

The Polling Institute

Saint Leo University

Florida Primary Poll / August 2016

FINAL – See end for margins of error, sample sizes

The Polling Institute at Saint Leo University needs your help. We are conducting a survey of Florida residents about the August 30, 2016 primary and November general elections. Thank you very much.

Screeners

A. Are you currently 18 years of age and older?

- 01 Yes (**continue**)
- 02 No (**terminate**)
- 03 Don't know / Unsure (**terminate**)

B. What State do you live in? (**Florida ONLY**)

[Enter state]

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

- 01 Republican 522
- 02 Democrat 601
- 03 Independent 322
- 04 Member of some other party 11
- 05 Don't know / not sure 44

D. How likely are you to vote in the Florida Primary on August 30, 2016? Would you say...

- 01 Very likely 70.1
- 02 Somewhat likely 14.3 = 84.4
- 03 Somewhat unlikely 3.3
- 04 Not at all likely 8.6
- 05 Don't know / not sure 3.7

E. How likely are you to vote in the 2016 November election? Would you say...

- 01 Very likely 84.1
- 02 Somewhat likely 7.9 = 92.0
- 03 Somewhat unlikely 1.5
- 04 Not at all likely 4.1
- 05 Don't know / not sure 2.3

Politics, Campaigns and Elections

(Q1 - 2 for Republicans Only / Code 01/Republican in Screener C ONLY)

1. Please think for a moment about the candidates for the Republican nomination to run for United States Senate from Florida in 2016. If the August 30 Republican primary for U.S. Senate was held today, which of the following would you support for the Republican nomination?

| Code | Republican Candidates | Composite (N=522) | August LV (N=479) |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 01 | Carlos Beruff (Go to Q5) | 11.9 | 12.9 |
| 02 | Ernie Rivera (Go to Q5) | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| 03 | Dwight Young (Go to Q5) | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| 04 | Marco Rubio (Go to Q5) | 65.2 | 64.7 |
| 05 | Unsure / Don't Know (Continue) | 18.9 | 18.4 |

2. And, while you are undecided, please indicate which candidate you are leaning toward in the August 30, 2016 primary.

| Code | Republican Candidates | Composite (N=522) | August LV (N=479) |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 01 | Carlos Beruff | 13.1 | 14.1 |
| 02 | Ernie Rivera | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| 03 | Dwight Young | 3.9 | 3.6 |
| 04 | Marco Rubio | 68.4 | 68.2 |

(Q3 – 4 for Democrats Only / Code 02 /Democrat in screener C ONLY)

3. Please think for a moment about the Democratic nomination to run for the United States Senate from Florida in 2016. If the August 30 Democratic primary for U.S. Senate was held today, which of the following would you support for the Democratic nomination?

| Code | Democratic Candidates | Composite (N=600) | August LV (N=532) |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 01 | Alan Grayson (Go to Q5) | 12.5 | 13.5 |
| 02 | Patrick Murphy (Go to Q5) | 38.5 | 41.9 |
| 03 | Rocky de la Fuente (Go to Q5) | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| 04 | Pam Keith (Go to Q5) | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| 05 | Reginald Luster (Go to Q5) | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 06 | Unsure / don't know (Continue) | 39.8 | 34.4 |

4. And, while you are undecided, please indicate which candidate you are leaning toward in the August 30, 2016 primary.

| Code | Democratic Candidates | Composite (N=600) | August LV (N=532) |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 01 | Alan Grayson | 16.4 | 17.4 |
| 02 | Patrick Murphy | 44.8 | 47.7 |
| 03 | Rocky de la Fuente | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| 04 | Pam Keith | 8.1 | 7.9 |
| 05 | Reginald Luster | 1.9 | 1.8 |

For ALL Respondents:

5. If the November election for Florida United States Senate was held today between Marco Rubio and Alan Grayson, which candidate would you support?

| Q# | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 5 | 01 Marco Rubio | 02 Alan Grayson | 03 Unsure |
| Composite | 45.7 | 32.6 | 21.7 |
| November LV | 47.1 | 34.0 | 18.9 |

6. If the November election for Florida United States Senate was held today between Marco Rubio and Patrick Murphy, which candidate would you support?

| Q# | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 6 | 01 Marco Rubio | 02 Patrick Murphy | 03 Unsure |
| Composite | 44.7 | 36.8 | 18.5 |
| November LV | 46.2 | 38.1 | 15.7 |

The following are a number of presidential and vice presidential candidates. Please indicate, for each, if your opinion is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or not at all favorable.

| Characteristic | Composite (Very & Somewhat Favorable) | November LV (Very & Somewhat Favorable) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 7. Donald Trump | 33.4 | 35.1 |
| 8. Hillary Clinton | 45.6 | 46.3 |
| 9. Gary Johnson | 22.2 | 23.1 |
| 10. Jill Stein | 16.1 | 16.4 |
| 11. Mike Pence | 34.3 | 35.9 |
| 12. Tim Kaine | 33.4 | 35.3 |

If the November presidential election was held today between Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Gary Johnson and Jill Stein, which candidate would you support?

