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### ECONOMIC PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS AMONG LATINO VOTERS

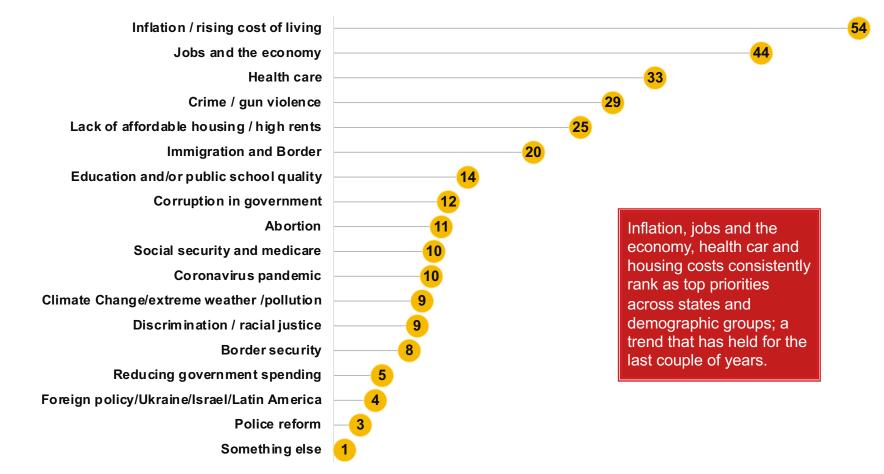


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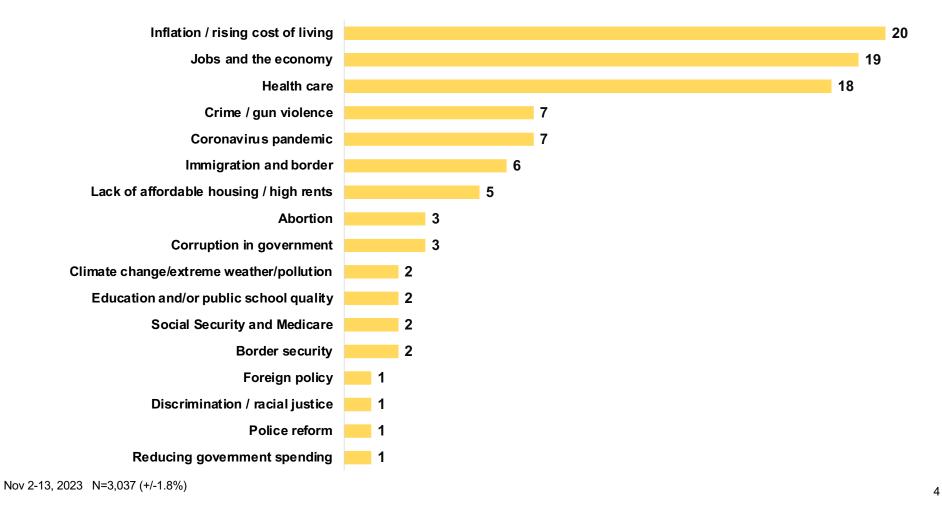
#### Key findings: Latino voter economic priorities

- 1. Latino voter priorities are driven by economic concerns. In total, 64% of Latino voters cite an economic-related issue as their TOP concern.
- 2. Inflation and the rising cost of living (20%), jobs and the economy (19%), and healthcare (18%) consistently rank as the top three issues Latino voters want elected officials to address. In addition to these, another 7% cite lack of affordable housing or Social Security and Medicare as top issues.
  - · Food and basic necessities, housing/rent, and gasoline are the principal worries regarding inflation
  - Jobs with better pay and better benefits top other economic concerns
  - For healthcare, the costs of insurance worry Latinos deeply
- 3. Many Latinos are feeling pessimistic about the direction of the country (56% believe U.S. is on wrong track) and the majority don't see either party as effective champions of their most pressing concerns.
- 4. While the majority of Latinos plan to vote in the 2024 Presidential election (57% certain will vote and another 16% likely), many have not made a firm commitment to do so. There are significant outreach opportunities to engage with Latino voters and close the participation gap across different demographic groups within the very diverse Latino electorate.
- 5. In 2024, 22% of Latinos (one in five) will be voting in their first Presidential election
  - 16% for the first time in ANY federal election, and another 15% voted in 2020 for the first time
  - 38% of the Latino electorate (more than one-in-three) is new since the Clinton and Trump election in 2016

