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ANALYSIS

Latino vote shifting away from Trump, GOP



Majorities of Latino voters believe that their economic fortunes have declined since President Donald Trump returned to the White House. Moreover, they expect the situation to worsen over the next year. In March, The Economist reported that Trump's support among Latinos had fallen to 22%. ALLISON DINNER/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Trend could sway outcome of 2026 midterms

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THE CONVERSATION

In the 2024 election, President Donald Trump dramatically improved his performance among nearly all groups of voters from four years earlier. Trump's growth among Hispanic voters was especially notable, increasing by more than 10 points from 2020 to 2024, at least according to exit polls.

This led to a considerable amount of commentary speculating that Hispanic voters, historically more supportive of Democrats, might continue shifting toward the GOP.

News reports suggesting Latinos were critical to Trump's 2024 victory were, in our view, overblown. Even if Latinos had not shifted, Trump still

would have won in 2024.

Yet there is no question that over the past three election cycles, Latino voters – Latino men under 40, in particular – have shifted right. That change has benefited GOP candidates, even as the majority of Latinos still voted for Democrats.

However, evidence from general elections in 2025 in places such as New Jersey, New York and Virginia, as well as special elections in 2026, suggests an abrupt correction is underway, with some of the Latino voters who backed Trump now swinging back to the Democrats.

As political scientists and pollsters who study Hispanic voting trends, we are concerned with the question of whether these latest movements are

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ICE agents look over lists of names and hearing times inside a courthouse before making arrests on June 27 in New York City. Latinos are overwhelmingly opposed to federal troops in U.S. cities, according to polling.

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Anna Paulina Luna, R-Florida, and fellow Rep. Nancy Mace, R-South Carolina, are among the women in Congress trying to hold prominent figures accused of hurting women accountable.

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Women in Congress work to fight abuse

Dem, GOP legislators aim to hold men accountable

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WASHINGTON – When two of their colleagues faced mounting accusations of sexual assault and misconduct earlier in April, the two most powerful leaders in the House of Representatives – both men – refused to demand their resignations.

Women in Congress weren't having it. In a matter of days, rank-and-file female lawmakers banded together across party lines to oust Eric Swalwell and Tony Gonzales. Rather than face being removed from office after embarrassing votes of their peers, the California Democrat and Texas Republican resigned within an hour of each other.

It was a striking demonstration of bipartisan resolve on Capitol Hill. And on the heels of the overwhelming approval of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, it was just the latest example of women legislators teaming up, at odds with the men in charge of Congress, to force accountability for prominent figures accused of hurting women.

As the Swalwell allegations reached a fever pitch, two congresswomen in particular – Anna Paulina Luna, a Florida Republican, and Teresa Leger

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Hegseth faces articles of impeachment

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Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives have introduced articles of impeachment against Secretary of War Pete Hegseth.

On April 15, Rep. Yassamin Ansari, D-Arizona, introduced the seven-page impeachment resolution, a copy of which was first obtained by Axios.

The resolution centers on U.S. operations in Iran, the "Signalgate" controver-



Ansari

sy and Hegseth's alleged personal misconduct.

Ansari, the president of House Democrats' freshman class and a daughter of Iranian immigrants, alleged earlier in April that Hegseth is complicit in what she described as a "devastating, illegal war." She further accused the Trump administration of escalating actions that she says threaten civilian infrastructure and could amount to war crimes.

"Hegseth's reckless endangerment of U.S. service members and repeated war crimes, including bombing a girls' school in Minab, Iran, and willfully targeting civilian infrastructure, are grounds for impeachment and removal from office," Ansari said in a statement.

Basis for impeachment articles

Five articles of impeachment are being brought against Hegseth.

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Secretary of War Pete Hegseth faces articles of impeachment over the Iran war, "Signalgate" and alleged personal misconduct. KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS FILE

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