

Saint Leo University Polling Institute November 2017: Part I Opinions on Trump, Republican Leaders, Issues (U.S. and Florida)

Dates: November 19 to 24, 2017

Respondents: 1,000 in U.S.; 500 in Florida

Part II: Longitudinal Data Charts Follow

Part I

How often would you say you vote in most elections?

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Always	48.6	52.4
2 Most of the time	28.8	30.2
3 Sometimes	10.8	7.6
4 Seldom	4.4	3.2
5 Never	4.5	4.6
6 Unsure/not registered	2.9	2.0
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Job Performance

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

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	17.7	21.6
2 Somewhat Approve	23.5	20.2
3 Somewhat Disapprove	11.4	11.6
4 Strongly Disapprove	42.7	43.2
5 Don't know / not sure	4.7	3.4
Total	100.0.0	100.0

How would you rate the job Mike Pence is doing as Vice President?

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	20.2	26.6
2 Somewhat Approve	23.9	19.8
3 Somewhat Disapprove	15.9	15.0
4 Strongly Disapprove	29.9	29.8
5 Don't know/ not sure	10.1	8.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

How would you rate the job Congressman Paul Ryan is doing as Speaker of the House?

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	9.2	11.2
2 Somewhat Approve	27.1	28.6
3 Somewhat Disapprove	19.5	19.8
4 Strongly Disapprove	32.0	29.8
5 Don't know not sure	12.2	10.6
Total	100.0.0	100.0

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

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	6.9	7.4
2 Somewhat Approve	20.1	21.8
3 Somewhat Disapprove	22.6	22.2
4 Strongly Disapprove	34.4	33.8
5 Don't know not sure	16.0	14.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

The New President

Based on what you know or have heard, please rate the job Donald Trump is doing with...

Support for troops and the military

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	31.5	37.8
2 Somewhat Approve	29.2	24.8
3 Somewhat Disapprove	12.2	12.2
4 Strongly Disapprove	19.7	16.2
5 Don't know/ not sure	7.4	9.0
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Revamping Obamacare/the Affordable Care Act

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	18.4	23.8
2 Somewhat Approve	20.7	21.4
3 Somewhat Disapprove	16.9	10.2
4 Strongly Disapprove	37.2	40.4
5 Don't know not sure	6.8	4.2
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Protecting the United States from terrorism

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	26.6	33.6
2 Somewhat Approve	25.7	23.0
3 Somewhat Disapprove	16.1	12.6
4 Strongly Disapprove	24.6	26.0
5 Don't know not sure	7.0	4.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

The opioid crisis in the United States

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	14.5	20.6
2 Somewhat Approve	27.9	25.2
3 Somewhat Disapprove	19.6	17.8
4 Strongly Disapprove	23.3	22.6
5 Don't know/ not sure	14.7	13.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Immigration decisions

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	22.0	28.2
2 Somewhat Approve	21.5	20.0
3 Somewhat Disapprove	14.6	12.0
4 Strongly Disapprove	34.3	35.0
5 Don't know not sure	7.6	4.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Relations with other nations

	U.S Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	19.1	22.8
2 Somewhat Approve	20.2	19.8
3 Somewhat Disapprove	16.6	14.8
4 Strongly Disapprove	36.1	37.8
5 Don't know / not sure	8.0	4.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Jobs and the economy

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	23.0	29.0
2 Somewhat Approve	28.2	25.6
3 Somewhat Disapprove	17.1	17.4
4 Strongly Disapprove	23.9	22.8
5 Don't know / not sure	7.8	5.2
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Hiring or appointing personnel

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	13.2	16.2
2 Somewhat Approve	20.4	22.8
3 Somewhat Disapprove	18.1	15.6
4 Strongly Disapprove	37.8	38.6
5 Don't know / not sure	10.5	6.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Handling of the media

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	15.9	21.4
2 Somewhat Approve	17.0	15.6
3 Somewhat Disapprove	16.3	13.2
4 Strongly Disapprove	44.7	45.0
5 Don't know / not sure	6.1	4.8
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Addressing the racial/ethnic divide in the nation

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	13.6	17.8
2 Somewhat Approve	20.8	20.6
3 Somewhat Disapprove	15.2	12.4
4 Strongly Disapprove	41.0	43.2
5 Don't know/ not sure	9.4	6.0
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Handling relations with Russia

	U.S Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	15.4	18.2
2 Somewhat Approve	22.4	23.0
3 Somewhat Disapprove	13.8	11.6
4 Strongly Disapprove	39.0	40.0
5 Don't know/ not sure	9.4	7.2
Total	100.0.0	100.0

His Twitter messages

	U.S. Percent	FL Percent
1 Strongly Approve	9.4	12.2
2 Somewhat Approve	11.4	13.6
3 Somewhat Disapprove	16.5	14.2
4 Strongly Disapprove	54.9	54.4
5 Don't know not sure	7.8	5.6
Total	100.0.0	100.0

Part II: Longitudinal Data Charts

Job Performance

Respondents nationally, and within Florida, were asked to provide job approval ratings for President Trump, Vice-President Pence, House Speaker Paul Ryan 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.

National Results

How would you rate...	National Approval March 2017	National Approval September 2017	National Approval November 2017
The job Donald Trump is doing as President	44.1	42.8	41.2
The job Mike Pence is doing as Vice President	45.5	44.2	44.1
The job Congressman Paul Ryan is doing as Speaker of the House	42.4	33.3	36.3
The job Senator Mitch McConnell is doing as U.S. Senate Majority Leader	---	28.7	27.0

Florida Results

How would you rate...	Florida Approval March 2017	Florida Approval September 2017	Florida Approval November 2017
The job Donald Trump is doing as President	48.7	43.1	41.8
The job Mike Pence is doing as Vice President	50.5	50.7	46.4
The job Congressman Paul Ryan is doing as Speaker of the House	47.5	40.5	39.8
The job Senator Mitch McConnell is doing as U.S. Senate Majority Leader	---	30.7	29.2

Issues Ranked – National

Respondents were asked to name the most important issue facing the nation today. The most important issues were reported to be healthcare, jobs and the economy, immigration, government spending and terrorism/homeland security. Results are presented in the following table in declining order by importance based on the composite national data for November 2017.

