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Fall Survey, Part I - National Politics, the 2020 Elections, and Florida Politics*

A National Poll of Americans Saint Leo University Polling Institute November 2019

*SOME EXPANDED TABLES INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

The Saint Leo University Polling Institute is pleased to present the results of a national poll of Americans.

The poll was designed to assess public views regarding politics, 2020 presidential candidates, issues, Pope Francis, Christmas, holiday civility, sports and college athletes. Among Florida poll participants – job ratings for the Governor and U.S. Senators were collected along with opinions regarding several potential ballot measures.

The research study included survey responses from 1000 respondents nationally and 500 respondents within Florida approximately proportional to state population contribution. The poll was conducted November 13 - 18, 2019. A pre-test occurred on November 12, 2019.

Part I of the national poll included the following areas for investigation:

- Job approval ratings for President Trump, Vice-President Pence, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell;
- Views on Democratic presidential hopefuls;
- Opinions on plans and proposals offered by candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination;
- Issues of concern;
- > Job approval ratings for Florida governor, U.S. Senators, and state issues;
- Demographics.

Section II of this report discusses the Methodology used in the study, while Section III includes Highlights derived from an analysis of the quantitative research. Section IV is a Summary of Findings from the online survey.

Section V is an Appendix to the report containing the survey instrument employed, the composite aggregate data and cross tabulations.

METHODOLOGY

Using a quantitative research design, the Saint Leo University Polling Institute completed 1000 online surveys nationally and 500 among Florida residents.

Survey design input was provided by the membership of the Polling Institute Committee.

Survey design is a careful, deliberative process to ensure fair, objective and balanced surveys. Staff members, with years of survey design experience, edit out any bias. Further, all scales used by the Institute (either numeric, such as one through ten, or wording such as strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree) are balanced evenly. Additionally, placement of questions is carefully accomplished so that order has minimal impact.

This survey was conducted November 13 - 18, 2019.

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.

All facets of the study were completed by the Polling Institute's senior staff and researchers. These aspects include survey design, pre-test, computer programming, fielding, coding, editing, verification, validation and logic checks, computer analysis, analysis and report writing.

Statistically, a sample of 1000 completed surveys has an associated margin for error of +/-3.0% at a 95% confidence level. A sample of 500 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 1000 cases. Throughout, composite results are presented side by side with Florida specific results.

Readers of this report should note that any survey is analogous to a snapshot in time and results are only reflective of the time period in which the survey was undertaken. Should concerted public relations or information campaigns be undertaken during or shortly after the fielding of the survey, the results contained herein may be expected to change and should be, therefore, carefully interpreted and extrapolated.

Furthermore, 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.

HIGHLIGHTS

ON POLITICS, ISSUES AND 2020 CANDIDATES...

Job approval for President Trump is the highest (43.4%) it has been since August 2018 (47.8%). It is up somewhat from 41.8% in the April 2019 poll.

Job approval ratings for Vice President Mike Pence, Senator Mitch McConnell and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi were recorded as 44.0%, 27.4% and 42.7%, respectively.

The most important issues, according to poll respondents, included healthcare, jobs and the economy, immigration, global climate change and government spending. The percent naming global climate change – an issue discussed on the presidential campaign trail -- as most important moved from 3.6% in April 2019 to 9.3% in the current polling.

Saint Leo polling asks Democratic respondents to name the presidential candidates they could support. The top eight list included Joe Biden (54.6%), Elizabeth Warren (30.5%), Bernie Sanders (27.6%), Kamala Harris (21.0%), Pete Buttigieg (19.7%), Cory Booker (15.6%), Michael Bloomberg (13.7%) and Amy Klobuchar (10.2%).

Among 22 traits or characteristics measured, respondents were asked to name those that would be most likely to impact their own support of a presidential candidate. The top eight traits included: honest/believable (64.4%), integrity (53.3%), moral (49.9%), will work with both political parties (49.5%), personable/likeable (34.0%), electable (32.4%), and tough on the world stage (27.8%).

Willingness to work with both political parties is significantly more important to unaffiliated voters while being tough on the world stage is significantly more important to unaffiliated and Republican than Democratic voters.

Despite whom they plan to vote for, all respondents were asked which Democratic hopeful they viewed as being the most likely to defeat President Trump. The top five were Joe Biden (40.5%), Bernie Sanders (17.4%), Michael Bloomberg (13.1%), Pete Buttigieg (11.6%), and Elizabeth Warren (10.1%).

Republicans were asked which, if any, Democratic presidential candidates they could support in the 2020 race. Joe Biden, at 13.8%, led the list. However, this is down from 18.6% in April 2019 polling. Other leading possibilities included Michael Bloomberg (10.5%) and Tulsi Gabbard (6.2%).

