

Saint Leo University Polling Institute Report: Excerpt on Florida Politics and School Safety

Survey dates: August 10 through August 16 of 500 Florida adults

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please think about voting and elections. How often would you say you vote in most elections? Would you say...

	Percent
Always	60.8
Most of the time	23.8
Sometimes	7.2
Seldom	3.2
Never	2.6
Unsure or not registered	2.4
Total	100.0

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

	Percent
Republican	34.4
Democrat	37.6
Independent/Unaffiliated	23.4
Some other party	1.0
Don't know/not sure	3.6
Total	100.0

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

	Percent
Strongly Approve	30.8
Somewhat Approve	19.6
Somewhat Disapprove	8.2
Strongly Disapprove	38.4
Don't know/ not sure	3.0
Total	100.0

FLORIDA POLITICS

For Republicans (number = 172), please think for a moment about the potential candidates running for the Republican nomination to run for Florida governor in 2018. If the Republican primary for **governor** was held today, which of the following would you support for the Republican nomination?

GOP candidates for governor	Percent
Adam Putnam	37.8
Ron DeSantis	29.7
Someone else	5.2
Undecided/ Don't Know	27.3
Total	100.0
Undecideds get follow-up question	

And, while you are currently undecided, please indicate how you are leaning.

	Percent
Lean toward Adam Putnam	54.5
Lean toward Ron DeSantis	45.5
Total	100.0

For Democrats (number = 188), please think for a moment about the list of candidates and potential candidates running for the Democratic nomination to run for Florida governor in 2018. If the Democratic primary for governor was held today, which of the following would you support for the Democratic nomination?

	Percent
Andrew Gillum	10.1
Gwen Graham	25.5
Chris King	3.2
Philip Levine	18.6
Jeff Greene	12.2
Someone else	4.3
7 Unsure / don't know	26.1
Total	100.0

Unsure
get
follow-up
question

And, while you are currently undecided, please indicate how you are leaning.

	Percent
Andrew Gillum	25.0
Gwen Graham	27.5
Chris King	7.5
Philip Levine	17.5
Jeff Greene	22.5
Total	100.0

The remaining Florida politics questions were asked of ALL respondents.

If the 2018 for Florida United States Senator was held today and the candidates were Bill Nelson and Rick Scott, which would you support?

	Percent
Bill Nelson	35.8
Rick Scott	40.4
Someone else	8.4
Unsure/ Undecided	15.4
Total	100.0

If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Adam Putnam and Gwen Graham, which would you support?

	Percent
Adam Putnam	36.2
Gwen Graham	30.8
Someone else	9.4
Unsure/Undecided	23.6
Total	100.0

If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Adam Putnam and Phillip Levine, which would you support?

	Percent
Adam Putnam	36.6
Philip Levine	29.8
Someone else	9.0
Unsure/ Undecided	24.6
Total	100.0

If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Ron DeSantis and Gwen Graham, which would you support?

	Percent
Ron DeSantis	31.2
Gwen Graham	35.8
Someone else	9.0
Unsure/ Undecided	24.0
Total	100.0

If the 2018 election for Florida Governor was held today and the candidates were Ron DeSantis and Phillip Levine, which would you support?

	Percent
Ron DeSantis	30.2
Philip Levine	34.0
Someone else	11.0
Unsure/ Undecided	24.8
Total	100.0

Would you say your opinion of the job Florida Governor Rick Scott is doing is...

	Percent
Very favorable	31.0
Somewhat favorable	30.0
Somewhat unfavorable	15.2
Not at all favorable	15.8
Unsure	8.0
Total	100.0

ABOUT FLORIDA SCHOOLS, asked of all Florida respondents

In March 2018, the Florida governor signed a \$400 million bill designed to increase school security, mental health access and gun control following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that killed 17 students. The bill was designed to harden schools such as better locking systems, bullet-resistant glass and other technologies designed to stop violence before it starts. Which one of the following best reflects your own view on this newly enacted legislation?

	Percent
The legislation is only a good first step but more needs to be done	65.8
The legislation was not necessary	12.8
The legislation will ensure safe schools	12.4
Unsure	9.0
Total	100.0