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Q6. And thinking back, were you able to vote in the November 2018 election in Florida, for offices like U.S. Senate, Governor, and Congress?	Yes	87%
	No	12%
	[VOL] Don't know	1%
Q7. I know voting is by secret ballot and I want to assure you this survey is confidential. Your individual answers will not be seen by anyone. In the 2018 election for U.S. Senate could you please tell me whether you voted for - Democrat Bill Nelson or Republican Rick Scott?	Bill Nelson	54%
	Rick Scott	28%
	[VOL] Other	1%
	[VOL] Can't Remember	6%
	[VOL] Did not vote for US Senate	1%
Q8. And in the 2018 election for Governor, did you vote for Democrat Andrew Gillum or Republican Ron DeSantis?	[VOL] Refuse	9%
	Andrew Gillum	57%
	Ron DeSantis	27%
	[VOL] Other	1%
	[VOL] Can't Remember	5%
Q9. Thinking about U.S. elections, do you typically support the Democratic Party and their candidates do you typically support the Republican party and their candidates, or are you not at all committed to either party?	[VOL] Did not vote for Governor	2%
	[VOL] Refuse	8%
	I typically support the Democratic party and their candidates	38%
	I typically support the Republican party and their candidates	14%
	Not at all committed to either party	42%
	[VOL] Depends	2%
[VOL] Neither	2%	
[VOL] Don't Know	2%	

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Q10. I'd like to ask your impression of some people in public life. As I read each one, just tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. If you don't recognize them, just say so. Here is the first one...

Q10A. President Donald Trump	Very Fav	15%
	Somewhat Fav	7%
	Total Fav	21%
	Somewhat Unfav	9%
	Very Unfav	60%
	Total Unfav	69%
	Name ID	90%
	Can't Rate	10%
Q10B. Congressman Darren Soto of Florida	Very Fav	19%
	Somewhat Fav	19%
	Total Fav	38%
	Somewhat Unfav	3%
	Very Unfav	3%
	Total Unfav	6%
	Name ID	44%
	Can't Rate	56%
Q10C. Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez of New York	Very Fav	17%
	Somewhat Fav	17%
	Total Fav	34%
	Somewhat Unfav	4%
	Very Unfav	8%
	Total Unfav	12%
	Name ID	47%
	Can't Rate	53%
Q10D. Resident Commissioner Jennifer Gonzalez of Puerto Rico	Very Fav	21%
	Somewhat Fav	17%
	Total Fav	37%
	Somewhat Unfav	7%
	Very Unfav	11%
	Total Unfav	18%
	Name ID	55%
	Can't Rate	45%
Q10E. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez of New York	Very Fav	25%
	Somewhat Fav	18%
	Total Fav	43%
	Somewhat Unfav	5%
	Very Unfav	15%
	Total Unfav	20%
	Name ID	63%
	Can't Rate	37%

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Q10F. U.S. Senator Marco Rubio	Very Fav	18%
	Somewhat Fav	22%
	Total Fav	40%
	Somewhat Unfav	16%
	Very Unfav	25%
	Total Unfav	41%
	Name ID	82%
	Can't Rate	18%
Q10G. U.S. Senator Rick Scott	Very Fav	25%
	Somewhat Fav	23%
	Total Fav	48%
	Somewhat Unfav	11%
	Very Unfav	25%
	Total Unfav	35%
	Name ID	83%
	Can't Rate	17%
Q10H. Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló	Very Fav	18%
	Somewhat Fav	21%
	Total Fav	39%
	Somewhat Unfav	10%
	Very Unfav	22%
	Total Unfav	32%
	Name ID	71%
	Can't Rate	29%

		Mar	Nov	May
		2019	2016	2016
Q11. If the United States Congress offered Puerto Rico statehood, would you support it?	Yes	77%	83%	82%
	No	15%	11%	14%
	[VOL] Don't Know	9%	5%	4%
Q12. Thinking about how you might vote in the Congressional and Presidential elections in 2020, how important is it for your vote that a candidate commits specific solutions to the economic recovery and well being of Puerto Ricans in the Island? Is this issue very important, somewhat, not too, or not at all important for your vote?	Very important			83%
	Somewhat important			14%
	Total Important			97%
	Not too important			2%
	Not important at all			1%
	Total Not Important			3%
	[VOL] Don't know			1%

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Q13. Now I'd like to read you some reasons that people give for the current economic and social crisis in Puerto Rico and the migration of Puerto Ricans to Florida.

