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Using a quantitative research design, the Saint Leo University Polling Institute completed 1015 online surveys nationally and 540 among Florida residents.

This survey was conducted March 13-17, 2016.

Respondents qualified for the survey if they were a resident of the United States and 18 years of age or older. Responses were approximately proportional to each state’s population.

Statistically, a sample of 1015 completed surveys has an associated margin for error of +/- 3.0% at a 95% confidence level. A sample of 540 Florida respondents has an associated margin for error of +/-4.5% at a 95% confidence level.

Results throughout this report are presented for composite results – all 1015 cases. Throughout, composite results are presented side-by-side with Florida specific results. On political candidate preferences and on current issues, columns of data also hold results of just likely voters – those indicating they vote either all the time or most of the time in elections.

It is important to note that all surveys contain some component of “sampling error”. Error that is attributable to systematic bias has been significantly reduced by utilizing strict random probability procedures. This sample was strictly random in that selection of each potential respondent was an independent event based on known probabilities.

Each qualified online panel member within the United States had an equal chance for participating in the study. Statistical random error, however, can never be eliminated but may be significantly reduced by increasing sample size.

Findings – Part I

Readers are reminded that the narrative throughout this report refers to national composite aggregate data – the 1015 completed surveys as well as the supplemental sample of 540 Florida respondents. Text throughout this report presents national composite results while many graphs and tables also present results among Florida respondents. On political questions such as candidate preferences or current issues of importance, the data for likely voters is also presented. The counts for composite data (national and Florida) and for likely voters (national and Florida) are presented in the following table.

National Composite	National Likely Voters (LV)	Florida Composite	Florida Likely Voters (LV)
1015	880	540	491

POLITICS, CAMPAIGNS, ELECTIONS AND ISSUES

All respondents were asked to rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President. Just over one-half of likely voters, 51.3%, suggested they strongly or somewhat approve. Results are presented within the following tables for October and December 2015 as well as March 2016.

President's Job Approval Rating	National October 2015	National LV December 2015	National December 2015	National LV December 2015	National March 2016	National LV March 2016
National Results						
Strongly approve	19.9	22.6	17.1	19.0	19.9	21.3
Somewhat approve	30.0	28.7	31.1	31.2	29.1	30.0
Total: Strongly and somewhat approve	50.0	51.3	48.2	50.3	49.0	51.3
Somewhat disapprove	14.0	11.8	15.1	14.1	14.9	14.0
Strongly disapprove	32.8	36.1	32.9	33.4	32.4	33.3
Total: Strongly and somewhat disapprove	46.8	47.9	48.0	47.5	47.3	47.3
Unsure	3.2	0.8	3.8	2.3	3.6	1.4

President's Job Approval Rating Florida Results	Florida October 2015	Florida LV October 2015	Florida December 2015	Florida LV December 2015	Florida March 2016	Florida LV March 2016
Strongly approve	19.1	19.8	20.9	22.0	26.2	27.1
Somewhat approve	29.5	27.4	32.8	31.2	28.1	27.7
Total: Strongly and somewhat approve	48.6	47.2	53.8	53.2	54.3	54.8
Somewhat disapprove	14.8	14.4	13.4	12.6	12.2	11.4
Strongly disapprove	34.9	37.7	30.2	32.7	31.4	32.8
Total: Strongly and somewhat disapprove	49.7	52.1	43.6	45.3	43.6	44.2
Unsure	1.7	0.7	2.6	1.5	2.0	1.0

All respondents were asked to name the most important issue facing the nation today. The most important issues were reported to be jobs and the economy, government spending, and healthcare. Together, terrorism and homeland security held 16.6%. Results are presented in the following table in declining order by importance based on the composite national data for March, 2016.

Issues Most Important National Results	National October 2015	National LV October 2015	National December 2015	National LV December 2015	National March 2016	National LV March 2016
Jobs and the economy	32.4	30.9	25.8	27.8	28.8	28.3
Government spending and the federal budget deficit	15.3	17.0	6.5	6.0	13.1	13.9
Healthcare	10.3	9.7	9.2	9.0	10.2	9.9
Homeland security and anti-terror policy	4.5	4.5	15.1	15.3	8.7	9.2
Terrorism	5.6	6.7	16.9	15.5	7.9	8.2
Immigration	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.6	5.3	5.5
Global climate change	3.3	3.9	3.0	3.2	4.4	4.7
Gun violence	4.0	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.7	3.8
Education	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.8	3.4	3.3
Don't know / not sure	2.8	1.7	2.0	0.9	3.1	1.6
Some other issues	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.4	2.6	2.7
Declining U.S. status worldwide	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.0	2.5	2.6
Crime	2.2	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.3
Gun control / Second Amendment rights	3.3	3.7	1.3	1.5	1.9	1.8
Foreign affairs	1.5	1.8	1.7	2.1	1.2	1.4
International trade imbalance	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5
Internet / data security	---	---	---	---	0.4	0.5
Energy policy	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1

The issue most important to Florida residents is presented in the following table. The table is presented in declining order, based on issue importance, for the composite data from March, 2016.

