

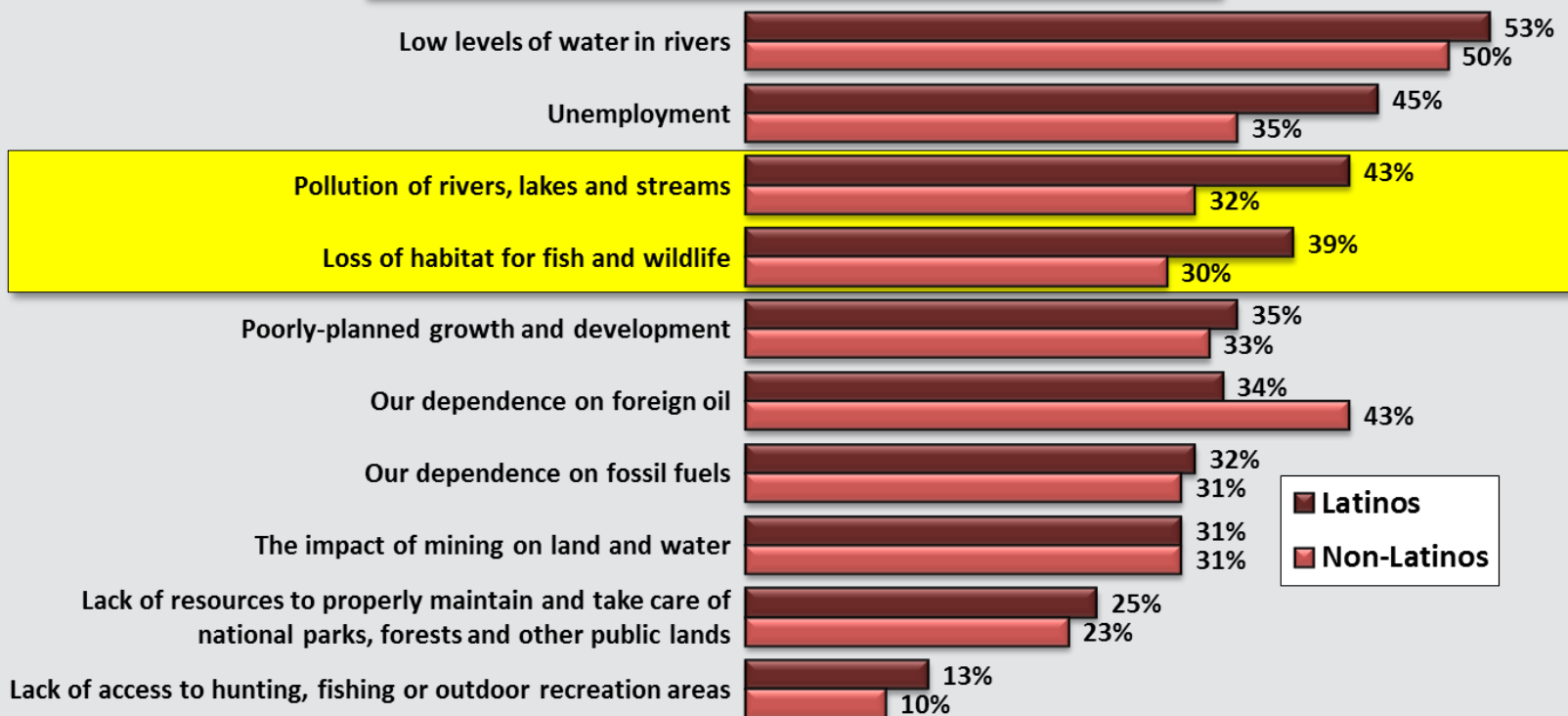
Latino Voters

Latino voters in the region are concentrated in the Southwest, but share similar support for protection of national public lands and renewable energy expressed by the rest of the electorate. They tend to be more concerned about water pollution and habitat loss, as well as unemployment.

Overall, 17% of voters in the West are Latino, but 77% of voters live in one of four states; New Mexico (31%), Arizona (17%), Nevada (17%) and Colorado (12%). Fully 72% of them identify as a “conservationist,” and 39% as a hunter or angler, on par with the rest of the Western electorate.

Four-in-five Latinos rate opportunities for outdoor recreation and spending time in nature positively in their state (80%, compared to 87% overall). One key difference among Latinos is they are more concerned not only about jobs, but also about water pollution and habitat loss.

Problems Ranked by Latino % Extremely/Very Serious



On other issues, particularly those relating to public lands, Latinos are more aligned with the rest of the population. Like voters overall, they strongly prefer that the new administration focus on protected the water, air, and natural habitat over producing energy. That said, the offer strong support if renewable energy is being produced on public lands (83% support). In fact, when asked what kinds of jobs they would like to see more of in their states, Latinos point first to renewable energy jobs (41%).

	Latinos	Non-Latinos
Ensuring we protect sources of clean water, our air quality and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on our national public lands	75%	67%
Ensuring we produce more domestic energy by increasing the amount of national public lands available for responsible oil and gas drilling and mining	17%	23%



They also line up with their fellow Westerners on supporting the Trump administration taking action to improve and repair the infrastructure of National Parks (94% support), promoting the outdoor economy (81% support and improving access to public lands (80%).

However, Latinos are not supportive of additional coal mining on public lands (67% oppose), nor do they back allowing oil and gas companies to purchase the right to conduct additional drilling on public lands (68% oppose). Only 13% of Latinos indicate that jobs in these industries are the kind they would want to see more of in their state.

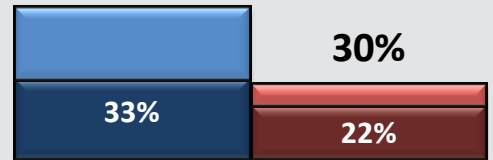
Latino voters are one of the strongest sub-groups advocating for continuing to keep National Monuments in place (89%, compared to 77% of Anglo voters in this region). They also advocate for keeping national public lands in federal hands. A majority (56%) oppose “giving state government control over national public lands,” the same as among Anglo voters. Despite most Latinos having preferred his opponent in the election, a clear majority (63%) approve of President Trump’s comments reinforcing this point regarding public lands, while only 27% disapprove.

Donald Trump has said that he will follow in the footsteps of President Theodore Roosevelt, the President who created the first national parks and national monuments. Trump says he opposes transferring those lands to state governments because "We have to be great stewards of this land."

Having heard that, would you say you approve or disapprove of the President-Elect's stated approach to federal management of national public lands?

Approval of Trump’s Management of National Public Lands

63%



■ Strongly Approve ■ Total Approve
■ Strongly Disapprove ■ Total Disapprove

