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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, the impeachment of Donald J.Trump, Pope Francis, and the environment. 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. The job Democratic U.S. Representative, Adam Schiff did as the lead impeachment trial manager	01	02	03	04	05

7. 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

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

- 01 Republican (**Go to Q11**)
- 02 Democrat (**Continue**)
- 03 Unaffiliated or independent (**Go to Q11**)
- 04 Member of some other party (**Go to Q11**)
- 05 Don't know / not sure (**Go to Q11**)

9. 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
Michael Bloomberg	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Tom Steyer	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

10. In a primary election, within your own state, **which one** of the following candidates for the Democratic nomination to run for president of the United States will you or did you vote for?

	Declared and Probable Candidates
01	Joe Biden
02	Michael Bloomberg
03	Pete Buttigieg
04	Tulsi Gabbard
05	Amy Klobuchar
06	Bernie Sanders
07	Tom Steyer
08	Elizabeth Warren
09	None of these (Exclusive)
10	Unsure

11. 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
19	Will or has already released personal income tax returns
20	Tough on the world stage
21	Bold – dreaming big instead of incrementally introducing policies
22	Has military experience
22	None of these (Exclusive)

12. Whichever candidate you may support in the 2020 presidential race, which one of the following Democratic candidates, in your view are most likely to defeat President Trump?

	Declared and Probable Candidates
01	Joe Biden
02	Michael Bloomberg
03	Pete Buttigieg
04	Tulsi Gabbard
05	Amy Klobuchar
06	Bernie Sanders
07	Tom Steyer
08	Elizabeth Warren
09	Unsure

Only Republicans (Code 01 in Q8) Answer Q13:

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

Declared and Probable Candidates	
Joe Biden	01
Michael Bloomberg	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Tulsi Gabbard	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Tom Steyer	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Election 2020

Moving to questions about the November 2020 general election. If the November election was held today, how would you vote in each of the following matchups?

Matchup	Donald Trump	Joseph Biden	Unsure
14.	01	02	03

Matchup	Donald Trump	Bernie Sanders	Unsure
15.	01	02	03

Matchup	Donald Trump	Elizabeth Warren	Unsure
16.	01	02	03

Matchup	Donald Trump	Pete Buttigieg	Unsure
17.	01	02	03

Matchup	Donald Trump	Amy Klobuchar	Unsure
18.	01	02	03

Matchup	Donald Trump	Michael Bloomberg	Unsure
19.	01	02	03

Impeachment 2019-2020

The following are several statements about the impeachment and trial of President Trump. For each statement, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

Characteristic	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DK
20. The U.S. House of Representative was correct to impeach President Trump - leading to the trial of the president in the U.S. Senate	01	02	03	04	05
21. The U.S. Senate was correct to acquit President Trump following their trial – leading to a finding of not guilty and not removing him from office	01	02	03	04	05
22. Future presidential impeachments and removals from office must be bipartisan to succeed	01	02	03	04	05
23. The impeachment and trial of President Trump has me <u>more inclined</u> to support President Trump and Republicans in November, 2020	01	02	03	04	05
24. The impeachment and trial of President Trump has me <u>more inclined</u> to support the Democratic Presidential nominee and Democrats in November, 2020	01	02	03	04	05

Pope Francis, Faith in Politics and the Catholic Church

25. 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

26. 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

The following are a few statements about faith and politics. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

Faith and Politics Statements	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know / not sure
27. I use my own religious beliefs to inform how I vote for candidates in elections	01	02	03	04	05
28. Elected officials should use their own religious beliefs in guiding how they govern and make decisions	01	02	03	04	05
29. Americans should use religious convictions when voting in elections for candidates and ballot measures	01	02	03	04	05
30. The United States is more of a secular nation than a Christian nation	01	02	03	04	05
31. I'm comfortable when my religious leaders offer political views during sermons, homilies or in messages	01	02	03	04	05
32. Religious leaders should be more active in reducing the national political divide and tensions we face today	01	02	03	04	05

Environment

The following are several questions about the environment and global climate change.

