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THE STATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN NY-15

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In May 2020, Data for Progress used a text-to-web and web-panel survey of 323 likely voters in the Democratic primary of New York 15th Congressional Districting to gauge the state of the ongoing race. We found that it's currently a two-way race. The plurality (34 percent) of likely primary voters are still not sure about who they'll cast their ballot for. New York City Councilman Rubén Díaz Sr. currently leads the field at 22 percent of the vote, followed by New York City Councilman Ritchie Torres at 20 percent, with Assemblyman Michael Blake, Melissa Mark-Viverito and Councilman Ydanis Rodríguez at 6 percent. Samelys Lopez has two percent and Jonathan Ortiz, Julio Pabon and Tomas Ramos stand at 1 percent.

While Díaz Sr. holds a slight lead, Torres is only two-percentage-points behind. In 2013, Torres, at the age of twenty-five, became New York City's youngest elected official and the first openly L.G.B.T. person elected in the Bronx. Díaz Sr., meanwhile, has a history of homophobic and

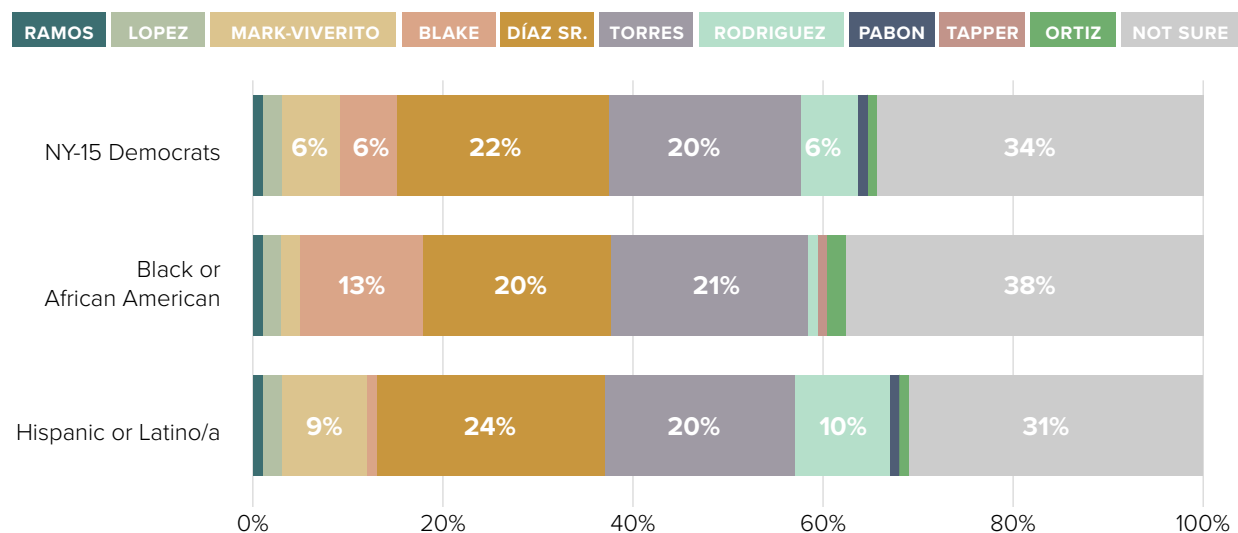
anti-choice statements. It is vital that progressives understand the importance of ensuring that Díaz Sr. is not elected to Congress, and consider supporting the most viable alternative.

In 2011, when he was in the state senate, Ruben Díaz Sr. was the only Democrat to vote against legalizing same-sex marriage. The New York Times reported that Díaz Sr.: “referred to gay people as ‘cursed,’ and placed them in the same category as ‘drug addicts.’ He was also opposed to the Gay Games coming to New York, saying it would lead to people being ‘infected with AIDS,’ and would teach children and young adults ‘that homosexuality is O.K., that it is not immoral or sinful behavior.’”

We also broke down responses according to race. We found that among black voters, 38 percent weren't sure, 21 percent were backing Torres, 20 percent for Díaz Sr., and 13 percent for Blake. Among Latinx voters, 31 percent weren't sure while 24 percent were supporting Díaz Sr. and 20 percent supporting Torres. Rodríguez sat at 10 percent.

The Race for the Democratic Nomination in NY-15 is Still Up for Grabs

In the Democratic Congressional Primary in New York, who would you support?



