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Rev. Miguel Rivera, President of the National Coalition of Latino Clergy and Christian Leaders (CONLAMIC) & Héctor E. Sánchez, Director of Policy and Research for the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)

CENSUS 2010 AND HISPANICS

TIME: 9:31

Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution mandates that the government conduct a national census. The results are used to allocate congressional seats, electoral votes, and state and federal funding. Since the 2000 Census, Latinos have become the largest minority group in the U.S. Many Latino advocacy organizations are involved in bilingual campaigns to promote census participation because they say the Hispanic population growth will have a profound effect on the national political landscape and increased funding for programs that benefit Latinos. However, other groups have begun a boycott of the census because they claim that the undocumented should not be counted until an immigration reform bill hits Congress and warn that census information could be used against undocumented immigrants. Rev. Miguel Rivera, President of CONLAMIC and Héctor E. Sánchez, Director of Policy and Research for LCLAA, debate this issue.

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Arnoldo Torres, Expert in U.S. Hispanic Affairs

OBAMA AND HISPANICS

TIME:6:07

On the political front, 2009 was a year of historic change. Not only did Democrats take over the White House after two Republican terms, but the country also elected the first African American president. Why did Hispanics overwhelmingly vote for Obama? Has his Administration

delivered on campaign promises made to Latinos, such as closer ties with Latin America? The Obama Administration touts that it has appointed more Hispanics to high office than any previous president. But does this mean that everyday Latinos are better off? Does this reflect the growing political clout of the nation's largest minority group? What can Hispanics expect in 2010?

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Roberto de Posada, Republican Strategist and Estuardo Rodríguez, Democratic Strategist

DEMOCRATS-DEFEAT IN MASSACHUSETTS

TIME: 10:22

This has not been a good week for President Barack Obama. A day before hitting his one-year mark, Democrats suffered a crushing defeat in Massachusetts, where Republican candidate Scott Brown beat Democratic candidate Martha Coakley for former Senator Ted Kennedy's seat. What will happen to healthcare reform now that Senate Democrats have lost their super majority of 60 votes? What does this mean for comprehensive immigration reform? Was the trashing in Massachusetts, along with recent defeats in gubernatorial races in Virginia and New Jersey, a protest vote against President Obama? Roberto de Posada, Republican strategist and Estuardo Rodríguez, Democratic strategist, come to Al Punto for lively debate.

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Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis

OBAMA AND THE JOBS

TIME: 6:49

This week, President Obama delivered his State of the Union speech announcing that "jobs must be our number one focus in 2010." Unemployment is at 10 percent and for Hispanics it is almost 13 percent. In December alone 85,000 jobs were cut. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis discusses jobs and other important issues for the American people. What is the Administration doing to bolster employment? Who's at fault for the economic crisis and high unemployment? What will happen to healthcare and immigration

reform this year? What advice does Solis have for the Hispanic community with regard to getting an immigration reform bill passed?

José Miguel Vivanco, Director of Human Rights Watch's Americas Division

HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATINAMERICA

TIME: 6:32

Human Rights Watch recently published their 20th annual review of human rights practices around the globe, including Latin America. José Miguel Vivanco, director of Human Rights Watch's Americas Division, discusses human rights trends in countries such as Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Venezuela, and Colombia. Is President Hugo Chavez violating the freedom of the press in Venezuela? Have human rights conditions improved in Cuba under Cuban Leader, Raul Castro? What countries in the region concern Human Rights Watch the most? Does the U.S. violate human rights? Have conditions improved in the region?

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