Intersections of Our Lives, a collaborative effort among Reproductive Justice organizations representing women of color, sponsored a nationwide poll to understand what motivated Black, Latina/x, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women to vote and the issues they care about most.

LATINAS/XS WERE HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO TURN OUT IN THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION. Over nine in 10 Latinas/xs who voted in 2020 reported voting for president.

- 85% of Latina/x voters agreed that the stakes were too high in this election not to vote.
- 12% of Latina/x voters were first-time voters, and nearly nine in 10 of those new voters are committed to voting in the next election.
- Nearly eight in 10 Latina/x voters report voting early, either in person or by mail. 50% of Latina/x voters voted by mail, ballot drop box or absentee; 29% voted early and in person; and only 21% voted on Election Day.

More than eight-in-10 Latina/x voters are confident that their vote was counted accurately — up four points since 2018.

More than two in five Latina/x voters faced challenges while voting — up 10 points since 2018. 20% said they were asked to show an ID at the polls, 13% saw disinformation on social media and 9% faced long voting lines.
Nearly two-thirds of Latina/x voters were engaged in political activities leading up to the 2020 elections.

86% of Latina/x voters would like to see more women candidates running for office, and 78% would like to see more candidates of color running for office.
Half of Latina/x voters who voted for Democrats voted for change — an 18-point increase from 2018.

Seven in 10 Latina/x voters report casting their vote for President Biden, with the majority saying they voted for Biden, instead of against Trump.

Seven in 10 Latina/x voters supported Democratic candidates in all elections, with Black women most consistently going blue.

Latina/x voters would like to see a more intersectional approach from candidates and elected officials. 71% of Latina/x voters want their elected officials to understand how their experience and needs differ from white women.

**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAD A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON LATINAS/XS.**

- Almost eight in 10 Latinas/xs have been personally impacted by the pandemic – one in four had a family member die. Latinas/xs were also more likely to personally become sick with COVID-19 or have a member of their household get sick.

### The Top Five Ways Latinas/xs Report Being Impacted by the Pandemic

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<td>My mental health has suffered</td>
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<td>I missed a bill payment/had trouble paying my bills</td>
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<td>I/a member of my household got COVID-19</td>
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Latina/x voters want to see the government take further steps to help Americans recover from the pandemic, with most favoring financial support for families and small businesses.
NEARLY EIGHT IN 10 LATINAS/XS SAY THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY RACISM.

- 68% of Latina/x voters want their elected officials to understand how white supremacy impacts their lives.

THE TOP ISSUES LATINAS/XS VOTERS WANT TO SEE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION MAKE PROGRESS ON OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS INCLUDE:

**Top Issues Latina/x Voters Say Are Extremely Important for the Administration and Congress to Address**

1. Ensure that people with pre-existing conditions can still get health insurance
2. Ensure access to clean water
3. End discrimination against people because of their race, ethnicity, immigration status or culture
4. Ensure everyone has access to affordable health care and coverage no matter their race, ethnicity or immigration status
5. Ensure that women have complete authority to make decisions about their bodies and lives
6. Reform policies to address and prevent police violence against people
7. Reform our criminal justice system so it operates fairly and equitably
8. End discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation or gender identity
9. Reunite children who were separated at the border with their families
10. Stop making it harder for certain groups of people to vote
11. Fight climate change

**The Top Five Things Latina/x Voters Want the Government to Prioritize for the Recovery**

1. Financial assistance for families
2. Ensure everyone in U.S. is vaccinated
3. Raise the minimum wage
4. Financial support for small businesses
5. Financial support for local government and schools
LATINA/X VOTERS SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHO RESPECT THEIR AUTONOMY OVER THEIR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

“It’s extremely important to me to vote for candidates who support women making their own decisions about their reproductive health.”

- Seven in 10 Latina/x voters see societal and personal benefits to women having control over reproductive decisions.
- Half of Latina/x voters believe abortion should be legal in all cases, a 14-point increase since 2019.
- Nearly eight in 10 Latina/x voters agree that pregnant people should be able to have an abortion without fear of arrest or investigation.

FAILURE TO DELIVER ON THE ISSUES THAT LATINA/X VOTERS CARE ABOUT COMES WITH ELECTORAL CONSEQUENCES.

- 61% of Latina/x voters say they will be watching their elected officials in Congress more closely compared to previous elections.
- Three-quarters of Latina/x voters want members of Congress to work together across the aisle and get results.


Perspectives of Latina/x Voters About the Direction of the Country in 2021

- 39% PROUD
- 14% OPTIMISTIC
- 9% EXCITED
- 8% HAPPY
- 6% INDIFFERENT
- 6% NERVOUS
- 9% SAD
- 2% SCARED
- 2% DISGUSTED
- 2% ANGRY

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ABOUT INTERSECTIONS OF OUR LIVES

Intersections of Our Lives is a collaborative effort by In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda (In Our Own Voice), the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) and the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice (Latina Institute), three women-of-color led national Reproductive Justice organizations with both federal and statewide presence. For more information about Intersections of Our Lives visit: IntersectionsofOurLives.org.

METHODOLOGY

The poll, which was conducted by the Harris Poll, included interviews of 1,617 adult women (18+) who self-identify as Black or African American; of Hispanic, Latina or Spanish-speaking background; or Asian American or Pacific Islander (AAPI) or of any ethnicity/national origin recognized in the Asian race category by the U.S. Census Bureau. As part of this effort, an oversample was conducted of South Asian American women. In addition to these characteristics, all women are registered voters who reported voting in the 2020 general elections. Interviews were conducted online and via telephone using live, professional interviewers from April 7 to May 16, 2021. The survey was made available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean or Vietnamese.