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# The Stakes are High in This Election

## Six things that might surprise you about this election

Addison Flores-Thorpe, May 16, 2016

As the 2016 election plot thickens, many Americans find themselves having questions about the election and whether their vote matters. Here are a few facts about the upcoming election that you may find surprising.

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#### **1. The Republican delegate allocation and the Democratic delegate allocation processes are different.**

In order to secure a presidential nomination in the Democratic Party, a candidate must win 2,383 delegates at the Democratic National Convention (DNC). At this year's DNC, there are expected to be 4,765 delegates.

The Republican party dictates that to win the nomination, a candidate must win 1,237 delegates at the Republican National Convention. This year, the RNC expects to have 2,472 delegates.

#### **2. Today, 40 percent of millennials identify as non-white, making them the most diverse voting generation in history.**

If there was ever a time for minority votes to count, the time would be now. With almost half of voters identifying as non-white, the minority voice is growing louder and louder. This means that candidates like Trump, who spew racist dialogue, should worry about what they're saying and who they're talking about.

#### **3. Out of the 215 million citizens in the U.S. who are over 18 and eligible to vote, only 153 million are registered.**

According to U.S. Census data, 63 million eligible voters are unable to cast their vote because they are not registered. That's 63 million votes that could affect change on the world, but instead are left as untapped potential. Voter registration is now as simple as going online! Go to [vote.usa.gov](http://vote.usa.gov) to register now.

#### **4. Hispanic voters have the lowest turnout of any other minority in the U.S.**

According to Gallup, in the last election only 51 percent of Hispanic voters were registered, compared to the 85 percent of white voters, 60 percent of Asian voters, and 81 percent of black voters who were registered. Currently, the Hispanic vote counts more than previous elections. Given Donald Trump's anti-Hispanic tendencies and New Mexico Republican's anit-immigrant policy stances the stakes are high for the Hispanic community in 2016. Hispanic voters should make it a point to register and vote this coming November to ensure that their voice is heard.

#### **5. Down ballot races matter.**

Though all the attention tends to be on the presidential race, New Mexico has some very important races down the ballot this year. This November we have the

opportunity to elect a Secretary of State that will bring integrity back to the office, to take back the majority in the New Mexico House of Representatives, and increase our majority in the New Mexico Senate. Not only that, local city council and county clerk positions can affect the everyday lives of our communities, and ensuring we elect Democrats up and down the ballot will be imperative to ensure we move New Mexico forward.

#### **6. No matter who wins the nomination, Democrats need to stick together.**

Whether you #feelthebern or say #imwither, it is important to remember that no matter what, a Democrat should be in the White House. So as the general election moves closer and Democratic nomination is decided, it is important to keep in mind that Democrats are working to build an economy that benefits all New Mexicans.



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# New Mexico GOP Trump Endorsement Is Out of Step with New Mexican Values

Adan J. Serna, May 16, 2016

ALBUQUERQUE – At the dismay of many, Republican candidate Donald Trump clinched the Republican nomination for President. With Ted Cruz and John Kasich having left the race, Trump is the presumptive nominee for the Republicans.

Shortly after Trump was named the winner of the Republican primary in Indiana, the New Mexico GOP endorsed him. In an email blast earlier this week, the Republicans are calling on supporters to donate to Trump and his hateful

campaign, despite many Republicans worrying about the direction of the party. With the New Mexico GOP endorsing Trump, all Republican candidates in our state will be following his lead.

Just months ago, Trump called for a wall across the southern border of the United States and called Mexicans “rapists” and “criminals.” With New Mexico largely being a state made up of Hispanics, his divisive and hateful rhetoric isn’t welcome. And throughout his campaign

Trump has constantly insulted women in the press, women in government, women candidates, and even women in his own family.

Former House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) has called Trump “Lucifer in the flesh.” How does the New Mexico GOP expect New Mexicans to support a man who perpetuates racism and holds harmful attitudes toward women, and has no idea how he will run the

country? Trump’s ideas are out of step with New Mexico values and we need to make sure New Mexicans know if Republican candidates across the state support his racist rhetoric and reckless policy ideas.

