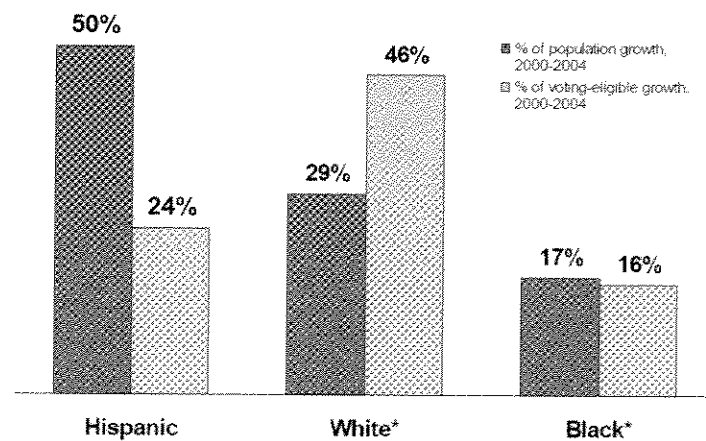


What Do Surveys Tell Us about Mexican Migrant Social and Civic Participation?

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Hispanic Share of Voting-Eligible Growth Lags its Share of Total Population Growth from 2000 to 2004



* Non-Hispanic

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2000 and 2004 November Current Population Surveys. See text for definitions.



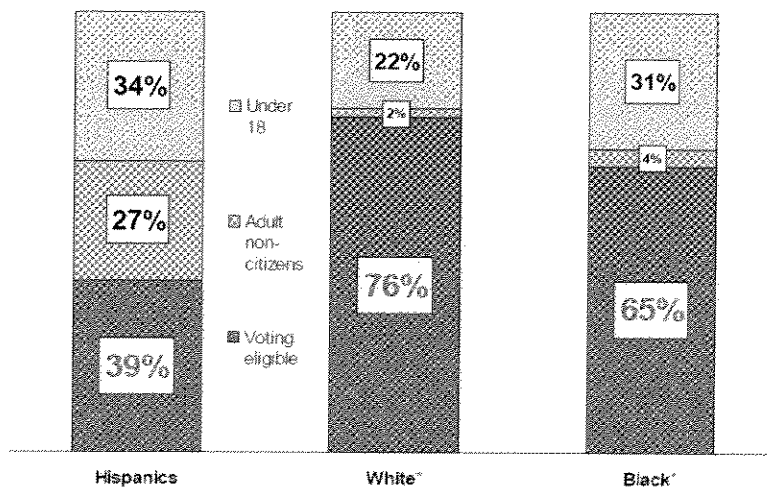
Hispanic Population and Electorate 2000 and 2004

| | 2004 | 2000 | Increase 2000 to 2004 | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-------|------|
| | | | Population | Share | Rate |
| Total | 41,300,000 | 35,560,000 | 5,740,000 | 100% | 16% |
| Not Eligible to Vote | 25,212,000 | 21,621,000 | 3,591,000 | 63% | 17% |
| Under 18 | 14,171,000 | 12,445,000 | 1,726,000 | 30% | 14% |
| Non-citizens age 18 and above | 11,041,000 | 9,176,000 | 1,866,000 | 33% | 20% |
| Eligible Voters | 16,088,000 | 13,940,000 | 2,148,000 | 37% | 15% |
| Native born | 12,062,000 | 10,581,000 | 1,481,000 | 26% | 14% |
| Foreign-born | 4,026,000 | 3,358,000 | 668,000 | 12% | 20% |

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2000 and 2004 November Current Population Surveys. All figures rounded independently.



Eligible Voters as a Share of Total Population for Major Racial/Ethnic Groups, 2004

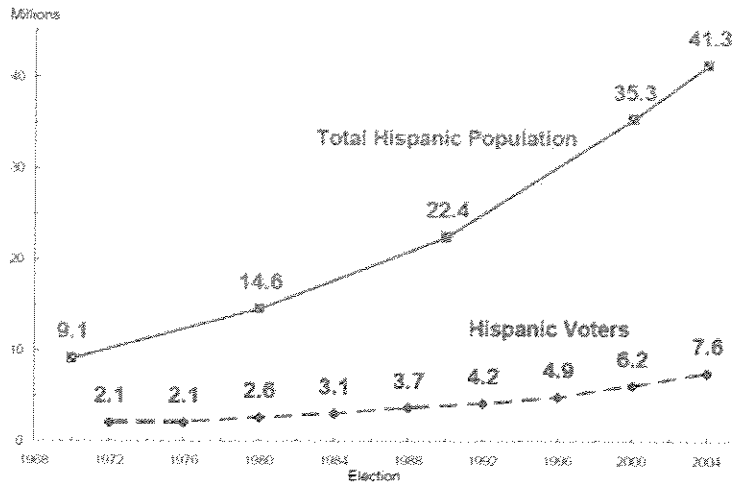


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The Growing Divergence between the Total Hispanic Population and the Number of Hispanic Voters 1970-2004



