community	78	48	31	20	9	11	1
g. The Democratic Party	68	31	37	20	13	7	12
h. The Republican Party	47	13	35	39	22	16	14

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	
a. The criminal court system in your community	53	18	35	43	23	20	4
b. The Catholic Church	68	29	39	20	13	7	12
c. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the INS	38	4	33	39	21	17	24
d. The military	90	55	34	9	5	4	1
e. The news media	50	14	36	48	25	23	2
f. The police in your community	88	55	33	11	6	5	1
g. The Democratic Party	52	15	37	41	23	18	7
h. The Republican Party	60	17	43	33	20	13	7

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't Know
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	
a. The criminal court system in your community	47	22	25	46	18	27	8
b. The Catholic Church	61	27	34	22	14	8	17
c. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the INS	53	9	45	29	11	18	17
d. The military	82	46	36	9	8	1	8
e. The news media	54	19	35	44	16	27	2
f. The police in your community	67	20	47	33	19	14	*
g. The Democratic Party	85	39	46	6	4	2	9
h. The Republican Party	28	4	24	65	36	29	8

13. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of ...? Is that very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat?

Total:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Al Gore	55	19	37	36	18	19	9
Gov. George W. Bush of Texas	66	22	44	19	11	8	15

Latinos:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Al Gore	61	27	34	23	14	9	16
Gov. George W. Bush of Texas	64	32	32	19	11	8	17

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Al Gore	51	15	37	42	19	22	7
Gov. George W. Bush of Texas	70	22	48	16	9	7	14

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Al Gore	74	40	34	14	9	5	11
Gov. George W. Bush of Texas	52	18	34	33	22	11	15

14. How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right – just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time ?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never (vol.)	Don't know
Total	7	21	67	5	1
Latinos	19	27	51	2	1
Non-Latino Whites	4	19	71	5	1
Non-Latino Blacks	10	26	60	4	*

15. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your own view (Read list)?

	The government in Washington should do everything possible to improve the standard of living of all Americans.	This is not the government's responsibility, each person should take care of themselves.	Neither (vol.)	Don't Know
Total	57	38	4	1
Latinos	64	32	3	2
Non-Latino Whites	52	42	4	2
Non-Latino Blacks	76	22	1	1

16. Would you say you favor a (smaller federal government with fewer services), or (a larger government with many services)?

	Smaller	Larger	Don't know
Total	58	36	6
Latinos	28	67	6
Non-Latino Whites	65	28	7
Non-Latino Blacks	38	60	2

17. Now I'm going to read you some statements that may or may not describe your own feelings about politics and government. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one. Do you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

Total:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
a. Political leaders do not care much what people like me think	62	34	28	37	26	10	2
b. Politics and government are so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what's going on	50	26	24	50	21	28	1
c. Voting is a waste of time	16	8	8	83	14	69	*

Latinos:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
a. Political leaders do not care much what people like me think	58	32	25	40	24	17	2
b. Politics and government are so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what's going on	60	31	30	38	18	20	2
c. Voting is a waste of time	23	12	11	76	16	59	2

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
a. Political leaders do not care much what people like me think	63	33	30	35	25	10	2
b. Politics and government are so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what's going on	49	25	23	51	21	30	*
c. Voting is a waste of time	14	7	7	85	14	71	*

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
a. Political leaders do not care much what people like me think	58	38	21	41	32	9	1
b. Politics and government are so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what's going on	49	28	21	51	28	24	-
c. Voting is a waste of time	19	11	8	81	14	66	*

18. Do you feel confident that life for your children will be better than it has been for you, or don't you feel this way?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	46	48	5
Latinos	74	22	4
Non-Latino Whites	40	54	6
Non-Latino Blacks	59	38	3

19. Overall would you say . . . is better in the United States, better in the country you came from, or about the same?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

Latinos:

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
a. The quality of the schools	57	24	16	2
b. Treatment of the poor	70	7	22	1
c. The amount of political freedom	65	8	24	2
d. The moral values of the society	35	34	30	1
e. Relations between different races	24	35	38	3
f. The strength of the family	26	50	23	1
g. The friendliness and openness of the people	28	33	38	1

20. Do you think there is more opportunity to get ahead in the United States, more in the country you came from, or is it about the same?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Latinos	92	1	7	*

21. Do you feel safer from crime in the United States, safer in the country you came from, or is it about the same?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Latinos	48	11	41	1

22. Now I want to ask you some questions about immigrants--people who come from other countries to live here in the United States. Do you think the number of new immigrants allowed into the United States each year should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Same	Don't know
Total	10	36	50	4
Latinos	28	17	50	5
Non-Latino Whites	7	39	51	4
Non-Latino Blacks	9	37	51	2

23. Do you think all public school classes should be taught in English or do you think children of immigrants should be able to take some courses in their native language?

	English	Native language	Don't know
Total	59	40	1
Latinos	40	59	1
Non-Latino Whites	64	35	1
Non-Latino Blacks	48	52	-

24. How important is it for different racial and ethnic groups to . . . , very important, somehow important, not too important, or Not at all important?

Based on one-half of total respondents

Total:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	85	49	37	13	7	6	2
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	84	46	38	15	10	5	1

Latinos:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	82	56	26	16	8	8	2
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	90	67	23	10	6	4	1

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	85	46	39	13	7	6	2
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	83	40	44	17	11	6	*

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	87	58	29	12	7	5	*
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	94	80	14	6	5	1	*

25. How important is it for Latinos to . . . , very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Based on one-half of total respondents

Total:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	75	35	40	20	12	9	4
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	82	46	36	14	7	8	4

Latinos:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	84	53	31	15	8	7	1
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	89	68	20	10	5	4	2

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	75	33	42	21	13	8	5
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	81	41	40	15	6	9	4

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot	75	34	41	24	10	14	1
b. Maintain their distinct cultures	83	59	24	15	8	6	2

26. Now I am going to read a list of things that some people do. For each, thinking about your own values and morals, I'd like you to tell me whether you think it is acceptable or unacceptable. How about...?

Total:

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
a. Divorce	66	33	2
b. Sex between two adults of the same sex	29	68	3
c. Having a child without being married	49	50	1

Latinos:

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
a. Divorce	57	41	2
b. Sex between two adults of the same sex	24	73	4
c. Having a child without being married	50	48	2

Non-Latino Whites:

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
a. Divorce	67	32	2
b. Sex between two adults of the same sex	31	66	3
c. Having a child without being married	48	51	1

Non-Latino Blacks:

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
a. Divorce	65	34	1
b. Sex between two adults of the same sex	19	81	1
c. Having a child without being married	53	47	*

27. Religion has an impact on the political views of many Americans. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view?
[If necessary, probe once: "If you had to choose..."]

	Organized religious groups of all kinds should stay out of politics	It is important for organized religious groups to be involved in politics.	Neither (vol.)	Don't Know
Total	55	40	2	2
Latinos	59	37	3	2
Non-Latino Whites	58	37	3	2
Non-Latino Blacks	36	64	*	*

28. How important is religion in your everyday life: The most important thing in your life; a very important thing in your life, somewhat important; or not important at all?

	-----Important-----			--Somewhat/Not important--			
	NET	Most	Very	NET	Some-what	Not at all	Don't know
Total	63	21	42	37	30	7	*
Latinos	64	26	37	36	31	5	*
Non-Latino Whites	60	18	42	40	33	7	*
Non-Latino Blacks	86	30	56	14	13	1	*

29. In recent years, has your personal financial situation gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	Don't know
Total	49	14	37	*
Latinos	52	12	36	*
Non-Latino Whites	50	14	36	*
Non-Latino Blacks	46	17	37	*

30. For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year. (Read list)
Based on total respondents for “a”, half of total for “b”, “c”, “d”, “e”, “f”, and “g”.

Total:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Have you had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family?	21	78	*
b. Have you had problems paying your rent or mortgage?	13	87	*
c. Have you had problems with collection or credit agencies?	19	80	*
d. Have you gotten a promotion or a big pay raise at work?	29	69	2
e. Have you or someone else in your immediate family had to start working or take on an extra job because you needed the extra money?	28	72	*
f. Have you been able to save money for the future?	58	42	*
g. Have you invested in the stock market?	39	61	*

Latinos:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Have you had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family?	32	67	1
b. Have you had problems paying your rent or mortgage?	20	80	*
c. Have you had problems with collection or credit agencies?	23	77	*
d. Have you gotten a promotion or a big pay raise at work?	29	70	1
e. Have you or someone else in your immediate family had to start working or take on an extra job because you needed the extra money?	38	61	*
f. Have you been able to save money for the future?	47	53	*
g. Have you invested in the stock market?	21	79	*

Non-Latino Whites:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Have you had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family?	20	80	*
b. Have you had problems paying your rent or mortgage?	9	91	-
c. Have you had problems with collection or credit agencies?	16	84	-
d. Have you gotten a promotion or a big pay raise at work?	27	69	3
e. Have you or someone else in your immediate family had to start working or take on an extra job because you needed the extra money?	26	74	*
f. Have you been able to save money for the future?	58	42	*
g. Have you invested in the stock market?	44	56	*

Non-Latino Blacks:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Have you had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family?	23	77	*
b. Have you had problems paying your rent or mortgage?	30	70	-
c. Have you had problems with collection or credit agencies?	36	64	*
d. Have you gotten a promotion or a big pay raise at work?	32	68	*
e. Have you or someone else in your immediate family had to start working or take on an extra job because you needed the extra money?	28	72	-
f. Have you been able to save money for the future?	65	35	-
g. Have you invested in the stock market?	21	79	-

31. What is your employment status? Are you . . .?

	-----Employed-----						
	NET	Self-employed	Employed by someone else	Home-maker	Retired	Student	Un-employed
Total	66	12	54	8	18	3	5
Latino	69	10	59	11	8	6	7
Non-Latino Whites	65	13	52	9	19	2	4
Non-Latino Blacks	70	7	63	1	14	6	9

32. Do you work full-time or part-time?

Based on employed respondents

	Full time	Part time
Total	88	12
Latinos	86	14
Non-Latino Whites	89	11
Non-Latino Blacks	82	18

33. Do you have more than one job?

Based on employed respondents

	Yes	No
Total	14	86
Latinos	15	85
Non-Latino Whites	14	86
Non-Latino Blacks	9	91

34. Now I will read you some statements. Will you tell me for each one whether it is something you personally agree with or disagree with?
Do you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

Total:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			
	NET	Strongly	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Strongly	Don't know
a. Hard work offers LITTLE guarantee of success.	35	18	17	64	19	45	1
b. Some equality in marriage is a good thing, but in general the husband should have the final say in family matters.	27	13	14	72	19	53	1
c. It is better for children to live in their parents' home until they get married.	45	26	19	53	28	25	2
d. Even if a child believes his parents are wrong, he or she should obey without	57	31	26	41	29	13	2
e. Elderly parents should live with their adult children.	49	20	29	47	30	18	4
f. It is a mother's special responsibility to provide her children with proper religious training.	67	43	24	31	15	16	2
g. Relatives are more important than friends.	67	40	27	30	22	8	2
h. It doesn't do any good to plan for the future because you don't have control over it	22	12	10	78	18	60	*

Latinos:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Strongly	
a. Hard work offers LITTLE guarantee of success.	43	26	17	57	20	36	1
b. Some equality in marriage is a good thing, but in general the husband should have the final say in family matters.	38	24	14	61	21	40	1
c. It is better for children to live in their parents' home until they get married.	74	60	15	25	14	11	1
d. Even if a child believes his parents are wrong, he or she should obey without	57	36	21	42	23	19	1
e. Elderly parents should live with their adult children.	64	41	22	34	19	14	3
f. It is a mother's special responsibility to provide her children with proper religious training.	81	61	19	19	10	9	*
g. Relatives are more important than friends.	82	66	16	17	11	6	1
h. It doesn't do any good to plan for the future because you don't have control over it	37	22	15	63	19	43	1

