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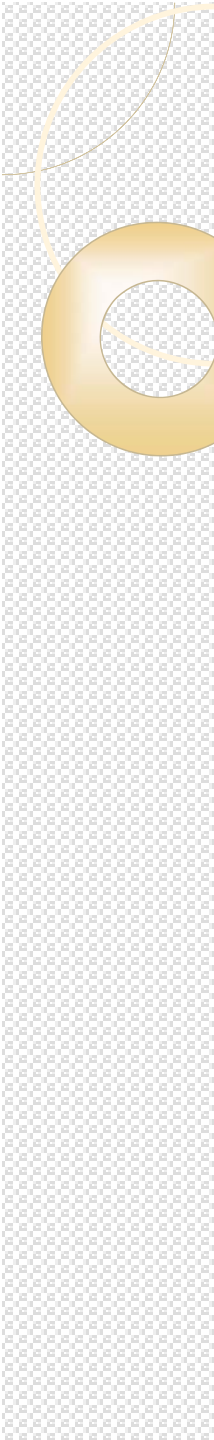
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Mexicans living abroad have had the right to vote since 2005

In the 2006 election, 33,000 Mexicans abroad voted by mail

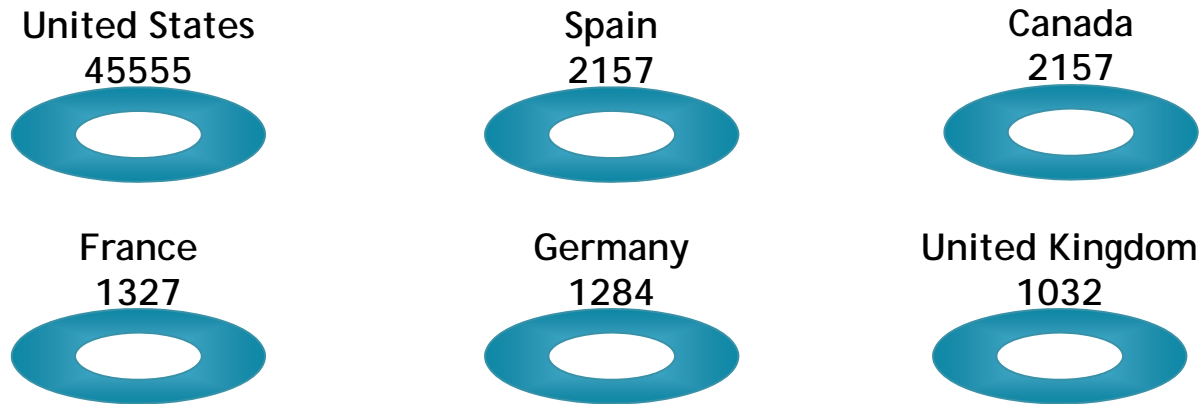
The cost of each vote was of \$1,000

There were 61,687 pieces of mail received for the 2012 election

Each vote will cost about \$ 600



Pieces of mail from country



In the United States, according to the count, California ranks No. 1 in registrations, followed by Texas, Illinois, Florida and New York.

