

# The Polling Institute

## Saint Leo University

### 2017-1 Poll – **FINAL**

The Polling Institute at Saint Leo University needs your help. We are conducting a survey of Americans on their opinions and views on national politics, Pope Francis, and the environment. Thank you very much.

#### Screener

A. Are you currently a resident of the United States and 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?

[Enter state]

#### Politics, Campaigns and Elections

1. Please think about voting and elections. How often would you say you vote in most elections? Would you say...

- 01 Always
- 02 Most of the time
- 03 Sometimes
- 04 Seldom
- 05 Never
- 05 Unsure or not registered

How would you rate....

How would you rate.....	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't know / not sure
2.The job Donald Trump is doing as President	01	02	03	04	05
3.The job Mike Pence is doing as Vice President	01	02	03	04	05
4.The job Congressman Paul Ryan is doing as Speaker of the House	01	02	03	04	05

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

- 01 Jobs and the economy
- 02 Healthcare
- 03 Education
- 04 Government spending and the federal budget deficit
- 05 Homeland security and anti-terror policy
- 06 Immigration
- 07 Foreign affairs
- 08 Energy policy
- 09 Global climate change
- 10 Gun control / Second Amendment rights
- 11 Terrorism
- 12 Declining U.S. status worldwide
- 13 Crime
- 14 International trade imbalance
- 15 Gun violence
- 16 Internet / data security / identity theft
- 17 Some other issue
- 18 Don't know / not sure

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

- 01 Republican
- 02 Democrat
- 03 Unaffiliated or independent
- 04 Member of some other party
- 05 Don't know / not sure

## **Pope Francis**

7. Changing topics for a moment, please tell us if your opinion of Pope Francis is...

- 01 Strongly favorable
- 02 Somewhat favorable
- 03 Somewhat unfavorable
- 04 Not at all favorable
- 05 Haven't heard of Pope Francis
- 06 Don't know / unsure

Now, please think about the issues the pope is addressing and give us your opinion on how he is doing...

<b>How would you rate the job Pope Francis is doing on...</b>	<b>Strongly Approve</b>	<b>Somewhat Approve</b>	<b>Somewhat Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly Disapprove</b>	<b>Don't know / not sure</b>
8. Environmental issues	01	02	03	04	05
9. Advancing the cause of the poor	01	02	03	04	05
10. Family issues	01	02	03	04	05
11. Human rights	01	02	03	04	05
12. Migration / Immigration	01	02	03	04	05
13. Marriage issues	01	02	03	04	05

## The New President

The new president, Donald Trump, is moving on a number of areas during his first weeks in office. Based on what you know or have heard, please rate the job he is doing with the following...

How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing on...	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't know / not sure
14. support for the troops and the military	01	02	03	04	05
15. revamping Obamacare / Affordable Care Act	01	02	03	04	05
16. protecting the United States from terrorism	01	02	03	04	05
17. deciding to move ahead with the XL Pipeline	01	02	03	04	05
18. his Cabinet appointments	01	02	03	04	05
19. immigration decisions	01	02	03	04	05
20. relations with other nations	01	02	03	04	05
21. jobs and the economy	01	02	03	04	05
22. keeping his campaign promises	01	02	03	04	05
23. handling of the media	01	02	03	04	05
24. addressing racial/ethnic divisions in the nation	01	02	03	04	05

How strongly do you approve or disapprove of several of President Trump’s staff and cabinet appointments to date?

<b>Staff and Cabinet Appointments</b>	<b>Strongly Approve</b>	<b>Somewhat Approve</b>	<b>Somewhat Disapprove</b>	<b>Strongly Disapprove</b>	<b>Don’t know / Not aware</b>
25. Steve Bannon, Chief Strategist and Senior Counsel	01	02	03	04	05
26. Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President	01	02	03	04	05
27. Jeff Sessions, Attorney General	01	02	03	04	05
28. General James Mattis, Secretary of Defense	01	02	03	04	05
29. Betsy DeVos, Education Secretary	01	02	03	04	05
30. Jared Kushner, Senior Advisor	01	02	03	04	05

## **The Divided Nation**

### **Engagement**

31. Since the national election, which of the following describes your own engagement or political activities (such as attending events, posting on social media, volunteering and donating)?