Several Democratic presidential candidates have offered plans or proposals in their respective bids for the nomination. Seven were measured for support among all poll respondents. Support (strongly and somewhat) is shown here:

- ➢ Medicare for all who want it − 59.5%
- ➢ The Green New Deal − 55.0%
- ▶ Confiscating assault weapons from civilians 51.2%
- Medicare for all -- 50.2%
- ▶ Universal income in the form of \$1000 monthly payments 35.5%
- Revoking tax-exempt status for churches, mosques, synagogues 34.5%
- Expanding the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices 30.6%

Respondents were reminded of or introduced to the news event when celebrity Ellen DeGeneres and former President George W. Bush attended a baseball game together. They received criticism for spending time with a political opponent. Respondents were asked what they might have done. Some, 5.2%, would not have gone out in public with someone with opposite views. Others, 8.5%, would see someone with opposite views but not publicly. Still others, 3.9%, said they just don't have friends with opposite views. However, 73.8%, noted "We need to chill – of course I would enjoy a game, attraction or event with a friend who holds opposite political views".

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Readers are reminded that the narrative throughout this report refers to national composite aggregate data – the 1000 completed surveys as well as the supplemental sample of 500 Florida respondents. Text throughout this report presents national composite results while many graphs and tables also present results among Florida respondents.

POLITICS, ISSUES AND 2020 CANDIDATES

Respondents nationally, and within Florida, were asked to provide job approval ratings for President Trump, Vice-President Pence, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. The cumulative favorable job approval ratings (strongly and somewhat approve) are displayed within the following tables nationally and for Florida.

The overall rating for President Trump increased to 43.4% from 41.8% in April 2019.

How would you	Nation

National Results

How would you	National	National	National	National	National	National
rate	Approval	Approval	Approval	Approval	Approval	Approval
	May	August	October	February	April	November
	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
The job Donald	46.1	47.8	42.2	39.8	41.8	43.4
Trump is doing as						
President						
The job Mike Pence	47.8			40.8	43.9	44.0
is doing as Vice						
President						
The job Senator	35.7			28.8	28.1	27.4
Mitch McConnell is						
doing as U.S. Senate						
Majority Leader						
The job				39.7	39.0	42.7
Congresswoman						
Nancy Pelosi is						
doing as Speaker of						
the House						

National Results - November - Job-approval findings in expanded detail

		Cumulative
	Percent	Percent
1 Strongly Approve	22.6	22.6
2 Somewhat Approve	20.8	43.4
3 Somewhat Disapprove	10.7	54.1
4 Strongly Disapprove	44.3	98.4
5 Don't know / not sure	1.6	100.0
Total	100.0	

How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

How would you rate the job Mike Pence is doing as vice president?

	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly Approve	21.4	21.4
2 Somewhat Approve	22.6	44.0
3 Somewhat Disapprove	11.6	55.6
4 Strongly Disapprove	34.8	90.4
5 Don't know / not sure	9.6	100.0
Total	100.0	

How would you rate the job Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is doing as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly Approve	17.0	17.0
2 Somewhat Approve	25.7	42.7
3 Somewhat Disapprove	15.7	58.4
4 Strongly Disapprove	33.7	92.1
5 Don't know / not sure	7.9	100.0
Total	100.0	

How would you rate the jobs that Mitch McConnell is doing as U.S. Senate majority leader?

		Cumulative
	Percent	Percent
1 Strongly Approve	9.4	9.4
2 Somewhat Approve	18.0	27.4
3 Somewhat Disapprove	20.3	47.7
4 Strongly Disapprove	35.4	83.1
5 Don't know / not sure	16.9	100.0
Total	100.0	

Florida Results

How would you	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
rate	Approval	Approval	Approval	Approval	Approval	Approval
	May	August	October	February	April	November
	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
The job Donald	45.8	50.4	47.6	45.0	40.4	45.6
Trump is doing as						
President						
The job Mike	47.2			46.0	43.2	47.0
Pence is doing as						
Vice President						
The job Senator	33.6			33.6	31.2	35.4
Mitch McConnell						
is doing as U.S.						
Senate Majority						
Leader						
The job				43.4	43.2	41.0
Congresswoman						
Nancy Pelosi is						
doing as Speaker						
of the House						

Florida Results – November – Job-approval findings in expanded detail

		Cumulative
	Percent	Percent
1 Strongly Approve	27.6	27.6
2 Somewhat Approve	18.0	45.6
3 Somewhat Disapprove	10.8	56.4
4 Strongly Disapprove	40.6	97.0
5 Don't know / not sure	3.0	100.0
Total	100.0	

How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

How would you rate the job Mike Pence is doing as vice president?

