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1. Which of the following statements about voting in November presidential election describes you best?

I will definitely vote .....	84%
I will probably vote, but not certain right now .....	14%
I definitely will not vote .....	2%

2. Thinking about the 2016 election, what are the most important issues facing Puerto Ricans and [Latinos/Hispanics] that our politicians should address? (Record up to two)

Economy / Jobs / Unemployment .....	33%
Health care / Insurance / Quality or Co .....	19%
Immigration / deportations .....	13%
Education / Schools .....	12%
Puerto Rican debt / financial crisis .....	11%
Anti-Latino / immigrant discrimination .....	10%
Terrorism / National Security / ISIS .....	7%
Stop Trump / anything negative Trump .....	7%
Crime / safety .....	5%
Government corruption / money in politi .....	4%
Social security .....	4%
Police violence / shootings .....	3%
College Affordability / Costs .....	3%
High taxes / Government spending .....	2%
Gun control .....	2%
Reproductive rights / Equality for wome .....	1%
Climate change / environmental issues .....	1%
Something Else .....	10%

Now please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [RANDOMIZE ORDER]. Is that very or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable]?

3. Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton

Very favorable .....	46%
Somewhat favorable .....	22%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	10%
Very unfavorable .....	16%
Never heard of .....	1%
Don't know .....	6%
TOTAL FAVORABLE .....	68%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE .....	26%

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4. Republican Presidential Nominee Donald Trump

Very favorable .....	8%
Somewhat favorable.....	7%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	8%
Very unfavorable.....	70%
Never heard of.....	2%
Don't know.....	6%
TOTAL FAVORABLE.....	15%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE.....	78%

5. Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Marco Rubio

Very favorable .....	17%
Somewhat favorable.....	24%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16%
Very unfavorable.....	27%
Never heard of.....	7%
Don't know.....	9%
TOTAL FAVORABLE.....	41%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE.....	43%

6. Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Patrick Murphy

Very favorable .....	12%
Somewhat favorable.....	20%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	10%
Very unfavorable.....	11%
Never heard of.....	30%
Don't know.....	17%
TOTAL FAVORABLE.....	32%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE.....	21%

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7. If the 2016 election for President was held today and the candidates were [ROTATE: Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton] who would you most likely vote for? [IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you are certain to vote [ANSWER] or could change your mind? [IF UNDECIDED:] If you had to choose, who would you lean towards?

Trump – certain .....	12%
Trump – not-certain .....	2%
undecided – lean Trump .....	3%
Clinton – certain .....	61%
Clinton– not-certain.....	8%
undecided – lean Clinton .....	5%
Will not vote for president (vol don't ask).....	2%
Third party/Other candidate [Stein, Johnson, or Other]..	3%
Undecided/Don't know .....	4%
TOTAL TRUMP .....	17%
TOTAL CLINTON .....	74%

8. If the 2016 election for United States Senate was held today and the candidates were [ROTATE: Republican Marco Rubio and Democrat Patrick Murphy] who would you most likely vote for? [IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you are certain to vote [ANSWER] or could change your mind? [IF UNDECIDED:] If you had to choose, who would you lean towards?

Rubio – certain .....	30%
Rubio – not-certain .....	5%
undecided – lean Rubio .....	7%
Murphy – certain.....	34%
Murphy– not-certain .....	4%
undecided – lean Murphy.....	6%
Will not vote for Senate (vol don't ask).....	7%
Undecided/ Don't know .....	7%
TOTAL RUBIO .....	42%
TOTAL MURPHY .....	44%

SPLIT 9/10.

9. Thinking about your usual conversations with those you know, how often do talk about the upcoming election with your family, friends, or co-workers? This could be in person or other ways like talking on the phone, text messages, or through social media like Facebook or Twitter.

Every day .....	23%
Several times a week.....	36%
A few times a month .....	13%
Hardly ever/Never .....	27%
Don't know.....	1%

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10. How often do you follow news related to Puerto Rico? This can include watching or listening to news on TV, watching short video links online, or your own comments or posts on social media. Would you say that you are following news about Puerto Rico:

Every day.....	46%
Several times a week.....	24%
A few times a month.....	19%
Hardly ever/Never.....	10%
Don't know.....	1%

11. Over the past few months, has anyone from a campaign, political party, or community organization asked you to vote, support their candidate, or register to vote?

