Trends in the Political Ideology of the Cuban-American Voter

Evidence from the Cuba Poll 1991-2011

Social Dimensions of Change in Cuban Miami



Demographic Changes

- Ideologies
- Norms
- Values
- Beliefs

- Groups
- Classes
- **Stratification**
- Politics
- Religious
- Kinship
- Education
- Economy ²

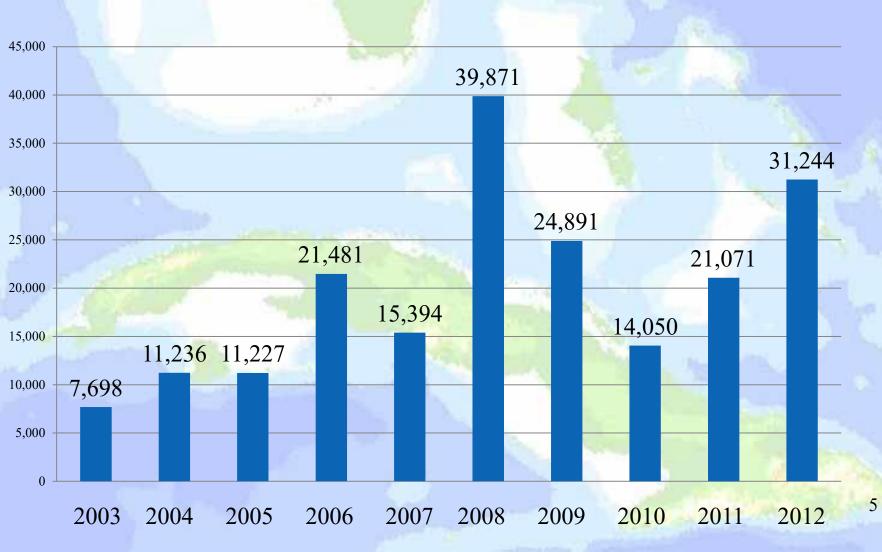
Next Few Minutes...

- Trends in Cuban Migration, Residency and Naturalization.
- How these trends have shaped Miami's Latino demographics.
- How these trends have shaped Cuban political ideology on US/Cuba relations.
- Final note on Cuban-American political exceptionalism.
- You should walk away with a sense of the changing nature of Cuban voter opinion towards US/Cuba Relations and the forces that are ineluctably creating the changes.

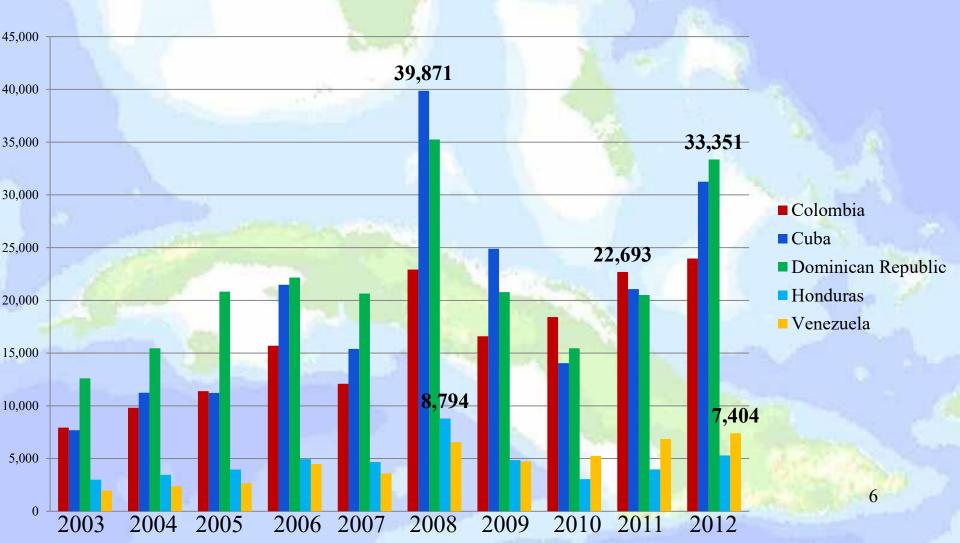
Cubans Receiving Permanent Resident Status by Decades