	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly Approve	26.6	26.6
2 Somewhat Approve	20.4	47.0
3 Somewhat Disapprove	12.4	59.4
4 Strongly Disapprove	29.0	88.4
5 Don't know / not sure	11.6	100.0
Total	100.0	

U.S. House of Representatives?		
	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly Approve	17.4	17.4
2 Somewhat Approve	23.6	41.0
3 Somewhat Disapprove	12.4	53.4
4 Strongly Disapprove	37.2	90.6
5 Don't know / not sure	9.4	100.0
Total	100.0	

How would you rate the job Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is doing as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

How would you rate the job Mitch McConnell is doing as U.S. Senate majority leader?

		Cumulative
	Percent	Percent
1 Strongly Approve	11.4	11.4
2 Somewhat Approve	24.0	35.4
3 Somewhat Disapprove	17.2	52.6
4 Strongly Disapprove	29.4	82.0
5 Don't know / not sure	18.0	100.0
Total	100.0	

All respondents were asked to name <u>the most important issue</u> facing the nation today. The most important issues were reported to be healthcare, jobs and the economy, immigration, global climate change and government spending. Results are presented in the following table in declining order by importance based on the composite national data from November 2019.

Issues Most	National February	National May	National August	National October	National February	National April	National November
Important: National	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
Results							
Healthcare	13.7	15.9	1(1	18.2	15.0	20.5	10.7
Jobs and the	13.7	18.3	16.1 17.1	16.2	15.9 15.4	20.5 14.4	18.7 14.4
economy	16.0	16.5	1/.1	14.4	15.4	14.4	14.4
Immigration	8.6	8.9	13.2	9.0	14.0	18.3	11.6
Global	3.1	2.9	4.0	4.4	6.5	3.6	9.3
climate change	5.1	2.9	4.0	4.4	0.5	5.0	9.5
Government spending / federal budget deficit	9.3	8.3	9.3	11.2	13.3	8.3	8.7
Gun violence	9.8	9.4	5.6	4.4	6.3	3.7	5.5
Homeland	6.2	7.0	4.1	3.6	4.0	5.6	4.8
security and							
anti-terror							
policy							
Declining	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.3
U.S. status							
worldwide	2.4	2.2	2.0	5.2	2.(2.0	3.7
Some other issues	3.4	3.2	3.9	5.2	3.6	2.8	5.7
Education	5.1	3.8	5.0	5.7	4.2	3.9	3.6
Crime	1.1	2.2	2.6	3.5	1.8	2.2	3.4
Gun control	8.3	5.1	3.8	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.2
/ Second	0.5	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.4	5.2
Amendment							
rights							
Don't know	1.8	3.1	3.4	5.1	2.6	3.2	2.7
/ not sure							
Terrorism	3.9	3.2	2.6	2.7	1.7	3.1	2.7
Foreign	1.9	2.6	2.3	1.6	1.0	2.0	2.1
affairs							
Internet /	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.6
data security							
International	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.8	0.3	0.5
trade							
imbalance	0.2	05	0.1	1 4	1.0	0.1	0.2
Energy policy	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.2

The issues most important to Florida residents are presented in the following table. The
table is presented in declining order, based on issue importance, for the composite data from
November 2019.

Issues Most Important	Florida February 2018	Florida May 2018	Florida August 2018	Florida October 2018	Florida February 2019	Florida April 2019	Florida November 2019
Healthcare	16.2	15.8	15.4	19.5	19.8	18.4	20.8
Immigration	8.6	7.5	16.0	14.3	17.8	16.8	14.4
Jobs and the economy	15.4	13.8	14.8	14.0	11.8	13.2	11.2
Government spending and the federal budget deficit	11.8	10.1	8.6	9.3	10.0	7.0	8.6
Global climate change	2.2	2.6	3.0	5.6	3.0	5.4	7.2
Homeland security and anti-terror policy	6.8	6.1	5.6	4.7	6.2	5.8	4.0
Gun control / Second Amendment rights	9.4	8.7	4.2	3.4	4.0	4.4	4.0
Some other issues	2.8	1.8	2.8	2.4	2.8	3.0	4.0
Declining U.S. status worldwide	3.8	3.6	4.2	4.7	5.8	4.8	3.8
Gun violence	9.4	10.5	5.8	4.3	6.0	6.6	3.2
Education	4.2	5.1	5.4	5.3	1.8	3.6	3.2
Don't know / not sure	0.8	2.2	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.2
Terrorism	3.8	4.9	4.6	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.2
Crime	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.4	3.0
Foreign affairs	1.6	3.2	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.0	3.0
International trade imbalance	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.4
Internet / data security / ID theft	0.4	1.0	1.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2
Energy policy	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.6

All Democrat poll respondents were presented with a list of both notable and probable candidates for the Democratic nomination to run for President of the United States. Each was asked which candidate(s) they could support in a future primary. Multiple responses were accepted. Results are displayed in the following table in declining order by frequency of mention nationally.

