Executive Summary

As America becomes more ethnically and culturally diverse, it's essential to understand how the rapid increase in Spanish speakers is impacting perceptions about the role of language in business, education, and public policy. This national survey demonstrates that both Spanish and non-Spanish speaking likely voters value the Spanish language's impact on American culture and that businesses and political parties stand to benefit by communicating, educating, and engaging in Spanish.

Most believe the Spanish language is **important** in shaping American culture—including non-Spanish speaking likely voters.



Most likely voters have a more **positive impression of businesses** that advertise or provide information in Spanish.

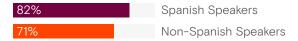
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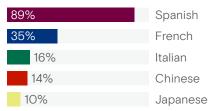
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The majority of both Spanish- and non-Spanish speaking likely voters believe it's **important** Spanish is taught in schools.



Spanish is considered by far the most **important** second language for their child to learn.



It is important to most for non-Spanish-speaking elected officials to **communicate to Spanish-speaking constituents in Spanish**.

72%	Spanish Speakers
59%	Non-Spanish Speakers

No matter their language, most think it's likely that the U.S. will **elect a president in the next 25 years** whose first language is Spanish.

Majorities from both parties believe their party is effective in reaching and engaging with Spanish-speaking voters.

Spanish-Speaking Democrats

62%	Effective
20%	Neither / I Don't Know
18%	Ineffective

Non-Spanish Speaking Democrats

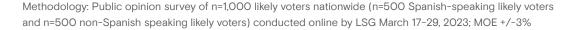
57%	Effective
29%	Neither / I Don't Know
14%	Ineffective

Spanish-Speaking Republicans

69%	Effective
17%	Neither / I Don't Know
14%	Ineffective

Non-Spanish Speaking Republicans

45%	Effective
26%	Neither / I Don't Know
19%	Ineffective





Culture & Education

Most believe the Spanish language is **important** in shaping American culture—including non-Spanish speaking likely voters.



The vast majority **overestimate** how many Spanish speakers the United States has (only 16% of the respondents answered correctly).

At the same time, both groups **underestimate** how long Spanish has been spoken in the continental United States (only 20% of the respondents answered correctly).



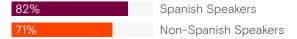
The vast majority of Spanish-speaking likely voters **learned Spanish from their families growing up** (85%).

This could explain why, for most Spanish-speaking likely voters, their fluency is an important part of their identity (79%).

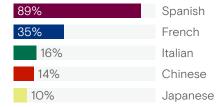
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Respondents identified **our multicultural society and the competitive advantage** as the top reasons why it's important to teach Spanish in schools.

Multicultural Society. America is a multicultural society and being able to speak and understand Spanish helps students better interact with Spanish-speaking Americans.

52%	Spanish Speakers
46%	Non-Spanish Speakers

Competitive Advantage. Being able to speak Spanish provides a competitive advantage for students when they enter the workforce.

47%	Spanish Speakers
38%	Non-Spanish Speakers



Politics & Business

Both Spanish- and non-Spanish speaking likely voters believe the top political issues for lawmakers to address are inflation and the rising cost of living, the economy, and health care.

Inflation & Rising Cost of Living **W** Health Care

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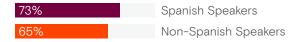
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Most believe their party should spend more time and resources reaching out to Spanish speakers.

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The majority also agree it is **important** for major political events to be broadcasted in both English and Spanish.



Half of Spanish speakers watch as much or more Spanish-language news as English, and a plurality believe it's just as relevant.

58% of Spanish-speaking likely voters are more likely to frequent a business that advertises in Spanish.

Most have a more **positive** impression of businesses that advertise in Spanish.

72%	Spanish Speakers
52%	Non-Spanish Speakers

A plurality believe American companies are using the right amount of Spanish in their advertising.

44%	Spanish Speakers
44%	Non-Spanish Speakers

A majority of Spanish-speaking likely voters are more likely to frequent a business whose employees speak Spanish amongst themselves and to Spanish-speaking customers.

