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# Latinos and the OBAMA PRESIDENCY

A Discussion of the Results of the  
National Latino Opinion Leaders Survey

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# About the Survey

This National Latino Opinion Leaders Survey (NLOLS) was conducted between November 8 and 14, 2008. This survey was administered through the Internet using a web survey service.

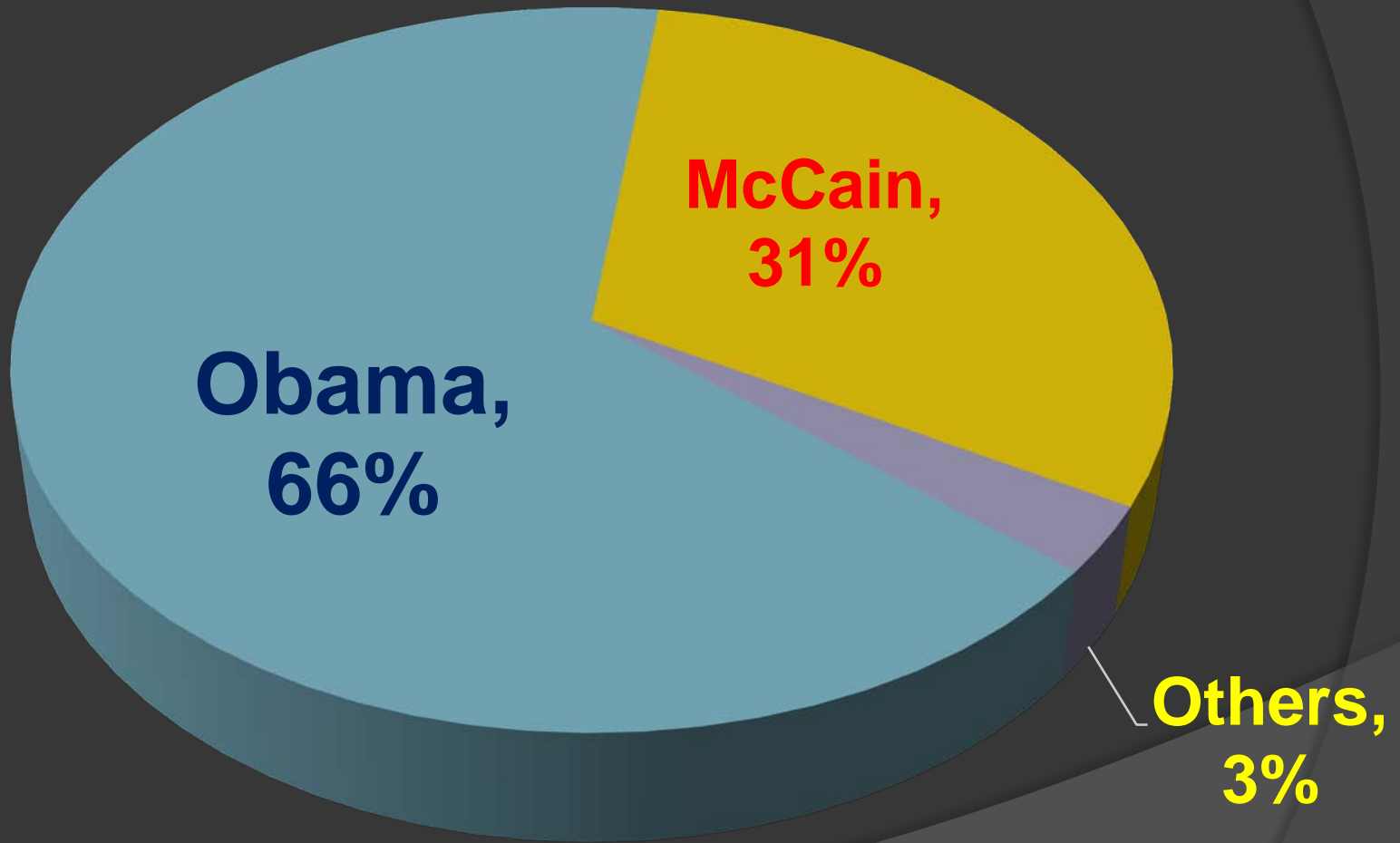
The number of total respondents was 951 from across the United States and Puerto Rico, and represents Latino community leaders, activists and others from all sectors, including government, nonprofit, business, religion, academia and the media.

40 percent work in the public sector, 33 percent in the nonprofit sector, and 20 percent in the private sector.

These are opinion leaders in the Latino community who are part of the Internet network of the National Institute for Latino Policy (NiLP), a nonprofit and nonpartisan policy center established in 1982.

