

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, Pope Francis, COVID-19, charitable giving / volunteering, and the coming 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 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, 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 Inflation
- 19 Border security
- 20 Some other issue
- 21 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
- 02 Democrat
- 03 Unaffiliated or independent
- 04 Member of some other party
- 05 Don't know / not sure

Q8 for Democrats Only (Code 02 in Q7)

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
Pete Buttigieg	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
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Q9 for Republicans Only (Code 01 in Q7)

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
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

Q10 for Republicans Only (Code 01 in Q7)

10. And, now the same question if former President Trump decides not to 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
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

Pope Francis, the Catholic Church and Faith in Politics

Now a few questions about Pope Francis, the Catholic Church and faith in politics.

11. 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

12. 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

13. Pope Francis has urged everyone to get vaccinated, if available, against the COVID-19 virus. How strongly would you say you support or oppose his statement of support for vaccination? Would you say...?

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

14. If you were aware the pope had urged vaccinations before you were vaccinated, or, now, if you are unvaccinated at present, how much influence did Pope Francis have, or will have, on your own vaccination decision? Would you say...?

- 01 Significant influence
- 02 Some influence
- 03 Very little influence
- 04 No influence at all
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

15. Some leading politicians are pro-choice while others are pro-life. The Catholic Church opposes abortion. How strongly would you say you support or oppose the practice of denying communion to leading politicians who support legal access to abortion? Would you say...?

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

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
16. Politicians are right to use faith when making policy	01	02	03	04	05
17. It is important to me that politicians are spiritual and have deep faith	01	02	03	04	05
18. Too many politicians use public displays of faith to gain votes and promote their image	01	02	03	04	05

COVID-19

The following are several questions about COVID-19. (2020-2)

19. How concerned are you about COVID-19? Would you say...?

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

20. Which of the following best reflects your current position on the COVID-19 vaccinations?

- 01 I have received the first of two vaccination shots (**Go to Q23**)
- 02 I have received both vaccination shots (**Go to Q23**)
- 03 I have received the single-dose (Johnson & Johnson) vaccination (**Go to Q23**)
- 03 I have not received one or both vaccination shots but plan to do so (**Go to Q23**)
- 04 I will not be receiving the vaccination shots (**Continue**)
- 05 Unsure / Don't know (**Go to Q23**)
- 06 I prefer not to answer (**Go to Q23**)

21. Please explain why you will not receive the COVID-19 vaccination? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 I have had COVID-19 already, so I have the antibodies
- 02 Medical reasons
- 03 Religious reason
- 04 Have concerns over the safety of the vaccinations
- 05 Conflicting views of various health care agencies and political leaders
- 06 Unsure/Don't know (**exclusive**)
- 07 Other

22. What will you want to or need to see before you would decide to receive the COVID-19 vaccination? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Clearer and more consistent advice from health care agencies and political leaders
- 02 More research on resulting effects of the vaccinations
- 03 More on reasons why those who have already had COVID-19 need to be vaccinated
- 04 Fewer restrictions / more freedom
- 05 If forced to because of work requirements
- 06 Nothing, I am opposed to getting the vaccinations (**exclusive**)
- 07 Unsure / Don't know (**exclusive**)
- 08 Other

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
23. I tend to trust science and health officials when it comes to COVID information	01	02	03	04	05
24. I am still taking precautions due to the COVID	01	02	03	04	05
25. Regardless of my current vaccination status, it distresses me that I have heard some vaccines use fetal tissue or fetal cells	01	02	03	04	05
26. Things for me are relatively back to normal or back to where they were before the pandemic	01	02	03	04	05
27. I support “passports” (proof of vaccinations) in my community to get into restaurants, concerts or sporting events	01	02	03	04	05
28. I support mandating that employers (over 100 employees) require vaccinations among their workforces	01	02	03	04	05
29. I support mandating that teachers are vaccinated	01	02	03	04	05
30. I support mandating that health care workers are vaccinated	01	02	03	04	05
31. Religious exemptions from mandates should be allowed	01	02	03	04	05
32. Compromised immunity or health exemptions from mandates should be allowed	01	02	03	04	05
33. Those who have already had COVID-19 or have the antibodies to COVID-19 should receive an exemption from mandates	01	02	03	04	05
34. Religious exemptions from mandates should be allowed	01	02	03	04	05
35. Those who are unvaccinated should pay higher health insurance rates than those vaccinated	01	02	03	04	05
36. Those who are unvaccinated should be last in line for health care services	01	02	03	04	05
37. I am willing to reveal my vaccination status to authorities such as government officials	01	02	03	04	05
38. I am willing to reveal my vaccination status to friends and family	01	02	03	04	05
39. Professional sports players should be vaccinated to play	01	02	03	04	05
40. Attendees at sporting or entertainment events – indoors or outdoors – should be vaccinated	01	02	03	04	05
41. My opinion of professional sports figures and celebrities who refuse vaccinations has diminished	01	02	03	04	05
42. I will have less money to spend over the coming holidays because of the COVID-19 pandemic	01	02	03	04	05
43. Those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 should not be subject to mask mandates	01	02	03	04	05

44. The following are some of the impacts some have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please indicate which of the following you have also faced due to COVID-19 over the past year. **Please indicate all that apply.**

	COVID-19 Impacts
01	Lost employment
01	Had employment hours reduced
01	Switched jobs
01	Lost income
01	Worked from home
01	Lost a friend, relative or co-worker
01	Had to secure extra schooling / extra help for children falling behind in school
01	Depleted my savings

45. Some Americans may have felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic economically while others may not have. Regardless of how the virus may have impacted you or you and your family financially, which of the following best reflects your view on “saving for a rainy day” going forward?

