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#### New UNF Poll Finds Razor Thin Lead for Nelson in Upcoming Senatorial Election

A new poll of registered voters in Florida shows those that indicated they will vote in 2018, 37 percent say they plan to vote for Sen. Bill Nelson, the Democratic candidate in the upcoming election for U.S. Senate, while 36 percent plan to vote for Gov. Rick Scott, the Republican and 20 percent don't know who their choice will be.

Registered Democrats in the sample intended to vote for Nelson at 66 percent, while 68 percent of registered Republicans plan to vote for Scott. Interestingly, nonparty affiliates and other partisans are leaning toward Nelson at 32 percent, compared to the 28 percent that plan to vote for Scott.

When asked about Scott's job approval, 59 percent strongly or somewhat approve of his job as governor, with 82 percent of registered Republicans approving of Scott and 40 percent of registered Democrats approving. Nelson, however, has a 35 percent overall job approval rate and only 15 percent disapprove. Surprisingly, 49 percent don't know how he's handling his job as senator.

"Like most statewide races in Florida, the senate race between Nelson and Scott is going to be too close to call all the way until Election Day," said Michael Binder, faculty director of the Public Opinion Research Lab at UNF. "The one major concern for Democrats has to be the public's lack of awareness of Nelson. When a three-term sitting U.S. senator has almost half of the sample unable to assess his job approval, you have a problem."

When asked about President Donald Trump's job approval rating, 59 percent of the overall sample strongly or somewhat disapprove of how he's handling his job, with only 37 percent approving. A vast amount of registered Democrats—91 percent—disapprove of Trump, while only 23 percent of registered Republicans disapprove. On the flip side, there is 72 percent job approval for Trump among registered Republicans, compared to only 33 percent for nonparty affiliates and other party registrants and a measly 6 percent job approval among registered Democrats.

"Donald Trump is just as divisive in Florida as he is across the rest of the country, but as long as he maintains support from Republicans, I wouldn't expect any major changes in his administration," Binder noted.

Another issue sharply divided by partisanship is what to do about Confederate statues. Overall, 40 percent of respondents believe they should remain in place, while 47 percent believe they should be moved to museums and another 9 percent believe they should be removed entirely. However, 66 percent of registered Republicans believe they should stay, while 76 percent of registered Democrats believe they should be moved to museums or removed completely.

"As Tallahassee contends with newly introduced House Bill 235 dealing with Confederate statues, Floridians should take note of the partisan divisions on this issue," said Binder. "Republicans dominate the legislature, and the Republican voters don't want the statues moved; this presents a real dilemma for legislators facing public pressure to do something about this issue."

Regarding income taxes, a large majority of registered voters in Florida—67 percent—prefer a progressive tax rate to a flat-tax rate. Only 29 percent prefer a flat federal income rate. When asked about the role of government and the private sector providing insurance, 41 percent thought that the government should insure most people or everyone. Only 24 percent believe private insurance should insure most or everyone.

"In the wake of Bernie Sanders' presidential run and the struggles with Obamacare, there appears to be support for government to take on a larger role in providing health insurance to Floridians," Binder commented.

The poll also shows very few Floridians want to reduce legal immigration, as 30 percent of registered voters want to see legal immigration increased and 42 percent want to keep immigration at present levels. "For all of the debate about illegal immigration and undocumented immigrants, Florida is very supportive of legal immigration," Binder said.

For crosstabs by partisanship, sex, age, race, and education click here.

### <u>Methodology</u>

The Statewide Florida survey was conducted by PORL Wednesday, Oct. 11, through Tuesday, Oct.17, by live callers via the telephone, and calls were made from 5 to 9 p.m. daily. The sample of phone numbers was created through the voter file provided by Florida's Division of Elections September 2017 update and selected through random sampling among registered voters in the state in the Florida voter file. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish by UNF undergraduate and graduate students. Overall, there were 838 completed surveys of Florida registered voters, 18 years of age or older. Of those, 834 had enough demographic data needed for weighting.