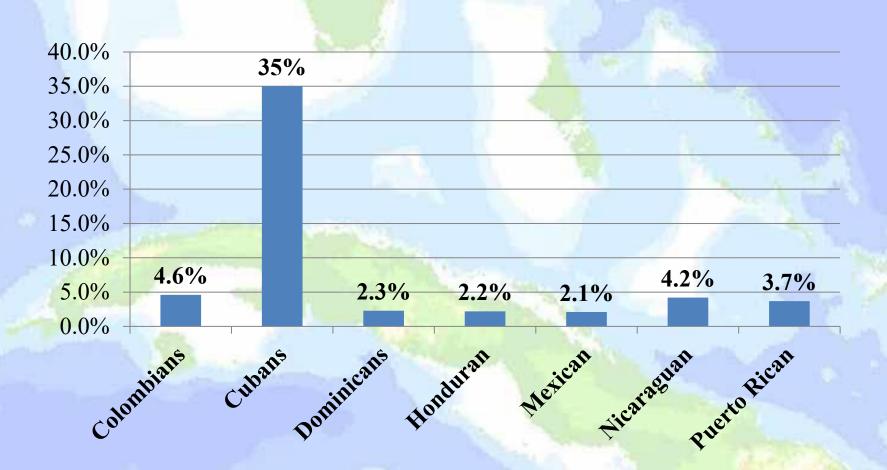
Cubans Naturalized 2003-2012

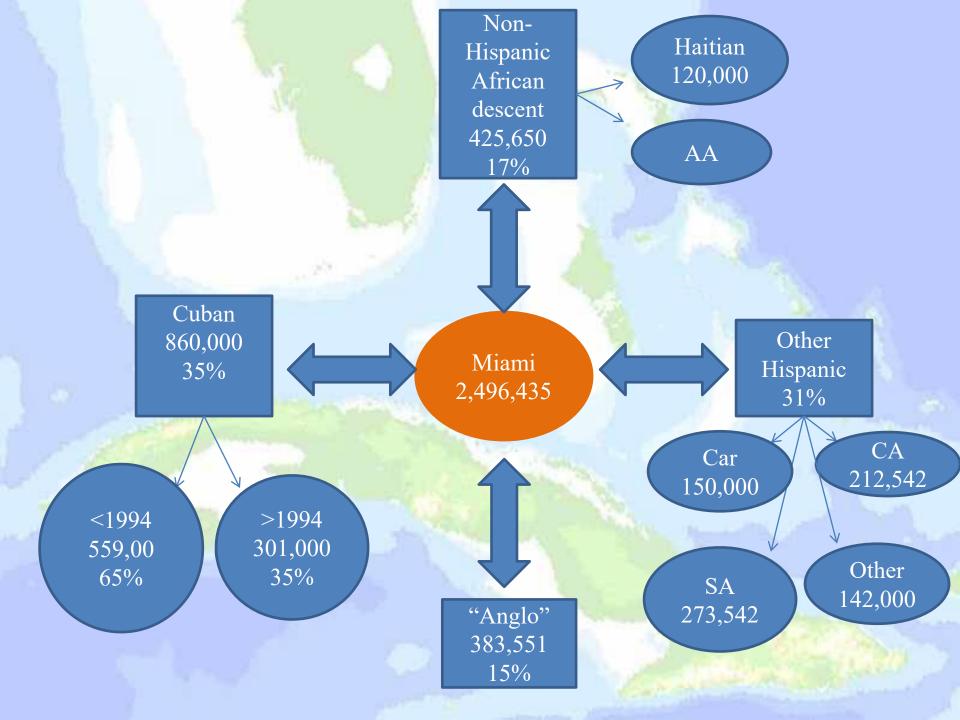


Comparative Rates of Naturalization of Selected Latino Groups 2003-2012



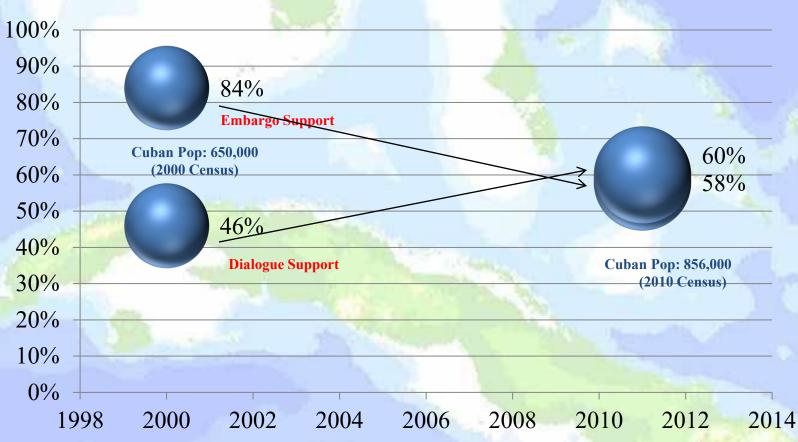
