

Happy Thanksgiving. Today's PolicyTalk contains two items.

1. Rural Poll: Latino Immigration

The last Rural Poll report from 2006 was released earlier this month. The Report presents responses from both Latino and non-Latino respondents to questions about Latino immigration issues, generally and specific to rural Nebraska. The Latino Immigration Report is available from <http://cari.unl.edu/ruralpoll/immigration.pdf> or via the Public Policy Center's website, <http://ppc.nebraska.edu/>, and the all 2006 Rural Poll Reports can be accessed at <http://cari.unl.edu/ruralpoll/report06.shtml>. The Rural Poll is a joint project of the UNL Center for Applied Rural Innovation, UNL Department of Agricultural Economics, the NU Rural Initiative, and the PPC.

2. Your Water: A Citizen's Deliberation

On October 19, 2006, NET-TV, UNK Dept of Political Science, and the Public Policy Center, with local funding from the Nebraska Humanities Council and supplementary funding from the National Center for Outreach, convened a discussion about some of the complex water policy issues currently challenging Nebraskans policymakers and residents. Beginning November 30, NET-TV will broadcast a special program based on the discussion, which included 20 Nebraska residents, ranging from farmers to store owners to students, and four Nebraska state Senators (Gail Kopplin, District 3; LeRoy J. Loudon, District 49; Chris Langemeier, District 23; and retiring senator Ed Schrock, District 38). Moderator for "Your Water" is Mike Tobias of NET Television.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the broadcast will air at 7 pm CT, repeating Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 8 pm CT on NET1. The special will also air on NET2 on Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon CT.

The event was part of the on-going *By the People* activities in which NET-TV, UNK Dept of Political Science, and the PPC partner. *BTP* is an innovative PBS (MacNeil/Lehrer Productions) civic engagement initiative aimed at fostering discussion, linkages, and community involvement in a nationwide conversations about public policy issues that benefit from obtaining citizen input. Additional information on *By the People* is available at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/btp/>.

Background materials and a Report by the PPC on the deliberation will be available on November 30 via links from the PPC *By the People* website: <http://ppc.nebraska.edu/ByThePeople/>.

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