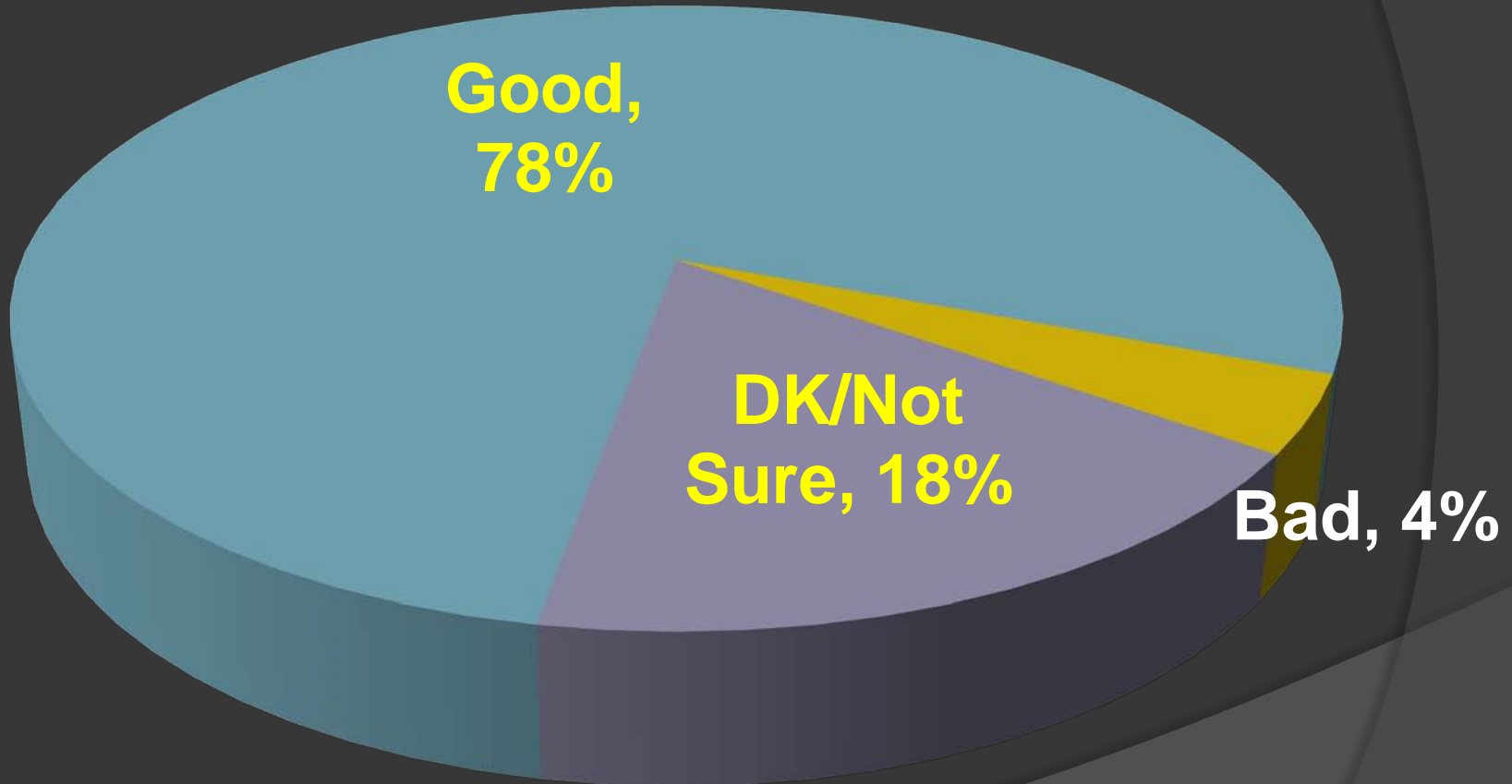
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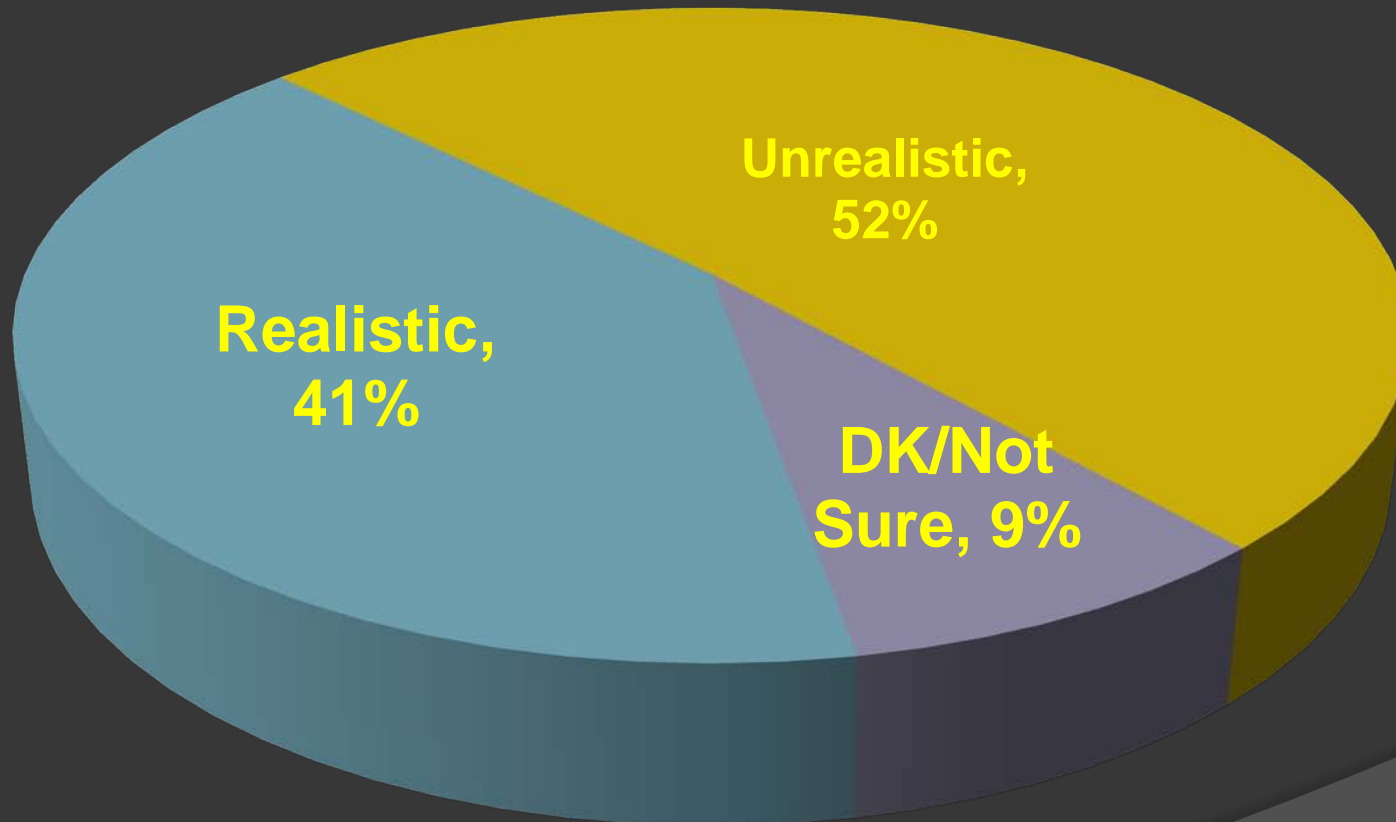
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# Expectations of Obama

