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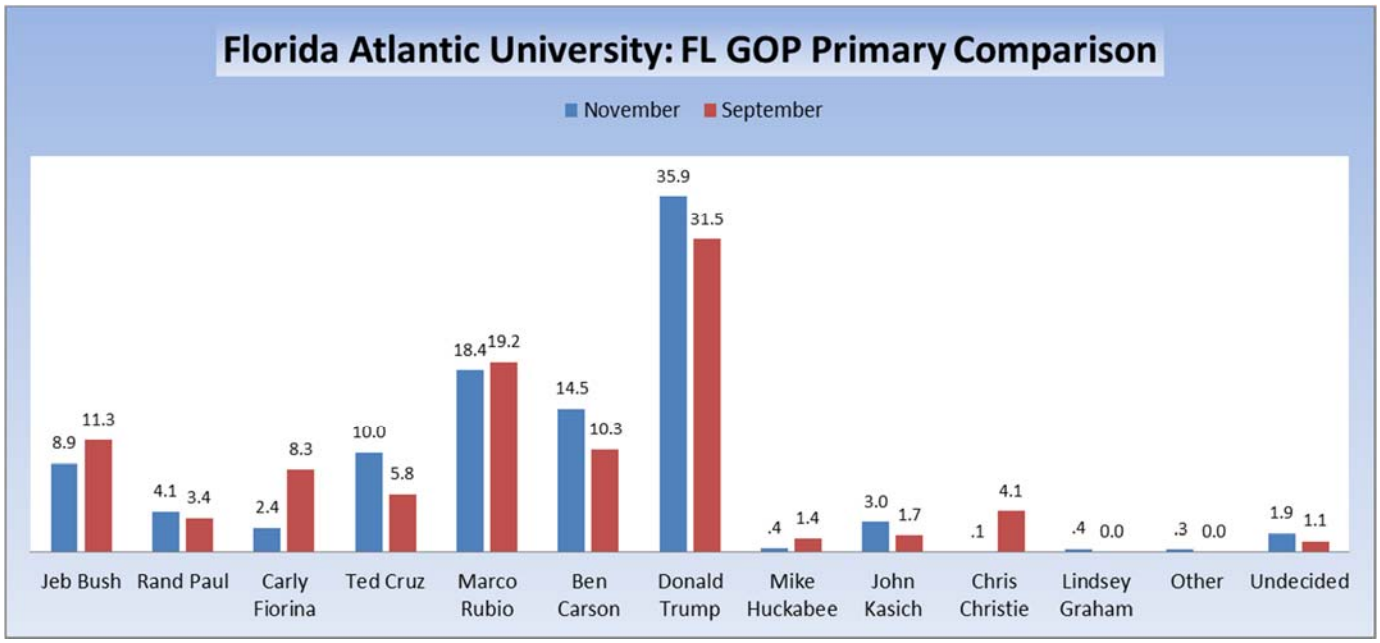
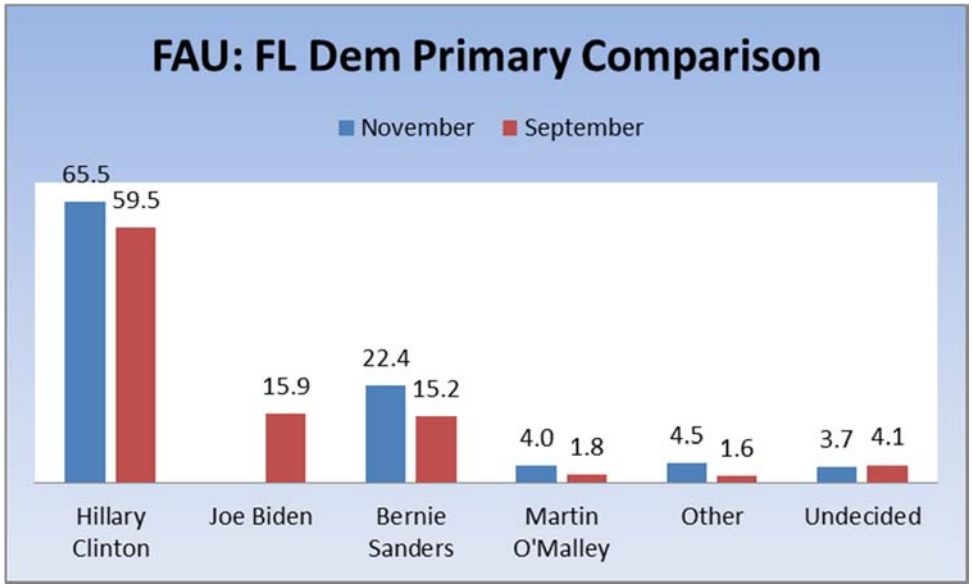
Florida Atlantic University Poll: Trump Laps Field in Florida GOP Primary, Clinton Dominates in Dem Primary.
Patrick Murphy early frontrunner in U.S. Senate Race