November 2019 Results

Declared and Probable Candidates	National	Florida
	November	November
	2019	2019
Joe Biden	54.6	54.7
Elizabeth Warren	30.5	32.6
Bernie Sanders	27.6	27.4
Kamala Harris	21.0	23.7
Pete Buttigieg	19.7	21.1
Cory Booker	15.6	17.9
Michael Bloomberg	13.7	14.2
Amy Klobuchar	10.2	11.1
Julian Castro	9.5	11.1
Andrew Yang	8.3	13.2
None of these	8.3	7.9
Tom Steyer	6.0	5.8
Michael Bennet	4.4	6.8
Steve Bullock	3.5	3.7
John Delaney	2.9	4.7
Tulsi Gabbard	2.5	4.7
Tim Ryan	2.5	3.7
Wayne Messam	1.3	2.6
Joe Sestak	0.6	2.6
Marianne Williamson	0.6	2.6

April 2019 Results

Declared and Probable Candidates	National	Florida
	April 2019	April 2019
Joe Biden	53.5	55.8
Bernie Sanders	29.7	32.5
Kamala Harris	29.4	22.3
Beto O'Rourke	23.7	23.4
Cory Booker	19.3	18.8
Pete Buttigieg	19.3	25.4
Elizabeth Warren	19.0	20.3
None of these	10.4	8.6
Amy Klobuchar	10.1	9.6
Julian Castro	9.5	9.1
Kirsten Gillibrand	9.2	10.2
Jay Inslee	4.4	3.0
Andrew Yang	4.1	6.1
Tulsi Gabbard	3.8	3.0
John Hickenlooper	3.8	5.1
Eric Swalwell	3.8	4.6
Mike Gravel	2.8	2.0
Wayne Messam	2.8	2.5
John Delaney	2.5	3.6
Tim Ryan	2.5	4.6
Marianne Williamson	2.5	2.5

February 2019 Results

Declared and Probable Candidates	National	Florida
	February	February
	2019	2019
Joe Biden	58.3	58.5
Bernie Sanders	38.1	29.8
Kamala Harris	29.5	31.7
Cory Booker	26.3	24.4
Beto O'Rourke	22.4	24.9
Elizabeth Warren	21.2	23.9
Kirsten Gillibrand	11.5	7.3
Amy Klobuchar	10.9	15.1
Julian Castro	9.3	11.7
None of these	6.7	8.8
Pete Buttigieg	3.5	7.8
Michael Bennet	2.2	4.4
Howard Schultz	1.9	3.4
Marianne Williamson	1.6	2.0
John Delaney	1.3	3.4
Tulsi Gabbard	1.3	2.0
Andrew Yang	1.3	2.4

Several characteristics or traits for potential presidential candidates were presented. Respondents were asked which, if any, would make them more likely to support a presidential candidate in 2020. Honesty and believability, integrity, moral, and willingness to work with both parties were the most favorably viewed traits.

Results are presented in declining order by national composite data. Multiple responses were accepted.

Traits or Characteristics	National November 2019	Florida November 2019	National Democrats 2019	National Republicans 2019	National Unaffiliated 2019
Honest / believable	64.4	60.0	67.6	58.9	66.0
Integrity	53.3	52.6	53.0	49.1	59.6
Moral	49.9	46.8	51.1	47.6	52.8
Will work with both	49.5	46.2	48.9	40.4	58.8
political parties					
Personable / likable	34.0	36.6	36.5	32.7	33.4
Electable	32.4	37.0	36.5	32.4	30.6
Experienced in politics	29.3	32.4	44.1	20.7	24.0
Tough on the world stage	27.8	29.2	17.8	40.7	27.8
Has business experience	24.0	31.4	9.8	41.1	24.0
Is moderate	22.6	23.2	22.9	15.6	29.1
Is conservative	21.8	25.6	6.7	52.0	13.2
Bold – dreaming big instead of incrementally introducing policies	20.0	18.2	16.8	23.6	20.5
Will or has already released personal income tax returns	19.5	16.0	29.8	3.6	22.9
Religious	16.1	13.6	13.3	25.5	12.7
Is liberal	12.8	10.6	25.4	2.9	10.5
Younger age	9.3	10.8	11.7	5.8	10.0
Is not wealthy	6.0	7.6	6.3	2.2	7.8
Older age	5.7	5.8	6.7	7.6	3.5
None of these	3.9	2.8	4.8	2.5	2.4
(Exclusive)	2.0	4.0	1.6		2.2
Is wealthy	3.2	4.0	1.6	6.5	2.2
Inexperienced in politics	3.1	3.8	1.6	4.0	3.5
Sexual orientation	2.3	5.0	0.6	2.5	2.4

