
Swing Voter Reality Checks & The Latino G.O.P. Revolt

New polling of moderate women shows that one in five can't cover basic expenses, and nearly half say their finances worsened this year. Meanwhile, Latino House Republicans are going public against Trump's deportation policies, with Rep. Maria Salazar out front.



Florida Rep. Maria Salazar, 2026 Photo: Nathan Posner/Anadolu/Getty Images



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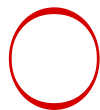
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ur friends at Galvanize Action, who regularly survey moderate women, have given us another early look at their latest **polling**... and the results are bleak. About one in five respondents said they cannot cover basic expenses—up from 12 percent in January and 16 percent in May. And nearly *half* (46 percent) said their finances had grown “somewhat” or “much worse” this year. That’s not what the party in power wants to hear heading into Election Day. Notably, inflation remains around 3.4 percent. Gas averaged \$2.84 per gallon nationally in January and \$4.48 today.

Galvanize also asked the women if they trusted mail-in ballots. Nearly half (47 percent) said they had no trust in mail-in ballots—a sign that **Trump**’s attempts to sow doubts about election integrity are having an effect. Thirty-four percent plan to vote for Democratic candidates and 28 percent for Republicans, and 21 percent are still undecided. That last figure is particularly noteworthy, and it’s yet more evidence that moderate women are particularly swingy this cycle: In the recent New York Times/Siena **poll**, which included men, only 9 percent of likely independent voters hadn’t decided which party to support. —*Leigh Ann Caldwell*

Political Daylight Saving Time

The grumbling among Latino House Republicans—who have frequently warned Donald Trump’s executive and political staff that the administration’s indiscriminate deportation policies could erase the party’s gains with Latino voters—has become an air horn. Last week, South Florida Rep. **Maria Salazar**, the loudest critic behind the scenes, released a new ad standing in front of the White House and telling the president to “be careful of what some of your advisors are telling you about immigration policy.” South Texas Rep. **Monica De**

La Cruz followed with a testimonial ad highlighting a DACA-recipient constituent who was wrongly detained despite “doing things the right way.”

Notably, Trump seems to recognize that Latino Republican candidates need the space to criticize him if they’re going to retain their seats. He told White House reporters this week that he still endorses Salazar despite her not being as “strong on the borders” as he is. (Today Salazar told CBS News that the president had been “very receptive” and continued praising him.) Indeed, House G.O.P. campaign strategists told me that this is the season when lawmakers traditionally break with the party in power, offering incumbents a

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everyone know that if she does, she was right and they were wrong.” —*Marianna Sotomayor*



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