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Se ha anunciado ya el Nobel que hacía falta para completar el grupo de galardonados para este año. Quien el 10 de diciembre próximo —fe-cha de aniversario de la muerte de Alfredo Nobel — recibirá el premio

Princeton.

Desde que los planteamientos de Krugman alineados dentro de la corriente de mayor fenfasis en el neoinstitucionalismo — sunque algunos lo
ubican dentro del poskeynesianismo o neokeynesianismo — se hicieron
de creciente influencia a principios de los años 90, se tenia claro que este
academico era un fuerte aspirante al Nobel. Esa posición se fortaleció con
sus más de 200 artículos científicos, sumo 20 libros de divugación, centre
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ligada referencia.

A eso debe agregares su posición de "intelectual público". Sus columnas semanales en The New York Times han sido una persistente crítica a
las políticas republicanas de la Administración Bush. Se sabía que Krugman sería Nobel, pero se consideraba que atín faltaría algán tiempo más,
dado lo relativamente joven del hoy galardonado 55 años.
Es notorio cómo adora se están manteniendo en retirada los fundamentalistas del merado, los neoibherales, quienes impusieno la política gencultasta de que el merado tenía autocorrectivos propios, y que con base
en ellos las instituciones tenían permanentement un pupel secundario.
Se reconocer hoy en día, los méritos de plantenamientos que privilegian
más el pupel de los gobienos, en la conducción de las políticas económiccas. Todo ello, claro está, tatando de no alejarse de la eficiencia y la eficacia en el manejo de los recursos; y de mantenerse por otra parte, apartados
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De lo que se ha tratado en general, es de reconocer el valor de la libertad individual o de grupo, en cuanto a la función de emprendimiento. Esto es, la innovación empresarial que busca por lo general — según estudios que datan desde el legendario economista loseph Schumpeter (1883-1950) de cinco vías principales para la promoción de negocios: (i) creación de nuevos productos; (ii) generación de nuevos métodos de producción; (iii) apertura de nuevos mercados; (iv) promoción de nuevos usos para materias primas y componentes de energía; y (v) formación de nuevas organizaciones.

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Sin embargo, los mercados dejados "a la libre" sin los controles y regulaciones necesarios, tienden a concentrar beneficios y a excluir de oportunidades a grandes conglomerados poblacionales. Además, el mercado sin controles mínimos genera las implosiones de "exuberante irracionalidad" en los mercados financieros, tal y como lo hemos presenciando muy recientemente. Y un tercer aspecto: los mercados tienden a genera daños en el medio ambiente. Algo que podría incluso cobrarse la posibilidad de nuestra propia sobrevivencia como especie. Es por ello que se tratan de aprovechar al máximo, los mecanismos de mercado que han demostrado ser mucho más eficaces que los planes centralizados de las economías. Pero también es preciso impedir los aspectos dañinos que tienden a conllevar la aplicación exclusiva de los mecanismos mercantiles en las economías. De alíf, la necesidad de contar con instituciones eficientes en la sociedad. Y hacia eso se han orientado los esfuerzos de Paul Krugman.

November 2015 Paul Krugman.
El ahora Nobel forma parte de ese grupo de economistas crecidos a la sombra de maestros como Robert Solow, Paul Samuelson y Rudy Dombusch. Entre esa generación Paul Samuelson y Rudy Dombusch. Entre esa generación de "pupilos" se encuentra además del nuevo premiado: Jeffrey Sachs, y Larry Summers. El primero de ellos con aportes de asesoría para varios gobiernos, y libros pub-licados sobre temas de desarrollo mundial, y pobreza. Summers ha sido secretario del Tesoro de Estados Unidos y hasta hace poco presidente de la Universidad de

Harvard.

Con esto los estadounidenses van consolidando su posición hegemónica en la consecución de premios Nobel en economía. De un total de 62 científicos premiados desde 1969, año en que se conocedió por primera vez este reconocimiento, Estados Unidos ha conseguido 42 laureados. Es de valorar los planteamientos, y el ejemplo de compromiso académico y científico de Krugman, especialmente para las naciones en desarrollo. Allí aún queda mucho por hacer en función de la creación de conocimiento económico para elevar sostenidamente el nivel de calidad de vida, y la mejora de cobertura y calidad en la formación científica.

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expansive approach is pragmatic, for Latino concerns mirror those of voters at large.

"It's the same issues that are important to everybody," said Sylvia Camarilio, a longtime Travis Courty Democratic Party activist. "It's almost becoming not (about) racial or cultural issues anymore, it's just social issues in general."

