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*****WEEK 7 POLL RESULTS RELEASED*****

Nearly Half of Latino Voters Plan on Casting Ballots Before Election Day

Early voting, absentee and vote-by-mail remain popular options for Latinos this year, with 20 percent of Latino voters already casting ballots in Election 2016

Issues at the polls are notable, with 42 percent of Latino voters experiencing at least one problem in a previous election

WASHINGTON, D.C. – With less than ten days to go before Election Day, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and *Noticias Telemundo* released the results of the [seventh wave](#) of an eight week tracking poll of Latino registered voters.

Results from week seven of the [NALEO Educational Fund/Noticias Telemundo/Latino Decisions Weekly Political Tracking Poll](#) offer exclusive insights into the Latino electorate eight days out from Election Day, including voting status, problems casting ballots, presidential candidate preference, and more. The poll was conducted by Latino Decisions between October 23–29, 2016.

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

- **Hillary Clinton is winning the Latino vote.** If the election were today, three of four Latino voters (74 percent) would cast ballots for Clinton over Donald Trump (14 percent). Spanish-language respondents were more likely to state they would be voting for Hillary Clinton (81 percent) than their English-language counterparts (64 percent), as well as college graduates (77 percent) and those under 39 (75 percent). Trump support was highest among Republicans (61 percent), English-language respondents (21 percent) and Latino voters making more than \$60k a year (19 percent).*
- **Latino voters are casting ballots before Election Day.** Latino voters voting or planning on voting early, absentee or by-mail (46 percent) nearly equal those planning to cast ballots on Election Day (47 percent). With less than 10 days to go, 20 percent of Latino voters have already voted in Election 2016. Latinos who are college graduates (27

percent), Democrat (27 percent), foreign-born (22 percent) and/or making more than \$60k per year are most likely to report having voted early, absentee or by-mail.*

- **Problems at the polls are an issue for Latino voters.** More than 42 percent of Latino voters have experienced at least one problem at the polls in previous elections, with 27 percent having experienced more than two problems voting. Spanish-language respondents (49 percent) and voters under 39 (57 percent) were more likely to cite issues. The most common problems for Latino voters are long lines (29 percent), incorrect precincts or locations (19 percent), and a lack of information or assistance in Spanish (18 percent). Voter ID issues were a problem with for 12 percent of Latino voters, with Spanish-language respondents (18 percent) and those of Mexican descent (16 percent) most likely to have issues.*
- **Latino voters talking to family, friends and others about Election 2016.** A majority of Latino voters (59 percent) have talked to others encouraging them to vote or support a particular candidate this election, especially foreign-born Latinos (68 percent) and Spanish-language respondents (64 percent) Latino voters view this election as critical, with 71 percent stating Election 2016 is more important than Election 2012.*

“The strong showing of Latinos during early voting shows how seriously our community is taking this election,” stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. “Latinos know the stakes are high in Election 2016, and we will not be sitting idly by while others make the decisions that will affect our community for the next four years. History is already in progress, and Latinos are ready to make their stamp on the outcome of the race for the White House and other competitive contests nationwide.”

NALEO Educational Fund projects that more than 16.2 million Latinos are registered to vote (as of the first week of October) this year, with at least 13.1 million Latinos expected to cast ballots in Election 2016.

In the lead up to Election Day, 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 is connected to the Election Protection efforts and 1-866-OUR-VOTE, offering Latino voters nationwide a bilingual resource to report any problems they may experience at the polls.

To ensure Latino voters are able to cast ballots free from intimidation, NALEO Educational Fund has also [asked](#) the Department of Justice to deploy poll monitors and resources to targeted jurisdictions this election. More information can be found in NALEO Educational Fund’s letter to the Department of Justice [here](#).

**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](#) and [cross-tabulations](#) for week seven 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.