Latino Origin Population Percent of Total Population (2% or more) 2010



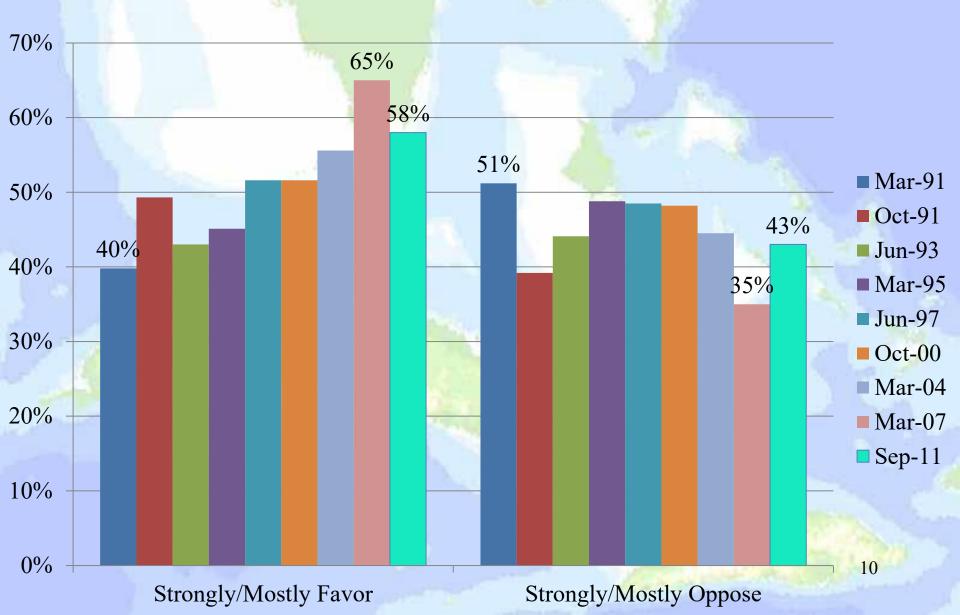


1990 Polls vs 2000 Polls

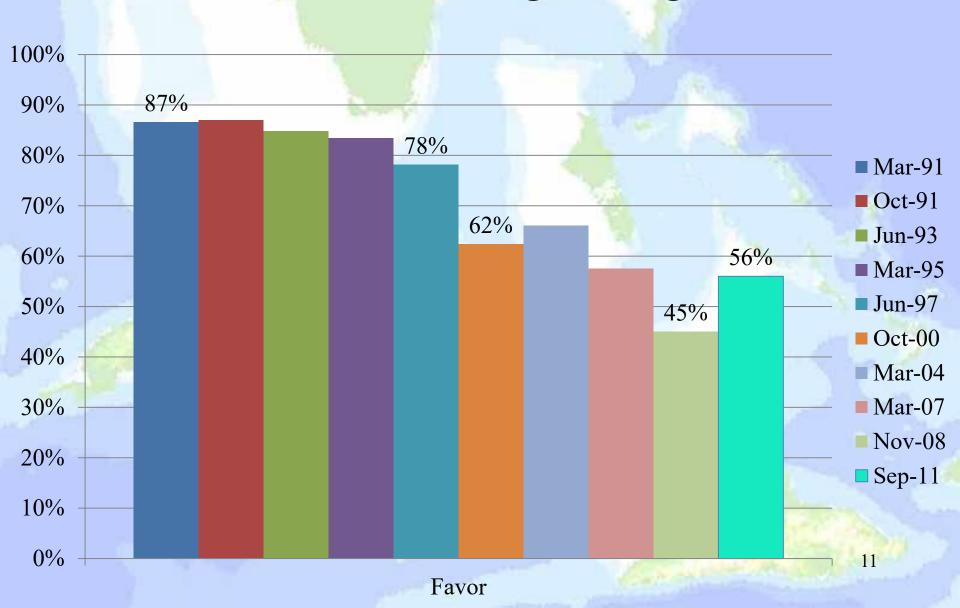
Average of Responses Support for Embargo and Support for Dialogue