- 01 More active;
- 02 Less active, but still engaged;
- 03 Less active, almost not engaged;
- 04 No longer active; or
- 05** Was never active/engaged in the 2016 election cycle.
- 06 Unsure

## Supreme Court

32. How strongly do you support or oppose the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch for the United States Supreme Court? Would you say...

- 01 Strongly support;
- 02 Somewhat support;
- 03 Somewhat oppose ; or
- 04 Strongly opposed.
- 05 Unsure

33. Would you recommend the U.S. Senate Democrats use the filibuster to stop the President's nominee for the United States Supreme Court?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 03 Unsure

## Divisions

The following are a number of statements about the political divisions in the United States. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

Statements	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know / not sure
34. We are more divided as a nation than ever before	01	02	03	04	05
35. I see democracy slipping away in the United States	01	02	03	04	05
36. At times, physical violence during demonstrations is justified	01	02	03	04	05
37. At times, property damage during demonstrations is justified	01	02	03	04	05
38. I want to hear celebrities voice their political views	01	02	03	04	05
39. I have strong trust in the mainstream news media (such as U.S. newspapers, broadcasters, and online media such as CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, Associated Press, , Washington Post, New York Times) to accurately cover politics in this nation	01	02	03	04	05
40. I trust the statements, releases and tweets from the new White House administration	01	02	03	04	05
41. Not all free speech patterns should be protected	01	02	03	04	05
42. Despite the sense of divides, in my own community, I am very optimistic about reducing political discord	01	02	03	04	05
43. The new White House administration appears to be moving us toward authoritarianism	01	02	03	04	05

## **Environment**

The following are a number of questions about the environment and global climate change.

44. How concerned are you about global climate change? Would you say...

- 01 Very concerned
- 02 Somewhat concerned
- 03 Somewhat not concerned
- 04 Not at all concerned
- 05 Don't know / not sure

45. Some people believe global climate change is currently occurring due to human activities, while others believe global climate change is part of a natural cycle. Which of the following best reflects what you believe?

- 01 Global climate change is caused entirely by human activity
- 02 Global climate change is caused entirely by nature
- 03 Global climate change is caused by a combination of human activity and nature
- 04 I don't believe global climate change is occurring
- 01 Don't know / not sure

46. Which of the following things have occurred in your state or region?

**Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Ocean rising or seacoast flooding
- 02 Beach erosion
- 02 Warmer temperatures
- 03 Worsened drought conditions
- 04 Worsened air quality
- 05 Unusually severe weather and/or storms
- 07 Inland flooding
- 08 Loss or threatened loss of habitats
- 09 Loss or threatened loss of species
- 10 Stronger El Nino effects
- 11 Increased polar oscillations (swings or fluctuations)
- 12 None of these
- 13 Unsure / don't know



How much do you think global climate change is responsible for the following? For each, please indicate very responsible, somewhat responsible, not very responsible or not at all responsible.

<b>Responsibility for Global Climate Change?</b>	<b>Very Responsible</b>	<b>Somewhat Responsible</b>	<b>Not Very Responsible</b>	<b>Not at all Responsible</b>	<b>Don't know / not sure</b>
47. Ocean rising or seacoast flooding	01	02	03	04	05
48. Beach erosion	01	02	03	04	05
49. Warmer temperatures	01	02	03	04	05
50. Worsened drought conditions	01	02	03	04	05
51. Worsened air quality	01	02	03	04	05
52. Unusually severe weather / storms	01	02	03	04	05
53. Loss or threatened loss of habitats	01	02	03	04	05
54. Loss or threatened loss of species	01	02	03	04	05
55. Inland flooding	01	02	03	04	05
56. Stronger El Nino effects	01	02	03	04	05
57. Increased polar oscillations (swings or fluctuations)	01	02	03	04	05