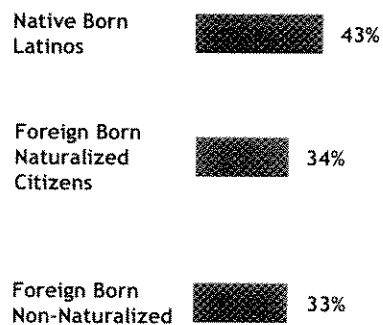
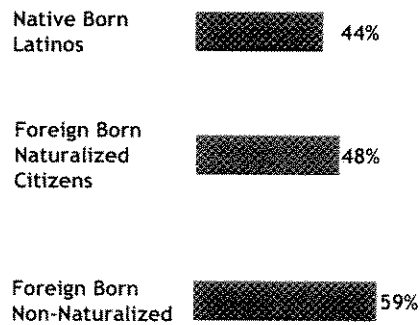
Source: *Hispanic Americans: A Statistical Sourcebook*, Pew Hispanic Center; tabulations of 2004 November CPS, and decennial censuses for 1970-2000



Discrimination

Percent of Latinos who say that discrimination is a MAJOR PROBLEM...

Percent of Latinos who say that in the past 5 years they or a family member has EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION...



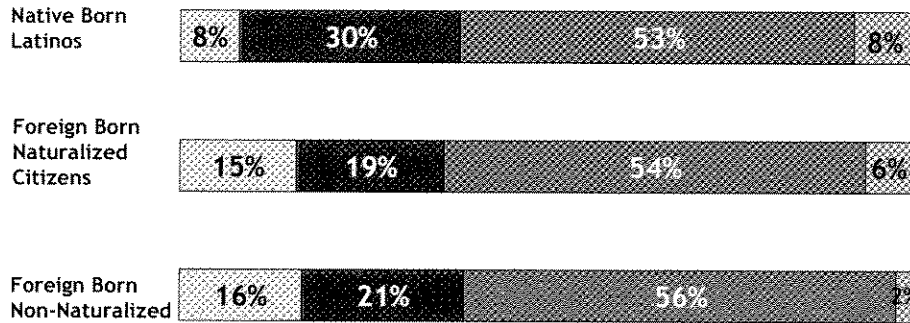
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Trust in Government

How often do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- ☐ Just about always
- ☑ Some of the time
- Most of the time
- ▨ Never



Note: Don't know/refused responses not shown.

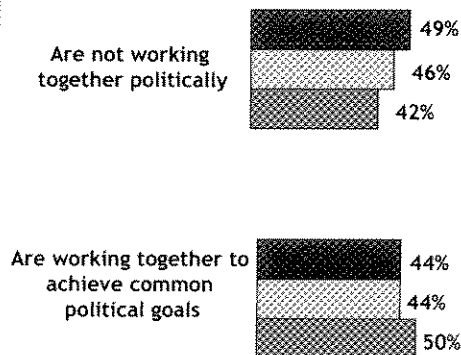
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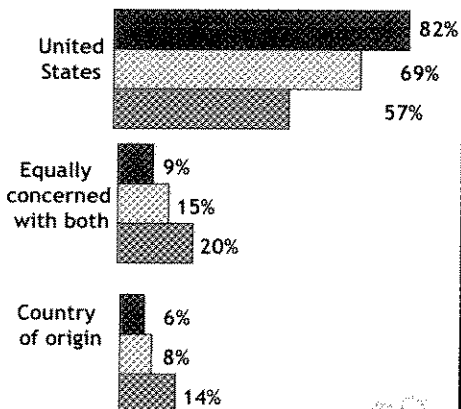
Attitudes About Latino Political Unity

- Native Born Latinos
- ▨ Foreign Born Naturalized Citizens
- Foreign Born Non-Naturalized

Which comes closer to your views?
Latinos from different countries:



Are you more concerned about politics and government in the U.S. or in your country of origin?



