



**Mexican Voter Study
Topline Results**

The study was conducted for the Pew Hispanic Center via telephone by ICR, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from January 16 – February 6, 2006 among a representative sample of 987 Mexican respondents age 18 and older. The margin of error is +/- 4.37 at the 95% confidence level. A total of 305 respondents said that they have a valid Mexican electoral credential with them in the U.S. and are considered eligible voters while 682 said they did not have a credential or didn't know are considered not eligible.

S5. Record Gender

	Male	Female
Total	54	46
Eligible to Vote	53	47
Not Eligible to Vote	55	45

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How old are you?

	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Refused
Total	44	26	15	8	5	1
Eligible to Vote	54	26	11	3	5	1
Not Eligible to Vote	40	26	18	9	5	1

2. Do you have with you, here in the United States, a valid electoral credential for voting in Mexico?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	31	69	*	--

3. Do you know in what year the next Presidential election will take place in Mexico?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Correct/2006	45	53	42
Incorrect (net)	2	2	3
Don't know	53	45	55
Refused	--	--	--

(Total respondents who say the election will be in 2006; n=411)

3a. Do you know in what month the next presidential election will take place in Mexico?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Correct/July	41	45	39
Incorrect (net)	22	29	19
Don't know	37	26	42
Refused	--	--	--

4. Do you know whether Mexican citizens living abroad, including those in the United States, will be able to vote in the next presidential election in Mexico?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	78	14	8	*
Eligible to Vote	78	14	8	*
Not Eligible to Vote	78	13	9	*

(Total respondents who say Mexicans in the US cannot vote, don't know or refuse to answer; n=228)

4a. Would you say that you have heard something about the subject but you are not sure of the details or do you really not know anything at all about voting abroad?

	Heard something but am not sure of the details	Don't know anything	Refused
Total	42	58	--
Eligible to Vote	39	61	--
Not Eligible to Vote	44	56	--

Base = Total Respondents

	Yes, Mexicans abroad can vote	CANNOT VOTE/DK/REF		
		NET	Heard something/ not sure of details	Don't know anything/refused
Total	78	22	9	13
Eligible to Vote	78	22	9	13
Not Eligible to Vote	78	23	10	13

(Total respondents who say Mexican citizens living abroad can vote or have heard something about it; n=840)

5. Do you know whether the Mexican authorities have set a deadline to register for the vote abroad?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	63	32	5	--
Eligible to Vote	61	33	6	--
Not Eligible to Vote	65	31	5	--

(Total respondents who know the deadline for abroad registration; n=529)

- 5a. Do you know if the deadline to register has passed or is it coming up?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	65	17	18	*
Eligible to Vote	67	17	17	*
Not Eligible to Vote	64	17	19	*

Q4/Q4a/Q5/Q5a Combination Table

Base = Total Respondents

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Can vote/heard something (net)	87	87	88
Authorities set deadline (sub net)	55	53	56
Deadline already passed	36	35	36
Deadline coming up	9	9	10
No deadline	28	29	27
Can't vote/Don't know/refused	13	14	12

(Total respondents who say the date has passed; n=332)

5b. When was the deadline?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Correct/January 15, 2006	43	57	36
Incorrect (net)	57	42	64
Incorrect Date	30	21	34
Don't know	27	21	30
Refused	--	--	--

(Total respondents who say the date is coming up; n=106)

5c. What is the deadline?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Correct/January 15, 2006	*	*	*
Incorrect (net)	100	100	100
Incorrect Date	32	41	29
Don't know	68	59	71
Refused	--	--	--

5b/5c Combination Table

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Correct/January 15, 2006	28	23	15
Incorrect (net)	43	62	65
Don't know	29	15	20

(Total respondents who say Mexican citizens living abroad can vote or have heard something about it; n=840)

5d. Tell me, please, to register for the vote abroad, is it necessary to have your voting credential with you?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	90	5	5	--
Eligible to Vote	97	2	2	--
Not Eligible to Vote	86	7	7	--

(Total respondents who say Mexican citizens living abroad can vote or have heard something about it; N=840)

6. Please tell me, do you know something about the procedure for registering to vote abroad?

	Yes, I know	No, I don't know	Refused
Total	29	71	*
Eligible to Vote	31	69	*
Not Eligible to Vote	28	71	1

(Total respondents who do not know procedures for voting abroad; n=614)

6a. Would you say that you have heard something about the subject but you are not sure about the procedure for registering to vote abroad?

