



# 2007 Central Florida Leadership Survey (Hispanic Summit)

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HISPANIC SUMMIT

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Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ calling for Hill Research Consultants, a public opinion polling firm. We are calling registered voters across your part of Florida to hear opinions about important issues facing the area today. May I speak with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. \_\_\_ Would you prefer to be interviewed in English or Spanish? **[REDIRECT AS NECESSARY]**
- B. \_\_\_ Would official records show that you are now registered to vote at the Florida address where you live today, and that you are eligible to vote in upcoming elections?
 

YES .....	CONTINUE
NO .....	THANK & TERMINATE
- C. \_\_\_ Is anyone in your household an elected state or local government officeholder, or an employee of a news organization?
 

YES .....	THANK & TERMINATE
NO .....	CONTINUE
- 1. \_\_\_ Do you feel things in your part of Florida are generally going in the right direction today, or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?
 

RIGHT DIRECTION.....	37%
WRONG TRACK .....	43%
<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
UNSURE .....	20%
REFUSED .....	1%
- 2. \_\_\_ Are you, yourself of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, Caribbean, or some other Latin American background?
 

YES .....	15%
NO .....	84%
<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
UNSURE .....	0%
REFUSED .....	0%

**ASK Q 2.1 ONLY IF YES TO Q 2; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q 3**

- 2.1. The terms Hispanic or Latino are both used to describe people who are of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent. Do you happen to prefer one more than the other? **[GET ANSWER THEN ASK]**

NO PREFERENCE.....	70%
YES / HISPANIC .....	16%
YES / LATINO .....	10%
<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
UNSURE .....	3%
REFUSED .....	1%

**[USE PREFERRED LABEL FOR REST OF SURVEY]**  
**[IF NO PREFERENCE, USE HISPANIC]**

**ASK ALL**

<p>3. ___ In general, do you think discrimination against Hispanics/Latinos is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem in preventing Hispanics/Latinos in general from succeeding in America?</p>	<p>MAJOR..... 16%                  MINOR..... 31%                  NOT A PROBLEM..... 46%  <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>                  UNSURE ..... 7%                  REFUSED ..... 1%</p>
<p>4. ___ Thinking now about immigrants—that is, people who come from other countries to live here in the United States: In your view, should <b>LEGAL</b> immigration be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?</p>	<p>PRESENT LEVEL ..... 41%                  INCREASED ..... 23%                  DECREASED ..... 26%  <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>                  UNSURE ..... 9%                  REFUSED ..... 2%</p>
<p>5. ___ How concerned are you about <b>ILLEGAL</b> immigration? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?</p>	<p>VERY ..... 49%                  SOMEWHAT ..... 30%                  NOT TOO ..... 13%                  NOT AT ALL ..... 8%  <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>                  UNSURE ..... 0%</p>
<p>6. ___ In general, which of the two major political parties—the Republicans or the Democrats—has the best position on immigration issues?</p>	<p>REPUBLICANS ..... 22%                  DEMOCRATS..... 28%  <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>                  NEITHER..... 26%                  BOTH EQUALLY GOOD ..... 2%                  UNSURE / DON'T KNOW ..... 21%                  REFUSED ..... 1%</p>
<p>7. ___ Which of the following two statements comes closer to your own views? <b>[ROTATE]</b>                  That immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents; OR                  That immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care.</p>	<p>STRENGTHEN / HARD WORK / TALENTS ..... 42%                  BURDEN / JOBS / HOUSING / HEALTHCARE ..... 35%  <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>                  BOTH..... 11%                  UNSURE ..... 10%                  REFUSED ..... 1%</p>
<p>8. ___ Compared to the immigrants of the early 1900s (“<i>nine-teen hundreds</i>”), are TODAY'S immigrants <b>more</b> willing to adapt to the American way of life, <b>less</b> willing to adapt to the American way of life, or are they <b>about as</b> willing to adapt to the American way of life?</p>	<p>MORE..... 19%                  LESS ..... 53%                  ABOUT AS ..... 20%  <b>[DO NOT READ]</b>                  UNSURE / DON'T KNOW ..... 8%                  REFUSED ..... 0%</p>

Generally speaking, please tell me whether each of the following characteristics do or do not apply to immigrants from Latin American countries. **[ROTATE]**

	YES	NO	UNSURE	REFUSED
9. _ Work very hard.	78%	7%	14%	1%
10. _ Often end up on welfare.	36%	33%	31%	0%
11. _ Do very well in school.	31%	32%	36%	1%
12. _ Significantly increase crime.	43%	40%	17%	0%
13. _ Have strong family values.	80%	6%	14%	1%
14. _ Overburden local hospitals and school districts.	48%	34%	17%	0%

**END ROTATION**

15. _ Do you think the immigrants coming to this country today mostly take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans don't want?	FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS.....	19%
	JOBS AMERICANS DON'T WANT.....	65%
	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
	UNSURE.....	15%
16. _ Do you think most recent immigrants do or do not learn English within a reasonable amount of time?	YES / LEARN IN REASONABLE TIME.....	27%
	NO / DON'T LEARN IN REASONABLE TIME.....	62%
	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
	UNSURE.....	10%
17. _ And do you think that "English as a Second Language" programs are very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective, or not at all effective at teaching public school students to speak English?	VERY.....	23%
	SOMEWHAT.....	32%
	NOT VERY.....	16%
	NOT AT ALL.....	12%
	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
	UNSURE.....	16%
18. _ Should illegal immigrants who graduate from high schools in Florida be allowed to attend public colleges at in-state tuition rates, or don't you think so?	YES, SHOULD BE ALLOWED.....	49%
	NO, DON'T THINK SO.....	45%
	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
	UNSURE.....	5%
19. _ Highly-skilled workers from overseas with specialized skills are sometimes given temporary visas to come to the United States and work for American companies. Generally speaking, do you think the number of these types of visas should be <b>[ROTATE]</b> increased; OR maintained; OR decreased?	REFUSED.....	0%
	INCREASED.....	19%
	MAINTAINED.....	49%
	DECREASED.....	24%
	<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
UNSURE.....	8%	
REFUSED.....	0%	