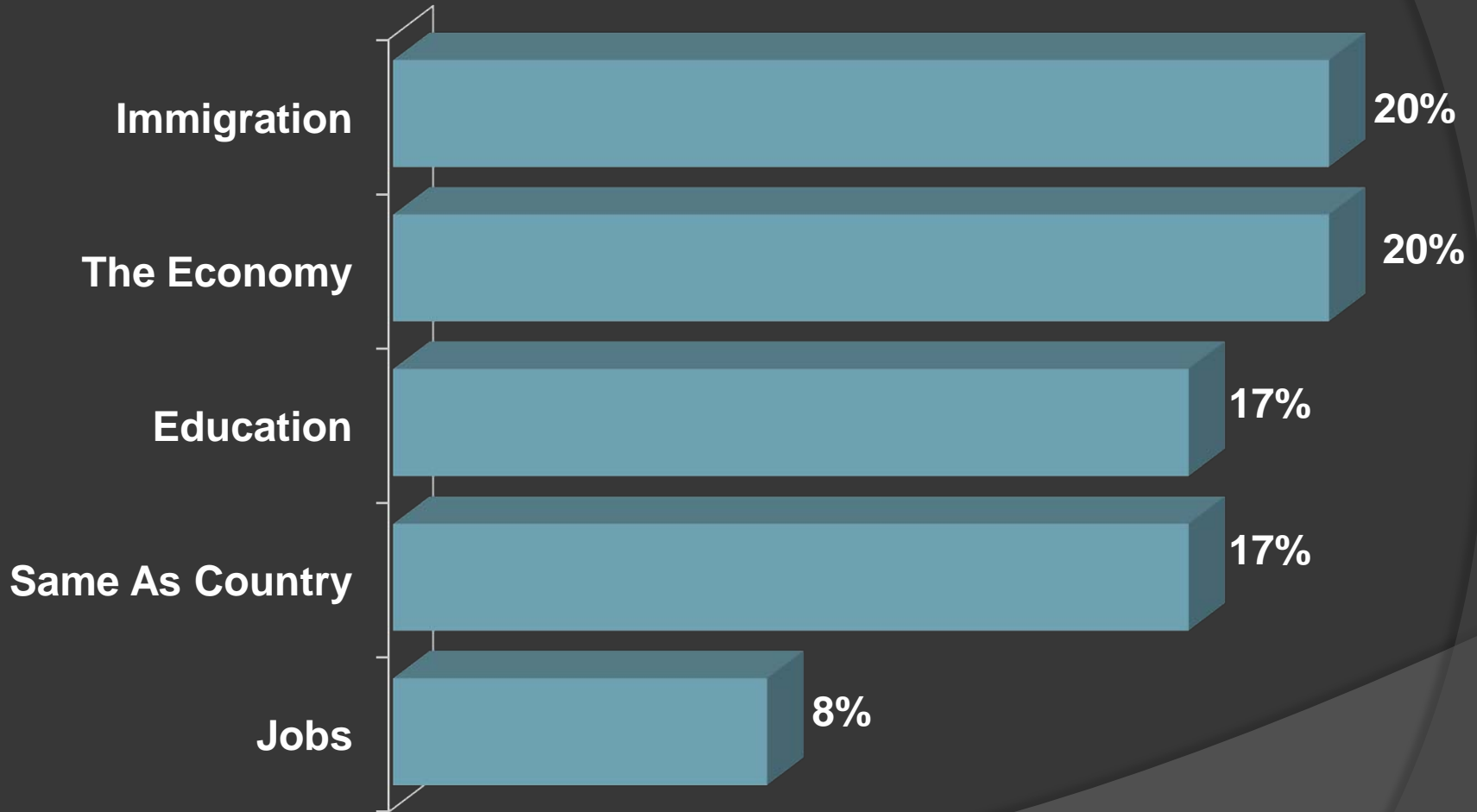
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# Priority Issues for Latinos