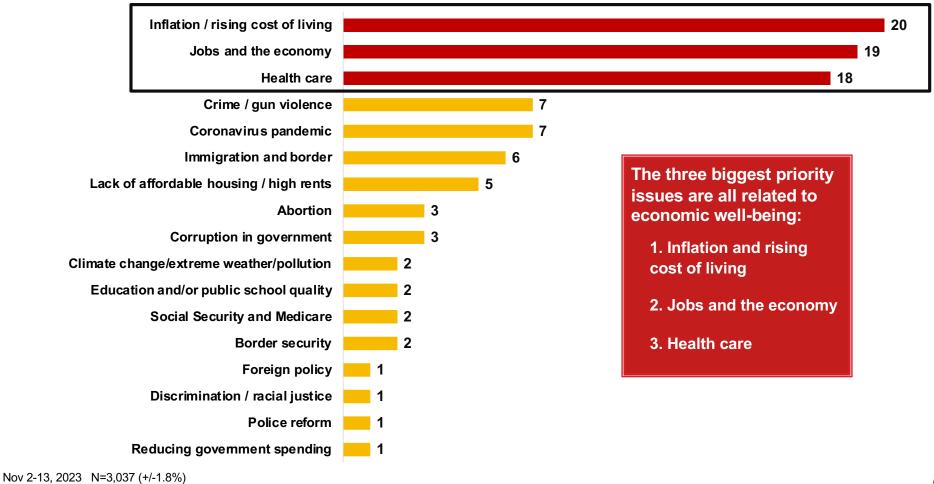
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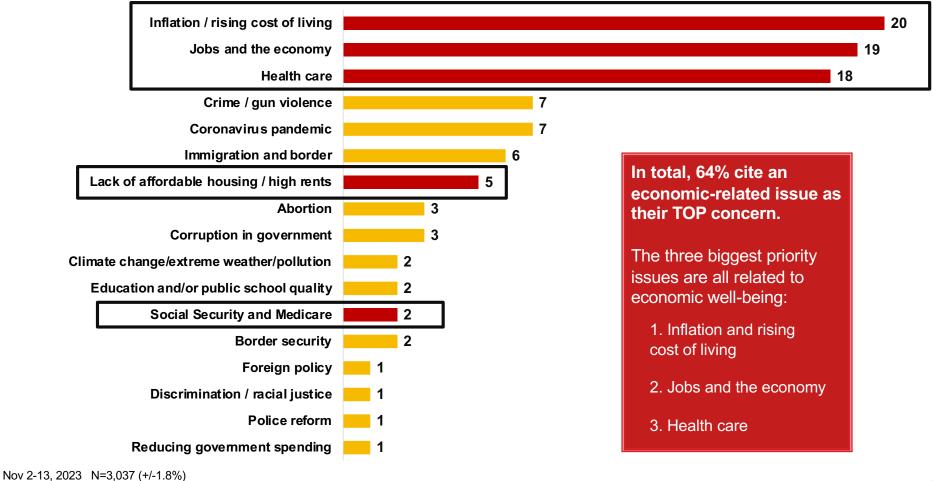
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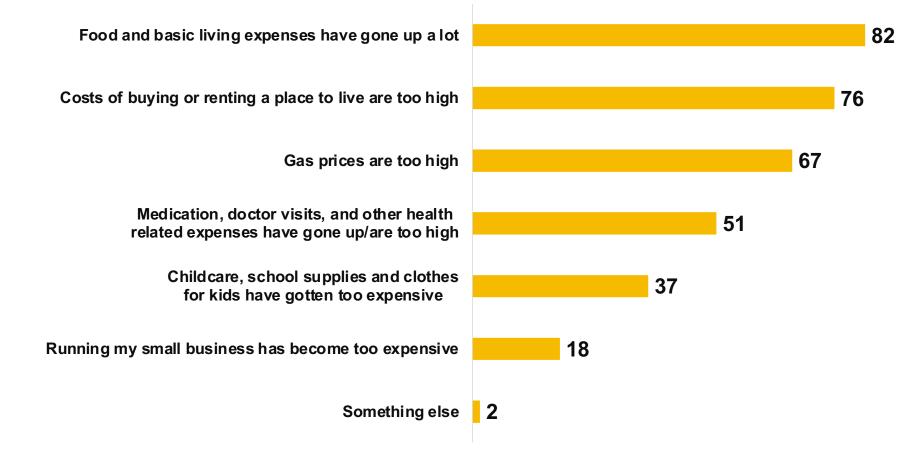
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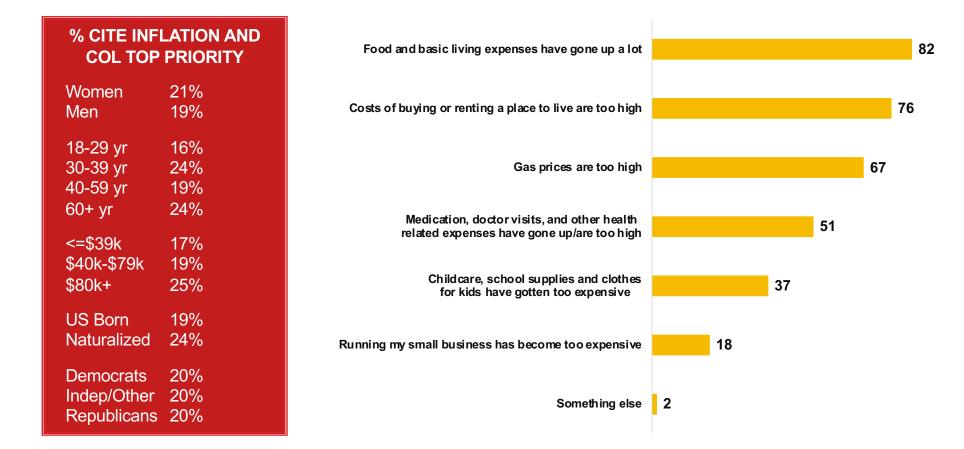
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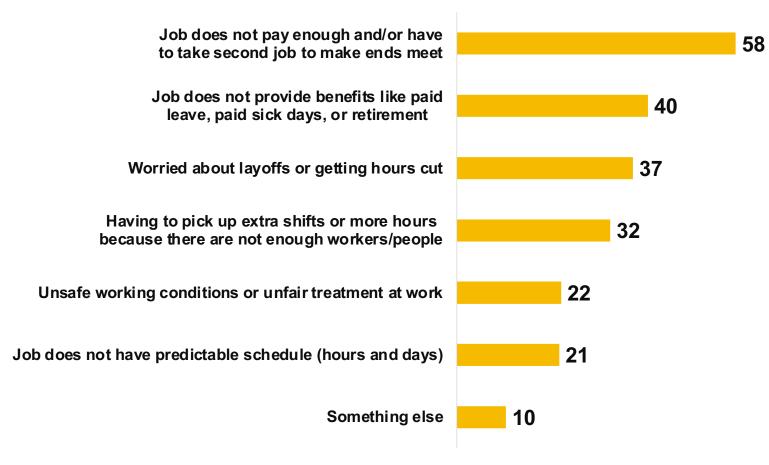
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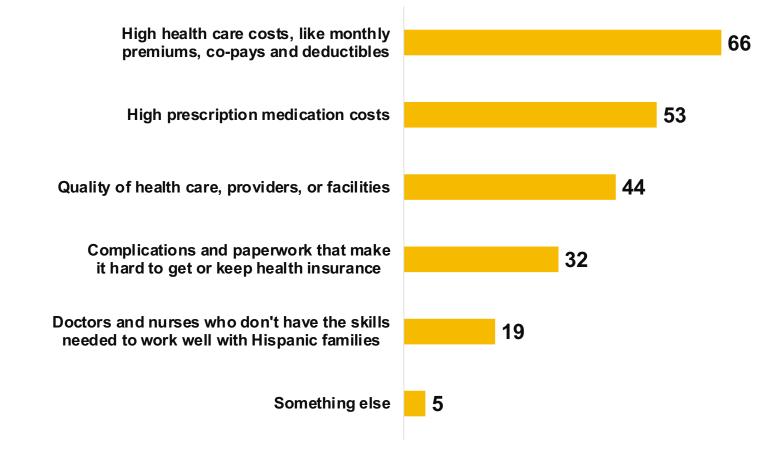
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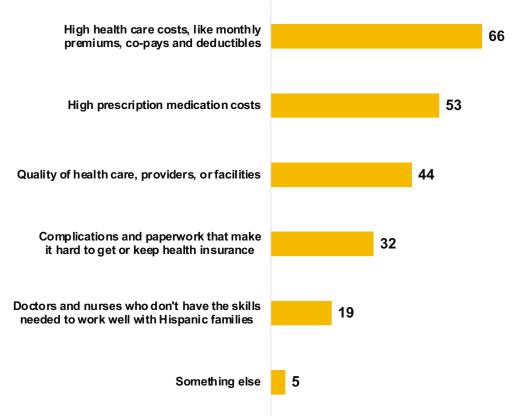
| % CITE JOBS AND<br>ECONOMY TOP PRIORITY |                   | Job does not pay enough and/or have<br>to take second job to make ends meet              |    | 58 |  |
|---|-------------------|--|----|----|--|
| Women<br>Men                            | 16%<br>22%        | Job does not provide benefits like paid<br>leave, paid sick days, or retirement          |    | 40 |  |
| 18-29 yr<br>30-39 yr<br>40-59 yr        | 17%<br>20%<br>22% | Worried about layoffs or getting hours cut   |    | 37 |  |
| 60+ yr<br><=\$39k                       | 16%<br>17%        | Having to pick up extra shifts or more hours because there are not enough workers/people |    | 32 |  |
| \$40k-\$79k<br>\$80k+                   | 20%<br>21%        | Unsafe working conditions or unfair treatment at work                                    | 22 | 2  |  |
| US Born<br>Naturalized                  | 18%<br>23%        | Job does not have predictable schedule (hours and days)                                  | 21 | 1  |  |
| Democrats<br>Indep/Other<br>Republicans |                   | Something else   | 10 |    |  |

