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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, political division in the United States, ratings of the new president, Pope Francis and faith in politics, the COVID pandemic and our 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 (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 **Joe Biden** is doing as President	01	02	03	04	05
3. The job **Kamala Harris** 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 **Chuck Schumer** 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   COVID-19 pandemic
    18   Some other issue
    19   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 Q11)**
04 Member of some other party **(Go to Q11)**
05 Don't know / not sure **(Go to Q11)**

Q8 for Democrats Only: [If Q7 Code 02] (then skip to Q11)

8. The following are the notable and possible candidates for the Democratic nomination to run for president of the United States in 2024. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Notable and Possible Democratic Candidates	
Stacey Abrams	01
Michael Bennet	01
Andy Beshear	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Andrew Cuomo	01
Kamala Harris	01
Jay Inslee	01
Joe Kennedy	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Michelle Lujan Grisham	01
Gavin Newsom	01
Michelle Obama	01
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	01
J.B Pritzker	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Gretchen Whitmer	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these **(Exclusive)**	01

Q's 9 & 10 for Republicans Only: [If Q7 Code 01]

9. The following are the notable and possible candidates for the Republican nomination to run for president of the United States in 2024. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Notable and Possible Republican Candidates	
Greg Abbott	01
Tucker Carlson	01
Chris Christie	01
Tom Cotton	01
Dan Crenshaw	01
Ted Cruz	01
Ron DeSantis	01
Mike DeWine	01
Matt Gaetz	01
Nikki Haley	01
Larry Hogan	01
Josh Hawley	01
John Kasich	01
Mike Lee	01
Mike Lindell	01
Kristi Noem	01
Candace Owens	01
Mitt Romney	01
Mike Pence	01
Mike Pompeo	01
Condi Rice	01
Marco Rubio	01
Paul Ryan	01
Ben Sasse	01
Rick Scott	01
Tim Scott	01
Donald Trump	01
Donald Trump Jr.	01
Ivanka Trump	01
None of these (exclusive)	01

10. And, now the same question if former President Trump does not run in 2024. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Notable and Possible Republican Candidates	
Greg Abbott	01
Tucker Carlson	01
Chris Christie	01
Tom Cotton	01
Dan Crenshaw	01
Ted Cruz	01
Ron DeSantis	01
Mike DeWine	01
Matt Gaetz	01
Nikki Haley	01
Larry Hogan	01
Josh Hawley	01
John Kasich	01
Mike Lee	01
Mike Lindell	01
Kristi Noem	01
Candace Owens	01
Mitt Romney	01
Mike Pence	01
Mike Pompeo	01
Condi Rice	01
Marco Rubio	01
Paul Ryan	01
Ben Sasse	01
Rick Scott	01
Tim Scott	01
Donald Trump Jr.	01
Ivanka Trump	01
None of these (exclusive)	01

Voting in November 2020

11. Did you vote or support Donald Trump or Joseph Biden in the November 2020 presidential election?

       01   Donald Trump **(Continue to Q12 and Q14)**
       02   Joseph Biden **(Go to Q13)**
       03   Did not support or vote for either **(Go to Q14)**
       04   Prefer not to answer **(Go to Q14)**

12. Based on the events of January 6, 2021 -- the storming of the United States Capitol building mostly by supporters of President Trump, or for any other reasons, how would you describe any regrets you may have regarding your support/vote. One means you have strong regrets while 10 means you have no regrets at all.

2020 Vote Regrets	Strongly Regret									No Regrets at All	Unsure
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11

13.. Based on early actions of President Biden and his administration including his appointments, new developments and the unprecedented number of Executive Orders, how would you describe any regrets you may have regarding your support/vote. One means you have strong regrets and 10 means you have no regrets at all.

2020 Vote Regrets	Strongly Regret									No Regrets at All	Unsure
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11

14. Based on the November 2020 presidential election, have you or are you reconsidering your political party affiliation or support?