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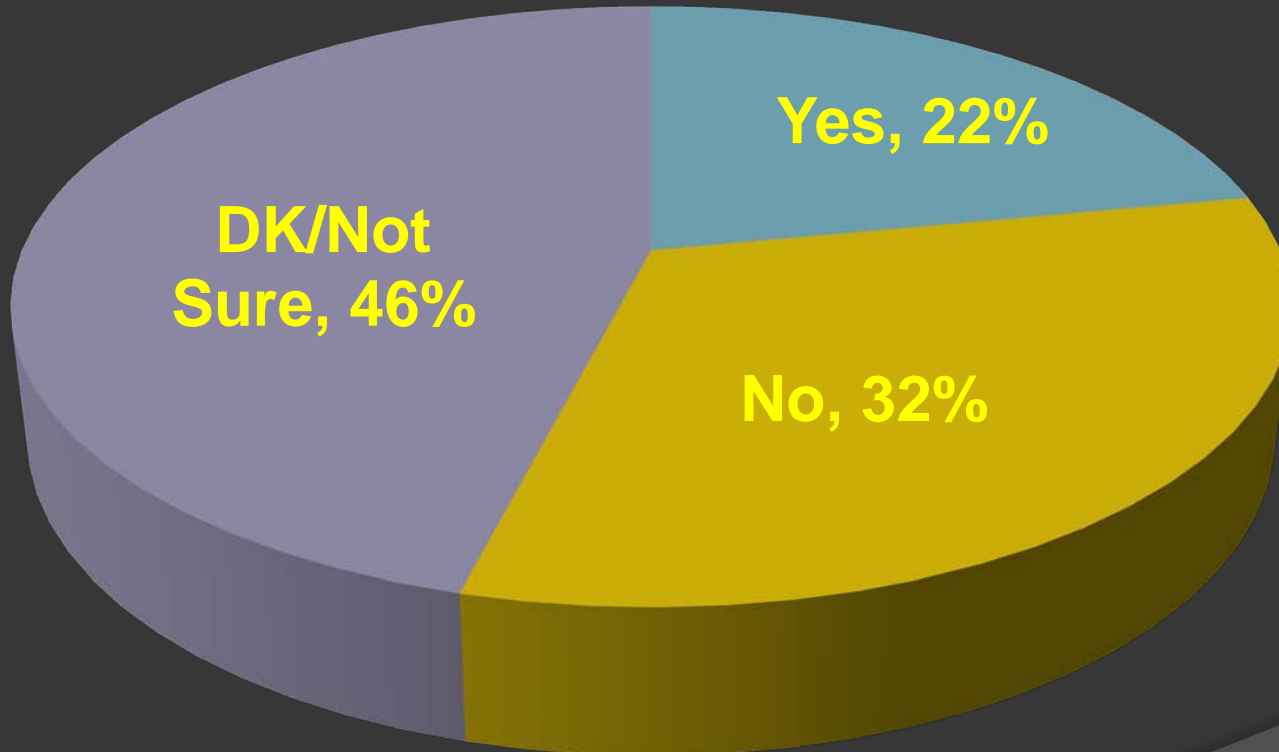


# Selected Policy Issues

- **On the new economic stimulus package** being proposed by the Democrats, 85 percent were in support, with 7 percent in opposition.
- **On the \$700 billion economic bailout** passed by the Congress in October, the majority did not support it (59 percent), with 30 percent indicating support of the measure.
- **On whether or not immigration is the most important issue** facing the Latino community today, the majority (58 percent) disagreed that it was, compared to 36 percent who thought it was the most important issue.
- **On lifting restrictions on Cuba** to allow Cuban-Americans to visit their families more frequently and on the amount of money they can send to their families, 92 percent agreed, with only 3 percent opposing lifting the restrictions.
- **On same sex marriages**, the majority (57 percent) support gays being allowed to be married legally, 34 percent support civil marriages only, and only 8 percent feel that there should be no legal recognition of homosexual relationships.
- **On the future political status of Puerto Rico**, 31 percent support independence, 28 percent statehood, 15 percent the current Commonwealth status, and 7 percent support an associated republic. Indicating that they were not sure or didn't care were 15 percent.