33. How concerned are you about global climate change? Would you say...

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

34. Which one of the following best reflects what you believe?

- 01 Global climate change is caused entirely by human activity
- 02 Global climate change is caused entirely by nature
- 03 Global climate change is caused by a combination of human activity and nature
- 04 I don't believe global climate change is occurring
- 04 Don't know / not sure

35. Which of the following things have occurred in your state or region?

Please indicate all that apply.

- 01 Ocean rising or seacoast flooding
- 02 Beach erosion
- 03 Warmer temperatures
- 04 Worsened drought conditions
- 05 Worsened air quality
- 06 Unusually severe weather and/or storms
- 07 Inland flooding
- 08 Loss or threatened loss of habitats
- 09 Loss or threatened loss of species
- 10 Bomb cyclones (rapidly intensifying cyclonic storms)
- 11 Increased polar oscillations (also called a polar vortex or displaced polar air)
- 12 None of these
- 13 Unsure / don't know

How much do you think global climate change is responsible for the following? For each, please indicate very responsible, somewhat responsible, not very responsible or not at all responsible.

Responsibility for Global Climate Change?	Very Responsible	Somewhat Responsible	Not Very Responsible	Not at all Responsible	Don't know / not sure
36. Ocean rising or seacoast flooding	01	02	03	04	05
37. Beach erosion	01	02	03	04	05
38. Warmer temperatures	01	02	03	04	05
39. Worsened drought conditions	01	02	03	04	05
40. Worsened air quality	01	02	03	04	05
41. Unusually severe weather / storms	01	02	03	04	05
42. Loss or threatened loss of habitats	01	02	03	04	05
43. Loss or threatened loss of species	01	02	03	04	05
44. Inland flooding	01	02	03	04	05
45. Bomb cyclones (rapidly intensifying cyclonic storms)	01	02	03	04	05
46. Increased polar oscillations (also called a polar vortex or displaced air)	01	02	03	04	05
47. Wildfires in the United States	01	02	03	04	05
48. Wildfires in Australia	01	02	03	04	05

49. Which of the following do you trust as reliable sources of information about global climate change? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Mainstream media such as U.S. newspapers, broadcasters, online media such as CBS, ABC, NBC, CNN, Associated Press, New York Times, Washington Post and The Weather Channel
- 02 Social media
- 03 Fox News, Washington Times, radio commentators such as Sean Hannity and/or Rush Limbaugh
- 04 MSNBC, Huffington Post
- 05 Scientist and Cosmos TV series host Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 06 President Trump
- 07 U.S. government
- 08 Non-government scientists and educators
- 09 Environmental groups
- 10 Business or industry groups
- 11 Utility companies
- 12 Entertainers and celebrities
- 13 College professors/educators
- 14 Family, friends, or co-workers
- 15 Don't know / not sure

50. Which **one** of the following do you think is best able to prevent the causes of global warming?

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Personal responsibility of every individual
- 07 Don't know / not sure

51. Whose responsibility is it to deal with the problems attributed to global climate change? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Don't know / not sure

52. Which **one** of the following entities do you think is **best able** to deal with problems attributed to global climate change?

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Don't know / not sure

53. Which of the following **have been effective** in dealing with the problems attributed to global climate change? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Local governments
- 02 State governments
- 03 Federal or national government
- 04 International bodies
- 05 Private sector businesses or entrepreneurs
- 06 Don't know / not sure

54. How important or unimportant would you say it is for your own community or area to establish a department with employees or start a program to work on the issue of climate change on the local level? Would you say...

- 01 Very important
- 02 Somewhat important
- 03 Somewhat unimportant
- 04 Not at all important
- 05 Unsure/Don't know

55. And, to the best of your knowledge, does your own community or area have such a department or professional organization currently engaged?

