

The Polling Institute

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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, Pope Francis, faith in politics, COVID-19, curriculum in schools, and our 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 Joe Biden is doing as President	01	02	03	04	05
3. The job Kamala Harris 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 Chuck Schumer 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, 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 COVID-19 pandemic
- 18 Inflation
- 19 Border security
- 20 Election/voting laws
- 21 Race relations/social justice
- 22 Some other issue
- 23 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
- 02 Democrat
- 03 Unaffiliated or independent
- 04 Member of some other party
- 05 Don't know / not sure

Q8 for Democrats Only (Code 02 in Q7)

8. The following are the notable and possible candidates for the Democratic nomination to run for president of the United States in 2024. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Notable and Possible Democratic Candidates	
Stacey Abrams	01
Michael Bennet	01
Andy Beshear	01
Cory Booker	01
Pete Buttigieg	01
Kamala Harris	01
Jay Inslee	01
Joe Kennedy	01
Amy Klobuchar	01
Michelle Lujan Grisham	01
Gavin Newsom	01
Michelle Obama	01
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	01
J.B Pritzker	01
Bernie Sanders	01
Elizabeth Warren	01
Gretchen Whitmer	01
None of these (Exclusive)	01

Q9 for Republicans Only (Code 01 in Q7)

9. The following are the notable and possible candidates for the Republican nomination to run for president of the United States in 2024. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Notable and Possible Republican Candidates	
Greg Abbott	01
Tucker Carlson	01
Chris Christie	01
Tom Cotton	01
Dan Crenshaw	01
Ted Cruz	01
Ron DeSantis	01
Mike DeWine	01
Matt Gaetz	01
Nikki Haley	01
Larry Hogan	01
Josh Hawley	01
John Kasich	01
Mike Lee	01
Mike Lindell	01
Candace Owens	01
Mitt Romney	01
Mike Pence	01
Mike Pompeo	01
Condolezza Rice	01
Marco Rubio	01
Paul Ryan	01
Ben Sasse	01
Rick Scott	01
Tim Scott	01
Donald Trump	01
Donald Trump Jr.	01
Ivanka Trump	01
None of these (exclusive)	01

Q10 for Republicans Only (Code 01 in Q7)

10. And, now the same question if former President Trump decides not to run in 2024. Which of the following could you support in a future primary? **Please indicate all that apply.**

Notable and Possible Republican Candidates	
Greg Abbott	01
Tucker Carlson	01
Chris Christie	01
Tom Cotton	01
Dan Crenshaw	01
Ted Cruz	01
Ron DeSantis	01
Mike DeWine	01
Matt Gaetz	01
Nikki Haley	01
Larry Hogan	01
Josh Hawley	01
John Kasich	01
Mike Lee	01
Mike Lindell	01
Candace Owens	01
Mitt Romney	01
Mike Pence	01
Mike Pompeo	01
Condoleezza Rice	01
Marco Rubio	01
Paul Ryan	01
Ben Sasse	01
Rick Scott	01
Tim Scott	01
Donald Trump Jr.	01
Ivanka Trump	01
None of these (exclusive)	01

11. Thinking about the 2024 presidential election for a moment, would you like to see President Biden run for re-election?

- 01 Yes
- 02 No
- 03 Undecided

Pope Francis, the Catholic Church and Faith in Politics

Now a few questions about Pope Francis, the Catholic Church and faith in politics.

12. 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

14. Some leading politicians are pro-choice while others are pro-life. The Catholic Church opposes abortion. How strongly would you say you support or oppose the practice of denying communion to leading politicians who support legal access to abortion? Would you say...?

- 01 Strongly support
- 02 Somewhat support
- 03 Somewhat oppose
- 04 Strongly oppose
- 05 Unsure / Don't know enough

Faith in Politics

The following are several statements about the faith in politics. For each statement, please indicate if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose.

Statements on Faith in Politics	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure
15. Politicians are right to use faith when making policy	01	02	03	04	05
16. It is important to me that politicians are spiritual and have deep faith	01	02	03	04	05
17. Too many politicians use public displays of faith to gain votes and promote their image	01	02	03	04	05

18. Pope Francis recently suggested that some pet owners were selfish for preferring to have cats and dogs over children. He said those having pets rather than children were denying themselves the richness of parenthood and contributing to decreased birth rates. In general, how strongly would you say you agree or disagree with the pope's sentiments? Would you say you...?