# Obama Transition Inclusive of Latinos?

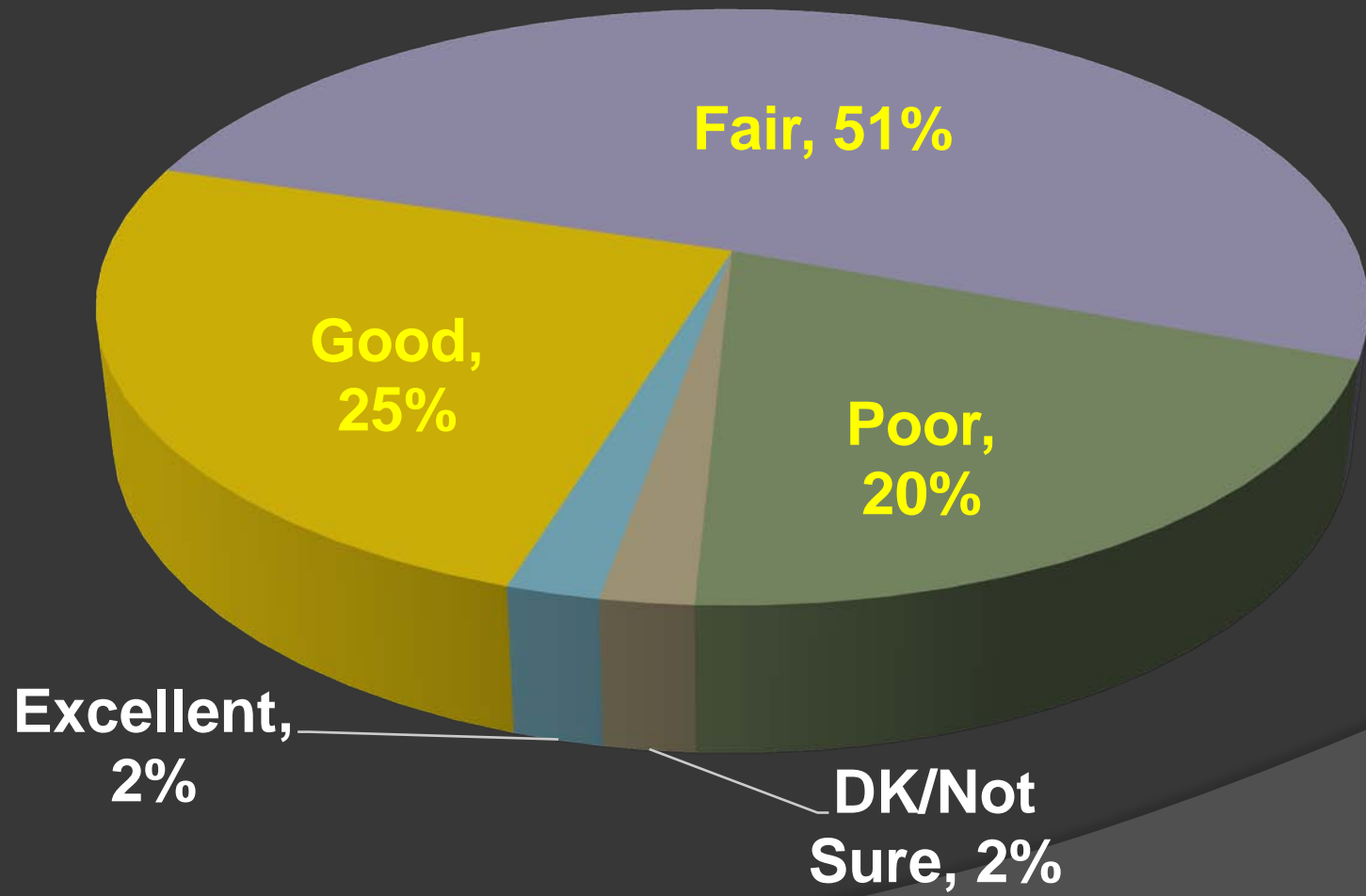
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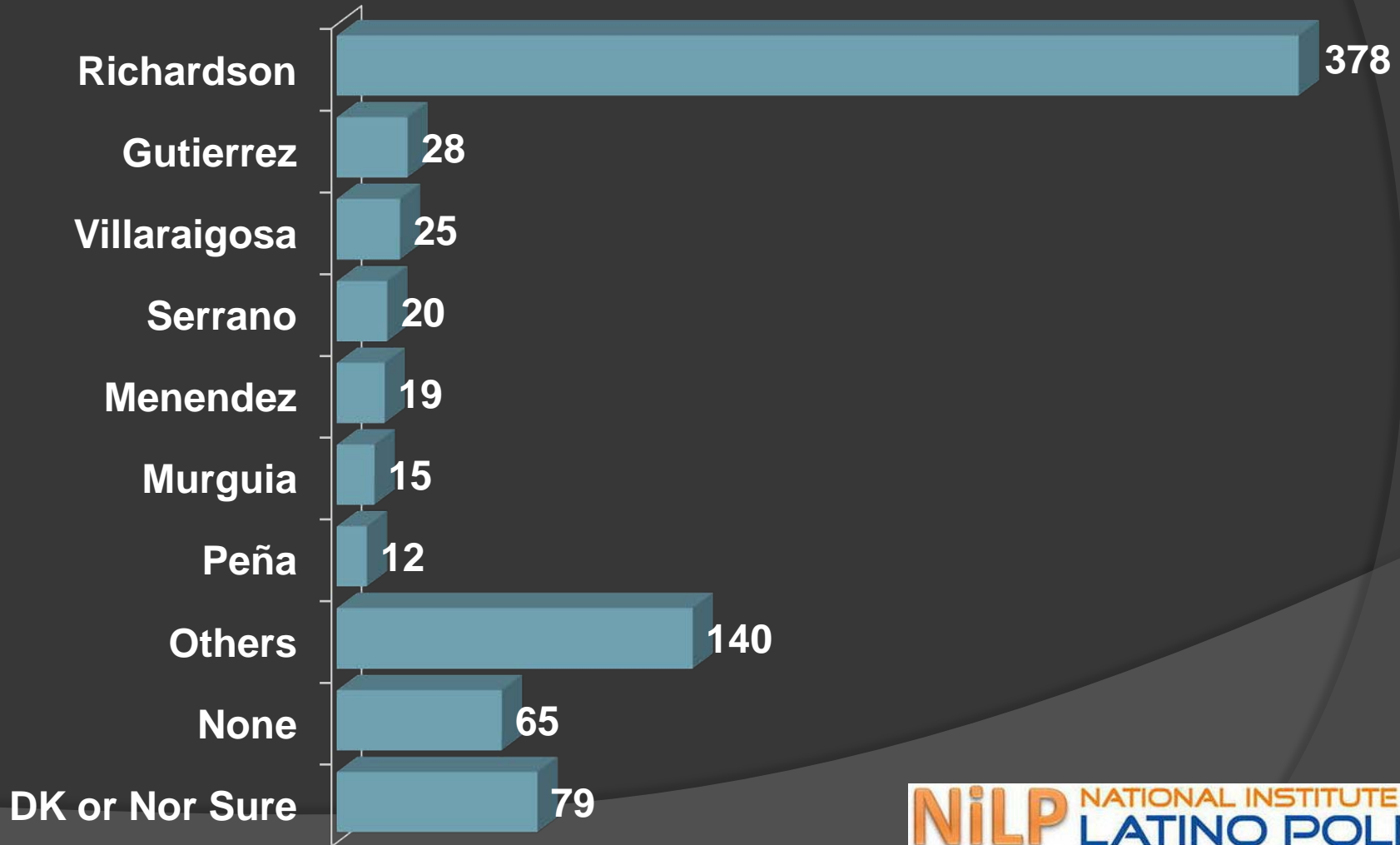
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# Most Influential Latinos at National Level

