

The Polling Institute

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2019 Summer Poll – Questions as Asked

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, President Trump, vacation plans, the U.S. Supreme Court, and human trafficking. 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 Donald Trump is doing as President	01	02	03	04	05
3.The job Mike Pence 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 Mitch McConnell 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 Some other issue
- 18 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 Q9**)
- 04 Member of some other party (**Go to Q9**)
- 05 Don't know / not sure (**Go to Q9**)

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

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Joe Biden	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Julian Castro	01
John Delaney	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Kirsten Gillibrand	01
Mike Gravel	01
Kamala Harris	01
John Hickenlooper	01
Jay Inslee	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Wayne Messam	01
Beto O'Rourke	01
Tim Ryan	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Eric Swalwell	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Marianne Williamson	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

9. Please think for a moment about the traits or characteristics which would make you more likely to support a presidential candidate in 2020. **Please indicate all that apply.**

	Traits or Characteristics
01	Electable
02	Personable / likable
03	Moral
04	Religious
05	Integrity
06	Honest / believable
07	Experienced in politics
08	Inexperienced in politics
09	Is liberal
10	Is conservative
11	Is moderate
12	Will work with both political parties
13	Is not wealthy
14	Is wealthy
15	Younger age
16	Older age
17	Sexual orientation
18	Has business experience
18	Will or has already released personal income tax returns
19	None of these (Exclusive)

10. Whichever candidate you may support in the 2020 presidential race, which of the following Democratic candidates, in your view are most likely to defeat President Trump? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Joe Biden	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Julian Castro	01
John Delaney	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Kirsten Gillibrand	01
Mike Gravel	01
Kamala Harris	01
John Hickenlooper	01
Jay Inslee	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Wayne Messam	01
Beto O'Rourke	01
Tim Ryan	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Eric Swalwell	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Marianne Williamson	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Republicans (Code 01 in Q7) Only Answer Q11:

11. Which, if any of the following Democratic presidential candidates, could you support in the 2020 presidential race? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Joe Biden	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Julian Castro	01
John Delaney	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Kirsten Gillibrand	01
Mike Gravel	01
Kamala Harris	01
John Hickenlooper	01
Jay Inslee	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Wayne Messam	01
Beto O'Rourke	01
Tim Ryan	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Eric Swalwell	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Marianne Williamson	01
Andrew Yang	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Pope Francis and the Catholic Church

12. 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

13. 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

Now, please think about the issues the pope is addressing and give us your opinion regarding how he is doing...

How would you rate the job Pope Francis is doing on...	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Don't know / not sure
14. Environmental issues	01	02	03	04	05
15. Advancing the cause of the poor	01	02	03	04	05
16. Human rights	01	02	03	04	05
17. Migration / Immigration	01	02	03	04	05
18. Marriage and family issues	01	02	03	04	05
19. Handling cases of sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy	01	02	03	04	05
20. Handling cases of sexual abuse of nuns by priests and bishops	01	02	03	04	05

21. Which of the following do you believe may be the leading contributing factors to sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy over the years? **Please indicate all that apply.**

	Contributing Factors
01	Lack of oversight by church leadership
02	Blind or too much faith in Catholic clergy
03	The 60's sexual revolution / lax morality
04	Celibacy required of Catholic priests
05	Lack of individual priest morality / respect for the law and victims
06	Abuse was handled internally – within the Church / abusive priests were unafraid
07	None of these (Exclusive)

22. Some may suggest the Catholic Church, overall, was slow moving in identifying and acting on sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy over the years. Would you say you...?

