

TRPI Post-election Survey of Registered Latino Voters 5 State Survey: February 2001

Hello, my name is _____. I am calling from the University of Texas' Office of Survey Research. We are conducting a public opinion survey on behalf of The Tomás Rivera Policy Institute. This is not a sales call.

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

S1. May I speak with [Mr. or Ms. INPUT THE NAME OF RESPONDENT]?

RESPONDENT AVAILABLE CONTINUE 1
RESPONDENT IS NOT AVAILABLE CALL-BACK SCHEDULED 2
DON'T KNOW (DK)/ REFUSED TO ANSWER (RF) TERMINATE 9

S2. [ASK ONLY IF NECESSARY] Would you prefer that I speak in English or Spanish?

English 1
Spanish 2

S3. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes CONTINUE 1
No TERMINATE 2
DK/RF TERMINATE 9

S4. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

Yes CONTINUE 1
No TERMINATE 2
DK/RF TERMINATE 9

S5. Were you born in the continental United States, Puerto Rico, or somewhere else?

Born in the continental United States SKIP TO Q1 1
Born in Puerto Rico SKIP TO Q1 2
Born in somewhere else CONTINUE TO S6 3
DK/RF TERMINATE 9

S6. Were you born to U.S. citizen parents abroad?

Yes 1
No 2
DK/RF TERMINATE 9

This survey will take only 16 minutes to complete and will be kept 100% confidential. We'd very much like to include your opinions.

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What is the primary language spoken at home? Is it English, Spanish, or both equally?

English 1
Spanish 2
Both equally 3
DK/RF 9

2. People depend on different media sources to get political information. Of the following media sources, on which source did you rely most to get information about the past presidential election? [READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES; ROTATE RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

English language radio 1
Spanish language radio 2
English language television 3
Spanish language television 4
English language newspaper 5
Spanish language newspaper 6
OTHER SOURCE [DO NOT READ] SPECIFY 7
DK/RF 9

3. Some people say that casting a vote in an election takes too much time. How about you? Does voting take too much time, a lot of time, a little time, or very little time?

Too much time 1
A lot of time 2
A little time 3
Very little time 4
DK/RF 9

4. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Were you very interested, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested in the past year's political campaigns?

Very interested 1
Somewhat interested 2
Not very interested 3
Not at all interested 4
NOT SURE /DK 8
RF 9

5. Generally speaking, how much would you say that you personally cared about the way the last presidential election came out? Did you care very much, pretty much, not very much, or did you not care at all?

Very much 1
Pretty much 2
Not very much 3
Not care at all 4
DK/RF 9

6. In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because of many different reasons. How about you? Did you vote in this past November election?

Yes, I voted 1
No, I did not vote SKIP TO Q8 2
DK/RF SKIP TO Q8 9

7. Some people said that the ballot was confusing to follow and others said that it was easy to follow. How about you? Was the ballot confusing or easy to follow?

The ballot was confusing 1
The ballot was easy to follow 2
DK/RF 9

8. How much difference do you think the vote people like you cast in an election makes in deciding the course of this country? Is it very much, a good deal, a little, or no difference?

Very much 1
A good deal 2
A little 3
No difference 4
DK/RF 9

9. Because of the kind of person George W. Bush was, how enthusiastic did you feel about him before the election? Did you feel very much enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not very enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

Very enthusiastic 1
Somewhat enthusiastic 2
Not very enthusiastic 3
Not at all enthusiastic 4
DK/RF 9

10. Because of the kind of person Al Gore was, how enthusiastic did you feel about him before the election? Did you feel very much enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not very enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

- Very enthusiastic 1
- Somewhat enthusiastic 2
- Not very enthusiastic 3
- Not at all enthusiastic 4
- DK/RF 9

11. [ASK ONLY IF Q6=2] People were not able to vote because of a variety of reasons. How about you? What was the main reason for not voting in this past November election? [READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES ONLY IF NECESSARY]

- Did not have time/ too busy 1
- Not interested in the election/politics 2
- Sick 3
- Family emergency 4
- Did not like candidates 5
- Out of town 6
- Forgot about the election 7
- No transportation 8
- Lines too long at the polls 9
- Tried to vote but was told that I was not eligible 10
- The election appeared to be over by the time that I was ready to vote 11
- My vote would not matter, I thought 12
- Other SPECIFY 97
- DK/RF 99

12. Over the past year, were you asked to register or vote by a candidate for office or a person working for a candidate, a representative of a political party, or someone in your community?