Issues Most Important Florida Results	Florida October 2015	Florida LV October 2015	Florida December 2015	Florida LV December 2015	Florida March 2016	Florida LV March 2016
Jobs and the economy	30.9	27.4	24.0	24.5	30.0	29.9
Government spending and the federal budget deficit	12.3	13.4	7.5	8.2	14.1	14.9
Healthcare	12.1	11.7	10.6	10.6	9.8	9.4
Homeland security and anti-terror policy	6.9	8.1	13.8	15.6	7.6	7.9
Terrorism	3.7	3.9	16.0	16.0	7.0	6.9
Immigration	7.5	8.6	5.1	5.9	5.7	6.3
Education	3.8	4.2	5.1	4.7	4.1	3.5
Global climate change	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.7	4.1
Gun violence	5.4	5.1	2.8	2.2	3.5	3.9
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Foreign affairs	0.6	0.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
Gun control / Second Amendment rights	2.9	2.9	1.5	1.2	2.0	2.0
Don't know / not sure	1.7	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.9	1.0
Crime	2.5	1.5	2.3	1.5	1.7	1.6
International trade imbalance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.8
Internet / data security / ID theft	----	---	---	---	0.7	0.6
Energy policy	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2

The survey included a question on favorability for the remaining 2016 election year candidates. The final column, in each table, holds the cumulative totals among likely voters for “very favorable” and “somewhat favorable”.

National Likely Voters	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Very & Somewhat Favorable
Ted Cruz	8.6	26.9	35.6
Marco Rubio	5.5	29.3	34.8
Donald Trump	19.0	16.0	35.0
John Kasich	11.6	30.9	42.5
Hillary Clinton	19.3	26.3	45.6
Bernie Sanders	19.0	33.3	52.3

Results for Florida likely voters is presented here.

Florida Likely Voters	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Very & Somewhat Favorable
Ted Cruz	7.5	26.5	34.0
Marco Rubio	10.6	30.5	41.1
Donald Trump	13.8	17.9	31.8
John Kasich	10.8	38.5	49.3
Hillary Clinton	25.9	24.2	50.1
Bernie Sanders	17.5	31.2	48.7

Respondents were presented with a head-to-head question as follows: “Please think for a moment about the candidates running for the Republican nomination to run for President in 2016. If the Republican primary for president was held today, which ONE of the following would you support for the Republican nomination as your first choice and second choice?”

Readers are reminded that the poll was conducted on March 13 – 17, 2016. U.S. Senator Marco Rubio suspended his campaign during poll fielding – on March 15.

National Likely Republican Voters: Republican Candidates	First Choice	Second Choice
Ted Cruz	21.3	24.8
Marco Rubio	10.1	21.7
Donald Trump	44.6	24.8
John Kasich	18.2	18.2
Someone else / Unsure	5.8	10.5

Florida likely voters are presented in the following table.

Florida Likely Republican Voters: Republican Candidates	First Choice	Second Choice
Ted Cruz	16.4	24.9
Marco Rubio	27.0	23.3
Donald Trump	35.5	18.0
John Kasich	14.8	20.1
Someone else / Unsure	5.3	13.8

Democratic likely voters were presented with the following question: “Please think for a moment about the two candidates running for the Democratic nomination to run for President in 2016. If the Democratic primary for president was held today, which of the following would you support for the Democratic nomination?”

National Likely Democratic Voters: Democratic Candidates	Choice
Hillary Clinton	58.7
Bernie Sanders	35.2
Someone else / Unsure	6.1

Florida likely voter results are presented here.

Florida Likely Democratic Voters: Democratic Candidates	Choice
Hillary Clinton	69.0
Bernie Sanders	26.4
Someone else / Unsure	4.6

National Likely Voters

The following are a number of different Presidential election ballots. Likely voters nationally were asked who they would most likely support for President.

