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SATISFIED FLORIDA VOTERS GIVE GOV BEST SCORE IN 10 YEARS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS OPPOSE ARMING TEACHERS, SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Florida voters approve 59 - 17 percent of the job newly-elected Gov. Ron DeSantis is doing, the highest approval rating for a Sunshine State governor in 10 years, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Even Democrats approve of Gov. DeSantis, 42 - 28 percent.

A total of 67 percent of Florida voters are "very satisfied" or "somewhat satisfied" with the way things are going in the state today, tying the highest satisfaction rate since the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll first asked this question in 2004. Another 30 percent are "somewhat dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied."

In addition, 71 percent of voters say Florida's economy is "excellent" or "good," the highest level ever for this measure, while 27 percent say the economy is "not so good" or "poor." Florida's economy is getting better, 37 percent of voters say, as 12 percent say it is getting worse and 49 percent say it's staying about the same.

A total of 72 percent of Florida voters are "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" about climate change and 66 percent are "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" that they or a member of their family "will be personally affected by climate change."

Climate change is going to have a "significant negative effect on Florida" in their lifetime, 45 percent of voters say, as 48 percent say it will <u>not</u>.

"Ron DeSantis won the governorship by the slimmest of margins, yet in his first two-plus months in office he has gotten off to a strong start. His 59 percent job approval today is better than most of his counterparts around the country," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. "Part of Gov. DeSantis' success is his taking on issues such as the environment on which Republicans often don't focus.

"Gov. DeSantis and the state's politicians are benefitting from an overall sunny mood among Floridians who are happy about the economy and life in general."

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Florida voters oppose 64 - 29 percent offshore drilling in the ocean off the coast. Republicans support offshore drilling 54 - 38 percent, the only listed party, gender, education, age or racial group to support drilling.

Immigration

Florida voters support 61 - 27 percent Gov. DeSantis' proposal to require local law enforcement to work with federal immigration authorities. Support is 68 - 21 percent among white voters, 51 - 39 percent among black voters and 48 - 39 percent among Hispanic voters. Democrats are opposed 50 - 37 percent, the only listed group in opposition.

Voters support 57 – 35 percent a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

Undocumented immigrants are provided too much protection in Florida, 34 percent of voters say, as 25 percent say they are not provided enough protection and 26 percent say undocumented immigrants get the right amount of protection.

Gun Control

With a wide gender gap, Florida voters oppose 57 - 40 percent allowing trained teachers and school officials to carry guns on school grounds. Women oppose arming teachers 63 - 33 percent. Men are divided as 47 percent support the idea, with 50 percent opposed.

Stricter gun laws would do more to reduce gun violence in schools, 58 percent of voters say, as 32 percent say armed teachers would do more to reduce gun violence in schools. Florida voters support stricter gun laws 59 - 37 percent.

If more people carried guns, Florida would be less safe, 55 percent of voters say, while 35 percent of voters say the state would be safer.

Approval Ratings for Sen. Rubio, Sen. Scott

Florida voters approve 50 - 34 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio is doing.

Voters give U.S. Sen. Rick Scott a mixed 42 – 38 percent job approval rating.

From March 6-11, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,058 Florida voters with a margin of error of \pm 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ron DeSantis is handling his job as governor?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Approve	59%	82%	42%	56%	61%	58%	65%	71%	
Disapprove	17	5	28	17	13	20	16	11	
DK/NA	24	13	30	27	26	22	19	19	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	48%	56%	67%	64%	71%	65%	68%	44%	48%
Disapprove	15	22	16	14	11	14	13	22	22
DK/NA	38	22	17	22	17	20	19	34	30

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

							WHITE.		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	40% 33 27	59% 18 22	26% 44 30	41% 32 27	43% 30 27	38% 35 27	39% 36 25	47% 27 26	
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	 65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	51% 23 26	40% 36 24	41% 37 22	35% 31 34	48% 29 22	39% 33 28	43% 31 25	39% 32 29	37% 35 28

