## Young Latino Voters in the 2024 Election

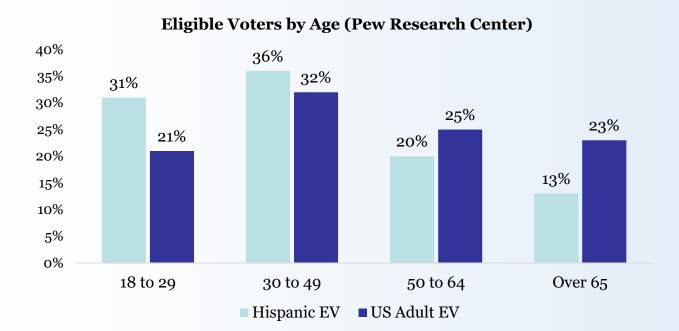
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#### Median Age of Latino Voters

- The number of Hispanic eligible voters has increased by 4.7 million since 2018, representing 62% of the total growth in U.S. eligible voters during this time.
  - » This is growth in eligible voters is due to the mobilization of young US-born Latinos
- This is concentrated in critical battleground states in the West, like Nevada and Arizona
  - » Young Latinos make up 40% of all newly eligible voters in the region
  - » Latino youth <u>participation in the 2020 election was</u> <u>decisive</u>

#### Latinos Drive Discussions of the "Youth Vote"

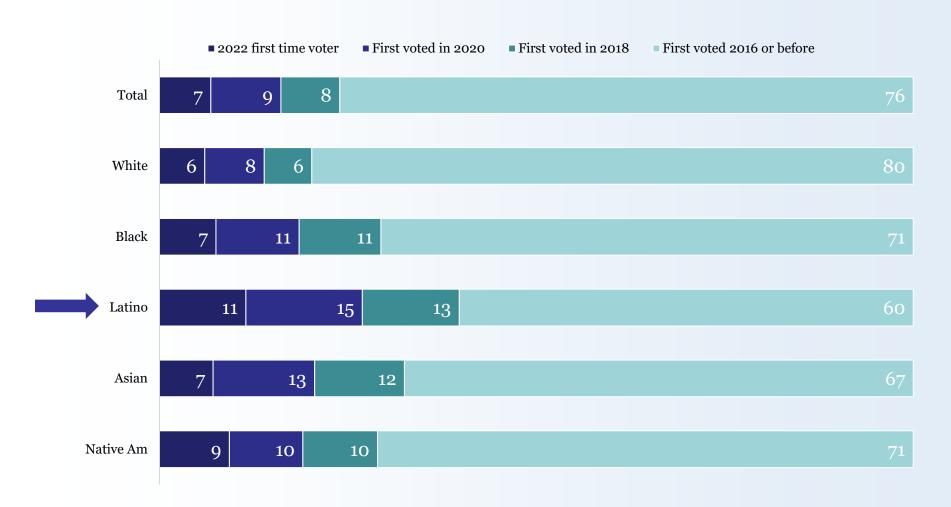
- 31% of all Latino eligible voters are between 18 and 29 years old
- This compares to 21% of the entire US population of eligible voters



#### Methodology – Survey Specifications

- > Total N=12,500 Voters in the 2022 Midterm Election (+/- 0.9%)
  - » N=1,200 White (+/-2.8%)
  - » N=4,800 African American (+/-1.4%)
  - » N=5,400 Latino (+/-1.3%)
  - » N=600 Asian American (+/-4.0%)
  - » N= 500 Native American (+/-4.4%)
- Field Dates: October 26- November 7, 2022
- **English or Spanish**, according to preference
- ➤ **Mixed mode**: 75% online, 25% live telephone interviews

#### Latinos More Likely to be First Time Voters



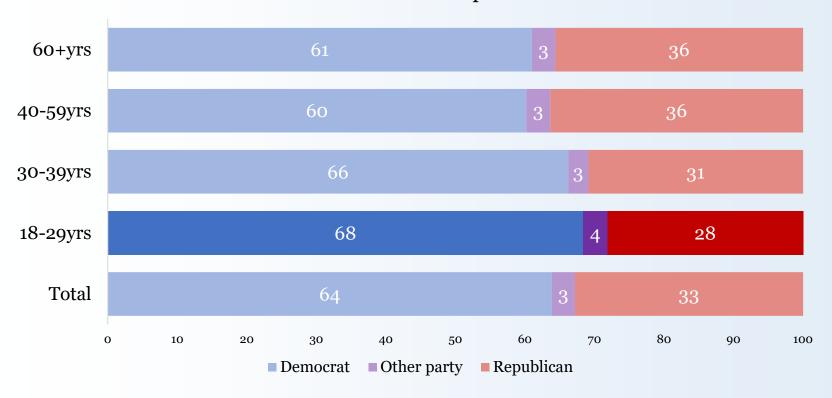
### Over Half of Latinos Under 30 Were Fist Time Voters in 2020 or 2022

- Not surprisingly, Latinos under the age of 30 are driving this trend.
- Almost a quarter (24%) of Latino voters between the ages of 18 and 29 voted for the first time in 2022, and a robust 56% of Latinos under the age of 30 voted for the time either in 2020 or 2022.