A new Florida Atlantic University statewide poll conducted in the aftermath of the Paris attacks show front runner status for both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in their respective primaries. Clinton holds a 44 point lead, 66 percent to 22 percent over Bernie Sanders, and Trump continues to lead the GOP field with 36 percent of the vote, followed by Rubio at 18 percent, Carson at 15 percent, Cruz at 10 percent and Bush rounds out the top 5 at 9 percent.



Vice President Joe Biden decision not to enter the race has left his supporters splitting between Clinton and Sanders. The last FAU poll in September had Clinton with a 44 point lead, 60 percent to 15 percent with Biden at 16 percent.



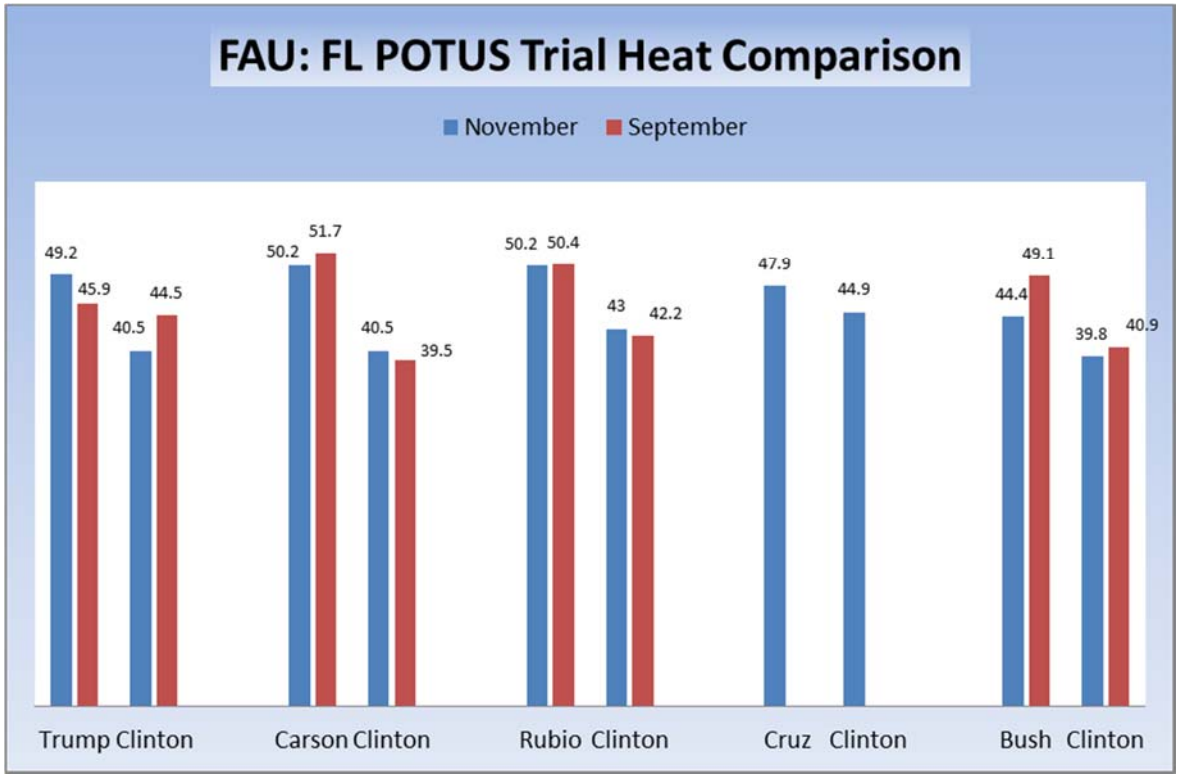
It appears the GOP primary fight has left all the candidates popularity upside down. Trump holds a 41 percent favorable and 51percent unfavorable impression among all voters but that is reversed among likely GOP voters with a 63 percent to 32 percent favorable opinion. Similarly, Rubio's name recognition is also underwater at 42 percent to 47 percent but improves to 67 percent to 23 percent among GOP primary voters. Carson has seen his numbers drop from a 53 percent favorable rating in September to 41 percent favorable and 46 percent unfavorable in November but among GOP primary voters he improves to 63 percent to 26 percent.