Q13A. Corruption and incompetence of all Puerto Rican governments is to blame for the current crisis in Puerto Rico.	Strongly agree	46%
	Somewhat agree	24%
	Total Agree	71%
	Somewhat disagree	14%
	Strongly disagree	9%
	Total Disagree	23%
[VOL] Don't Know		6%
Q13B. Excessive taxes have overburdened Puerto Ricans and Puerto Rican owned businesses, hurting jobs and the local economy. Excessive local taxation stagnates economic development and is a major factor hampering the Island's recovery.	Strongly agree	57%
	Somewhat agree	22%
	Total Agree	79%
	Somewhat disagree	6%
	Strongly disagree	6%
	Total Disagree	12%
[VOL] Don't Know		9%
Q13C. The current crisis in Puerto Rico is the culmination of decades of Congressional neglect. Congress has never offered Puerto Ricans the same rights or opportunities to succeed as other citizens.	Strongly agree	50%
	Somewhat agree	16%
	Total Agree	66%
	Somewhat disagree	13%
	Strongly disagree	14%
	Total Disagree	27%
[VOL] Don't Know		7%
Q13D. Congress denying Puerto Ricans in the Island the same political and civil rights as other citizens is to blame for the current crisis in Puerto Rico.	Strongly agree	34%
	Somewhat agree	20%
	Total Agree	54%
	Somewhat disagree	18%
	Strongly disagree	21%
	Total Disagree	39%
[VOL] Don't Know		8%
Q13E. Puerto Rico's status as a Commonwealth and not a U.S. State is the underlying cause for the Island's current crisis and living conditions.	Strongly agree	35%
	Somewhat agree	22%
	Total Agree	57%
	Somewhat disagree	16%
	Strongly disagree	18%
	Total Disagree	34%
[VOL] Don't Know		8%
Q14. Generally, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The inferior treatment by Republicans and Democrats in Congress to Puerto Ricans in the Island is a reflection of what they think of me as a Puerto Rican in Florida.	Strongly agree	32%
	Somewhat agree	21%
	Total Agree	53%
	Somewhat disagree	16%
	Strongly disagree	23%
	Total Disagree	39%
[VOL] Don't Know		9%

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Q15. Do you favor or oppose statehood now for Puerto Rico, so that Puerto Rican citizens in the Island are represented with their own voting members of Congress and the same civil and political rights as all other U.S. citizens?	Strongly favor	65%
	Somewhat favor	16%
	Total Favor	81%
	Somewhat oppose	4%
	Strongly oppose	8%
	Total Oppose	12%
[VOL] Don't Know		7%
Q16. Do you favor or oppose statehood now for Washington, D.C., so that D.C. citizens are represented with their own voting members of Congress and the same civil and political rights as all other U.S. citizens?	Strongly favor	53%
	Somewhat favor	21%
	Total Favor	75%
	Somewhat oppose	7%
	Strongly oppose	8%
	Total Oppose	15%
[VOL] Don't Know		11%
Q17. Do you think Congress should abide by the election results of a yes / no statehood vote in the island of Puerto Rico?	Yes	85%
	No	9%
	[VOL] Don't Know	6%
Q18. Thinking about how you might vote in the Congressional and Presidential elections in 2020, how important is it for your vote that a candidate supports statehood for Puerto Rico? Is this issue very important, somewhat, not too, or not at all important for your vote?	Very important	55%
	Somewhat important	26%
	Total Important	80%
	Not too important	8%
	Not important at all	9%
	Total Not Important	17%
[VOL] Don't know		3%
Q19. And regardless of their political party, would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who will work aggressively to achieve U.S. statehood for Puerto Rico?	Much more likely	45%
	Somewhat more likely	26%
	Total More Likely	71%
	Somewhat less likely	6%
	Much less likely	8%
	Total Less Likely	14%
[VOL] Makes no difference		10%
[VOL] Don't Know		4%
Q20. Thinking about your vote for Congress and President in 2020, would you be more or less likely to vote for a Democratic candidate who supports statehood for Washington, D.C., but opposes statehood for Puerto Rico?	Much more likely	11%
	Somewhat more likely	11%
	Total More Likely	21%
	Somewhat less likely	19%
	Much less likely	46%
	Total Less Likely	65%
[VOL] Makes no difference		7%
[VOL] Don't Know		6%
Q21. As a Puerto Rican, would you resent Democrats in Congress who support statehood for Washington, D.C. and oppose it for Puerto Rico, or does this make no difference to you?	Yes, strongly resent	31%
	Yes, somewhat resent	16%
	Total Yes	47%
	No	5%
	Makes no difference	45%
[VOL] Don't Know		3%

