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*****WEEK 2 POLL RESULTS RELEASED*****

New Polling Shows Latino Voters Believe Hillary Clinton Will Win First Presidential Debate Against Donald Trump

Compared to same time in 2012, Latino voters are more enthusiastic about Election 2016

Hillary Clinton viewed by wide margin as presidential candidate most likely to improve relations between the U.S. and Latin America if elected

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As Secretary Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump prepare to face-off in tonight’s first presidential debate, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and *Noticias Telemundo* released the [results](#) of the second wave of an eight week tracking poll of Latino registered voters. The Latino vote is 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 second week of the [NALEO Educational Fund/Noticias Telemundo/Latino Decisions Weekly Political Tracking Poll](#) offer exclusive insights into the Latino electorate this year, including Presidential vote choice, issue priority and debate expectations. The poll was conducted by Latino Decisions between September 18-24, 2016, with 250 Latino registered voter interviews added to the most recent 250 interviews from the first wave of results.

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

- **Hillary Clinton is winning the debate expectations game, but a segment of Latino voters still remain unconvinced by either candidate.** More than 63 percent of registered Latino voters believe Secretary Clinton will have a stronger performance than Donald Trump (16 percent). Some Latino voters remain on the fence though, with 21 percent stating that they were either unsure or thought neither candidate would be convincing debaters.
- **Latino voters do not believe Donald Trump could strengthen the nation’s relationship with Latin America.** Less than 10 percent of Latino registered voters polled thought that Donald Trump could help bolster the relations between the United States and Latin America, compared to more than 70 percent for Secretary Clinton.

Nearly 20 percent of polled Latinos were either unsure or believed neither (14 percent) would do so.

- **Many Latinos do not believe either candidate is trustworthy.** Week two results show that 67 percent of polled Latino registered voters do not view Donald Trump as trustworthy, compared to 50 percent of Latino voters for Hillary Clinton in week one (question will alternate for each candidate in the remaining weeks).
- **Current enthusiasm among Latino voters is higher now than in 2012.** Compared to polling of Latino voters done by Latino Decisions at this same point in 2012, Latino voters report being more enthusiastic about voting in the upcoming election (51 percent v. 44 percent).

“Latino voters continue to have lingering issues with both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton at this point in the election,” stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. “While Clinton is currently leading among Latino voters by a large margin, neither she nor her campaign can rest on their laurels. The election is far from over and both Clinton and Trump will need to engage Latino voters in all fifty states on the issues that matter most during tonight’s first presidential debate and in the coming weeks.”

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.

To view the methodology and full toplines for week two of the eight week tracking poll, visit http://www.latinodecisions.com/files/8114/7491/7663/Wk2_Toplines_NALEO.Telemundo.LD_Tracker.Posted.pdf

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