

FINAL October 2018 STUDY

Region:

(N=500)	n	%
South-----	143	28.60
North-----	110	22.00
West-----	127	25.40
East-----	120	24.00

Hello, my name is _____. 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?

Thank You. Are you currently registered to vote? {IF YES, PROCEED. IF NO/ UNDECIDED, TERMINATE}

1. Gender

(N=500)	n	%
Male-----	243	48.60
Female-----	257	51.40

2. Early voting has begun in Florida. Have you already voted in the general 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?

(N=500)	n	%
Already voted-----	138	27.60
Almost certain-----	334	66.80
Probably vote-----	28	5.60

3. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, or No Party Affiliation/Independent?

(N=500)	n	%
Democrat-----	187	37.40
Republican-----	183	36.60
No Party Affiliation/Independent-----	116	23.20
Refused-----	14	2.80

4. What is your age category?

(N=500)	n	%
18-24 Years-----	39	7.80
25-34 Years-----	81	16.20
35-44 Years-----	88	17.60
45-54 Years-----	91	18.20
55-64 Years-----	78	15.60
65-74 Years-----	65	13.00
75 + Years-----	53	10.60
Refused-----	5	1.00

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

(N=500)	n	%
White/Caucasian	333	66.60
Black/African-American	73	14.60
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	0.80
Asian	5	1.00
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	4	0.80
Hispanic/Latino	69	13.80
Other	10	2.00
Refused	2	0.40

6. For U.S. Senate, there are two candidates on your ballot: Republican Rick Scott and Democrat Bill Nelson. At this point for whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean – Scott or Nelson?

(N=500)	n	%
Vote/Lean Scott – Republican	216	43.20
Vote/Lean Nelson – Democrat	223	44.60
Undecided	51	10.20
Refused	10	2.00

7. Is your mind made up or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

(N=500)	n	%
Mind made up	403	80.60
Might change	56	11.20
Undecided	33	6.60
Refused	8	1.60

8. What is the most important issue when voting for U.S. Senate – {RANDOMIZE} the economy, immigration, foreign affairs, trade, healthcare, corruption, gun control?

(N=500)	n	%
The economy	124	24.80
Immigration	102	20.40
Foreign affairs	8	1.60
Trade	4	0.80
Healthcare	126	25.20
Corruption	55	11.00
Gun control	39	7.80
Undecided	42	8.40

9. There will be six candidates listed on your ballot for Governor: Republican Ron DeSantis, Democrat Andrew Gillum, Reform Party candidate Darcy Richardson, and these candidates with no party affiliation: Ryan Foley, Kyle Gibson, and Bruce Stanley. At this point for whom will you vote or toward whom do you lean – DeSantis, Gillum, Richardson, Foley, Gibson, or Stanley?

(N=500)	n	%
Vote/Lean DeSantis – Republican-----	221	44.20
Vote/Lean Gillum – Democrat -----	225	45.00
Vote/Lean Richardson – Reform Party -----	1	0.20
Vote/Lean Foley – No party affiliation -----	2	0.40
Vote/Lean Gibson – No party affiliation -----	3	0.60
Vote/Lean Stanley – No party affiliation-----	1	0.20
Undecided -----	39	7.80
Refused -----	8	1.60

10. Is your mind made up or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

(N=500)	n	%
Mind made up-----	412	82.40
Might change-----	43	8.60
Undecided -----	39	7.80
Refused -----	6	1.20

11. What is the most important issue when voting for Governor – {RANDOMIZE} the economy, education, taxes, abortion, opioids, healthcare, corruption, gun control?

(N=500)	n	%
The economy -----	111	22.20
Education -----	93	18.60
Taxes -----	60	12.00
Abortion -----	15	3.00
Opioids -----	11	2.20
Healthcare -----	99	19.80
Corruption -----	39	7.80
Gun control-----	34	6.80
Undecided -----	38	7.60

12. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your view: {ROTATE 1 & 2}

(N=500)	n	%
” I want my vote in November to support the direction President Trump is leading the nation.” ----	196	39.20
“I want my vote in November to change the direction President Trump is leading the nation.” ----	195	39.00
“My vote this November doesn’t have much to do with President Trump and his policies.” -----	85	17.00
Undecided -----	20	4.00
Refused -----	4	0.80