	View on Saving for a Rainy Day?
01	Prior to COVID-19, saving for a rainy day was and will remain important to me
02	COVID-19 has prompted me to plan for and save for that “rainy day”
03	Savings is not possible for me, so I am worried about a future financial crisis
04	Unsure / Don’t know

Holidays (2019-4)

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

- 01 Yes
- 02 No (Go to Q72)**
- 03 Unsure (Go to Q72)

47. 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

48. 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

49. 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

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

- 01 Very offensive
- 02 Somewhat offensive
- 03 Somewhat welcomed
- 04 Very welcomed
- 05 Neither welcomed nor 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
51. I encourage political conversation at Christmas gatherings I host or attend	01	02	03
52. We encourage political conversation at Christmas gatherings but limit time or close the conversation down if it gets heated	01	02	03
53. We avoid controversial topics at Christmas gatherings I host/attend	01	02	03
54. I am stressed and anxious in advance of and during Christmas gatherings I host/attend due to heated political debates/disagreements	01	02	03
55. Sometimes I feel baited or goaded into heated political conversations at Christmas gatherings I host or attend	01	02	03
56. I feel less connected to family and friends due to the political polarization and divide that is occurring	01	02	03
57. 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
58. I will host a holiday event this year	01	02	03
59. I have or would ask potential holiday event guests about their COVID-19 vaccination status and invite only those vaccinated	01	02	03
60. I would take safety precautions for a holiday event I decide to host this year	01	02	03
61. I anticipate delays in getting holiday gifts delivered in time due supply chain delays, shortages, and slowed shipping service	01	02	03
62. I have started shopping for the holidays already	01	02	03
63. I plan to “shop local” for all or most of my own holiday gift shopping	01	02	03

Thumbs up or thumbs down for the following holiday favorites?

	Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Unsure
64. Fruitcake	01	02	03
65. Real Christmas Tree (not artificial)	01	02	03
66. Mistletoe	01	02	03
67. Roasting chestnuts	01	02	03

68. Which of the following is your favorite holiday flavor/tradition?

- 01 Gingerbread
- 02 Peppermint
- 03 Eggnog
- 04 Pumpkin Spice
- 05 None of these
- 06 All of them, or can't pick a favorite
- 07 Unsure / Don't know

69. Will you travel this holiday season?

- 01 Yes, by car
- 02 Yes, by plane
- 03 Yes, by train
- 04 Yes, by a combination of these or other modes
- 05 No plans to travel
- 06 Unsure / Don't know

70. 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

71. Which of the follow best reflects your holiday spending in 2021?

- 01 I'll spend about the same as I did in 2020.
- 02 I'll spend more than I did in 2020.
- 03 I'll spend less than I did in 2020.
- 04 Unsure / Don't know

72. Thinking about your charitable giving throughout 2021, which of the following best reflects your giving in all of 2021 compared to 2020. Would you say you are...?

- 01 Giving more to charity in 2021 than last year
- 02 Giving about the same to charity in 2021
- 03 Giving less to charity in 2021 compared to last year
- 04 Have not / will not be giving to charity in 2021
- 05 Unsure / Don't know

73. Which of the following have your done or will you do in 2021?

Code	Charitable Activities
01	Donating, or donated food to help end hunger
02	Donating money to favorite causes
03	Helping neighbors in any way you can, such as a meal, baking, or pet care
04	Donating used clothing
05	Supporting or donating to community efforts such as food gardens
06	Volunteer more time than in 2020
07	Run or walked to raise funds for a charity
08	Attended a gala, concert, sporting or other fundraising event
09	Donated furniture to a charity or distribution center
10	Volunteered to teach or mentor others drawing upon your own talents such as in music, sports, business
11	"Paid it forward" at a laundromat, restaurant, drive-through, toll booth, or, other opportunity
12	Shopped local
13	Renewed or secured your own CPR certification
14	Recycled anything that can be recycled
15	Donating any items (not furniture and clothes) such as supplies to a classroom, or baked goods

74. Will you be making any New Year’s resolutions for 2022?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No **(Go to Q76)**
- 03 Unsure **(Go to Q76)**

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

Code	2022 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	Take steps to renew friendships lost over political disagreements
19	Attempt constructive, polite engagement with those holding different political views/philosophy
20	None of these (exclusive)

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

76. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

77. How old are you?

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

78. 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

79. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- 01 Yes (Go to Q81)**
- 02 No
- 03 Don't know / not sure

80. 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

81. 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

82. 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

83. 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

84. 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

85. Do you have children living at home 18 years of age or younger?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 03 Unsure / Don't know

Florida Sample

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

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

87. 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

88. 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

Election 2022

Moving to questions about the November 2022 general election. If the November election was held today, how would you vote in each of the following matchups?

For Florida United States Senator

Matchup	Marco Rubio	Val Demings	Unsure/Undecided
89.	01	02	03

For Governor of Florida

Matchup	Ron DeSantis	Annette Taddeo	Unsure/Undecided
90.	01	02	03

Matchup	Ron DeSantis	Charlie Christ	Unsure/Undecided
91.	01	02	03

Matchup	Ron DeSantis	Nikki Fried	Unsure/Undecided
92.	01	02	03

Please think about Governor DeSantis' handling of the COVID pandemic in Florida. Please indicate if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove.

Governor DeSantis...	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Unsure
93. on handling the COVID pandemic in Florida	01	02	03	04	05

94. The state of Texas recently passed a law prohibiting abortions after the sixth week of a pregnancy – also known as “the heartbeat” legislation. How strongly would you support or oppose a similar law in the State of Florida? Would you say...?

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

95. 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

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