

# 187: The Rise of the Latino Vote

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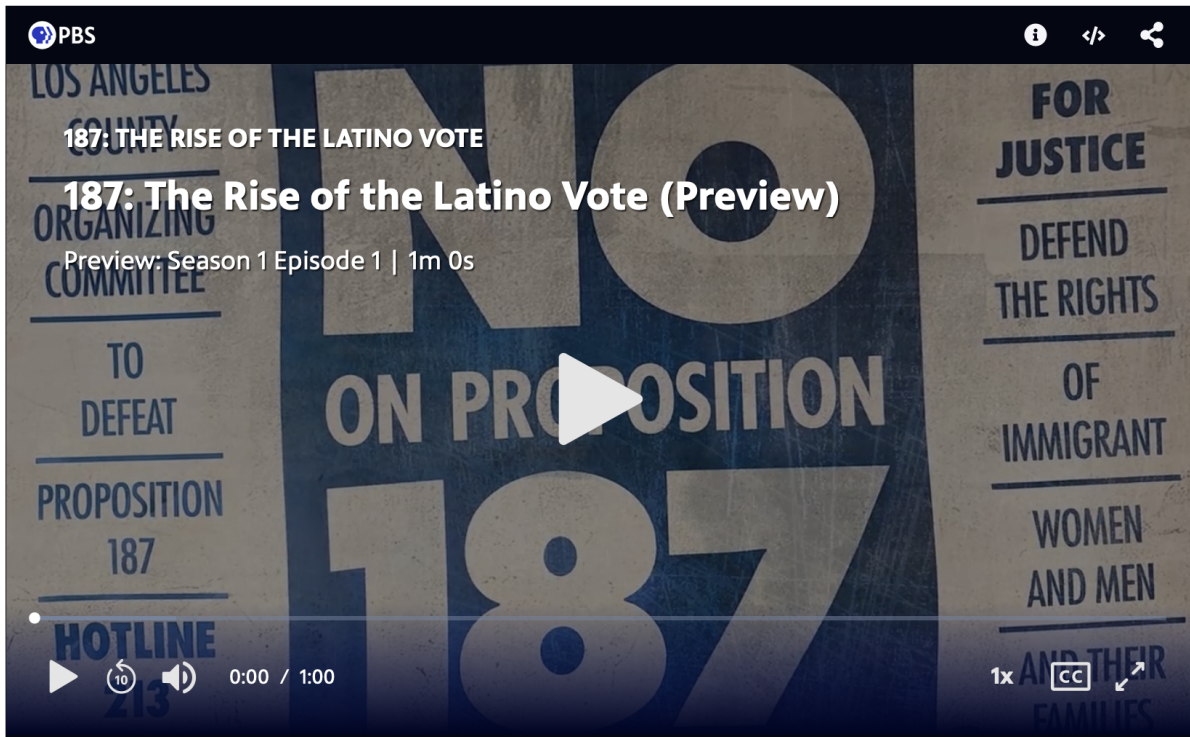
March Against Prop 187 in Fresno, California 1994 / website

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 at 10 p.m. on KPBS TV / On demand with PBS Video App

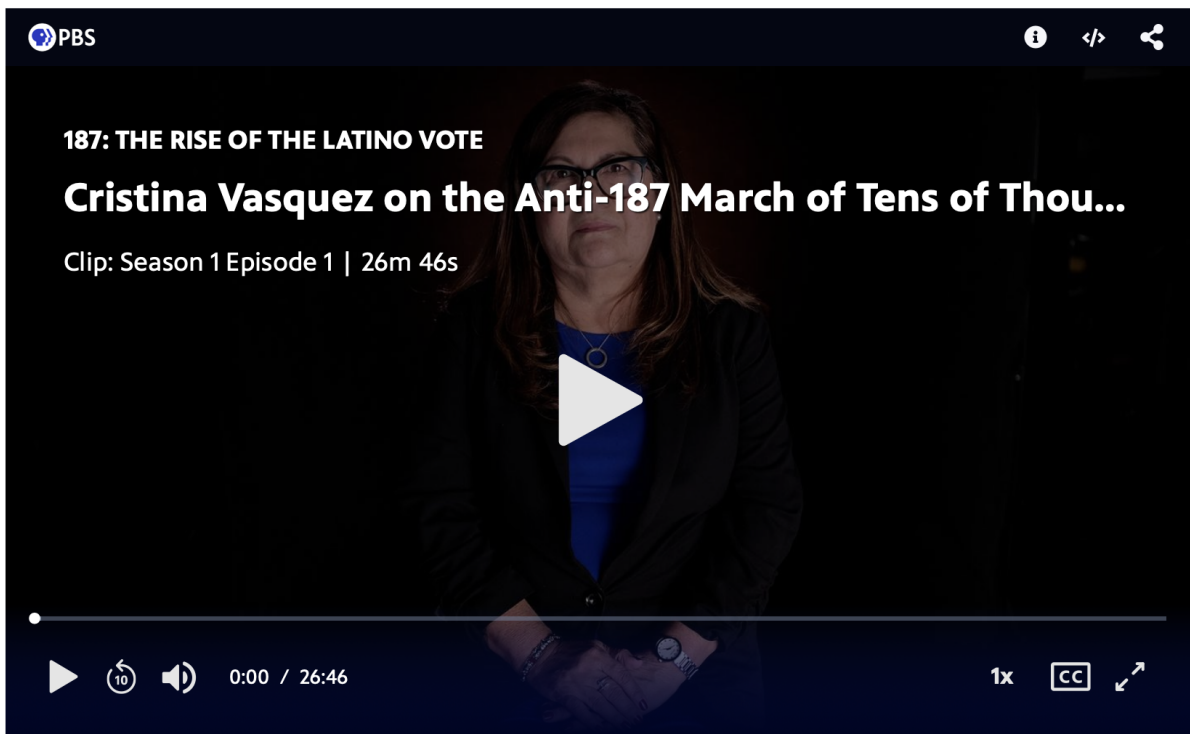
[The documentary](#) chronicles Proposition 187, a California ballot measure passed in 1994 that sought to deny public services to undocumented immigrants. While the initiative was meant to keep the “immigrant threat” at bay, it mobilized non-immigrants and immigrants in Latino communities as well as their allies across the state.

