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1. Many people are busy and don't get a chance to vote in every election. Thinking ahead to the November 2014 election, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in the election for Congress, Governor, and other state offices - are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or do you not think you will vote?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Almost certain	73	73	93	64
Probably	9	13	1	4
50 - 50	11	12	6	16
Will not vote	5	2	0	11
Don't know	2	1	0	6

I am going to read a few reasons people might support a candidate. For each, tell me if this reason would make you more likely to vote for a candidate, or if it would have no effect on your vote.

2. Suppose one candidate supported raising the minimum wage for workers earning the least, and the other candidate opposed that raise. Would you be more likely to vote for [ROTATE answer options 1 and 2] the candidate who supported raising the minimum wage, OR the candidate who opposes raising the minimum wage, or would that have no effect on your vote?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Vote for candidate who supports minimum wage	64	79	51	73
Vote for candidate who opposes minimum wage	15	7	22	5
Have no effect	18	13	22	20
Don't know	2	1	4	1

3. Imagine one candidate strongly favored reducing pollution in the air and water, AND another candidate opposed reducing air and water pollution saying it is bad for business. Would you be more likely to vote for [ROTATE answer options 1 and 2] the candidate who favors reducing pollution, OR the candidate who opposes reducing pollution, or would that have no effect on your vote?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Vote for candidate who supports reducing pollution	79	89	67	80
Vote for candidate who opposes as bad for business	5	5	3	4
Have no effect	14	5	28	15

4. If one candidate supported expanding Medicaid so that more 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?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Vote candidate who supports expanding Medicaid	66	76	58	72
Vote candidate who opposes expanding Medicaid	17	6	22	10
Have no effect	14	11	16	15
Don't know	3	7	3	3

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5. In the upcoming elections, what issues are the most important to you in deciding whom to vote for? [Open ended, Pre-code to list, RESPONDENT MAY SELECT up to TWO]

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fix the economy (generic)	24	16	15	9
Immigration reform / deportations	22	21	27	20
Health care	21	21	16	29
Create more jobs / unemployment	19	16	8	10
Education reform / schools	13	21	19	21
Minimum wage / don't earn enough	10	3	2	5
Terrorism / Isis / Iraq conflicts	4	0	0	1
Corruption in government / honesty	4	1	4	0
Global warming / environment	4	3	3	4
Abortion / gay marriage / family values	4	4	0	9
Address Taxes / Cut taxes	3	3	1	0
Violence / guns	3	2	4	3
Gas prices / energy prices	2	2	7	2
Congress fighting / does not do anything	2	1	1	0
Border crisis / minor children immigrants	2	1	1	1
Housing / mortgages / foreclosures	1	2	3	5
Race relations	1	10	8	9
Something else	13	16	18	12
Don't know	9	10	14	11

6. Florida has an opportunity to accept federal funding to expand the Medicaid health insurance program and cover 764,000 more Floridians, including 200,000 Hispanics, currently without health insurance. Over ten years, the federal government would pay more than 90% of the program costs. Should the Governor and Florida state legislature adopt this plan to expand Medicaid?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes, should expand Medicaid	78	90	59	84
No, should not expand Medicaid	17	10	25	12
Don't know	5	0	14	3

7. Do you think that the Governor should use executive authority to expand the Medicaid health insurance program if the state legislature fails to act?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes, governor should expand Medicaid	69	82	54	69
No, governor should not expand Medicaid	27	15	39	24
Don't know	5	3	7	7

8. Have you and/or your family been without health insurance anytime in the past 12 months?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	34	31	24	39
No	66	69	76	61

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9. Do you know anyone -- friends, family, or co-workers -- who is sick and does not have health insurance?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	49	53	32	49
No	49	46	63	48
Don't know	2	1	5	3

10. Should Florida lawmakers pass a law to expand health insurance coverage to over 25,000 children lawfully residing in Florida by removing the five-year waiting period for children who have been in the U.S. less than five years?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	79	89	70	88
No	16	6	21	7
Don't know	5	5	8	4

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Recent state budget cuts to education have hurt Florida's schools and harmed the state's public school students." Is that [AGREE / DISAGREE] strongly?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly Agree	42	46	28	43
Agree	28	27	23	28
Disagree	17	14	24	17
Strongly disagree	8	9	15	7
Don't know	5	5	8	6

12. Local property taxes help pay for schools. Which of the following do you think is more important: [ROTATE] Cutting property taxes and other taxes and fees for Florida residents, OR, investing in Florida's schools to better prepare students for the future?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Tax cuts	27	15	41	23
Investing in schools	70	80	55	73
Don't know	3	5	2	4

13. I am going to read a list of ideas that lawmakers have talked about to make sure that people earn enough to cover their basic living expenses. Tell me which ONE you think is MOST important to do in order to make sure people can earn enough to cover their basic living expenses.

[ROTATE 1-4] Raise the minimum wage, lower taxes on businesses, make more full-time jobs available to part-time workers, or invest in job skills programs to create higher quality jobs.

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Make more full-time jobs available to part-time workers	32	29	14	33
Raise the minimum wage	28	11	25	10
Invest in job skills programs to create higher quality jobs	23	32	42	33
Lower taxes on businesses	16	27	19	22
Something else	1	1	0	0
Don't know	1	0	0	0

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14. Do you believe that unemployment today is mainly a result of [ROTATE] workers not having the skills employers want, OR not enough jobs available?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Not enough jobs	60	39	19	25
Workers don't have skills	27	54	61	63
Something else	8	4	12	7
Don't know	4	2	4	5

15. What direction would you say the economy is moving? Would you say the economy is getting a lot better, somewhat better, not really changing, getting somewhat worse, or getting a lot worse?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
A lot better	8	5	6	3
Somewhat better	44	54	40	44
Unchanged	26	18	21	35
Somewhat worse	11	4	14	4
A lot worse	10	16	16	11
Not sure / Don't know	2	3	1	2

16. Should Florida lawmakers pass a law that requires equal pay for women?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	94	96	87	99
No	4	2	11	1
Don't know	1	2	2	0

17. Should Florida lawmakers pass a law that would allow undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	64	74	55	79
No	32	21	42	16
Don't know	4	5	3	5

Now I'd like to ask you about some people who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each, please tell me whether you have heard of the person, and if your impression is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you have no opinion, or have never heard of the person, just let me know.