	Heard something but am not sure of the details	Don't know anything	Don't know/not sure	Refused
Total	42	58	*	--
Eligible to Vote	46	54	*	--
Not Eligible to Vote	40	59	*	--

(Total respondents who know or have heard about procedures for voting abroad; n=480)

7. Now, I am going to describe some of the ways in which Mexicans in the United States might possibly register for voting abroad. For each one, please tell me whether or not it is a valid procedure or not.

a. by telephone

	Yes, it is valid	No, it is not valid	Don't know	Refused
Total	13	74	13	*
Eligible to Vote	14	71	15	*
Not Eligible to Vote	12	75	13	*

b. at a Mexican Consulate

	Yes, it is valid	No, it is not valid	Don't know	Refused
Total	79	9	11	*
Eligible to Vote	77	11	12	*
Not Eligible to Vote	81	8	11	*

c. on the Internet

	Yes, it is valid	No, it is not valid	Don't know	Refused
Total	49	34	17	*
Eligible to Vote	49	44	7	*
Not Eligible to Vote	49	30	21	*

d. by mail to Mexico

	Yes, it is valid	No, it is not valid	Don't know	Refused
Total	67	23	10	*
Eligible to Vote	73	16	10	*
Not Eligible to Vote	64	26	10	*

(Total respondents who say you can register to vote abroad via mail; n=332)

8. Do you know whether the application can be sent by normal mail or must it be registered mail?

	Normal Mail	Registered Mail	Don't know	Refused
Total	10	73	17	--
Eligible to Vote	9	78	13	--
Not Eligible to Vote	11	71	18	--

9. In talking to people about the elections, we've heard that many Mexicans have not registered for voting abroad for a variety of reasons. Indeed, the government of Mexico did decide that Mexicans living outside the country could vote in the next presidential election which will take place in July of this year. The deadline for registration has already passed. What did you do? Did you register to vote abroad or not?

	Yes, I registered to vote abroad	No, I did not register to vote abroad	Don't know	Refused
Total	6	94	*	*
Eligible to Vote	12	88	*	*
Not Eligible to Vote	4	96	*	*

(Total respondents who did not register, don't know or refused to say; n=925)

- 10a. I am going to read you some of the reasons that people have given for not registering to vote abroad. For each statement, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

- a. Sometimes I think I am not sufficiently informed about Mexican politics to vote.

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total Not Registered	61	33	28	33	14	18	6	*
Eligible Voters not Registered	54	32	22	36	18	18	9	*

- b. I never received enough information to know how to register

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total Not Registered	55	32	23	40	14	26	4	1
Eligible Voters not Registered	52	28	24	42	15	27	6	*

c. I am making my life in the United States and the elections in Mexico are not important to me anymore

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total Not Registered	28	16	12	68	20	47	4	*
Eligible Voters not Registered	29	17	12	67	18	49	4	*

d. Applying for registration was too difficult and complicated.

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total Not Registered	46	26	20	39	17	23	14	*
Eligible Voters not Registered	56	34	22	37	15	22	7	*

e. I did not have the necessary documents, such as a voting credential

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
Total Not Registered	67	44	23	29	11	19	3	*
Eligible Voters not Registered	51	28	23	44	14	31	4	*

11. How many years have you lived in the United States?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
1 but less than 5 years	17	29	12
5 but less than 10 years	24	34	19
10 but less than 15 years	15	15	15
15 but less than 20 years	11	8	12
20 but less than 30 years	18	8	22
30 years or more	13	5	17
Less than a year	--	--	--
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	1	1	1

12. Did you traveled to Mexico over the past year?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	33	67	--	*
Eligible to Vote	33	67	--	*
Not Eligible to Vote	33	67	--	*

(Total respondents who traveled to Mexico in the past year; n=343)

12a. How many times?