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Strongly	
a. Hard work offers LITTLE guarantee of success.	34	17	17	65	19	47	1
b. Some equality in marriage is a good thing, but in general the husband should have the final say in family matters.	24	10	14	75	19	56	1
c. It is better for children to live in their parents' home until they get married.	43	24	20	55	30	25	2
d. Even if a child believes his parents are wrong, he or she should obey without	56	29	26	42	30	12	2
e. Elderly parents should live with their adult children.	46	16	29	50	31	19	4
f. It is a mother's special responsibility to provide her children with proper religious training.	64	39	25	34	16	18	2
g. Relatives are more important than friends.	64	34	30	33	25	8	3
h. It doesn't do any good to plan for the future because you don't have control over it	18	10	7	82	18	64	*

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Strongly	
a. Hard work offers LITTLE guarantee of success.	37	18	19	62	20	42	1
b. Some equality in marriage is a good thing, but in general the husband should have the final say in family matters.	35	18	17	65	23	42	*
c. It is better for children to live in their parents' home until they get married.	36	16	20	64	32	32	*
d. Even if a child believes his parents are wrong, he or she should obey without	61	40	22	38	24	14	1
e. Elderly parents should live with their adult children.	52	21	31	46	32	14	2
f. It is a mother's special responsibility to provide her children with proper religious training.	74	57	18	24	13	11	1
g. Relatives are more important than friends.	73	53	20	27	17	10	*
h. It doesn't do any good to plan for the future because you don't have control over it	26	13	12	74	19	55	-

35. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in Spanish (both understanding and speaking)-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

Based on Latinos

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----			Don't know
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all	
Total/Latinos	87	76	11	13	8	5	*

36. Would you say you can read a newspaper or book in Spanish-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

Based on Latinos

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----			Don't know
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all	
Total/Latinos	71	48	23	29	19	10	*

37. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in English (both understanding and speaking)-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

Based on Latinos

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----			Don't know
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all	
Total/Latinos	62	51	11	38	28	10	*

38. Would you say you can read a newspaper or book in English-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

Based on Latinos

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----			Don't know
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all	
Total/Latinos	59	46	12	41	29	12	*

39. If you had to put something together from a set of instructions, would you prefer the instructions to be written in English or in Spanish?

Based on Latinos

	English	Spanish	No difference (vol.)	Don't read Spanish or English	Don't know
Total/Latinos	44	40	15	1	*

40. What language do you usually speak at home? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

Based on Latinos

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----			Don't Know
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only	
Total/Latinos	48	28	20	26	26	11	15	*

41. In what language are the TV programs you usually watch? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

Based on Latinos

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----			Don't watch TV (vol.)	Don't know
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only		
Total/Latinos	20	10	10	33	46	23	23	*	*

Now I am going to ask you about some issues facing our society.

42. Is discrimination against Latinos in our society today a problem or not?

	Problem	Not a problem	Don't know
Total	57	33	10
Latinos	82	17	1
Non-Latino Whites	52	37	11
Non-Latino Blacks	69	22	10

43. Is it a big problem or not such a big problem?

Based on respondents who believe discrimination is a problem

	Big problem	Not such a big problem	Don't know
Total	55	41	4
Latinos	67	32	1
Non-Latino Whites	52	44	4
Non-Latino Blacks	64	34	3

42/43 Summary Table

	-----Problem-----				
	NET	Big	Not big	Not a problem	Don't know
Total	57	32	24	33	10
Latinos	82	55	26	17	1
Non-Latino Whites	52	27	23	37	11
Non-Latino Blacks	69	44	23	22	10

44. During the last 5 years, have you, a family member, or a close friend experienced discrimination because of your racial or ethnic background, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	23	77	*
Latino	40	59	1
Non-Latino Whites	14	85	*
Non-Latino Blacks	54	45	*

45. Was that you personally or was that someone else?

Based on respondents who experienced/witnessed discrimination

	You personally	Someone else	Both	Don't know
Total	48	38	14	-
Latinos	44	46	10	-
Non-Latino Whites	47	44	9	-
Non-Latino Blacks	53	28	19	-

44/45 Summary Table

	-----Yes-----					Don't know
	NET	You	Else	Both	No	Know
Total	23	11	9	3	77	*
Latinos	40	18	19	4	59	1
Non-Latino Whites	14	7	6	1	85	*
Non-Latino Blacks	54	29	15	11	45	*

46. How many years have you lived in the United States?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	0-12	13-24	25-36	37-49	50-97	Don't know
Latinos	45	34	14	5	2	*

47. Now we would like to ask you about US citizenship. Are you?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico

	U.S. citizen	Currently applying	Planning to apply	Not planning to become a citizen	Don't know
Latinos	31	15	39	12	3

48. Is there any particular reason why you haven't applied for citizenship before?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico, and who plan to apply for citizenship

	Latinos
a. Not eligible/ have to be a resident	19
b. Doesn't know English	14
c. Didn't have time	6
d. Didn't have money	3
e. Discrimination	1
f. Solicitated citizenship/ waiting to hear/ in process	1
g. Problem with the law/ have problems	1
h. Too difficult/ don't know how to apply/ didn't have necessary papers	5
i. Cannot keep both nationalities/ don't want to lose citizenship in my country	1
j. Just became a resident	2
k. Want to marry and become a citizen	1
l. Procrastinating/ never got around to it	3
m. In the military	-
n. Not my turn yet	*
o. Fear of deportation	1
p. No reason / don't want to	19
Other	3
Don't know	20

49. How long ago did you become a citizen?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico, and who are U.S. citizens

	< 1 year	1 yr but less than 3 yrs	3 yrs but less than 6 yrs	6 yrs but less than 10 years	10+ years	Don't know
Latinos	18	21	20	7	32	3

50. What is the main reason for this?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico, and who do not plan to apply for citizenship

	Latinos
a. I will be returning to my original country	16
b. Allegiance to original country	1
c. Do not have a Green Card/ do not have immigration status yet	14
d. Didn't have time	2
e. Can't speak English well	3
f. No interest	9
Other	30
Don't know	28

51. Just thinking about groups living in the United States, how much do (RESPONDENT'S GROUP) in the U.S. have in common with the following groups.

Do (RESPONDENT'S GROUP) have a lot in common, a fair amount in common, only a little in common, or nothing at all in common with (OTHER GROUP), or don't you know enough to say?

Based on Latinos

Total/Latinos:

	-----A lot/Fair amount--			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't know
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	
a. Anglos	26	11	15	59	36	22	16
b. African Americans African Americans	25	11	13	59	36	24	16
c. Mexican Americans and Mexicans in the US	47	22	25	43	32	11	10
d. Cubans in the US	30	13	17	48	34	13	22
e. Puerto Ricans	38	17	21	45	35	10	17
f. Salvadorans in the U.S.	34	16	19	45	31	14	20
g. Dominicans in the U.S.	29	13	17	46	31	16	24
h. Guatemalans in the U.S.	34	18	15	43	29	13	24

52. How much do whites have in common with . . . ?
Do they have a lot in common, a fair amount in common, only a little in common, or nothing at all in common?

Based on non-Latino whites

Non-Latino Whites:

	-----A lot/Fair amount---			-----Only a little/Nothing-----			
	NET	A lot	A fair amount	NET	Only a little	Nothing at all	Don't know
a. African American	75	29	45	21	17	5	4
b. Latino Americans	72	27	44	22	20	2	7

53. How much do African Americans have in common with . . . ?
Do they have a lot in common, a fair amount in common, only a little in common, or nothing at all in common?

Based on non-Latino blacks

Non-Latino Blacks:

	-----A lot/Fair amount---			-----Only a little/Nothing-----			
	NET	A lot	A fair amount	NET	Only a little	Nothing at all	Don't know
a. Whites	53	14	38	44	39	5	3
b. Latino Americans	67	39	28	28	24	4	5

54. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Latinos in the United States share FEW political interests and goals. Do you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

Based on Latinos

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Don't know
Total/Latinos	52	24	28	44	22	21	4

55. Generally speaking, do you think that Latinos today are working together to achieve common political goals, or do you think that Latinos are not working together politically?

Based on Latinos

	Working together	Not working together	Don't know
Total/Latinos	56	40	4

56. Do you think that if various Latino groups worked together politically Latinos would be better off, worse off, or wouldn't it make much difference?

Based on Latinos

	Better off	Worse off	No difference	Don't know
Total/Latinos	84	2	12	2

57. Please tell me whether or not you have done each of the following activities in the past ten years.

Based on Latinos

Total/Latinos:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Have you worked as a volunteer or for pay for a Latino political candidate, or not?	10	90	*
b. Have you attended a public meeting or demonstration regarding Latino concerns, or not?	21	79	*
c. Have you contributed money to a Latino candidate or Latino political organization, or not?	11	89	*

58. In the past ten years, has anyone ever asked you to . . . ?

Based on Latinos who have not done the activity

Total/Latinos:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Have you worked as a volunteer or for pay for a Latino political candidate, or not?	5	95	*
b. Have you attended a public meeting or demonstration regarding Latino concerns, or not?	4	96	*
c. Have you contributed money to a Latino candidate or Latino political organization, or not?	5	95	*

59. Overall, which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Neither (vol.)	Both equally (vol.)	Don't know
Total	42	37	11	5	5
Latinos	54	28	6	3	10
Non-Latino Whites	35	44	13	4	4
Non-Latino Blacks	80	6	3	6	5

60. Which party do you think has more concern for Latinos –the Democratic party the Republican party, or is there no difference?

	Democratic	Republican	No difference	Don't know
Total	34	7	47	12
Latinos	44	10	38	8
Non-Latino Whites	29	7	51	13
Non-Latino Blacks	58	4	34	5

61. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

	Yes	No	Non-citizens	Don't know
Total	77	18	5	*
Latinos	45	16	38	*
Non-Latino Whites	82	17	1	*
Non-Latino Blacks	73	25	2	*

62. What is the main reason why you are not currently registered to vote?
(RECORD VERBATIM)

Based on U.S. citizens who are not registered to vote

	Total	Latinos	Non-Latino Whites
a. Moved/ relocated/ will be moving	28	14	34
b. Just turned 18	3	2	1
c. Haven't had chance/ gotten around to it/ no time	11	9	7
d. Convicted felon/ criminal record	2	3	2
e. My opinion doesn't matter/ vote doesn't count/ no difference	6	4	7
f. To avoid jury duty	*	*	1
g. Registered at a different address	3	2	3
h. Religious reasons	2	4	2
i. Corrupt politics/ politicians/ no one worth voting for/ don't trust the government	6	3	8
j. Just became a citizen	1	5	-
k. Don't know how/ where/ problem with form	5	5	6
l. No reason/ don't want to vote/ just haven't	3	12	2
m. Mental handicap can't vote	2	1	2
n. Disabled/ no transportation	1	1	1
o. Too lazy/ neglect/ forgot	7	2	9
p. Not interested	1	1	*
q. Never registered/ voted	3	3	4
r. Don't keep up with politics	4	1	5
s. In the military	2	1	3
t. Not a U.S. Citizen	*	4	*
u. Too late to register	1	1	1
v. Can't (various reasons)	1	2	*
w. Other	3	7	*
x. Don't Know	5	13	1

63. Have you ever voted in an election (in the U.S.)?

Based on U.S. citizens

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	84	16	-
Latinos	68	32	-
Non-Latino whites	88	12	-
Non-Latino blacks	77	23	-

64. In talking to people about elections, we often find out that a lot of people aren't able to vote because they were not registered, or they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you--do you remember for sure whether you voted in the November 1998 congressional election in your district?

