

Poll Shows Cuban-Americans Split on Re-establishing U.S.-Cuba Ties



Miami, December 22 (RHC) — A poll published Saturday shows Cuban-Americans are almost evenly split on the normalization of ties between the U.S. and Cuba.

The survey, conducted by the firm Bendixen & Amandi International for the Miami Herald and Tampa Bay Times, showed that the new executive actions of U.S. President Barack Obama have greater support among younger generations of Cuban emigrants.

In average, 48 percent of those polled disagree with Obama and 44 percent agree. It also shows wide divisions among generations: Cuban-Americans under 65 widely support it, while those over 65 strongly oppose. Kansas City, MO

Separating results by age, among those aged 18 to 29 years, 53% support the policy change versus 36 that reject it; those 30 to 49 years old are 47% for it versus 45 against it; 58% of those 50-64 years old also support the measures while 38% reject them, and the situation is reversed only among the older, of whom 25 percent support President Obama's move, while 67 reject it.

When analyzed by country of birth, the poll shows only 37 percent of Cuba-born respondents have a favorable view of Obama, compared to 56 percent with an unfavorable opinion. For those born in the U.S., Obama's favorable rating is at 51 percent to 49 percent unfavorable.

Among registered voters, only 6 percent of Republican Cuban-Americans had a favorable view, compared to 73 percent of Democrats and 58 percent of independents.

While geographically speaking, Florida Cuban Americans opposed the normalization 56 percent to 35 percent; those who live elsewhere supported it 61 percent to 32 percent.

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