April 2019 Results

Traits or Characteristics	National	National	National	National
	April	Democrats	Republicans	Unaffiliated
Honest / believable	62.4	69.0	52.6	65.3
Will work with both political	53.7	49.4	49.3	63.4
parties				
Integrity	53.0	51.6	51.8	57.7
Moral	48.2	50.6	43.1	50.0
Electable	32.4	37.0	28.5	32.2
Personable / likable	32.0	37.7	29.6	29.5
Experienced in politics	29.7	46.2	16.1	27.0
Is moderate	25.8	23.7	15.3	38.3
Has business experience	22.7	9.8	33.2	26.8
Will or has already released	20.9	30.1	7.7	23.8
personal income tax returns				
Is conservative	18.9	5.1	46.0	11.7
Religious	11.9	10.1	19.7	7.7
Is liberal	9.6	21.8	1.8	5.5
Younger age	9.2	11.1	3.3	11.2
Is not wealthy	7.3	9.8	3.6	7.9
Older age	5.1	7.0	6.2	3.0
None of these	4.2	3.5	4.4	2.7
Inexperienced in politics	3.3	1.9	4.4	3.8
Sexual orientation	3.0	4.1	4.7	0.8
Is wealthy	2.4	1.6	3.6	2.2

All respondents were asked, despite who they plan to support, which of the Democratic hopefuls are viewed as being the most likely to defeat President Donald Trump. Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Michael Bloomberg, Pete Buttigieg and Elizabeth Warren lead the list.

Results are shown in declining order by national composite data.

November 2019 Results

Declared and Probable Candidates	National November	Florida November	National Democrats	National Republicans	National Unaffiliated
	2019	2019		-	
Joe Biden	40.5	36.0	60.6	21.1	40.2
None of these	17.8	35.0	10.8	56.4	28.6
Bernie Sanders	17.4	15.2	27.0	5.1	18.1
Michael Bloomberg	13.1	13.0	15.2	10.5	14.3
Pete Buttigieg	11.6	10.4	15.9	5.8	12.9
Elizabeth Warren	10.1	18.2	29.8	4.7	19.4
Kamala Harris	7.8	6.8	11.7	2.9	8.6
Cory Booker	6.2	6.4	10.5	1.8	6.5
Amy Klobuchar	5.0	4.8	5.7	2.5	6.5
Tulsi Gabbard	3.6	3.4	1.6	4.7	4.6
Michael Bennet	3.0	3.0	2.9	5.8	1.1
Julian Castro	3.0	3.0	5.4	0.7	3.0
Andrew Yang	2.8	4.2	5.7	1.8	7.3
Steve Bullock	2.1	3.2	3.2	2.2	1.1
John Delaney	2.1	3.0	2.9	2.2	1.6
Tom Steyer	1.7	2.2	4.4	0.7	3.8
Tim Ryan	1.6	1.2	2.9	1.5	0.5
Wayne Messam	0.9	1.8	0.3	1.5	1.1
Joe Sestak	0.8	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.5
Marianne Williamson	0.8	1.0	1.6	2.2	0.8

National April 2019 Results

Declared and	National	Democratic	Republican	Unaffiliated
Probable Candidates	Composite			
Joe Biden	39.5	57.9	26.3	36.1
None of these	34.2	10.1	54.7	36.6
Bernie Sanders	18.1	28.5	9.1	16.1
Beto O'Rourke	10.4	19.9	4.0	8.2
Kamala Harris	9.7	20.3	1.8	7.4
Elizabeth Warren	9.2	13.6	1.8	10.9
Pete Buttigieg	8.8	13.0	3.3	9.8
Cory Booker	7.5	12.7	1.5	8.2
Kirsten Gillibrand	3.7	6.0	1.5	3.8
Amy Klobuchar	3.4	6.3	1.5	2.7
Julian Castro	3.0	6.0	1.5	1.4
Tim Ryan	3.0	4.7	2.9	1.9
John Delaney	2.9	4.4	2.6	2.2
John Hickenlooper	2.5	4.1	1.1	2.5
Jay Inslee	2.0	3.5	0.7	1.6
Wayne Messam	2.0	3.8	2.2	0.5
Mike Gravel	1.8	2.8	1.8	1.1
Andrew Yang	1.8	2.8	1.8	1.1
Tulsi Gabbard	1.6	4.1	1.1	
Eric Swalwell	1.6	4.4	0.4	0.3
Marianne Williamson	1.0	2.5	0.7	

Republicans were asked which, if any, of the Democratic presidential candidates they could support in the 2020 presidential race.