18. President Barack Obama	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	24	40	9	23
Somewhat favorable	32	42	21	34
Somewhat unfavorable	14	5	14	21
Very unfavorable	24	12	50	15
No opinion	4	2	5	6
Don't know	1	0	1	0
Total Favorable	56	81	30	57
Total Unfavorable	38	17	65	36

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19. Democrats in Congress	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	17	26	5	14
Somewhat favorable	31	38	18	33
Somewhat unfavorable	18	11	22	14
Very unfavorable	16	9	37	14
No opinion	11	12	8	16
Never heard of	3	1	3	7
Don't know	2	1	5	0
Total Favorable	48	65	24	47
Total Unfavorable	35	20	59	28

20. Republicans in Congress	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	16	15	32	11
Somewhat favorable	24	16	35	15
Somewhat unfavorable	21	20	12	28
Very unfavorable	25	40	11	24
No opinion	11	4	6	20
Never heard of	3	4	2	3
Don't know	1	0	2	0
Total Favorable	40	31	67	26
Total Unfavorable	45	60	23	52

21. Speaker of the House John Boehner	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	10	9	16	9
Somewhat favorable	20	20	27	15
Somewhat unfavorable	13	8	9	8
Very unfavorable	21	29	13	23
No opinion	16	20	18	8
Never heard of	18	13	13	36
Don't know	2	1	2	1
Total Favorable	30	29	43	24
Total Unfavorable	34	37	22	31

22. In the election for Florida Governor will you vote for ROTATE: Charlie Crist, the Democrat, or Rick Scott, the Republican?" IF DON'T KNOW OR UNDECIDED, FOLLOW-UP: "If you had to vote today, are you more likely to support the Democratic candidate Crist, the Republican candidate Scott?"

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Will vote Crist	40	53	19	45
Undecided but likely support Crist	13	12	5	9
Undecided / Don't know	18	16	7	21
Undecided but likely support Scott	6	2	5	10
Will vote Scott	23	16	61	12
Total Crist	53	65	24	54
Total Scott	29	18	66	22

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23. Compared to the 2012 presidential election, would you say you are MORE enthusiastic about voting this year in 2014, or that you were more enthusiastic about voting back in 2012?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
More enthusiastic now, in 2014	37	29	47	29
More enthusiastic then, back in 2012	36	52	32	44
No difference / same level	24	18	18	24
Was not eligible to vote in 2012	1	0	0	2
Don't know	1	1	2	1

24. Thinking about the Democratic Party, which of the following statements do you agree with most? Would you say the Democratic Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Hispanic/Latinos, that they take Hispanic voters for granted, that they don't care too much about Hispanic/Latinos, or that they are being hostile towards Hispanic/Latinos?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Doing a good job	40	48	22	50
Take for granted	23	15	18	23
Don't care too much	23	21	40	11
Being hostile	3	5	4	2
Don't know	11	10	12	12

25. Thinking about the Republican Party, which of the following statements do you agree with most? Would you say the Republican Party is currently doing a good job of reaching out to Latinos, that they take Hispanic voters for granted, that they don't care too much about Latinos, or that they are being hostile towards Latinos?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Doing a good job	23	14	46	8
Take for granted	20	15	9	26
Don't care too much	34	44	28	37
Being hostile	13	16	7	14
Don't know	10	11	6	12

26. Who do you blame more for the failure to make progress in reforming our nation's immigration policies — Republicans in the House of Representatives, who failed to pass a comprehensive immigration reform bill, OR President Obama, who recently announced that he would delay taking any executive action to provide relief from deportations for undocumented immigrants? Who do you blame most, [ROTATE] House Republicans, OR President Obama?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
House Republicans	42	70	26	48
President Obama	32	15	55	35
Both / Equal blame	18	8	6	10
Something else	3	2	3	0
Don't know	5	5	5	6

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27. The Republican-controlled House of Representatives failed to pass an immigration reform bill, and the President has delayed using his executive powers to provide deportation relief for undocumented immigrants. Because lawmakers failed to act on immigration reform, some people say that Latino voters should sit out the 2014 elections because neither party represents the interests of the Hispanic community. Other people say that it is more important than ever that Latinos vote to ensure that both parties respect the Hispanic community and address Latino concerns. Which view do you agree with more?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Latinos should sit out the upcoming election	11	6	14	11
Latino turnout is more important than ever	80	91	79	83
Neither / Something else	6	2	3	2
Don't know	3	1	1	3

28. Now take a moment to think about all the people in your family, your friends, co-workers, and other people you know. Do you happen to know somebody who is an undocumented immigrant?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	42	44	43	50
No	52	54	53	50
Don't know	6	3	0	0

29. [If 28=yes] Is that a family member or a friend, who is undocumented, or do you know both?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes, family	11	1	10	2
Yes, friend / other	62	70	69	63
No	5	5	7	3
Both	21	22	14	33
Don't know	1	2	0	0

30. Do you know of any person or family who has faced detention or deportation for immigration reasons?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes, know of someone	24	21	19	25
No, do not know anyone	71	78	77	75