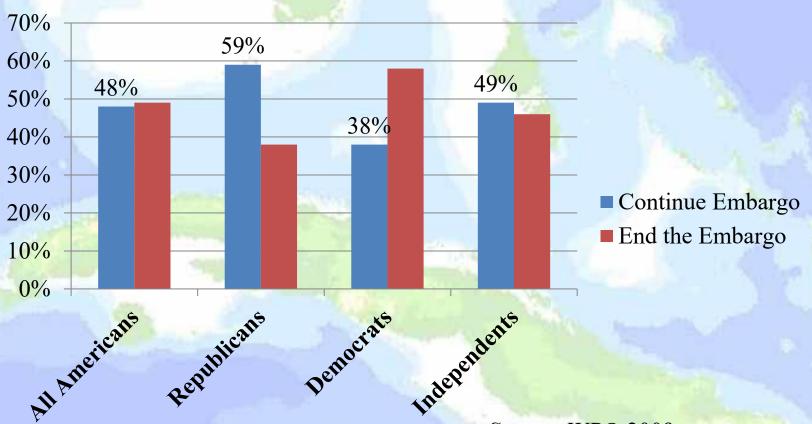
Establishing a Dialogue



Favor Continuing Embargo



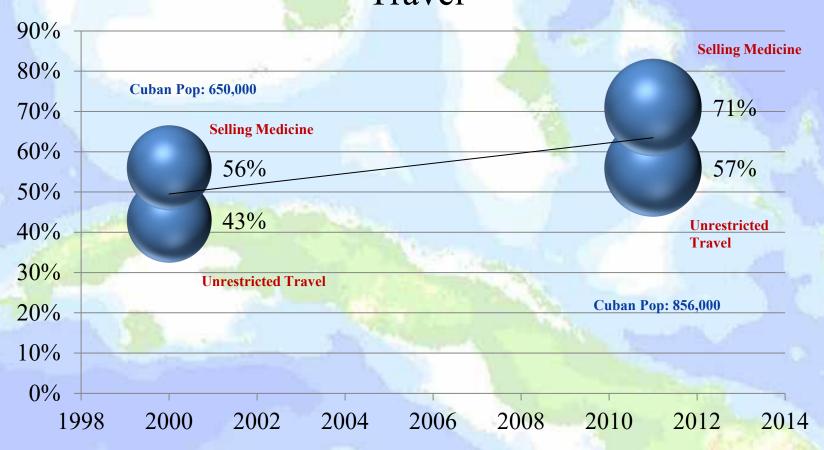
Do you think that the United States should continue the trade embargo with Cuba or should the United States end the trade embargo and permit normal trade with Cuba?



