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 Venezuela nationwide face-to-face
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 ± 2.9 points for likely voters

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 VENEZUELA PRE-ELECTION STUDY
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LIKELY VOTER SCREENING

P01) Are you registered in the National Electoral Council's Electoral Registry to vote on December 3?

Yes → Proceed with survey	100%
No → Stop and record as not registered	0%

P02) How often would you say you've voted?

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Always	79%	66%
Almost always	11%	11%
Sometimes	6%	8%
Not very often	2%	6%
Never	1%	8%
Doesn't know/Doesn't Answer	0%	0%

P03) In the elections in December, do you think you will... (SHOW CARD P03 WITH ALTERNATIVES)

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Definitely will vote	97%	86%
Possibly will vote	3%	9%
May not vote	0%	2%
Definitely will not vote	0%	1%
Don't know	0%	1%
Did not respond	0%	0%

P03a) On December 3 presidential elections will be held. Using a scale of 1 to 10, in which 10 means you are completely sure you **will vote**, and one means you are completely sure you **will not vote**, how probable is it that you will vote in the presidential elections? You can choose any number from 1-10 to indicate how certain you feel about the likelihood that you will vote.

	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Likely voters	87%	7%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%
Registered voters	77%	7%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%

VOTE PREFERENCE

P04) In the 2006 presidential elections, for which of the candidates will you vote? (SHOW CARD P05 WITH NAMES OF CANDIDATES).

	Likely voters	Registered voters
HUGO CHÁVEZ	59%	58%
MANUEL ROSALES	27%	25%
BENJAMIN RAUSSEO	0%	1%
Other: _____	0%	0%
None	1%	2%
Don't Know	6%	8%
Did Not Answer	7%	7%

PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC APPROVAL

P05) In your opinion, in general, do you think **VENEZUELA** is headed on the right track, or the wrong track? **(RU)**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Right	62%	61%
Wrong	31%	31%
Don't Know/Didn't Answer	7%	8%

P06) In your opinion, in general, do you think the **ECONOMY IN VENEZUELA** is better or worse? **(RU)**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Better	61%	61%
Worse	33%	32%
Doesn't Know/Doesn't Answer	6%	7%

P08) As for the President Hugo Chavez's administration, please tell me if you approve, disapprove or have doubts about the way Hugo Chavez has handled his administration. **IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS:** Do you lean more toward approval or disapproval? **IF YOU APPROVE/DISAPPROVE:** Is it strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Strongly disapprove	19%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	9%
Has doubts	7%	8%
Somewhat approve	15%	17%
Strongly approve	49%	46%
Doesn't Know	1%	1%
Doesn't Answer	1%	1%

P09) I'm going to read a list of problems, and for each one, please tell me if you approve, disapprove or have doubts about the way Hugo Chavez **has** handled them. **IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS:** Do you lean more toward approving or disapproving? **IF YOU APPROVE/DISAPPROVE:** Is it strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

		Strongly disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Has doubts	Somewhat approve	Strongly Approve	Doesn't Know	Doesn't Answer
Likely voters	Poverty	22%	13%	5%	22%	37%	1%	0%
	International Relations	22%	10%	6%	18%	42%	2%	1%
	Crime	39%	17%	8%	18%	17%	1%	0%
	Education	14%	7%	5%	21%	53%	0%	0%
	Health Care	15%	7%	3%	22%	51%	1%	0%
	Housing	20%	8%	7%	21%	43%	0%	0%
	Fighting corruption	32%	12%	8%	20%	26%	1%	1%
Registered voters	Poverty	20%	15%	7%	24%	34%	1%	0%
	International Relations	19%	11%	7%	20%	39%	3%	1%
	Crime	38%	18%	9%	19%	15%	1%	0%
	Education	12%	7%	5%	22%	53%	1%	0%
	Health Care	13%	7%	4%	24%	50%	1%	0%
	Housing	18%	9%	8%	22%	42%	1%	0%
	Fighting corruption	30%	14%	9%	20%	25%	1%	1%

VENEZUELA'S PROBLEMS

P10) **(CARD P10)** Now, thinking about Venezuela as a whole, which of the problems on this list should be resolved first? And second? **(RU BY COLUMN)**

	1st Place		2nd Place	
	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters
Unemployment	34%	36%	20%	20%
Education	6%	6%	9%	9%
Crime	40%	40%	27%	27%
Health	5%	4%	9%	8%
Poverty	5%	5%	12%	13%
Corruption	4%	4%	12%	11%
Inflation	0%	0%	2%	2%
Housing	5%	5%	9%	10%
None of the above	0%	0%	0%	0%
Doesn't know/Doesn't Answer	0%	0%	0%	0%