The poll appears to be bad news for Bush with 34 percent of respondents having a favorable opinion and 51 percent have an unfavorable. Among likely GOP primary voters his numbers improve to 46 percent favorable and 41percent unfavorable. Among Hispanic GOP Primary voters Rubio leads both Trump and Carson 34 percent to 19 percent each. Bush receives 13 percent of the Hispanic vote.

	White/Caucasian N=525	African American N=105	Hispanic/ Latino N=124
Jeb Bush	8.0%	15.8%	12.8%
Rand Paul	2.4%	31.6%	4.3%
Carly Fiorina	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Ted Cruz	10.8%	10.5%	6.4%
Marco Rubio	16.3%	0.0%	34.0%
Ben Carson	14.3%	15.8%	19.1%
Donald Trump	39.0%	21.1%	19.1%
Mike Huckabee	.4%	0.0%	0.0%
John Kasich	3.6%	0.0%	4.3%
Chris Christie	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lindsey Graham	.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Undecided	2.0%	5.3%	0.0%

Clinton also suffers from negative name recognition with overall 41 percent giving her a favorable rating versus 54 percent with an unfavorable opinion. Among Independents her numbers drop to 35 percent favorable and 56 percent unfavorable.

Clinton continues to lag behind against all her GOP rivals in head to head match ups with Carson holding the biggest margin at 9 points, 50 percent to 41 percent, followed closely by Trump at 8 points, 49 percent to 41 percent.