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Reported Civic Participation

Percent of Latinos who say that they have...

| | Native Born Latinos | Foreign Born Naturalized Citizens | Foreign Born Non-Naturalized |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Attended a public meeting/ demonstration in the community where they live | 24% | 15% | 14% |
| Contacted an elected official | 19% | 14% | 4% |
| Contributed money to a candidate running for public office | 14% | 8% | 2% |
| Attended a political party meeting/function | 15% | 10% | 3% |
| Worked as a volunteer/for pay for a political candidate | 7% | 3% | 2% |
| Percent who say they have done any of the above activities | 41% | 26% | 18% |

Source: Pew Hispanic Center/Kaiser Family Foundation National Survey of Latinos: Politics and Civic Engagement, July 2004 (conducted April - June 2004)



Reported Volunteer Activity

Percent of Latinos who say that in the past year they have volunteered their time to...

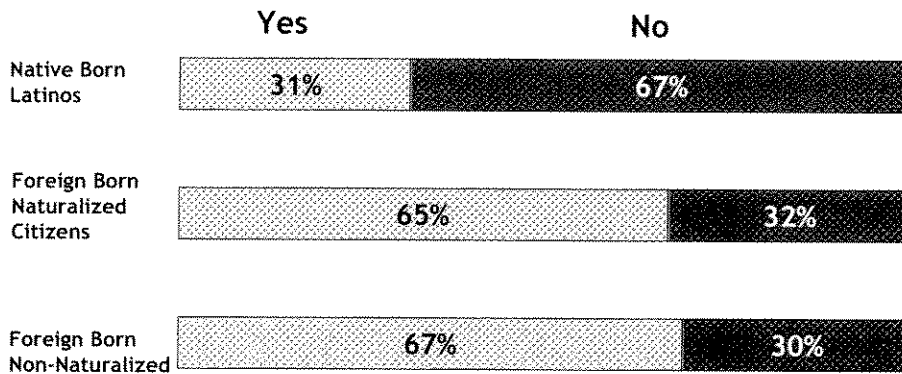
| | Native Born Latinos | Foreign Born Naturalized Citizens | Foreign Born Non-Naturalized |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Church or religious group | 38% | 39% | 29% |
| School or tutoring program | 31% | 23% | 23% |
| Neighborhood, business, or community group | 31% | 18% | 13% |
| Organization representing their particular nationality, ethnic, or racial group | 15% | 11% | 10% |
| Percent who say they have done any of the above activities | 61% | 50% | 44% |

Source: Pew Hispanic Center/Kaiser Family Foundation National Survey of Latinos: Politics and Civic Engagement, July 2004 (conducted April - June 2004)



Is it Important the Volunteer Activity Address Latino Concerns?

Of the Latinos who say they engaged in volunteer activity in the past year: In deciding whether to volunteer your time was it important that the organization specifically addressed Latino concerns or not?

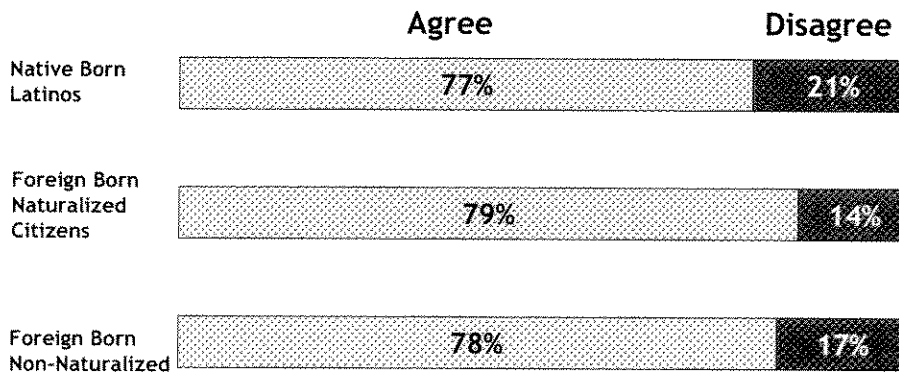


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Perceived Influence of Political Activity

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: In the United States, citizens can have an influence at all levels of government, from top to bottom, by voting and engaging in other political activities?