Interestingly, 13.8% of Republicans polled nationally noted they could support Joe Biden (down from 18.6% in April 2019). This was followed by Michael Bloomberg (10.5%) and Tulsi Gabbard (6.2%).

Declared and Probable Candidates	National November	Florida November
Candidates	2019	2019
None of these	63.6	66.9
Joe Biden	13.8	12.0
Michael Bloomberg	10.5	10.3
Tulsi Gabbard	6.2	6.9
Pete Buttigieg	4.7	5.7
Bernie Sanders	4.0	5.7
Elizabeth Warren	4.0	5.1
Michael Bennet	3.6	4.0
Cory Booker	3.6	2.3
Steve Bullock	2.5	2.3
Kamala Harris	2.5	2.9
Amy Klobuchar	2.5	1.7
Julian Castro	2.2	2.9
Andrew Yang	2.2	2.9
Marianne Williamson	1.8	1.1
John Delaney	0.7	1.7
Joe Sestak	0.7	
Tom Steyer	0.7	1.7
Wayne Messam	0.4	0.6
Tim Ryan	0.4	1.1

November 2019 Results

April 2019 Results

Declared and Probable	National	Florida
Candidates	April 2019	April 2019
None of these	65.0	69.1
Joe Biden	18.6	19.4
Bernie Sanders	7.7	6.9
Pete Buttigieg	5.8	4.6
Beto O'Rourke	3.6	5.1
Andrew Yang	2.9	2.3
John Delaney	2.6	1.1
Kirsten Gillibrand	2.6	4.0
Kamala Harris	2.6	4.0
Amy Klobuchar	2.6	2.9
Julian Castro	2.2	1.1
Cory Booker	1.8	2.9
Tim Ryan	1.8	3.4
Tulsi Gabbard	1.1	2.9
John Hickenlooper	1.1	1.1
Wayne Messam	1.1	0.6
Elizabeth Warren	1.1	4.6
Mike Gravel	0.7	1.7
Jay Inslee	0.7	2.3
Eric Swalwell	0.4	2.3
Marianne Williamson	0.4	0.6

Survey respondents were presented with the following: "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."

The following table holds the cumulative totals for those strongly and somewhat supporting each plan or proposal. The results are presented in declining order by support levels.

Democratic Candidate Proposals	National Strongly & Somewhat Support	Florida Strongly & Somewhat Support
Medicare for all who want it	59.5	56.8
The Green New Deal – a proposal to reduce climate change and stimulate job creation	55.0	49.6
Confiscating assault weapons from civilians and banning new distribution	51.2	50.0
Medicare for all	50.2	46.8
Universal income – where all adult Americans receive a \$1000 monthly government payment	35.5	35.0
Revoking the tax-exempt status of churches, mosques, synagogues and other religious groups that do not recognize LBGT marriages	34.5	35.0
Expanding the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices	30.6	31.0

Survey respondents were reminded of the recent baseball game where both former President George W. Bush and celebrity Ellen DeGeneres attended together: "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?"

Nearly three-quarters, 73.8%, of all respondents suggested "we need to chill" and, of course, they would attend an event with a friend holding opposite political views. The results are displayed here.

Your Approach to the Same Situation?	National	Florida
	Percent	Percent
I would not go out in public with someone	5.2	6.8
who holds opposite political views		
I would see someone who holds opposite	8.5	8.6
politically but not publicly		
It would never happen; I don't have friends	3.9	6.4
who hold opposite political views		
We need to chill – of course I would enjoy	73.8	66.8
a game, attraction or event with a friend		
who holds opposite political views		
Unsure / Don't know	8.6	11.4

FLORIDA ISSUES

All respondents were asked to rate the job several Florida elected officials were doing. Each was asked if they strongly approved, somewhat approved, somewhat disapproved or strongly disapproved of the jobs each is doing today. The following graph depicts the cumulative totals for strongly and somewhat approve. (The three tables inserted below give complete ratings per individual.)