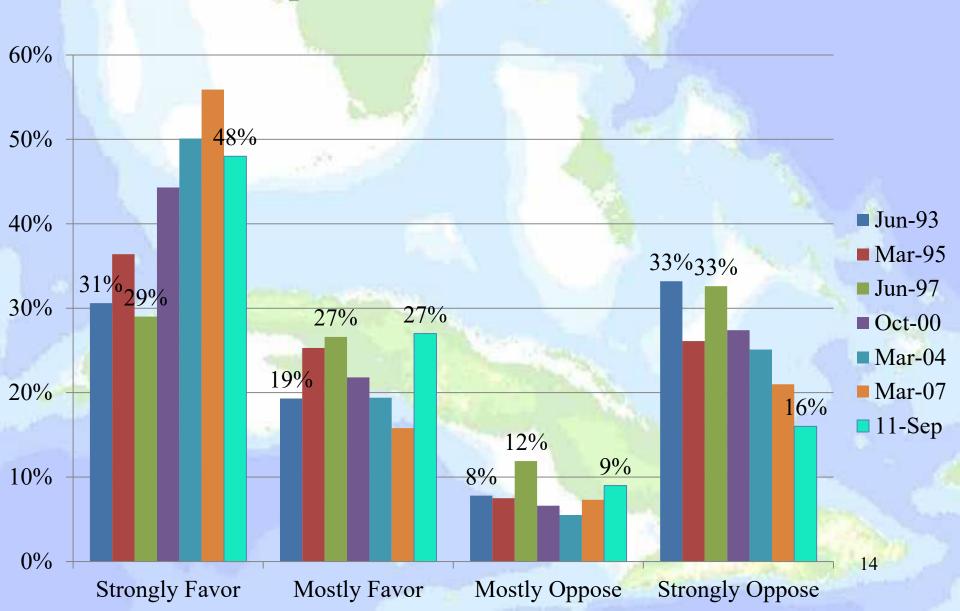
Source: WPO 2009

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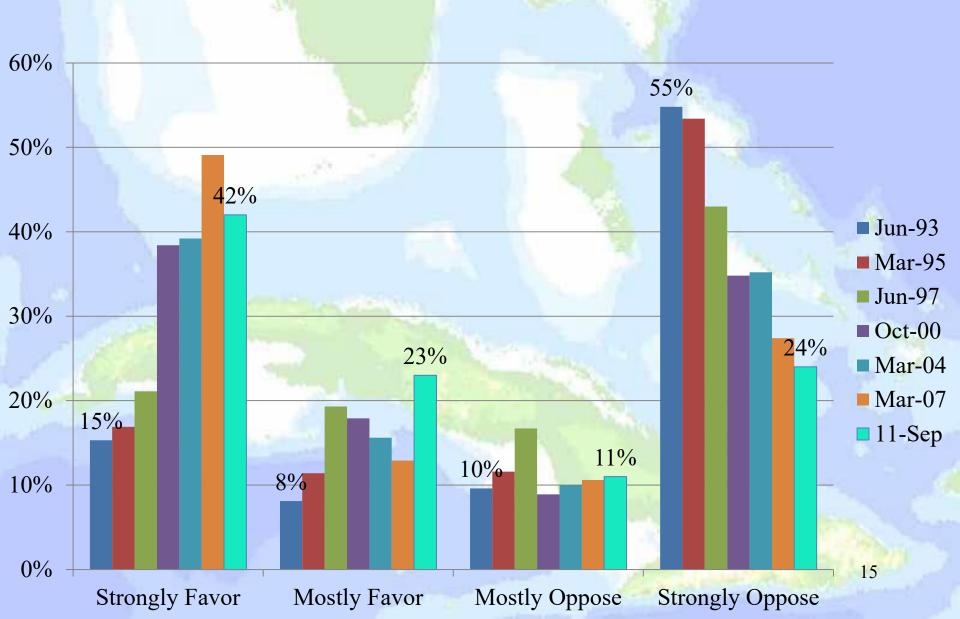
Average of Responses
Support for Selling Medicines and Unrestricted
Travel