The margin of sampling error for the total sample is +/- 3.39 percentage points with a response rate of 16.3 percent (response rate 3 was used form the American Association of Public Opinion Research, AAPOR). The breakdown of completed responses on a landline phone to a cell phone was 14 to 85 percent, with 1 percent refusal. A single interviewer, through hand dialing, upon reaching the specific registered voter as identified in the Florida voter file, asked the respondent to participate, regardless of landline telephone or cell phone.

The total sample was then weighted by partisan registration, sex, race, age and education. Education weights were created from the 2016 American Community Survey. Partisan registration, sex, race and age weights were created from the September 2017 update of the Florida voter file to match the active registered voters in Florida. These demographic characteristics were pulled from the voter file list. All weighted demographic variables were applied using the SPSS version 23 rake weighting function. There were no statistical adjustments made due to design effects. This survey was sponsored by the UNF PORL and directed by Dr. Michael Binder, UNF associate professor of political science.

The PORL is a full-service survey research facility that provides tailored research to fulfill each client's individual needs from political, economic, social and cultural projects. The PORL opened in 2001 and is an independent, non-partisan center, a charter member of the AAPOR Transparency Initiative and a member of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organization. For more information about methodology, contact Binder at <a href="mailto:porl@unf.edu">porl@unf.edu</a> or at (904) 620-2784.

# Survey Results

If the 2018 election for U.S. senator from Florida were being held today, how would you vote if the candidates were...

Answer Options	October 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=706*	February 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=957
Bill Nelson, the Democrat	37%	44%
Rick Scott, the Republican	36%	38%
Someone else	7%	3%
Don't Know	20%	12%
Refusal	-	-

<sup>\*</sup>Only respondents that indicated that they would vote in the upcoming senatorial election were included

Answer Options	Democrats	Republicans	NPA/Others
Bill Nelson, the Democrat	66%	10%	32%
Rick Scott, the Republican	12%	68%	28%
Someone else	7%	5%	9%
Don't Know	15%	17%	31%
Refusal	-	-	-

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president of the United States?

Answer Options	October 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=834	February 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=957
Strongly Approve	19%	28%
Somewhat Approve	18%	16%
Somewhat Disapprove	9%	7%
Strongly Disapprove	50%	44%
Don't Know	2%	4%
Refusal	1%	-

Answer Options	Democrats	Republicans	NPA/Others
Strongly Approve	1%	43%	13%
Somewhat Approve	5%	30%	20%
Somewhat Disapprove	8%	12%	12%
Strongly Disapprove	84%	14%	51%
Don't Know	1%	4%	3%
Refusal	1%	1%	2%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Rick Scott is handling his job as governor of Florida?

Answer Options	October 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=834	February 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=957
Strongly Approve	26%	17%
Somewhat Approve	33%	29%
Somewhat Disapprove	15%	14%
Strongly Disapprove	13%	26%
Don't Know	11%	14%
Refusal	1%	-

Answer Options	Democrats	Republicans	NPA/Others
Strongly Approve	13%	49%	15%
Somewhat Approve	27%	33%	41%
Somewhat Disapprove	25%	6%	15%
Strongly Disapprove	24%	3%	13%
Don't Know	10%	9%	15%
Refusal	1%	1%	2%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Bill Nelson is handling his job as United States senator?

Answer Options	October 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=834	February 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=945
Strongly Approve	12%	13%
Somewhat Approve	23%	29%
Somewhat Disapprove	9%	16%
Strongly Disapprove	6%	12%
Don't Know	49%	29%
Refusal	1%	-

Answer Options	Democrats	Republicans	NPA/Others
Strongly Approve	21%	5%	7%
Somewhat Approve	26%	21%	22%
Somewhat Disapprove	7%	12%	9%
Strongly Disapprove	3%	11%	3%
Don't Know	43%	49%	58%
Refusal	1%	1%	1%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Marco Rubio is handling his job as United States Senator?