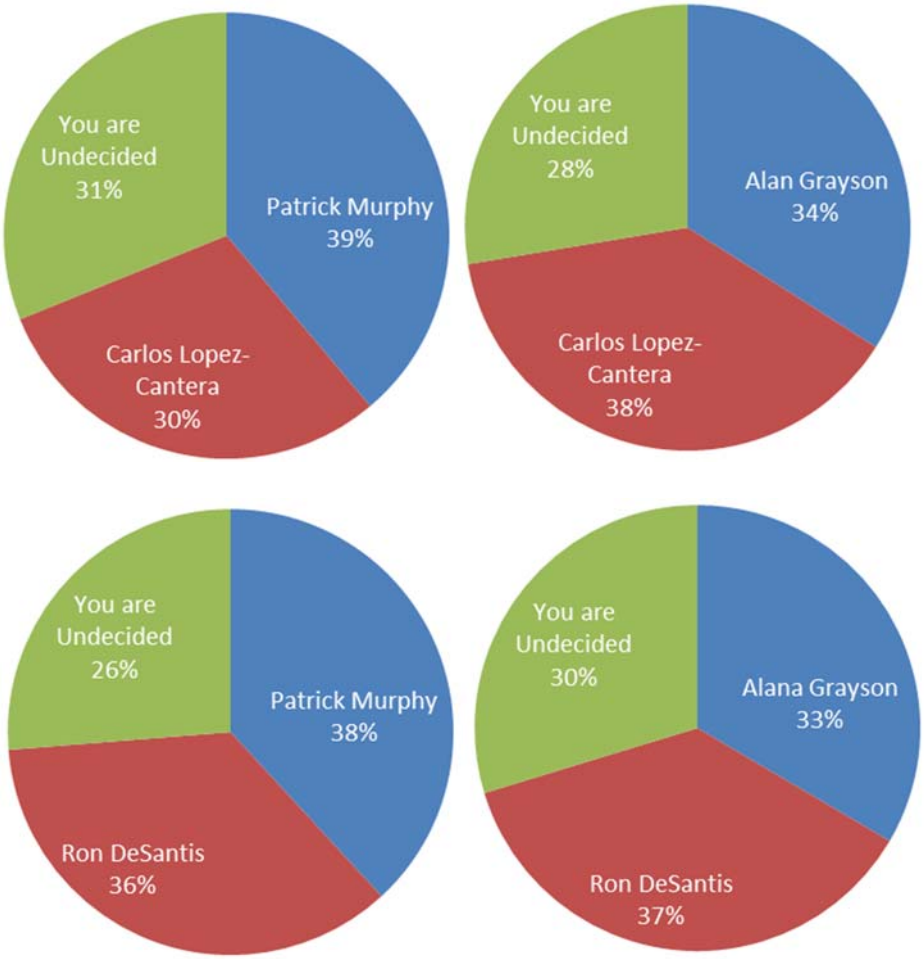


When asked about whether the way Clinton handled her email while serving as Secretary of State was relevant to her ability to serve as president, 48 percent said it was not. Among Democrats this number increased to 57 percent and among Republicans it drops to 39 percent. Independents fell in the middle at 50 percent.

When asked if the press was treating Carson fairly, 57 percent said it was but Republicans disagreed with only 39 percent saying it was fair.

Respondents did not appear to have an issue with Rubio's use of the GOP credit card a decade ago with 35 percent saying it will affect the way they vote while only 18 percent of GOP primary voters said it would be an issue for them.

In potential Florida U.S. Senate match ups, Democrat Patrick Murphy holds a 9 point lead over Carlos Lopez-Cantera, 39 percent to 30 percent while Democrat Alan Grayson trails Lopez-Cantera 38 percent to 34 percent.



Republican Ron DeSantis does slightly better against Murphy, trailing 38 percent to 36 percent and leads Grayson 37 percent to 33 percent.

The Florida Atlantic University poll was conducted from Sunday November 15 at 1pm through Monday November 16. The polling sample was a random selection of registered voters purchased through Aristotle Inc. Likely primary voters were classified through a screening question. For non-completes with a working residential phone line, at least five callbacks were attempted (Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening, Monday morning, Monday afternoon and Monday Evening). The Democratic and GOP primaries consisted of 297 and 355 adult registered likely primary voters in Florida, with a margin of error of +/-5.6 percent and +/-5.2 percent respectively. An overall sample of 829 registered voters with a+/-3.3 percent, at a 95 percent confidence level was used for the additional statewide questions. Data was collected using an Interactive Voice Response system and weighted based on race, age, gender and region to reflect likely voter populations in Florida. The full methodology and results can be found at BEPI-polls.

Below are the full results and survey instrument. For further information or questions about methodology, contact Dr. Monica Escaleras, FAU-BEPI director and FAU associate professor of economics, at mescaler@fau.edu.

Language

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	English	780	94.1	94.1	94.1
	Spanish	49	5.9	5.9	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

What is your Gender?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	408	49.2	49.2	49.2
	Female	421	50.8	50.8	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Approval

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Approve	323	39.0	39.0	39.0
	Disapprove	439	53.0	53.0	91.9
	Undecided	67	8.1	8.1	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Voter Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	759	91.6	91.6	91.6
	Somewhat likely	34	4.1	4.1	95.7
	50-50	18	2.2	2.2	97.8
	not likely	18	2.2	2.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Party Affiliation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	338	40.8	40.8	40.8
	Republican	325	39.2	39.2	80.0
	Independent/Othrer	166	20.0	20.0	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Which Primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Vote in Democratic primary/caucus	297	35.8	35.8	35.8
	Vote in Republican primary/caucus	355	42.9	42.9	78.6
	Skip Primaries/caucuses. Vote in November	134	16.2	16.2	94.8
	Undecided	43	5.2	5.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Democrat Primary Ballot test

