

The Polling Institute

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November 2019 survey questions as asked

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, the Christmas season, sports and college athletics, and civility around 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
- 06 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 Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi 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

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

- 01 Jobs and the economy
- 02 Health care
- 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

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

- 01 Republican (**Go to Q9**)
- 02 Democrat (**Continue**)
- 03 Unaffiliated or independent (**Go to Q9**)
- 04 Member of some other party (**Go to Q9**)
- 05 Don't know / not sure (**Go to Q9**)

8. The following are the notable declared and probable candidates for the Democratic nomination to run for president of the United States. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Michael Bennet	01
Joe Biden	01
Michael Bloomberg	01
Steve Bullock	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Julian Castro	01
John Delaney	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Kamala Harris	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Wayne Messam	01
Tim Ryan	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Joe Sestak	01
Tom Steyer	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Marianne Williamson	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

9. Please think for a moment about the traits or characteristics which would make you more likely to support a presidential candidate in 2020. **Please indicate all that apply.**

	Traits or Characteristics
01	Electable
02	Personable / likable
03	Moral
04	Religious
05	Integrity
06	Honest / believable
07	Experienced in politics
08	Inexperienced in politics
09	Is liberal
10	Is conservative
11	Is moderate
12	Will work with both political parties
13	Is not wealthy
14	Is wealthy
15	Younger age
16	Older age
17	Sexual orientation
18	Has business experience
19	Will or has already released personal income tax returns
20	Tough on the world stage
21	Bold – dreaming big instead of incrementally introducing policies
22	None of these (Exclusive)

10. Whichever candidate you may support in the 2020 presidential race, which of the following Democratic candidates, in your view are most likely to defeat President Trump? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Michael Bennet	01
Joe Biden	01
Michael Bloomberg	01
Steve Bullock	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Julian Castro	01
John Delaney	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Kamala Harris	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Wayne Messam	01
Tim Ryan	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Joe Sestak	01
Tom Steyer	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Marianne Williamson	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Only Republicans (Code 01 in Q7) Answer Q11:

11. Which, if any of the following Democratic presidential candidates, could you support in the 2020 presidential election? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Michael Bennet	01
Joe Biden	01
Michael Bloomberg	01
Steve Bullock	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Julian Castro	01
John Delaney	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Kamala Harris	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Wayne Messam	01
Tim Ryan	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Joe Sestak	01
Tom Steyer	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Marianne Williamson	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Over the past year, candidates for the Democratic nomination for President have offered an assortment of plans and proposals. Please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following. You may also indicate unsure or don't know enough.

Democratic Candidate Proposals	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure	Don't know enough
12. Expanding the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices	01	02	03	04	05	06
13. Revoking the tax-exempt status of churches, mosques, synagogues and other religious groups that do not recognize LGBT marriages	01	02	03	04	05	06
14. Confiscating assault weapons from civilians and banning new distribution	01	02	03	04	05	06
15. Medicare for all	01	02	03	04	05	06
16. Medicare for all who want it	01	02	03	04	05	06
17. The Green New Deal – a proposal to reduce climate change and stimulate job creation	01	02	03	04	05	06
18. Universal income – where all adult Americans receive a \$1000 monthly government payment	01	02	03	04	05	06

19. Recently celebrity Ellen DeGeneres and former President George W. Bush attended a baseball game together and were photographed laughing and enjoying each other's company. They received criticism for spending time with political opponents. In a similar situation with someone you know who has opposite political views, which of the follow best reflects what you would do?

- 01 I would not go out in public with someone who holds opposite political views.
- 02 I would see someone who holds opposite political views but not publicly.
- 03 It would never happen; I don't have friends who hold opposite political views.
- 04 We need to chill – of course I would enjoy a game, attraction or event with a friend who holds opposite political views.
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

Pope Francis and the Catholic Church

20. Changing topics for a moment, please tell us if your opinion of the Catholic Church in the United States is...

- 01 Strongly favorable
- 02 Somewhat favorable
- 03 Somewhat unfavorable
- 04 Not at all favorable
- 05 Don't know / unsure

21. 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 regarding how he is doing...