	Once over the past year	Twice	Three times	More than three times in the past year	Don't know	Refused
Total	59	18	6	17	*	*
Eligible to Vote	54	16	2	28	*	*
Not Eligible to Vote	61	20	8	12	*	*

Q12/12a Combination Table

Base = Total respondents

	TRAVELED TO MEXICO					Did not travel to Mexico	Don't know	Refused
	NET	Once over the past year	Twice	Three times	More than three times in the past year			
Total	33	19	6	2	6	67	*	*
Eligible to Vote	33	18	5	1	9	67	*	*
Not Eligible to Vote	33	20	7	3	4	67	*	*

13. Have you sent money to anyone in Mexico over the past year?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	58	42	--	--
Eligible to Vote	65	35	--	--
Not Eligible to Vote	55	45	--	--

(Total respondents who sent money to Mexico in the past year; n=533)

14. How often?

	At least once a month	Several times in the past year	Once in the past year	Don't know	Refused
Total	33	59	6	1	*
Eligible to Vote	41	52	8	0	*
Not Eligible to Vote	30	63	6	1	*

Q13/14 Combination Table

Base = Total respondents

	SENT MONEY TO MEXICO				Did not send money to Mexico	Don't know	Refused
	NET	At least once a month	Several times in the past year	Once in the past year			
Total	58	19	34	4	42	*	*
Eligible to Vote	65	27	34	5	35	*	*
Not Eligible to Vote	55	16	34	3	45	1	1

15. How frequently do you talk with your family in Mexico by phone?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
One a month or more (net)	79	91	74
More than once a week	19	27	16
Once a week	27	31	25
One or two times a month	33	33	33
Less than once a month	4	1	5
Almost never	9	4	12
No Family in Mexico	7	4	9
Don't know	*	1	*
Refused	*	*	1

16. In general terms, what is your opinion of the way Mexican political institutions function. Would you say they are very good, good, fair, bad, very bad.

	GOOD			FAIR	BAD			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Good		NET	Bad	Very		
Total	13	4	9	42	32	17	16	11	1
Eligible to Vote	11	2	9	48	32	18	14	7	2
Not Eligible to Vote	14	5	9	40	32	16	16	13	1

17. In Mexican politics, which of the major political parties do you feel closest to (the PRI), (the PAN), (the PRD) or do you not consider yourself close to any of the three?

	PRI	PAN	PRD	None of the three	Don't know	Refused
Total	17	27	11	40	4	1
Eligible to Vote	14	36	14	34	1	1
Not Eligible to Vote	19	23	9	42	5	1

18. How do you get most of your news about national and international issues? From television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines, or from the Internet?

	Television	Newspapers	Radio	Magazines	Internet	Don't know	Refused
Total	87	15	13	2	4	3	2
Eligible to Vote	86	10	14	2	7	2	1
Not Eligible to Vote	87	17	13	2	3	3	2

19. When you get your news from (INSERT) is it in English, in Spanish or in both languages?

(Total respondents who get news from...)

2/6/06 Total	N=	English	Spanish	Both	Don't know	Refused
a. Television	879	1	64	35	--	--
b. Newspapers	141	12	52	36	--	*
c. Radio	134	3	80	17	--	--
d. Magazines	19	76	24	*	--	--
e. The Internet	47	5	53	42	--	--

(Total Eligible to Vote respondents who get news from...)

Eligible to Vote	N=	English	Spanish	Both	Don't know	Refused
a. Television	263	*	73	27	--	--
b. Newspapers	31	6	52	42	--	--
c. Radio	42	*	76	24	--	--
d. Magazines	5	*	40	60	*	--
e. The Internet	20	*	60	40	--	--

(Total not Eligible to Vote respondents who get news from...)