- 01 Strongly agree **(Continue)**
- 02 Somewhat agree **(Continue)**
- 03** Somewhat disagree **(Go to Q24)**
- 04 Strongly disagree **(Go to Q24)**
- 05 Unsure / don't know **(Go to Q24)**

23. Some have suggested the Catholic Church was slow to act/react to the crisis of sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy over the years? Which of the following, if any, do you see as the reasons for slow action? **Please indicate all that apply.**

	Reasons for Slow Church Action
01	Belief that clergy were above the law
02	Believed the clergy instead of victims
03	To avoid the financial ramifications
04	To preserve and protect the Church's influence and reputation at all cost
04	To protect "the good old boys' network"
05	Ineptitude / lacked experienced oversight or leadership
06	Church hierarchy was unaware of the abuse
07	Other
08	Unsure
09	None of these

The following are a few statements regarding the sexual abuse involving Catholic clergy. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

Characteristic	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
24. The new, greater scrutiny of the Catholic clergy by bishops suggests church hierarchy is taking the crisis more seriously	01	02	03	04	05
25. The new, greater scrutiny of Catholic clergy by bishops will mean less abuse in the future	01	02	03	04	05
26. Church hierarchy should require mandatory reporting of clergy sexual abuse to appropriate law authorities outside the church	01	02	03	04	05

Vacationing

27. Do you plan to take a vacation or vacations over the months ahead in 2019, whether that means long weekends, staycations, or week(s) long?

- 01 Yes, will take a vacation in 2019 **(Continue)**
- 02 No, but I have taken vacations over the past five (5) years **(Continue)**
- 03 No, I don't vacation **(Go to Q38)**
- 04 Unsure **(Go to Q38)**

28. Would you describe your vacations as mostly...?

- 01 Active
- 02 Passive
- 03 Combination
- 04 Unsure

29. How long in advance of your vacations do you typically start planning? Would you say it is usually...?

- 01 Minutes ahead of time
- 02 Hours ahead of time
- 03 Days ahead of time
- 04 Weeks ahead of time
- 05 Months ahead of time
- 06 Unsure / don't know

30. Which of the following activities or attractions do you typically try to include in your vacations – whether they are part of staycations or destination vacations? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Beach/lake/water activities
- 02 Zoos
- 03 Museums
- 04 Parks (national)
- 05 Parks (state/local)
- 06 Shopping or outlet days
- 07 Aquariums
- 08 Water parks
- 09 Amusement or theme parks
- 10 Sporting events/activities
- 11 Picnics
- 12 Camping
- 13 Historical site visits
- 14 Spa days
- 15 Galleries
- 16 Fairs
- 17 Golf
- 18 Gardens
- 19 Tennis
- 20 Hiking
- 21 Music events such as symphonies/concerts
- 22 Miniature golf
- 23 Balloon festivals
- 24 Cruises
- 25 Other: _____

31. Who typically joins you on your vacations? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Spouse / significant other
- 02 Other relatives
- 03 Children
- 04 Friends
- 05 Neighbors
- 06 Co-workers
- 07 Nobody joins me
- 08 Unsure
- 09 Varies from vacation to vacation

32. Which of the following would you say are the benefits you experience from your vacations?
Please indicate all that apply.

	Benefits of Your Vacations
01	The chance to “disconnect”
02	Expand my horizons / knowledge / experiences
03	Opportunity to catch up on reading
04	Physical exercise from my active vacation
05	Mental health is restored or somewhat restored
06	Family / friend time
06	Physical rest
07	None of these

The following are several statements about your vacations. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

Vacation Statements	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure/Not Applicable
33. I will usually come home very tired from my vacations	01	02	03	04	05
34. Vacations, for me, are stress filled	01	02	03	04	05
35. I shut down my cell phone while on vacation	01	02	03	04	05
36. I avoid social media while on vacation	01	02	03	04	05
37. I shut down work emails while on vacation	01	02	03	04	05

Supreme Court

The following are several statements regarding the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS). For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

