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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 percentprefer 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.

## Methodology

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 porl@unf.edu 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 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n = 7 0 6 *}$ | February 2017 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n = 9 5 7}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bill Nelson, the Democrat | $37 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Rick Scott, the Republican | $36 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Someone else | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Don't Know | $20 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Refusal | - | - |

*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 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{8 3 4}$ | February 2017 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{9 5 7}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 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 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=834$ | February 2017 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=957$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 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 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=834$ | February 2017 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=945$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 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 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=834$ | February 2017 <br> Florida Registered Voters <br> $\mathbf{n}=956$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 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 <br> 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 <br> Voters $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{8 3 4}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| 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 <br> Voters $\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{8 3 4}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Progressive tax | $67 \%$ |
| Flat tax ${ }^{2}$ | $29 \%$ |
| 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 | $7 \%$ |

[^0]| 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 | $2 \%$ |

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

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education <br> (College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | 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\% |

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

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education(College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | F | Yes | No | White | Afr Amer /Black | Hispanic | Other | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| 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\% |

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

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education(College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | F | Yes | No | White | Afr Amer /Black | Hispanic | Other | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Strongly approve | 26.3\% | 12.7\% | 48.9\% | 15.4\% | 29.8\% | 23.3\% | 24.0\% | 27.3\% | 30.9\% | 11.4\% | 26.9\% | 9.9\% | 15.5\% | 19.4\% | 28.2\% | 22.5\% | 20.5\% | 38.5\% |
| 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\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 15.5\% | 25.2\% | 5.8\% | 14.6\% | 14.8\% | 16.1\% | 19.1\% | 13.7\% | 14.9\% | 20.5\% | 14.0\% | 14.2\% | 16.8\% | 21.5\% | 14.7\% | 18.8\% | 13.9\% | 11.1\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 13.5\% | 24.3\% | 2.7\% | 12.6\% | 14.4\% | 12.7\% | 17.4\% | 11.6\% | 14.7\% | 16.2\% | 8.8\% | 7.2\% | 11.2\% | 6.1\% | 13.2\% | 11.4\% | 20.6\% | 14.9\% |
| Don't Know | 11.0\% | 10.3\% | 9.1\% | 14.5\% | 9.9\% | 12.0\% | 6.3\% | 13.3\% | 8.2\% | 16.1\% | 8.9\% | 33.0\% | 19.5\% | 20.7\% | 6.7\% | 12.3\% | 7.5\% | 6.6\% |
| 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\% |

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

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education (College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | F | Yes | No | White | Afr Amer /Black | Hispanic | Other | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Strongly approve | 11.6\% | 21.3\% | 4.9\% | 6.8\% | 10.3\% | 12.7\% | 12.8\% | 11.0\% | 12.9\% | 15.6\% | 6.8\% | 2.4\% | 3.0\% | 1.8\% | 2.4\% | 6.8\% | 24.8\% | 18.7\% |
| Somewhat approve | 23.4\% | 25.9\% | 21.4\% | 22.4\% | 29.1\% | 18.5\% | 27.3\% | 21.5\% | 22.3\% | 23.1\% | 27.6\% | 24.0\% | 16.6\% | 17.7\% | 27.9\% | 23.5\% | 2.7\% | 24.2\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 9.4\% | 6.7\% | 12.3\% | 9.4\% | 12.0\% | 7.2\% | 8.6\% | 9.8\% | 10.9\% | 6.2\% | 7.5\% | 6.4\% | 5.6\% | 5.9\% | 12.5\% | 9.9\% | 10.9\% | 9.8\% |
| 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\% |
| Don't Know | 48.9\% | 42.5\% | 49.2\% | 57.6\% | 40.2\% | 56.4\% | 43.5\% | 51.5\% | 46.1\% | 50.1\% | 52.7\% | 64.9\% | 70.2\% | 73.7\% | 53.8\% | 54.9\% | 31.6\% | 33.7\% |
| 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\% |

