: Researchers at the University of South Florida conducted a statewide survey of 600 Floridians to measure public opinion on a variety of current policy issues. The result presented in this report address attitudes toward higher education and student loan debt. The survey included a representative sample of Floridians, fielded between July 15th and 25th, 2021. Topline results are reported below with a confidence level of 95% and a margin of error +/- 4.

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- Two-thirds of Floridians (67%) favor an extension of the pause on student loan repayments that was initiated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Most Floridians (61%) either somewhat or strongly agree that a college education is necessary in order to succeed in America today.

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Summary of Responses

The federal government has placed a pause on the repayment of federal student loans during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is set to expire at the end of September.

Yes, it should be extended until the end of 2021	167	27.8
Yes, it should be extended into 2022	235	39.2
No, repayments should resume in October of this year as scheduled		

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the federal government taking each of the following measures:

Strongly Support	232	38.7
Somewhat Support	164	27.3
Somewhat Oppose	86	14.3
Strongly Oppose	118	19.7

N=600

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the federal government taking each of the following measures:

Strongly Support	197	32.8
Somewhat Support	165	27.5
Somewhat Oppose	105	17.5
Strongly Oppose	133	22.2

N=600

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the federal government taking each of the following measures:

Strongly Support	212	35.3
Somewhat Support		

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