# What did you have in mind when you said *health care* is an important issue elected officials should address? (all that apply)

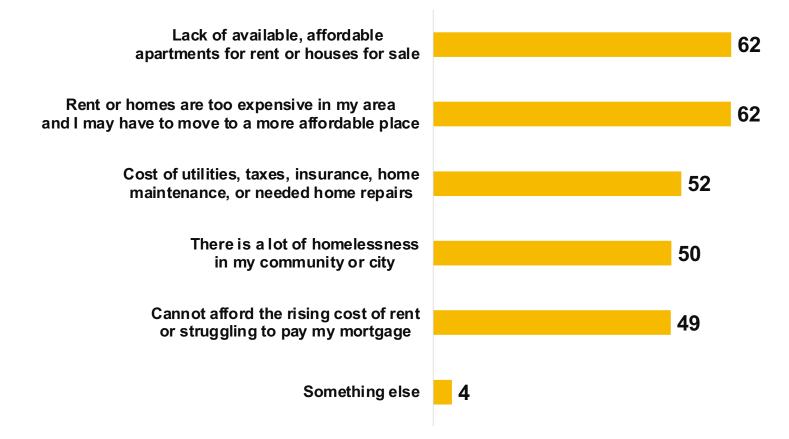


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| % CITE HEALTH CARE<br>TOP PRIORITY |     |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Women                              | 19% |  |  |  |
| Men                                | 17% |  |  |  |
| 18-29 yr                           | 23% |  |  |  |
| 30-39 yr                           | 17% |  |  |  |
| 40-59 yr                           | 16% |  |  |  |
| 60+ yr                             | 15% |  |  |  |
| <=\$39k                            | 21% |  |  |  |
| \$40k-\$79k                        | 19% |  |  |  |
| \$80k+                             | 13% |  |  |  |
| US Born                            | 19% |  |  |  |
| Naturalized                        | 16% |  |  |  |
| Democrats                          | 19% |  |  |  |
| Indep/Other                        | 21% |  |  |  |
| Republicans                        | 12% |  |  |  |



# What did you have in mind when you said *affordable housing* is an important issue elected officials should address? (all that apply)



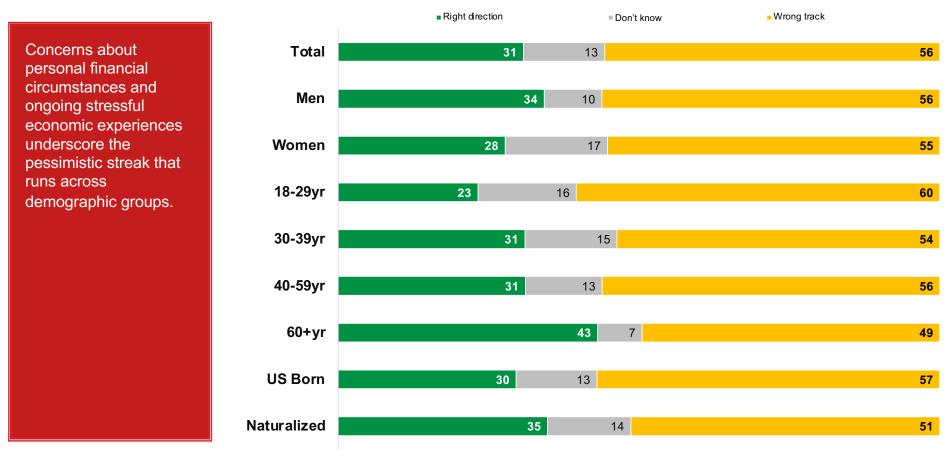
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|             | FORDABLE<br>OP PRIORITY | Lack of available, affordable<br>apartments for rent or houses for sale                         |    | 62 |
|-------------|-------------------------|---|----|----|
| Women       | 5%                      |   |    |    |
| Men         | 5%                      | Rent or homes are too expensive in my area<br>and I may have to move to a more affordable place |    | 62 |
| 18-29 yr    | 4%                      |   |    | -  |
| 30-39 yr    | 6%                      |   |    |    |
| 40-59 yr    | 5%                      | Cost of utilities, taxes, insurance, home   | 52 |    |
| 60+ yr      | 5%                      | maintenance, or needed home repairs   |    |    |
| <=\$39k     | 6%                      | There is a lot of homelessness  |    |    |
| \$40k-\$79k | 5%                      | in my community or city   | 50 |    |
| \$80k+      | 4%                      |   |    |    |
| US Born     | 5%                      | Cannot afford the rising cost of rent   | 49 |    |
| Naturalized | 4%                      | or struggling to pay my mortgage  | 49 |    |
| Democrats   | 5%                      |   |    |    |
| Indep/Other | 5%                      | Something else  | 4  |    |
| Republicans | 5%                      |   |    |    |

