February 2014 Survey of Major Issues Affecting Floridians | Summary of Results

Survey results are based on data collected from 1006 telephone interviews of registered voters conducted between Jan. 27 and Feb. 1, with a 3 percent margin of error. This phone survey utilized numbers provided by the Florida Voter Registration database. Results were weighted by age, party identification, and media market, thus allowing the results to mirror the correct distribution of age groups, party identification, and media market in the Florida Voter Registration database.

2014 Florida Legislative Session

Respondents were asked for their opinions on critical issues that will be considered by the Florida Legislature this session. Respondents expressed strong support for expanding Florida’s Medicaid program and allowing undocumented students to receive in-state tuition at Florida’s public colleges and universities if they attended a Florida high school for at least three years and graduated from a Florida high school. A slight majority would like to see Internet retailers be required pay state sales tax, while only 45 percent would welcome Las Vegas-style casinos to the state.

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<td>Expanding FL Medicaid Program</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Allowing Undocumented Students Receive In-State Tuition</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>33%</td>
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<td>Requiring Internet Retailers to Pay State Sales Tax</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Allowing Las Vegas-Style Gambling Casinos</td>
<td>45%</td>
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The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)

Respondents were also asked about their views on the Affordable Care Act, frequently referred to as Obamacare. Specifically, respondents were asked what Congress should do with the health care law. Notably, a majority would like to see major changes to the law or would like to see the law repealed entirely. Fewer than 40 percent support keeping the law as is or making only minor changes to it.

![Chart showing responses to the Affordable Care Act question]

Priorities for Using the Projected Surplus

Respondents were told that Florida is expected to have a state budget surplus this year and were then asked how they thought the state should use that surplus money. As their first priority, respondents expressed strong support for increasing funding for pre-K through 12 public education, protecting Florida’s water, and expanding Medicaid.

![Chart showing priorities for using the projected surplus]

- Increase funding of pre-K through 12 public education: 42%
- Protect the water in springs, rivers, lakes, and the Everglades: 20%
- Expand Medicaid to cover more uninsured Floridians: 14%
- Save it in a ‘Rainy Day’ fund for future expenses: 11%
- Reduce motor vehicle registration and driver’s license fees: 7%
- Reduce FL communication service taxes on cell phone and cable service: 0.5%
- Expand sales tax holidays: 0.5%
When asked for their second choice, respondents again expressed support for increasing funding for pre-K through 12 public education, protecting Florida’s water, and expanding Medicaid. Fewer respondents were interested in using the surplus to reduce state taxes and fees or saving it for a rainy day.

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1. **Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Florida Legislature is handling its job?**
   - Approve: 40.58%
   - Disapprove: 44.34%
   - Don’t know: 11.59%
   - Refused: 3.49%

2. **Allow Las-Vegas style casinos for gambling. Would you say yes or no?**
   - Yes: 45.41%
   - No: 52.87%
   - Don’t know: 1.03%
   - Refused: 0.70%

3. **Expanding the Medicaid program in Florida. Would you say yes or no?**
   - Yes: 67.16%
   - No: 28.29%
   - Don’t know: 3.19%
   - Refused: 1.36%
4. Requiring Internet retailers to pay state sales tax. Would you say yes or no?
   Yes  50.19%
   No   42.86%
   Don’t know 5.31%
   Refused 1.64%

5. Allowing undocumented students receive in-state tuition at Florida’s public colleges and universities if they attended a Florida high school for at least three years and graduated from a Florida high school. Would you say yes or no?
   Yes   62.49%
   No    33.14%
   Don’t know 3.07%
   Refused 1.30%

6. What would you like to see Congress do with the Affordable Care Act?
   Keep the health care in place as it is    12.11%
   Make minor changes to the health care law 26.69%
   Make major changes to the health care law 19.39%
   Repeal the health care law entirely       37.97%
   Don’t know                                2.47%
   Refused                                   1.36%

7. Florida is expected to have a state budget surplus this year. How do you think the state should use that money? (First priority)
   Reducing motor vehicle registration and driver’s license fees  7.25%
   Protecting the water in springs, rivers, lakes and the Everglades 19.62%
   Expanding Medicaid to cover more uninsured Floridians 13.86%
   Reducing service taxes on cell phone and cable service 1.85%
   Increasing funding of pre-K through 12 public education 41.53%
   Expanding sales tax holidays 0.86%
   Save it in a “Rainy Day” fund for future expenses 10.64%
   Don’t know 3.75%
   Refused 0.65%

8. How do you think the state should use that money? (Second priority)
   Reducing motor vehicle registration and driver’s license fees 11.59%
   Protecting the water in springs, rivers, lakes and the Everglades 27.90%
   Expanding Medicaid to cover more uninsured Floridians 17.32%
   Reducing service taxes on cell phone and cable service 6.91%
   Increasing funding of pre-K through 12 public education 19.39%
   Expanding sales tax holidays 4.16%
   Save it in a “Rainy Day” fund for future expenses 10.39%
   Don’t know 1.92%
   Refused 0.42%
9. What is your gender?
   Male 46.72%
   Female 53.28%

10. What is your age?
   18-24 years old 8.67%
   25-34 years old 4.47%
   35-44 years old 7.48%
   45-54 years old 15.43%
   55-64 years old 19.00%
   65-74 years old 24.86%
   75 years or older 20.08%

11. Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed or have you never been married?
   Married 60.02%
   Divorced or separated 12.06%
   Widowed 12.08%
   Never married 14.69%
   Don’t know 0.09%
   Refused 1.06%

12. Are you of Spanish or Hispanic origin?
   Yes 10.76%
   No 88.42%
   Don’t know 0.31%
   Refused 0.51%

13. What race do you consider yourself?
   White 80.50%
   Black 10.50%
   Asian or Pacific Islander 1.26%
   American Indian or Alaska Native 0.36%
   Other 3.83%
   Multi-racial or mixed race 2.04%
   Don’t know 0.10%
   Refused 1.41%

14. What is the highest grade of school or year in college you yourself completed?
   None 0.10%
   Some grade school 5.78%
   High school diploma/GED 21.05%
   1 year of college 9.41%
   2 years of college/Associate’s degree 16.55%
   3 years of college 4.49%
   4 years of college/Bachelor’s degree 21.22%
   Some graduate school 3.56%
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15. Are you currently employed outside the home?

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<td>No</td>
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<td>0.10%</td>
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16. Which income level that best describes your household income?

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<td>Less than $10,000</td>
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17. What type of phone did we call you on?

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