At least once they in the voting booth, But when it comes to getting Latino voters to the polls, immigration is still a potent motivator. Asked to rate their biggest concerns, Hispanie registered voters maked echection, the cost of living, jobs, bealth care and crime ahead of immigration in a nationwise survey by the Pew Hispanie Center.

Yet Pew also found that the immigration favore he become more importantion Latinos since the last presidential electron. In that internit, federal authorities dramatically supposed upon presidential electroment of immigration and comprehensive immigration are found miningration form bill as well as a separate measure to criminalize illegal mimigration matters in this.

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falled. "Immigration matters in this election, in part, because we think it's driving a lot of energy on the part of Latino voters," said Ceelin Muñoz, a serior vice president with the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic civil rights group. With a few differences, Ohama and McCain have taken similar stances on immigration. Both favor securing the borders and giving potentially millions of ilegal immigrants already here conditional means of gaining legal residency. McCain backed his own party when he to-spanned comprehensive immigration reform legislation in 2006. He abandoned the proposal and now says the borders must be socured before he could consider such a bill again. Obama has vowed to press for reform his first year as president, if election and the could consider president, if election and the could consider president, and the pages moving the could consider the pages of the could consider the pages of t

identify it as their biggest motivator to vote.

"It operates as a threshold issue the way reproductive rights does with some women voters," explainedMufoc." It determines who the good guys and the bad guys are." Mufice says most Hapanies, like most Americans, support laws that allow illegal immigrants in good standing to become legal U.S. residents. But not all agree.
"I know some Latinos that are very adamant about the folls who are here illegally and feel strongly that they shouldn't be," said frestor DeLeon, 61, of West Labe Fills. Is elastie in state Republican political circles who is supporting McCain and also supporting McCain and also supporting meform.

Often, the feelings are linked to cultural and economic tensions between Mexican American citizens and illegal immigrants. For instance, a Bew Hispanic Center survey in 2007 found that while 82 percent of foreign-born Latinos think that illegal immigrants benefit the economy, only 64 percent of native-born Latinos do.

What struck Passel is that 85 percent of that growth occurred after May 2006, a date that coincides with the end of nationwide protests advocating new immigration laws and pathways to citizenship for the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants. "Today we march; tomorrow we vote," became the rallying cry as millions took to the street."

A national alliance of community and voter mobilization groups that syrang from the demonstrations has been working for two years to register 50000 new uningstart voters and to get I million intengrants to the polls this November. Last month, the alliance said it had registered 372,000 new Latino and Asian immigrant voters and was optimistic it would reach its guids. "We hear again and again that some of our newest voters feel passionately that they want their voter in the process," saidRafael Collazow with Demoncraic Li SA, an Minni-based partner in the We Are America Alliance.

Immigrant advocates say that new citerious and first-time voters are three by carkdowns against illegal rimmigrating even to family members with legal status.—and the Republican-led attempts in 2006 to make illegal rimmigration of slown, which have considered threatening even to family members with legal status—and the Republican-led attempts in 2006 to make illegal rimmigration of slown, which in the 2008 elections, the tole of minigration will be one of the most important explanation," said Ploor Fabrian, communications director with the immigrant advocates are both the political issue and the influsion of new immigrant voters.

A turnaround

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champion on this issue," said Heasy Fernandez, McCairis national Latino contrach director.

The bipurisasi McCairis Kennedy would be a supported, would have tightened enforcement at the borders and in the workplace, created a guest worker program and ordered the hope of legalization for millions of illegal immigrants already in the U.S., if they gaid fines and met other conditions. It competed for a time with Republican-hel legislation in the House to criminalize illegal immigrants. The McCairi bill engendered a backlash of its own — from GOP conservatives — and failed to pass the Sentie in 2007.

"Many Americans did not believe us when we said we would secure our borders, and so we failed in our efforts." McCairi solv on his campaign Web site.

Muñoz said Latino voters appreciae McCairi for having stood up to his pury but added." I think they want to see him stand up now. Even if his heart is in the right place, can be deliver comprehenses immigration reform."

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In fact, the Republican Parry platform is sharply at odds with McCain's on immigration.

The platform enphasizes border security and opposes what it calls "armesty," measures that would allow illegal immigrants already here to gain critizenship.

Many Hispanic advocacy groups view its language as hards and a continuation of anti-immigrant autopains that fired much of the 2006 debbat in Congress.