Democratic Candidate	Percent	Republican Candidate	Percent
Hillary Clinton	42.4	John Kasich	40.7
Hillary Clinton	45.3	Marco Rubio	38.8
Hillary Clinton	47.7	Donald Trump	38.4
Hillary Clinton	46.9	Ted Cruz	37.0

The following are a number of different Presidential election ballots which include Bernie Sanders as the Democratic nominee.

Democratic Candidate	Percent	Republican Candidate	Percent
Bernie Sanders	44.0	John Kasich	38.4
Bernie Sanders	47.4	Marco Rubio	35.5
Bernie Sanders	51.1	Donald Trump	37.4
Bernie Sanders	49.0	Ted Cruz	34.2

Florida Likely Voters

Democratic Candidate	Percent	Republican Candidate	Percent
Hillary Clinton	45.6	John Kasich	36.9
Hillary Clinton	50.3	Marco Rubio	37.9
Hillary Clinton	51.7	Donald Trump	34.2
Hillary Clinton	51.5	Ted Cruz	34.0

Democratic Candidate	Percent	Republican Candidate	Percent
Bernie Sanders	41.8	John Kasich	41.1
Bernie Sanders	47.3	Marco Rubio	40.1
Bernie Sanders	52.1	Donald Trump	35.4
Bernie Sanders	48.5	Ted Cruz	33.8

Michael Bloomberg, a New York City businessman and former Mayor of New York City has said he may consider an independent run for President. As poll fielding commenced, Michael Bloomberg announced he was unlikely to mount a campaign for President. The following are a number of different Presidential election ballots that include Michael Bloomberg. Respondents were asked which candidate they would most likely support for President.

National Likely Voters

Democratic Candidate	Percent	Independent Candidate	Percent	Republican Candidate	Percent
Bernie Sanders	39.7	Michael Bloomberg	14.5	Ted Cruz	27.4
Bernie Sanders	38.7	Michael Bloomberg	14.5	Donald Trump	33.5
Bernie Sanders	41.0	Michael Bloomberg	13.9	Marco Rubio	28.1
Bernie Sanders	40.7	Michael Bloomberg	12.0	John Kasich	30.7
Hillary Clinton	40.2	Michael Bloomberg	12.4	Ted Cruz	29.2
Hillary Clinton	38.6	Michael Bloomberg	14.2	Donald Trump	32.5
Hillary Clinton	39.4	Michael Bloomberg	11.9	Marco Rubio	30.5
Hillary Clinton	39.0	Michael Bloomberg	10.8	John Kasich	32.8

Florida Likely Voters

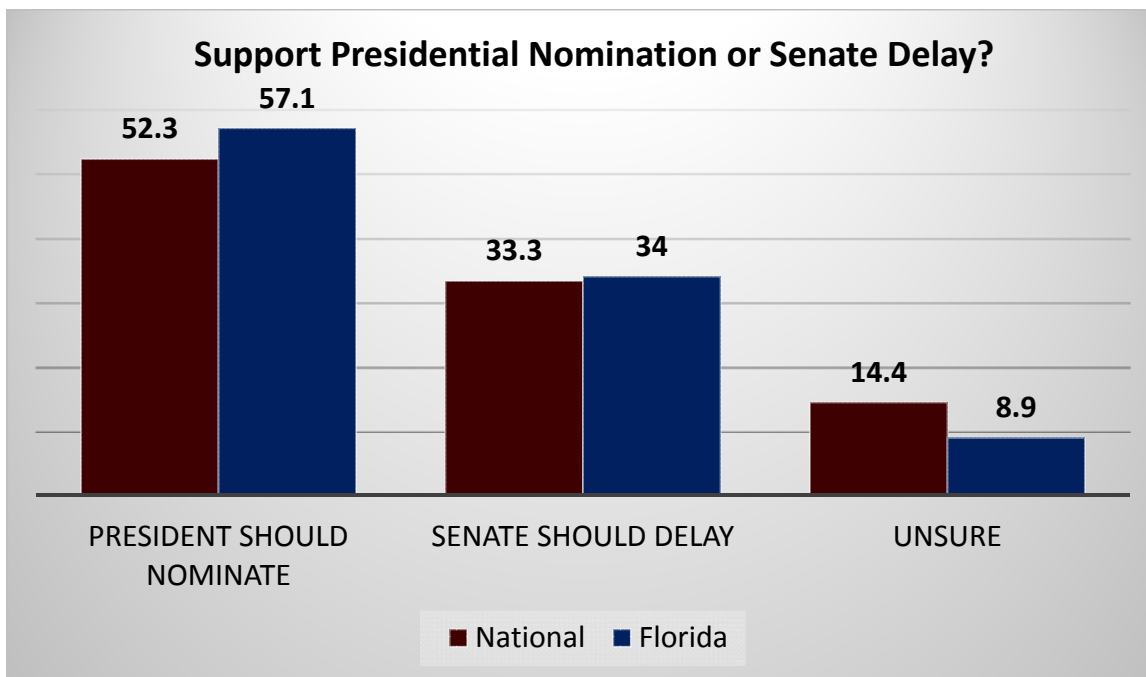
Democratic Candidate	Percent	Independent Candidate	Percent	Republican Candidate	Percent
Bernie Sanders	37.7	Michael Bloomberg	15.5	Ted Cruz	28.1
Bernie Sanders	38.5	Michael Bloomberg	16.1	Donald Trump	29.3
Bernie Sanders	38.5	Michael Bloomberg	14.9	Marco Rubio	35.4
Bernie Sanders	35.6	Michael Bloomberg	11.8	John Kasich	34.8
Hillary Clinton	43.6	Michael Bloomberg	13.4	Ted Cruz	28.3
Hillary Clinton	42.4	Michael Bloomberg	14.7	Donald Trump	29.5
Hillary Clinton	43.6	Michael Bloomberg	12.8	Marco Rubio	33.2
Hillary Clinton	43.6	Michael Bloomberg	9.8	John Kasich	31.8