Expanded November job-approval findings in detail for:

Governor DeSantis	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly approve	26.4	26.4
2 Somewhat approve	30.4	56.8
3 Somewhat disapprove	13.2	70.0
4 Strongly disapprove	17.4	87.4
5 Unsure	12.6	100.0
Total	100.0	

U.S. Senator Scott	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly approve	26.4	26.4
2 Somewhat approve	30.4	56.8
3 Somewhat disapprove	13.2	70.0
4 Strongly disapprove	17.4	87.4
5 Unsure	12.6	100.0
Total	100.0	

U.S. Senator Rubio	Percent	Cumulative Percent
1 Strongly approve	20.2	20.2
2 Somewhat approve	35.2	55.4
3 Somewhat disapprove	14.4	69.8
4 Strongly disapprove	17.0	86.8
5 Unsure	13.2	100.0
Total	100.0	



Previous 2019 approval ratings shown in graphical form.



ADDED INFORMATION ON FLORIDA RESPONDENTS

Just over one-quarter, 26.4%, reported having children in Florida public schools (19.0%), in Florida private schools (4.6%) and both public and private schools (2.8%). Another 72.6% indicated they did not have children currently in Florida schools.

On home ownership and renting, nearly three-quarters, 72.2% noted they own their own home while 26.2% said they currently rent their home. A few, were unsure or in transition (1.6%).

Several potential ballot measures or actual policy changes that are already in effect in Florida were presented to respondents. Florida respondents were asked to indicate if they strongly agreed, somewhat agreed, somewhat disagreed or strongly disagreed with each.

The cumulative totals for strongly support and somewhat support, for somewhat oppose
and strongly oppose and unsure are presented here.

Policy Discussion in Florida	Strongly & Somewhat Support	Strongly & Somewhat Oppose	Unsure
Increasing fines/penalties for passing school buses with red lights flashing	81.4	10.6	8.0
Allowing only U.S. citizens to vote in federal, state, local or school elections within Florida	80.4	10.4	9.2
Laws against hand-held cell phone use in school and construction zones	64.2	23.2	12.6
Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 by 2026	63.2	26.2	10.6
Legalizing possession of up to one ounce of marijuana by residents 21 years of age or older	59.0	31.4	9.6
Allowing most released felons to vote even if they cannot pay fines/fees from their sentences	49.0	40.8	10.2
Allowing teachers to carry firearms in the classroom in your own Florida county	41.6	50.0	8.4

More details on above findings available upon request.

NATIONAL SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Conservative/ Moderate/Liberal	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Very conservative	13.9	19.8	11.2	14.3	14.5	14.0
Somewhat	22.6	19.4	20.2	22.1	20.7	22.0
conservative						
Moderate	35.9	31.0	33.4	33.6	38.3	37.0
Somewhat liberal	15.0	15.5	12.1	16.6	13.1	12.9
Very liberal	9.0	9.6	7.6	10.1	9.1	10.7
Unsure	3.6	4.7	15.4	3.3	4.3	3.4

Age	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
18-25	5.0	7.4	11.2	5.1	7.0	6.1
26-35	21.3	26.4	24.2	13.0	11.3	15.2
36-45	19.0	20.6	20.5	15.8	14.4	22.3
46-55	18.0	15.1	15.9	19.4	20.1	16.5
56-65	22.9	16.9	15.9	34.2	34.7	27.8
Over	13.8	13.9	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.1
65						

How Religious?	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Very religious	19.6	18.3	18.3	21.8
Somewhat religious	32.9	37.3	38.3	35.2
Not very religious	19.5	20.4	18.0	22.8
Not at all religious	23.6	21.7	23.2	18.6
Unsure	4.5	2.3	2.2	1.5

Income	February 2018	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Less	3.6	2.9	4.6	4.4	2.3	3.3	4.8
than							
\$10,000							
\$10,000	19.5	18.9	21.1	24.1	18.9	21.5	27.5
to less							
than							
\$40,000							
\$40,000	26.9	24.6	23.6	25.2	25.2	25.9	24.6
to less							
than							
\$75,000							
\$75,000	19.4	20.5	19.5	18.8	17.6	15.5	15.1
to less							
than							
\$100,000							
\$100,000	19.1	20.0	21.3	13.5	19.4	18.8	16.2
to less							
than							
\$150,000							
\$150,000	6.7	6.8	4.8	5.9	8.0	7.3	6.4
to less							
than							
\$200,000							
\$200,000	4.2	5.6	4.1	5.3	7.3	5.9	4.2
or more							
Prefer	0.8	0.7	1.0	2.9	1.3	1.8	1.2
not to							
disclose							