       01   Yes, have reconsidered or reconsidering
       02   No, have not reconsidered or reconsidering
       03   Unsure

Political Divisions / Engagement / Dialogue

The following are several 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
15. We are more divided as a nation than ever before	01	02	03	04	05
16. I see democracy slipping away in the United States	01	02	03	04	05
17. At times, physical violence during demonstrations is justified	01	02	03	04	05
18. Not all free speech patterns should be protected	01	02	03	04	05
19. I am very optimistic about reducing political discord	01	02	03	04	05
20. I would be willing to join others in building bridges with those I disagree with to improve relations in my community	01	02	03	04	05
21. I would be willing to attend a community forum or conversation designed to engage residents in constructive dialogue on reducing political discord	01	02	03	04	05
22. I would be willing to volunteer for or donate to not-for-profits dedicated to helping reducing political discord in my community	01	02	03	04	05

Pope Francis, the Catholic Church and Faith in Politics

23. 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

24. 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

Faith in Politics

The following are several statements about the faith in politics. For each statement, please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose.

Statements on Faith in Politics	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure
25. President Biden should use his faith to guide him in decision-making	01	02	03	04	05
26. Politicians are right to use faith when making policy	01	02	03	04	05
27. It is important to me that politicians are spiritual and have deep faith	01	02	03	04	05
28. I'm OK with politicians citing scripture while making an argument or taking a position	01	02	03	04	05
29. Too many politicians use public displays of faith to gain votes and promote their image	01	02	03	04	05
30. Despite whom, in the end, I supported or how I voted in 2020, President Biden's Catholic Faith made me more inclined to support his candidacy	01	02	03	04	05

Environment

The following are several questions about the environment and global climate change.

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

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

32. Which one 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
      04   Don't know / not sure

33. 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
      03   Warmer temperatures
      04   Worsened drought conditions
      05   Worsened air quality
      06   Unusually severe weather and/or storms
      07   Inland flooding
      08   Loss or threatened loss of habitats
      09   Loss or threatened loss of species
      10   Bomb cyclones (rapidly intensifying cyclonic storms)
      11   Increased polar oscillations (also called a polar vortex or displaced polar air)
      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.

Responsibility for Global Climate Change?	Very Responsible	Somewhat Responsible	Not Very Responsible	Not at all Responsible	Don't know / not sure
34. Ocean rising or seacoast flooding	01	02	03	04	05
35. Beach erosion	01	02	03	04	05
36. Warmer temperatures	01	02	03	04	05
37. Worsened drought conditions	01	02	03	04	05
38. Worsened air quality	01	02	03	04	05
39. Unusually severe weather / storms	01	02	03	04	05
40. Loss or threatened loss of habitats	01	02	03	04	05
41. Loss or threatened loss of species	01	02	03	04	05
42. Inland flooding	01	02	03	04	05
42. Bomb cyclones (rapidly intensifying cyclonic storms)	01	02	03	04	05
44. Increased polar oscillations (also called a polar vortex or displaced air)	01	02	03	04	05
45. Wildfires in the United States	01	02	03	04	05

46. 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, online media such as CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, Associated Press, New York Times, Washington Post and The Weather Channel
02 Social media
03 Fox News, Washington Times, radio commentators such as Sean Hannity
04 MSNBC, Huffington Post
05 Scientist and Cosmos TV series host Neil deGrasse Tyson
06 President Biden
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 College professors/educators
14 Family, friends, or co-workers
15 Don't know / not sure

47. Which **one** of the following do you think is best able to prevent the causes of global warming?

01 Local governments
02 State governments
03 Federal or national government
04 International bodies
05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
06 Personal responsibility of every individual
07 Don't know / not sure

48. 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

49. 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

50. 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

51. How important or unimportant would you say it is for your own community or area to establish a department with employees or start a program to work on the issue of climate change on the local level? Would you say…

        01   Very important
        02   Somewhat important
        03   Somewhat unimportant
        04   Not at all important
        05   Unsure/Don't know

52. And, to the best of your knowledge, does your own community or area have such a department or professional organization currently engaged?

        01   Yes
        02   No
        03   Unsure/Don't know

The following are several potential measures or actions related to climate change or environmental protection. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

Climate Change Actions	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
53. Climate change should be taught as accepted theory in public primary and secondary schools	01	02	03	04	05
54. Plastic straws should be banned	01	02	03	04	05
55. Single use plastic shopping bags should be banned	01	02	03	04	05

56. 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   Carpool 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
08   Bought an electric car
09   Added insulation to my home
10   Planted tree(s)
11   Purchased higher efficiency appliances
12   None of these
13   Don't know / not sure

57. 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   Carpool 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
        08   Buy an electric car
        09   Add insulation to my home
        10   Plant tree(s)
        11   Purchase higher efficiency appliances
        12   None of these
        13   Don't know / not sure

58. Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that protecting the environment is an important responsibility for people of religious faith?

