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Pew Hispanic Center/Kaiser Family Foundation 2004 National Survey of Latinos, June 2004

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Overview of Dataset

Pew Hispanic Center/Kaiser Family Foundation 2004 National Survey of Latinos: Politics and Civic Engagement

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The Pew Hispanic Center/Kaiser Family Foundation 2004 National Survey of Latinos: Politics and Civic Engagement was conducted by telephone between April 21 and June 9, 2004 among a nationally representative sample of 2,288 Latino adults, 18 years and older, who were selected at random. The sample design employed a highly stratified disproportionate RDD sample of the 48 contiguous states. The results are weighted to represent the actual distribution of adults throughout the United States.

Note: All data presented among citizens only

Participation

Attention Pay to Politics				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
A lot	17	28	22	29
A fair amount	40	36	42	37
Not much	30	37	28	28
None at all	11	9	8	7

Political Activity				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Contacted an official	11	21	16	24
Contributed to a candidate	9	8	14	18
Worked on a campaign	7	4	5	6
Attended public demonstration	11	16	9	18

Volunteer Activity in Last Year				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
At a church	35	28	50	42
School or tutoring program	29	20	40	29
Neighborhood or community group	29	23	32	26
Ethnic group	14	14	15	14

Registered to Vote				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Registered	64	67	86	85
Not registered	33	30	14	14

Voted in U.S. Elections (Among registered)

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Voted	66	63	80	79
Never voted	34	37	20	21

Voted in 2002 U.S. Elections (Among voters)

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Voted	68	62	81	75
Did not vote	26	33	17	19

Voted in 2000 U.S. Elections (Among voters)

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Voted	69	71	86	82
Did not vote	28	27	11	15

Following 2004 Presidential Race

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Very closely	19	25	22	38
Somewhat closely	39	42	40	39
Not too closely	23	21	25	13
Not closely at all	16	13	13	9

Reasons People Don't Always Vote (Percent responding "agree")

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
I sometimes feel I don't know enough about the candidates to vote	65	57	64	59
It's complicated to register to vote where I live	14	15	15	14
It's difficult for me to get out to the polls to vote	24	17	22	17
I sometimes don't like any of the candidates	56	61	66	59

Attitudes on Politics (percent responding “strongly agree”)

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Political leaders do not care much what people like me think	28	30	28	31
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	40	46	45	54
Hispanics/Latinos are more likely to vote if there are Hispanics/Latinos on the ballot	29	38	64	36
Hispanic/Latino voters are more likely to vote more likely to vote for a Hispanic/Latino candidate instead of a non-Hispanic/Latino running for the same office if they have the <u>same qualifications</u>	29	46	32	28
Hispanic/Latino voters will usually pick a Hispanic/Latino candidate even if there is a <u>better qualified non-Hispanic/Latino</u> running for the same office	15	26	24	22
I am more likely to vote if there are Hispanics/Latinos on the ballot	22	29	23	32
I am more likely to vote for a Hispanic/Latino candidate instead of a non-Hispanic/Latino running for the same office if they have the <u>same qualifications</u>	40	31	46	34
I will usually pick a Hispanic/Latino candidate even if there is a <u>better-qualified non-Hispanic/Latino</u> running for the same office	12	21	13	15

General Issue Attitudes

Issue Agenda (percent responding “extremely important”)				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Education	57	56	55	45
Health care and Medicare	57	47	54	37
The economy and jobs	51	53	54	47
U.S. campaign against terrorism	48	44	45	46
Crime	47	38	47	35
The war in Iraq	46	42	42	33
Social Security	42	33	42	33
Moral values	38	26	41	34
Immigration	36	22	30	24
Taxes	35	28	36	31
The federal budget deficit	31	28	30	30

Trust in Government				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Just about always	6	10	10	12
Most of the time	26	28	27	31
Some of the time	56	54	54	47
Never	9	6	7	5

Role of Government				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Rather pay high taxes/support larger gov't services	51	53	48	44
Rather pay lower taxes/smaller gov't/fewer services	42	39	44	47

Health Care Issue Agenda (percent responding “extremely important”)

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
The cost of health care and health insurance	55	52	48	42
The number of Americans without health insurance	52	49	49	39
Medicare	42	30	46	36
Prescription drug benefits for seniors	51	38	52	37

Abortion

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Legal in all cases	18	18	19	12
Legal in most cases	31	33	29	33
Illegal in most cases	22	23	23	20
Illegal in all cases	24	21	24	26

If Agree with Presidential Candidate on Other Issues, but Not Abortion Could Still Support?

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Yes, could still vote	50	57	49	62
No, could not vote	39	37	42	34

Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Gay Marriage

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Favor	40	46	49	44
Oppose	51	48	44	45

Hispanic Issue Attitudes

Politicians Interested in Problems of Hispanics				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Yes	33	40	32	43
No	58	57	58	47

Hispanics from different countries are...				
	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Working together to achieve political goals	50	46	40	39
Not working together politically	40	49	48	53

Demographics

Marital Breakdown of Hispanic

	All Hispanics	Hispanic Citizens
Unmarried women	28	28
Unmarried men	23	26
Married women	26	22
Married men	22	24

Language Comprehension Among Unmarried Women

	Spanish		English	
	Speak	Read	Speak	Read
Very well	57	40	77	68
Pretty well	13	18	5	14
Just a little	21	25	14	13
Not at all	8	17	3	5

Language Preference in Reading Instructions

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
English	49	58	49	48
Spanish	13	15	16	18
Makes no difference	16	12	16	19
Read only Spanish	4	3	1	5
Read only English	16	12	16	8

Children

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Yes	39	31	57	62
No	61	69	43	38

Church Attendance

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
More than once a week	14	7	21	14
Once a week	27	21	39	27
Once or twice a month	16	24	11	21
A few times a year	21	19	16	20
Seldom	14	21	8	11
Never	7	9	5	6

Religion

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Born again	21	16	25	19
Protestant (not born again)	3	4	2	4
Catholic	54	58	59	65
Jewish	1	1	0	1
Non-Christian	3	6	4	2
Other Christian	7	6	6	3
No religion	10	9	4	5

Region

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Urban-Center City	53	52	49	52
Urban-Center City County	22	23	22	22
Suburban	9	7	13	10
Suburban-Non-Center City	4	9	7	6
Rural – Non-Metro	13	9	8	11

Number of People in Household Over 18

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
One	37	2	31	2
Two	35	71	31	74
Three	19	15	25	15
More than three	8	12	11	9

Demographic Overview

	Unmarried Women	Unmarried Men	Married Women	Married Men
Pew Hispanic Citizens Only				
Number of Cases	369	347	287	314
Sampling error	+/-5.1	+/-5.3	+/-5.8	+/-5.5