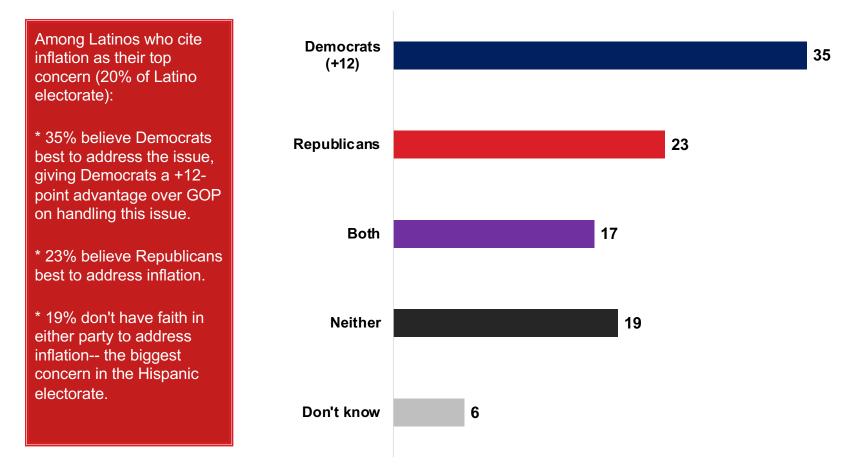
|             | Inflation and COL | Jobs and Economy | Health Care | Affordable Housing |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Women       | 21%               | 16%              | 19%         | 5%                 |
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| 18-29 years | 16%               | 17%              | 23%         | 4%                 |
| 30-39 years | 24%               | 20%              | 17%         | 6%                 |
| 40-59 years | 19%               | 22%              | 16%         | 5%                 |
| 60+ years   | 24%               | 16%              | 15%         | 5%                 |
| <=\$39k     | 17%               | 17%              | 21%         | 6%                 |
| \$40k-\$79k | 19%               | 20%              | 19%         | 5%                 |
| \$80k+      | 25%               | 21%              | 13%         | 4%                 |
| US Born     | 19%               | 18%              | 19%         | 5%                 |
| Naturalized | 24%               | 23%              | 16%         | 4%                 |
| Democrats   | 20%               | 18%              | 19%         | 5%                 |
| Indep/Other | 20%               | 19%              | 21%         | 5%                 |
| Republicans | 20%               | 22%              | 12%         | 5%                 |

#### **Issue Priority by Demographic Traits**

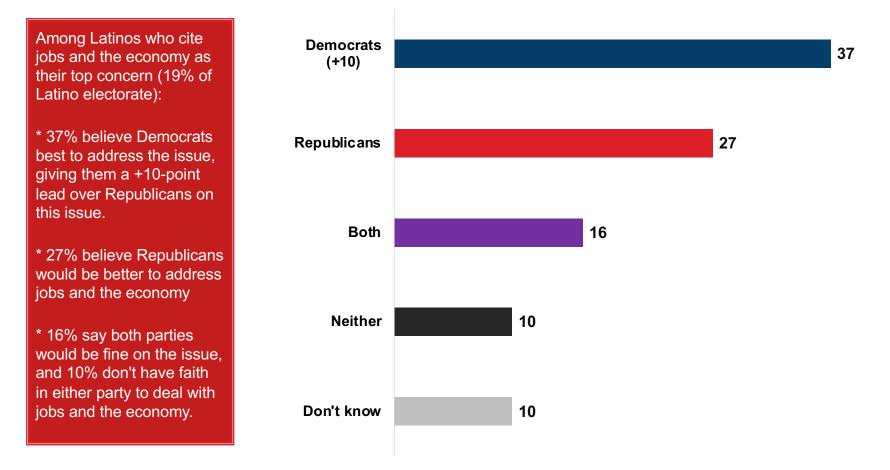
### Generally speaking, do you think things in the United States are going in the right direction, or off on the wrong track?