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Now I'd like to read you statements about various issues. After you've heard each, please tell me which statement is closer to your views.

Q22. On the topic of abortion...

I consider myself “pro-life” – a child should be protected from the moment of pregnancy and all pregnancy must be carried out and safeguarded through birth. 49%

I consider myself “pro-choice”- a woman has the right over her body and health choices, including the right to terminate her pregnancy. 44%

[VOL] Both 3%

[VOL] Neither 1%

[VOL] Don't know 3%

Q23. On the topic of guns...

Firearms help keep us safe and defended. Every citizen should have the right to buy, own and carry guns of their choosing, free of most restraints. 25%

Firearms should be controlled and regulated to keep us safe. No one should be able to buy, own and carry any gun of their choosing, without safeguards. 69%

[VOL] Both 2%

[VOL] Neither 2%

[VOL] Don't know 2%

Q24. On the topic of immigration...

Undocumented immigrants should be allowed to cross the border to reside in the U.S. and have a pathway to U.S. citizenship, if they follow laws and pay taxes. 65%

No undocumented immigrant should be allowed to cross the border to reside in the U.S. The United States needs stricter border control. 28%

[VOL] Both 2%

[VOL] Neither 2%

[VOL] Don't know 3%

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QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES

Q25. Sex	Male	40%
	Female	60%
Q26. Age	18-34	22%
	35-49	30%
	50-64	26%
	65+	21%
	[VOL] Refused	1%
Q27. Do you consider yourself Democrat, Republican, or an Independent?	Democrat	40%
	Indep / lean Democrat	13%
	Republican	17%
	Indep / lean Republican	5%
	Independent	19%
	[VOL] Other / Don't Know	6%
Q28. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?	1st - 11th grade	10%
	High school graduate	14%
	Vocational or technical school	4%
	Some college, but no degree	22%
	Associate degree	10%
	4-year college graduate or bachelors degree	26%
	Graduate school or advanced degree	13%
	[VOL] Don't Know / Refused	1%
Q29. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?	Yes	31%
	No	68%
	[VOL] Refused	0%
Q30. And do you primarily watch or read news that is in English or Spanish?	English	67%
	Spanish	25%
	[VOL] Don't Know / Refused	8%
Q31. How long has it been since you and your family left Puerto Rico and moved to the mainland, or have you lived on the mainland your entire life?	Less than five years	5%
	5-10 years	10%
	More than 10 years	56%
	Lived on the mainland my whole life	28%
	[VOL] Don't know / refused	1%
Q35. Party Registration	Dem	50%
	Rep	18%
	NPA/Other	32%

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Q42. Polling Media Region	Ft. Myers	2%
	North Florida	5%
	Miami - Ft. Lauderdale	14%
	Central & Space Coast	54%
	Bay Area	21%
	Palm Beach	4%
Q44. Media Market Groupings	Ft. Myers - Naples	2%
	Gainesville	1%
	Jacksonville	3%
	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale	14%
	Mobile-Pensacola	1%
	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne	54%
	Panama City	0%
	Tallahassee- Thomasville	0%
	Tampa-St. Pete	21%
	West Palm Beach - Ft. Pierce	4%
Dothan	0%	

****Due to rounding, "totals" of the individual components may differ by +/-1.**