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

59. 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   Environmental protections 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

60. One of President Biden's first executive orders was to cancel the Keystone crude oil pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada to the U.S. Midwest and the U.S. Gulf Coast. Supporters of the executive order cite the pipeline's negative impact on the environment while opponents of the order cite the loss of thousands of jobs as well as the loss of some domestic supply. Based on all you know or have heard, how strongly do you support or oppose the President's decision?

    01   Strongly support
    02   Somewhat support
    03   Somewhat oppose
    04   Strongly oppose.
    05   Unsure / Don't know enough

61. In December 2015 the United National Climate Change Conference concluded. While initially a participant, the United States pulled out of the agreement during the Trump Administration. The U.S. is now re-joining the pact. How strongly do you support or oppose the United States **re-joining the Paris Agreement**? Would you say…

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

COVID

The following are several statements about the COVID pandemic in the United States. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

COVID	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know / not sure
62. I tend to trust the science and health officials when it comes to COVID information	01	02	03	04	05
63. I have received or will receive the COVID vaccine when it becomes available	01	02	03	04	05
64. All public K-12 schools should now be open	01	02	03	04	05
65. COVID school closings caused long-term deficits in our children related to learning, social skills and mental health	01	02	03	04	05
66. Life should return to normal once everyone willing has been vaccinated for COVID	01	02	03	04	05
67. Mask wearing until the risk of COVID is reduced is a good, sound policy	01	02	03	04	05
68. The media does influence my own views on the COVID pandemic	01	02	03	04	05

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

69. Are you male or female?

      01   Male
      02   Female

70. How old are you?

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

71. 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

72. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

      01   Yes **(Go to Q74)**
      02   No
      03   Don't know / not sure

73. 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

74. 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

75. 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

76. 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

77. 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

78. 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

79. 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

80. 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 questions about Governor DeSantis' handling of the COVID pandemic in Florida. For each, please indicate if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove.

Governor DeSantis…	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Unsure
81. on handling the COVID pandemic in Florida	01	02	03	04	05
82. on supporting and re-opening the economy / business in Florida	01	02	03	04	05
83. on rolling out the vaccine as it becomes available	01	02	03	04	05
84. on handling the re-opening of public K-12 schools in Florida	01	02	03	04	05

For Republicans Only: [Q7 Code 01]

85. In a two-person Republican primary in 2022 for the United States Senate from Florida, would you support Marco Rubio or Ivanka Trump?

        01   Marco Rubio
        02   Ivanka Trump
        03   Someone else
        04   Undecided / Unsure

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

Code	Florida County		Code	County
1	Alachua		34	Lake
2	Baker		35	Lee
3	Bay		36	Leon
4	Bradford		37	Levy
5	Brevard		38	Liberty
6	Broward		39	Madison
7	Calhoun		40	Manatee
8	Charlotte		41	Marion
9	Citrus		42	Martin
10	Clay		43	Miami-Dade
11	Collier		44	Monroe
12	Columbia		45	Nassau
13	DeSoto		46	Okaloosa
14	Dixie		47	Okeechobee
15	Duval		48	Orange
16	Escambia		49	Osceola
17	Flagler		50	Palm Beach
18	Franklin		51	Pasco
19	Gadsden		52	Pinellas
20	Gilchrist		53	Polk
21	Glades		54	Putnam
22	Gulf		55	Santa Rosa
23	Hamilton		56	Sarasota
24	Hardee		57	Seminole
25	Hendry		58	St. Johns
26	Hernando		59	St. Lucie
27	Highlands		60	Sumter
28	Hillsborough		61	Suwannee
29	Holmes		62	Taylor
30	Indian River		63	Union
31	Jackson		64	Volusia
32	Jefferson		65	Wakulla
33	Lafayette		66	Walton
			67	Washington

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