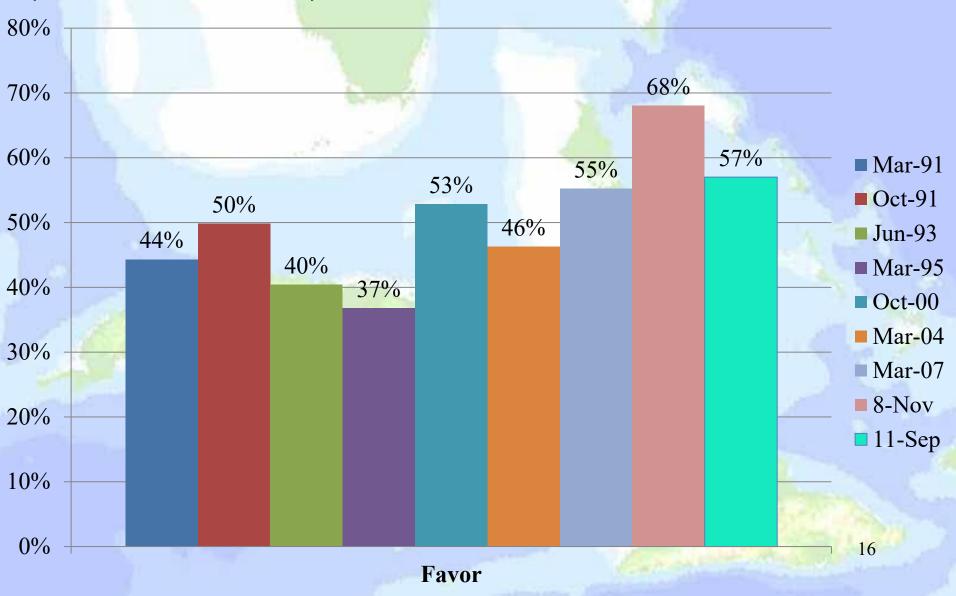
Allow companies to sell medicine to Cuba?



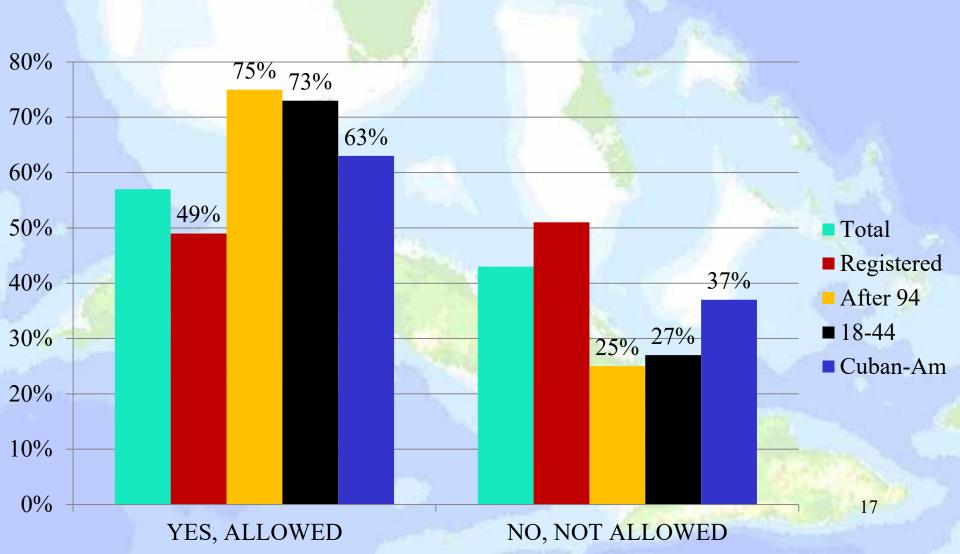
Allow companies to sell food to Cuba?