By contrast, the Democratic Party platform calls for "comprehensive immigration reform, not just piece-immigration and form, not just piece-immigration and form, not just piece-immigration reform the Republicans, that McCain's becoming more and immigrant. "And Mary Deform Calls for Comprehensive immigration reform called entities and the wholeped assemble immigration reform calles at the University of Tecas student, said Mary University of Tecas student, said McCains accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he respects the rule of laws A McCain accurate position shows he are such as a suddent position shows he are such as a law and accurate position shows a law accurate position shows a

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who are willing to do jobs for a lower wage, "Orons asid. Comerstoses of reform Speaking to National Council of La Raza's annual convention in July. Oburna pelegids to make comprehensive immigration reform a top priority in his first year as president. Appearing before the same group later. McCain, in response to a question, said he would make more humane immigration policy changes a priority, too, but he did not give a time frame.

bumane immigration policy changes a priority, too, but hed not give a priority is periority too. The did not give a time frame. Like McCain, Obama supports more enforcement at the borders and in the workplace. But he also says that immigration raids are ineffective and cause hardblys in Latino communities, where immigrant families, unauthorized residents and native-born citzens live together. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, about 4.64 million people in the United States are in families in which the head of spouse is an unauthorized immigrant, a figure that includes an estimated 3.1 million rholdeds an estimated 3.1 million children who are U.S.-born citzens. "For reform to work, we also must respond to what pulls people to America," Obama says on his Web site. "Where we can reunite families, we should. Where we can bring in more foreign-born workers with the skills our coconny needs, we should."

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Obama cites five cornestones of such reform on his Web site: creatingsecure borders, fixing the "dysfunctional immigration bureau-cray," cracking down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, allowing undocumented immigrants in good standing to pay a fine and neet other conditions before going "to the back of the line for the opportunity to become citizens," and working with Mexico to decrease illegal immigration.

"I think it's time for a president who won't walk away from something as important as comprehensive reform just because it becomes politically unpopular," Obama told the La Raza convention.

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Where McCain and Obama stand
Comprehensive immigration reform
Both have supported it. In 2007 McJam co-authored a sweeping reform
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A new PBS documentary will cast a spotlight on the crucial role of U. S. Hispanic voters in picking the next president of the United States.

As the race between Senators John McCain and Barack. Obama grows increasingly intense and heard, both campaigns are expending large sums of money, time and attention on the burgeoning block of Hispanic voters. Latinos, 08, directed by award-winning filtmanker Philip Rodriguez, examines how the Obama and McCain campaigns are trying to mobilize Hispanics. Going beyond press platitudes and the vacuous spin of politicians, the program challenges the notion that U.S. Hispanics form a unified homogeneous block. Such luminaries and experts as former cabinet secretary Henry Cisneros, markening consultant Lionel Sosa, Obama campaign co-chair Federico Pena, television pundit Leslie Sanchez, and Rev. Luis Cortes dissect who are Latinos and what is driving their vote today. The ethnic group's identity and role in national politics is evolving rapidly, says Columbia University political scientist Rodolfo de la Gazza.

The one-hour program will be shown tonight (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. on PBS (check local listings), and begins with a historical overview of presiden

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tal candidates and their efforts reach the Hispanic voter, before focusing on 2008. John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign in 1960 was the first to make a concerted effort to reach Hispanic voters, and the documentary features a TV ad, delivered gingerly in Spanish, by Jacqueline Kennedy. In 1980, Ronald Reagan broke through the traditional Democratic-voting pattern of Hispanics by appealing to their conservative farmly values. In 2008, the documentary reports, many U.S. Hispanics viewed Sen. McCain favorably for his support of a comprehensive immigration reform, but he retreated from that position amid hostile attacks against tillegal immigrants. Those attacks, to some, appeared to demonize Hispanics in general. When the film interviews Ms. Sanchez, a Republican TV commentator, she states, "Some of that thetoric sounded anti-Hispanic." Meanwhile, Obama was beaten soundly amongst Hispanics by Hillary Clinton in the primaries, and her support was especially strong among Latinas. This political landscape sets up some key questions for the documentary: Will McCain manage to win significant Latino voters despite the Republican Party's barsh immigration rhetoric? Will Democrat Obama succeed in sevening the Latino.

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advocacy groups trying to mo-bilize and attract this group of voters? This documentary con-siders current strategies, from get-out-the-vote campaigns to bilingual blogs to mariachi theme songs. Columnist Ruben Navarette Jr. says, "Most of the people who run for president, they're all mostly white males, and when they show up, they show up with show up, they show up with chips and salaa. We get tired of being defined by a food group." Predicting how Hispanics will vote is a risky exercise, the program shows, because of the heterogeneity among Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Central Americans and other rational groups. His-panics, like other groups, are divided by class and education, and the lives of more recent im-migrants are often vastly differ-ent than those born in the U.S. Rodriguez, the film direc-tor, is know for his previous documentaries, which include Brown is the New Green: George Lopez and the Ameri-can Dream (2007), Los Angeles Now (2004), Manuel Ocampo: God is My Copilot (1999), and Pancho Villa & Other Stories (1988)

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