Political Party Affiliation	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Republican	27.1	27.1	24.9	27.0	27.4	27.5
Democratic	31.1	31.5	24.9	31.2	31.6	31.5
Unaffiliated/	39.7	34.6	26.9	37.7	36.6	37.1
Independent /						
Undeclared						
Some other	0.3	2.5	8.7	2.0	0.9	1.5
party						
Unsure	1.9	4.3	14.7	2.1	3.5	2.4

Gender	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Male	50.0	47.4	50.0	50.0	45.5	50.0
Female	50.0	52.6	50.0	50.0	54.5	50.0

Education	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Less than High School	4.1	6.6	6.4	3.5	4.2	9.1
High School / GED	8.0	9.5	11.0	8.7	10.3	17.2
Associate Degree	6.7	7.4	8.7	9.7	6.6	7.9
Some college / technical school	19.4	22.2	21.9	21.9	19.5	19.9
College / technical school graduate	39.8	32.7	31.2	34.2	36.2	28.7
Postgraduate or professional degree	21.9	21.2	20.3	21.7	22.8	17.0
Prefer not to disclose	0.1	0.4				0.2

Hispanic,	February	May	August	October	February	April	November
Latin	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
American,							
Puerto Rican,							
Cuban or							
Mexican							
Yes	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.5	16.3

Religion Followed	February 2018	May 2018	August 2018	October 2018	February 2019	April 2019	November 2019
Catholic	30.4	31.1	31.0	20.7	28.0	23.3	27.4
Protestant	16.7	19.9	17.1	14.4	20.6	20.3	22.2
(Baptist,							
Lutheran,							
Congregational,							
Presbyterian)							
Christian (non-	19.5	20.3	19.5	20.7	18.0	14.5	17.1
denominational)							
Greek	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.7	0.4
Orthodox							
Jewish	3.0	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.5	4.7	2.9
Buddhist	0.4	0.8	0.9	2.2	0.9	1.7	1.6
Muslim	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.3	0.9		1.1
Latter Day	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.8		1.1
Saints /							
Mormon							
Other	4.3	3.6	3.5	6.5	3.7	3.5	4.1
No preference	22.4	17.3	20.8	24.3	19.9	25.6	20.8
Don't know /	1.3	1.7	1.6	4.2	1.9	4.7	1.3
unsure							

Ethnicity	February	May	August	October	February	April	November
(Among Non-	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019
Hispanics)							
White	66.3	70.1	65.0	64.2	68.2	63.5	65.2
Black, African-	11.2	12.6	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.6
American							
Asian	5.1	0.1	4.8	5.1	1.6	5.1	5.0
Aleutian,	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5
Eskimo or							
American Indian							
Other	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	1.0	
Native Hawaiian	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.2
or Pacific							
Islander							
Two or more							
races							
Refused							
Don't know							

APPENDIX

INTERPRETATION OF AGGREGATE RESULTS

The computer processed data for this survey are presented in the following frequency distributions. It is important to note that the wordings of the variable labels and value labels in the computer-processed data are largely abbreviated descriptions of the Questionnaire items and available response categories.

The frequency distributions include the category or response for the question items. Responses deemed not appropriate for classification have been grouped together under the "Other" code.

The "NA" category label refers to "No Answer" or "Not Applicable." This code is also used to classify ambiguous responses. In addition, the "DK/RF" category includes those respondents who did not know their answer to a question or declined to answer it. In many of the tables, a group of responses may be tagged as "Missing" – occasionally, certain individual's responses may not be required to specific questions and thus are excluded. Although when this category of response is used, the computations of percentages are presented in two (2) ways in the frequency distributions: 1) with their inclusion (as a proportion of the total sample), and 2) their exclusion (as a proportion of a sample sub-group).

Each frequency distribution includes the absolute observed occurrence of each response (i.e. the total number of cases in each category). Immediately adjacent to the right of the column of absolute frequencies is the column of relative frequencies. These are the percentages of cases falling in each category response, including those cases designated as missing data. To the right of the relative frequency column is the adjusted frequency distribution column that contains the relative frequencies based on the legitimate (i.e. non-missing) cases. That is, the total base for the adjusted frequency distribution excludes the missing data. For many Questionnaire items, the relative frequencies and the adjusted frequencies will be nearly the same. However, some items that elicit a sizable number of missing data will produce quite substantial percentage differences between the two columns of frequencies. The careful analyst will cautiously consider both distributions.

The last column of data within the frequency distribution is the cumulative frequency distribution (Cum Freq.). This column is simply an adjusted frequency distribution of the sum of all previous categories of response and the current category of response. Its primary usefulness is to gauge some ordered or ranked meaning.