Young Latino Voters Support Democratic Candidates – Relationship With Parties is Still in Development

## Higher Rate of Young Latino Adults Voted for Democratic House Candidates

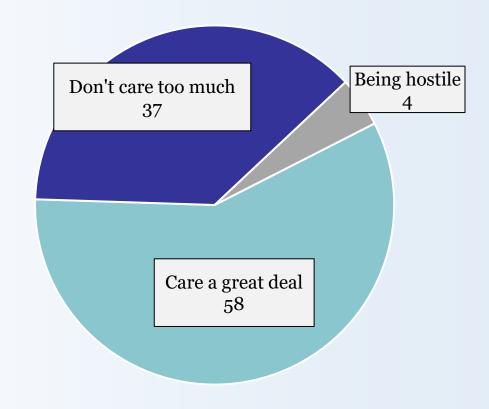
In the election for U.S. Congress, in your district here in [STATE] did you vote for the Democratic candidate or for the Republican candidate for House of Representatives?



#### Despite High Democratic Support, Young Latinos Relationship With Parties is Still in Development

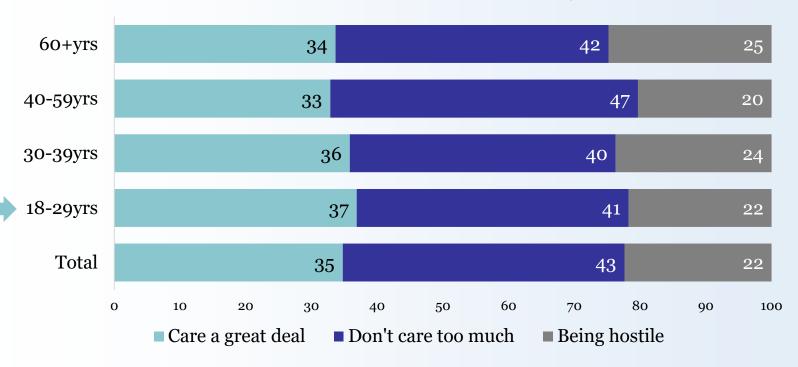
Would you say Joe Biden and the Democratic Party care a great deal about addressing issues important to the Latino community, that they don't care too much about Latinos, or that Democrats are being hostile towards Latinos

Although only 4% of Latinos under the age of 30 believe that the Democratic Party is hostile toward the Latino community, 37% report that Biden and Democrats "don't care about the Latino community."



#### Over a Third of Young Latinos Believe Republicans Care

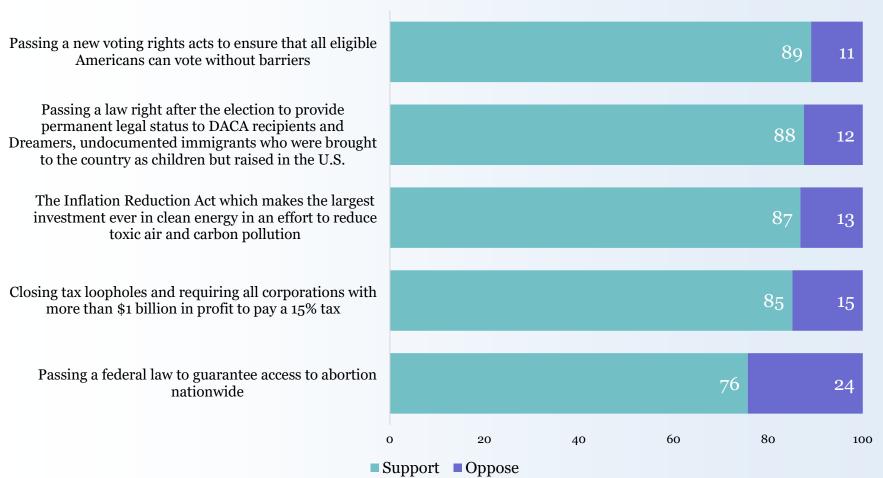
Would you say the Republican Party cares a great deal about addressing issues important to the Latino community, that they don't care too much about Latinos, or that Republicans are being hostile towards the Latino community?



#### Young Latino Voters Support Progressive Policies

#### High Support for a Range of Policies

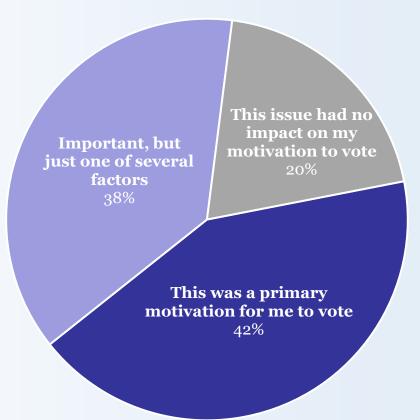
#### Do you support or oppose:



## Abortion is a Mobilizing Force for Young Latinos

Please indicate whether "Supreme Court struck down the right to an abortion and will allow states to ban abortions" was a primary motivation for you to vote this November 2022.

Any decision by SCOTUS regarding the potential limitation of a commonly used abortion pill could have huge implications for the short-term voting behavior of young Latinos.



# Political Information & Misinformation are Concerns for Young Latinos

#### Social Media is More Commonly Used Among Young Latinos

- Another important consideration for the under 30 Latino electorate is how they get their political information.
- Latinos as a full electorate are <u>more likely to rely</u> on social media than non-Latinos, a trend driven largely by the youngest cohort of Latino eligible voters.

#### Thus, Misinformation is a Concern

 Given that a lot of this misinformation reaching Latinos comes from social media, the higher reliance on social media among young Latinos for political information makes this a particularly important issue

There is widespread voter fraud that we can't trust the election results

