

FL Statewide

AREA

N=			500	100%
South	1	( 1/ 45)	135	27%
North	2		110	22%
West	3		135	27%
East	4		120	24%

START

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University and I would like to get your opinions on some political questions. Would you be willing to spend five minutes answering some questions?

N=			500	100%
Continue	1	( 1/ 47)	500	100%

GENDR

Gender

N=			500	100%
Male	1	( 1/ 48)	241	48%
Female	2		259	52%

S1

Thank You.

S1. Are you currently registered to vote?

N=			500	100%
Yes	1	( 1/ 49)	500	100%
NO/DK/RF	2		0	0%

S2

S2. Are you enrolled as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent / No Party Affiliation?

N=			500	100%
Democrat	1	( 1/ 52)	209	42%
Republican	2		182	36%
Ind/No major party	3		109	22%

S3

S3. How likely are you to vote in the upcoming election for Governor and U.S. Senate - would you say you are almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50 or is it not likely you will vote in the general election?

N=			500	100%
Almost certain	1	( 1/ 53)	469	94%
Probably vote	2		31	6%
50-50	3		0	0%
Probably not	4		0	0%
Definitely not	5		0	0%
Don't know	6		0	0%

S4

S4. What is your age category?

N=			500	100%
18-24 yrs	1	( 1/ 56)	4	1%
25-34 yrs	2		30	6%
35-44 yrs	3		58	12%
45-54 yrs	4		95	19%
55-64 yrs	5		117	23%
65-74 yrs	6		114	23%
75+ yrs	7		77	15%
Refused (DO NOT READ)	8		5	1%

S5

S5. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

N=			500	100%
White/Caucasian	1	( 1/ 57)	382	76%
Black/African-American	2		50	10%
American Indian and Alaska Native	3		0	0%
Asian	4		1	0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5		0	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6		67	13%

PRE1

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and local politics. For each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or generally unfavorable. If you are undecided or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that. First take Barack Obama.

N=			500	100%
Continue .....	1	( 1/ 58)	500	100%

Q1. Is your opinion of Barack Obama generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 59)	3	1%
Favorable .....	2		238	48%
Unfavorable .....	3		245	49%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		14	3%

Q2. Is your opinion of Alex Sink generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 60)	22	4%
Favorable .....	2		201	40%
Unfavorable .....	3		198	40%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		79	16%

Q3. Is your opinion of Rick Scott generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 61)	19	4%
Favorable .....	2		124	25%
Unfavorable .....	3		267	53%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		90	18%

Q4. Is your opinion of Marco Rubio (RUE-bee-oh) generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 62)	14	3%
Favorable .....	2		205	41%
Unfavorable .....	3		211	42%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		70	14%

Q5. Is your opinion of Kendrick Meek generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 63)	31	6%
Favorable .....	2		164	33%
Unfavorable .....	3		188	38%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		117	23%

Q6. Is your opinion of Charlie Crist generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 64)	2	0%
Favorable .....	2		217	43%
Unfavorable .....	3		217	43%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		64	13%

Q7. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

N=			500	100%
Never heard .....	1	( 1/ 65)	1	0%
Favorable .....	2		293	59%
Unfavorable .....	3		168	34%
Heard of/Undecided .....	4		38	8%

The following are questions about Florida politicians and issues:

Q8. Do you think the country is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track?

N=			500	100%
Right direction .....	1	( 1/ 66)	163	33%
Wrong track .....	2		292	58%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		45	9%

Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?  
 N= 500 100%  
 Approve ..... 1 ( 1/ 67) 214 43%  
 Disapprove ..... 2 261 52%  
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) ..... 3 25 5%

Q10. Is the recession over in Florida?  
 N= 500 100%  
 Yes ..... 1 ( 1/ 68) 26 5%  
 No ..... 2 444 89%  
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) ..... 3 30 6%

Q11. Do believe that the jobs situation will improve in the next six months?  
 N= 500 100%  
 Yes ..... 1 ( 1/ 69) 155 31%  
 No ..... 2 299 60%  
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) ..... 3 46 9%

