

Political parties primaries come down to the wire while Statehood maintains strong support amongst voters

The Puerto Rico Herald obtained the key findings of a survey of Puerto Rico registered and likely voters. The poll was conducted between July 20th to July 26th, 2020 by a nationally recognized public opinion research firm. The poll, not conducted for any candidate or party, included questions on a wide array of important topics, using a scientifically designed sample across all of Puerto Rico regions, age groups, gender and socioeconomic levels to produce reliable findings regarding the current attitudes of registered voters about issues and potential candidates for office.

When asked about the COVID-19 pandemic, a staggering 97% of respondents expressed their concern. The response by the federal government has the approval of 66% of those interviewed. The Puerto Rico Police has wide support from the public. Three out of four (76%) have a favorable view of law enforcement.

Respondents support federal tax breaks for companies to locate factories in Puerto Rico. Two thirds (67%) believe those tax breaks should be based on the number of jobs created

The YES side of the November Statehood Yes or No plebiscite continues on track for a decisive victory, largely based on the idea that Puerto Ricans deserve equal rights and a level playing field. Overall 54% of voters would vote Yes for Statehood while 33% would vote No. The rest are undecided with 2% refusing to answer.

Charlie Delgado Altieri has taken a strong lead in PPD gubernatorial race:

Eduardo Bhatia	26%
Charlie Delgado Altieri	44%
Carmen Yulín Cruz	16%

The PNP (New Progressive Party-NPP or “Partido Nuevo Progresista primary is now a tie between Pedro Pierluisi and Wanda Vázquez, each with 43% of likely NPP voters support. Both potential PNP nominees fare similarly in trial ballots for the November election – they run about even with Delgado Altieri and about 10 points ahead of Eduardo Bhatia. Jenniffer Gonzalez continues to cruise towards reelection with 50% support against 21% for Anibal Acevedo Vilá.

The plebiscite vote has stayed pretty steady (among all voters, support outpaces opposition by about 20 points).



Corruption allegations against Governor Vázquez are clearly having some effect. Her personal favorability and job ratings are down, about two-thirds of voters have heard about the Fiscal Especial Independiente investigation (FEI), and about two-thirds think the issue raises serious concerns about her as a candidate.



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