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

19. Pope Francis recently reminded parents they should be supportive of their gay children. In speaking about standing with their children in difficult times such as illness and accidents, the pope said parents should stand by children with different sexual orientations. He said: "Never condemn your children". In general, how strongly would you say you agree or disagree with the pope's sentiments? Would you say you...?

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

COVID-19

The following are several questions about COVID-19.

20. How concerned are you about COVID-19? Would you say...?

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

21. Please indicate which of the following best describes your own views on **vaccination mandates**.

- 01 I'm vaccinated (fully/partially) and support vaccine mandates
- 02 I'm vaccinated (fully/partially) but oppose vaccine mandates
- 03 I'm unvaccinated but support vaccine mandates
- 04 I'm unvaccinated and opposed to vaccine mandates
- 05 Unsure

22. Please indicate which of the following best describes your own views on **mask mandates**.

- 01 I'm vaccinated (fully/partially) and support mask mandates
- 02 I'm vaccinated (fully/partially) but oppose mask mandates
- 03 I'm unvaccinated but support mask mandates
- 04 I'm unvaccinated and opposed to mask mandates
- 05 Unsure

23. Vaccines are now approved for children. Regardless of whether you have children now, what will you want to or need to see before you would decide to have a child vaccinated? **Please indicate all that apply.**

- 01 Clearer and more consistent advice from health care agencies and political leaders
- 02 More research on resulting effects of the vaccinations
- 03 More on reasons why those who have already had COVID-19 need to be vaccinated
- 04 Fewer restrictions / more freedom
- 05 If forced to because of school, pre-school, childcare requirements
- 06 Nothing, I am opposed to vaccinating children (**exclusive**)
- 07 Unsure / Don't know (**exclusive**)

The following are several statements about the COVID pandemic in the United States. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

COVID	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know / not sure
24. I tend to trust science and health officials when it comes to COVID information	01	02	03	04	05
25. I am still taking precautions due to COVID	01	02	03	04	05
26. Things for me are relatively back to normal or back to where they were before the pandemic	01	02	03	04	05
27. I support “passports” (proof of vaccinations) in my community to get into restaurants, concerts, or sporting events	01	02	03	04	05
28. I support mandating that teachers are vaccinated	01	02	03	04	05
29. I support mandating that health care workers are vaccinated	01	02	03	04	05
30. Religious exemptions from mandates should be allowed	01	02	03	04	05
31. Compromised immunity or health exemptions from mandates should be allowed	01	02	03	04	05
32. Religious exemptions from mandates should be allowed	01	02	03	04	05
33. I would get vaccinated (if I was not/am not) to travel by air if it was mandated	01	02	03	04	05
34. I would get vaccinated (if I was not/am not) to take a cruise if it was mandated	01	02	03	04	05
35. It is time to move on and live with COVID --- no more mask or vaccine mandates	01	02	03	04	05
36. My opinion has changed from “trusting the science” related to COVID, to having my doubts about the CDC and other health professionals	01	02	03	04	05

37. The following are some of the impacts some have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please indicate which of the following you have also faced due to COVID-19 over the past year. **Please indicate all that apply.**

	COVID-19 Impacts
01	Lost employment
01	Had employment hours reduced
01	Switched jobs
01	Lost income
01	Worked from home
01	Lost a friend, relative or co-worker
01	Had to secure extra schooling / extra help for children falling behind in school
01	Depleted my savings

Environment

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

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

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

39. 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

40. 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 Wildfires
- 13 None of these
- 14 Unsure / don't know

41. Please review this list of possible impacts of global climate change. Please indicate which you believe global climate change contributes to. **Please indicate all that apply.**

	Responsibility for Global Climate Change?
01	Ocean rising or seacoast flooding
02	Beach erosion
03	Warmer temperatures
04	Worsened drought conditions
05	Worsened air quality
06	Unusually severe weather / storms
07	Loss or threatened loss of habitats
08	Loss or threatened loss of species
09	Inland flooding
10	Bomb cyclones (rapidly intensifying cyclonic storms)
11	Increased polar oscillations (also called a polar vortex or displaced air)
12	Wildfires in the United States