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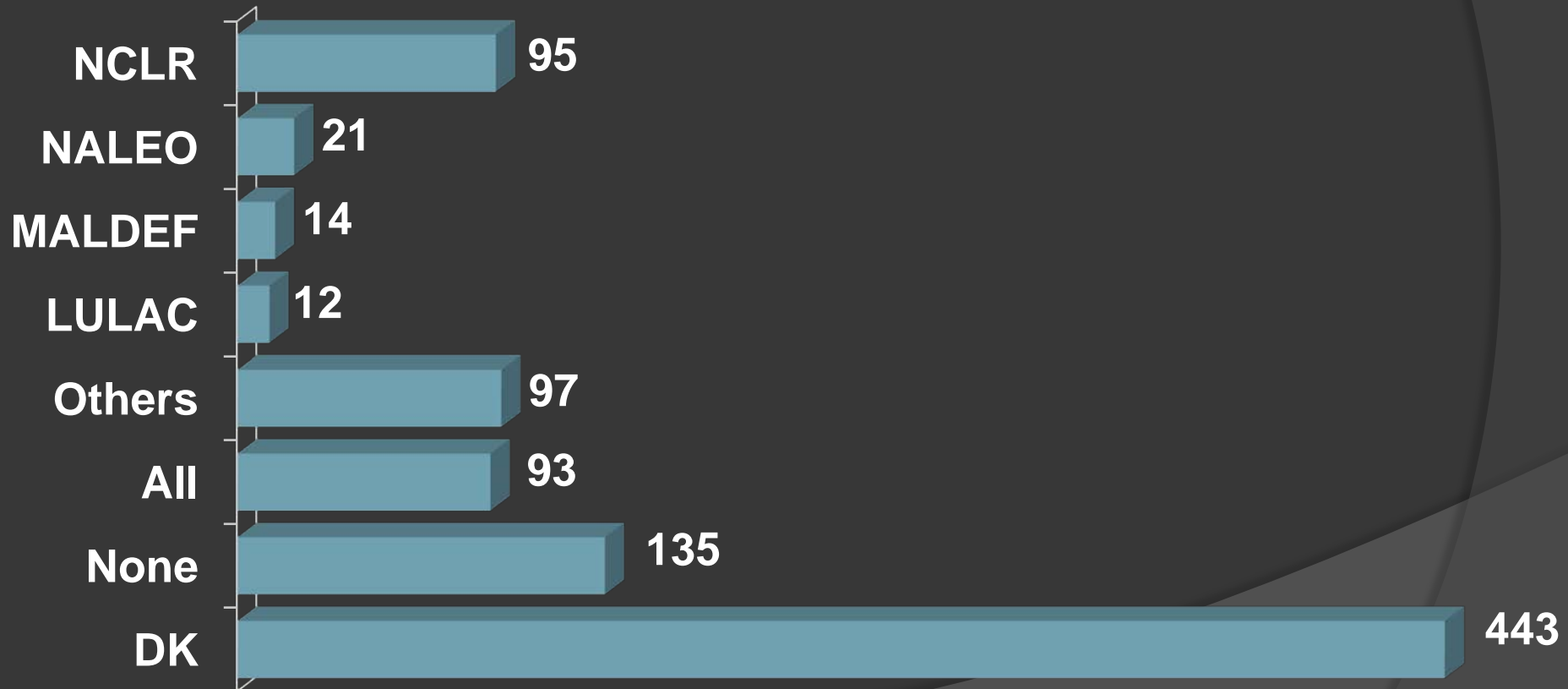