Characteristic	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure/Not Applicable
38. I support moving from lifetime appointments to term limits	01	02	03	04	05
39. There should be a mandatory retirement age for SCOTUS members	01	02	03	04	05
40. We should increase the number of SCOTUS justices from the current level of nine	01	02	03	04	05
41. SCOTUS justices should be elected by popular vote	01	02	03	04	05
42. SCOTUS justices should be required to release their tax filings during the nomination/approval process	01	02	03	04	05
43. I would support live broadcasting of oral SCOTUS proceedings among justices and attorneys	01	02	03	04	05
44. There should be a minimum age for SCOTUS justices	01	02	03	04	05
45. U.S. citizenship should be a requirement of a member of the SCOTUS	01	02	03	04	05
46. The SCOTUS currently has too much power	01	02	03	04	05
47. There should be mandatory, regular physical and mental health examinations for SCOTUS justices	01	02	03	04	05

Human Trafficking

48. In general, overall how aware would you say you are about the issue of human trafficking in the United States today? Would you say...

- 01 Very aware
- 02 Somewhat aware
- 03 Somewhat unaware
- 04 Not at all aware
- 05 Unsure

49. Where did you get your information about human trafficking? Please indicate all that apply.

- 01 National news
- 02 State or local news
- 03 Internet / websites
- 04 Social media
- 05 School
- 06 Employers
- 07 Friends/family/co-workers
- 08 Word-of-mouth
- 09 Government sources/agencies
- 10 Other

50. In your view, which of the following describe sex traffickers today? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Individual pimps
- 02 Business owners
- 03 Gangs
- 04 Drug cartels
- 05 Organized crime syndicates
- 06 Family members, supposed friends or intimate partners of victims
- 07 Only males
- 08 None of these **(Exclusive)**

51. Based on all you know or have heard; how serious an issue is human trafficking in the United States today? Would you say....

- 01 Very serious
- 02 Somewhat serious
- 03 Not very serious
- 04 Not at all serious
- 05 Unsure

52. Over the past year, how frequently would you say you have read, heard, or seen articles, stories, presentations, or programming on human trafficking in the United States? Would you say...

- 01 25 or more times
- 02 15 to less than 25 times
- 03 5 to less than 15 times
- 04 One to less than five times
- 05 Have not read, heard or seen any over the past year
- 06 Unsure

The following is a list of different aspects of human trafficking in the United States. Please indicate if you were very aware, somewhat aware, somewhat unaware, or not at all aware of each.

Human Trafficking Knowledge	Very Aware	Somewhat Aware	Somewhat Unaware	Not at all Aware	Unsure
53. Human trafficking, many times, involves selling individuals into forced sex operations	01	02	03	04	05
54. Human trafficking, many times, involves selling individuals into forced labor	01	02	03	04	05
55. Many times, children and adults are lured into forced labor or prostitution	01	02	03	04	05
56. Many times, children just out of foster care; are either enticed into prostitution or forced into labor for sale by abductors	01	02	03	04	05
57. Human trafficking organizations or initiatives in your own community	01	02	03	04	05
58. There is a National Human Trafficking Hotline number	01	02	03	04	05
59. There are "Trafficking Free Zones" in the United States	01	02	03	04	05
60. Sex addiction resources in your own community	01	02	03	04	05

The following are a couple ways to engage on the issue of human trafficking. For each activity, please indicate if you would be very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or not at all likely.

Willingness to Engage on Human Trafficking	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Not at all Likely	Unsure
61. Attend a seminar, presentation, or program on human trafficking	01	02	03	04	05
62. Report a suspected incidence of human trafficking	01	02	03	04	05

A few final questions on human trafficking.

			Unsure
	Yes	No	
63. Should public schools provide education for children/youth about human trafficking?	01	02	03
64. Should human trafficking buyers be charged with a felony charge instead of the less serious misdemeanor charge?	01	02	03
65. Do you know people who purchase sex?	01	02	03

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

66. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

67. How old are you?

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

68. 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

69. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- 01 Yes (Go to Q71)**
- 02 No
- 03 Don't know / not sure

70. 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

71. 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

72. 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 Unsure

73. 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

72. 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

74. 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

75. 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

76. 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

77. In Florida, for safety and protective reasons, do support arming trained teachers in public schools?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 03 Unsure

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