20. \_ As you may or may not know, currently children born in the United States are automatically considered American citizens, regardless of whether or not their mother is here legally. Would you favor changing the Constitution so that parents must be legal residents of the U.S. in order for their newborn child to be a citizen, or should the Constitution be left as it is?

CHANGE, MUST BE LEGAL FOR CHILD TO BE CITIZEN .....40%  
 LEAVE CONSTITUTION AS IS.....55%  
DO NOT READ  
 UNSURE .....5%  
 REFUSED .....1%

21. \_ Which comes closest to your view about what the government policy should be toward illegal immigrants currently residing in the United States?  
 Should the government deport all illegal immigrants back to their home country, OR Allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United States in order to work but only for a limited amount of time; OR Allow illegal immigrants to remain in the United State and become U.S. citizens but only if they met certain requirements over a period of time?

DEPORT ALL BACK TO HOME COUNTRY .....22%  
 REMAIN TO WORK FOR LIMITED TIME .....11%  
 REMAIN TO BECOME CITIZENS IF REQUIREMENTS MET .....62%  
DO NOT READ  
 UNSURE .....4%  
 REFUSED .....1%

22. \_ Should the government spend more, spend less, or continue to spend about the same amount to prevent illegal immigrants from coming to this country?

MORE.....58%  
 LESS .....15%  
 ABOUT THE SAME .....20%  
DO NOT READ  
 UNSURE .....7%  
 REFUSED .....1%

Now I have a few simple questions designed to learn more about you to be sure we have a sample that includes all types of people.

23. \_ What is the highest level of education that you had an opportunity to complete?

DO NOT READ LIST - RECORD ONLY  
 SOME GRADE SCHOOL (GRADES 1-8) .....1%  
 SOME HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-11) .....5%  
 GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (12TH GRADE) .....19%  
 SOME COLLEGE .....26%  
 GRADUATED COLLEGE .....33%  
 GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL .....15%  
 REFUSED .....1%

24. \_ What language—English, Spanish, or something else—is spoken most often in your own household?

ENGLISH .....90%  
 SPANISH .....3%  
 SOME OTHER LANGUAGE .....2%  
 50-50 ENGLISH-SPANISH/OTHER LANGUAGE .....4%  
 REFUSED .....0%

25. \_ Which of the following best describes your current employment status? **[READ LIST, IN ORDER]**

EMPLOYED IN TWO OR MORE JOBS .....	6%
EMPLOYED FULL TIME IN ONE JOB.....	49%
EMPLOYED PART TIME .....	7%
UNEMPLOYED OR TEMPORARILY LAID OFF .....	4%
RETIRED .....	28%
HOMEMAKER .....	4%
STUDENT .....	2%
<b>[DO NOT READ]</b>	
UNSURE .....	0%
REFUSED .....	1%

26. \_ When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate or middle-of-the-road, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

VERY CONSERVATIVE .....	17%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE.....	23%
MODERATE/MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD .....	35%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL .....	15%
VERY LIBERAL.....	6%
UNSURE .....	3%
REFUSED .....	1%

27. \_ Would your primary racial or ethnic group be...

**[READ LIST]**

ASIAN.....	2%
BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN .....	9%
NATIVE AMERICAN .....	2%
PUERTO RICAN .....	5%
CUBAN .....	1%
HISPANIC .....	5%
LATINO .....	1%
WHITE OR ANGLO.....	73%
OR SOMETHING ELSE (SPECIFY) .....	1%

27.1 **(IF HISPANIC OR LATINO, ASK:)**  
 What region outside the U.S. do you most closely identify with? **[READ LIST, ROTATE]**

PUERTO RICO .....	44%
CUBA .....	8%
MEXICO .....	13%
CENTRAL AMERICA .....	8%
SOUTH AMERICA .....	10%
THE CARIBBEAN .....	9%
EUROPE .....	5%
OR SOMEWHERE ELSE .....	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED .....	2%

**ASK EVERYONE**

28. \_ What was the combined income of all persons living in your household, rounded to the nearest thousand, for 2006?

\$20,000 OR LESS.....	9%
\$20,001-\$30,000.....	11%
\$30,001-\$50,000 .....	18%
\$50,001-\$70,000 .....	20%
\$70,001-\$100,000.....	13%
\$100,001-\$150,000 .....	7%
MORE THAN \$150,000.....	8%
UNSURE/REFUSED .....	15%

**THANK AND TERMINATE**

29. \_ Record sex of respondent:

MALE.....	51%
FEMALE .....	49%

30. \_ Age.

18-34 .....	24%
35-39 .....	6%
40-49 .....	21%
50-59 .....	18%
60-69 .....	16%
70+ .....	16%

31. \_ Party registration.

REPUBLICAN .....39%  
DEMOCRAT .....38%  
INDEPENDENT; OTHER PARTY .....23%