42. 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 Podcaster Joe Rogan
- 04 Fox News, *Washington Times*, radio commentators such as Sean Hannity
- 05 MSNBC, Huffington Post
- 06 Scientist and *Cosmos* TV series host Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 07 President Biden
- 08 U.S. government
- 09 Non-government scientists and educators
- 10 Environmental groups
- 11 Business or industry groups
- 12 Utility companies
- 13 Entertainers and celebrities
- 14 College professors/educators
- 15 Family, friends, or co-workers
- 16 Don't know / not sure

43. 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

44. 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

45. 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

46. 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

47. 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

48. 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

49. 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

50. 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 Work from home
- 13 None of these
- 14 Don't know / not sure

51. 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

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

- 01 Environmental protections are 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

53. One of President Biden's first executive orders was to cancel the Keystone crude oil pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada to the U.S. Midwest and the U.S. Gulf Coast. Supporters of the executive order cite the pipeline's negative impact on the environment while opponents of the order cite the loss of thousands of jobs as well as the loss of some domestic supply. Based on all you know or have heard, how strongly do you support or oppose the President's decision?

- 01 Strongly support
- 02 Somewhat support
- 03 Somewhat oppose
- 04 Strongly oppose.
- 05 Unsure / Don't know enough

Education

The following education section focuses on the curriculum in our public schools, parental involvement, and CRT or Critical Race Theory.

Please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

Education Statements	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know / not sure
54. Over the past two years, during COVID-19 and remote learning for students, parents learned more about the curriculum in schools than they knew previously	01	02	03	04	05
55. Parents have a right to see curriculum used in their children's classrooms	01	02	03	04	05
56. Curriculum in our public schools should be transparent and available to anyone interested	01	02	03	04	05
57. I could support some bans on certain books in public schools such as <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> which has racist language and has a plot that centers on an allegation of rape	01	02	03	04	05
58. The Tennessee school district that banned the book <i>Maus</i> in public schools because of eight curse words and nude imagery did the right thing	01	02	03	04	05
59. I could support cameras in classrooms so parents and others may see and verify what is being taught	01	02	03	04	05

60. Prior to this survey, how **aware** were you of CRT or Critical Race Theory? Would you say...?

- 01 Very aware
- 02 Somewhat aware
- 03 Somewhat unaware
- 04 Not at all aware (**Go to Q 62**)
- 05 Unsure/Don't know (**Go to Q62**)

61. Prior to this survey, how **knowledgeable** about CRT would you say you are? Would you say...?

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

Public school boards, superintendents, and educators are facing questions about critical race theory (CRT). The idea is that racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies.

In school systems where it is taught, CRT is sometimes controversial. Proponents suggest it is important to teach public school students how citizenship and race interact, how whites have been the primary beneficiaries of civil rights legislation as well as education inequity. Opponents believe schools should stick to the basics and leave these other lessons to parents and not teach a curriculum that pits people of color against white people.

62. Based on all you know or have heard about CRT, how strongly do you support or oppose teaching CRT curriculum in public schools? Would you say you...?

- 01 Strongly support
- 02 Somewhat support
- 03 Somewhat oppose
- 04 Strongly oppose
- 05 Don't know enough about CRT to have an opinion
- 06 Unsure / Don't know

63. Is CRT curriculum being taught in your local school system?

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

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 \$200,000 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

73. Do you have children living at home 18 years of age or younger?

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

Florida Sample

74. 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

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

Election 2022

Moving to questions about the November 2022 general election. If the November election was held today, how would you vote in each of the following matchups?

For Florida United States Senator

Matchup	Marco Rubio	Val Demings	Unsure/Undecided
77.	01	02	03

For Governor of Florida

Matchup	Ron DeSantis	Annette Taddeo	Unsure/Undecided
78.	01	02	03

Matchup	Ron DeSantis	Charlie Crist	Unsure/Undecided
79.	01	02	03

Matchup	Ron DeSantis	Nikki Fried	Unsure/Undecided
80.	01	02	03

Please think about Governor DeSantis' handling of the COVID pandemic in Florida. Please indicate if you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove.

Governor DeSantis...	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Unsure
81. on handling the COVID pandemic in Florida	01	02	03	04	05

82. 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.