

## 2 Texas Cowboys Recruit Mexican-American Voters to GOP

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Two Mexican-American males sauntered through the Republican National Convention in Tampa Bay, Florida this week. They proudly wore cowboy hats. One wore a sharp gray suit and the other a Western-style shirt designed to look like the Lone Star Texas flag.

According to the BBC News, "Artemio Muniz and Art Martinez de Vara say they have a plan to bring conservative-minded Hispanic voters into the Republican fold. They have begun their campaign, and plan eventually to move on to California and the rest of the nation."

Mr. Martinez de Vara, the Republican mayor of a heavily Hispanic Texas town outside San Antonio, called Von Ormy, said, "the community is in play. They're not an entrenched base for any party. No party can take it for granted."

As reported by the BBC, "at the Tampa convention, Mr. Matinez de Vara and Mr. Muniz say Hispanic voters are imminently reachable on many of the core Republican political positions — and say Democrats have become complacent."

Mr. Muniz, chairman of the Federation of Hispanic Republicans, said, "in Texas, we've been able to do the work. We're creating a network, building a movement, winning races in Hispanic areas."

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