Based on U.S. citizens who have voted in the past

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	76	23	1
Latinos	69	28	3
Non-Latino whites	77	22	1
Non-Latino blacks	70	26	4

65. Did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

Based on U.S. citizens who voted in 1998

	Democratic	Republican	Don't know
Total	46	42	12
Latinos	68	26	6
Non-Latino whites	39	48	13
Non-Latino blacks	89	6	5

66. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the November 1996 presidential election when Bill Clinton ran against Bob Dole and Ross Perot?

Based on U.S. citizens who have voted in the past

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	86	12	2
Latinos	76	21	3
Non-Latino whites	87	11	1
Non-Latino blacks	82	14	4

67. Which candidate did you vote for?

Based on U.S. citizens who voted in 1996

	Clinton	Dole	Perot	Don't know
Total	49	32	17	2
Latinos	76	14	7	3
Non-Latino whites	42	37	18	3
Non-Latino blacks	88	3	8	1

68. How much attention would you say you pay to politics and government?
A lot, a fair amount, not much, or none at all?

	-----A lot/fair amount-----			-----Not much/none-----			Don't know
	NET	A lot	Fair	NET	Not much	None	
Total	77	25	52	22	18	4	*
Latinos	49	19	30	51	42	9	*
Non-Latino whites	82	25	57	18	15	2	*
Non-Latino blacks	76	29	47	24	14	10	-

69. In 1993, Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, which reduced trade barriers between Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Do you think the NAFTA treaty has been good or bad, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Good	Bad	Haven't heard enough to say	Neither (vol.)	Don't know
Total	24	20	51	2	2
Latino	40	12	42	1	4
Non-Latino whites	24	24	48	2	3
Non-Latino blacks	15	11	73	*	1

70. In the future, do you personally think Puerto Rico should become a completely independent nation, should it remain a territory of the United States, or should it be admitted to the United States as the fifty-first state?

	Independent	Remain a territory of U.S.	Be admitted to the U.S.	Don't know
Total	20	21	39	20
Latinos	26	21	37	16
Non-Latino whites	19	21	39	21
Non-Latino blacks	19	19	45	18

71. Do you approve or disapprove of re-establishing diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
Total	49	40	11
Latinos	54	32	14
Non-Latino whites	48	42	11
Non-Latino blacks	49	42	9

72. Do you think government spending on the military should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	Don't know
Total	35	16	48	2
Latinos	22	22	51	5
Non-Latino whites	38	14	47	1
Non-Latino blacks	26	19	54	1

73. Which comes closer to your opinion about college admissions: . . .

	Colleges and universities should sometimes take a student's racial and ethnic background into consideration when they decide which students to admit	Colleges and universities should select students without considering their racial or ethnic backgrounds	Don't know
Total	16	82	2
Latinos	22	75	3
Non-Latino whites	14	83	3
Non-Latino blacks	22	78	1

74. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

	-----Legal-----			-----Illegal-----			Don't know
	NET	All	Most	NET	Most	All	
Total	47	18	30	49	31	18	3
Latinos	40	12	27	58	24	33	3
Non-Latino whites	49	19	29	48	34	14	3
Non-Latino blacks	50	13	37	47	26	22	3

75. If someone is terminally ill, is in great pain and wants to kill themselves, should it be legal for a doctor to help them commit suicide, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	53	43	4
Latinos	38	58	4
Non-Latino whites	57	38	5
Non-Latino blacks	33	64	3

76. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know
Total	70	26	4
Latinos	54	41	6
Non-Latino whites	76	20	4
Non-Latino blacks	49	47	4

77. Do you favor or oppose offering government financial aid or "vouchers" to pay parents some of the cost of sending their children to private or parochial schools, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know
Total	32	37	31
Latinos	40	18	42
Non-Latino whites	30	43	27
Non-Latino blacks	35	24	40

78. Which of the following two statements about HMOs and other managed health care plans comes closer to your own view: . . .

	Additional government regulation of managed care plans is necessary to ensure that consumers are treated fairly and get the care they need	Additional government regulation of managed care plans isn't worth it because it would raise the cost of health insurance	Don't know
Total	58	31	11
Latinos	67	23	10
Non-Latino whites	56	33	11
Non-Latino blacks	70	23	7

79. Do you think the government should provide health insurance for Americans without insurance, or is this something the government should not do?

	Should	Should not	Don't know
Total	66	30	4
Latinos	83	14	3
Non-Latino whites	61	34	4
Non-Latino blacks	84	15	1

80. Do you think it should be easier to buy a handgun than it is now, harder to buy a handgun than it is now, or do you think current laws are about right?

	Easier	Harder	About right	Don't know
Total	6	67	25	2
Latinos	9	71	18	2
Non-Latino whites	5	65	28	1
Non-Latino blacks	2	77	18	2

81. You mentioned earlier that you were born outside the US, (As you may know, some countries allow people to be legal citizens of their country even if they are also US citizens) - Are you a legal citizen of (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN)?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico

	Yes	No	Don't know
Latinos	81	17	2

82. Since you moved to the U.S., have you voted in (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/ THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN)?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico

	Yes	No	Don't know
Latinos	26	74	*

83. Do you regularly send money back to (your country of origin/ THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN)?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Latinos	42	58	*

84. Which of the following three reasons best describes why YOU came to the United States. Did you come ...? (READ EACH ITEM)

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	To join family members	To escape political oppression or dictatorship	To find a better job or for other economic reasons	Other reason (vol.)	Don't Know
Latinos	28	13	53	5	*

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85. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	Don't Know
Total	26	29	33	10	1
Latinos	16	37	33	10	5
Non-Latino whites	31	23	35	10	1
Non-Latino blacks	4	61	25	9	1

86. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat, or not a very strong Democrat?

Based on Democrats

	Strong	Not strong	Don't know
Total	55	44	1
Latinos	43	56	1
Non-Latino whites	58	41	1
Non-Latino blacks	57	43	*

87. Would you call yourself a strong Republican, or not a very strong Republican?

Based on Republicans

	Strong	Not strong	Don't know
Total	48	52	*
Latinos	27	73	*
Non-Latino whites	49	51	*

88. Do you consider yourself close to the Republican party or the Democratic party?

Based on Independents

	Republican	Democrat	Neither	Other	Don't Know
Total	35	37	24	*	3
Latinos	25	42	24	*	9
Non-Latino whites	39	33	25	*	3

Leaned Party:

	Republican	Democrat	Neither	Other	Don't Know
Total	37	42	9	10	1
Latinos	24	51	11	10	5
Non-Latino whites	45	35	10	10	1
Non-Latino blacks	7	79	4	9	1

89. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't Know
Total	24	39	34	4
Latinos	26	34	34	6
Non-Latino whites	23	39	35	3
Non-Latino blacks	23	45	30	2

90. Would you advise a young person close to you to join the military, or not?

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	Don't Know
Total	58	32	8	2
Latinos	66	30	2	2
Non-Latino whites	58	31	9	2
Non-Latino blacks	51	39	6	3

91. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Living with a partner	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never been married
Total	57	5	7	11	2	18
Latinos	54	8	3	8	6	20
Non-Latino whites	60	5	8	11	2	15
Non-Latino blacks	47	4	6	8	3	32

92. Including yourself, how many adults, 18 or older, are there living in your household?

	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Total	23	55	15	5	2	*
Latinos	21	50	17	7	3	2
Non-Latino whites	24	55	15	5	1	-
Non-Latino blacks	19	65	11	2	3	-

93. How many people living in your household are under 18?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Total	54	19	18	6	2	*	*
Latinos	36	24	21	12	5	1	1
Non-Latino whites	58	15	19	6	2	*	*
Non-Latino blacks	45	29	11	9	5	*	*

94. Is any other adult in your household currently employed?

	Yes	No
Total	53	23
Latinos	43	36
Non-Latino whites	54	21
Non-Latino blacks	58	23

95. What language do your children usually speak with their friends? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

Based on Latinos with children under 18 years old.

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----			
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only	Don't Know
Total/Latino	20	11	9	31	49	18	31	-

96. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Some other religion	No religion
Total	37	28	1	26	8
Latinos	7	72	*	13	8
Non-Latino whites	43	25	2	22	8
Non-Latino blacks	31	3	*	62	3

97. Do you consider yourself a Christian?

Based on respondents who are some other religion

	Yes	No
Total	88	12
Latinos	85	15
Non-Latino whites	87	13
Non-Latino blacks	95	5

98. Would you consider yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Based on respondents who are Protestant or some other religion/Christian

	Yes	No
Total	58	42
Latinos	69	31
Non-Latino whites	56	44
Non-Latino blacks	65	35

99. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?
(DO NOT READ)

	None, grade 1-8	High School In-complete	High school grad	Business, tech. Or professional schooling	Some college	College grad	Post-graduate or professional schooling
Total	5	13	33	3	23	15	7
Latinos	23	22	27	4	16	7	2
Non-Latino whites	4	12	33	4	24	17	8
Non-Latino blacks	2	14	47	2	22	12	2

100. Do you happen to have a driver's license, or not?

	Yes	No
Total	90	10
Latinos	72	28
Non-Latino whites	95	5
Non-Latino blacks	83	17

101. Do you happen to have any credit cards, or not?

	Yes	No
Total	75	25
Latinos	54	46
Non-Latino whites	81	19
Non-Latino blacks	58	42

102. What is your age?

	18-29	30-39	40-54	55+
Total	23	21	28	27
Latinos	32	31	21	16
Non-Latino whites	19	20	31	30
Non-Latino blacks	36	22	19	23

103. Were either of your parents born in another country? (IF YES, ASK:)
One or both?

Based on Latinos born inside the U.S.

		Yes One parent	Both parents	No	Born in Puerto Rico (vol.)	Don't know
Latinos	Net 53	16	37	43	2	1

104. How many of your grandparents, if any, were born in another country?

Based on Latinos whose parents were born inside the U.S.

	None	One	Two	Three	All	Don't know
Latinos	36	13	26	4	12	9

106/107. Total Annual Household Income from all sources, before taxes

	-----Less than \$50K-----					-----More than \$50K-----				
	Net	Less than \$20K	\$20K but less than \$30K	\$30K but less than \$40K	\$40K but less than \$50K	Net	\$50K but less than \$75K	\$75K but less than \$100K	\$100K or more	Don't Know
Total	59	15	15	14	10	40	22	9	7	1
Latinos	79	34	20	15	7	17	12	3	2	4
Non-Latino whites	56	12	13	15	11	43	23	10	8	1
Non-Latino blacks	63	18	26	9	7	35	24	7	5	2

108. May a reporter from The Washington Post call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	67	32	1
Latinos	62	37	1
Non-Latino whites	68	31	1
Non-Latino blacks	68	32	*

109. I have one final question, this one about me, what race or ethnicity do you think I am?

	White	Black or African American	Asian- American	Hispanic or Latino	Some other race	Don't know
Total	29	15	3	24	4	24
Latinos	20	10	1	49	12	8
Non-Latino whites	29	15	2	21	4	29
Non-Latino blacks	38	17	11	23	1	10

109A. Gender

	Male	Female
Total	48	52
Latinos	51	49
Non-Latino whites	47	53
Non-Latino blacks	45	55

110. INTERVIEWER: In what language did the respondent complete the interview: Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----			Don't
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only	Know
Total	6	6	*	*	94	1	93	-
Latinos	53	52	1	1	46	2	45	-
Non-Latino whites	-	-	-	-	100	-	100	-
Non-Latino blacks	-	-	-	-	100	-	100	-

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NATIONAL SURVEY ON LATINOS IN AMERICA
LATINO TOPLINE BY NATIONAL BACKGROUND
N=2,417**

NOTE: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding.

