

Most turn deaf ear to Spanish U.S. anthem

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WASHINGTON -- More than two out of three Americans say the national **anthem** should be sung only in English, according to a USA TODAY/Gallup Poll.

The finding comes after the release last week of a **Spanish**-language version of the **anthem** called Nuestro Himno or Our **Anthem**.

The poll, taken Friday through Sunday, found that 69% believe it is only appropriate for the **anthem** to be sung in English, while 29% say it is OK to sing it in **Spanish**. The poll's margin of error is +/-3 percentage points.

The new recording of the national **anthem** is part of an album called Somos Americanos (We Are Americans), set for release May 16. Part of the CD's \$10 price will go to pro-immigration organizations.

Producer Adam Kidron has said he wanted the new recording of the **anthem** to honor America's immigrants. However, the release has generated strong opposition, including from President Bush, who was asked about it last week and said, "People who want to be a citizen of this country ought to learn English, and they ought to learn to sing the national **anthem** in English."

Poll respondents largely agreed with Bush on the **anthem**, but they were not in sync with his policies on immigration.

Nearly two-thirds -- 64% -- disapproved of Bush's immigration policy; 26% approved. Bush wants tougher border enforcement, an expanded "guest worker" program and a way, yet to be specified, to allow illegal immigrants already in the USA to become citizens.

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