Answer Options	October 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=834	February 2017 Florida Registered Voters n=956
Strongly Approve	13%	15%
Somewhat Approve	29%	25%
Somewhat Disapprove	18%	17%
Strongly Disapprove	19%	31%
Don't Know	20%	12%
Refusal	1%	-

There is much concern about the rapid rise in medical and hospital costs. Some people feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses for everyone. Others feel that all medical expenses should be paid by individuals through private insurance plans like Blue Cross or other company paid plans. Which statement comes closest to YOUR position on this issue?

Answer Options	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Government should insure everyone.	28%
Government should insure most people.	13%
Government and private insurance should have about equal roles.	31%
Private insurance should insure most people.	13%
Private insurance should insure everyone.	11%
Don't Know	2%
Refusal	1%

In your opinion, should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

Answer Options	Florida Registered Voters n=834	
Present level	42%	
Increased	30%	
Decreased	20%	
Don't Know	7%	
Refusal	<1%	

Do you think that statues honoring leaders of the Confederacy should...?

Answer Options	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Remain in public places as reminders of Southern heritage	40%
Be moved to museums where they can be viewed in historical context	47%
Be removed completely because they are symbol of slavery	9%
Don't Know	3%
Refusal	1%

Answer Options	Democrats	Republicans	NPA/Others				
Remain in public places	20%	67%	34%				
Be moved to museums	60%	28%	54%				
Be removed completely	16%	3%	8%				
Don't Know	4%	2%	4%				
Refusal	<1%	1%	1%				

Now, I have a question about income taxes. Some people think that everyone should have the same tax rate, regardless of income, while others think that those with higher income should pay a higher tax rate. If you had a choice, which of these two options would you prefer?

Answer Options	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Progressive tax <sup>1</sup>	67%
Flat tax <sup>2</sup>	29%
Don't Know	2%
Refusal	1%

### **Survey Demographics**

Party Registration	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Republican	35%
Democrat	38%
NPA and other	27%

Age	Florida Registered Voters n=834
18 to 24	9%
25 to 34	15%
35 to 44	14%
45 to 55	16%
56 to 64	18%
65 and older	28%

Race	Florida Registered Voters n=834
White (not Hispanic)	64%
Black (not Hispanic)	13%
Hispanic	16%
Other	7%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The poor would pay a very low percentage of their income in federal taxes, the middle class would pay a little higher percentage, and the rich would pay an even higher percentage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Everybody, regardless of income, would pay about the same percentage of their income in federal taxes.

Sex	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Male	46%
Female	54%

Telephone	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Landline	14%
Cell phone	85%
Don't Know	-
Refusal	1%

What is the highest grade in school or year of college you have completed?

Education	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Less than high school	3%
High school graduate	14%
Some college	51%
College graduate	19%
Post graduate degree	13%
Don't Know	-
Refusal	-

## What is your annual household income?

Income	Florida Registered Voters n=834
Less than \$25,000	11%
\$25,000 to \$50,000	21%
\$50,000 to \$75,000	21%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	13%
Above \$100,000	21%
Don't Know	5%
Refusal	9%

What language was this survey completed in?

Survey language completed in	Florida Registered Voters n=834
English	98%
Spanish	2%

UNF, a <u>nationally ranked</u> university located on an environmentally beautiful campus, offers students who are dedicated to enriching the lives of others the opportunity to build their own futures through a well-rounded education.

If the 2018 election for US Senator from Florida were held today, how would you vote if the candidates were...

			Party		Ger	nder	Educa (College I			Race/E	thnicity				A	ge		
	Total	Dem	Rep	NPA/Other	М	F	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Hispanic	Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Bill Nelson, the Democrat	37.4%	66.3%	9.6%	32.3%	36.6%	38.0%	44.0%	34.0%	34.5%	56.2%	34.1%	40.2%	43.2%	22.9%	36.8%	34.8%	47.5%	37.6%
Rick Scott, the Republican	36.3%	11.5%	68.3%	28.1%	37.2%	35.7%	30.7%	39.2%	42.8%	19.6%	23.3%	35.5%	30.4%	29.5%	34.3%	43.2%	22.1%	47.4%
Someone else	6.7%	7.0%	4.9%	8.9%	7.7%	5.9%	6.6%	6.8%	5.5%	10.0%	8.7%	7.6%	1.2%	12.1%	10.0%	5.0%	6.7%	5.0%
Don't Know	2.0%	15.2%	17.2%	30.7%	18.5%	20.5%	18.8%	20.0%	17.2%	14.2%	33.9%	16.8%	25.3%	35.6%	18.9%	17.0%	23.7%	10.1%