Q12. Do you believe that the federal stimulus plan has been effective in Florida?  
 N= 500 100%  
 Yes ..... 1 ( 1/ 70) 166 33%  
 No ..... 2 288 58%  
 Undecided (DO NOT READ) ..... 3 46 9%

Q13. In the race for U.S. Senate your ballot lists ten candidates in the following order: Republican Marco Rubio, Democrat Kendrick Meek, Libertarian Alexander Snitker, Constitution Party of Florida Candidate Bernie DeCastro, Independent Sue Askeland, Independent Bruce Ray Riggs, Independent Bobbie Bean, Independent Rick Tyler, Independent Charlie Crist, or Independent Lewis Armstrong. For whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?  
 N= 500 100%  
 Vote/Lean Rubio - Republican ..... 01 ( 1/ 71) 187 37%  
 Vote/Lean Meek- Democrat ..... 02 98 20%  
 Vote/Lean Snitker - Libertarian ..... 03 8 2%  
 Vote/Lean DeCastro - Constitution ..... 04 1 0%  
 Vote/Lean Askeland - Independent ..... 05 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Riggs - Independent ..... 06 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Bean - Independent ..... 07 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Tyler - Independent ..... 08 1 0%  
 Vote/Lean Crist - Independent ..... 09 150 30%  
 Vote/Lean Armstrong - Independent ..... 10 2 0%  
 Undecided ..... 11 53 11%

Q14. If you were standing in the voting booth right now, would you vote for Republican Rubio, Democrat Meek, Libertarian Snitker, Constitution Party of Florida DeCastro, Independent Askeland, Independent Tyler, Independent Bean, Independent Riggs, Independent Crist , or Independent Armstrong?  
 N= 53 100%  
 Vote/Lean Rubio - Republican ..... 01 ( 1/ 73) 6 11%  
 Vote/Lean Meek- Democrat ..... 02 11 21%  
 Vote/Lean Snitker - Libertarian ..... 03 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean DeCastro - Constitution ..... 04 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Askeland - Independent ..... 05 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Riggs - Independent ..... 06 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Bean - Independent ..... 07 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Tyler - Independent ..... 08 1 2%  
 Vote/Lean Crist - Independent ..... 09 3 6%  
 Vote/Lean Armstrong - Independent ..... 10 0 0%  
 Undecided ..... 11 32 60%

**Q. 13 & 14 COMBINED**  
 N= 500 100%  
 Vote/Lean Rubio - Republican ..... 01 ( 1/ 71) 193 39%  
 Vote/Lean Meek- Democrat ..... 02 109 22%  
 Vote/Lean Snitker - Libertarian ..... 03 8 2%  
 Vote/Lean DeCastro - Constitution ..... 04 1 0%  
 Vote/Lean Askeland - Independent ..... 05 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Riggs - Independent ..... 06 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Bean - Independent ..... 07 0 0%  
 Vote/Lean Tyler - Independent ..... 08 2 0%  
 Vote/Lean Crist - Independent ..... 09 153 31%  
 Vote/Lean Armstrong - Independent ..... 10 2 0%  
 Undecided ..... 11 32 6%

Q15. If it was apparent your first choice could not win, would you vote for Republican Rubio, Democrat Meek, Libertarian Snitker, Constitution Party of Florida Candidate DeCastro, Independent Askeland, Independent Riggs, Independent Bean, Independent Tyler, Independent Crist, or Independent Armstrong?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Rubio - Republican	01	( 1/ 75)	50	10%
Vote/Lean Meek- Democrat	02		93	19%
Vote/Lean Snitker - Libertarian	03		23	5%
Vote/Lean DeCastro - Constitution	04		3	1%
Vote/Lean Askeland - Independent	05		5	1%
Vote/Lean Riggs - Independent	06		5	1%
Vote/Lean Bean - Independent	07		3	1%
Vote/Lean Tyler - Independent	08		1	0%
Vote/Lean Crist - Independent	09		112	22%
Vote/Lean Armstrong - Independent	10		8	2%
Undecided	11		197	39%