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	194	23.4	65.5	65.5
	Bernie Sanders	66	8.0	22.4	87.8
	Martin O'Malley	12	1.4	4.0	91.8
	Other	13	1.6	4.5	96.3
	Undecided	11	1.3	3.7	100.0
	Total	297	35.8	100.0	
Missing	System	532	64.2		
Total		829	100.0		

GOP Primary Ballot Test

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Jeb Bush	32	3.8	8.9	8.9
	Rand Paul	14	1.7	4.1	12.9
	Carly Fiorina	9	1.0	2.4	15.4
	Ted Cruz	35	4.3	10.0	25.3
	Marco Rubio	65	7.9	18.4	43.7
	Ben Carson	51	6.2	14.5	58.2
	Donald Trump	127	15.4	35.9	94.0
	Mike Huckabee	1	.2	.4	94.4
	John Kasich	11	1.3	3.0	97.4
	Chris Christie		.0	.1	97.5
	Lindsey Graham	1	.2	.4	97.9
	Other	1	.1	.3	98.1
	Undecided	7	.8	1.9	100.0
	Total	355	42.9	100.0	
Missing	System	474	57.1		
Total		829	100.0		

Clinton

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	337	40.7	40.7	40.7
	Unfavorable	446	53.8	53.8	94.5
	you are undecided	36	4.3	4.3	98.8
	you've never heard of this public figure	10	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Bush

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	280	33.8	33.8	33.8
	Unfavorable	427	51.5	51.5	85.3
	You are undecided	112	13.5	13.5	98.8
	You've never heard of this public figure	10	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Carson

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	345	41.6	41.6	41.6
	Unfavorable	383	46.2	46.2	87.9
	You are undecided	91	10.9	10.9	98.8
	You've never heard of this public figure	10	1.2	1.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Rubio

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	352	42.4	42.4	42.4
	Unfavorable	388	46.8	46.8	89.2
	You are undecided	82	9.9	9.9	99.1
	You've never heard of this public figure	7	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Trump

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	338	40.7	40.7	40.7
	Unfavorable	422	50.9	50.9	91.6
	You are undecided	60	7.3	7.3	98.9
	You've never heard of this public figure	9	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Cruz

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	291	35.2	35.2	35.2
	Unfavorable	399	48.2	48.2	83.3
	You are undecided	112	13.5	13.5	96.8
	You've never heard of this public figure	26	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Bush v. Clinton

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Jeb Bush	368	44.4	44.4	44.4
	Hillary Clinton	330	39.8	39.8	84.2
	You are Undecided	131	15.8	15.8	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Carson v. Clinton

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Ben Carson	416	50.2	50.2	50.2
	Hillary Clinton	336	40.5	40.5	90.7
	You are Undecided	77	9.3	9.3	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Trump v. Clinton

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Donald Trump	408	49.2	49.2	49.2
	Hillary Clinton	336	40.5	40.5	89.7
	You are Undecided	85	10.3	10.3	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Rubio v. Clinton

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Marco Rubio	416	50.2	50.2	50.2
	Hillary Clinton	357	43.0	43.0	93.2
	You are Undecided	56	6.8	6.8	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Cruz v. Clinton

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Ted Cruz	397	47.9	47.9	47.9
	Hillary Clinton	372	44.9	44.9	92.8
	You are Undecided	60	7.2	7.2	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Murphy v. Lopez-Cantera

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Patrick Murphy	322	38.8	38.8	38.8
	Carlos Lopez-Cantera	249	30.0	30.0	68.9
	You are Undecided	258	31.1	31.1	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Grayson v. Lopez-Cantera

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Alan Grayson	282	34.0	34.0	34.0
	Carlos Lopez-Cantera	318	38.4	38.4	72.4
	You are Undecided	229	27.6	27.6	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Murphy v. DeSantis

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Patrick Murphy	316	38.2	38.2	38.2
	Ron DeSantis	295	35.6	35.6	73.7
	You are Undecided	218	26.3	26.3	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Grayson v. De Santis

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Alana Grayson	277	33.4	33.4	33.4
	Ron DeSantis	305	36.8	36.8	70.3
	You are Undecided	246	29.7	29.7	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Email not relevant