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Scott is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEG Yes		
Approve	42%	77%	15%	38%	46%	39%	41%	51%	
Disapprove	38	9	67	37	33	42	40	28	
DK/NA	20	14	18	24	21	20	18	21	
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	 65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Нѕр
Approve	43%	41%	42%	43%	53%	42%	47%	23%	44%
Disapprove	36	39	41	36	28	38	34	56	37
DK/NA	21	19	17	21	19	20	20	21	19

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

								GE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	50% 34 15	77% 13 10	29% 55 16	49% 32 18	52% 31 16	48% 37 15	48% 42 10	56% 27 17	
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve Disapprove DK/NA	43% 30 27	54% 31 15	54% 38 8	52% 34 14	58% 31 11	48% 36 16	53% 34 14	37% 41 22	55% 30 15

18. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Florida today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

							WHITE.		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Very satisfied	15%	34%	2%	11%	18%	12%	19%	18%	
Smwht satisfied	52	53	48	54	54	51	49	58	
Smwht dissatisfied	21	9	32	24	21	22	23	16	
Very dissatisfied	9	3	15	8	5	12	8	5	
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	2	3	1	4	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	8%	16%	16%	19%	24%	14%	18%	3%	11%
Smwht satisfied	56	52	55	49	50	56	53	57	49
Smwht dissatisfied	25	20	19	21	20	18	19	25	24
Very dissatisfied	10	12	7	7	4	9	7	11	14
DK/NA	1	-	4	4	1	4	2	3	3

19. Would you describe the state of Florida's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

			en Dem				WHITE COLLE		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Excellent	16%	32%	6%	12%	19%	13%	18%	19%	
Good	55	56	48	61	58	52	60	61	
Not so good	20	10	30	20	15	24	17	12	
Poor	7	2	13	5	5	9	3	6	
DK/NA	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	3	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	17%	11%	17%	17%	23%	15%	19%	5%	13%
Good	52	55	60	56	60	60	60	47	47
Not so good	19	21	18	18	11	17	14	34	26
Poor	9	11	4	5	3	6	5	12	11
DK/NA	3	1	1	4	2	3	2	1	3

20. Do you think Florida's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

								GE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Better	37%	58%	18%	35%	44%	30%	39%	42%	
Worse	12	6	18	13	8	16	9	7	
The same	49	34	59	51	45	52	50	48	
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	3	3	2	4	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE	1			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	34%	36%	43%	36%	47%	35%	41%	25%	33%
Worse	14	13	7	9	7	9	8	17	17
The same	50	48	49	50	44	52	48	58	46
DK/NA	2	3	1	5	2	4	3	_	4

21. How concerned are you about climate change; very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

							WHITE.		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Very concerned	44%	11%	77%	45%	35%	52%	44%	34%	
Smwht concerned	28	33	15	32	33	23	27	28	
Not so concerned	13	27	4	9	14	12	15	16	
Not concerned at all	14	28	3	12	18	11	14	21	
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very concerned	44%	42%	43%	48%	31%	45%	39%	59%	51%
Smwht concerned	32	34	23	22	30	25	27	24	32
Not so concerned	13	13	17	11	15	16	15	9	10
Not concerned at all	10	12	17	17	23	14	18	8	6
DK/NA	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	1

22. How concerned are you that you or a member of your family will be personally affected by climate change: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

							WHITE.		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Very concerned	39%	13%	66%	38%	30%	47%	40%	30%	
Smwht concerned	27	24	27	30	30	24	23	26	
Not so concerned	15	27	2	14	16	14	15	19	
Not concerned at all	18	37	3	16	22	15	21	25	
DK/NA	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	-	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very concerned	40%	37%	37%	40%	27%	41%	35%	48%	45%
Smwht concerned	29	30	25	27	25	24	25	35	29
Not so concerned	16	17	16	14	17	17	17	7	16
Not concerned at all	15	13	21	19	30	18	23	5	10
DK/NA	-	4	-	-	1	-	1	5	_

23. Do you think Florida is doing enough to address climate change, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address climate change?

