Florida's Hispanic voters optimistic on economy but down on Donald Trump

A recent Hispanic consumer confidence survey from Florida Atlantic University finds Latinx Florida voters more optimistic than the nation about the economy but about the same in assessing President Donald Trump.

The survey of 600 people, conducted by FAU’s Business and Economic Polling Initiative, found 66% approved of Trump and 32% disapproved.

It also found majorities are happy and optimistic about the economy, attitudes not shared by Hispanics nationally.

"Hispanics in Florida are better off financially and this is reflected in their feelings about the economy," said Dr. Jose Boutrous, director of FAU-SEP. "However, they still don't approve of the president's performance."

The poll conducted during the first three months of 2017 has a margin of error of 3.7 percent.

It found that 53 percent of Latinx Florida voters said they expect good times financially for the next five years, the same rate as the national Hispanic index that found 57 percent of Hispanic voters said they expected good times financially for the next five years.

Florida Hispanics by a margin of 59 to 41 percent see business conditions as good for the next year. Overall, 68 percent of Florida Hispanics said they are better off financially than they were one year ago and nearly 61 out of 100 said they will be better off financially next year.

About one-third of Florida Hispanics (34 percent) expect the economy to get better, while 20 percent think it will get worse and 41 percent said it will stay the same.

Nearly 6 out of 10 Hispanics (59 percent) think it is a good time for buying a big item for their home. More than half (55 percent) think it is a good time to buy a house, while nearly 65 percent said it was a good time to buy a car.


