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### **\*\*\*WEEK 3 POLL RESULTS RELEASED\*\*\***

## **Poll: Latino Voters Trust Hillary Clinton More to Keep America Safe from Domestic and International Terrorism**

*Only 11 percent of Latino voters placed more trust in Donald Trump to combat terrorism*

*Terrorism remains top two issue for Latino voters in Election 2016*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Following last week's first presidential debate, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and *Noticias Telemundo* released the [results](#) of the third wave of an eight-week tracking poll of Latino registered voters. Latino voters are expected to play a critical role in the race for the White House this year, with NALEO Educational Fund projecting more than 13.1 million Latinos will cast ballots in Election 2016.

Results from the third week of the [NALEO Educational Fund/Noticias Telemundo/Latino Decisions Weekly Political Tracking Poll](#) offer exclusive insights into the Latino electorate this year, including views on debate performance, terrorism threats and more. The poll was conducted by Latino Decisions between September 25 – October 1, 2016, with findings based on analysis of 250 new Latino registered voter interviews and the 250 interviews from last week's wave.

Key findings from [week three](#) of the poll include:

- **Hillary Clinton is viewed by Latino voters as the more trusted candidate to tackle domestic and international terrorism.** Latino registered voters reported having more trust in Hillary Clinton (68 percent) to keep them safe from terrorism than Donald Trump, including more than one in every four (27 percent) [Latino Republicans](#) polled. Only 11 percent believed Donald Trump was the better candidate to tackle terrorist threats.\*
- **Terrorism remains a top issue, especially for Latino Republicans.** Nearly one in every four (22 percent) Latino voters listed combatting terrorism and ISIS as a top two issue for them this election. Terrorism is very important for [Latino Republicans](#), with 41 percent including it as a top issue in week three.\*

- **Donald Trump failed to meet debate performance expectations.** In week two, more than 63 percent of registered Latino voters believed Secretary Clinton would have a stronger debate performance than Donald Trump (16 percent). New polling this week shows only nine percent of Latinos polled thought Donald Trump was more convincing in the first presidential debate, compared to 78 percent for Hillary Clinton. Among [Latino Republicans](#), Clinton was viewed as the better debater by nearly one in four (23 percent) voters.\*
- **Remarks made by Donald Trump during the debate about inner cities and illegal immigrant-led gangs were viewed unfavorably, particularly among foreign born Latino voters.** More than 56 percent of Latino registered voters said these remarks made Donald Trump less favorable in their minds, with 64 percent of [foreign born](#) Latinos polled reporting the same. [Republican Latinos](#) were split, with 49 percent saying Trump was more favorable as a result of these comments.\*

“This poll confirms what we have known for some time—that Latinos are sophisticated, multi-faceted voters whose political interests go far beyond a single issue,” stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. “Like most Americans, Latino voters remain deeply concerned by threats of domestic and international terrorism on our nation’s soil, ranking the issue among their top two this election. Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will need to make their case that they are the presidential candidate best equipped to combat terrorism if they hope to gain the support of the more than 13.1 million Latino voters expected to cast ballots this November.”

As we near Election 2016, NALEO Educational Fund will continue its efforts to ensure that Latino voters have the information necessary to make their voices heard at the ballot box. These efforts include operating our toll-free bilingual hotline [1-888-VE-Y-VOTA \(1-888-839-8682\)](#) that provides Latino voters with information on every aspect of the electoral process, from registering to vote, to voter ID requirements, to finding their polling place. On Election Day, the hotline will be connected to the Election Protection efforts and 1-866-OUR-VOTE, offering Latino voters nationwide a bilingual resource to get assistance and report any problems they may experience at the polls.

*\*The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is +/-4.4 percentage points. Error margins increase for smaller subgroups in the cross-tabulation results above.*

*The full [toplines](#), [cross-tabulations](#) and [methodology](#) for week three of the eight-week tracking poll are available [here](#) and [here](#).*

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### **About NALEO Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*