

## Nate Silver on the Latino Vote

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Nate Silver, who authors the indispensable fivethirtyeight blog at the New York Times, [writes that polls missed an average 2.3 percent](#) [1] advantage for Democrats in states with large Latino populations. Silver does not examine the impact of down-ballot races that featured Latino candidates. But, he does note that pollsters are going to have to look at this in the future: Latinos who prefer to speak Spanish are also especially likely to vote Democratic, and pollsters that do not conduct bi-lingual polls may miss a key, and growing, part of the electorate.

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[1] <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/11/03/did-polls-underestimate-democrats-latino-vote/>