| Q# | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 13 | 01 Hillary Clinton | 02 Donald Trump | 03 Gary Johnson | 04 Jill Stein | 05 Unsure |
| Composite | 47.4 | 32.1 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 12.3 |
| November LV | 48.3 | 33.8 | 6.4 | 1.6 | 9.9 |

While you are undecided, please indicate which candidate you are leaning toward.

| Q# | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 14 | 01 Hillary Clinton | 02 Donald Trump | 03 Gary Johnson | 04 Jill Stein |
| Composite | 51.9 | 36.2 | 8.9 | 3.0 |
| November LV | 51.7 | 37.7 | 8.3 | 2.4 |

While it is unlikely, there has been some talk about Donald Trump not continuing in the presidential election. If the November presidential election was held today between Hillary Clinton, Marco Rubio, Gary Johnson and Jill Stein, which candidate would you support?

| Q# | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 15 | 01 Hillary Clinton | 02 Marco Rubio | 03 Gary Johnson | 04 Jill Stein | 05 Unsure |
| Composite | 45.3 | 29.9 | 7.9 | 2.6 | 14.3 |
| November LV | 45.8 | 31.1 | 8.2 | 2.2 | 12.7 |

16. In April, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced the Zika virus, spread to people through the bite of an infected Aedes species of mosquito, has now been found in 30 states. How concerned would you say you are about this virus? Would you say...

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------|
| 01 | Very concerned, | 35.1% |
| 02 | Somewhat concerned; | 44.2 = 79.3% |
| 03 | Somewhat unconcerned; | 11.1 |
| 04 | Not at all concerned; | 7.5 |
| 05 | Unsure/Don't know enough | 2.1 |

Table from the June Poll – Total Concern grew to 70.3% from 71.2% since June, 2016

| Concern Over Zika | US Composite | Florida |
|--|--------------|---------|
| Very concerned | 23.2 | 27.1 |
| Somewhat concerned | 49.8 | 44.2 |
| Total: Very and somewhat concerned | 73.0 | 71.2 |
| Somewhat unconcerned | 13.6 | 14.2 |
| Not at all concerned | 11.1 | 12.7 |
| Total: Somewhat unconcerned and not at all concerned | 24.7 | 26.9 |
| Unsure/Don't know enough | 2.2 | 1.9 |

The following measures were approved for the Florida August 30 and November 8 ballots. Please review the measures and indicate if your support or oppose each.

| Florida Ballot Measures | Composite Support | August LV Support | November LV Support |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 17. Provides property tax exemptions for renewable energy devices – Amendment 4 (August 30 ballot) | 67.9 | 68.8 | 68.9 |
| 18. Grants Florida residents the right to own or lease equipment that produces solar energy for personal use – Amendment 1 | 80.1 | 81.0 | 81.4 |
| 19. Grants the right to use marijuana for the treatment of certain ailments when recommended by a physician – Amendment 2 | 66.5 | 67.3 | 67.8 |
| 20. Provides property tax exemptions for first responders disabled in the line of duty – Amendment 3 | 75.2 | 76.5 | 76.7 |
| 21. Locks home values in place for senior citizens eligible for property tax breaks – Amendment 5 | 69.3 | 71.2 | 70.7 |

Table from the June Poll Report (Support remains mostly unchanged from June)....

Florida Likely Voters

| Florida Ballot Measures | Support | Oppose | Unsure |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Provides property tax exemptions for renewable energy devices – Amendment 4 | 68.2 | 7.2 | 24.6 |
| Grants Florida residents the right to own or lease equipment that produces solar energy for personal use – Amendment 1 | 77.3 | 6.8 | 15.9 |
| Grants the right to use marijuana for the treatment of certain ailments when recommended by a physician – Amendment 2 | 65.1 | 21.4 | 13.5 |
| Provides property tax exemptions for first responders disabled in the line of duty – Amendment 3 | 71.5 | 9.8 | 18.7 |
| Locks home values in place for senior citizens eligible for property tax breaks – Amendment 5 | 65.8 | 10.2 | 24.0 |

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

22. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

23. How old are you?

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

24. What is your highest grade of school completed?

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

25. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- 01 Yes (**Go to Q27**)
- 02 No
- 03 Don't know / not sure

26. 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

27. 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

28. Please tell me which religion you belong to or follow?

- 01 Catholic
- 02 Protestant (Baptist, Lutheran, Congregational, Presbyterian)
- 03 Christian (non-denominational)
- 04 Greek Orthodox
- 05 Jewish
- 06 Buddhist
- 07 Muslim
- 08 Latter Day Saints / Mormon
- 09 Other
- 10 No preference / no religious affiliation
- 11 Don't know / not sure

29. 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 \$200,000 or more
- 10 Don't know / not sure

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

Methodology Note: Field dates: August 14 – 18, 2016

Margins:

Composite 1,500 for questions like Zika - +/-3.0%

Composite Likely Voters for presidential: 1,380 – also +/-3.0%

Republican Likely Voters August Questions: N=479 or 4.5%

Democratic Likely Voters August Questions: N=532 also 4.5%