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Poll Report: May 2018 Florida Politics Findings in Detail

*Part I: Selected National and Florida Results on Key Questions*

Nationally, 1,000 respondents were polled online from May 25 through May 31, 2018. At the same time 506 respondents were polled in Florida. Here are side-by-side comparisons of national and Florida responses on issues of broad interest.

Political Engagement

The poll sought to determine ***how active respondents expect to be on behalf of their preferred political party and candidates in 2018 such as staying informed or attending events, posting on social media and volunteering and donating.***

Each was asked to indicate if they expect to be very active, somewhat active, somewhat inactive or not at all active. Nearly two-thirds, 65.7%, reported they expect to be very or somewhat active in 2018.

Results are displayed here.

<b>Level of Engagement</b>	<b>National %: May 2018</b>	<b>Florida %: May 2018</b>
Very active	29.3	30.2
Somewhat active	36.4	43.7
Total very and somewhat active	65.7	73.9
Somewhat inactive	14.5	9.5
Not at all active	12.4	10.7
Unsure	7.4	5.9

*Part I continued*

Democratic Presidential Candidate Possibilities for 2020

Democrats were asked to think ahead to 2020 and **report who they would most likely support in a primary to nominate the Democratic candidate for president.** A total of 15 possible candidates were presented. Results are displayed in the following table in declining percentage order by national results.

<b>Potential Democratic Candidates</b>	<b>National %</b>	<b>Florida %</b>
Unsure	21.0	16.9
Former Vice President Joe Biden	19.8	21.0
Oprah Winfrey	14.5	17.4
Vermont U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders	9.0	10.8
Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder	5.9	4.6
None of these	4.6	2.6
New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo	4.3	1.5
California U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris	4.0	4.1
Massachusetts U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren	4.0	7.2
Montana Governor Steve Bullock	3.4	1.0
Former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu	3.1	1.0
New Jersey U.S. Senator Cory Booker	1.9	3.1
New York U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	1.5	1.5
Connecticut U.S. Senator Chris Murphy	1.2	2.1
Ohio U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown	0.9	2.6
Other - please specify:	0.9	1.5
Former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick	---	0.5
Former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe	---	0.5

*Part II: Florida Issues and Candidates*

Republicans only were asked: ***“Please think for a moment about the potential candidates running for the Republican nomination 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?” Results are in percentages.***

<b>Republican Candidates</b>	<b>March 2017 N=175</b>	<b>September 2017 N=173</b>	<b>November 2017 N=166</b>	<b>February 2018 N=175</b>	<b>May 2018 N=175</b>
Unsure / Don't Know	33.7	43.7	62.7	46.3	43.7
Adam Putnam	12.6	19.7	15.1	15.4	34.5
Someone else	8.0	3.2	4.8	5.1	9.2
Ron DeSantis	---	6.9	4.8	13.7	12.6
Bob White	---	2.3	3.6	4.6	---
Richard Corcoran	5.1	3.5	2.4	7.4	---
Jack Latvala	2.9	2.3	1.8	3.4	---
Jackie Siegel	---	2.3	1.8	---	---
Ron Bergeron	---	1.2	1.2	---	---
Angel Luis Rivera	---	0.6	1.2	1.7	---
Daniel Zutler	---	3.2	0.6	---	---
Usha Jain	1.7	0.0	0.0	---	---
Bruce Nathan	---	0.6	0.0	2.3	---
Mike Huckabee	29.7	---	---	---	---
Rick Baker	6.3	---	---	---	---

Democrats only were asked: ***“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 Florida governor was held today, which of the following would you support for the Democratic nomination?” Results displayed in percentages.***

<b>Democratic Candidates</b>	<b>March 2017 N=203</b>	<b>September 2017 N=190</b>	<b>November 2017 N=181</b>	<b>February 2018 N=190</b>	<b>May 2018 N=195</b>
Unsure / don't know	39.5	43.7	53.0	49.5	46.7
John Morgan	9.4	11.6	12.7	---	---
Gwen Graham	4.4	6.8	9.4	16.8	14.4
Andrew Gillum	3.9	4.7	6.1	10.0	9.7
Katherine Fernandez Rundle	---	4.7	5.0	---	---
Chris King	---	4.2	3.3	7.4	5.6
Kathy Castor	4.9	2.6	2.2	---	---
Phil Levine	4.9	0.5	2.2	8.4	14.4
Someone else	3.9	3.2	2.2	3.2	9.2
Jeff Greene*	---	0.5	2.2	4.7	---
Grant Hill	---	4.2	1.7	---	---
Patrick Murphy	20.2	13.2	---	---	---
Buddy Dyer	5.9	---	---	---	---
Bob Buckhorn	3.4	---	---	---	---
Jeremy Ring	2.0	---	---	---	---
Jack Seiler	1.5	---	---	--	---

\*Greene entered the race on June 1, 2018, one day after the surveying of respondents ended.

All Florida voters: ***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? Results displayed in percentages.***

<b>Florida U.S. Senator</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>May 2018</b>
Bill Nelson	38.7	33.3	31.6	35.2	34.4
Rick Scott	34.3	35.3	41.8	41.6	39.5
Someone else	10.3	10.8	8.2	8.6	8.3
Undecided	16.8	20.5	18.4	14.6	17.8

All Florida voters: *If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Adam Putnam and Gwen Graham, which would you support?*

<b>Election for Florida Governor</b>	<b>February 2018 - %</b>	<b>May 2018 - %</b>
Adam Putnam	22.4	24.5
Gwen Graham	18.0	19.6
Someone else	14.4	12.6
Undecided	45.2	43.3

All Florida voters: *If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Adam Putnam and Philip Levine, which would you support?*

<b>Election for Florida Governor</b>	<b>May 2018 - %</b>
Adam Putnam	24.3
Philip Levine	20.2
Someone else	11.3
Undecided	44.3

All Florida voters: *If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Ron DeSantis and Gwen Graham, which would you support?*

<b>Election for Florida Governor</b>	<b>May 2018 - %</b>
Ron DeSantis	16.0
Gwen Graham	21.5
Someone else	13.4
Undecided	49.0

All Florida voters: *If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Ron DeSantis and Philip Levine, which would you support?*

<b>Election for Florida Governor</b>	<b>May 2018 - %</b>
Ron DeSantis	17.0
Philip Levine	21.9
Someone else	11.9
Undecided	49.2

All Florida voters: ***Would you say your opinion of the job Florida Governor Rick Scott is doing is...?*** Responses displayed in percentages.

<b>Favorable Rating of Governor Rick Scott</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>November 2017</b>	<b>February 2018</b>	<b>May 2018</b>
Very favorable	21.1	26.6	24.2	27.4	27.5
Somewhat favorable	34.7	35.2	36.4	32.6	31.0
<b>Total: Very &amp; Somewhat Favorable</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>58.5</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	18.1	15.2	16.2	17.6	15.0
Not at all favorable	21.1	14.8	15.0	16.8	18.4
<b>Total: Somewhat Unfavorable &amp; Not at all Favorable</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>33.4</b>
Unsure	4.9	8.2	8.2	5.6	8.1

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