How would you rate the job Pope Francis is doing on...	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't know / not sure
22. Environmental issues	01	02	03	04	05
23. Advancing the cause of the poor	01	02	03	04	05
24. Human rights	01	02	03	04	05
25. Migration / Immigration	01	02	03	04	05
26. Marriage and family issues	01	02	03	04	05
27. Handling cases of sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy	01	02	03	04	05
28. Handling cases of sexual abuse of nuns by priests and bishops	01	02	03	04	05

29. Some suggest the Catholic Church should allow priests to marry. Would you say you...?

- 01 Strongly agree
- 02 Somewhat agree
- 03 Somewhat disagree
- 04 Strongly disagree
- 05 Unsure / don't know

Christmas / Holidays

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

- 01 Yes
- 02 No (Go to Q46)**
- 03 Unsure (**Go to Q46**)

31. How do you view Christmas today? Would you say...

- 01 All cultural
- 02 Mostly cultural
- 03 Evenly cultural and religious
- 04 Mostly religious
- 05 All religious
- 06 None of these
- 07 Unsure

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

- 01 Merry Christmas
- 02 Happy Holidays
- 03 Season's Greetings
- 04 None of these
- 05 Other
- 06 Unsure

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

- 01 Strongly agree
- 02 Somewhat agree
- 03 Somewhat disagree
- 04 Strongly disagree
- 05 Unsure

34. Do you find holiday greetings you receive...?

- 01 Very offensive
- 02 Somewhat offensive
- 03 Somewhat welcomed
- 04 Very welcomed
- 05 Neither welcomed or offensive
- 06 Unsure

The following are several statements about Christmas gatherings. For each, please indicate yes, no, or unsure.

Christmas Holiday Statements	Yes	No	Unsure/Not Applicable
35. I encourage political conversation at Christmas gatherings I host or attend.	01	02	03
36. We encourage political conversation at Christmas gatherings but limit time or close the conversation down if it gets heated.	01	02	03
37. We avoid controversial topics at Christmas gatherings I host/attend.	01	02	03
38. I am stressed and anxious in advance of and during Christmas gatherings I host/attend due to heated political debates/disagreements.	01	02	03
39. Sometimes I feel baited or goaded into heated political conversations at Christmas gatherings I host or attend.	01	02	03
40. I feel less connected to family and friends due to the political polarization and divide that is occurring.	01	02	03
41. I have declined Christmas gathering invitations, this year or in the past, due to the political divide and expected conflicts and disagreements that will likely occur.	01	02	03
42. I will or did prepare a budget for holiday gifts this year.	01	02	03
43. I/we do involve our children in charitable giving or giving decisions during the holidays.	01	02	03
44. The chances are that I will overspend on holiday gifts and holiday activities this year.	01	02	03

45. Which of the following best reflect the range you – individually -- expect to spend, in total, on holiday gifts for family and friends (not including any charitable donations you may make)?

- 01 Under \$50
- 02 \$50 to under \$100
- 03 \$100 to under \$200
- 04 \$200 to under \$300
- 05 \$300 to under \$400
- 06 \$400 to under \$500
- 07 \$500 or more
- 08 Unsure / Don't know

The following are a few potential concerns you may have about the economy today as we approach the holiday season. Please indicate if you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, somewhat unconcerned or not at all concerned about each of the following.

Economic Concerns	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Somewhat Unconcerned	Not at all Concerned	Don't know / not sure	Not Applicable
46. Losing my job	01	02	03	04	05	06
47. The economy	01	02	03	04	05	06
48. A recession starting	01	02	03	04	05	06
49. I or other household members may spend too much	01	02	03	04	05	06

50. 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 4 th
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

51. Thinking about your charitable giving throughout 2019, which of the following best reflects your giving in all of 2019 compared to 2018. Would you say you are...?

- 01 Giving more to charity in 2019 than last year
- 02 Giving about the same to charity in 2019
- 03 Giving less to charity in 2019 compared to last year
- 04 Have not / will not be giving to charity in 2019
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

52. A federal tax law change made in 2017 reduced the tax-deduction benefits to individuals and couples who make charitable gifts. Would you say that this change...?

- 01 Did not affect my/our level of giving even though I knew about the tax consequence
- 02 Influenced me/us to give slightly less than before
- 03 Influenced me/us to give significantly less than before
- 04 I was not even aware of the change in the tax law change
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

53. Will you be making any New Year's resolutions for 2020?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No (**Go to Q55**)
- 03 Unsure (**Go to Q55**)

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

Code	2020 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
17	Stop vaping
18	None of these (exclusive)

Sports and College Athletics

55. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) recently voted to explore the possibility of allowing college athletes to be compensated for using their names and images in advertising and endorsements. Based on all you know or have heard would you say you...

- 01 Support college athletes having the ability to profit from their name, image and likeness
- 02 Believe that the current system of awarding scholarships, but restricting endorsements, is fair
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

56. Do you believe college athletes should be compensated directly by their institutions beyond their current scholarship and benefits received from their institutions?

- 01 Yes, athletes should be paid for performing their sport
- 02 No, the current compensation is generous enough
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

57. In recent months, the NBA (National Basketball Association) was immersed in a controversy after Daryl Morey (Houston Rockets general manager) tweeted support for Hong Kong pro-democracy demonstrators. The demonstrators also opposed China being able to extradite people from Hong Kong to face charges. The tweet was later removed after intense criticism from China. The removal of the tweet then caused a backlash in the U.S. Which of the following best describes your own view of how the NBA should react to demonstrations in Hong Kong?