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Strongly approve	18.9%	0.8%	42.8%	12.8%	18.6%	19.2%	16.2%	20.2%	25.4%	1.3%	11.3%	10.8%	7.0%	9.4%	16.7%	18.7%	17.7%	30.1%	
Somewhat approve	17.9%	5.4%	29.6%	20.0%	20.1%	16.0%	17.8%	17.9%	20.1%	10.0%	12.2%	26.4%	11.4%	17.9%	22.6%	18.8%	16.1%	18.2%	
Somewhat disapprove	9.3%	7.5%	9.6%	11.5%	8.1%	10.4%	9.4%	9.3%	9.5%	8.4%	9.9%	8.6%	20.2%	15.8%	10.5%	9.9%	4.5%	4.5%	
Strongly disapprove	50.0%	83.8%	13.6%	50.8%	49.1%	50.8%	52.5%	48.9%	41.9%	71.1%	63.9%	52.4%	55.8%	47.6%	45.2%	49.4%	59.9%	45.8%	
Don't Know	2.5%	1.4%	3.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.4%	1.9%	2.8%	2.6%	4.8%	1.1%	-	4.1%	6.5%	2.4%	1.9%	1.5%	0.8%	
Refusal	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	2.3%	1.5%	1.3%	2.2%	1.0%	1.0%	4.5%	1.6%	1.9%	1.6%	2.8%	2.6%	1.4%	0.4%	0.6%	

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Somewhat approve	32.8%	27.0%	32.7%	40.8%	29.8%	35.3%	31.5%	33.3%	30.2%	33.9%	41.5%	33.8%	36.9%	31.8%	37.2%	33.6%	35.4%	27.5%
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Refusal	1.1%	0.5%	0.8%	2.2%	1.4%	0.7%	1.8%	0.7%	1.0%	1.9%	-	1.9%	0.2%	0.5%	-	1.4%	2.0%	1.4%

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Strongly disapprove	5.9%	2.8%	11.4%	3.1%	7.5%	4.6%	6.6%	5.6%	7.1%	3.7%	5.0%	1.1%	2.6%	0.4%	3.5%	4.0%	6.1%	12.2%
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Refusal	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%	1.3%	0.6%	0.7%	1.3%	0.5%	1.2%	2.0%	0.5%	-	1.0%	-	1.4%

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Refusal	1.2%	0.6%	1.4%	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%	1.5%	1.1%	1.0%	3.7%	0.5%	-	0.2%	1.8%	0.6%	2.9%	-	1.4%

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Government should insure most people.	12.8%	17.3%	4.7%	17.3%	12.4%	13.2%	10.7%	13.8%	9.6%	14.5%	18.5%	27.0%	24.4%	12.9%	15.4%	9.9%	13.5%	9.0%
Government and private insurance should have about equal roles.	31.0%	32.3%	30.6%	29.8%	28.4%	33.3%	31.6%	30.7%	29.5%	39.0%	31.5%	28.1%	30.7%	37.5%	24.2%	37.3%	33.6%	25.6%
Private insurance should insure most people.	13.2%	3.0%	27.0%	9.5%	13.5%	13.0%	17.8%	11.1%	17.1%	2.9%	7.2%	11.6%	8.5%	9.6%	14.6%	10.4%	11.9%	18.5%
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Don't Know	2.4%	1.4%	2.5%	3.7%	3.3%	1.7%	3.2%	2.1%	1.9%	4.6%	3.6%	-	-	3.1%	2.6%	0.8%	1.4%	4.3%
Refusal	0.8%	0.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%	0.6%	-		0.9%	-	0.4%	1.6%	0.4%	1.1%