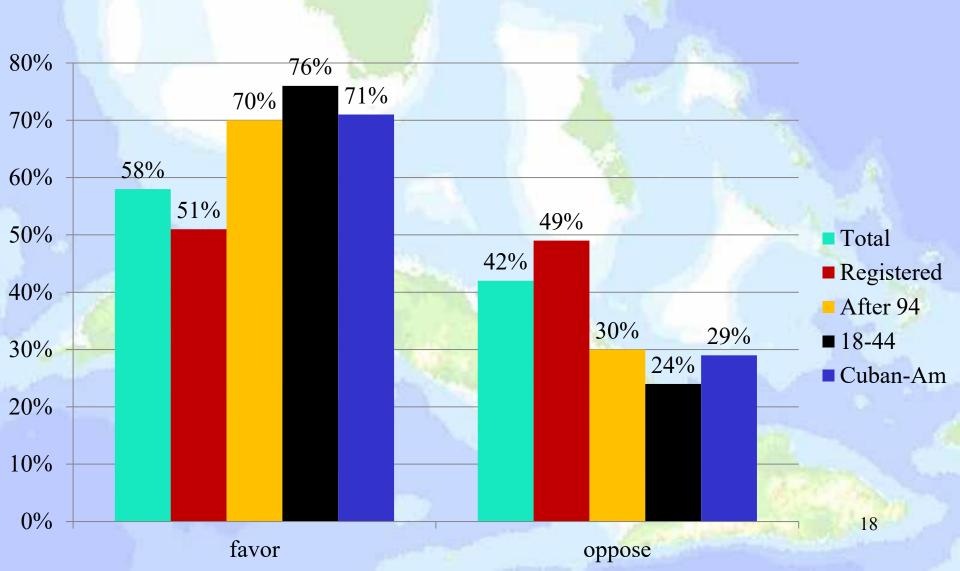
Should unrestricted travel from U.S. to Cuba be allowed (for all Americans)?



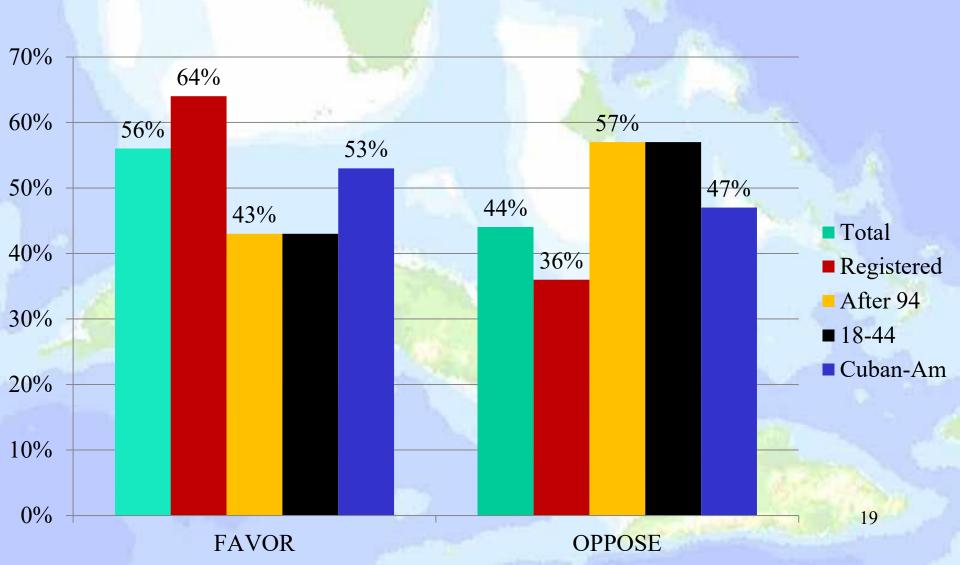
Should unrestricted travel by all Americans to Cuba be allowed or not?



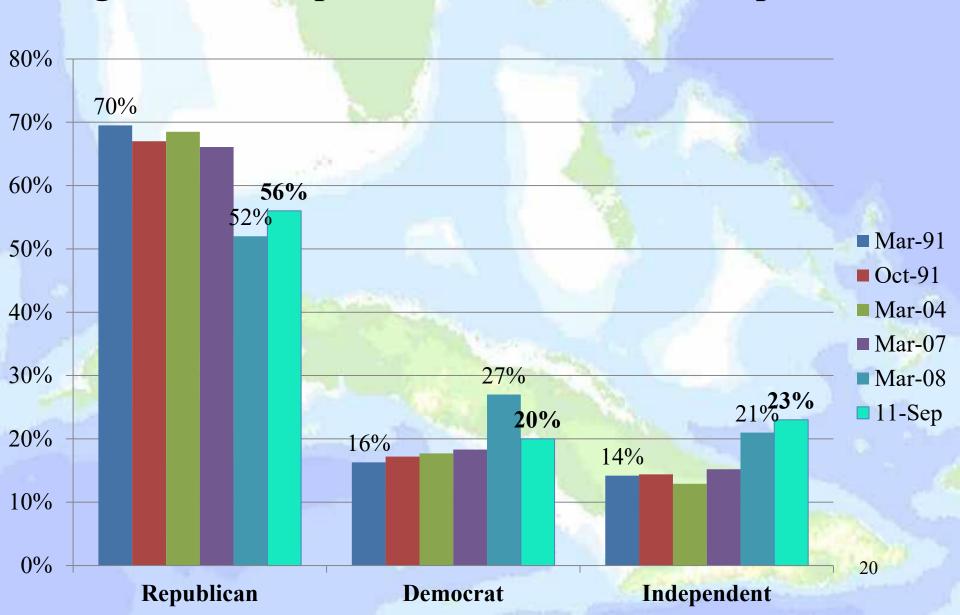
Do you favor or oppose the U.S. re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba?



