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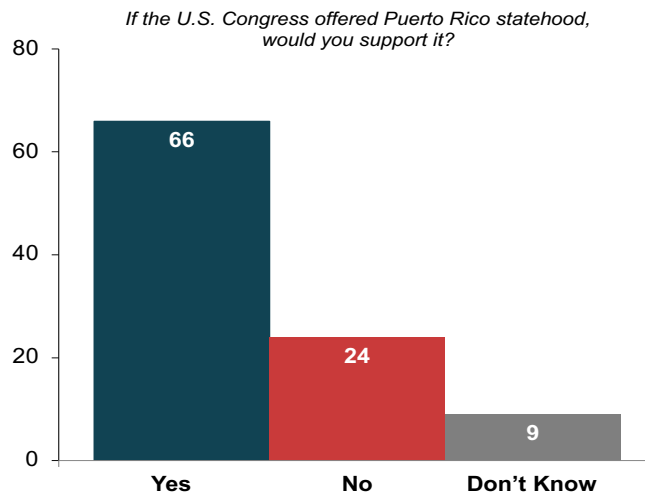
To: Interested Parties

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Re: Summary of Polling among Puerto Rican Voters in New York

A recent poll among New York’s Puerto Rican diaspora reveals a voting bloc that strongly supports making Puerto Rico a U.S. state and overwhelmingly backs a straightforward yes / no vote on statehood. Support on these statehood proposals spans gender, age, and partisan divides among New York’s Puerto Rican community. Below are key findings from this survey.

New York Puerto Ricans are ready for Puerto Rican statehood. Two-thirds of survey respondents support Puerto Rican statehood if offered by Congress (66% yes, support / 24% no / 9% don’t know). Statehood also has broad, bipartisan support: 65% of Democrats, 78% of Republicans, and 67% of Independent Puerto Rican voters back U.S. statehood for Puerto Rico.



NY Puerto Ricans would vote for a pro-statehood candidate. Overall, 70% say they are more likely to support a candidate who will work aggressively to achieve U.S. statehood for Puerto Rico (70% more likely / 15% less likely / 8% makes no difference / 5% don’t know).

Puerto Ricans in New York say it is time for a yes/no statehood vote on the Island – and they would respect the outcome of that election. More than three-quarters of NY Puerto Ricans would support a yes or no vote on statehood in 2020.

Would you support or oppose Puerto Rico holding a straight statehood yes or no vote during its general election in November 2020?
78% Support / 13% Oppose / 10% Don't Know

And in a follow-up question, 75% of Puerto Ricans say that if the Island votes to pass statehood in a yes / no vote, they would support the outcome of that election.

If Puerto Ricans on the Island were to vote in favor of statehood in a yes / no vote, would you personally support or oppose the outcome of that election?
75% Support / 14% Oppose / 11% Don't Know

ALG Research conducted a telephone survey of N=500 likely November 2020 Puerto Rican voters statewide in New York, as well as an oversample of N=50 Puerto Rican voters in the 7th Congressional District. This bilingual survey was conducted between May 2- 6, 2019 by professional interviewers over both landline and cell phones. The survey has an overall margin of error of +/- 4.4% at the 95% level of confidence.