

Hispanic pastors back Trump



President Trump listens intently to Pastor Norma Urbabazo, flanked by Lourdes Aguirre (left) and pastor Ramiro Pena at a meeting Friday. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) [more >](#)


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"We're here to support you, Mr. President. You know, there's misconception in the public, thinking that our community is for illegal immigration. There's a misconception also that we want open borders. And dealing with people every single day, I see that our community supports what you're doing. We don't want open borders," **Guillermo Maldonado**, pastor of King Jesus Ministry in Miami, told the president.

"That misconception that Spanish people want open borders, they want no laws, that's not true. We're here to support you, and what you're doing is great. The lowest unemployment for Spanish people — 4 percent — that's incredible. We pray for you," said Mr. Maldonado.

"The media gives a major misconception of the Hispanic community and the support that we have for you. I can emphatically say your values stand aligned with the Hispanic community. What you have seen in the polls is what they have seen — no matter what the media says. They see that your actions are aligned to their heart's desire," noted **Lourdes Aguirre**, president of Eres America, a Florida-based media group centered on faith-based programming.

Ms. Aguirre refers to a new NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll, which revealed that 50 percent of Hispanics approve of the job Mr. Trump is doing, up 19 percentage points since December. In addition, a new Florida Atlantic University survey found that 7-out-of-10 Hispanics says they are financially better off compared to a year ago, and expect the trend to continue.

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