All things considered, Tony Sanchez appears better positioned than Dan Morales to challenge Gov. Rick Perry in the upcoming election. The Sanchez campaign is well financed, bilingual, and talks directly to issues deemed important by both Latino and non-Latino voters.

The decision to debate in English and Spanish is indeed historic and promises to increase Latino participation in the Texas primaries, currently estimated to be about 40 percent.

The viewing audience, however, isn't interested in watching a cockfight, but a reasoned discussion about the future of Texas.

Let's hope that the candidates do not disappoint us.

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