**The Polling Institute**

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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, cybersecurity, drones, charities and giving, and the holidays. Thank you very much.

**Screener**

A. Are you currently a resident of the United States and 18 years of age and older?

 01 Yes (continues)

 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. The job **Mitch McConnell** is doing as U.S. Senate Majority Leader | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |

1. What do you think is the **most important** issue facing the country today?
2. Jobs and the economy
3. Health care
4. Education
5. Government spending and the federal budget deficit
6. Homeland security and anti-terror policy
7. Immigration
8. Foreign affairs
9. Energy policy
10. Global climate change
11. Gun control / Second Amendment rights
12. Terrorism
13. Declining U.S. status worldwide
14. Crime
15. International trade imbalance
16. Gun violence
17. Internet / data security / identity theft
18. Some other issue
19. Don’t know / not sure
20. In political terms, which one of the following best describes you? Do you consider yourself to be a…?
21. Republican
22. Democrat
23. Unaffiliated or independent
24. Member of some other party
25. Don’t know / not sure

**Pope Francis**

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

1. Strongly favorable
2. Somewhat favorable
3. Somewhat unfavorable
4. Not at all favorable
5. Haven’t heard of Pope Francis
6. Don’t know / unsure

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **How would you rate the job Pope Francis is doing on…** | **Strongly Approve** | **Somewhat Approve** | **Somewhat Disapprove** | **Strongly Disapprove** | **Don’t know / not sure**  |
| 9. Environmental issues | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 10. Advancing the cause of the poor | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 11. Human rights | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 12. Migration / Immigration | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 13. Marriage and family issues | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 14. Handling cases of sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |

**The New President**

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing on…** | **Strongly Approve** | **Somewhat Approve** | **Somewhat Disapprove** | **Strongly Disapprove** | **Don’t know / not sure**  |
| 15. support for the troops and the military | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 16. revamping Obamacare / Affordable Care Act | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 17. protecting the United States from terrorism | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 18. the opioid crisis in the United States | 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. hiring or appointing personnel | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 23. handling of the media | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 24. addressing racial/ethnic divide in the nation | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 25. handling relations with Russia | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 26. his Twitter messages | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |

**Cybersecurity**

The following are several questions about cybersecurity.

27. In general, and overall, how secure is your personal data / information when using the Internet? Would you say…

1. Very secure
2. Somewhat secure
3. Not very secure
4. Not at all secure
5. Unsure

28. When you see “***Sign in using our secure network***” at the websites of your banks, favorite stores, or other vendors, how believable is it when they say their respective networks are secure? Would you say…

1. Very believable
2. Somewhat believable
3. Somewhat unbelievable
4. Not at all believable
5. Unsure / depends

The following are a number of statements; for each please indicate Yes/Agree or No/Disagree in response.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Statements on Cybersecurity** | **Yes/ Agree** | **No/ Disagree** | **Unsure** |
| 29. I have, or I know someone who missed a job opportunity / or promotion believed to be due to posts on the Internet | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 30. I change my online passwords as often as I should | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 31. I have been threatened online | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 32. I have been a victim of online theft of personal information like data or even photos | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 33. I regret posting such things as vacation plans or my whereabouts, photos or contact information on social media. | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 34. When it comes to the Internet, there is no such things as “delete”.  | 01 | 02  | 03 |
| 35. I support greater government oversight, regulation and policing of the Internet if it means more private security | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 36. I have posted personal information such as contact details, employment details, birthdates on social media | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 37. I have, or I know someone who has had hackers lock their computers until a ransom has been paid | 01 | 02 | 03 |

**Drones**

Drones, once best known for their military activities, are becoming more and more common -- in use by law enforcement and businesses alike. Businesses such as Realtors are using them to photograph properties for sale and mapping. Law enforcement has many uses such as watching for traffic delays, accidents and search & rescue. The drones range from about five inches to three or four feet.

38. And, how concerned would you say you are that more drones are in the airspace today than ever before? Would you say…

1. Very concerned **(Continue)**
2. Somewhat concerned **(Continue)**
3. Somewhat unconcerned **(Go to Q40)**
4. Not at all concerned **(Go to Q40)**
5. Unsure **(Go to Q40)**

39. We are interested in the reasons for your concern. **Please indicate all that apply**.

1. Personal privacy issues
2. Spying by government agencies on citizens
3. Potential dangerous interference with airplanes
4. Damage to property from drone crash landings
5. The devices can be hacked and controlled by non-owners
6. Private citizens may soon start purchasing drones
7. Eavesdropping on conversations
8. Facial recognition software implications
9. Weaponized domestic drones
10. Other

40. Do you currently own a drone?

1. Yes **(Go to Q42)**
2. No
3. Unsure

41. How interested would you be in someday owning a drone? Would you say…

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. Somewhat uninterested
4. Not at all interested
5. Unsure

The following are a few statements regarding drones. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Statements on Drones** | **Strongly Agree** | **Somewhat Agree** | **Somewhat Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** | **Unsure** |
| 42. The U.S. military should continue to use drones in warfare | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 43. I support the use of drones by community police departments | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 44. I support a municipal ban on drones in my own community | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 45. Owners should be licensed to operate drones | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 46. Drone owners should be required to successfully complete training courses | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 47. Drones should be banned from filming forest fires to protect airplanes fighting the same fires | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |

**Charites / Charitable Giving**

48. Thinking about your charitable giving throughout 2017, which of the following best reflects your giving in all of 2017 compared to 2016. Would you say you are…?