Cen./So. Amer.= Central and South American

(Born Outside the US) = Respondents who were not born in the US (includes Puerto Ricans who were born on the island unless otherwise noted)

VOL. = Respondent volunteered the response

DK = Don't know

Ref. = Refused

1. Are you, yourself of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin background?

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	100	-
Mexican	100	-
Puerto Rican	100	-
Cuban	100	-
Central/ South American	100	-

3/4 Summary. What country did you and your ancestors come from?
 (PROBE: IF NECESSARY): Earlier you said you were Hispanic or Latino, what
 Hispanic country did your family or ancestors come from? Which country do you
 identify with more?

	Total Latinos	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Central/ South American
Argentina	*	-	-	-	2
Barbados	*	-	-	-	*
Belize	*	-	-	-	1
Bolivia	*	-	-	-	1
Brazil	*	-	-	-	2
Chile	*	-	-	-	2
Colombia	2	-	-	-	13
Costa Rica	*	-	-	-	1
Cuba	5	-	-	96	-
Dominican Republic	2	-	-	-	-
Ecuador	1	-	-	-	7
El Salvador	6	-	-	-	37
Falkland Islands	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	1	-	-	-	5
Guyana	*	-	-	-	*
Haiti	*	-	-	-	-
Honduras	2	-	-	-	10
Mexico	59	99	-	-	-
Nicaragua	1	-	-	-	5
Panama	1	-	-	-	4
Paraguay	*	-	-	-	*
Peru	1	-	-	-	3
Portugal	*	-	3	-	-
Puerto Rico	10	-	95	-	-
Spain	4	1	1	3	2
Suriname	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	*	-	-	-	*
Venezuela	*	-	-	-	2
Other (Specify)	1	-	1	*	*
Don't Know	3	1	*	-	*

5. Would you prefer to be interviewed in English or Spanish?

	English	Spanish
Total Latinos	49	51
Mexican	43	57
Puerto Rican	71	29
Cuban	37	63
Central/ South American	40	60

6. Were you born in the U.S. or in another country?

	U.S.	Another country
Total Latinos	40	60
Mexican	41	59
Puerto Rican	51	49
Cuban	20	80
Central/ South American	14	86

7. In what country were you born?
Based on Latinos born outside the US.

	Total Latinos	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Central/ South American
Argentina	1	-	-	*	3
Barbados	-	-	-	-	
Belize	-	-	-	-	
Bolivia	1	-	-	-	3
Brazil	1	-	-	-	2
Chile	*	-	-	-	1
Colombia	3	-	-	-	15
Costa Rica	*	-	-	-	1
Cuba	7	-	-	98	-
Dominican Republic	3	-	-	-	-
Ecuador	1	-	-	-	5
El Salvador	9	-	-	-	40
Falkland Islands	-	-	-	-	
Guatemala	1	-	-	-	4
Guyana	*	-	-	-	*
Haiti	*	-	-	-	-
Honduras	2	-	-	-	11
Mexico	59	100	-	1	-
Nicaragua	1	*	-	-	3
Panama	1	-	-	-	5
Paraguay	*	-	-	-	*
Peru	1	-	-	-	4
Portugal	*	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	8		100	*	-
Spain	*	*	*	-	-
Suriname	-	-	-	-	
Uruguay	*	-	-	-	*
Venezuela	*	-	-	*	2
Other (Specify)	1	*	*	*	*
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-

8. On another subject, Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
Total Latinos	82	12	7
Mexican	81	12	8
Puerto Rican	89	6	5
Cuban	69	23	8
Central/ South American	90	5	5

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
Total Latinos	57	29	14
Mexican	60	28	13
Puerto Rican	57	26	17
Cuban	57	26	17
Central/ South American	58	28	14

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way (your state's governor/mayor) is handling his job as (governor/mayor)?

Based on Respondents from TX, FL, CA, NY, IL, or DC.

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't Know
Total Latinos	71	16	13
Mexican	76	12	12
Puerto Rican	47	35	18
Cuban	72	15	13
Central/ South American	67	18	15

11. If the election for president in the year 2000 was being held today, and the candidates were (Al Gore, the Democrat) and (George W. Bush, the Republican) for whom would you vote? (IF CANNOT VOTE, ASK:)If you could vote...

	Al Gore	George W. Bush	Can't vote/not registered (vol.)	Don't Know
Total Latinos	40	45	4	11
Mexican	37	49	3	11
Puerto Rican	50	34	1	15
Cuban	32	57	5	6
Central/ South American	47	39	6	8

12. Now I'm going to read you the names of some institutions in American society. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. (First,) How about (Read first item)? Next, how about...? (Read Get answer, then ask:) Is that very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat?

Base – Half of the respondents were asked a,b,c,d,e,and f.

All respondents were asked g and h.

- a. The criminal court system in your community

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	52	22	29	38	15	23	10
Mexican	53	22	31	39	14	24	9
Puerto Rican	45	30	15	37	22	15	18
Cuban	49	28	21	36	13	23	15
Central/ South American	56	18	37	37	14	23	7

- b. The Catholic Church

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	75	54	21	18	8	11	6
Mexican	77	55	22	18	7	11	6
Puerto Rican	80	56	24	17	8	8	4
Cuban	80	52	28	15	7	8	5
Central/ South American	62	50	12	26	11	15	12

- c. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the INS

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	48	20	28	45	20	25	6
Mexican	53	23	30	43	18	25	3
Puerto Rican	36	22	14	39	20	19	25
Cuban	49	18	31	47	22	25	4
Central/ South American	38	14	24	58	25	33	3

d. The military

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	76	50	27	16	8	8	7
Mexican	76	48	28	18	10	8	6
Puerto Rican	74	60	15	12	4	8	13
Cuban	80	57	24	16	4	11	4
Central/ South American	75	50	25	14	8	6	11

e. The news media

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	67	28	39	27	16	11	6
Mexican	70	31	39	25	14	11	5
Puerto Rican	66	17	49	25	17	8	9
Cuban	61	24	37	37	11	26	2
Central/ South American	66	30	36	23	18	5	12

f. The police in your community

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	78	48	31	20	9	11	1
Mexican	81	50	31	18	6	12	1
Puerto Rican	65	40	25	34	18	16	2
Cuban	83	40	43	13	7	6	4
Central/ South American	78	58	20	20	12	8	2

g. The Democratic Party

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	68	31	37	20	13	7	12
Mexican	67	31	36	20	14	6	12
Puerto Rican	71	36	35	18	11	7	12
Cuban	52	22	30	30	14	16	18
Central/ South American	74	35	39	15	10	4	11

h. The Republican Party

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	47	13	35	39	22	16	14
Mexican	51	12	39	34	20	14	15
Puerto Rican	39	14	25	50	24	26	11
Cuban	50	27	23	27	14	13	23
Central/ South American	46	9	37	39	25	14	14

13. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of (Read item)?
(Get answer, then ask:) Is that very favorable/unfavorable or somewhat?

Al Gore

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	61	27	34	23	14	9	16
Mexican	61	26	35	23	15	9	15
Puerto Rican	57	23	34	22	15	8	21
Cuban	53	22	31	29	12	17	18
Central/ South American	67	39	28	18	11	7	16

Governor George W. Bush of Texas

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			Don't
	NET	Very	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Very	Know
Total Latinos	64	32	32	19	11	8	17
Mexican	67	35	32	19	11	8	14
Puerto Rican	51	17	34	23	11	12	26
Cuban	65	39	26	15	8	7	20
Central/ South American	65	32	32	17	10	7	18

14. How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time ?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never (vol.)	Don't know
Total Latinos	19	27	51	2	1
Mexican	21	25	52	2	1
Puerto Rican	15	41	40	3	1
Cuban	21	32	42	2	3
Central/ South American	20	25	53	*	2

15. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your own view (Read list)?

	The government in Washington should do everything possible to improve the standard of living of all Americans.	This is not the government's responsibility, each person should take care of themselves.	Neither (vol.)	Don't Know
Total Latinos	64	32	3	2
Mexican	63	34	2	1
Puerto Rican	73	20	2	4
Cuban	59	35	6	1
Cen./ So. Amer.	58	36	5	2

16. Would you say you favor a (smaller federal government with fewer services), or (a larger government with many services)?

	Smaller	Larger	Don't know
Total Latinos	28	67	6
Mexican	26	69	5
Puerto Rican	26	63	10
Cuban	33	59	8
Cen./ So. Amer.	26	70	5

17. Now I'm going to read you some statements that may or may not describe your own feelings about politics and government. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each one. (Get answer, then ask:) Do you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

- a. Political leaders do not care much what people like me think

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	58	32	25	40	24	17	2
Mexican	55	31	24	43	24	19	2
Puerto Rican	66	39	27	31	18	13	3
Cuban	58	42	16	39	20	19	3
Central/ South American	55	29	26	41	31	11	4

- b. Politics and government are so complicated that a person like me cannot really understand what's going on

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	60	31	30	38	18	20	2
Mexican	62	32	30	36	18	18	1
Puerto Rican	69	35	34	29	12	17	2
Cuban	58	36	22	38	16	22	4
Central/ South American	53	28	25	42	18	25	4

- c. Voting is a waste of time

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	23	12	11	76	16	59	2
Mexican	23	12	11	76	16	60	1
Puerto Rican	19	10	9	75	12	63	5
Cuban	24	17	7	74	12	62	2
Central/ South American	25	9	16	71	16	56	3

18. Do you feel confident that life for your children will be better than it has been for you, or don't you feel this way?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	74	22	4
Mexicans	75	21	4
Puerto Rican	67	28	5
Cuban	70	25	5
Central/ South American	77	16	6

19. Overall would you say (Read each item) is better in the United States, better in the country you came from, or about the same?

Based on Latinos born outside the US.

a. The quality of the schools

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	57	24	16	2
Mexicans	60	20	18	2
Puerto Rican	42	24	31	3
Cuban	53	36	8	4
Central/ South American	58	31	10	1

b. Treatment of the poor

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	70	7	22	1
Mexicans	75	6	19	-
Puerto Rican	25	20	53	3
Cuban	68	10	18	4
Central/ South American	76	2	21	1

c. The amount of political freedom

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	65	8	24	2
Mexicans	62	10	26	2
Puerto Rican	28	14	54	4
Cuban	94	2	3	1
Central/ South American	77	3	18	2

d. The moral values of the society

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	35	34	30	1
Mexicans	36	37	26	1
Puerto Rican	30	26	43	1
Cuban	45	23	30	2
Central/ South American	32	31	36	1

e. Relations between different races

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	24	35	38	3
Mexicans	26	31	41	2
Puerto Rican	10	43	39	8
Cuban	23	52	19	6
Central/ South American	24	37	36	3

f. The strength of the family

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	26	50	23	1
Mexicans	27	46	26	*
Puerto Rican	27	42	30	1
Cuban	21	59	17	2
Central/ South American	24	58	15	3

g. The friendliness and openness of the people

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	28	33	38	1
Mexicans	31	28	40	1
Puerto Rican	18	36	46	1
Cuban	25	51	21	3
Central/ South American	26	36	37	2

20. Do you think there is more opportunity to get ahead in the United States, more in the country you came from, or is it about the same?

Based on Latinos born outside the US.

