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# **PRESS RELEASE**

# New Poll: Latino Support for Hillary in 2016 Depends on Her Stance on Executive Action to Address Immigration New Poll Shows 2016 Latino Votes Will Follow Candidates Who Want to Continue and Extend President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration

A new national <u>poll</u> of Latino voters released today found that the 2016 Latino vote could face huge swings, depending on whether candidates will renew or let expire President Obama's executive action on deportation relief. Specifically-- the poll shows a nearly 50% swing in Latino voter support for Hillary Clinton, depending on whether or not she pledges to continue the executive action started under President Obama. Clinton said she supported President Obama's executive action on immigration, but has not said if she believes the next president should renew it, or let it expire. Obama's executive action is temporary and the next President could renew or eliminate it in 2017, unless Congress passes permanent reform.

See full results here:

http://bit.ly/latinovote2016poll

The poll was conducted November 20-22, coinciding with the news of President Obama's policy announcement, and was conducted by Latino Decisions and commissioned by Presente.org in partnership with NALACC and Mi Familia Vota.

## **Poll toplines:**

- If Clinton expresses support for renewing the executive order, 85% of Latino voters polled said they would likely support her for President, while only 11% would not.
- However, if Clinton indicates she would not renew the order, letting it expire, only 37% of Latinos voters say they would support her for President, while 55% would not.
- If Congress fails to pass legislation, 73% of Latino voters support additional use of executive action by the President to provide relief from deportation to additional undocumented immigrants not covered under the November 20th announcement.

## Statement by Arturo Carmona, Executive Director of Presente.org:

"Hillary Clinton and other Presidential candidates for 2016 can either support stopping deportations through executive action or they can lose the Latino vote. Should Congress fail to resolve the deportation crisis, 73% of Latinos favor additional executive orders to finish the job for the additional 7 million immigrants that were left out: and they will base their votes on which candidates will finish the job."

#### Statement by Oscar Chacon, Executive Director of NALACC:

"This survey makes it abundantly clear that Latino voters will support presidential candidates committed to keeping President Obama's executive actions on immigration policy in place. This poll also evidences the importance of immigration policy and immigrant rights to Latino voters in the context of the 2016 Presidential election. If Republican or Democratic presidential candidates hope to attract Latino voters to their respective camps in 2016, they will need to come up with just solutions to our broken, obsolete and inhumane immigration policy."

## Statement by Ben Monterroso, Executive Director of Mi Familia Vota:

"The poll results give very clear direction to any presidential candidate in 2016. It does not matter what party you belong to, or even how friendly you have been with the Latino community in past years. It's not even enough to say that you support the president's use of executive authority. If you want the Latino vote in 2016 -- and you should, if you want to win the White House -- you have to commit to continuing the president's temporary program until Congress passes a long-term solution that is acceptable to Latino voters."

#### About

**Latino Decisions** is the leader in Latino political opinion research. Founded by professors of political science, <u>Dr. Gary M. Segura</u> and <u>Dr. Matt Barreto</u>, our firm leverages a unique combination of analytical expertise and cultural competencies that are unparalleled in the industry. The Latino Decisions team is comprised exclusively of credentialed research scientists with established publication records, rigorous methodological training, and experience with large-scale collaborative research projects.

**Presente.org** is the nation's largest online Latino organizing group with more than 300,000 members, all working to amplify the political voice of Latino communities.

**The National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities** is a network of approximately 75 community-based organizations led by Latin American and Caribbean immigrants.

Mi Familia Vota Education Fund (MFVEF) is a national non-profit organization working to unite the Latino community and its allies to promote social and economic justice through increased civic participation.

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