

*July 12, 2022*  
*Florida Policy Survey*

*Summary:* Researchers at the University of South Florida, in collaboration with researchers from Florida International University, conducted a statewide survey of 600 Floridians to measure public opinion on several current policy issues. The results presented in this report address the recent Supreme Court ruling on abortion, gun violence/reform, and presidential/gubernatorial job approval. The survey included a representative sample of Floridians, fielded between July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Despite high profile social policy debates, midterm voters are focused on financial concerns.



In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing the state of Florida today?

	Frequency	Percentage
Economy & Jobs	207	34.5
Government Corruption	77	12.8
Healthcare	54	9.0
Immigration	51	8.5
COVID-19 Pandemic	44	7.3
Climate Change	38	6.3
Education	24	4.0
Environment and Conservation	20	3.3
Race Relations	19	3.2
Other*	66	11.0

*N=600 \*Issues classified under "Other" received less than 2% of responses each. (Statistically significant differences in pec in peclly sig32 9.96 ( p)-0243(o)8 E(t),43( E172.i72.p )8(i)4eas3(u3.165(0.4e))4xis*

Thinking about the upcoming elections in November, which three of the following issues will have the most significant impact on how you decide to vote? (*Please select no more than three items*)

	Frequency	% of Total Respondents
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The United States Supreme Court recently issued a ruling that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, leaving abortion policy up to individual states. The likely outcome of this is that abortion will be prohibited in some states and protected in others going forward.

Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*?

	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly Approve	129	21.5
Somewhat Approve	56	9.3
Neither Approve nor Disapprove	76	12.7
Somewhat Disapprove	78	13.0
Strongly Disapprove	261	43.5

*N=600 (Strongly/Somewhat Approve: Democrats = 10.4%; Independents = 23.5%; Republicans = 63.0%)*

Which of the following actions would you most like to see Florida take regarding abortion following the Supreme Court decision?

Frequency

Would you support or oppose the United States Congress passing legislation to do each of the following? *Outlaw abortion nationwide* 11.041 0 1 2.024. In go 0 0

Would you support or oppose the United States Congress passing legislation to do each of the following? *Provide additional financial assistance to pregnant women.*

	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly Support	254	42.3
Somewhat Support	151	25.2
Somewhat Oppose	65	10.8
Strongly Oppose	63	10.5
Unsure	67	11.2

*N=600 (Strongly/Somewhat Support)*



Would you support or oppose the United States Congress passing legislation to do each of the following? *Provide financial subsidies to support child adoption.*



Would you support or oppose each of the following potential gun reforms, which were NOT part of the recent bipartisan legislation? *Prohibiting those under 21 years of age from purchasing "assault weapons"*.

(NOTE: For the purposes of this question, an "assault weapon" refers to any gun that holds more than 15 rounds of ammunition)

	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly Support	462	77.0
Somewhat Support	70	11.7
Somewhat Oppose	29	4.8
Strongly Oppose	29	4.8
Unsure	10	1.7

*N=600 (Strongly/Somewhat Support: Democrats = 95.3%; Independents = 88.9%; Republicans = 81.0%)*

Would you support or oppose each of the following potential gun reforms, which were NOT part of the recent bipartisan legislation? *Requiring mandatory waiting periods for all firearm purchases.*

Would you support or oppose each of the following potential gun reforms, which were NOT part of the recent bipartisan legislation? *Preventing those who are prohibited from gun ownership*

“Red Flag” laws are state level laws that require the removal/surrender of firearms from individuals once a judge has declared that individual to be dangerous to themselves or to others. Do you support or oppose states enacting Red Flag laws?

	Frequency	Percentage
Strongly Support	386	64.3
Somewhat Support	144	24.0
Somewhat Oppose	42	7.0
Strongly Oppose	28	4.7

*N=600 (Strongly*



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