								HITE COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Doing enough	23%	51%	2%	19%	25%	20%	27%	29%	
Doing too much	5	10	_	7	9	2	5	8	
More to be done	63	27	93	67	56	69	61	50	
DK/NA	10	12	4	8	10	9	7	13	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	 65+	WHITE. Men	 Wom	Wht	Blk	Нѕр
Doing enough							Wht 28%	Blk 3%	Hsp
Doing enough Doing too much	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	-		-
, ,	18-34 13%	35-49 17%	50-64 26%	65+ 26%	Men 34%	Wom 24%	28%	3%	17%

24. Do you think that climate change is going to have a significant negative effect on Florida in your lifetime, or don't you think that?

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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Negative effect No DK/NA	45% 48 8	17% 78 6	71% 23 6	50% 43 8	39% 53 8	50% 43 7	44% 53 3	33% 58 10	
DR/ NA	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Negative effect No DK/NA	55% 37 7	53% 42 5	45% 49 6	35% 57 8	32% 63 6	43% 50 7	38% 56 7	70% 21 9	51% 42 8

25. Do you support or oppose a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	57%	30%	80%	58%	55%	59%	59%	41%	
Oppose	35	64	12	31	39	31	35	46	
DK/NA	8	6	8	11	7	10	7	12	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	60%	63%	58%	49%	48%	51%	49%	78%	64%
Oppose	33	32	32	40	45	37	41	16	29
DK/NA	7	5	10	11	7	12	10	6	7

26. Do you think that undocumented immigrants are provided with too much protection in Florida, not enough protection, or are undocumented immigrants provided with the right amount of protection in Florida?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Too much	34%	60%	9%	33%	39%	30%	37%	45%	
Not enough	25	5	50	23	23	28	27	15	
Right amount	26	25	26	28	27	25	26	21	
DK/NA	14	9	15	16	11	17	11	19	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Too much	30%	31%	37%	38%	44%	39%	41%	18%	26%
Not enough	27	28	23	25	17	23	21	38	32
Right amount	36	28	26	19	28	20	23	30	33
DK/NA	6	13	14	17	11	18	15	15	9

27. As you may know, Governor DeSantis has proposed a law that would require local law enforcement to work with federal immigration authorities. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	61%	90%	37%	58%	65%	58%	63%	72%	
Oppose	27	7	50	24	23	30	25	17	
DK/NA	12	3	13	17	12	12	11	11	
	AGE IN	N YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	56%	62%	61%	64%	75%	63%	68%	51%	48%
Oppose	24	31	28	24	17	24	21	39	39
DK/NA	19	6	10	11	9	13	11	10	13

28. Do you support or oppose expanding the use of public funds to allow mostly low income children to attend private schools?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support Oppose DK/NA	50% 42 7	45% 47 7	52% 44 4	50% 40 9	52% 42 6	49% 43 9	43% 52 5	44% 44 12	
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS 35-49	50-64	···· 65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support Oppose DK/NA	68% 27 5	52% 43 5	51% 41 8	37% 53 10	48% 45 7	40% 50 10	44% 48 9	61% 35 4	62% 33 6

29. Do you support or oppose allowing offshore drilling in the ocean off the coast of Florida?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	29%	54%	8%	29%	38%	21%	30%	35%	
Oppose	64	38	88	67	56	70	65	59	
DK/NA	7	8	5	5	5	9	5	7	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	29%	36%	29%	27%	43%	24%	32%	18%	28%
Oppose	64	59	66	64	54	68	62	77	62
DK/NA	7	5	5	9	3	8	6	5	10

30. Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in Florida?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		GE DEG	
	100	1,00	DOM	1110	11011	*******	100	110	
Support	59%	29%	89%	60%	49%	67%	60%	47%	
Oppose	37	67	7	36	47	27	36	47	
DK/NA	5	4	4	4	3	6	4	6	
DIC/ WI	5	7	7	7	5	O	7	O	
	AGE IN YRS WHITE								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
					_	-			-1
Support	62%	55%	59%	61%	45%	59%	53%	80%	64%
Oppose	36	39	37	35	53	33	42	14	34
DK/NA	3	5	4	4	1	8	5	6	2
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						HAVE	KIDS <1	8 YRS	
	Gun		DENSIT	Ύ			InPub	lic	
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburk	Rural	Yes	Schoo	1	
			-						
Support	47%	43%	64%	62%	39%	64%	64%		
Oppose	48	54	31	35	52	35	35		
DK/NA	5	3	4	3	9	1	1		
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31. If more people carried guns, do you think that Florida would be safer or less safe?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Safer Less safe DK/NA	35% 55 10	67% 22 12	9% 90 1	31% 55 15	43% 48 9	28% 62 10	35% 56 9	42% 43 14		
	AGE IN	YRS 35-49			WHITE. Men		Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Safer Less safe DK/NA	38% 52 10	41% 51 9	35% 55 9	27% 63 11	47% 42 11	32% 55 12	39% 49 12	15% 80 5	36% 58 6	
	Gun HsHld Owner		DENSITY City Suburb				KIDS <18 YRS InPublic School			
Safer Less safe DK/NA	47% 41 12	54% 35 11	29% 63 9		58% 32 10	33% 58 9	33% 57 10			

32. In general, do you think Florida is doing enough to address gun violence, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address gun violence?

			Dom	Ind			WHITE COLLE		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Doing enough	22%	44%	2%	20%	28%	17%	26%	27%	
Doing too much	4	6	-	5	6	1	3	6	
More to be done	70	45	95	70	61	77	68	60	
DK/NA	5	4	2	5	5	5	3	7	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Doing enough	25%	20%	22%	21%	32%	23%	27%	8%	19%
Doing too much	7	4	3	2	8	2	5	-	3
More to be done	64	73	72	71	57	69	63	92	73
DK/NA	4	4	4	6	3	7	5	-	5
						HAVE	KIDS <1	.8 YRS	
	Gun		DENSIT	Y			InPub	olic	
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburl	b Rural	Yes	Schoo	ol	
Doing enough	29%	35%	19%	22%	29%	21%	20%		
Doing too much	5	7	2	3	7	4	4		
More to be done	62	56	74	70	57	74	76		
DK/NA	4	3	5	5	7	_	1		

33. Do you support or oppose allowing trained teachers and school officials to carry guns on school grounds?

							WHITE COLLEGE DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	40%	73%	11%	38%	47%	33%	44%	51%	
Oppose	57	24	87	59	50	63	55	45	
DK/NA	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	5	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	43%	38%	43%	35%	54%	42%	48%	13%	36%
Oppose	52	59	55	62	44	54	50	82	60
DK/NA	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	5	3
						HAVE K	IDS <18	YRS	
	Gun		DENSITY				InPubl	ic	
	HsHld	Owner	City	Suburb		Yes	School		
Support	50%	57%	35%	38%	54%	39%	35%		
Oppose	47	41	60	60	42	59	62		
DK/NA	3	2	4	2	4	2	2		

34. Which of these do you think would do more to reduce gun violence in schools: stricter gun laws or armed teachers in schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE. COLLEG Yes		
Stricter gun laws Armed teachers DK/NA	58% 32 10	20% 66 14	94% 4 2	60% 30 10		66% 24 10	55% 36 9	44% 43 13	
			50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Нѕр
Stricter gun laws Armed teachers DK/NA	59% 34 7		58% 33 9			56% 31 12	49% 40 11	91% 7 2	63% 29 8
		DENSITY Owner City Suburb				ic			
Stricter gun laws Armed teachers DK/NA	45% 44 12	38% 50 12	65% 27 8	58% 31 10		61% 33 7	62% 31 7		