

Saint Leo University Polling Institute

GOP March 2016 Florida Primary Poll Results

The poll questions below were asked March 8 - 9, using an online survey instrument, of likely Republican voters. The institute polled 500 voters. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percent at a 95 percent confidence level.

The Polling Institute at Saint Leo University needs your help. We are conducting a survey of Florida residents about the March 15 Florida primaries. Thank you very much.

Screening questions

A. Are you currently 18 years of age and older?

- 01 Yes (**continue**)
- 02 No (**terminate**)
- 03 Don't know / Unsure (**terminate**)

B. What state do you live in? (**Florida ONLY responses continues**)
[Enter state]

C. In political terms, which one of the following best describes you? Do you consider yourself to be a...

- 01 Republican (**continue**)
- 02 Democrat (**continue**)
- 03 Independent (**terminate**)
- 04 Member of some other party (**terminate**)
- 05 Don't know / not sure (**terminate**)

D. How likely are you to vote in the Florida Primary on March 15? Would you say...

- 01 Very likely (**continue**)
- 02 Somewhat likely (**continue**)
- 03 Somewhat unlikely (**terminate**)
- 04 Not at all likely (**terminate**)
- 05 Don't know / not sure (**terminate**)

Politics, Campaigns and Elections

1. What do you think is the **most important** issue facing the country today?

01	Jobs and the economy	26.8%
02	Healthcare	6.4%
03	Education	2.4%
04	Government spending and the federal budget deficit	21.6%

05	Homeland security and anti-terror policy	12.6%
06	Immigration	7.6%
07	Foreign affairs	1.6%
08	Energy policy	0%
09	Global climate change	0.8%
10	Gun control / Second Amendment rights	1.4%
11	Terrorism	11.0%
12	Declining U.S. status worldwide	3.0%
13	Crime	1.2%
14	International trade imbalance	0.4%
15	Gun violence	1.0%
16	Internet / data security / identity theft	0.4%
17	Some other issue	0.6%
18	Don't know / not sure	1.2%

2. Please think for a moment about the candidates running for the Republican nomination to run for President in 2016. Which ONE of the following will you support for the Republican nomination?

	Republican Candidates
12.4%	Ted Cruz
22.8%	Marco Rubio
41.4%	Donald Trump
10.8%	John Kasich
12.6%	Undecided / Unsure (Go to Q5)

3. When did you make up your mind on your preferred candidate? Would you say...

47.4%	Over a month ago
32.7%	Within the last month
16.5%	Within the last few days
3.4%	Unsure

4. Which of the following would you say was MOST important to you in your selection?

24.5%	Wanted a candidate who can win in November 2016 (Go to Q6)
28.8%	Wanted a candidate who is not part of the establishment/part of the Washington, DC. crowd (Go to Q6)
4.6%	Wanted the strongest candidate on immigration (Go to Q6)
10.3%	Wanted the strongest candidate on national security / defense (Go to Q6)
14.4%	Wanted a candidate who speaks his mind and is not politically correct (Go to Q6)
3.9%	Wanted a candidate who shares my religious views (Go to Q6)
13.5%	Other / Unsure (Go to Q6)

5. While you are undecided, which of the Republican candidates are you leaning toward supporting in the primary?

Republican Candidates	
9.5%	Ted Cruz
30.2%	Marco Rubio
31.7%	Donald Trump
28.6%	John Kasich

6. If Donald Trump is the Republican nominee for President, will you...

66.6%	Vote for Donald Trump
11.2%	Vote for the Democratic Presidential nominee
7.0%	Not vote for a Presidential candidate
15.2%	Unsure / don't know

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

7. Are you male or female?

55 %	Male
45%	Female

8. How old are you?

3.8%	18-25
14.2%	26-35
11.2%	36-45
16.4%	46-55
26.6%	56-65
27.8%	65 or older

9. Would you describe your political views as very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?

19.8%	Very conservative
47.2%	Somewhat conservative
27.4%	Moderate
3.2%	Somewhat liberal
1.0%	Very liberal
1.4%	Don't know / Not sure

10. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1.0%	Did not graduate from high school
11.8%	High school graduate or GED
10.6%	Associate degree
21.4%	Some college
33.6%	College graduate
21.6%	Post-graduate or professional degree

11. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

8.6%	Yes
91.2%	No
0.2%	Don't know / not sure

12. Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race?

94.7%	White
1.5%	Black or African-American
2.0%	Asian
0.2%	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
0.7%	American Indian or Alaska Native
0.9%	Other

13. Please tell me which religion you belong to or follow.

27.2%	Catholic
33.2%	Protestant (Baptist, Lutheran, Congregational, Presbyterian)
22.8%	Christian (non-denominational)
0.4%	Greek Orthodox
4.4%	Jewish
0.4%	Buddhist
0.2%	Muslim
0.6%	Latter-day Saints / Mormon
1.6%	Other
8.8%	No preference / no religious affiliation
0.4%	Don't know / not sure

14. Which of the following categories best describes your total family income before taxes?

4.8%	Under \$20,000
7.2%	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000
7.6%	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9.8%	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
10.6%	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
10.0%	\$60,000 to less than \$75,000
16.8%	\$75,000 to less than \$100,00
26.0%	\$100,000 to less than \$200,000
3.4%	\$200,000 or more
3.8%	Don't know / not sure