Q16. If Kendrick Meek dropped out of the race, would you vote for Republican Rubio, Libertarian Snitker, Constitution Party of Florida Candidate DeCastro, Independent Askeland, Independent Riggs, Independent Bean, Independent Tyler, Independent Crist, or Independent Armstrong?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Rubio - Republican	01	( 1/ 77)	201	40%
Vote/Lean Meek- Democrat	02		0	0%
Vote/Lean Snitker - Libertarian	03		15	3%
Vote/Lean DeCastro - Constitution	04		1	0%
Vote/Lean Askeland - Independent	05		3	1%
Vote/Lean Riggs - Independent	06		2	0%
Vote/Lean Bean - Independent	07		1	0%
Vote/Lean Tyler - Independent	08		1	0%
Vote/Lean Crist - Independent	09		173	35%
Vote/Lean Armstrong - Independent	10		3	1%
Undecided	11		100	20%

Q17. If Charlie Crist dropped out of the race, would you vote for Republican Rubio, Democrat Meek, Libertarian Snitker, Constitution Party of Florida Candidate DeCastro, Independent Askeland, Independent Riggs, Independent Bean, Independent Tyler, or Independent Armstrong?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Rubio - Republican	01	( 1/ 79)	220	44%
Vote/Lean Meek- Democrat	02		170	34%
Vote/Lean Snitker - Libertarian	03		13	3%
Vote/Lean DeCastro - Constitution	04		1	0%
Vote/Lean Askeland - Independent	05		3	1%
Vote/Lean Riggs - Independent	06		1	0%
Vote/Lean Bean - Independent	07		1	0%
Vote/Lean Tyler - Independent	08		2	0%
Vote/Lean Crist - Independent	09		0	0%
Vote/Lean Armstrong - Independent	10		3	1%
Undecided	11		86	17%

Q18. In the race for Governor your ballot lists seven candidates in the following order; Republican Rick Scott, Democrat Alex Sink, Independence Party Candidate Peter Allen, Independent Michael Arth, Independent Farid Khavari, Independent C.C. Reed, or Independent Daniel Imperato {IM-per-ah-toe}. For whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Scott - Republican	1	( 1/ 81)	174	35%
Vote/Lean Sink- Democrat	2		217	43%
Vote/Lean Allen - Independence Party	3		4	1%
Vote/Lean Arth- Independent	4		0	0%
Vote/Lean Khavari - Independent	5		2	0%
Vote/Lean Reed - Independent	6		2	0%
Vote/Lean Imperato - Independent	7		6	1%
Undecided	8		95	19%

Q19. If you were standing in the voting booth right now, would you vote for Republican Scott, Democrat Sink, Independence Party Candidate Allen, Independent Arth, Independent Khavari, Independent Reed, or Independent Imperato?

N=			95	100%
Vote/Lean Scott - Republican	1	( 1/ 82)	15	16%
Vote/Lean Sink- Democrat	2		10	11%
Vote/Lean Allen - Independence Party	3		4	4%
Vote/Lean Arth- Independent	4		0	0%
Vote/Lean Khavari - Independent	5		0	0%
Vote/Lean Reed - Independent	6		2	2%
Vote/Lean Imperato - Independent	7		0	0%
Undecided	8		64	67%

**Q 18 & 19 COMBINED**

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Scott - Republican	1	( 1/ 81)	189	38%
Vote/Lean Sink- Democrat	2		227	45%
Vote/Lean Allen - Independence Party	3		8	2%
Vote/Lean Arth- Independent	4		0	0%
Vote/Lean Khavari - Independent	5		2	0%
Vote/Lean Reed - Independent	6		4	1%
Vote/Lean Imperato - Independent	7		6	1%
Undecided	8		64	13%

Q20. Of the two major party candidates who has run the more negative campaign? (READ 1 and 2)

N=			500	100%
Republican Rick Scott	1	( 1/ 83)	211	42%
Democrat Alex Sink	2		113	23%
Undecided	3		176	35%

Q21. If the General Election for Attorney General was held today and the candidates were, Republican Pam Bondi, Democrat Dan Gelber, or Independent Jim Lewis for whom will you vote or toward whom would you LEAN at this time?