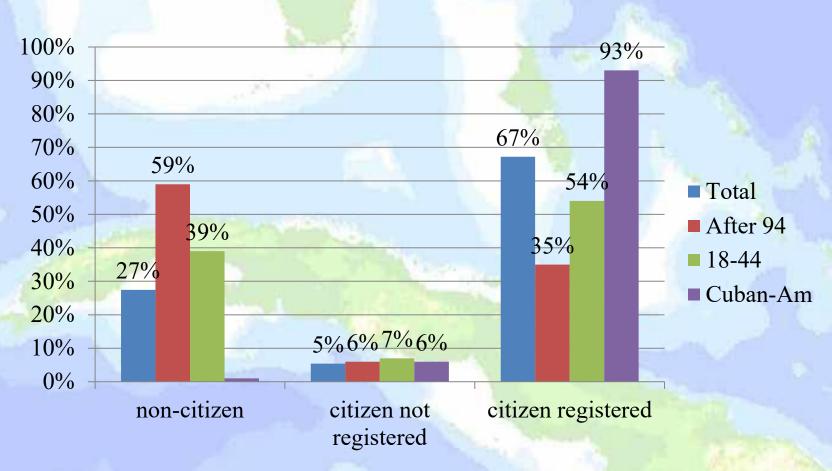
Do you favor or oppose continuing the U.S. embargo of Cuba?



Registered as Republican, Democrat or Independent?



Voter Registration Cubans in Miami 2011



Among Multiple Identities- What is The Primary Identification among Latino Sub-Groups

Latino sub-groups in Florida	American	National Origi <mark>n</mark>	Pan-ethnic (Latino)
Cuban	27.0%	24.9%	38.4%
Puerto Rican	21.1	28.9	46.4
Mexican	7.8	36.4	47.3
Dominican	12.8	32.1	44.9
South American	24.5	32.7	34.7
Central American	22.5	43.7	29.6

LATINO GROUP PERCEPTIONS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMMONALITIES

Thinking about issues like job opportunities, education or income, how much do your ethnic subgroup have in common with other Latinos or Hispanics? Would you say [ethnic subgroup] share a lot in common, some things in common, little in common, or nothing in common with other Latinos?

LATINO SUB-GROUPS IN FLORIDA	NONE/ LITTLE	SOME/ A LOT
Cubans	18.2%	71.2%
Puerto Ricans	13.2	80.2
Mexicans	19.4	72.1
Dominicans	14.1	80.7
South Americans	15.3	77.6
Central Americans	15.5	80.3

NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT

LATINO GROUP PERCEPTIONS OF POLITICAL COMMONALITIES

Now thinking about things like government services and employment, political power and representation, how much do [ethnic subgroup] have in common with other Hispanics or Latinos? Would you say [ethnic subgroup] share a lot in common, some things in common, little in common, or nothing in common with other

LATINO SUB-GROUPS IN FLORIDA	NONE/ LITTLE	SOME/ A LOT
Cubans	18.6%	78.7%
Puerto Ricans	22.3	71.0
Mexicans	27.9	60.5
Dominicans	23.0	67.9
South Americans	34.7	56.2
Central Americans	33.8	59.2