While the Republicans in our state work to elect a reckless candidate, Democrats are working to elect a proven and effective leader. The Democratic primary debates have been based on substantive issues like economic development, income inequity,

civil rights, and foreign policy. Meanwhile, in Republican debates, Trump disparaged women and minorities on an almost constant basis, even going on a rant about moderator Megyn Kelly with sexist attacks after one debate.

There are two options for the future of this country: We can elect a man whose vitriol and hate

mongering puts even his own supporters at risk, or we can work toward electing a Democrat who will continue leading the charge on issues that matter. There is a stark contrast between Trump, a flamboyant and offensive candidate, and the Democratic candidates with proven records, grassroots support, and the will and dedication to serve all Americans. While Republicans want to build a wall, Democrats want to build relationships.

It is vital that we come together to elect Democrats to all levels of government. The deadline to register to vote in the Democratic primary is May 10th, and the primary will be on June 7th.



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# Thanking Democratic Leaders for Protecting New Mexico Workers

Sonia Gonzalez, May 16, 2016

Many gathered to be part of the last stop of the festivities in Santa Fe for the 2nd annual Gracias Bus Tour on May 1st. The final stop of the bus tour followed a week of successful events to thank our Democratic leaders for their work to protect New Mexico workers throughout the state. The tour began with the grand opening of 2016 Labor Headquarters in Las Cruces, continued to stops in Truth or Consequences, Los Lunas, Albuquerque, and ended in Santa Fe on International Workers' Day.

The day in Santa Fe included a Labor Film Festival which featured documentaries that informed viewers about the most recent fights in the labor movement. The Lensic Performing Arts Center buzzed with excitement as the lobby filled with people. The event was in full swing and the Bus was on display outside the venue, and the food was grilling.

The event ran from 1 to 9p.m., beginning with remarks from Democratic Senator Tom Udall and the documentary "Dream On" a in which workers from

across the country share their stories. From fast-food workers and retirees to prisoners and entrepreneurs to undocumented immigrants and community organizers the film covered the daily struggles of our communities. In New Mexico we're familiar with the struggles of individuals who are trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty. Democrats are at the forefront of these issues and looking out for what is best for our state.

After the film Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales, Senator Daniel Ivey- Soto, Representative Brian Egolf and Representative Stephanie Garcia Richards took the stage presenting "Waiting For Lefty", a short play depicting the time of the great depression and emphasizing the plight of workers and injustice. The audiences were engaged watching our elect officials. Though the play was set in the depression era, the themes are still relevant today. Governor Martinez and Republican officials in our state put the interests of corporations and campaign donors ahead of the interests of our working families. The festivities continued with a reception

with a witty keynote address by special guest Jim Hightower, National radio commentator, writer, public speaker, and New York Times best-selling author. Hightower is known for his work advocating for consumers, working families, environmentalists, small businesses

After the keynote the festival continued with the premier of "Salt of the Earth". A great end to a great event!

"The Gracias Bus tour was a huge success!" John Hendry, president of the NM Federation of Labor expressed his gratitude "We are thanking our leaders who stand with us and protect NM working families. Our brothers and sisters across New Mexico joined our coalition of several organization and unions in solidarity."

Democrats in our state are fighting every day to protect the rights of New Mexico workers, and DPNM was happy to participate in the 2nd Annual Gracias Bus Tour.



## Curry and Chaves County Dem. Voter Registration



Curry County Democrats Josefita Griego, Delia Laredo Aguilar and Ben Salazar working a voter registration table at a local grocery store in Clovis last weekend.



Chaves County Democrats set up a voter registration booth at Roswell's Cinco de Mayo Event. The registration drive was deemed a great success.

### MAY 17

Curry County Democrats  
Officer Elections  
(6:30 p.m.)

### MAY 18

Valencia County Democrats  
Central Committee Meeting  
(6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

### MAY 19

Doña Ana County Democrats  
Monthly Meeting  
(6 - 8 p.m.)

### MAY 21

Hidalgo County Democrats  
Hispanic Caucus Community  
and Voter Outreach Meeting  
(5 - 6 p.m.)  
  
Hidalgo County Democrats  
Meet and Greet Reception  
(6 - 8 p.m.)