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The political awakening of this powerful group would dramatically change the state's electoral politics, transforming the state into a Blue and progressive state for the first time. Proposition 187 created new and enduring political faultlines across California and across the nation as well as molded the political careers of a new generation of leaders.



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Watch a pivotal moment in California history unfold through more than 20 interviews with major political figures, artists and thinkers from across the state including:

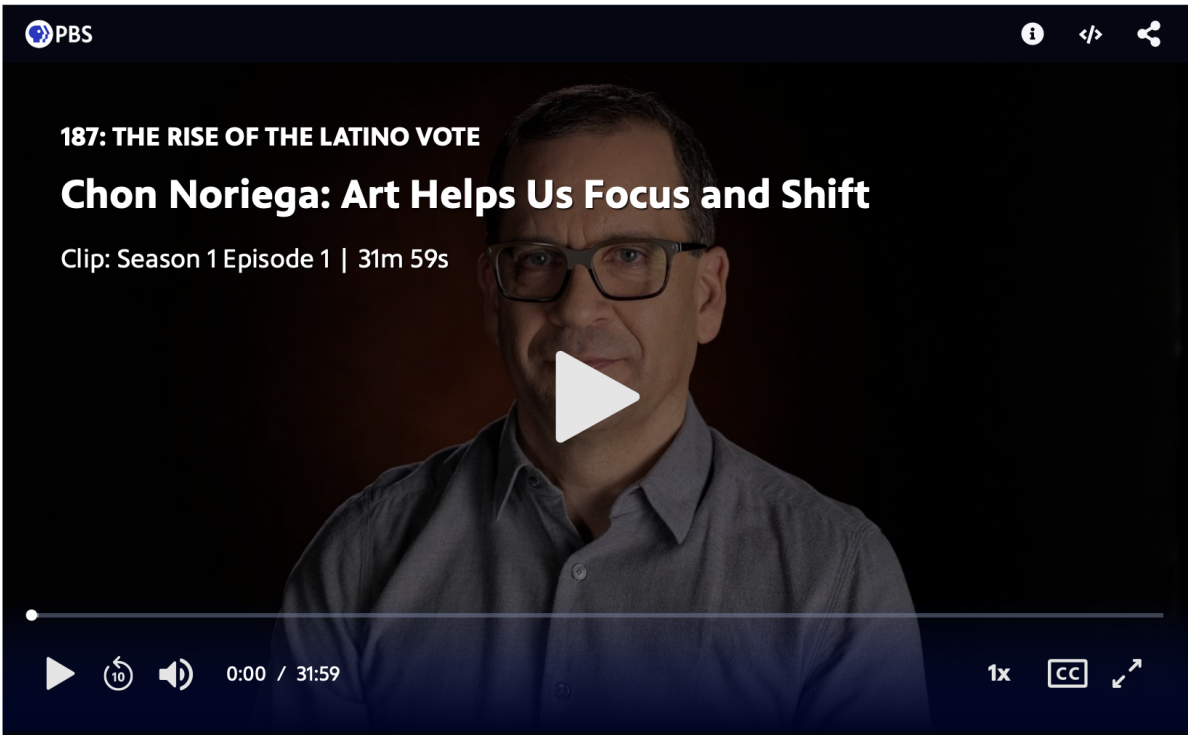
- [California State Senator Maria Elena Durazo](#)
- Former California State Senator and current [LA City Councilmember Gil Cedillo](#)
- Former California State senate President pro tempore [Kevin de León](#)
- [Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund \(MALDEF\) president Thomas Saenz](#)
- [California State Assembly speaker emeritus Fabian Núñez](#)
- The first Latina in history to be elected to the California State Legislature [Gloria Molina](#)
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