N=			500	100%
Vote/Lean Bondi- Republican	1	( 1/ 84)	188	38%
Vote/Lean Gelber - Democrat	2		150	30%
Vote/Lean Lewis - Independent	3		33	7%
Undecided	4		129	26%

Q22. Amendment one on your ballot proposes to repeal a provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits. Do you support or oppose Amendment one?

N=			500	100%
Support repeal	1	( 1/ 85)	211	42%
Oppose repeal	2		164	33%
Undecided	3		125	25%

Q23. Amendment two on your ballot this November proposes a constitutional amendment that would require the state legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption for members of the United States military. Do you support or oppose Amendment two?

N=			500	100%
Support property tax exemption	1	( 1/ 86)	351	70%
Oppose property tax exemption	2		88	18%
Undecided	3		61	12%

Q24. The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms. Amendment 8 on your ballot this November proposes relaxing strict classroom-by-classroom caps in favor of school wide averages. Do you support relaxing the cap on classroom size or do you oppose relaxing the cap on classroom size?

N=			500	100%
Support relaxing the cap on classroom size	1	( 1/ 87)	197	39%
Oppose relaxing the cap on classroom size	2		228	46%
Undecided	3		75	15%

Q25. An advisory question on your ballot states the following, "In order to stop the uncontrolled growth of our national debt and prevent excessive borrowing by the Federal Government, which threatens our economy and national security, should the United States Constitution be amended to require a balanced federal budget without raising taxes?" Do you support or oppose this advisory question?

N=			500	100%
Support .....	1	( 1/ 88)	241	48%
Oppose .....	2		169	34%
Undecided .....	3		90	18%

Q27. Recently several states have decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use where the penalty for possession of one ounce or less is considered a minor offense, ranging from \$100 to \$500. At this time, which of the following describes how you feel about marijuana laws in Florida? (READ 1-4)

N=			500	100%
One, it should be fully legal to have one ounce or less for personal use;	1	( 1/ 89)	113	23%
Two, It should be decriminalized to have one ... ounce or less for personal use;	2		93	19%
Three, It should be legal only when prescribed by a doctor to have one ounce or less or;	3		175	35%
Four, possession of one oz or less should be ... illegal under any circumstances.	4		92	18%
Undecided .....	5		27	5%

Q28. In 1997 the Florida Legislature adopted the Defense of Marriage Act, which specifically states that marriage is the "union between one man and one woman" and bars the state from recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states. At this time, which of the following comes closest to how you feel about same-sex marriage in Florida?

N=			500	100%
Absolute prohibition of any legally-recognized unions for same-sex couples	1	( 1/ 90)	196	39%
Recognizing civil unions between same-sex couples	2		112	22%
Recognition of legal marriage between people of the same sex	3		150	30%
Undecided .....	4		42	8%

Q29. A bill recently re-introduced in Congress called The DREAM act provides a path to citizenship for young people who came to the U.S. as children and are not legal citizens. Under the act, eligible students could apply for a conditional legal status provided they graduate from a two-year college, complete two years of a four-year university, or serve in the military for two years. Would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the DREAM act?

N=			500	100%
Strongly support .....	1	( 1/ 91)	167	33%
Somewhat support .....	2		151	30%
Somewhat oppose .....	3		48	10%
Strongly oppose .....	4		83	17%
Undecided .....	5		51	10%

THE FINAL THREE QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR RESPONSES WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

N=			500	100%
Continue .....	1	( 1/ 92)	500	100%

Q30. Are there any members of your household who are union members?

N=			500	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/ 93)	54	11%
No .....	2		443	89%
Undecided (DO NOT READ) .....	3		3	1%

Q31. Do you currently have children in the school system?

N=			500	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/ 94)	97	19%
No .....	2		400	80%
Undecided .....	3		3	1%

Q32. Are you or are any members of your household gun owners?

N=			500	100%
Yes .....	1	( 1/ 95)	201	40%
No .....	2		286	57%
Undecided .....	3		13	3%