01 Giving more to charity in 2017 than last year

02 Giving about the same to charity in 2017 as last year

03 Giving less to charity in 2017 compared to last year

04 Have not / will not be giving to charity in 2017 **(Go to Q52)**

05 Don’t know / unsure **(Go to Q52)**

The following are a number of statements about charitable giving. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Statements on Charitable Giving** | **Strongly Agree** | **Somewhat Agree** | **Somewhat Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** | **Unsure** |
| 49. I research charities before donating | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 50. I have reduced my usual charitable giving in 2017 due to increased giving to help victims of recent unexpected natural disasters and storms | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 51. The number of natural disasters and storms lately have me feeling overwhelmed in my plans for charitable giving | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |

**Christmas / Holidays**

52. Please indicate if you plan to celebrate Christmas during the upcoming holidays.

1. Yes
2. No **(Go to Q65)**
3. Unsure **(Go to Q65)**

53. Which of the following seasonal traditions or activites are your favorites? **Please indicate all that apply.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **Favorite Season Traditions** |
| 01 | Seeing family / family gatherings |
| 02 | Wrapping presents |
| 03 | Christmas music |
| 04 | Buying the Christmas tree |
| 05 | Decorating the Christmas tree |
| 06 | Decorating |
| 07 | Christmas shows |
| 08 | Receiving / giving holiday greetings such as “Merry Christmas” in written or conversational form |
| 09 | Attending Christmas church services |
| 10 | Visits to Santa with kids |
| 11 | Opening presents |
| 12 | Giving presents |
| 13 | Sending an annual holiday “brag” letter  |
| 14 | Receiving an annual holiday “brag” letter |
| 15 | Receiving Christmas bonuses |
| 16 | Black Friday shopping (day after Thanksgiving) |
| 17 | Time off to relax |

54. Which of the following seasonal traditions or activities you find most annoying, if any? **Please indicate all that apply.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **Most Annoying Season Traditions** |
| 01 | The annual holiday “brag” letter |
| 02 | Matching holiday outfits |
| 03 | Christmas sweaters |
| 04 | Re-gifting |
| 05 | Seeing family / family gatherings |
| 06 | Wrapping presents |
| 07 | Buying presents |
| 08 | Christmas music |
| 09 | Buying the Christmas tree |
| 10 | Decorating the house |
| 11 | Trimming the Christmas tree |
| 12 | The early start for the Christmas season |
| 13 | Christmas commercials |
| 14 | Commercialization of the season |
| 15 | Christmas shows on TV |
| 16 | Holiday greetings such as “Merry Christmas” in written or conversational form |
| 17 | The expense or cost of the season |
| 18 | The anxiety the season produces |
| 19 | Christmas shows |

55. Would you say your concern over the security of your own personal data (information such as financial accounts, credit cards, and Social Security numbers) during this holiday season is…

1. Significantly higher than last year
2. Higher than last year
3. The same as last year and relatively high
4. The same as last year and relatively low
5. Lower than last year
6. Significantly lower than last year
7. Unsure

56. How do you view Christmas today? Would you say…

1. All cultural
2. Mostly cultural
3. Evenly cultural and religious
4. Mostly religious
5. All religious
6. None of these
7. Unsure

57. At what age, in your view, is it appropriate for parents to tell their kids the truth about Santa?

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**Please enter an age / no words or ranges)**
2. Unsure
3. Children should not be told that Santa exists

58. Which **one** of the following is your preferred holiday greeting?

1. Merry Christmas
2. Happy Holidays
3. Season’s Greetings
4. None of these
5. Other
6. Unsure

59. Thinking about any holiday anxiety you might have, compared to other times of each year, would you say your own levels during the season are….

1. Significantly less
2. Somewhat less
3. No change in your anxiety levels
4. Somewhat more
5. Significantly more
6. Unsure

60. How often would you say you have to “pretend happiness” during the holiday season? Would you say…

1. Often:
2. Sometimes;
3. Seldom: or
4. Never.
5. Unsure

61. How strongly would you agree or disagree with the following statement: “I enjoy the Christmas season but am usually glad when it is over.”