CANDIDATE IMAGE

P11) Now I'd like to ask your opinion of [READ NAMES BELOW, ROTATING THEM]. Would you say you have a **Very Positive, Somewhat Positive, Somewhat Negative or Very Negative** opinion of him? (RU)

		VERY NEGATIVE	SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE	SOMEWHAT POSITIVE	VERY POSITIVE	DOESN'T KNOW	DOESN'T ANSWER
Likely voters	HUGO CHÁVEZ	22%	8%	14%	54%	1%	1%
	MANUEL ROSALES	38%	15%	17%	21%	7%	2%
	LUIZ INACIO LULA DA SILVA	12%	11%	29%	28%	16%	4%
	GEORGE W. BUSH	49%	17%	13%	6%	12%	4%
	ALVARO URIBE	19%	16%	30%	16%	16%	4%
	FIDEL CASTRO	33%	9%	19%	25%	10%	3%
Registered voters	HUGO CHÁVEZ	18%	9%	17%	52%	2%	1%
	MANUEL ROSALES	36%	16%	18%	20%	7%	2%
	LUIZ INACIO LULA DA LULA	12%	12%	29%	24%	18%	4%
	GEORGE W. BUSH	46%	17%	14%	6%	14%	4%
	ALVARO URIBE	19%	16%	29%	14%	18%	4%
	FIDEL CASTRO	33%	11%	20%	22%	12%	3%

P12) For each of the following characteristics, please tell me if you think they apply more to **HUGO CHAVEZ OR MANUEL ROSALES**. (RECORD ANSWERS IN THE BOX BELOW) (RU BY ATTRIBUTE – ROTATE ATTRIBUTES)

		HUGO CHÁVEZ	MANUEL ROSALES	BOTH	DOESN'T KNOW
Likely voters	Has the capacity to unite people	59%	29%	10%	2%
	Is a good administrator	60%	26%	8%	6%
	Is more concerned about his own political interests than the interests of Venezuela	49%	31%	12%	8%
	Is confrontational	61%	23%	11%	6%
	Solves people's problems	64%	22%	9%	5%
	Is authoritarian	66%	18%	9%	7%
Registered voters	Has the capacity to unite people	58%	27%	12%	3%
	Is a good administrator	59%	24%	9%	8%
	Is more concerned about his own political interests than the interests of Venezuela	48%	30%	13%	8%
	Is confrontational	60%	22%	12%	6%
	Solves people's problems	64%	20%	11%	6%
	Is authoritarian	66%	17%	11%	7%

P13) I'm going to read several phrases about **Venezuela**. Please tell me if you **agree with** or **disagree with** these phrases. (ROTATE PHRASES)

		AGREE	DISAGREE	DOESN'T KNOW/ DOESN'T ANSWER
Likely voters	Chavez's oil policy brings benefits to the great majority of Venezuelans	66%	32%	2%
	The poor in Venezuela now have a higher standard of living than eight years ago	62%	36%	2%
	Chavez is helping other countries with a lot of money and that prevents there from being more resources to solve the country's problems	47%	49%	4%
	In the past, Venezuela was never successful because of the rich	47%	45%	8%
	In the past, Venezuela was never successful because of rich countries like the United States	49%	44%	7%
	Does it seem there is less freedom in Venezuela in recent years	47%	51%	2%
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	Does it seem there is less freedom in Venezuela in recent years	46%	51%	3%

QUESTIONS ABOUT SOCIAL PROGRAMS KNOWN AS "MISSIONS"

P14) Now I'm going to read you a list of projects, programs and initiatives by the Hugo Chavez's government. Please tell me if you have heard of each one of these. **(NOTE ANSWERS IN BOX BELOW - RM)**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
MISIÓN RIBAS	98%	99%
MISIÓN VUELVAN CARAS	94%	94%
MISIÓN MADRES DEL BARRIO	83%	81%
MISIÓN BARRIO ADENTRO	96%	97%
MISIÓN ROBINSON	95%	96%
MISIÓN HABITAT	81%	80%
MISIÓN MILAGRO	88%	85%
MISIÓN MERCAL	97%	98%
DOESN'T KNOW/DOESN'T RESPOND	5%	5%

P14a) Which of these projects, programs and initiatives of Hugo Chavez's government do you consider most important for you and your family? And in second place? **(RECORD ANSWERS IN THE BOX BELOW - RU BY COLUMN)**

Program	P14a					
	1st Place		2nd PLace		3rd Place	
	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters
A. Misión Ribas	20%	20%	13%	13%	17%	17%
B. Misión Vuelvan Caras	6%	7%	11%	12%	16%	15%
C. Misión Madres del Barrio	4%	4%	8%	8%	7%	7%
D. Misión Barrio Adentro	17%	17%	26%	25%	17%	17%
E. Misión Robinson	4%	4%	8%	8%	8%	9%
F. Misión Habitat	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	9%
G. Misión Milagro	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%	7%
H. Misión Mercal	31%	30%	20%	20%	18%	19%
Doesn't Know/NA	8%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%

P14b) Have you or someone in your family benefitted from these programs?

