



Latino Voters Want Jobs, Not Cuts

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Latino voters care about jobs and the economy. In surveys Latinos typically place the [economy as their number one concern](#), yet a government shutdown or more cuts will damage our economy.¹

Latino workers cannot afford higher unemployment brought on by additional budget cuts. Government spending cuts have placed a drag on our economy and will reduce job creation by [1.6 million by the end of 2014](#) according to the CBO.² This is bad news for Latinos, who have a 9.3% unemployment rate.³

Congress should prioritize job creation. Ending the sequester would increase job creation by [900 million](#).⁴

One way to solve our budget woes is to pass immigration reform because doing so will grow our economy and reduce the budget deficit. The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) found that enacting the Senate immigration reform bill will reduce the federal budget deficit by nearly \$850 billion over the next 20 years and increase economic growth by 5.4%.⁵ In addition, the Social Security Trust Fund would see [increased revenues of \\$300 billion](#) over the next decade.⁶

Notes

¹ ImpreMedia/Latino Decisions 2012 Latino Election Eve Poll, <http://www.latinovote2012.com/app> (accessed September 2013).

² Letter from Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office, to Representative Chris Van Hollen, July 25, 2013, http://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/cbofiles/attachments/44445-SpendReductions_1.pdf (accessed September 2013).

³ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Status of the Hispanic or Latino Population by Sex and Age," *Current Population Survey*, <http://www.bls.gov/webapps/legacy/cpsatab3.htm> (accessed June 7, 2013), Table A-3.

⁴ Letter from Douglas Elmendorf to Representative Chris Van Hollen.

⁵ Executive Office of the President, *The Economic Benefits of Fixing Our Broken Immigration System*, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 2013, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/report.pdf> (accessed September 2013).

⁶ Letter from Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration, to Senator Marco Rubio, May 8, 2013, http://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/?a=Files.Serve&File_id=a50b5f91-a3b3-47bc-ac02-f5bf1f4f4abb (accessed September 2013).