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	401	48.4	48.4	48.4
	No	428	51.6	51.6	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Carson and the press

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Treated Fairly	469	56.6	56.6	56.6
	Unfair target	360	43.4	43.4	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Rubio Credit Card

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	288	34.7	34.7	34.7
	No	451	54.3	54.3	89.1
	Undecided	90	10.9	10.9	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Social Network

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	More than once a day	246	29.6	29.6	29.6
	Everyday	145	17.5	17.5	47.1
	3-5 days per week	112	13.5	13.5	60.6
	1-2 days per week	36	4.3	4.3	64.9
	less often	72	8.7	8.7	73.6
	Never	219	26.4	26.4	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

What is your age category?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34 Years	102	12.3	12.3	12.3
	35-54 Years	257	31.0	31.0	43.3
	55-74 Years	347	41.8	41.8	85.1
	75+	124	14.9	14.9	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Ethnic background/ancestry is?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White/Caucasian	525	63.3	63.3	63.3
	African American	105	12.7	12.7	76.0
	American Indian/ Alaska Native	7	.8	.8	76.8
	Asian	6	.7	.7	77.5
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	10	1.2	1.2	78.7
	Hispanic/ Latino	124	15.0	15.0	93.7
	Other	36	4.3	4.3	98.0
	Don't know	17	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	North	249	30.0	30.0	30.0
	Central	298	36.0	36.0	66.0
	South	282	34.0	34.0	100.0
	Total	829	100.0	100.0	

1. What is your Gender

Press 1 for Male
Press 2 for Female

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Press 1 for approve
Press 2 for disapprove
Press 3 for undecided

3. How likely are you to vote in the election for President in 2016 --very likely, somewhat likely, 50-50 or not likely?

Press 1 for Very likely
Press 2 for Somewhat likely
Press 3 for 50-50
Press 4 for Not Likely

4. Are you currently registered as a Democrat, Republican, Independent/Other?

Press 1 for Democrat
Press 2 for Republican
Press 3 for Independent/other
Press 4 if you are not a registered voter (eliminate)

5. Thinking about the upcoming presidential primaries and caucuses early next year, do you think you will vote/lean toward voting in your state's Democratic contest, Republican contest, or do you think you will skip the primary season and just vote next November?

Press 1 for Vote in Democratic primary/caucus (q7)
Press 2 for Vote in Republican primary/caucus (q8)
Press 3 for Skip Primaries/caucuses. Vote in November (q10)
Press 4 for Undecided (q10)

6. If the Democratic Primary for President was held today, and the candidates were {RANDOMIZE} Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, or Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote or lean toward?

Press 1 for Hillary Clinton (q10)
Press 2 for Bernie Sanders (q10)
Press 3 for Martin O'Malley (q10)
Press 4 for Other (q10)
Press 5 for Undecided (q10)
Press 6 to repeat answer choices

7. If the Republican Primary for President of the United States were held today, who would be your first choice to win the Republican nomination? {RANDOMIZE LIST}

Press 1 for Jeb Bush (q10)
Press 2 for Rand Paul (q10)
Press 3 for Carly Fiorina (q10)
Press 4 for Ted Cruz (q10)
Press 5 for Marco Rubio (q10)

Press 6 for Ben Carson (q10)
Press 7 for Donald Trump (q10)
Press 8 for Mike Huckabee (q10)
Press 9 for John Kasich (q10)
Press 0 for Someone else (q9)
Press * to repeat answer choices

8. You selected other in your choice for the Republican, then from the following who would be your first choice to win the Republican nomination? {RANDOMIZE LIST}

Press 1 for Chris Christie
Press 2 for Rick Santorum
Press 3 for Bobby Jindal
Press 4 for George Pataki
Press 5 for Lindsey Graham
Press 6 for Other
Press 7 for Undecided

9. Great, I am going to read you a short list of individuals and for each, please tell me if your opinion of them is generally favorable or generally unfavorable. If you are undecided or if you have never heard of someone, just tell me that.