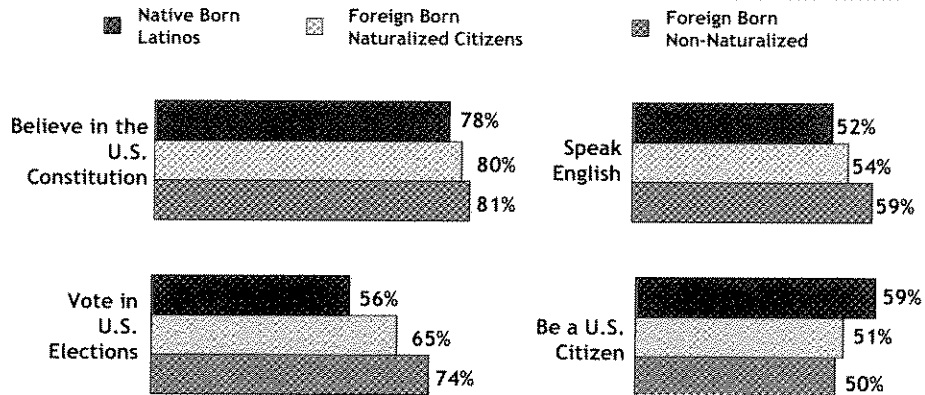


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Perceptions of What an Immigrant Must Do to Say They are a Part of American Society

The percent of Latinos who say an immigrant has to do each of the following to say they are a part of American society:

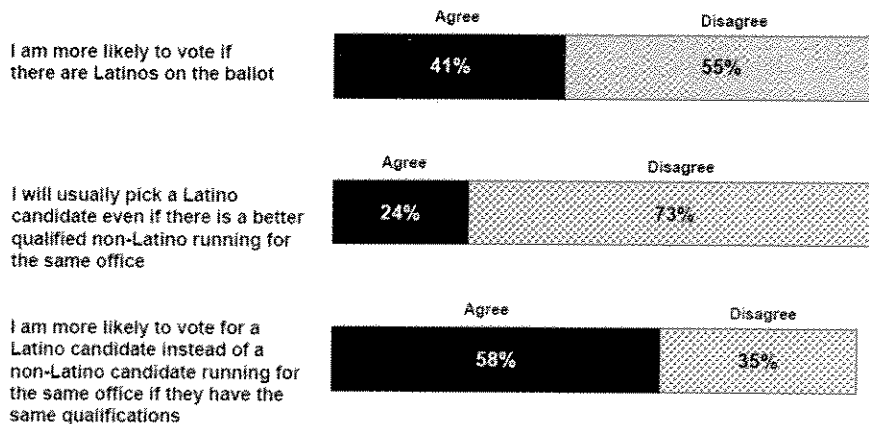


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Reported Role of Ethnicity in Voting

Among registered Latinos: Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



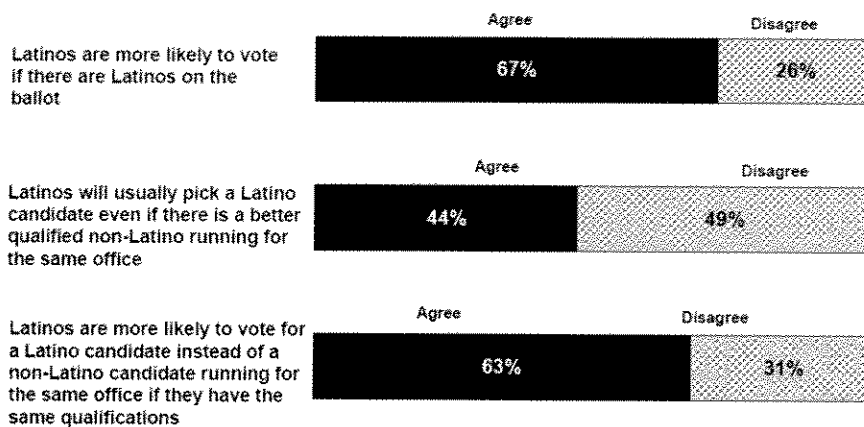
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Perceived Role of Ethnicity in Voting

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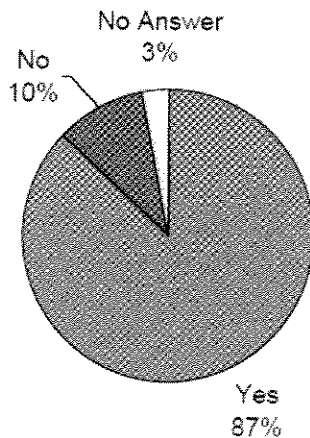
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Voting in Mexican Elections