58. Which of the following do you trust as reliable sources of information about global climate change? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Mainstream media such as U.S. newspapers, broadcasters, and online media such as CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, Associated Press, New York Times, Washington Post
- 02 Social media
- 03 Radio commentators such as Sean Hannity and/or Rush Limbaugh
- 04 Fox News
- 05 Scientist and Cosmos TV series host Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 06 President Trump
- 07 U.S. government
- 08 Non-government scientists and educators
- 09 Environmental groups
- 10 Business or industry groups
- 11 Utility companies
- 12 Entertainers and celebrities
- 13 Family, friends, or co-workers
- 14 Don't know / not sure

59. Which **one** of the following entities do you think is **best able** to deal with problems attributed to global climate change?

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Don't know / not sure

60. Which of the following have been effective in dealing with the problems attributed to global climate change? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Don't know / not sure

61. Whose responsibility is it to deal with the problems attributed to global climate change? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Don't know / not sure

62. Which of the following **have you done** to reduce carbon pollution? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Reduced or stop eating meat
- 02 Reduced or stop eating dairy products
- 03 Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
- 04 Car pool or use mass transit
- 05 Installed or purchased alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
- 06 Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
- 07 Bought a smaller or more fuel efficient car
- 07 Bought an electric car
- 08 Added insulation to my home
- 09 Planted tree(s)
- 10 Purchased higher efficiency appliances
- 12 None of these
- 13 Don't know / not sure

63. Which of the following would you be **willing to do** to reduce carbon pollution? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Reduce or stop eating meat
- 02 Reduce or stop eating dairy products
- 03 Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
- 04 Car pool or use mass transit
- 05 Install or purchase alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
- 06 Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
- 07 Buy a smaller or more fuel efficient car
- 07 Buy an electric car
- 08 Add insulation to my home
- 09 Plant tree(s)
- 10 Purchase higher efficiency appliances
- 12 None of these
- 13 Don't know / not sure

64. In December 2015 the United National Climate Change Conference concluded. Measures were adopted by 196 participating nations. How strongly do you support or oppose the United States continuing as a participating nation in the Paris Agreement by adopting its recommendations within the states here at home? Would you say...

- 01 Strongly support
- 02 Somewhat support
- 03 Somewhat oppose
- 04 Strongly oppose.
- 05 Unsure

65. Pope Francis maintains that protecting the environment is the responsibility of all Christians. Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with his statement?

- 01 Strongly agree
- 02 Somewhat agree
- 03 Somewhat disagree
- 04 Strongly disagree
- 05 Don't know / not sure

66. Some people see environmental protections negatively impacting the U.S. economy while others are committed to environmental protections. Which of the following reflects your own views on environmental protections? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Environmental protections are absolutely critical no matter what
- 02 Environmental protections are important even when they negatively impact the economy
- 03 They should not be pursued if they negatively impact the economy
- 04 Environmental protections create new economic opportunities
- 05 Environmental protection is not an important issue
- 06 Environmental protections are harmful to the economy
- 07 Unsure/don't know

## Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

67. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

68. How old are you?

- 01 18-25
- 02 26-35
- 03 36-45
- 04 46-55
- 05 56-65
- 06 65 or older

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

- 01 Very conservative
- 02 Somewhat conservative
- 03 Moderate
- 04 Somewhat liberal
- 05 Very liberal
- 06 Don't know / not sure

70. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- 01 Yes (Go to Q72)**
- 02 No
- 03 Don't know / not sure

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

- 01 White
- 02 Black or African-American
- 03 Asian
- 04 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 05 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 06 Other

72. .Please tell me which religion you belong to or follow?