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	92	1	7	*
Mexicans	92	*	8	*
Puerto Rican	84	1	14	*
Cuban	98	2	*	*
Central/ South American	93	3	3	1

21. Do you feel safer from crime in the United States, safer in the country you came from, or is it about the same?

Based on Latinos born outside the US.

	U.S.	Country you came from	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	48	11	41	1
Mexicans	45	11	43	*
Cubans	30	10	58	2
Puerto Ricans	39	26	33	2
Central/ South Americans	65	3	29	3

22. Now I want to ask you some questions about immigrants--people who come from other countries to live here in the United States. Do you think the number of new immigrants allowed into the United States each year should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	28	17	50	5
Mexicans	30	15	49	6
Puerto Rican	17	35	44	4
Cuban	44	12	41	4
Central/ South American	28	10	57	5

23. Do you think all public school classes should be taught in English or do you think children of immigrants should be able to take some courses in their native language?

	English	Native language	Don't know
Total Latinos	40	59	1
Mexicans	40	60	1
Puerto Rican	38	61	*
Cuban	37	62	1
Central/ South American	36	63	1

24. How important is it for different racial and ethnic groups to, (Read item very important, somehow important, not too important, or not at all important?)
Based on one-half of total respondents.

- a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
Total Latinos	82	56	26	16	8	8	2
Mexicans	79	53	26	19	10	9	1
Puerto Rican	87	61	26	9	3	6	4
Cuban	85	62	23	13	5	8	2
Central/ South American	90	62	28	9	4	5	1

- b. Maintain their distinct cultures

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
Total Latinos	90	67	23	10	6	4	1
Mexicans	89	67	22	10	7	4	1
Puerto Rican	93	77	16	6	2	5	*
Cuban	84	67	17	16	10	6	-
Central/ South American	92	64	28	8	3	5	*

25. How important is it for Latinos to (Read items), very important, somewhat important, not too important, or Not at all important?
Based on one-half of total respondents.

- a. Change so that they blend into the larger society as in the idea of a melting pot

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
Total Latinos	84	53	31	15	8	7	1
Mexicans	86	51	34	14	8	6	*
Puerto Rican	85	63	22	14	7	7	1
Cuban	81	57	24	18	14	4	1
Central/ South American	82	64	18	13	4	8	6

b. Maintain their distinct cultures

	-----Important-----			-----Not important-----			
	NET	Very	Some- how	NET	Not too	Not at all	Don't know
Total Latinos	89	68	20	10	5	4	2
Mexicans	88	67	21	11	5	6	1
Puerto Rican	96	73	22	4	*	3	1
Cuban	94	81	12	4	2	2	2
Central/ South American	85	72	13	10	8	1	5

26. Now I am going to read a list of things that some people do. For each, thinking about your own values and morals, I'd like you to tell me whether you think it is acceptable or unacceptable. How about...(Read items)?

a. Divorce

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
Total Latinos	57	41	2
Mexicans	51	47	3
Puerto Rican	64	34	1
Cuban	58	38	3
Central/ South American	68	31	1

b. Sex between two adults of the same sex

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
Total Latinos	24	73	4
Mexicans	22	75	3
Puerto Rican	31	63	6
Cuban	25	73	1
Central/ South American	19	77	4

c. Having a child without being married

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Don't know
Total Latinos	50	48	2
Mexicans	47	51	2
Puerto Rican	52	47	1
Cuban	54	45	1
Central/ South American	56	44	*

27. Religion has an impact on the political views of many Americans. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your view? (Read items)
[If necessary, probe once: "If you had to choose..."]

	Organized religious groups of all kinds should stay out of politics	It is important for organized religious groups to be involved in politics.	Neither (vol.)	Don't Know
Total Latinos	59	37	3	2
Mexicans	56	40	3	2
Puerto Rican	56	37	5	2
Cuban	67	30	2	1
Central/ South American	66	30	1	3

28. How important is religion in your everyday life: The most important thing in your life; a very important thing in your life, somewhat important; or not important at all?

	-----Important-----			--Somewhat/Not important--		
	NET	Most	Very	NET	Some-what	Not at all
Total Latinos	64	26	37	36	31	5
Mexicans	66	26	39	34	30	4
Puerto Rican	63	19	44	37	32	5
Cuban	60	26	34	40	35	5
Central/ South American	62	32	30	38	31	7

29. In recent years, has your personal financial situation gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	Don't know
Total Latinos	52	12	36	*
Mexicans	55	10	35	*
Puerto Rican	40	18	42	-
Cuban	42	17	41	-
Central/ South American	49	11	40	1

30. For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year. (Read list)
All respondents are asked “a”, half are asked “d”, “c”, “d”, “e”, “f”, and “g”.

- a. Have you had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	32	67	1
Mexicans	34	65	1
Puerto Rican	32	68	*
Cuban	21	79	-
Central/ South American	37	63	*

- b. Have you had problems paying your rent or mortgage?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	20	80	*
Mexicans	16	84	-
Puerto Rican	29	70	*
Cuban	18	82	-
Central/ South American	32	68	*

- c. Have you had problems with collection or credit agencies?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	23	77	*
Mexicans	21	79	-
Puerto Rican	27	73	-
Cuban	13	87	-
Central/ South American	27	72	1

- d. Have you gotten a promotion or a big pay raise at work?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	29	70	1
Mexicans	32	67	1
Puerto Rican	15	83	2
Cuban	33	66	1
Central/ South American	26	74	*

- e. Have you or someone else in your immediate family had to start working or take on an extra job because you needed the extra money?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	38	61	*
Mexicans	37	63	*
Puerto Rican	40	60	-
Cuban	40	59	1
Central/ South American	45	55	-

- f. Have you been able to save money for the future?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	47	53	*
Mexicans	48	52	-
Puerto Rican	34	66	-
Cuban	33	67	-
Central/ South American	48	52	-

- g. Have you invested in the stock market?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	21	79	*
Mexicans	20	80	-
Puerto Rican	14	86	-
Cuban	15	85	*
Central/ South American	20	80	*

31. What is your employment status? Are you...(Read items)?

	-----Employed-----						Un-
	NET	Self-employed	Employed by someone else	Home-maker	Retired	Student	employed
Total Latinos	69	10	59	11	8	6	7
Mexicans	71	9	62	12	6	6	6
Cubans	64	6	48	13	11	3	8
Puerto Ricans	55	12	43	7	17	4	17
Cen./ So. Amer.	78	16	61	10	4	6	3

32. Do you work full-time or part-time?

Based on employed respondents.

	Full time	Part time
Total Latinos	86	14
Mexicans	85	15
Puerto Rican	86	14
Cuban	88	12
Central/ South American	92	8

33. Do you have more than one job?

Based on employed respondents.

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	15	85
Mexicans	15	85
Puerto Rican	20	80
Cuban	25	75
Central/ South American	14	86

34. Now I will read you some statements. Will you tell me for each one whether it is something you personally agree with or disagree with? (Read list)
(Get answer, then ask:) Do you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

a. Hard work offers **LITTLE** guarantee of success.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	43	26	17	57	20	36	1
Mexicans	44	25	18	56	22	34	1
Puerto Rican	39	22	16	59	22	38	2
Cuban	36	23	13	62	19	43	2
Central/ South American	44	30	14	56	19	37	*

b. Some equality in marriage is a good thing, but in general the husband should have the final say in family matters.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	38	24	14	61	21	40	1
Mexicans	43	29	15	56	21	35	1
Puerto Rican	23	15	9	77	26	51	*
Cuban	39	24	15	61	22	38	-
Central/ South American	38	22	16	60	17	43	2

c. It is better for children to live in their parents' home until they get married.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	74	60	15	25	14	11	1
Mexicans	79	65	14	21	14	7	*
Puerto Rican	65	46	19	35	17	18	1
Cuban	83	74	9	16	8	8	1
Central/ South American	72	61	11	24	9	15	3

d. Even if a child believes his parents are wrong, he or she should obey without question.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	57	36	21	42	23	19	1
Mexicans	56	35	21	42	23	19	1
Puerto Rican	61	37	25	38	20	18	1
Cuban	61	39	22	38	27	11	2
Central/ South American	53	34	18	46	24	22	1

e. Elderly parents should live with their adult children.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	64	41	22	34	19	14	3
Mexicans	66	43	23	32	19	13	3
Puerto Rican	47	28	20	50	29	21	3
Cuban	64	45	19	35	19	16	1
Central/ South American	63	44	19	33	18	15	4

f. It is a mother's special responsibility to provide her children with proper religious training.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't know
	NET	Strongly	Some-what	NET	Some-what	Strongly	
Total Latinos	81	61	19	19	10	9	*
Mexicans	83	63	20	17	9	7	*
Puerto Rican	72	52	20	26	10	16	2
Cuban	79	63	16	21	5	16	*
Central/ South American	82	67	15	18	9	9	*

g. Relatives are more important than friends.

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't
	NET	Strongly	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Strongly	know
Total Latinos	82	66	16	17	11	6	1
Mexicans	86	70	16	14	8	6	*
Puerto Rican	79	66	13	18	12	6	3
Cuban	79	67	12	21	11	10	*
Central/ South American	82	70	12	15	12	3	3

h. It doesn't do any good to plan for the future because you don't have control over it

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't
	NET	Strongly	Some- what	NET	Some- what	Strongly	know
Total Latinos	37	22	15	63	19	43	1
Mexicans	41	25	16	59	20	38	*
Puerto Rican	26	18	8	74	17	57	-
Cuban	45	30	15	54	12	43	1
Central/ South American	33	16	17	65	22	43	2

35. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in Spanish (both understanding and speaking)-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----		
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all
Total/Latinos	87	76	11	13	8	5
Mexicans	88	78	9	12	8	4
Puerto Rican	88	69	19	12	10	2
Cuban	93	84	10	7	2	5
Central/ South American	94	86	8	6	2	4

36. Would you say you can read a newspaper or book in Spanish-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----		
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all
Total/Latinos	71	48	23	29	19	10
Mexicans	70	45	25	30	21	9
Puerto Rican	67	47	20	33	22	11
Cuban	89	69	20	11	5	6
Cen./ So. Amer.	87	68	19	13	8	5

37. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in English (both understanding and speaking)-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----		
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all
Total/Latinos	62	51	11	38	28	10
Mexicans	53	45	9	47	35	12
Puerto Rican	84	69	14	16	13	3
Cuban	57	42	15	43	22	22
Cen./ So. Amer.	67	49	18	33	26	7

38. Would you say you can read a newspaper or book in English-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	-----Well-----			-----Little/Not at all-----			
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Little	Not at all	Don't know
Total/Latinos	59	46	12	41	29	12	*
Mexicans	51	41	10	49	36	13	-
Puerto Rican	80	66	14	20	12	8	-
Cuban	55	45	10	44	19	25	1
Cen./ So. Amer.	61	42	18	39	30	9	*

39. If you had to put something together from a set of instructions, would you prefer the instructions to be written in English or in Spanish?

	English	Spanish	No difference (vol.)	Don't read English or Spanish	Don't know
Total/Latinos	44	40	15	1	*
Mexicans	39	47	13	1	*
Cubans	52	25	20	3	*
Puerto Ricans	37	51	11	*	-
Cen./ So. Amer.	33	40	26	*	-

40. What language do you usually speak at home? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----			Don't
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only	Know
Total/Latinos	48	28	20	26	26	11	15	*
Mexicans	51	29	22	25	24	10	14	*
Puerto Rican	29	14	14	43	28	18	10	-
Cuban	62	50	12	16	22	13	9	-
Cen./ So. Amer.	63	36	27	24	12	5	7	1

41. In what language are the TV programs you usually watch? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----			Don't watch
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only	TV (vol.)
Total/Latinos	20	10	10	33	46	23	23	*
Mexicans	22	11	11	35	43	23	19	1
Puerto Rican	13	7	6	24	63	34	29	-
Cuban	34	16	19	21	44	18	26	*
Cen./ So. Amer.	21	10	12	44	35	20	15	*

Now I am going to ask you about some issues facing our society.