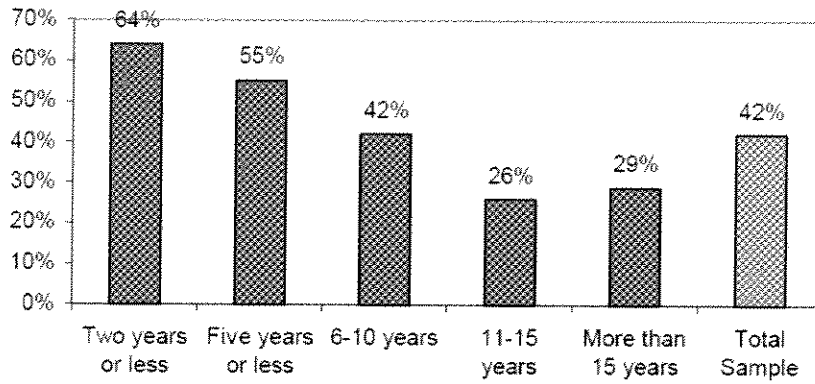
If you could vote in the next Mexican elections from the U.S. would you?



Source: Pew Hispanic Center, Survey of Mexican Migrants, Part One: Attitudes about Immigration and Major Demographic Characteristics, March 2005.

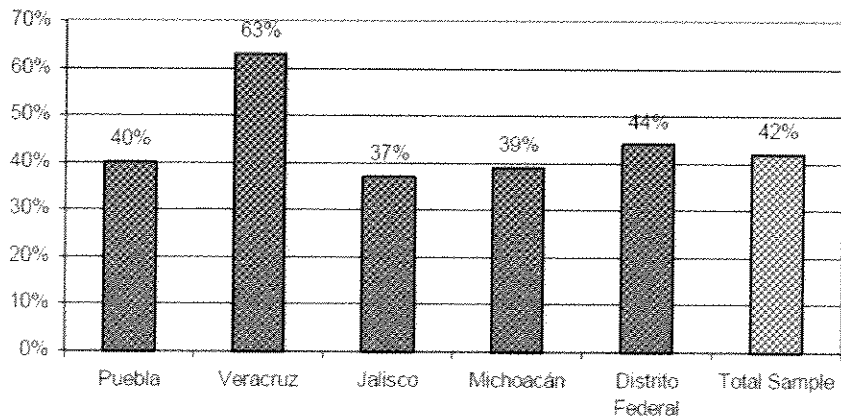


Respondents with Mexican Voting Credentials by Time in the U.S.



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Respondents with Mexican Voting Credentials by Selected States of Origin



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Migrants with Mexican Voting Credentials

Did you bring your Mexican voting credential to the U.S.?

| | Yes | No | No Answer |
|-------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Los Angeles | 56 | 62 | 2 |
| New York | 41 | 57 | 2 |
| Dallas | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| Chicago | 45 | 51 | 4 |
| Fresno | 38 | 59 | 3 |
| Raleigh | 51 | 45 | 4 |
| Atlanta | 49 | 46 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 42 | 54 | 4 |

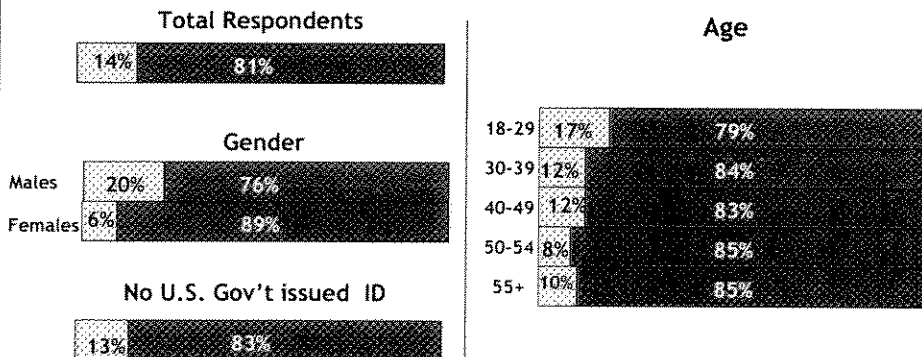
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Reported Civic Participation by Mexican Migrants

Do you belong to a civic organization, sports team, or social club of people from Mexico?

Yes No



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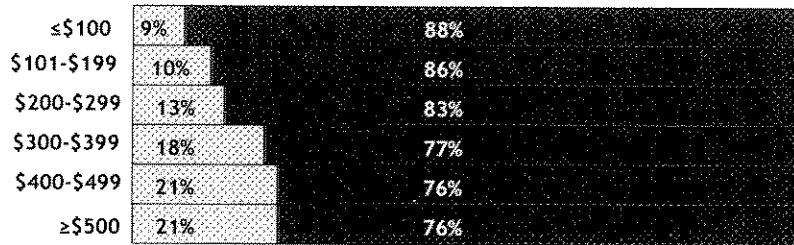
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Earnings per Week



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