- Yes 1
- No SKIP TO Q19 2
- DK/RF SKIP TO Q19 9

13. Who contacted you? [MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- A candidate for office or a person working for a candidate 1
- A political party representative 2
- Someone else in your community 3
- DK/RF SKIP TO Q17 9

14. [ASK IF Q13=1 OR 2] Were you contacted by the Democrats, Republicans, both parties, or by representatives of other parties? [MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- Democrats 1
- Republicans 2
- Both Democrats and Republicans 3
- Other party/ Independents 4
- DK/RF 9

15. [ASK IF Q15=3] Other than someone from the political parties or candidates, were those who contacted you community organizers or people working with non-profit organizations, union members, people from churches or religious organizations, or someone else? [MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- Community organizers or volunteers/ people working with non-profit organizations 1
- Union members 2
- People from churches or religious organizations 3
- Someone else SPECIFY 7
- DK/RF 9

16. How were you contacted? Was it by mail or door flier, telephone, in-person, e-mail, or some other way? [MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- Mail or door flier 1
- Telephone 2
- In-person 3
- E-mail 4
- Some other way SPECIFY 7
- DK/RF 9

17. Are those who contacted you Latinos, non-Latinos, or both?

- Latinos 1
- Non-Latinos 2
- Both 3
- DK/RF 9

18. During this past campaign, did you go to any political meetings, rallies, speeches, dinners, block parties, or things like that in support of a particular candidate or political party?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- DK/RF 9

19. People need to fill out a form to register to vote in an election. Thinking back to the last time you registered to vote, where did you get the form to register?

- At the office of the Registrar of Voters 1
- At a drivers license office 2
- At some other government office (e.g. Welfare office) 3
- At a community center/ library 4
- The registration form was mailed to me 5
- From an individual in the community who helps people register to vote 6
- At a naturalization ceremony 7
- At a booth/kiosk or a table in the mall or at a grocery 8
- At my church 9
- At my school 10
- Other SPECIFY 11
- DK/RF 99

20. How confident are you in the way we cast the vote and choose a candidate for president? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

- Very confident 1
- Somewhat confident 2
- Not very confident 3
- Not at all confident 4
- DK/RF 9

21. There had been controversies surrounding the balloting and counting processes in Florida in the past presidential election. How much do you believe fraud and dishonesty played a role in the balloting and counting processes? Is it very much, somewhat, a little, or not at all?

- Very much 1
- Somewhat 2
- A little 3
- Not at all 4
- DK/RF 9

22. Has the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to end the recount in Florida increased or decreased your confidence in the U.S. Supreme Court or has it not changed your view of the Court?

- Increased 1
- Decreased 2
- Not changed my view of the Court 3
- DK/RF 9

23. [ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENTS ARE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA] Some people say that the federal government's decision to seize Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives and return him to Cuba was the most important issue they considered in deciding their vote for president. Others say that they considered other issues more important. How important was the issue of Elian Gonzalez compared to other issues? Was it much more important, more important, less important, or much less important?

- Much more important 1
- More important 2
- Less important 3
- Much less important 4
- ABOUT THE SAME/DK 8
- RF 9

24. Do you generally consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or an independent?

- Democrat CONTINUE TO Q26A 1
- Republican CONTINUE TO Q26A 2
- Independent SKIP TO Q26B 3
- Something else SKIP TO Q26B 4
- DK/RF SKIP TO Q26B 9

25A. Is your identification with the party very strong or not very strong?

- Very strong SKIP TO Q27 1
- Not very strong SKIP TO Q27 2
- DK/RF SKIP TO Q27 9

25B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republicans or the Democrats?

- Republicans 1
- Democrats 2
- Neither 3
- DK/RF 9

26. Hispanics, or Latinos, include people from different countries. To what country do you trace your ancestry? [DO NOT READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

- Mexico 1
- Puerto Rico 2
- Cuba 3
- Colombia 4
- Dominican Republic 5
- El Salvador 6
- Guatemala 7
- Other Latin America 8
- Other part of the world 9
- More than one ancestry 10
- DK/RF 99

27. [DO NOT ASK IF S5=2 OR 3] Was your mother or father born in the continental United States?

- Father only 1
- Mother only 2
- Both parents 3
- Neither parent 4
- DK/RF 9

28. Some U.S. citizens are much more interested in politics in the country of their ancestry than in politics in the United States. Others are not. How about you? Are you much more interested, more interested, less interested, or much less interested in politics in your country of ancestry than in politics in the United States?

- Much more interested 1
- More interested 2
- Less interested 3
- Much less interested 4
- EQUALLY INTERESTED 5
- DK/RF 9

ASK Q29 THROUGH Q44 ONLY IF S5=3 AND S6=2

29. In what year did you become a naturalized U.S. citizen?

_____ [RECORD RESPONSE]
DK/RF 9999

30. Thinking back to the period after you first migrated to the United States, can you tell me in what year you decided that you were going to reside in the United States permanently?