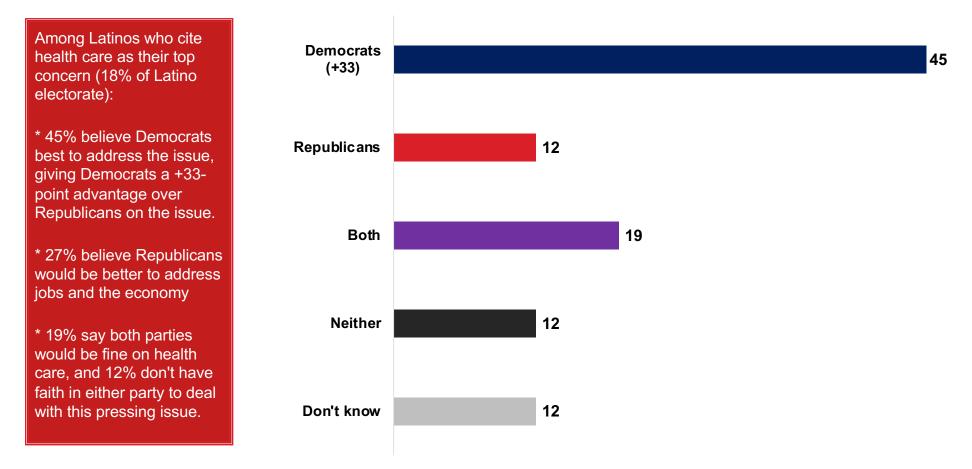
#### [If inflation top priority] Which party would be best at addressing *inflation*?



#### [If jobs/economy top priority] Which party would be best at addressing jobs/the economy?



#### [If health care top priority] Which party would be best at addressing health care?



#### Which party would be best at addressing [top priority issue]?

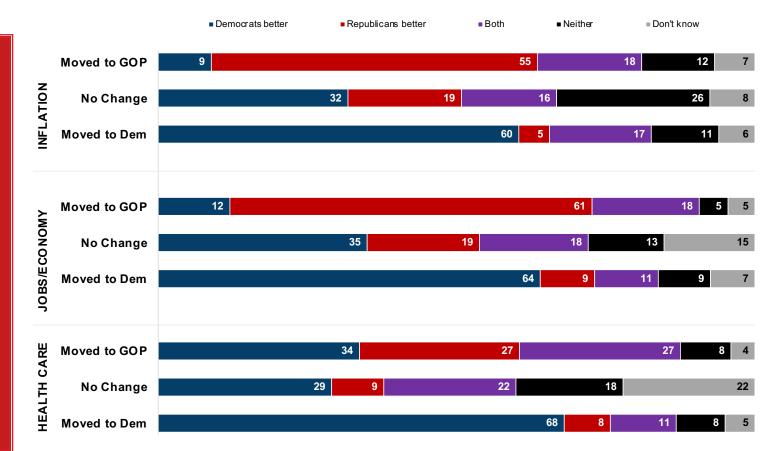
Asked about their feelings toward both parties over the past few years:

23% of Latino voters said they've become more open to supporting Republicans

32% have become more open to supporting Democrats

44% said their views have not changed much.

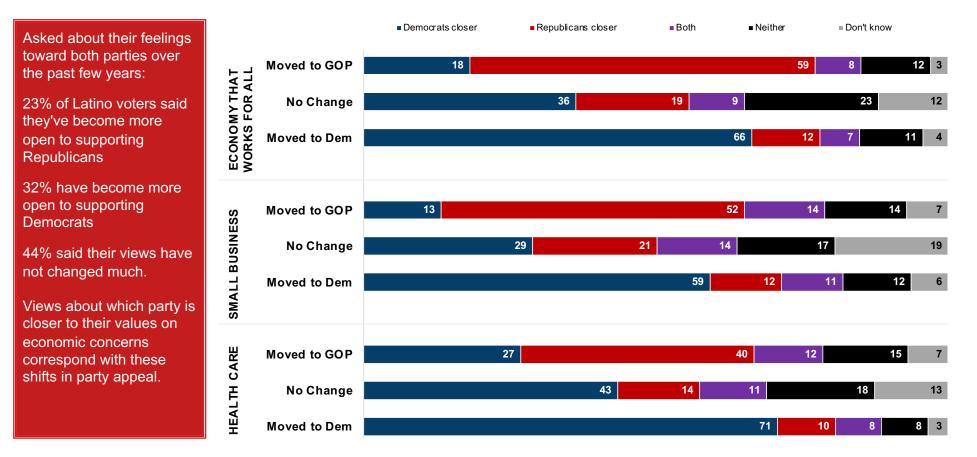
Views about which party would be better dealing with priority issues correspond with these shifts in party appeal.