Yes.....	37%
No.....	63%
Don't know / Can't remember.....	0%

12. [Among island born only] Earlier you mentioned that you were born in Puerto Rico. When you lived in Puerto Rico, did you vote in elections there?

Yes.....	56%
No.....	35%
No, was not old enough to vote (vol, don't ask).....	9%

13. [Among island born only] Based on your experience, which of the following sentences do you agree with most?

Compared to Puerto Rico, registering and voting is easier in Florida.	45%
Compared to Puerto Rico, registering and voting is more difficult in Florida.	11%
Registering and voting in Puerto Rico and Florida are about the same.	44%

14. People get news and information from many different places. I am going to read a list of sources, for each one, please tell me if this is a place you get news and information. [RANDOMIZE LIST] SPLIT A/B, and C/D

14a. Local radio shows

Yes.....	51%
No.....	48%
Don't recall/know.....	1%

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14b. Social networks, like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat

Yes .....	61%
No.....	38%
Don't recall/know.....	2%

14c. Local and national television news shows

Yes .....	91%
No.....	8%
Don't recall/know.....	1%

14d. Online news websites

Yes .....	67%
No.....	31%
Don't recall/know.....	2%

15. How often do you use English language media, including online, tv, radio, and others to get news, information, and entertainment?

Daily.....	73%
A few times a week.....	15%
A few times a month.....	5%
Rarely/hardly ever.....	7%
Don't know.....	0%

16. In your opinion, does it matter who wins the 2016 presidential election? Would you say that:

Yes, it matters a lot.....	84%
It matters somewhat .....	8%
No, it does not really matter who wins the election.....	6%
Don't know.....	1%

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17. While Puerto Ricans are American citizens, we are interested in your views on immigration. Which candidate would you be more likely to vote for if one candidate: [rotate]

a) Supports immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States for many years, pass a background check, and pay a fine, and the other candidate b) Wants to allow undocumented immigrants to apply for legal resident status, but never have the chance to become an American citizen.

Would you be more likely to vote for the candidate who supports reform with a path to citizenship, or the candidate wants legal status, but no chance for citizenship?

Candidate who supports path to citizenship .....	77%
Candidate who supports legal status but no citizenship..	12%
Would make no difference (vol, don't ask).....	7%
Don't know.....	5%

18. Thinking about the upcoming election in November and education issues, which candidate would you be more likely to support if one candidate [rotate]:

a) Wants to expand pre-kindergarten programs for all families, and spend more on improving public school buildings, and computer science education, and the other candidate b) Wants to close the United States Department of Education, and all of the programs it supports.

Would you be more likely to vote for the candidate who wants to expand Pre-K and spending on improving public schools, or the candidate who wants to close the Department of Education?

Candidate who supports pre-K/public schools .....	84%
Candidate who supports closing Dept of Education.....	11%
Would make no difference (vol, don't ask).....	2%
Don't know.....	3%

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19. On the issue of climate change, which candidate would you be more likely to support if one candidate [rotate]:

a) supported setting high standards to fight air pollution, and programs to increase clean energy use and jobs related to clean energy, and the other candidate b) believes environmental protection policies hurt businesses, and there is not enough evidence to say that climate change or global warming are real.

Would you be more likely to vote for the candidate who supported increasing clean energy jobs and use, or the candidate thinks environmental protections hurt business and climate change is not real.

Candidate who supports clean energy jobs/use .....	80%
Candidate who does not believe climate change real .....	13%
Would make no difference (vol, don't ask).....	4%
Don't know.....	3%

20. Now, thinking about the November election and the issue of the Zika virus, which candidate would you be more likely to support if one candidate [rotate]:

a) Supported providing emergency funding to Florida to help prevent the spread of Zika, treat those affected, and support medical and scientific research on the virus, and the other candidate b) opposed providing emergency funds to Florida to deal with the Zika outbreak or fund prevention efforts

Would you be more likely to vote for the candidate that supports emergency funding to Florida to prevent and treat Zika, or the candidate who opposes providing emergency funding to address Zika in Florida?

Candidate who supports emergency Zika funding in FL..	85%
Candidate who opposes emergency Zika funding in FL....	8%
Would make no difference (vol, don't ask).....	6%
Don't know.....	1%

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21. And now, on the issue of health care and insurance coverage, if one candidate supported expanding Medicaid so that more low-income people had health insurance, and the other candidate opposed expanding Medicaid.