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

The following are several potential measures or actions related to climate change or environmental protection. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

Climate Change Actions	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unsure
56. Climate change should be taught as accepted theory in public primary and secondary schools	01	02	03	04	05
57. Plastic straws should be banned	01	02	03	04	05
58. Single use plastic shopping bags should be banned	01	02	03	04	05

59. Which of the following **have you done** to reduce carbon pollution? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Reduced or stop eating meat
- 02 Reduced or stop eating dairy products
- 03 Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
- 04 Carpool or use mass transit
- 05 Installed or purchased alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
- 06 Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
- 07 Bought a smaller or more fuel-efficient car
- 08 Bought an electric car
- 09 Added insulation to my home
- 10 Planted tree(s)
- 11. Purchased higher efficiency appliances
- 12 None of these
- 13 Don't know / not sure

60. Which of the following would you be **willing to do** to reduce carbon pollution?
Please indicate all that apply.

- 01 Reduce or stop eating meat
- 02 Reduce or stop eating dairy products
- 03 Pay higher energy taxes to fund environmental efforts
- 04 Carpool or use mass transit
- 05 Install or purchase alternative energy sources such as solar for my home
- 06 Pay higher taxes for the construction of mass transit infrastructure
- 07 Buy a smaller or more fuel-efficient car
- 08 Buy an electric car
- 09 Add insulation to my home
- 10 Plant tree(s)
- 11 Purchase higher efficiency appliances
- 12 None of these
- 13 Don't know / not sure

61. Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that protecting the environment is an important responsibility for people of religious faith?

- 01 Strongly agree
- 02 Somewhat agree
- 03 Somewhat disagree
- 04 Strongly disagree
- 05 Don't know / not sure

62. Which of the following reflects your own views on environmental protections? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Environmental protections are absolutely critical no matter what
- 02 Environmental protections are important even when they negatively impact the economy
- 03 Environmental protections should not be pursued if they negatively impact the economy
- 04 Environmental protections create new economic opportunities
- 05 Environmental protection is not an important issue
- 06 Environmental protections are harmful to the economy
- 07 Unsure/don't know

63. In 2019, Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg addressed both the U.S. Congress and the United Nations and now has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Which of the following best reflects your own view of the speeches by Greta Thunberg...?

- 01 They were very impressive and inspiring
- 02 They were somewhat impressive and inspiring
- 03 I had no real reaction either way
- 04 They were somewhat unimpressive and uninspiring
- 05 They were not at all impressive or inspiring
- 06 I don't know Greta Thunberg
- 07 I am not familiar with her speeches

Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only.

64. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

65. How old are you?

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

66. 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

67. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- 01 Yes (**Go to Q69**)
- 02 No
- 03 Don't know / not sure

68. 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

69. 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

70. 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

71. 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

73. 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

74. 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

75. 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

The following are a few potential ballot measures in Florida. Please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each.

Policy Discussion in Florida	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure
76. Restate the wording in the Florida State Constitution to say that only U.S. citizens may vote in federal, state or local elections held in Florida	01	02	03	04	05
77. Increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2026	01	02	03	04	05
78. Establish a top-two open primary system for state elected offices – where there is just one primary for state races and the two-top vote-getting candidates, regardless of party affiliation, advance to the general election	01	02	03	04	05
79. Require that voter-approved constitutional amendments be approved by voters <u>at a second general election</u>	01	02	03	04	05

80. Governor Ron DeSantis said in his State of the State Address that he wants changes to public school instruction in areas including “a renewed emphasis on American civics and the U.S. Constitution,” but he left the possibility of testing in the subject unresolved. Which of the following best reflects your own personal view of this idea?

- 01 All Florida high school students should have to pass a civics course as graduation requirement
- 02 All Florida high school students should have to take/finish a civics course – but not as a graduation requirement
- 03 A civics course should be optional
- 04 Unsure

81. 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.