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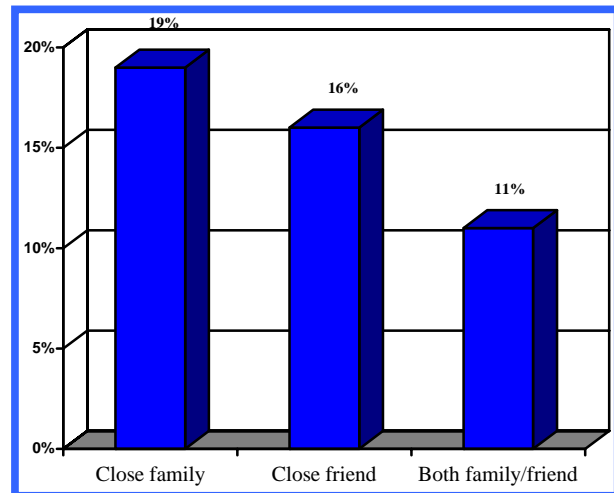
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To: Interested Parties
From: Celinda Lake and Joshua Ulibarri
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Re: Latino Attitudes on Iraq

Lake Research Partners, on behalf of the Latino Policy Coalition (LPC), recently concluded another round of survey research among Latino/a registered voters. This was the fourth installment of survey research that began in April of 2006. LPC also funded two rounds of focus groups last year that informs the continuing research. In this case, we interviewed 1,000 Latino registered voters in 23 states with the highest Latino populations from March 13 to 21. The survey focused on the war in Iraq, the 2008 Presidential election, attitudes toward Congress and President Bush, and energy issues.

THE IMPACT OF IRAQ

Last September's research leading into the fall elections proved that Iraq was a seminal issue among likely Latino voters (85% said it would be an important part of their vote decision). The issue continues to have resonance among Latino voters and they have a remarkable level of personal connectedness to the issue. ***Almost half of Latinos say they have a close relationship with someone who currently serves in Iraq or Afghanistan.*** Stuningly, 46% of Latinos say they have a close family member (19%), close friend (16%), or both a close family member and a close friend currently serving in the military in Iraq or Afghanistan.



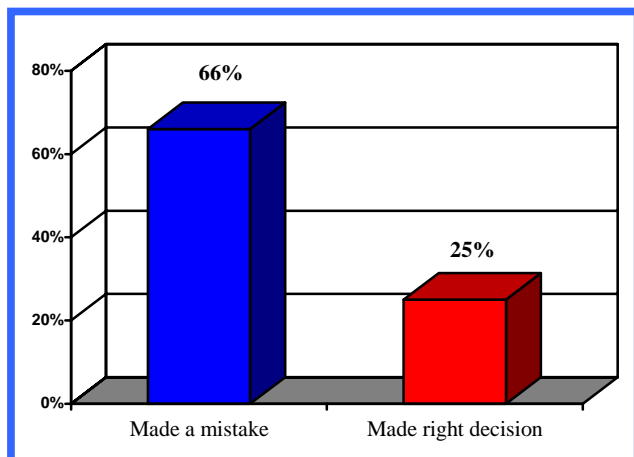
Latinos continue to believe the war in Iraq has been a mistake. In fact, they are even more certain of this than they were last fall¹. Currently, two-thirds of Latinos (66%) believe the war was a mistake compared to only a quarter (25%) who feel the war was the right decision. Last September, 58% felt the war was a

¹ Text of Question: In view of the developments since we first sent our troops to Iraq, do you think the United States made a mistake in sending troops to Iraq or did we make the right decision?

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mistake and 31% felt it was the right decision, representing an 8-point increase among Latinos who feel the war is a mistake. Attitudes are remarkably consistent across



demographic subgroups with 63% of men and 68% of women agreeing that the war was a mistake. In fact, only among self-identified Latino Republicans do a majority of voters (56%) feel the war was the right decision. Importantly, even Latinos who have a close relationship with someone who currently serves in Iraq or Afghanistan believe the war is a mistake (63% mistake among those who have a relationship, 68% mistake among those who do not).

Doubts about the war are so strong that two-thirds of Latinos oppose granting President Bush the additional \$100 billion he has requested to fund the war². Sixty-six percent of Latinos oppose granting the funds while only a quarter favor it (23%). In fact, half of voters (51%) strongly oppose extending the requested funds. Again, only self-identified Latino Republicans favor giving President Bush the additional funds, but in this case, only a bare majority feel that way (53% favor granting the funds) and 36% oppose.

In the end, two-in-three Latinos – many of whom have a close relationship with someone currently serving in the Middle East – believe the war was a mistake and oppose granting Bush further funds.

METHODOLOGY

Lake Research Partners designed and administered this survey which was conducted by phone using professional interviewers. The survey reached 1000 Latino registered and likely voters in the 23 states with the highest Latino population density. These states include: CA, TX, FL, NY, IL, AZ, NJ, NM, CO, GA, NV, NC, WA, MA, VA, PA, CT, MI, OR, MD, IN, OH, and WI. The survey was conducted March 13 and 21, 2007. Telephone numbers for the survey were drawn from files of registered voters. The data were weighted slightly by age and national ancestry. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

² Text of Question: Recently, President Bush has asked Congress for an additional \$100 billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for the remainder of 2007. Do you favor or oppose Congress granting President Bush an additional \$100 billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, or are you unsure?