- 01 The NBA should be public and vocal in support of the demonstrators despite backlash from China
- 02 The NBA should avoid international politics altogether
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

58. Do you think professional athletes should speak their minds on social and political issues?

- 01 Yes, professional athletes should speak their minds
- 02 No, athletes should focus on their sports
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

59. When you see politics injected into sports coverage, does this make you...?

- 01 More interested in following sports
- 02 Less interested in following sports
- 03 Does not impact my sports interest level
- 04 Unsure / Don't know

60. Should transgender athletes be allowed to compete against the gender they identify with?

- 01 Yes, without condition
- 02 Yes, but only after meeting criteria based on time elapsed since transition and hormone levels
- 03 No, never
- 04 Don't know / Unsure

61. White House visits by season-winning sport teams has been a tradition over the years. More recently, some players opt out of their respective team visits in protest over personal political differences with the President or current administration. In your view, how should players act when afforded a White House team-visit opportunity?

- 01 All team members should visit the White House --putting personal politics aside
- 02 All team members should express their views as they wish even if it means not attending a White House reception
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

62. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

63. How old are you?

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

64. 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

65. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- 01 Yes (**Go to Q67**)
- 02 No
- 03 Don't know / not sure

66. 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

67. What is your highest grade of school completed?

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

68. 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 \$200,00 or more
- 10 Unsure

69. How religious would you say you are today? Would you say...

- 01 Very religious
- 02 Somewhat religious
- 03 Not very religious
- 04 Not at all religious
- 05 Unsure

70. Please indicate 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

Florida Sample

71. How would you rate the job Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is doing? Would you say you....?

- 01 Strongly approve
- 02 Somewhat approve
- 03 Somewhat disapprove
- 04 Strongly disapprove
- 05 Unsure

72. How would you rate the job Florida U.S. Senator Rick Scott is doing? Would you say...?

- 01 Strongly approve
- 02 Somewhat approve
- 03 Somewhat disapprove
- 04 Strongly disapprove
- 05 Unsure

73. How would you rate the job Florida U.S. Senator Marco Rubio is doing? Would you say...?

- 01 Strongly approve
- 02 Somewhat approve
- 03 Somewhat disapprove
- 04 Strongly disapprove
- 05 Unsure

The following are a few potential ballot measures or actual policy changes that are in effect in Florida. Please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each.

Policy Discussion in Florida	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure
74. Allowing most released felons to vote even if they cannot pay fines/fees from their sentences	01	02	03	04	05
75. Allowing teachers to carry firearms in the classroom in your own Florida county	01	02	03	04	05
76. Laws against hand-held cell phone use in school and construction zones	01	02	03	04	05
77. Increasing fines/penalties for passing school buses with red lights flashing	01	02	03	04	05
78. Allowing only U.S. citizens to vote in federal, state, local or school elections within Florida	01	02	03	04	05
79. Legalizing possession of up to one ounce of marijuana by residents 21 years of age or older	01	02	03	04	05
80. Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2026	01	02	03	04	05

81. Please indicate the Florida county you currently live in.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Florida County</u>
1	Alachua
2	Baker
3	Bay
4	Bradford
5	Brevard
6	Broward
7	Calhoun
8	Charlotte
9	Citrus
10	Clay
11	Collier
12	Columbia
13	DeSoto
14	Dixie
15	Duval
16	Escambia
17	Flagler
18	Franklin
19	Gadsden
20	Gilchrist
21	Glades
22	Gulf
23	Hamilton
24	Hardee
25	Hendry
26	Hernando
27	Highlands
28	Hillsborough
29	Holmes
30	Indian River
31	Jackson
32	Jefferson
33	Lafayette

34	Lake
35	Lee
36	Leon
37	Levy
38	Liberty
39	Madison
40	Manatee
41	Marion
42	Martin
43	Miami-Dade
44	Monroe
45	Nassau
46	Okaloosa
47	Okeechobee
48	Orange
49	Osceola
50	Palm Beach
51	Pasco
52	Pinellas
53	Polk
54	Putnam
55	Santa Rosa
56	Sarasota
57	Seminole
58	St. Johns
59	St. Lucie
60	Sumter
61	Suwannee
62	Taylor
63	Union
64	Volusia
65	Wakulla
66	Walton
67	Washington

82. Do you currently have children in Florida public or private schools?

- 01 Yes, public
- 02 Yes, private
- 03 Yes, public and private
- 04 No
- 05 Unsure
- 06 Prefer not to answer

83. Do you currently rent or own the home you are in?

- 01 Rent
- 02 Own
- 03 In transition

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