Great, I am going to read you a list of individuals in state and national 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 Donald Trump. Is your opinion of Donald Trump generally favorable or generally unfavorable?
(RANDOMIZE 14-18)

(N=500)	<u>NEVER HEARD</u>	<u>FAVORABLE</u>	<u>UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>HOF/UNDECIDED</u>
13. Donald Trump	0 0.00	226 45.20	237 47.40	37 7.40
14. Rick Scott	8 1.60	217 43.40	227 45.40	48 9.60
15. Bill Nelson	17 3.40	205 41.00	188 37.60	90 18.00
16. Ron DeSantis	19 3.80	210 42.00	178 35.60	93 18.60
17. Andrew Gillum	21 4.20	199 39.80	187 37.40	93 18.60
18. Mike Pence	21 4.20	213 42.60	198 39.60	68 13.60
19. Do you think Florida is heading in the right direction or is on the wrong track? (N=500)			n	%
Right direction -----			260	52.00
Wrong track -----			156	31.20
Undecided -----			84	16.80
20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President? (N=500)			n	%
Approve -----			232	46.40
Disapprove -----			229	45.80
Undecided -----			39	7.80
21. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Rick Scott is doing as Governor? (N=500)			n	%
Approve -----			230	46.00
Disapprove -----			216	43.20
Undecided -----			54	10.80
22. Do you think the House of Representatives should seriously consider impeaching President Trump? (N=500)			n	%
Yes -----			161	32.20
No -----			287	57.40
Undecided -----			52	10.40

23. Should the next governor of Florida move to ban semi-automatic weapons like the AR-15 rifle?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	279	55.80
No-----	168	33.60
Undecided -----	48	9.60
Refused -----	5	1.00

24. The next questions are about battery electric vehicles which are not hybrids because they use a battery-powered motor that does not burn gasoline, diesel, or other conventional fuels. Do you currently own a battery electric vehicle?

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	23	4.60
No-----	468	93.60
Undecided -----	9	1.80

{FOR 24.2}

25. Do you think you might purchase or lease a battery electric vehicle some time over the next 12 months?

(N=468)	n	%
Yes -----	41	8.76
No-----	414	88.46
Undecided -----	13	2.78

{FOR 25.2}

26. Please select ONE (and only one) of the reasons below that BEST describes why you would not purchase a battery electric vehicle or B.E.V.: {RANDOMIZE 28.1 - 28.7}

(N=414)	n	%
BEVs are too expensive to buy-----	101	24.40
BEVs cost too much to maintain -----	22	5.31
I do not like the way that they look (they're ugly) -----	12	2.90
There isn't a large enough variety of BEVs to choose from -----	16	3.86
BEVs cannot cover a large enough distance on a single battery charge -----	58	14.01
BEVs take too long to recharge -----	17	4.11
There aren't enough public charging stations-----	49	11.84
I do not know enough about BEVs -----	75	18.12
Undecided -----	64	15.46

There are twelve statewide questions which will appear on the November ballot. I'm going to ask you about four of them.

27. Question #3 would propose an amendment that ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters. Do you support or oppose this amendment?

(N=500)	n	%
Support -----	315	63.00
Oppose -----	129	25.80
Undecided -----	56	11.20

28. Question #4 would propose an amendment to restore the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses. Do you support or oppose this amendment?

(N=500)	n	%
Support -----	352	70.40
Oppose -----	106	21.20
Undecided -----	42	8.40

29. Question #9 would ban offshore oil and gas drilling and ban vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces. A “Yes” vote supports this amendment to ban offshore drilling for oil and natural gas on lands beneath all state waters and ban the use of vapor-generating electronic devices, such as electronic cigarettes, in enclosed indoor workplaces. A “No” vote opposes this amendment. At this point, do you support or oppose this amendment?

(N=500)	n	%
Support -----	232	46.40
Oppose -----	175	35.00
Undecided -----	93	18.60

30. Question #13 would phase out commercial dog racing in connection with wagering by 2020. Do you support or oppose this amendment?

(N=500)	n	%
Support -----	254	50.80
Oppose -----	168	33.60
Undecided -----	78	15.60

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

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

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	70	14.00
No-----	417	83.40
Undecided -----	13	2.60

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

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	102	20.40
No-----	390	78.00
Undecided -----	8	1.60

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

(N=500)	n	%
Yes -----	247	49.40
No-----	234	46.80
Undecided -----	19	3.80

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]