_____ [RECORD RESPONSE]
DK/RF 9999

31. In what year did you obtain a green card?

_____ [RECORD RESPONSE]
DK/RF 9999

32. Did you naturalize on your own after you turned 18 or did your parents naturalize before you were 18 and extend U.S. citizenship to you?

- Naturalized on own as an adult 1
- Naturalized as minor when parents naturalized 2
- DK/RF 9

ASK Q33 THROUGH 40 ONLY IF Q29 \geq 1992 (NATURALIZED IN 1992 OR LATER)
AND Q32=1

When asked, people give many different reasons for naturalizing. Now I am going to read a list of reasons for naturalizing that people often give. For each, please tell me whether the reason was very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important for you when you decide to naturalize.

33. "I wanted to ensure that my family and I would continue to have access to U.S. government programs and services in the future." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

34. "I realized that I had more ties to the U.S. than to my country of origin." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

35. "I was concerned that the United States was turning against immigrants." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

36. "I wanted to protect my children's rights in the United States." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

37. "I wanted to vote." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

38. "I wanted to immigrate my relatives living abroad more rapidly." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

39. "I feared for my status in the United States." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

40. "I needed to replace an aging Green Card." [READ ONLY IF NECESSARY: How important was this reason for you in deciding to naturalize? Was it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or not at all important?]

- Very important 1
- Somewhat important 2
- Somewhat unimportant 3
- Not at all important 4
- DK/RF 9

41. [ASK ONLY IF Q32=1] When you naturalized, did you do most of the preparation yourself, did your relatives or friends mostly do it for you, did you receive the assistance of a community-based organization, or did you hire a lawyer?

- Did most of the preparation on own 1
- Relatives or friends mostly did it 2
- Received assistance from community-based organization 3
- Hired a lawyer/Paid for assistance 4
- DK/RF 9

42. How likely would you be to vote in elections in your home country, if you were allowed to do so? Would it be very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

- Very likely 1
- Somewhat likely 2
- Somewhat unlikely 3
- Very unlikely 4
- DK/RF 9

43. Which of the following activities did you ever engage in your home country? Please tell me so if you never participated in politics in your home country. [READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES; MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- Following politics in the news 1
- Canvassing or marching 2
- Voting in elections 3
- NEVER PARTICIAPTED IN POLITICS 4
- DK/RF 9

44. [ASK ONLY IF Q31 ≥ 1987 (OBTAINED A GREEN CARD IN 1987 OR LATER)] Did you legalize your status under the Immigration Reform and Control act?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- DK/NOT SURE/RF 9

45. What is your date of birth?

- [MM/DD/YY]
- DK/RF 999999

46. What is the last grade of school you completed? [IF NECESSARY, READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES]

- Grade school or less (No schooling or Grade 1 through 8) 1
- Some high school (Grade 9 through 12) 2
- High school graduate 3
- Some college/Vocational (technical) school 4
- College graduate (BA, BS) 5
- Graduate (MA, MS, MBA, MPA, MD, M.Div., M.Ed., JD, Ed.D., Ph.D.etc.) 6
- DK/RF 9

47. Do you own your home?

- Yes 1
- No 2
- DK/RF 9

48. Are you married, do you have a domestic partner, are you single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

- Married 1
- Have a domestic partner 2
- Single 3
- Separated 4
- Divorced 5
- Widowed 6
- DK/RF 9

49. Apart from occasional weddings, baptisms, or funerals, how often do you attend church or religious services? Is it once a week or more, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, once a year or less, or never?

- Once a week or more 1
- Almost every week 2
- Once or twice a month 3
- A few times a year 4
- Once a year or less 5
- Never 6
- DK/RF 9

50. What was your total household income last year before taxes? Just stop me when I read the correct category.

- Up to \$15,000 1
- \$15,000 to \$24,999 2
- \$25,000 to \$34,999 3
- \$35,000 to \$49,999 4
- \$50,000 to \$64,999 5
- \$65,000 to \$79,999 6
- \$80,000 to \$99,999 7
- \$100,000 and above 8
- DK/RF 9

The last two questions I have are about your vote choice in this past election. Please be assured that we will not release this information to anyone.

51. Which presidential candidate did you vote for? Did you vote for Al Gore, George W. Bush, Ralph Nader or Someone else?

- Al Gore 1
- George W. Bush 2
- Ralph Nader 3
- Someone else 4
- DID NOT VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE 5
- DK/RF 9

52. Did you vote for a Republican or a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district or did you not vote for any congressional candidate?

- A Republican candidate 1
- A Democratic candidate 2
- VOTED FOR A THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE 3
- DID NOT VOTE FOR ANY CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE 4
- DK/RF 9

53. For only a verification purpose, what is your current mailing address?

[RECORD RESPONDENT'S MAILING ADDRESS]

54. Gender of respondent [DO NOT ASK]

- Male 1
- Female 2