42. Is discrimination against Latinos in our society today a problem or not?

	Problem	Not a problem	Don't know
Total Latinos	82	17	1
Mexicans	81	19	*
Puerto Rican	77	19	4
Cuban	80	17	3
Central/ South American	90	10	*

43. Is it a big problem or not such a big problem?

Based on Latinos who believe discrimination is a problem

	Big problem	Not such a big problem	Don't know
Total Latinos	67	32	1
Mexicans	67	32	2
Puerto Rican	68	32	-
Cuban	70	29	1
Central/ South American	72	27	2

42/43 Summary Table

	-----Problem-----			Not a problem	Don't know
	NET	Big	Not big		
Total Latinos	82	55	26	17	1
Mexicans	81	54	26	19	*
Puerto Rican	77	52	25	19	4
Cuban	80	56	23	17	3
Central/ South American	90	64	24	10	*

44. During the last 5 years, have you, a family member, or a close friend experienced discrimination because of your racial or ethnic background, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	40	59	1
Mexicans	41	59	*
Puerto Rican	46	54	1
Cuban	32	67	1
Central/ South American	41	59	1

45. Was that you personally or was that someone else?

Based on Latinos who experienced/witnessed discrimination

	You personally	Someone else	Both	Don't know
Total Latinos	44	46	10	-
Mexicans	36	53	10	-
Puerto Rican	65	26	9	-
Central/ South American	50	45	4	-

44/45 Summary Table

	-----Yes-----					
	Net	You	Else	Both	No	Don't Know
Total Latinos	40	18	19	4	59	1
Mexicans	41	15	22	4	59	*
Puerto Rican	46	30	12	4	54	1
Cuban	32	21	7	4	67	1
Central/ South American	41	20	18	2	59	1

46. How many years have you lived in the United States?
Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	0-12 years	13-24 years	25-36 years	37-49 years	50-97 years	Don't know
Total Latinos	45	34	14	5	2	*
Mexicans	50	33	12	3	2	*
Puerto Rican	17	20	25	24	15	-
Cuban	33	29	26	12	1	-
Central/ South American	43	45	10	2	*	*

47. Now we would like to ask you about US citizenship. Are you? (READ ITEMS)
Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico

	U.S. citizen	Currently applying	Planning to apply	Not planning to become a citizen	Don't know
Total Latinos	31	15	39	12	3
Mexicans	29	15	39	14	3
Cuban	53	11	33	3	-
Central/ South American	26	15	46	11	2

48. Is there any particular reason why you haven't applied for citizenship before?
(RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico, and who plan to apply for citizenship

**** Note – too few Cubans to report on***

	Total Latinos	Mexicans	Central/ South Americans
a. Not eligible/ have to be a resident	19	21	13
b. Doesn't know English	14	15	14
c. Didn't have time	6	5	4
d. Didn't have money	3	4	*
e. Discrimination	1	-	4
f. Solicited citizenship/ waiting to hear/ in process	1	2	1
g. Problem with the law/ have problems	1	2	1
h. Too difficult/ don't know how to apply/ didn't have necessary papers	5	5	7
i. Cannot keep both nationalities/ don't want to lose citizenship in my country	1	*	2
j. Just became a resident	2	1	5
k. Want to marry and become a citizen	1	1	1
l. Procrastinating/ never got around to it	3	5	1
m. In the military	-	-	-
n. Not my turn yet	*	*	-
o. Fear of deportation	1	1	*
p. No reason / don't want to	19	17	20
Other	3	3	3
Don't know	20	20	25

49. How long ago did you become a citizen?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico, and who are U.S. citizens

	<1 yr.	1 but less than 3 yrs.	3 but less than 6 yrs.	6 but less than 10 yrs	10+ yrs.	Don't know
Total Latinos	18	21	20	7	32	3
Mexicans	25	26	16	2	27	3
Cuban	8	9	20	9	49	4
Central/ South American	4	12	27	21	35	1

50. What is the main reason for this? (RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico, and who do not plan to apply for citizenship

	Total Latinos
a. I will be returning to my original country	16
b. Allegiance to original country	1
c. Do not have a Green Card/ do not have immigration status yet	14
d. Didn't have time	2
e. Can't speak English well	3
f. No interest	9
g. Other	30
h. Don't know	28

51. Just thinking about groups living in the United States, how much do (RESPONDENT'S GROUP) in the U.S. have in common with the following groups.

Do (RESPONDENT'S GROUP) have a lot in common, a fair amount in common, only a little in common, or nothing at all in common with (OTHER GROUP), or don't you know enough to say? How about (OTHER GROUP)?

a. Anglos

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't know
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	
Total/Latinos	26	11	15	59	36	22	16
Mexicans	25	11	15	60	37	23	15
Puerto Rican	27	10	17	53	35	19	20
Cuban	28	8	20	60	36	24	12
Cen./ So. Amer.	17	6	10	63	38	25	20

b. African Americans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't know
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	
Total/Latinos	25	11	13	59	36	24	16
Mexicans	23	10	13	60	34	26	17
Puerto Rican	43	21	22	47	34	13	10
Cuban	28	9	18	58	38	20	15
Cen./ So. Amer.	14	6	8	69	39	30	17

c. Mexican Americans and Mexicans in the US

Based on Latinos excluding Mexicans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't know
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	
Total/Latinos	47	22	25	43	32	11	10
Mexicans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rican	44	14	29	48	34	15	8
Cuban	40	13	27	45	33	13	14
Cen./ So. Amer.	42	27	15	50	38	11	8

d. Cubans in the US

Based on Latinos excluding Cubans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	know
Total/Latinos	30	13	17	48	34	13	22
Mexicans	29	13	16	47	34	13	25
Puerto Rican	45	16	29	40	24	16	15
Cuban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cen./ So. Amer.	23	9	14	64	50	14	13

e. Puerto Ricans

Based on Latinos excluding Puerto Ricans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	know
Total/Latinos	38	17	21	45	35	10	17
Mexicans	32	13	19	48	37	11	20
Puerto Rican	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuban	67	39	28	24	19	5	9
Cen./ So. Amer.	38	16	22	47	34	12	15

f. Salvadorans in the U.S.

Based on Latinos excluding Salvadorans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	know
Total/Latinos	34	16	19	45	31	14	20
Mexicans	34	18	17	47	33	13	19
Puerto Rican	34	7	27	43	25	18	22
Cuban	35	14	21	47	32	15	18
Cen./ So. Amer.	45	24	21	35	26	9	19

g. Dominicans in the U.S.

Based on Latinos excluding Dominicans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	know
Total/Latinos	29	13	17	46	31	16	24
Mexicans	26	13	13	48	32	16	26
Puerto Rican	50	20	31	36	22	14	14
Cuban	57	23	34	32	23	9	11
Cen./ So. Amer.	22	9	14	55	38	18	22

h. Guatemalans in the U.S.

Based on Latinos excluding Guatemalans

	-----A lot/Fair amount-----			-----Little/Nothing-----			Don't
	NET	A lot	Fair amount	NET	Little	Nothing	know
Total/Latinos	34	18	15	43	29	13	24
Mexicans	35	20	15	43	31	11	22
Puerto Rican	29	7	22	41	18	22	31
Cuban	34	13	22	45	29	15	21
Cen./ So. Amer.	41	28	13	44	32	12	14

54. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Latinos in the United States share FEW political interests and goals. (Get answer) Do you agree/disagree strongly or somewhat?

	-----Agree-----			-----Disagree-----			Don't
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	know
Total/Latinos	52	24	28	44	22	21	4
Mexicans	56	25	30	42	23	19	2
Puerto Rican	41	16	24	51	14	37	8
Cuban	48	29	18	45	21	24	8
Central/ South American	56	30	26	37	22	16	7

55. Generally speaking, do you think that Latinos today are working together to achieve common political goals, or do you think that Latinos are not working together politically?

	Working together	Not working together	Don't know
Total/Latinos	56	40	4
Mexicans	59	38	3
Puerto Rican	52	43	5
Cuban	59	34	7
Cen./ So. Amer.	55	42	3

56. You think that if various Latino groups worked together politically Latinos would be better off, worse off, or wouldn't it make much difference?

	Better off	Worse off	No difference	Don't know
Total/Latinos	84	2	12	2
Mexicans	85	2	12	1
Puerto Rican	86	3	10	1
Cuban	85	2	7	6
Cen./ So. Amer.	85	1	10	4

57. Please tell me whether or not you have done each of the following activities in the past ten years. (READ EACH ITEM)

- a. Have you worked as a volunteer or for pay for a Latino political candidate, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	10	90	*
Mexicans	11	89	-
Puerto Rican	11	89	*
Cuban	8	92	*
Central/ South American	4	94	2

- b. Have you attended a public meeting or demonstration regarding Latino concerns, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	21	79	*
Mexicans	21	79	*
Puerto Rican	24	76	-
Cuban	22	78	*
Central/ South American	19	81	*

- c. Have you contributed money to a Latino candidate or Latino political organization, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	11	89	*
Mexicans	10	90	*
Puerto Rican	18	82	-
Cuban	11	89	*
Central/ South American	9	91	*

58. In the past ten years, has anyone ever asked you to?
Based on Latinos who have not done the activity

- a. Have you worked as a volunteer or for pay for a Latino political candidate, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	5	95	*
Mexicans	6	94	-
Puerto Rican	8	92	-
Cuban	3	97	-
Central/ South American	4	96	*

- b. Have you attended a public meeting or demonstration regarding Latino concerns, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	4	96	*
Mexicans	5	95	-
Puerto Rican	3	97	-
Cuban	3	97	-
Central/ South American	4	96	1

- c. Have you contributed money to a Latino candidate or Latino political organization, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	5	95	*
Mexicans	5	95	*
Puerto Rican	3	96	*
Cuban	3	97	-
Central/ South American	7	93	-

59. Overall, which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Neither (vol.)	Both equally (vol.)	Don't know
Total Latinos	54	28	6	3	10
Mexicans	52	31	5	3	9
Puerto Rican	64	17	7	2	10
Cuban	43	36	4	5	12
Cen./ So. Amer.	59	18	7	4	11

60. Which party do you think has more concern for Latinos --the Democratic party, the Republican party, or is there no difference?

	Democratic	Republican	No difference	Don't know
Total Latinos	44	10	38	8
Mexicans	42	11	39	8
Puerto Rican	52	6	34	7
Cuban	33	19	37	11
Cen./ So. Amer.	45	9	39	8

61. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Non- Citizen
Total Latinos	45	16	*	38
Mexicans	41	16	*	42
Puerto Rican	74	25	1	*
Cuban	48	14	*	38
Cen./ So. Amer.	30	6	*	64

62. What is the main reason why you are not currently registered to vote?
(RECORD VERBATIM)

Based on U.S. citizens who are not registered to vote

	Total Latinos
a. Moved/ relocated/ will be moving	14
b. Just turned 18	2
c. Haven't had chance/ gotten around to it/ no time	9
d. Convicted felon/ criminal record	3
e. My opinion doesn't matter/ vote doesn't count/ no difference	4
f. To avoid jury duty	*
g. Registered at a different address	2
h. Religious reasons	4
i. Corrupt politics/ politicians/ no one worth voting for/ don't trust the government	3
j. Just became a citizen	5
k. Don't know how/ where/ problem with form	5
l. No reason/ don't want to vote/ just haven't	12
m. Mental handicap can't vote	1
n. Disabled/ no transportation	1
o. Too lazy/ neglect/ forgot	2
p. Not interested	1
q. Never registered/ voted	3
r. Don't keep up with politics	1
s. In the military	1
t. Not a U.S. Citizen	4
u. Too late to register	1
v. Can't various reasons	2
w. Other	7
x. Don't Know	13

63. Have you ever voted in an election (in the U.S.)?

Based on U.S. citizens

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	68	32
Mexicans	61	39
Puerto Rican	80	20
Cuban	79	21
Central/ South American	76	24

64. In talking to people about elections, we often find out that a lot of people aren't able to vote because they were not registered, or they were sick, or they just didn't have time. How about you--do you remember for sure whether you voted in the November 1998 congressional election in your district?