# Most Credible National Latino Organizations in Obama Transition

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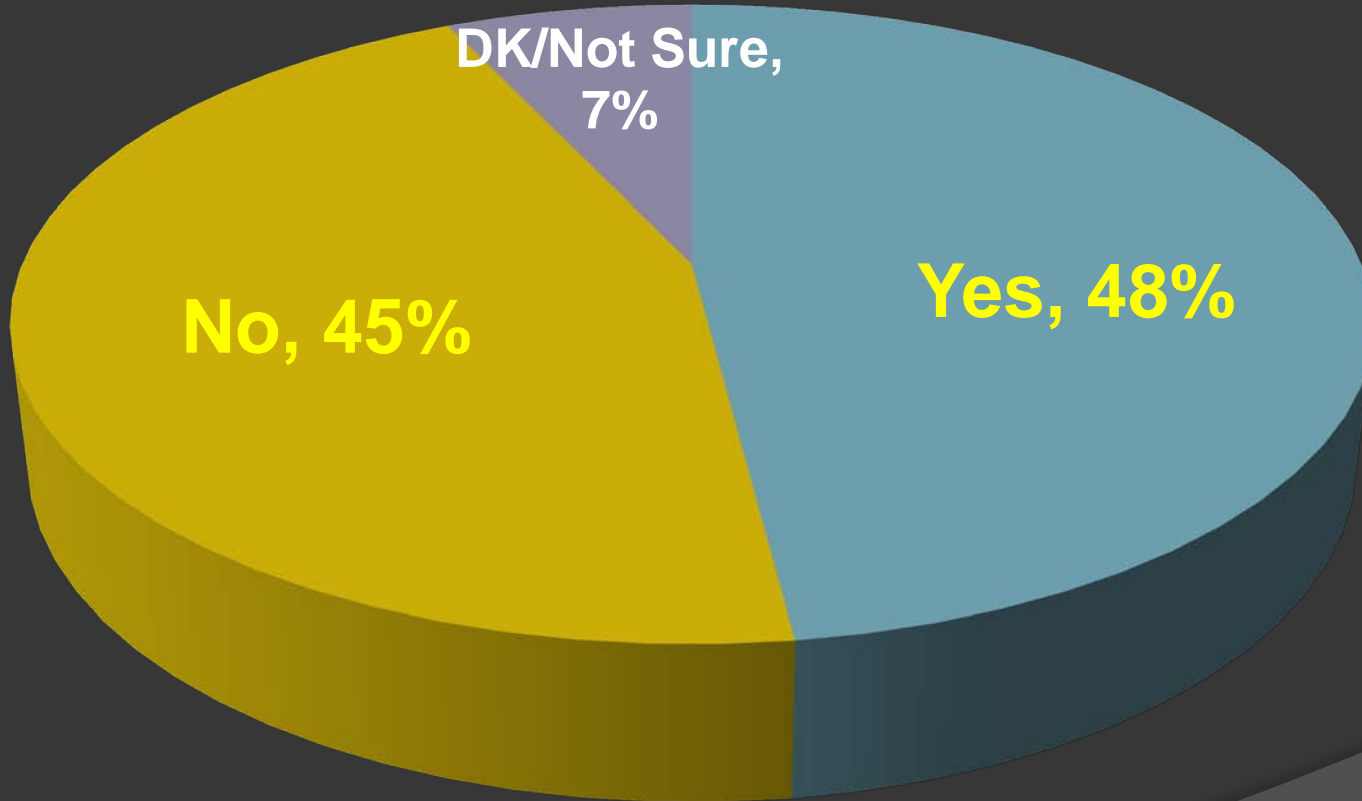
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# Common National Latino Agenda?