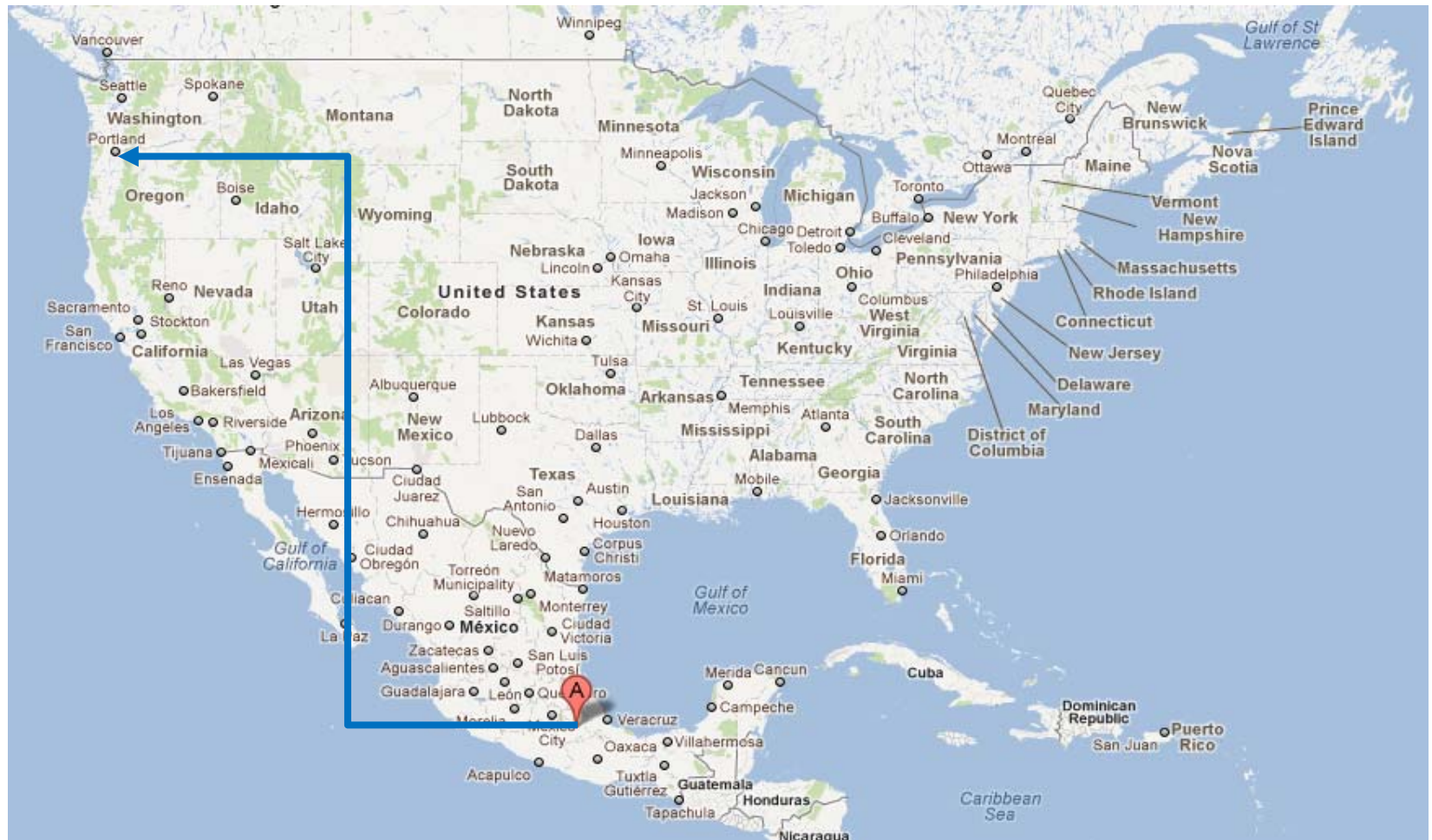
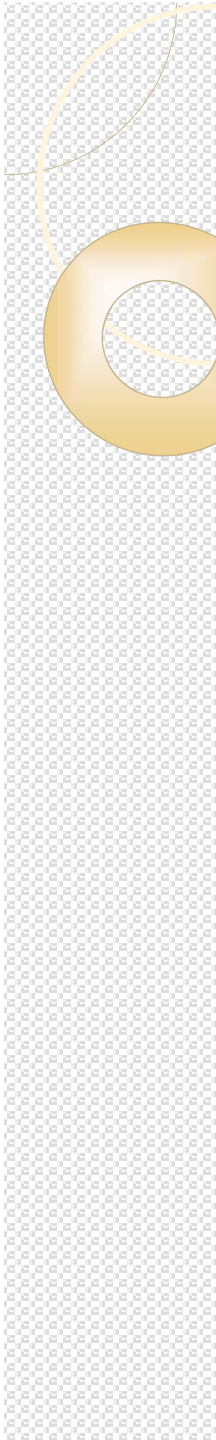
Mexican voters living in the United States

There are 11.7 million foreign-born Mexicans living in the United States

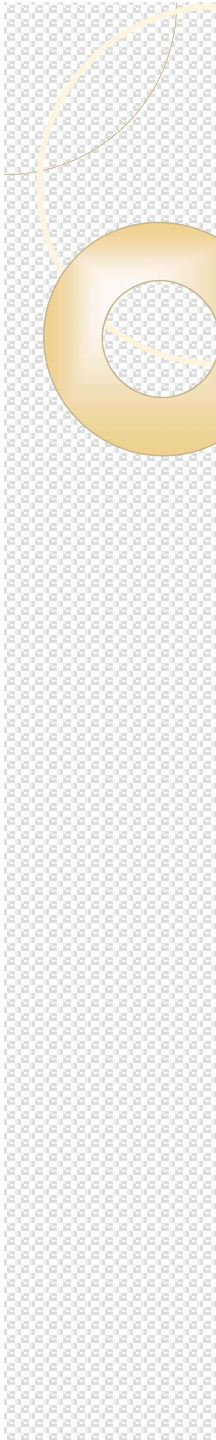
In 2011, Mexicans sent an estimated \$21 billion in remittances to families back home, up about 9 percent from a year earlier, but their political influence remains virtually nonexistent

