Rubio leads Murphy in new FAU poll, but 12 percent remain undecided

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio has a narrow lead over Congressman Patrick Murphy heading into the final stretch of the campaign, but there are still a sizeable number of undecided voters, a new poll from the Florida Atlantic University Business and Economics Polling Initiative shows.

The poll of 500 likely voters showed 46 percent are backing Rubio, the Miami Republican seeking a second term. About 42 percent said they were backing Murphy, the two-term Democratic Congressman from Palm Beach County. But 12 percent said they were undecided on the contest - double the number that said they are undecided about the presidential race in the same poll.

The FAU poll showed Hillary Clinton leading Donald Trump 46 percent to 43 percent, with 6 percent undecided.

“The U.S. Senate race is very tight,” said Monica Escaleras, director of FAU’s Business and Economics Polling Initiative.

Other findings in the poll conducted from Oct. 21 to Oct. 23 showed:

- 68 percent of Hispanic voters supporting Clinton, compared to 19 percent for Trump
- 37 percent of voters said Rubio’s support of Trump would make them less likely to vote for him, while 30 percent said it made them more likely to support him, and
- 67 percent support Amendment 2, the proposal to allow medical marijuana in Florida
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