Supreme Court Vacancy

All respondents were reminded that United States Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, passed away recently. Each was asked which of the following two options best reflected their own personal view...

- President Obama should nominate and the U.S. Senate should consider and vote on his nominee; or
- The Senate Republican leaders should delay consideration of any nominee until after the next President is elected in November, 2016.

Results are presented in the following graph nationally and within Florida.



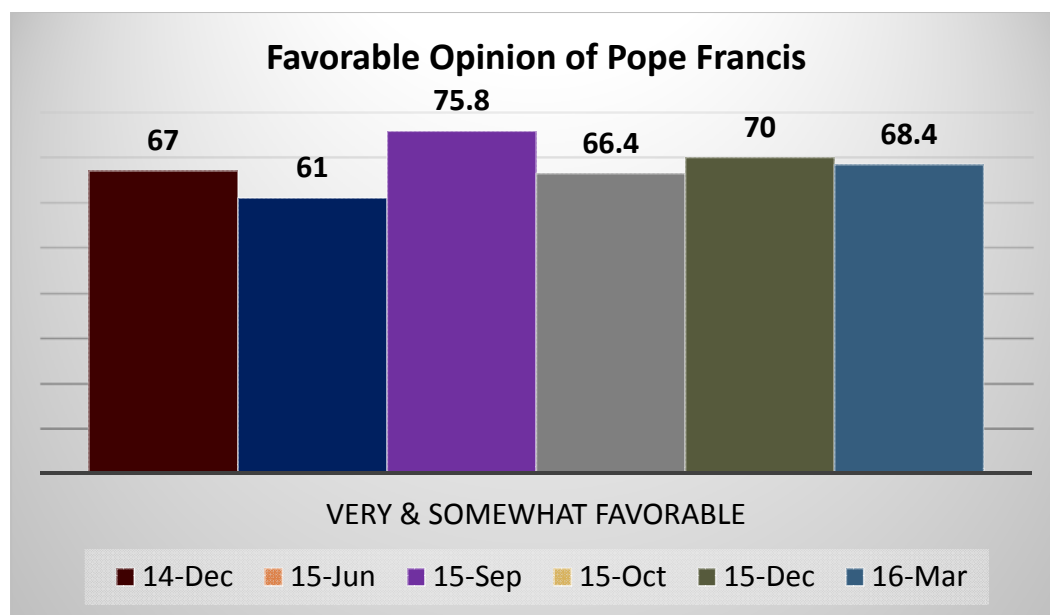
POPE FRANCIS / *THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY*

All March, 2016 respondents were asked if their opinion of Pope Francis was strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or not at all favorable. Results are presented here for the current and previous polls. The September, 2015 poll was timed to coincide with the pope's visit to the United States.

In Florida, Pope Francis currently enjoys a 70.4% favorable opinion.