Federal authorities prevent the vast

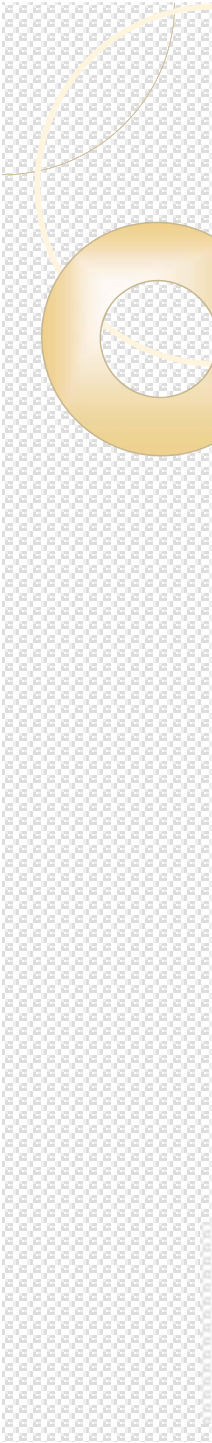




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Their interest for the electoral process in Mexico is constrained by the belief that the election results in Mexico do not affect them directly when they live here in the United States

"It is always the same with the Mexican government, lot of talking but little is done"

"It is due to the bad Mexicans politicians that we have abandoned our communities"





“The Mexican government does not want our vote, but our money”

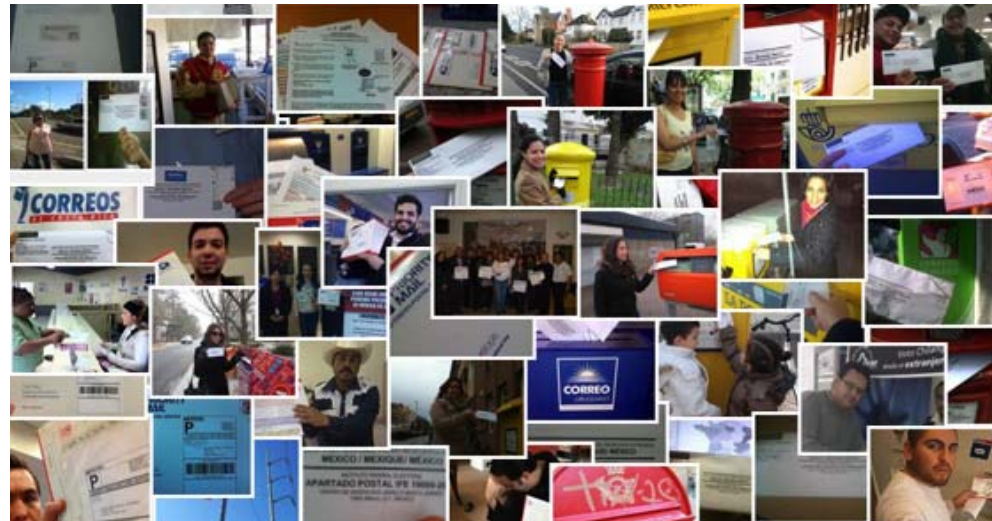
“Going to the Consulate means visiting the bureaucracy and corruption in Mexico”

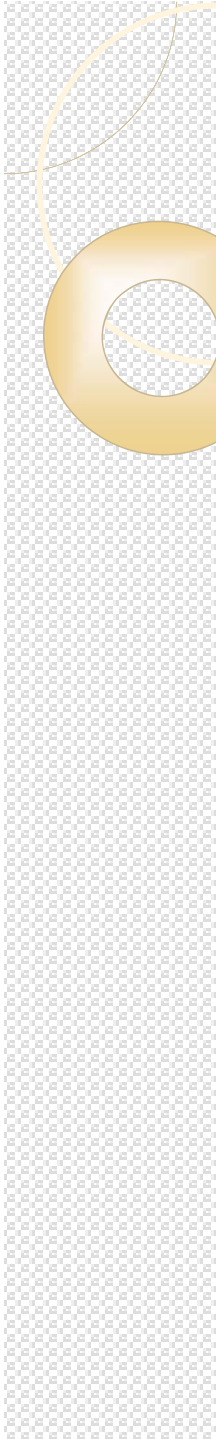


Most of the people do not know who are the presidential candidates



Mexicans do not have the confidence and think their vote does not matter in Mexico





On the contrary, respondents argue that they tend to more closely follow the news about the U.S. elections

“We know little about U.S. politics, but I want to know more because they affect my life more and my children's future”

Still, most said that if they could, they would vote for the Democratic Party





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