Program	P14b					
	Yes		No		Doesn't Know/NA	
	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters
A. Misión Ribas	37%	38%	60%	59%	3%	4%
B. Misión Vuelvan Caras	24%	25%	1%	69%	5%	6%
C. Misión Madres del Barrio	15%	16%	78%	77%	6%	7%
D. Misión Barrio Adentro	42%	43%	54%	53%	3%	4%
E. Misión Robinso	19%	20%	76%	74%	6%	6%
F. Misión Habitat	14%	15%	79%	77%	6%	7%
G. Misión Milagro	21%	21%	74%	73%	5%	6%
H. Misión Mercal	59%	60%	38%	38%	2%	3%

P14c) Aside from yourself or someone in your family, do you know anyone who has benefitted from these programs?

Program	P14c					
	Yes		No		Doesn't Know/NA	
	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters	Likely voters	Registered voters
A. Misión Ribas	50%	52%	45%	43%	5%	5%
B. Misión Vuelvan Caras	38%	40%	56%	54%	6%	7%
C. Misión Madres del Barrio	28%	29%	64%	63%	8%	8%
D. Misión Barrio Adentro	48%	49%	47%	46%	5%	6%
E. Misión Robinson	35%	37%	59%	57%	6%	7%
F. Misión Habitat	27%	28%	65%	64%	7%	8%
G. Misión Milagro	35%	36%	58%	56%	7%	7%
H. Misión Mercal	61%	63%	34%	33%	4%	4%

VIEWS ON POLICIES

P15) For each of the actions that I mention, please tell me if you support or oppose it.

		SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DOESN'T KNOW	DOESN'T ANSWER
Likely voters	Nationalize private companies when it's in the national interest	62%	30%	6%	2%
	Foreign exchange controls (Controlling and limiting trading in foreign currency)	63%	30%	5%	2%
	Agrarian Reform	72%	19%	6%	2%
	Controlling prices of basic foods like bread, rice and beef	87%	9%	2%	2%
	Increasing state control over the oil industry	76%	17%	5%	2%
	Increasing oversight of companies' finances	73%	18%	5%	3%
Registered voters	Nationalize private companies when it's in the national interest	61%	31%	6%	2%
	Foreign exchange controls (Controlling and limiting trading in foreign currency)	61%	30%	6%	2%
	Agrarian Reform	69%	20%	8%	3%
	Controlling prices of basic foods like bread, rice and beef	87%	9%	2%	2%
	Increasing state control over the oil industry	76%	16%	6%	2%
	Increasing oversight of companies' finances	72%	18%	7%	3%

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

P16) How would you rate Hugo Chavez as an international leader? **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
POOR	21%	18%
AVERAGE	18%	20%
GOOD	16%	18%
EXCELLENT	44%	41%
DOESN'T KNOW	1%	2%
DOESN'T ANSWER	0%	1%

P17) I'm going to read a list of countries. As I read each one, please tell me if your opinion of it is **Very Positive, Somewhat Positive, Somewhat Negative or Very Negative? (RU)**

		VERY NEGATIVE	SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE	SOMEWHAT POSITIVE	VERY POSITIVE	DOESN'T KNOW	DOESN'T ANSWER
Likely voters	UNITED STATES	41%	16%	20%	16%	6%	1%
	CUBA	32%	12%	25%	23%	6%	2%
	IRAN	37%	16%	19%	11%	13%	3%
Registered voters	UNITED STATES	38%	17%	22%	15%	6%	2%
	CUBA	32%	14%	25%	21%	6%	2%
	IRAN	37%	18%	18%	10%	14%	4%

P18) What sort of opinion do you have about Americans? **Very Positive, Somewhat Positive, Somewhat Negative or Very Negative?**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
VERY NEGATIVE	24%	22%
SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE	21%	22%
SOMEWHAT POSITIVE	28%	29%
VERY POSITIVE	20%	19%
DOESN'T KNOW	6%	6%
DOESN'T ANSWER	2%	2%

P19) Do you think that the United States represents a military threat to this country or not?