Among Catholics nationally, the pope's current favorable opinion is 88.1% (up from 84.5% in December, 2015).

National results are presented in the following graph.



All respondents were presented with the following question about a new book by Pope Francis:

“Pope Francis has released his new book entitled The Name of God is Mercy. Prior to receiving the invitation to participate in this survey, which of the following best reflects your own awareness of the pope’s new book?”

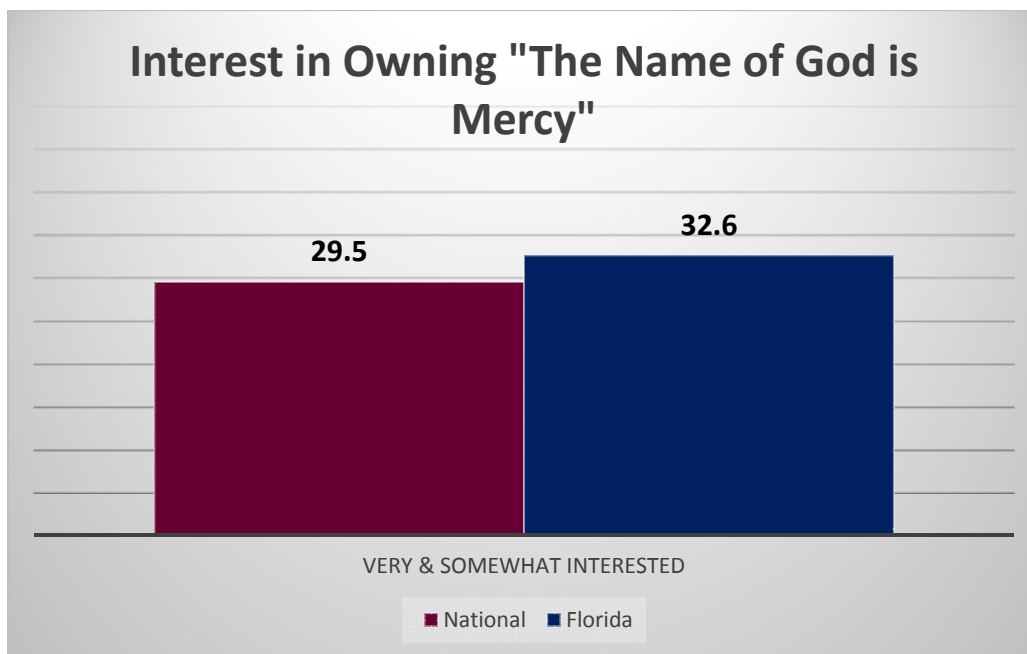
The following table holds the results collected.

Awareness of “The Name of God is Mercy”	National	Florida
Aware of but don’t have the book	16.1	22.0
Aware of and the book was given to me	2.4	1.7
Aware of and I purchased the book	1.6	0.7
Total Aware	20.0	24.4
Unaware of the book	75.6	70.7
Unsure	4.4	4.8

Those respondents who have the pope’s book were asked how they were reading the book. The following table presents the results.

How I’m Reading the Pope’s Book	National	Florida
On my own	35.0	30.8
As part of group, church/religious group or club	27.5	30.8
Both on my own and part of a group, church/religious group or club	22.5	23.1
Although I have it, I likely won’t read the book	7.5	15.4
Unsure	7.5	0.0

Respondents who reported not having the pope's book were asked how interested they were in owning the book. Results are depicted in the following graph.



FLORIDA ISSUES

Florida poll respondents were presented with a number of statements regarding existing or potential legislation / activities that may be considered by the Florida Legislature over the coming months. For each, respondents indicated if they strongly agreed, somewhat agreed, somewhat disagreed, or strongly disagreed. Results are displayed here.

Florida Legislative Statements	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Total Strongly & Somewhat Agree
Florida residents, with solar panels or other means to collect electricity, should be permitted by new laws to sell surplus electricity to the grid or electric companies	46.6	33.1	79.6
The Florida Legislature should approve medical marijuana for Florida resident use	42.8	25.4	68.1

Republican respondents were asked to think for a moment about the candidates running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate from Florida in 2016. Each was asked to report who they would support if the Republican primary for U.S. Senate was held today. Results are presented here on a composite basis and among likely voters for polls conducted in October and December, 2015.