Based on U.S. citizens who have voted in the past

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	69	28	3
Mexicans	72	25	3
Puerto Rican	57	38	5
Cuban	74	23	3
Central/ South American	66	32	2

65. Did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

Based on U.S. citizens who voted in 1998

	Democrat	Republican	Don't know
Total Latinos	68	26	6
Mexicans	68	23	8
Puerto Rican	76	21	4
Cuban	40	56	3
Central/ South American	81	16	3

66. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the November 1996 presidential election when Bill Clinton ran against Bob Dole and Ross Perot?
Based on U.S. citizens who have voted in the past

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	76	21	3
Mexicans	74	21	5
Puerto Rican	77	21	1
Cuban	75	23	2
Central/ South American	68	30	2

67. Which candidate did you vote for?
Based on U.S. citizens who voted in 1996

	Clinton	Dole	Perot	Don't know
Total Latinos	76	14	7	3
Mexicans	74	13	9	3
Puerto Rican	85	8	3	4
Cuban	64	30	4	3
Central/ South American	85	9	4	2

68. How much attention would you say you pay to politics and government?
A lot, a fair amount, not much, or none at all?

	-----A lot/fair amount-----			-----Not much/none-----			Don't know
	NET	A lot	Fair	NET	Not much	None	
Total Latinos	49	19	30	51	42	9	*
Mexicans	43	18	26	57	47	9	*
Puerto Rican	59	15	44	40	32	8	*
Cuban	50	20	29	50	34	16	-
Central/ South American	50	25	25	50	43	7	*

69. In 1993, Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, which reduced trade barriers between Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Do you think the NAFTA treaty has been good or bad, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Good	Bad	Haven't heard enough to say	Neither (vol.)	Don't know
Total Latinos	40	12	42	1	4
Mexicans	43	13	40	1	3
Puerto Rican	28	11	55	*	5
Cuban	38	18	38	2	4
Central/ South American	37	12	43	1	7

70. In the future, do you personally think Puerto Rico should become a completely independent nation, should it remain a territory of the United States, or should it be admitted to the United States as the fifty-first state?

	Independent	Remain a territory of U.S.	Be admitted to the U.S.	Don't know
Total Latinos	26	21	37	16
Mexicans	29	17	35	18
Puerto Rican	8	49	41	2
Cuban	23	22	35	20
Central/ South American	30	17	36	17

71. Do you approve or disapprove of re-establishing diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba?

	Approve	Disapprove	Don't know
Total Latinos	54	32	14
Mexicans	56	31	13
Puerto Rican	49	30	21
Cuban	47	47	6
Central/ South American	54	27	20

72. Do you think government spending on the military should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	Don't know
Total Latinos	22	22	51	5
Mexicans	23	22	50	4
Puerto Rican	22	22	54	2
Cuban	25	16	47	11
Cen/ So. Amer.	13	27	53	6

73. Which comes closer to your opinion about college admissions: (READ ITEMS)

	Colleges and universities should sometimes take a student's racial and ethnic background into consideration when they decide which students to admit	Colleges and universities should select students without considering their racial or ethnic backgrounds	Don't know
Total Latinos	22	75	3
Mexicans	21	76	3
Puerto Rican	17	78	6
Cuban	17	82	1
Cen/ So. Amer.	21	76	3

74. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

	-----Legal-----			-----Illegal-----			Don't know
	NET	All	Most	NET	Most	All	
Total Latinos	40	12	27	58	24	33	3
Mexicans	36	9	27	61	25	36	3
Puerto Rican	60	21	40	39	19	20	1
Cuban	49	25	25	49	25	24	2
Central/ South Americans	32	13	19	66	28	38	3

75. If someone is terminally ill, is in great pain and wants to kill themselves, should it be legal for a doctor to help them commit suicide, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	38	58	4
Mexicans	36	60	4
Puerto Rican	48	46	6
Cuban	52	45	4
Central/ South Americans	34	63	3

76. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know
Total Latinos	54	41	6
Mexicans	52	43	5
Puerto Rican	54	38	8
Cuban	70	27	4
Central/ South Americans	42	48	10

77. Do you favor or oppose offering government financial aid or "vouchers" to pay parents some of the cost of sending their children to private or parochial schools, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Favor	Oppose	Don't know
Total Latinos	40	18	42
Mexicans	40	16	43
Puerto Rican	46	12	42
Cuban	49	22	30
Central/ South Americans	37	23	39

78. Which of the following two statements about HMOs and other managed health care plans comes closer to your own view: (Read items)

	Additional government regulation of managed care plans is necessary to ensure that consumers are treated fairly and get the care they need	Additional government regulation of managed care plans isn't worth it because it would raise the cost of health insurance	Don't know
Total Latinos	67	23	10
Mexicans	65	24	11
Puerto Rican	73	16	10
Cuban	68	21	11
Cen./ So. Amer.	71	20	9

79. Do you think the government should provide health insurance for Americans without insurance, or is this something the government should not do?

	Should	Should not	Don't know
Total Latinos	83	14	3
Mexicans	83	14	2
Puerto Rican	84	15	1
Cuban	87	11	2
Cen./ So. Amer.	86	11	2

80. Do you think it should be easier to buy a handgun than it is now, harder to buy a handgun than it is now, or do you think current laws are about right?

	Easier	Harder	About right	Don't know
Total Latinos	9	71	18	2
Mexicans	8	70	20	2
Puerto Rican	9	72	16	2
Cuban	10	75	12	3
Cen/ So. Amer.	11	75	10	4

81. You mentioned earlier that you were born outside the US, (As you may know, some countries allow people to be legal citizens of their country even if they are also US citizens) - Are you a legal citizen of (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN)?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	81	17	2
Mexicans	82	16	2
Cuban	62	31	7
Central/ South Americans	85	14	*

82. Since you moved to the U.S., have you voted in (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN)?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S., except Puerto Rico

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	26	74	*
Mexicans	28	72	*
Cuban	13	85	2
Central/ South Americans	27	73	*

83. Do you regularly send money back to (your country of origin/ THE COUNTRY WHERE YOU WERE BORN)?

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	42	58	*
Mexicans	44	56	-
Puerto Rican	20	80	-
Cuban	26	72	1
Central/ South Americans	52	48	*

84. Which of the following three reasons best describes why YOU came to the United States. Did you come ...? (READ EACH ITEM)

Based on Latinos born outside the U.S.

	To join family members	To escape political oppression or dictatorship	To find a better job or for other economic reasons	Other reason (vol.)	Don't Know
Total Latinos	28	13	53	5	*
Mexicans	28	2	64	5	*
Puerto Rican	37	2	52	8	*
Cuban	20	69	8	2	2
Cen./ So. Amer.	23	30	39	7	*

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85. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	Don't Know
Total Latinos	16	37	33	10	5
Mexicans	15	33	37	11	4
Puerto Rican	17	52	17	8	6
Cuban	34	29	27	5	5
Cen./ So. Amer.	12	39	35	9	5

86. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat, or not a very strong Democrat?

Based on Democrats

	Strong	Not strong	Don't know
Total Latinos	43	56	1
Mexicans	45	55	*
Puerto Rican	41	58	1
Cuban	48	52	*
Cen./ So. Amer.	33	65	2

87. Would you call yourself a strong Republican, or not a very strong Republican?

Based on Republicans

	Strong	Not strong	Don't know
Total Latinos	27	73	*
Mexicans	22	78	-
Cuban	43	57	-

88. Do you consider yourself close to the Republican party or the Democratic party?

Based on Independents

	Republican	Democrat	Neither	Other	Don't Know
Total Latinos	25	42	24	*	9
Mexicans	28	42	20	*	8
Cen./ So. Amer.	18	50	18	*	13

Leaned Party:

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	Don't Know
Total Latinos	24	51	11	10	5
Mexicans	25	49	11	11	4
Puerto Rican	19	57	10	8	6
Cuban	41	37	12	5	5
Cen./ So. Amer.	18	57	11	9	5

89. Would you say your views in most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't Know
Total Latinos	26	34	34	6
Mexicans	24	36	35	5
Puerto Rican	29	21	37	12
Cuban	41	28	24	6
Cen./ So. Amer.	26	34	30	9

90. Would you advise a young person close to you to join the military, or not?

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	Don't Know
Total Latinos	66	30	2	2
Mexicans	66	30	2	2
Puerto Rican	64	28	2	5
Cuban	69	26	3	2
Central/South Americans	65	31	2	3

91. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Living with a partner	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never been married
Total Latinos	54	8	3	8	6	20
Mexicans	59	7	1	7	5	21
Puerto Rican	33	8	7	13	13	25
Cuban	50	7	8	16	8	12
Cen./ So. Amer.	52	12	3	9	9	16

92. Including yourself, how many adults, 18 or older, are there living in your household?

	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Total Latinos	21	50	17	7	3	2
Mexicans	19	52	15	8	3	2
Puerto Rican	39	41	12	4	4	*
Cuban	27	37	25	8	2	*
Cen./ So. Amer.	10	49	26	9	5	1

93. How many people living in your household are under 18?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6+
Total Latinos	36	24	21	12	5	1	1
Mexicans	32	26	20	13	7	1	1
Puerto Rican	46	19	24	9	1	1	1
Cuban	57	20	12	3	2	6	-
Cen./ So. Amer.	34	24	28	12	2	1	*

94. Is any other adult in your household currently employed?

	Yes	No	Do not live with another adult
Total Latinos	43	36	21
Mexicans	42	38	20
Puerto Rican	31	30	39
Cuban	46	28	27
Central/ South American	55	35	10

95. What language do your children usually speak with their friends? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

Based on those Latinos with children under 18 years old

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----		
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only
Total Latinos	20	11	9	31	49	18	31
Mexicans	23	13	10	31	46	18	28
Puerto Rican	9	2	6	34	58	22	36
Cuban	16	10	6	25	59	18	41
Cen./ So. Amer.	23	14	9	30	47	18	29

96. What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, some other religion, or no religion?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Some other religion	No religion
Total Latinos	7	72	*	13	8
Mexicans	5	77	*	11	6
Puerto Rican	11	70	*	14	5
Cuban	5	66	1	21	7
Cen./ So. Amer.	12	60	*	13	15

97. Do you consider yourself a Christian?

Based on respondents who are some other religion

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	85	15

98. Would you consider yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Based on respondents who are Protestant or some other religion /Christian

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	69	31
Mexicans	76	24
Central/ South American	72	28

96/97/98 Religion Summary Table

	Born again Prot/some other rel. Christian	Prot./ Not born again	Catholic	Other Christian/ not born again	Jewish	Some other/ not Christian	No religion
Total Latinos	12	1	72	4	*	2	8
Mexicans	11	1	77	3	*	2	6
Puerto Ricans	12	3	70	6	*	4	5
Cubans	11	1	66	12	1	3	7
Cen./ So. Amer.	17	2	60	5	*	1	15

99. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?
(DO NOT READ)

	----Less than HS-----			-----High School Grad.-				-----College Grad.-----		
	NET	None, Grade	HS Inc.	NET	HS grad	Bus/tech/ prof. schooling	Some college	NET	College grad	Post-grad. or prof. School.
Total Latinos	45	23	22	30	27	4	16	9	7	2
Mexicans	51	29	22	30	26	4	13	6	5	1
Puerto Rican	40	13	27	30	28	2	14	16	14	1
Cuban	41	20	22	24	19	5	23	12	10	1
Cen./ So. Amer.	38	15	24	32	28	5	19	11	8	3

100. Do you happen to have a driver's license, or not?

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	72	28
Mexicans	69	31
Puerto Rican	75	25
Cuban	84	16
Central/ South American	72	28

101. Do you happen to have any credit cards, or not?

	Yes	No
Total Latinos	54	46
Mexicans	50	50
Puerto Rican	61	39
Cuban	65	35
Central/ South American	56	44

102. What is your age?

	18-29	30-39	40-54	55+
Total Latinos	32	31	21	16
Mexicans	35	32	20	13
Puerto Rican	23	30	25	22
Cuban	27	21	19	33
Central/ South American	25	35	28	12

103. Were either of your parents born in another country? (IF YES, ASK:) One or both?

Based on Latinos born inside the U.S.