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Increased	30.1%	41.8%	17.8%	30.2%	29.7%	30.6%	34.0%	28.3%	25.7%	38.8%	42.8%	25.1%	31.2%	32.1%	40.5%	32.0%	32.0%	21.2%
Decreased	20.4%	9.4%	33.8%	18.1%	20.4%	20.4%	15.2%	22.8%	23.9%	11.2%	16.0%	15.2%	19.7%	18.2%	8.6%	21.3%	16.5%	29.7%
Don't Know	6.8%	7.3%	5.2%	8.3%	4.0%	9.3%	5.6%	7.4%	7.1%	5.3%	7.2%	6.8%	5.4%	11.7%	4.3%	5.8%	9.9%	4.6%
Refusal	0.2%	-	-	0.8%	-	0.5%	0.8%	-	-	0.8%	0.8%	-	0.2%	0.8%	-	0.6%	-	-

Do you think that statues honoring leaders of the Confederacy should?																•		
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							(College I	Degree)										
	Total	Dem	Rep	NPA/Other	М	F	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Hispanic	Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Remain in public places as reminders of Southern heritage	40.2%	20.3%	66.5%	33.5%	42.1%	38.6%	34.6%	42.9%	50.3%	10.7%	25.2%	38.0%	23.3%	22.2%	39.2%	47.0%	35.6%	55.1%
Be moved to museums where they can be viewed in historical context	46.9%	59.9%	27.5%	54.3%	44.7%	48.8%	50.9%	45.0%	43.3%	61.3%	49.0%	47.9%	60.8%	61.2%	46.2%	40.1%	47.0%	38.8%
Be removed completely because they are symbols of slavery	9.0%	16.1%	2.7%	7.5%	8.5%	9.4%	9.8%	8.7%	4.1%	25.7%	13.8%	10.9%	12.4%	11.5%	9.4%	12.0%	10.6%	3.6%
Don't Know	3.0%	3.6%	2.0%	3.7%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%	11.4%	1.4%	3.1%	4.1%	4.6%	0.5%	4.1%	2.5%
Refusal	0.8%	0.2%	1.4%	1.0%	1.6%	0.2%	1.4%	0.6%	1.0%	-	0.5%	1.9%	0.4%	1.0%	0.7%	0.4%	2.8%	-

Now I have a questions about income taxes. Some people think that everyone should have the same tax rate, regardless of income, while others think that those with higher incomes should pay a higher tax rate. If you had a choice, which of these two options would you prefer?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	NPA/Other	М	F	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Hispanic	Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
The poor would pay a very low percentage of their income in federal taxes, the middle class would pay a little higher percentage, and the rich would pay an even higher percentage.	67.0%	80.8%	53.5%	65.5%	65.7%	68.1%	68.0%	66.5%	64.4%	71.6%	71.8%	71.1%	67.0%	65.7%	70.3%	65.7%	72.4%	63.3%
Everybody, regardless of income, would pay about the same percentage of their income in federal taxes.	29.5%	17.1%	42.0%	30.2%	29.3%	29.6%	29.5%	29.4%	32.7%	21.1%	24.2%	27.5%	29.6%	29.8%	28.7%	30.9%	25.8%	31.1%
Don't Know Refusal	2.4% 1.2%	1.4% 0.7%	3.1% 1.4%	2.8% 1.6%	2.6%	2.1% 0.2%	1.5% 1.1%	2.8%	1.3% 1.6%	6.4% 0.9%	3.6% 0.5%	1.4%	3.4%	3.6% 1.0%	1.0%		0.8%	

Nature of the Sample	
Florida Registered Voters	n=834
Party Registration	
Democrat	37.6%
Republican	35.4%
NPA/Other	27.1%
LL/Cell	
Landline	14.0%
Cell phone	85.4%
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Gender	
Male	46.0%
Female	54.0%
Education (College Degree)	
Yes	32.0%
No	68.0%
Race/Ethnicity	
White	64.0%
African American/Black	13.4%
Hispanic	16.0%
Other	6.6%
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Age	
18-24	9.0%
25-34	15.2%
35-44	14.0%
45-54	16.4%
55-64	17.9%
65+	27.6%