Republican Candidates	Florida October 2015	Florida LV October 2015	Florida December 2015	Florida LV December 2015	Florida March 2016	Florida LV March 2016
Ron DeSantis	6.2	6.7	6.1	6.1	10.6	11.1
David Jolly	8.5	8.6	10.4	11.6	10.1	10.1
Dr. Ilya Katz	2.3	2.5	4.9	4.1	2.0	2.1
Carlos Lopez-Cantera	4.5	4.3	7.4	8.2	7.1	7.4
Todd Wilcox	4.5	4.9	6.7	6.8	3.0	3.2
Someone else	8.5	8.6	6.7	6.8	1.0	1.1
Unsure / Don't Know	65.5	64.4	57.7	56.5	66.2	65.1
N=	177	163	163	147	198	189

Democrat respondents were similarly asked to think for a moment about the list of candidates and potential candidates running for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate from Florida in 2016. Each was asked to report who they would support if the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate was held today. Results are presented here for polls conducted in both October and December, 2015.

Democratic Candidates	Florida October 2015	Florida LV October 2015	Florida December 2015	Florida LV December 2015	Florida March 2016	Florida LV March 2016
Alan Grayson	12.1	14.5	16.1	7.1	15.7	16.7
Patrick Murphy	15.9	17.6	15.6	16.9	19.1	19.9
Lateresa A. Jones	5.8	6.7	5.0	6.3	5.2	5.1
Pam Keith	1.9	1.8	3.5	4.4	2.2	1.9
Someone else	11.1	10.9	8.5	7.5	2.2	1.9
Unsure / don't know	53.1	48.5	51.3	46.9	55.7	54.6
N=	207	165	199	160	230	216

NATIONAL SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Conservative/Moderate/Liberal	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Very conservative	13.9	14.5	8.9
Somewhat conservative	22.1	22.1	21.8
Moderate	33.0	31.0	35.2
Somewhat liberal	14.3	12.0	14.6
Very liberal	8.7	10.3	8.6
Unsure	8.0	10.0	10.9

Age	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
18-25	13.7	18.3	8.2
26-35	26.2	25.2	19.8
36-45	14.4	16.7	17.6
46-55	16.7	12.7	19.0
56-65	15.6	15.8	17.3
65+	13.2	11.3	18.0

Income	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Under \$10,000	7.0	5.8	5.5
\$10,000 to less than \$40,000	28.9	35.8	24.8
\$40,000 to less than \$75,000	29.8	27.6	28.8
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	13.1	13.5	15.5
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	11.0	8.3	13.0
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	3.4	2.8	6.0
\$200,000 or more	2.0	1.9	4.0
Prefer not to disclose	4.9	4.3	2.4

Political Party Affiliation	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Republican	25.0	25.9	26.1
Democratic	30.4	31.4	32.7
Unaffiliated/Independent / Undeclared	35.0	33.1	32.0
Some other party	1.4	1.5	1.7
Unsure	8.2	8.2	7.5

Gender	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Male	48.1	49.4	46.0
Female	51.9	50.6	54.0

Education	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Less than HS	8.7	11.7	13.4
High School / GED	14.2	16.5	18.0
Associate Degree	7.6	7.7	9.2
Some college / technical school	26.4	25.4	23.6
College / technical school graduate	29.9	26.7	22.6
Postgraduate or professional degree	12.8	11.0	13.0
Prefer not to disclose	---	0.9	0.2

Hispanic, Latin American, Puerto Rican, Cuban or Mexican	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Yes	17.0	16.2	13.1

Ethnicity (Among Non- Hispanics)	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
White	62.3	65.2	68.8
Black, African-American	14.5	12.4	11.0
Asian, Pacific Islander	3.6	4.0	5.8
Aleutian, Eskimo or American Indian	0.9	1.0	1.1
Other	1.4	0.6	0.7
Native Hawaiian	0.3	---	0.6
Two or more races	---	---	---
Refused	---	---	---
Don't know/unsure	---	---	---

Religion Followed	October 2015	December 2015	March 2016
Catholic	21.9	21.2	21.4
Protestant (Baptist, Lutheran, Congregational, Presbyterian)	17.9	19.3	20.1
Christian (non- denominational)	26.2	29.4	24.2
Greek Orthodox	1.1	0.3	0.6
Jewish	2.2	2.7	2.6
Buddhist	1.5	0.9	1.6
Muslim	0.7	0.2	0.6
Latter Day Saints / Mormon	1.7	0.9	1.2
Other	3.3	5.2	4.1
No preference	21.6	17.4	22.3
Don't know / unsure	2.2	2.4	1.7

End of Part I