First take Hillary Clinton. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

Press 1 for favorable
Press 2 for unfavorable
Press 3 if you are undecided
Press 4 if you've never heard of this public figure

10. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

Press 1 for favorable
Press 2 for unfavorable
Press 3 if you are undecided
Press 4 if you've never heard of this public figure

11. Is your opinion of Ben Carson generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

Press 1 for favorable
Press 2 for unfavorable
Press 3 if you are undecided
Press 4 if you've never heard of this public figure

12. Is your opinion of Marco Rubio generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

Press 1 for favorable
Press 2 for unfavorable
Press 3 if you are undecided
Press 4 if you've never heard of this public figure

13. Is your opinion of Donald Trump generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

Press 1 for favorable
Press 2 for unfavorable
Press 3 if you are undecided
Press 4 if you've never heard of this public figure

14. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz generally favorable or generally unfavorable?

Press 1 for favorable
Press 2 for unfavorable
Press 3 if you are undecided
Press 4 if you've never heard of this public figure

15. Now let's jump right to possible matchups in the general election in 2016.If the presidential election was tomorrow and the candidates were Republican Jeb Bush and Democrat Hillary Clinton, who would you vote for?

    Press 1 for Jeb Bush
    Press 2 for Hillary Clinton
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

16. If the presidential election was tomorrow and the candidates were Republican Ben Carson and Democrat Hillary Clinton, who would you vote for?

    Press 1 for Ben Carson
    Press 2 for Hillary Clinton
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

17. If the presidential election was tomorrow and the candidates were Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton, who would you vote for?

    Press 1 for Donald Trump
    Press 2 for Hillary Clinton
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

18. If the presidential election was tomorrow and the candidates were Republican Marco Rubio and Democrat Hillary Clinton, who would you vote for?

    Press 1 for Marco Rubio
    Press 2 for Hillary Clinton
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

19. If the presidential election was tomorrow and the candidates were Republican Ted Cruz and Democrat Hillary Clinton, who would you vote for?

    Press 1 for Ted Cruz
    Press 2 for Hillary Clinton
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

20. Now, lets change races- If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Patrick Murphy the Democrat and Carlos Lopez-Cantera the Republican, for whom would you vote?

    Press 1 for Patrick Murphy
    Press 2 for Carlos Lopez-Cantera
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

21. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Alan Grayson the Democrat and Carlos Lopez-Cantera the Republican, for whom would you vote?

    Press 1 for Alan Grayson
    Press 2 for Carlos Lopez-Cantera
    Press 3 if you are Undecided

22. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Patrick Murphy the Democrat and Ron DeSantis the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Press 1 for Patrick Murphy
Press 2 for Ron DeSantis
Press 3 if you are Undecided

23. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Alan Grayson the Democrat and Ron DeSantis the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Press 1 for Alan Grayson
Press 2 for Ron DeSantis
Press 3 if you are Undecided

24. Do you believe the way Clinton handled her email while serving as Secretary of State is not relevant to her character or her ability to serve as president?
Press 1 for Yes
Press 2 for No

25. Do you think Ben Carson is being treated fairly by the press?
Press 1 for Yes, he is a politician and should expect it
Press 2 for No, the media is unfairly targeting him

26. In his 2005-2006 credit card statements, Marco Rubio used the GOP credit card to purchase flooring for his home, a hotel in Las Vegas, child care and other expenses totalling $22,000, which he has since repaid his party. Will this affect the way you vote?
Press 1 for Yes
Press 2 for No
Press 3 for Undecided

27. How often do you use social networking websites such as Facebook or Twitter?
Press 1 for more than once a day
Press 2 for Everyday
Press 3 for every three-to-five days per week
Press 4 for every one-to-two days per week
Press 5 for Less often
Press 6 for Never

28. What is your age category?
Press 1 for 18-34 Years
Press 2 for 35-54 Years
Press 3 for 55-74 Years
Press 4 for 75+

29. For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background/ancestry is?
Press 1 for White/Caucasian
Press 2 for Black/African-American
Press 3 for American Indian / Alaska Native
Press 4 for Asian
Press 5 for Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
Press 6 for Hispanic/Latino
Press 7 for Other
Press 8 for Don't know

30. Region: (based on voter file)