	Likely voters	Registered voters
YES	50%	51%
NO	45%	44%
DOESN'T KNOW	4%	4%
DOESN'T ANSWER	1%	1%

P20) Would you support or oppose adopting a **political system** similar to that of Cuba?

	Likely voters	Registered voters
WOULD SUPPORT	14%	12%
WOULD OPPOSE	82%	84%
DOESN'T KNOW	3%	3%
DOESN'T ANSWER	1%	1%

P21) What **economic system** do you think is best for Venezuela? **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
CAPITALISM	23%	22%
SOCIALISM	39%	37%
A COMBINATION OF THE TWO	32%	33%
(DON'T READ) COMMUNISM	0%	1%
DOESN'T KNOW	5%	5%
DOESN'T ANSWER	1%	1%

P22) Do you think Hugo Chavez appears on television to make speeches... **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
TOO OFTEN	46%	47%
NOT ENOUGH	9%	9%
THE RIGHT AMOUNT	45%	44%

P23) Should presidents be able to govern for more than two consecutive terms or not?

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Yes	63%	63%
No	37%	37%

P24) How democratic is Venezuela's political system? **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
NOT AT ALL DEMOCRATIC	9%	9%
NOT VERY DEMOCRATIC	12%	12%
SOMEWHAT DEMOCRATIC	27%	29%
VERY DEMOCRATIC	52%	50%

P25) Do you believe your vote really makes a difference or not?

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Yes	95%	93%
No	5%	7%

P26) How confident are you that votes are counted accurately in Venezuela? **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	12%	12%
NOT VERY CONFIDENT	17%	18%
SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	23%	25%
VERY CONFIDENT	48%	44%

P27) How confident are you that votes in this country are kept secret? **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	13%	13%
NOT VERY CONFIDENT	16%	18%
SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	27%	27%
VERY CONFIDENT	44%	42%

P28) How concerned are you that people could face reprisals for their vote in the presidential elections? **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	32%	29%
NOT VERY CONCERNED	13%	14%
SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	26%	27%
VERY CONCERNED	29%	30%

P29) Do you consider yourself... **[READ OPTIONS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Pro-Government/ Chavista	57%	55%
Pro-Opposition/ Anti-Chavez	27%	25%
Neither of the two (DON'T READ)	13%	16%
Doesn't know	2%	2%
Doesn't answer	1%	2%

P30) Is there any political organization that you currently sympathize with? **[IF RESPONSE IS AFFIRMATIVE, ASK P31]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
YES	62%	60%
NO	38%	40%

P31) Which political organization do you currently sympathize with? **[SPONTANEOUS]**

	Likely voters	Registered voters
MVR	69%	68%
PRIMERO JUSTICIA	9%	9%
UM NUEVO TIEMPO	10%	11%
PPT	2%	3%
COPEI	2%	2%
PODEMOS	2%	3%
MAS	1%	0%
AD	5%	5%
PROYECTO VENEZUELA	0%	0%

P32) Level of family income [READ OPTIONS]

	Likely voters	Registered voters
MORE THAN BS. 3.300.000	3%	3%
2.700.001 TO 3.300.000	4%	3%
2.100.001 TO 2.700.000	5%	5%
1.500.001 TO 2.100.000	17%	15%
650.001 TO 1.500.000	36%	37%
0 TO 650.000	35%	36%

P33) Educational level of interviewee [READ OPTIONS]

	Likely voters	Registered voters
No formal education	3%	3%
Primary school	23%	19%
Secondary school – did not complete	20%	25%
Completed secondary school	27%	31%
Partial university studies	18%	15%
Finished university/ postgraduate studies	9%	8%

P34) Occupation of the interviewee [READ OPTIONS]

	Likely voters	Registered voters
RECIEVER OF STIPEND OR OTHER BENEFITS FROM "MISSION" PROGRAMS	0%	0%
BUSINESS OWNER/EXECUTIVE	2%	2%
UNEMPLOYED	22%	23%
UNIVERSITY STUDENT/TEACHER/PROFESSOR	6%	7%
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT	2%	4%
WORKER/STREET VENDOR/TECHNICIAN/MECANIC/DRIVER	26%	27%
RETIRED/HOME MAKER/SHOPKEEPER/OFFICE WORKER	42%	37%

Gender of interviewee

	Likely voters	Registered voters
Male	51%	50%
Female	49%	50%

Age

	Likely voters	Registered voters
18-29	6%	32%
30-44	37%	32%
45-59	34%	23%
60 o +	23%	14%