Issues Most Important: National Results	National June 2016	National September 2016	National November 2016	National March 2017	National September 2017	National November 2017
Healthcare	8.3	10.2	14.6	17.4	19.2	20.9
Jobs and the economy	31.0	25.6	29.7	26.4	19.0	17.6
Government spending and the federal budget deficit	12.9	14.3	12.2	10.2	8.4	9.4
Terrorism	8.7	8.9	5.2	4.8	8.0	7.9
Homeland security and anti-terror policy	8.1	7.6	6.0	6.0	7.5	6.9
Gun violence	2.7	5.4	3.0	2.5	1.4	6.7
Immigration	5.2	5.5	5.2	8.5	8.8	5.0
Don't know / not sure	2.4	3.2	2.2	3.0	2.9	4.2
Declining U.S. status worldwide	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.4	4.3	3.5
Gun control / Second Amendment rights	2.6	1.7	1.5	0.8	0.7	3.4
Education	5.1	3.6	3.9	5.7	4.4	3.1
Global climate change	3.1	2.6	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.1
Some other issues	1.9	3.1	4.8	2.6	3.1	2.8
Foreign affairs	1.4	1.4	1.1	2.0	5.0	2.4
Crime	2.9	2.8	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5
Internet / data security	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0
Energy policy	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3
International trade imbalance	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.3

Issues Ranked - Florida

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 2017.

Issues Most Important: Florida Results	Florida June 2016	Florida September 2016	Florida November 2016	Florida March 2017	Florida September 2017	Florida November 2017
Healthcare	8.6	9.8	12.8	19.9	17.8	22.0
Jobs and the economy	29.8	26.6	33.0	27.2	19.8	17.2
Government spending and the federal budget deficit	12.6	12.0	9.2	6.7	7.0	8.8
Terrorism	10.4	7.4	8.2	6.7	9.4	8.0
Homeland security and anti-terror policy	9.2	11.8	8.4	6.9	10.0	7.6
Immigration	4.2	5.2	6.2	9.1	7.6	7.4
Gun violence	4.6	7.0	3.8	2.6	1.0	5.6
Gun control / Second Amendment rights	3.6	3.0	2.2	1.2	1.2	4.6
Declining U.S. status worldwide	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.0	4.2	3.4
Education	4.4	3.2	3.0	3.6	4.8	3.2
Some other issues	2.0	1.8	2.2	3.6	2.6	3.0
Don't know / not sure	2.2	2.8	3.0	1.2	2.8	2.4
Foreign affairs	1.2	1.0	1.0	2.4	2.6	2.4
Global climate change	1.8	2.0	1.4	2.6	4.6	2.2
Crime	1.4	2.4	2.0	2.4	2.8	1.6
Internet / data security / ID theft	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.4	1.0	0.4
Energy policy	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2
International trade imbalance	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0

President Trump Job Performance/Favorability Rated by Topic

The SLU poll collected the opinions of Americans on President Trump over his first year in office. President Trump's national, overall job approval was measured at 41.2% in November 2017 – down from 42.8 in September 2017 and from 44.1% in March 2017. The following are approval ratings in specific areas.

The cumulative totals for strongly & somewhat approve are presented here.

President Trump improves upon his national overall job approval rating (41.2%) in five areas including: support for the troops and military, protecting the U.S. from terrorism, jobs and the economy, the opioid crisis, and immigration decisions. The table is presented in declining order of approval based on November 2017 national results.

U.S. Results

How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing on...	National: Strongly & Somewhat Approve March 2017	National: Strongly & Somewhat Approve September 2017	National: Strongly & Somewhat Approve November 2017
support for the troops and the military	64.1	61.5	60.7
protecting the United States from terrorism	54.1	52.2	52.3
jobs and the economy	53.8	49.3	51.2
immigration decisions	44.0	43.8	43.5
the opioid crisis in the United States	---	39.9	42.4
relations with other nations	41.8	37.8	39.3
revamping Obamacare / Affordable Care Act	46.7	38.9	39.1
handling relations with Russia	---	35.7	37.8
addressing racial/ethnic divisions in the nation	39.9	35.6	34.4
hiring or appointing personnel	---	---	33.6
handling of the media	35.4	35.7	32.9
his Twitter messages	---	26.1	20.8

This job performance and policy issues table is also presented in declining order of approval based on November 2017 national results.

Florida Results

How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing on...	Florida: Strongly & Somewhat Approve March 2017	Florida: Strongly & Somewhat Approve September 2017	Florida: Strongly & Somewhat Approve November 2017
support for the troops and the military	69.4	69.2	62.6
protecting the United States from terrorism	57.6	60.8	56.6
jobs and the economy	59.4	57.2	54.6
immigration decisions	46.9	46.2	48.2
hiring or appointing personnel	---	---	39.0
the opioid crisis in the United States	---	46.6	45.8
revamping Obamacare / Affordable Care Act	51.1	45.8	45.2
relations with other nations	45.4	43.4	42.6
handling of the media	40.6	41.8	37.0
handling relations with Russia	---	42.2	41.2
addressing racial/ethnic divisions in the nation	44.0	40.8	38.4
his Twitter messages	---	28.8	25.8