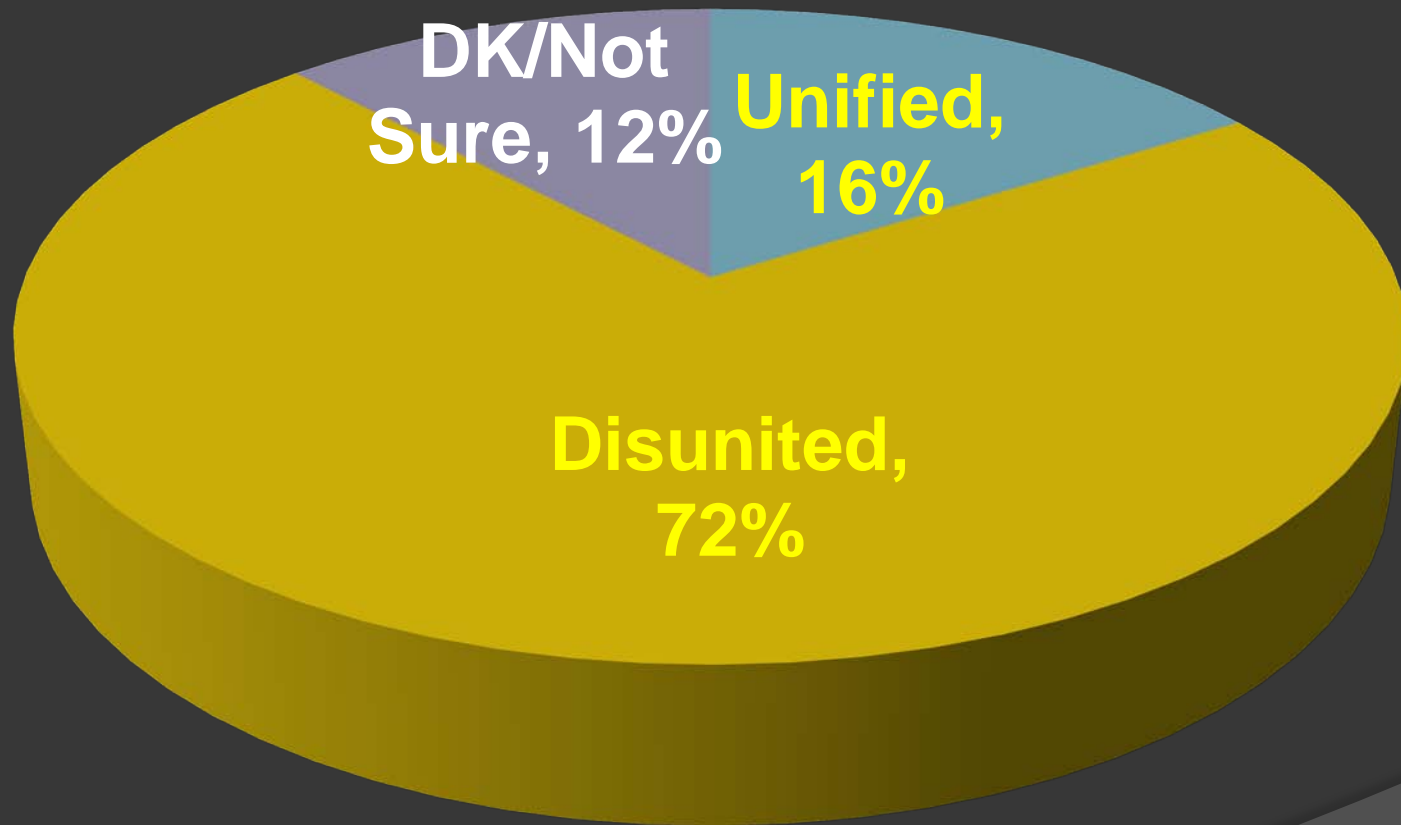
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# Latinos United as Political Block?

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