Not Eligible to Vote	N=	English	Spanish	Both	Don't know	Refused
a. Television	593	2	60	39	--	--
b. Newspapers	116	13	53	34	--	*
c. Radio	88	5	82	14	--	--
d. Magazines	12	*	92	8	*	--
e. The Internet	23	9	45	45	--	--

20. Would you say that you usually follow the news from Mexico very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	CLOSELY			NOT CLOSELY			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
Total	74	30	44	25	17	8	*	1
Eligible to Vote	81	32	49	19	14	5	*	1
Not Eligible to Vote	71	29	42	27	18	9	1	1

21. Do you belong to a civic organization, sports team, or social club of people from Mexico?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	10	89	1	1
Eligible to Vote	13	85	1	1
Not Eligible to Vote	8	90	*	1

22. Do you have a matricula consular?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
Total	46	52	1	1
Eligible to Vote	55	42	2	1
Not Eligible to Vote	42	57	*	1

(English Speakers; n=33)

22a. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in Spanish, both understanding and speaking-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	WELL			NOT WELL			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Just a little	Not at all		
Total	96	75	21	4	2	2	--	--
Eligible to Vote	100	100	--	--	--	--	--	--
Not Eligible to Vote	93	78	15	8	4	4	--	--

(Spanish Speakers; n=954)

22a. Would you say you can carry on a conversation in English, both understanding and speaking-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	WELL			NOT WELL			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Just a little	Not at all		
Total	17	6	12	82	51	31	*	1
Eligible to Vote	13	4	9	87	54	33	*	1
Not Eligible to Vote	20	7	13	79	49	30	*	1

(English Speakers; n=33)

22b. Would you say you can read a newspaper or book in Spanish-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	WELL			NOT WELL			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Just a little	Not at all		
Total	81	71	10	19	10	9	--	--
Eligible to Vote	100	100	--	--	--	--	--	--
Not Eligible to Vote	85	74	11	15	4	11	--	--

(Spanish Speakers; n=954)

22b. Would you say you can read a newspaper or book in English-- very well, pretty well, just a little, or not at all?

	WELL			NOT WELL			Don't know	Refused
	NET	Very	Pretty	NET	Just a little	Not at all		
Total	20	6	14	79	46	33	*	1
Eligible to Vote	17	2	15	82	48	34	*	1
Not Eligible to Vote	21	7	14	78	45	33	*	1

Q23/Q24/Q25/Q26 Income Summary Table

Base = Total Respondents

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
Less than \$30K (net)	54	53	54
Less than \$5,000	4	4	4
\$5,000 but less than \$10,000	5	8	4
\$10,000 but less than \$15,000	7	9	7
\$15,000 but less than \$20,000	10	9	10
\$20,000 but less than \$25,000	9	10	9
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	14	10	15
Unspecified	5	4	5
\$30,000 to less than \$50,000 (net)	14	13	15
\$30,000 but less than \$35,000	6	4	6
\$35,000 but less than \$40,000	4	4	4
\$40,000 but less than \$45,000	2	3	2
\$45,000 but less than \$50,000	1	2	1
Unspecified	*	*	*
\$50,000 or more (net)	5	2	7
\$50,000 but less than \$60,000	3	1	4
\$60,000 but less than \$75,000	2	1	2
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	1	*	1
\$100,000 but less than \$150,000	*	*	*
\$150,000 but less than \$200,000	*	*	*
\$200,000 or more	*	*	*
Unspecified	*	*	*
Don't know	21	26	20
Refused	5	6	5

27. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

	Total	Eligible to Vote	Not Eligible to Vote
HS or Less (net)	83	80	84
None, or grade 1-8	36	28	40
High school incomplete (grades 9-11)	23	25	22
High school grad	22	26	21
GED	2	2	2
Some college (net)	9	11	9
Business, technical, or vocational school after high school	4	5	4
Some college, no 4-year degree	5	6	5
College graduate + (net)	5	6	4
College graduate	4	5	4
Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college	*	1	*
Refused	3	3	3

28. And now, some last questions, if the election for president of Mexico was held today, who would you vote for?

	Roberto Madrazo, candidate for PRI party	Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, candidate for PRD party	Felipe Calderon, candidate for PAN party	Don't know	Refused
Total	13	21	26	33	7
Eligible to Vote	10	22	36	24	8
Not Eligible to Vote	14	20	21	37	7