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Unsure

62. When does the Christmas holiday season begin for you?

1. On or before Halloween
2. Between Halloween and Thanksgiving Day
3. On Black Friday – the day after Thanksgiving Day
4. Early to mid-December
5. Start of Advent
6. The week prior to Christmas Day
7. Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
8. Unsure
9. Varies each year

63. When does the Christmas holiday season end for you?

1. December 26th
2. The week following Christmas
3. New Year’s Eve/Day
4. Following the conclusion of the 12th Day of Christmas
5. Feast of the Epiphany/Three Kings Day
6. Unsure
7. Varies each year

64. Do you find holiday greetings you receive…?

1. Very offensive
2. Somewhat offensive
3. Somewhat welcomed
4. Very welcomed
5. Neither welcomed or offensive
6. Unsure

65. Which **one** of the following, would you say, is your favorite holiday?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **Favorite Holiday** |
| 01 | New Year’s Eve/Day |
| 02 | Martin Luther King Jr’s Birthday |
| 03 | Valentine’s Day |
| 04 | Presidents Week (Lincoln/Washington Birthdays) |
| 05 | St. Patrick’s Day |
| 06 | Easter |
| 07 | Memorial Day |
| 08 | July 4th |
| 09 | Labor Day |
| 10 | Veterans Day |
| 11 | Columbus Day |
| 12 | Halloween |
| 13 | Thanksgiving  |
| 14 | Christmas Eve/Day |
| 15 | None of these |
| 16 | Other |
| 17 | Unsure |

66. Will you be making any New Year’s resolutions for 2017?

1. Yes
2. No **(Go to Q68)**
3. Unsure **(Go to Q68)**

67. Will your resolution(s) include any of the following? **Please indicate all that apply.**

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| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **2017 New Year Resolution(s)** |
| 01 | Lose weight |
| 02 | Save more money |
| 03 | Find a new job |
| 04 | Vacation more |
| 05 | Find a wife/husband – get married |
| 06 | Travel more |
| 07 | Buy a new car / new house |
| 08 | Drink less alcohol |
| 09 | Stop smoking |
| 10 | Spend more time with family |
| 11 | Spend less time with family |
| 12 | Join a gym |
| 13 | Attend religious services or attend more often |
| 14 | Volunteer more time |
| 15 | Give more to charities |
| 16  | Exercise more |

**Demographics**

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

1. Are you male or female?

1. Male
2. Female
3. How old are you?
4. 18-25
5. 26-35
6. 36-45
7. 46-55
8. 56-65
9. 65 or older
10. Would you describe your political views as very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?
11. Very conservative
12. Somewhat conservative
13. Moderate
14. Somewhat liberal
15. Very liberal
16. Don’t know / not sure
17. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
18. Yes **(Go to Q73)**
19. No
20. Don’t know / not sure
21. Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race?
22. White
23. Black or African-American
24. Asian
25. Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
26. American Indian or Alaska Native
27. Other
28. 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

1. Buddhist
2. Muslim
3. Latter Day Saint / Mormon
4. Other
5. No preference / no religious affiliation
6. Don’t know / not sure
7. What is your highest grade of school completed?

01 Did not graduate from high school

02 High school graduate or GED

03 Associates degree

1. Some college
2. College graduate
3. Post-graduate or professional degree
4. Which of the following categories best describes your total family income before taxes?
5. Under $20,000
6. $20,000 to less than $30,000
7. $30,000 to less than $40,000
8. $40,000 to less than $50,000
9. $50,000 to less than $60,000
10. $60,000 to less than $75,000
11. $75,000 to less than $100,00
12. $100,000 to less than $200,000
13. $200,00 or more
14. Unsure

76. How religious would you say you are today? Would you say…

1. Very religious
2. Somewhat religious
3. Not very religious
4. Not at all religious
5. Unsure

**Florida Sample**

**(Q77 & 78 for Republicans / Code 01 in Question 7 ONLY)**

1. 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?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **Republican Candidates** |
| 01 | Tom Rooney |
| 02 | Augustus Sol Invictus |
| 03 | Marcia Roberta Thorne |
| 04 | Rick Scott |
| 06 | Someone else |
| 07 | Unsure / Don’t Know |

1. 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?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **Republican Candidates** |
| 01 | Jack Latvala |
| 02 | Adam Putnam |
| 03 | Richard Corcoran |
| 04 | Ron DeSantis |
| 05 | Jackie Siegel |
| 06 | Ron Bergeron |
| 07 | Usha Jain |
| 08 | Bob White |
| 09 | Bruce Nathan |
| 10 | Angel Luis Rivera |
| 11 | Daniel Zutler |
| 12 | Someone else |
| 13 | Unsure / Don’t Know |

**(Q79 for Democrats / Code 02 in Question 7 ONLY)**

1. 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?

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| --- | --- |
| **Code** | **Democratic Candidates** |
| 01 | Andrew Gillum |
| 02 | Gwen Graham |
| 03 | Chris King |
| 04 | Kathy Castor |
| 05 | Katherine Fernandez Rundle |
| 06 | Jeff Greene |
| 07 | Grant Hill |
| 08 | John Morgan |
| 09 | Phil Levine |
| 10 | Someone else |
| 11 | 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?

1. Bill Nelson
2. Rick Scott
3. Someone else
4. 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?

1. Adam Putnam
2. John Morgan
3. Someone else
4. Unsure/Undecided

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

1. Very favorable
2. Somewhat favorable
3. Somewhat unfavorable
4. Not at all favorable
5. Unsure

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