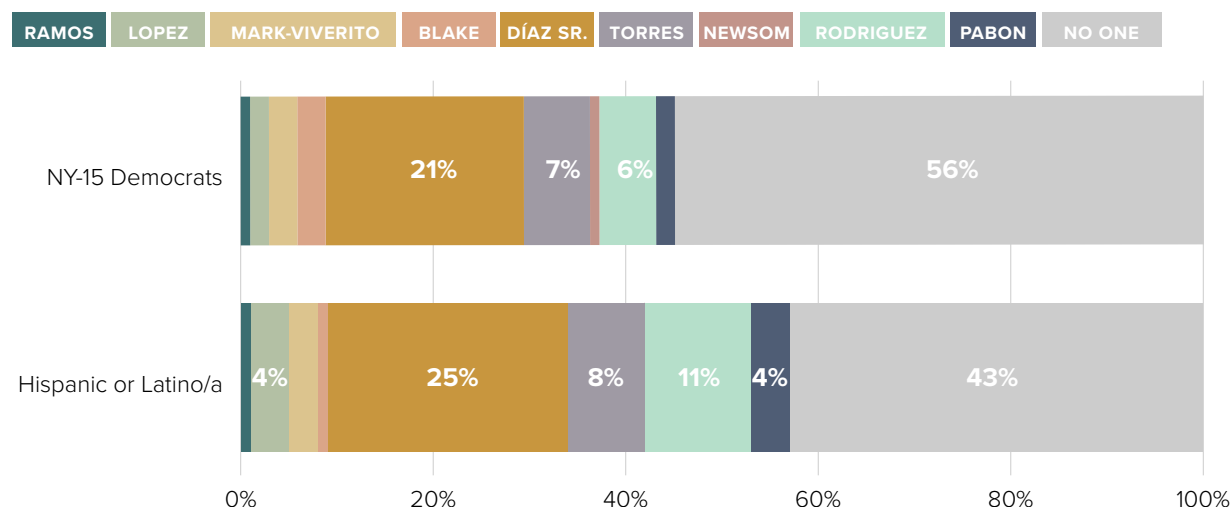
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We then re-asked those who responded that they weren't sure who they were considering supporting. A majority (56 percent) reported that they aren't yet leaning towards any of the candidates in particular. Twenty-percent reported that they were leaning towards Díaz Sr., with Torres picking up seven percent. Rodriguez, meanwhile, picked up six percent of undecideds.

We also asked likely primary voters in the district if they think gay or lesbian relations are morally acceptable or morally wrong. Seventy-three percent of voters think it's morally acceptable while only 27 percent of voters think it's morally unacceptable.

Most Undecideds are Currently Opting for No One

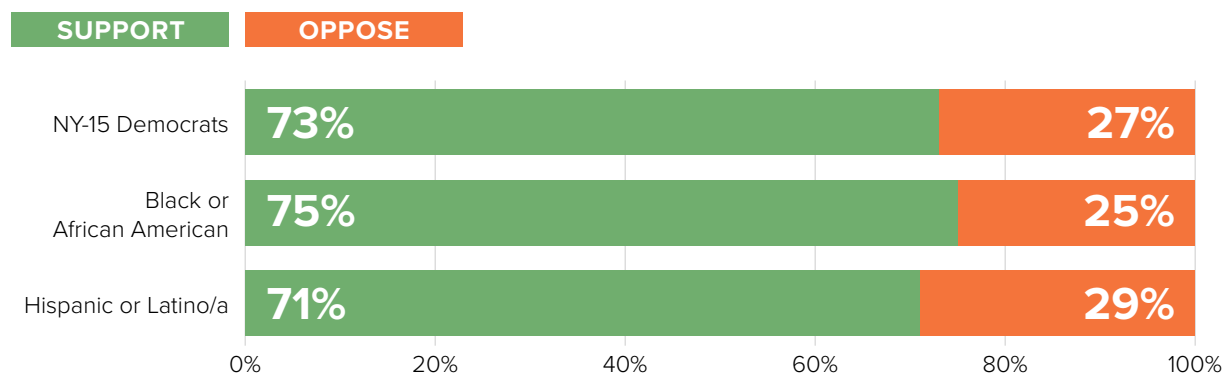
Given that you are undecided, who are you leaning towards supporting?



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A Majority of Voters Think Gay and Lesbian Relations are Morally Acceptable

Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you personally believe gay or lesbian relations are morally acceptable or morally wrong?



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METHODOLOGY

Between May 21 and May 24, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 323 likely New York Democratic Primary voters in New York's 15th Congressional District using both text-to-web and web-panel responses. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish.

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