- 01 Catholic
- 02 Protestant (Baptist, Lutheran, Congregational, Presbyterian)
- 03 Christian (non-denominational)
- 04 Greek Orthodox
- 05 Jewish
- 01 Buddhist
- 02 Muslim
- 03 Latter Day Saint / Mormon
- 04 Other
- 05 No preference / no religious affiliation
- 06 Don't know / not sure

73. What is your highest grade of school completed?

- 01 Did not graduate from high school
- 02 High school graduate or GED
- 03 Associates degree
- 04 Some college
- 05 College graduate
- 06 Post-graduate or professional degree

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

- 01 Under \$20,000
- 02 \$20,000 to less than \$30,000
- 03 \$30,000 to less than \$40,000
- 04 \$40,000 to less than \$50,000
- 05 \$50,000 to less than \$60,000
- 06 \$60,000 to less than \$75,000
- 07 \$75,000 to less than \$100,00
- 08 \$100,000 to less than \$200,000
- 09 \$200,000 or more
- 10 Don't know / not sure

75. In political terms, which one of the following best describes how you typically vote?

- 06 All Republican
- 07 Mostly Republican
- 08 Mostly Democratic
- 09 All Democratic
- 10 Independent – split vote between parties
- 11 Support some other party
- 12 Don't know / not sure

76. In the 2016 presidential election, how did you vote?

- 01 Hillary Clinton
- 02 Donald Trump
- 03 Gary Johnson
- 04 Jill Stein
- 05 Another candidate
- 06 Did not vote
- 07 Unsure
- 08 Prefer not to answer

### **Florida Sample**

**(Q77 & 78 for Republicans / Code 01 in Question 6 ONLY)**

77. Please think for a moment about the potential candidates running for the Republican nomination to run for U.S. Senate from Florida in 2018. If the Republican primary for U.S. Senate was held today, which of the following would you support for the Republican nomination?

<b>Code</b>	<b>Republican Candidates</b>
01	Tom Rooney
02	Ron DeSantis
03	David Jolly
04	Carlos Lopez-Cantera
05	Rick Scott
06	Someone else
07	Unsure / Don't Know

78. Please think for a moment about the potential candidates running for the Republican nomination to run for Florida governor in 2018. If the Republican primary for governor was held today, which of the following would you support for the Republican nomination?

<b>Code</b>	<b>Republican Candidates</b>
01	Adam Putnam
02	Jack Latvala
03	Usha Jain
04	Richard Corcoran
05	Rick Baker
06	Mike Huckabee
07	Someone else
08	Unsure / Don't Know

**(Q79 for Democrats / Code 02 in Question 6 ONLY)**

79. Please think for a moment about the list of candidates and potential candidates running for the Democratic nomination to run for Florida governor in 2018. If the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate was held today, which of the following would you support for the Democratic nomination?

Code	Democratic Candidates
01	Gwen Graham
02	Bob Buckhorn
03	Kathy Castor
04	Buddy Dyer
05	Phil Levine
06	Jeremy Ring
07	Jack Seiler
08	John Morgan
09	Patrick Murphy
10	Andrew Gillum
11	Someone else
12	Unsure / don't know

80. If the 2018 election for Florida United States Senator was held today and the candidates were Bill Nelson and Rick Scott, which would you support?

- 01 Bill Nelson
- 02 Rick Scott
- 03 Someone else
- 04 Unsure/Undecided

81. If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Adam Putnam and John Morgan, which would you support?

- 01 Adam Putnam
- 02 John Morgan
- 03 Someone else
- 04 Unsure/Undecided

82. Would you say your opinion of the job Florida Governor Rick Scott is doing is...

- 01 Very favorable
- 02 Somewhat favorable
- 03 Somewhat unfavorable
- 04 Not at all favorable
- 05 Unsure

**Thank you very much for your participation in this important survey.**