		-----Yes-----			Born in Puerto Rico (vol.)	Don't know
	NET	One parent	Both parents	No		
Total Latinos	53	16	37	43	2	1
Mexicans	56	19	37	42	*	1
Puerto Rican	62	10	52	22	16	-

104. How many of your grandparents, if any, were born in another country?
Based on Latinos whose parents were born inside the U.S.

	None	One	Two	Three	All	Don't know
Total Latinos	36	13	26	4	12	9
Mexicans	26	17	34	6	10	7

105/106/107 Total annual household income from all sources, before taxes

	NET	-----Less than \$50K-----				----- \$50K or more-----				Don't Know
		Less than \$20K	\$20K but less than \$30K	\$30K but less than \$40K	\$40K but less than \$50K	NET	\$50K but less than \$75K	\$75K but less than \$100K	\$100K or more	
Total Latinos	79	34	20	15	7	17	12	3	2	4
Mexicans	82	39	20	14	8	15	10	2	1	3
Puerto Rican	82	37	18	17	8	14	10	3	1	4
Cuban	79	32	29	7	7	17	8	5	4	4
Cen./ So. Amer.	73	21	20	23	6	20	15	2	1	6

108. May a reporter from The Washington Post call you to talk about some of the things we've been discussing?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total Latinos	62	37	1
Mexicans	63	37	*
Puerto Rican	55	43	2
Cuban	61	38	*
Central/ South American	59	41	*

109. I have one final question, this one about me, what race or ethnicity do you think I am?

	White	Black or African American	Asian-American	Hispanic or Latino	Some other race	Don't know
Total Latinos	20	10	1	49	12	8
Mexicans	19	10	1	49	14	7
Puerto Rican	27	9	1	43	8	13
Cuban	14	6	1	68	5	6
Central/ South American	21	8	2	54	10	5

109A. Gender

	Male	Female
Total Latinos	51	49
Mexicans	52	48
Puerto Rican	46	54
Cuban	55	45
Central/ South American	53	47

110. INTERVIEWER: In what language did the respondent complete the interview: Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

	-----Spanish-----				-----English-----		
	NET	Only	More	Both	NET	More	Only
Total Latinos	53	52	1	1	46	2	45
Mexicans	58	57	1	1	41	2	39
Puerto Rican	32	29	3	4	64	2	62
Cuban	66	63	2	2	32	*	32
Central/ South American	61	61	*	*	39	2	37

National Follow-Up Survey of Americans on Latinos in America

Methodology

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N=1,016**

NOTE: Some results will not add to 100% because of rounding.

Total = Total Adults

White = Total whites

Black = Total blacks

VOL. = Respondent volunteered the response

DK = Don't know

Ref. = Refused

1. How often, if ever, do you yourself eat Mexican food? Would you say...at least once a week, at least once a month, a few times a year, or less often than that, or have you never had the occasion to try Mexican food?

		-----EVER-----					
	NET	Once a week	Once a month	Few times a year	Less often	Never	Don't know
Total	86	24	31	20	11	14	*
White	89	20	35	23	11	11	*
Black	65	8	18	18	22	35	-

2. Do you currently own or listen to Latin American, Mariachi, or Salsa music, or any music that has Spanish lyrics?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	25	75	*
White	17	83	*
Black	22	78	-

3. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in Spanish (both understanding and speaking) very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	Very well	Pretty well	Just a little	Not at all	Don't know
Total	5	4	24	67	-
White	1	3	24	73	-
Black	3	3	23	71	-

4. (Of those who speak just a little Spanish or not at all) Have you ever tried to learn Spanish?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	42	58	-
White	38	62	-
Black	53	47	-

5. In your home today, do you have any furnishings or household decorations that could be described as having a Latin American, Spanish, or Mexican style or origin?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Total	24	75	*
White	22	77	1
Black	18	82	-

6. How often, if ever, have you traveled to Spain, Mexico, or some other Spanish speaking country? Would you say very often, fairly often, only a few times, once, or never?

	Very often	Fairly often	Few times	Once	Never	Don't know
Total	3	3	21	20	53	-
White	1	3	20	21	55	-
Black	4	2	17	13	64	-

A few of the next questions are about Latinos in the United States. By Latino, I mean both people born in the United States who have a Latin background, and people who live here now but were born in a Spanish speaking country such as Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, or Central or South America. Some people also refer to Latinos as Hispanics.

7. Please give me your best guess--what percentage of the United States population is...?

Total:

	Mean	Correct %
a. White	55.55	74.34
b. Black	30.13	11.48
c. Latino	23.92	10.09

White:

	Mean	Correct %
a. White	56.1	74.34
b. Black	29.18	11.48
c. Latino	20.9	10.09

Black:

	Mean	Correct %
a. White	54.93	74.34
b. Black	33.28	11.48
c. Latino	27.99	10.09

8. Do you think most of the Latinos currently living in the United States were born in this country, or do you think most were born in some other country?

	This country	Some other country	Don't know
Total	40	52	8
White	42	50	8
Black	32	59	9

9. What proportion of Latinos in the United States live in poverty? Would you say that most Latinos, about half, some, or very few Latinos live in poverty?

	Most	Half	Some	Very few	Don't know
Total	15	35	32	10	8
White	14	34	35	10	8
Black	15	35	28	13	9

10. What proportion of Latinos do you think understand and speak English well enough to carry on a basic conversation in English? Would you say that most Latinos, about half, some, or very few Latinos know English well enough to carry on a basic conversation?

	Most	Half	Some	Very few	Don't know
Total	36	39	13	8	4
White	37	38	13	7	4
Black	30	41	12	13	4

11. Do you think the average Latino in the United States is better off, worse off, or just about as well off as the average non-Latino white person in terms of jobs?

	Better	Worse	As well off	Don't know
Total	13	43	37	7
White	11	43	39	6
Black	17	45	28	10

12. And do you think the average Latino in the United States is better off, worse off, or just about as well off as the average non-Latino black person in terms of jobs?

	Better	Worse	As well off	Don't know
Total	18	17	57	7
White	16	17	59	7
Black	22	19	52	7

- 13a. Compared with whites, do you think Latinos generally work harder or don't work as hard as whites, or isn't there much difference?

	Work harder	Don't work as hard	No difference	Don't know
Total	33	9	55	4
White	26	8	62	4
Black	50	13	33	4

- 13b. Compared with whites, do you think Latinos generally are more or less family oriented than whites, or isn't there much difference?

	More	Less	No difference	Don't know
Total	45	4	47	4
White	43	4	49	3
Black	38	10	45	7

- 13c. Compared with whites, do you think Latinos generally have better personal values and morals, or have worse personal values and morals than whites, or isn't there much difference?

	Better	Worse	No difference	Don't know
Total	11	10	73	7
White	6	11	78	6
Black	21	14	58	7

- 13d. Compared with whites, do you think Latinos generally contribute more to the economy or less to the economy than whites, or isn't there much difference?

	More	Less	No difference	Don't know
Total	6	39	50	6
White	3	42	50	5
Black	10	38	38	14

- 14a. Compared with African Americans, do you think Latinos work harder or don't work as hard as African Americans, or isn't there much difference?

	Work harder	Don't work as hard	No difference	Don't Know
Total	25	7	64	5
White	22	5	67	5
Black	32	20	47	2

- 14b. Compared with African Americans, do you think Latinos are more or less family-oriented than African Americans, or isn't there much difference?

	More	Less	No difference	Don't know
Total	28	5	63	5
White	30	4	61	5
Black	17	12	67	5

- 14c. Compared with African Americans, do you think Latinos generally have better personal values and morals, or have worse personal values and morals than African Americans, or isn't there much difference?

	Better	Worse	No difference	Don't know
Total	15	5	74	6
White	15	4	74	6
Black	11	6	78	5

- 14d. Compared with African Americans, do you think Latinos generally contribute more to the economy or less to the economy than African Americans, or isn't there much difference?

	More	Less	No difference	Don't know
Total	13	16	68	4
White	12	16	69	4
Black	11	24	63	2

15. In terms of politics, do you think Latinos have too much influence, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence in politics today?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	Don't know
Total	6	45	37	11
White	6	42	40	12
Black	9	56	24	10

16. In terms of politics, do you think African Americans have too much influence, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence in politics today?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	Don't know
Total	12	41	42	5
White	14	33	47	6
Black	4	75	18	3

17. Now I want to ask you some questions about immigrants--people who come from other countries to live here in the United States. Do you think the number of new immigrants allowed into the United States each year should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Same	Don't know
Total	9	39	48	4
White	7	40	49	4
Black	9	36	55	*

18. Do you think all public school classes should be taught in English or do you think children of immigrants should be able to take some courses in their native language?

	English	Native language	Don't know
Total	62	36	2
White	66	33	2
Black	48	52	1

19. In the long run, do you think Latinos who are emigrating to the United States today will make American society better, will make American society worse, or do you think today's Latino immigrants won't affect American society one way or the other?

	Better	Worse	Will not affect	Don't know
Total	25	19	50	6
White	24	19	50	7
Black	19	15	59	6

20. In the last 10 years, do you think most of the Latinos who emigrated to the United States were legal or illegal immigrants?

	Legal	Illegal	Don't know
Total	32	57	10
White	35	55	10
Black	31	64	6

21. What proportion of Latinos who are LEGALLY in this country collect welfare. Would you say that most Latinos, about half, some, or very few Latinos who are LEGALLY in this country collect welfare?

	Most	Half	Some	Very few	Don't know
Total	13	23	38	17	9
White	11	22	42	17	9
Black	16	30	33	14	6

22. What about Latinos who are ILLEGALLY in this country? Would you say that most Latinos, about half, some, or very few Latinos who are ILLEGALLY in this country collect welfare?

	Most	Half	Some	Very few	Don't know
Total	16	19	20	33	12
White	17	19	22	32	11
Black	8	27	16	38	11

23. In 1993, Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, which reduced trade barriers between Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Do you think the NAFTA treaty has been good or bad, or haven't you heard enough to say?

	Good	Bad	Haven't heard enough	Neither (vol.)	Don't know
Total	16	23	58	1	2
White	17	25	55	1	2
Black	9	15	75	-	1



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