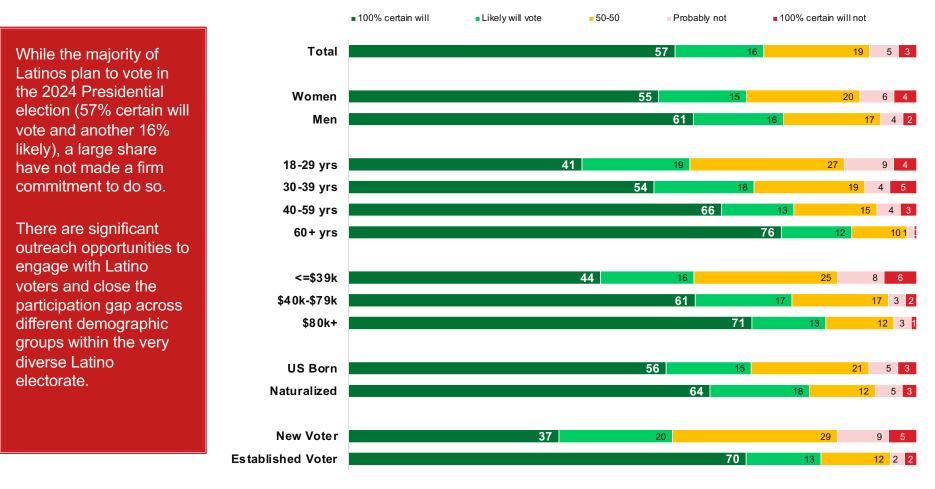
# Generally speaking, which party do you believe shares your values, or is closer to your personal beliefs/values when it comes to your views on:

| Looking at shared<br>economic values, more   |  | Democrats | Republicans | ■ Both | Neither | ■ Don't knc | w  |
|--|--|-----------|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|----|
| Latinos believe<br>Democrats share their<br>values (relative to<br>Republicans) on three                 | Small business or<br>entrepreneurship (Dems +8)    |           | 34          | 26     | 13      | 14          | 12 |
| key factors: small<br>business or<br>entrepreneurship, an<br>economy that works for                      |  |           |             |        |         |             |    |
| all Americans, and<br>health care and health<br>insurance.   | An economy that works for all Americans (Dems +17) |           | 43          |        | 25 8    | 16          | 7  |
| Across all three of these<br>issues, more than 20%<br>of Latinos either don't<br>know, or don't believe, |  |           |             |        |         |             |    |
| that Democrats or<br>Republicans share their<br>values.  | ir Health care and health<br>insurance (Dems +29)  |           | 48          |        | 19 10   | 14          | 8  |

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As you may know, there will be an election next year for offices such as President, US Congress, and many state and local offices. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election?





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### Methodology

- Total N=3,037 Latino eligible voters
  - > N= 2,707 registered
  - > N= 330 eligible, not registered
  - > Margin of error +/- 1.8%
- Oversamples
  - > N=300 per: Arizona, California, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania (+/- 5.7%)
  - N=400 Florida, Texas (+/- 4.9%)
- Field Dates: Nov 2 13, 2023
- English or Spanish, according to preference
- Mixed mode: 75% online, 25% live telephone interviews