Would you be more likely to vote for [ROTATE answer options 1 and 2] the candidate who supports expanding Medicaid, OR the candidate who opposes expanding Medicaid, or would that have no effect on your vote?

Vote for candidate who supports expanding Medicaid.....	76%
Vote for candidate who opposes expanding Medicaid .....	9%
Have no effect.....	13%
Don't know.....	2%

22. What about on the issue of minimum wage? If one candidate supported raising the minimum wage to \$15 dollars an hour, and another candidate said opposed it, saying low wages are not really bad for the country,

Would you be more likely to vote for [ROTATE answer options 1 and 2] the candidate who supports raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, OR the candidate who opposes raising the minimum wage, or would it have no effect on your vote?

Vote for candidate who supports raising min wage.....	74%
Vote for candidate who opposes raising min wage .....	16%
Have no effect.....	9%
Don't know.....	1%

23. Now thinking about Puerto Rico and this upcoming election, if one candidate supported helping the Puerto Rican government address the financial crisis, and provide economic help to the people of Puerto Rico, and another candidate said Puerto Rico had too much debt and cannot be bailed out,

Would you be more likely to vote for [ROTATE answer options 1 and 2] the candidate who supports aid to Puerto Rico, OR the candidate who opposes financial to Puerto Rico?

Vote for candidate who supports aid to Puerto Rico .....	82%
Vote for candidate who opposes aid to Puerto Rico.....	8%
Have no effect.....	7%
Don't know.....	4%



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24. When it comes to the status of Puerto Rico, which is closer to your opinion?[randomize]

Puerto Rico should become the 51 <sup>st</sup> state .....	56%
Puerto Rico should remain as it is today, a commonwealth .....	25%
Puerto Rico should become independent country, not part of the U.S.....	8%
I don't have a strong opinion about the issue either way .....	12%

25. When it comes to elections and voting, how much do you consider candidate views on Puerto Rico, and issues on the island in deciding who you will support? Is it...

Candidate views on Puerto Rico and the island are very important when deciding who I will support..... 55%

Candidate views on Puerto Rico and the island are somewhat important when deciding who I will support..... 23%

Candidate views on Puerto Rico and the island are not very important when deciding who I will support..... 8%

Candidate views on Puerto Rico and the island do not matter at all when deciding who I will support..... 10%

Don't Know ..... 5%

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**Methodology**

Latino Decisions interviewed a total of 504 Puerto Rican registered voters in Florida between September 17-September 26, 2016. Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish, according to the respondent's choice. Surveys were completed using a blended sample that included online surveys (25%), and live telephone interviews (75%) on landlines and cell phones. The survey carries a margin of error of +/-4.4 percentage points.

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

D1. Were you born in the mainland United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Mainland United States .....	43%
Puerto Rico .....	57%

D2. [Ask all] How about your parents, were they born in the mainland United States, in Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Both parents born in United States.....	14%
Both parents born another country.....	3%
Both parents born in Puerto Rico .....	70%
1 parent U.S. born/1 born Puerto Rico or other.....	13%

D3. If D1= 2 or 3. How long have you lived in the mainland United States?

1 to 5 years .....	12%
6 to 10 years.....	10%
11 to 15 years .....	8%
More than 15 years .....	70%

D4. What is the highest level of education you completed? Again, just stop me when I read the correct category.

Some High School .....	9%
High School graduate .....	24%
Some College/Technical School.....	34%
College graduate.....	22%
Post-graduate education.....	12%

D5. Age

18-29 .....	22%
30-49 .....	25%
50-64 .....	28%
65 and above.....	25%

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D6. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a [rotate] Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

Republican .....	14%
Democrat .....	49%
Independent.....	27%
Other party .....	3%
Don't know.....	6%

D7. And finally, what was your total combined household income last year, before taxes? This question is completely confidential and just used to help classify the responses, but it is very important to our study. Just stop me when I read the correct category.

Less than \$20,000.....	29%
\$20,000 to \$39,999 .....	23%
\$40,000 to \$59,999 .....	22%
\$60,000 to \$79,999 .....	12%
\$80,000 to \$99,999 .....	5%
\$100,000 to \$150,000.....	6%
More than \$150,000 .....	3%

D8. [DO NOT ASK] Gender

Male.....	47%
Female .....	53%

D9. Record language of survey

English .....	60%
Spanish .....	40%