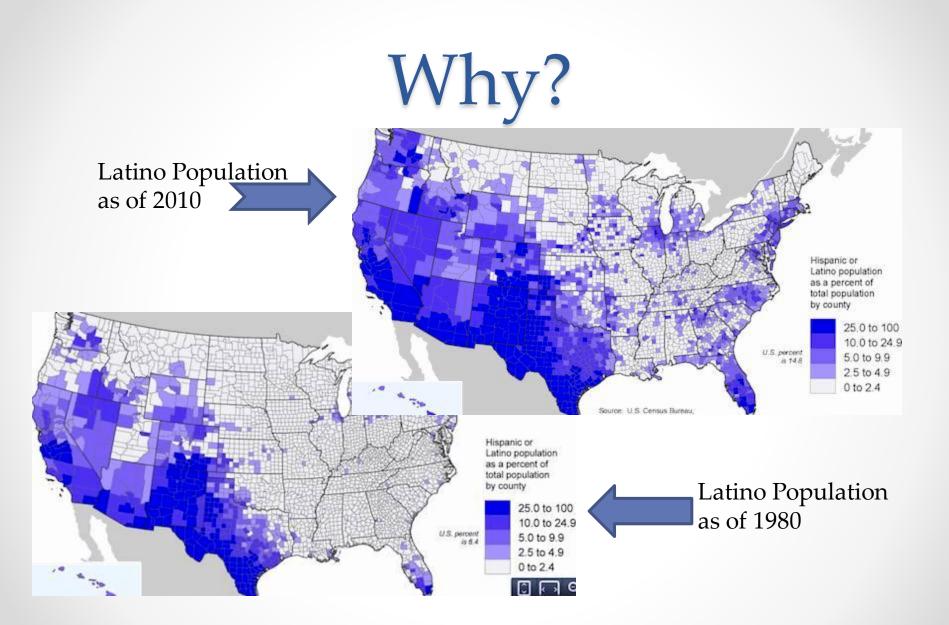
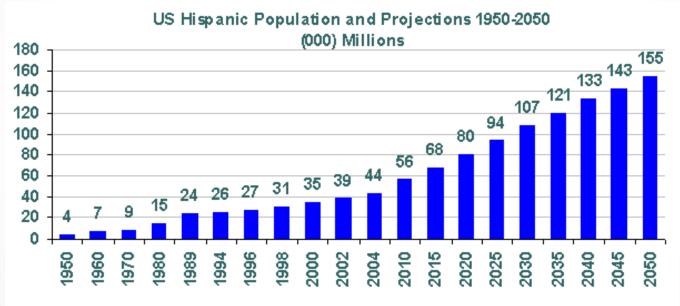
Latino Party ID: Inherited or Learned?

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Importance



Source: Synovate, U.S. Census Bureau

Literature... Theory

1. Knoke, Greenblatt, A. (2008). Changing U.S. electorate: are

demographic trends reshaping U.S. politics? CQ Researcher

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- Starts to detail the changes in our racial make-up as a nation
- Latinos becoming a bigger voting block

Theory Cont.

- 1. D., & Hout, M. (1974). Social and demographic factors in american political party affiliations, 1952-72. American Sociological Review
 - Talks about what factors go into party ID
 - Race, Region, Religion, political socialization
 - Age also affects party ID
- 2. Kroh, M., & Selb, P. (2009). Inheritance and the dynamics of party identification. *Political Behavior*
 - Establishment of inheritance versus learned party ID
 - Traditionalists (Inherited) vs. Revisionists (Learned)

Theory Cont.

- Dutwin, D., Brodie, M., Herrmann, M., & Levin, R. (2005). Latinos and political party affiliation. *Hispanic Journal Of Behavioral Sciences*
 - Found that Latinos are more likely to identify themselves as Republican because of traditional family values
 - Implications of this are far ranging
- 2. Evans, D., Franco, A., Polinard, J., Wenzel, J., Wrinkle, R., Ethnic concerns and Latino party identification, *The Social Science Journal*
 - Influence of ethnic concerns on party ID of Latino voters
 - Found to affect party ID
 - Latinos are more likely to support candidates and parties that show concern for their interests.

Methods

- Dataset:
 - Pew Hispanic Center
 - 2008 Post-Election Survey
 - 1,540 Respondents age 18+

Results....

		Table 1.2 Latino Party identification by Ethnicity Crosstabulation						
	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Dominican	Salvadoran	Central American	South American	Total
Republican Party	189	15	19	4	5	21	14	267
Percent	22.80%	12.00%	39.60%	6.90%	10.00%	22.60%	16.30%	20.70%
Democratic Party	562	101	25	43	40	63	67	901
Percent	67.90%	80.80%	52.1%	74.10%	80.00%	67.70%	77.90%	70.00%
Independent	77	9	4	11	5	9	5	120
Percent	9.30%	7.20%	8.30%	19.00%	10.00%	9.70%	5.80%	9.30%
Total	828	125	48	58	50	93	86	1288
Percent	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Results...

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		<= 0 years	1-10 years	11-20 years	21 - 30 years	31 - 40 years	41+ years	Total
Republican Party	Count	5	46	31	18	21	20	141
		50%	20.9%	14.6%	13.6%	28.8%	26.3%	19.5%
Democratic Party	Count	5	144	157	104	46	51	507
		50%	65.5%	73.7%	78.8%	63%	67.1%	70%
Independent	Count	0	30	25	10	6	5	76
		0%	13.6%	11.7%	7.6%	8.2%	6.6%	10.5%
Total	Count	10	220	213	132	73	76	724
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Latino Party Identification by years spent in the United States

Results/Tables Table 1.1 Latino Party Identification by Annual Household Income

Politcal Party Identification	Anr	Total		
	<\$20,000	\$20,000-74,000	\$75,000+	
Republican Party Count	93	105	49	247
	21.0%	18.7%	32.0%	21.4%
Democratic Party Count	313 70.8%		90 58.8%	806 69.7%
Independent Count	36	53	14	103
	8.1%	9.4%	9.2%	8.9%
Total Count	442	561	153	1156
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Results...

		7. Are you a	Total		
Table 1.4 Latino party	United				
1 5	Yes	No			
	Republican party				
		Count	53	78	131
			21.4%	18.4%	19.5%
	Democratic party				
		Count	176	294	470
			71.0%	69.2%	69.8%
	Independent				
		Count	19	53	72
			7.7%	12.5%	10.7%
Total		Count	248	425	673
			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Conclusion

- Results indicate that Party ID is learned over time but also inherited in regards to ethnicity.
 - Initially, Latino voters are split 50/50 in regards to being Republican or Democrat
 - Become more partisan and less independent over time.
 - o Income relationship is inconclusive
 - Citizenship relationship is inconclusive
 - Implications:
 - Demographics
 - The Latino population is growing and is expected to surpass 40% of the population by 2050.
 - The party that can take advantage of this and secure Latino loyalty will win elections down the road as the white vote, percentage-wise, continues to shrink.

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