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HISPANIC FEDERATION SURVEY ON LATINO POLITICS AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION IN NYC

LANDSLIDE WINS FOR CLINTON, SPITZER AND CUOMO RECORD LOW APPROVAL RATINGS FOR BUSH; LATINOS WANT OUR TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ IMMIGRATION, JOBS AND SCHOOLS BIGGEST NY PROBLEM

New York, NY – On Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Hispanic Federation released the results of its 14th annual survey in New York reporting the attitudes and opinions of Latinos on the performance of Mayor Bloomberg, President Bush and New York's statewide political races, public policy priorities and the war in Iraq. The survey is the result of 800 interviews in New York City completed on October 16, 2006 with a margin of error of +/- 3.5%. The sample size for questions relating to the statewide races is 467 registered voters. Following are the topline results.

Problems - Local

- The number one problem facing Hispanics in New York is immigration – cited by 18%
- The second top problem is jobs/economy/unemployment – cited by 16%
- The third top problem is schools/education and discrimination – cited by 15% each

Problems – Nationally

- The number one problems facing Hispanic nationally is immigration – cited by 25%
- The second top problem is jobs/economy/unemployment – cited by 16%

Political Parties

- 76% are registered as Democrats, 8% as Republicans, 5% with other parties, and 6% have no party affiliation
- Number one reason for not registering to vote is lack of citizenship – cited by 62%

Clinton vs. Spencer for the U.S. Senate (among Latino registered voters)

- Among registered voters, Clinton would receive 81% of the vote and Spencer 7%. Only 7% of Latino voters remain undecided
- Among Latino Democrats, Clinton would receive 89% of the vote and 2% would vote for Spencer
- Among Latino Republicans, 54% would vote for Clinton and 44% would vote for Spencer
- Among Latino voters registered in other parties, Clinton receives 59% of the vote with Spencer receiving 10%

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Spitzer vs. Faso for Governor (among Latino registered voters)

- Among registered voters, Spitzer would receive 64% of the vote and Faso 8%. 21% of Latino voters remain undecided
- Among Latino Democrats, Spitzer would receive 75% of the vote and 2% would vote for Faso
- Among Latino Republicans, 55% would vote for Faso and 24% would vote for Spitzer
- Among Latino voters registered in other parties, Spitzer receives 39% of the vote with Spencer receiving 14%

Cuomo vs. Pirro for Attorney General (among Latino registered voters)

- Among registered voters, Cuomo would receive 63% of the vote and Pirro 13%. 17% of Latino voters remain undecided
- Among Latino Democrats, Cuomo would receive 71% of the vote and 9% would vote for Pirro
- Among Latino Republicans, 43% would vote for Pirro and 41% would vote for Cuomo
- Among Latino voters registered in other parties, Cuomo receives 36% of the vote with Spencer receiving 23%

Bloomberg's Job Ratings (all respondents)

- Bloomberg is believed to be doing an excellent to good job as Mayor of New York City by 60% of Latinos / A not so good to poor job by 34% of respondents
- Bloomberg's service to the Hispanic community in New York City is rated positively by 48% of Latinos (39% good, 9% excellent), with 43% holding an opposing view (27% not so good, 16% poor).

Bush's Job Rating serving US and Latinos

- 70% of Latino New Yorkers believe President Bush is doing a not so good or poor job as President; 27% believe he is doing an excellent to good job.
- 75% of Latino New Yorkers believe President Bush is doing a not so good or poor job serving Latinos; 20% believe he is doing an excellent to good job.

War in Iraq

- Latino New Yorkers overwhelmingly want U.S. troops to come back home from Iraq, with half (50%) believing that the U.S. should immediately withdraw troops from Iraq and another 29% saying they want the U.S. to set a timetable for withdrawal of all troops;
- Only 16% believe the U.S. should keep the troops in Iraq until the mission is completed.

Economy

- 40% of all Hispanic New Yorkers Latinos state that they or a family member had problems with paying the rent or mortgage
- 35% state that they or an immediate family member have lost a job or been laid off.
- 65% state that they or an immediate family member have been unable to save for college or retirement
- 52% state they see growing instability for Latinos in the economy and jobs; 27% see increasing opportunity

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Immigration Reform and President Bush

- 77% of Latino New Yorkers believe the President is doing a not so good or poor job handling the immigration reform issue; only 15% believe he is doing an excellent to good job
- 68% are more sympathetic to the position of immigrants after seeing the large immigration demonstrations earlier this year; 14% were less sympathetic.
- 87% support an earned path to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants.

The Hispanic Federation is a non-profit membership organization comprised of 94 Latino health and human service providers in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The Federation polls Hispanic Americans in the states of New York and New Jersey on an annual basis to gauge opinions on critical public policy issues and performance by elected representatives at all levels of government.