

Survey of Latin@ Likely Voters in Texas

Conducted for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

Fielded September 29 – October 13, 2014

Among N= 603 Latin@ likely voters statewide

Margin of sampling error: \pm 4.0 percentage points

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Screening Questions

S1. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Caribbean, Central or South American, or some other Latin American background?

Yes 100
 No -
 DK -
 REF..... -

S2. Would you prefer to be interviewed in English or Spanish?

English 76
 Spanish..... 24

S3. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address?

Yes 100
 No -
 DK -
 REF..... -

S4. How often would you say you vote:

Always 67
 Frequently 33
 Part of the time or TERMINATE -
 Seldom? TERMINATE -
 NEVER (VOL) TERMINATE -
 DK/REF TERMINATE..... -

Main Survey Questions

1. In November there will be an election for US Congress, governor of Texas, and other state offices. Many people plan to vote in an election, but things come up that get in the way. Thinking about the election this November:

Will you definitely vote	70
Will you probably vote.....	17
Are the chances are 50-50	9
Will you probably not vote, or	1
Will you definitely not vote in the November election?	1
DK	1
REF.....	0

The next questions are about women's health care.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement. (Would you say you strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)

2. I consider birth control part of basic health care that should be covered by health insurance, no matter where you work.

Strongly agree	58
Somewhat agree	18
Somewhat disagree	6
Strongly disagree	15
DK	2
REF.....	1
<i>Total agree</i>	76
<i>Total disagree</i>	21

3. Which do you think is more common: ROTATE

When a Latina has an abortion, she feels alone and isolated; or	56
When a Latina has an abortion, she feels supported by her friends and family	24
DK	18
REF.....	3

4. If a close friend or family member told you she had an abortion, would you:

- Give her a lot of support..... 58
- Give her some support 15
- Give her a little support 7
- Not feel comfortable supporting her..... 13
- DK 5
- REF..... 1

- Total support* 80

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.
 (Would you say you strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?)
 RANDOMIZE Q5-Q8

	Total Agree	Strngly agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagr	Strngly disagr	DK
5. We should not judge someone who feels they are not ready to become a parent.	75	58	17	9	12	4
6. Whether she has private or government funded health coverage, every woman should have coverage for the full range of pregnancy-related care, including abortion.	57	38	19	13	27	2
7. Even though some church leaders take a position against abortion, when it comes to the law, I believe it should remain legal.	60	39	21	8	28	3
8. A woman has a right to make her own personal decisions about abortion without politicians interfering.	78	63	15	7	13	0

READ: Here are some facts about abortion.

The United States Supreme Court ruled that a woman has a right to a safe and legal abortion. Some politicians want abortion to be completely illegal in the US. Because they can't overturn the Supreme Court ruling, many politicians have recently passed new laws at the state level that make it harder for a woman to access abortion care and harder for doctors to provide that care.

9. As far as you know, have you heard about any of these new laws?

Yes, have heard.....	49
No, have not heard.....	50
DK.....	2
REF.....	0

Here are facts about the results of the laws. As you may know, these new laws have done things like force doctors to give patients medically-false information about abortion, require women to make multiple, medically-unnecessary appointments for care, and make it illegal for Medicaid to cover abortion care, even to protect the health of the mother. New laws have also forced health centers to completely rebuild their facilities by setting requirements that have nothing to do with women's health and safety.

In the past three years, politicians across the country have passed 205 laws to make it harder for a woman to access abortion care and harder for doctors to provide that care.

10. Do you think laws like these are a step in the right direction or a step in the wrong direction?

Right direction.....	32
Wrong direction.....	58
DK.....	8
REF.....	2

Demographics

Here are a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

11. Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

In the US	76
Puerto Rico	1
Another country	22
DK/REF	0

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

Republican	21
Democrat	46
Independent	16
Something else	9
DK.....	6
REF.....	2

13. IF Q12 = INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE, DK/REF: Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?
(base n= 174)

Republican	26
Democrat.....	27
NEITHER (VOL)	29
OTHER (VOL)	3
DK.....	12
REF.....	3

14. What was the last grade or class that you completed in school?

Less than high school	16
High school graduate or GED	33
Some college/business/technical/ vocational – no 4 year degree	25
College graduate.....	19
Post graduate training or professional schooling after college	7
DK.....	1
REF.....	0

15. Just for statistical purposes, in what year were you born? (Age recoded)

18-34.....	26
35-44.....	18
45-54.....	20
55-64.....	15
65+	19
REF.....	2

Gender

Male.....	47
Female	53