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

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education(College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | F | Yes | No | White | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Afr Amer } \\ \text { /Black } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Hispanic | Other | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Strongly approve | 13.2\% | 5.0\% | 26.2\% | 7.6\% | 13.8\% | 12.7\% | 13.9\% | 12.9\% | 15.1\% | 2.4\% | 17.1\% | 7.3\% | 7.3\% | 10.5\% | 7.3\% | 12.1\% | 13.1\% | 20.3\% |
| Somewhat approve | 29.3\% | 20.2\% | 43.7\% | 23.0\% | 33.3\% | 25.8\% | 29.0\% | 29.4\% | 32.1\% | 16.7\% | 32.3\% | 19.8\% | 23.3\% | 24.1\% | 35.0\% | 30.9\% | 26.4\% | 32.1\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 17.9\% | 22.9\% | 9.9\% | 21.4\% | 15.5\% | 19.9\% | 21.4\% | 16.2\% | 18.7\% | 18.3\% | 17.1\% | 11.6\% | 14.0\% | 15.7\% | 22.0\% | 6.7\% | 15.1\% | 26.8\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 18.8\% | 34.2\% | 6.4\% | 13.9\% | 21.5\% | 16.6\% | 22.3\% | 17.2\% | 16.6\% | 21.3\% | 22.7\% | 26.5\% | 15.6\% | 15.1\% | 17.3\% | 19.8\% | 33.5\% | 12.6\% |
| Don't Know | 19.6\% | 17.1\% | 12.6\% | 32.1\% | 15.0\% | 23.4\% | 11.9\% | 23.2\% | 16.5\% | 37.7\% | 10.4\% | 34.8\% | 39.7\% | 32.7\% | 17.9\% | 27.6\% | 12.0\% | 6.8\% |
| 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\% |

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?

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education(College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | F | Yes | No | White | Afr Amer /Black | Hispanic | Other | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Government should insure everyone. | 28.4\% | 44. $1 \%$ | 10.3\% | 30.3\% | 26.6\% | 29.9\% | 26.8\% | 29.1\% | 24.8\% | 36.3\% | 35.3\% | 30.5\% | 29.3\% | 25.5\% | 31.6\% | 26.0\% | 32.1\% | 27.1\% |
| 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\% |
| Private insurance should insure everyone. | 11.4\% | 1.8\% | 23.8\% | 8.5\% | 14.9\% | 8.4\% | 9.3\% | 12.4\% | 16.1\% | 2.2\% | 3.9\% | 2.8\% | 6.1\% | 11.1\% | 11.2\% | 14.1\% | 7.1\% | 14.4\% |
| 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\% |


| In your opinion, should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education(College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | F | Yes | No | White | Afr Amer /Black | Hispanic | Other | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
| Present level | 42.4\% | 41.5\% | 43.2\% | 42.6\% | 46.0\% | 39.3\% | 44.4\% | 41.5\% | 43.3\% | 44.0\% | 33.2\% | 52.9\% | 43.6\% | 37.2\% | 46.7\% | 40.3\% | 41.6\% | 44.5\% |
| 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....?

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education(College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | 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?

|  |  | Party |  |  | Gender |  | Education (College Degree) |  | Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Total | Dem | Rep | NPA/Other | M | 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 | 2.4\% | 1.4\% | 3.1\% | 2.8\% | 2.6\% | 2.1\% | 1.5\% | 2.8\% | 1.3\% | 6.4\% | 3.6\% | 1.4\% | 3.4\% | 3.6\% | 1.0\% | 2.0\% | 0.8\% | 3.3\% |
| Refusal | 1.2\% | 0.7\% | 1.4\% | 1.6\% | 2.4\% | 0.2\% | 1.1\% | 1.3\% | 1.6\% | 0.9\% | 0.5\% | - | - | 1.0\% | - | 1.4\% | 1.0\% | 2.3\% |


| Nature of the Sample | $\mathrm{n}=834$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Florida Registered Voters |  |
|  |  |
| Party Registration | $37.6 \%$ |
| Democrat | $35.4 \%$ |
| Republican | $27.1 \%$ |
| NPA/Other |  |
|  | $14.0 \%$ |
| LL/Cell | $85.4 \%$ |
| Landline |  |
| Cell phone | $46.0 \%$ |
| Gender | $54.0 \%$ |
| Male |  |
| Female | $32.0 \%$ |
|  | $68.0 \%$ |
| Education (College Degree) |  |
| Yes | $64.0 \%$ |
| No | $13.4 \%$ |
| Race/Ethnicity | $16.0 \%$ |
| White | $6.6 \%$ |
| African American/Black |  |
| Hispanic | $9.0 \%$ |
| Other | $15.2 \%$ |
|  | $14.0 \%$ |
| Age | $16.4 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 8 - 2 4}$ | $17.9 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{2 5 - 3 4}$ | $27.6 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{3 5 - 4 4}$ |  |
| $\mathbf{4 5 - 5 4}$ | $55-64$ |
| $65+$ |  |


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    ${ }^{2}$ Everybody, regardless of income, would pay about the same percentage of their income in federal taxes.

