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## **Florida against Ryan Medicare plan**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – If there is anywhere Paul Ryan’s Medicare proposal should be met with death stares, it is in Florida’s retirement communities. Indeed, 40% of the entire state opposes his plan, with only 24% supporting it. 37% of the seniormost voters are against it, but the largest age bloc in opposition is the youngest. 50% of those 18 to 29 years old oppose, and only 15% support it. These are the voters the plan would most affect, as the value of the vouchers over the next 40 to 50 years would cover less and less of the cost of private insurance.

Unfortunately for progressives, the state’s voters are even more opposed to same-sex marriage, with 53% thinking it should remain illegal and 37% wanting it to be legal. About half of voters under the age of 45 support it, indicating that it is only a matter of a decade or two before public sentiment is clearly behind marriage equality. As it is now, two-thirds of the state supports gay couples having the equal legal rights associated with marriage. A third support full marriage and another 34% favor civil unions, while only 31% oppose all legal recognition of these relationships.

Florida is certainly a football state. Of the nine major professional sports teams in the state, the three most popular, with about equal numbers of fans, are all in the NFL. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Miami Dolphins, and Jacksonville Jaguars each claim 16-17% of the state’s pro sports aficionados, followed by the recently defeated Miami Heat at 14%, their NBA Southeast division rival Orlando Magic and MLB’s Tampa Bay Rays each at 11%, the Florida Marlins at 10%, and finally the two NHL franchises, the Tampa Bay Lightning and Florida Panthers, way back at 4% and 2%, respectively.

Of the major Division I college football programs, the clear darling is the University of Florida at 30%, followed by Florida State (19%), Central Florida (11%), Miami (9%), South Florida (6%), Florida Atlantic (5%), and Florida International (1%). 18% say they are not sure.

PPP surveyed 848 Florida voters from June 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.





## Florida Survey Results

**Q1** Do you support or oppose Paul Ryan's proposal for reforming Medicare?

*Support* ..... 24%  
*Oppose* ..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 36%

**Q2** Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

*Legal* ..... 37%  
*Illegal* ..... 53%  
*Not sure* ..... 10%

**Q3** Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

*Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry* ..... 33%  
*Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry* ..... 34%  
*There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship* ..... 31%  
*Not sure* ..... 1%

**Q4** If there was an election for the US House today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

*Democrat* ..... 45%  
*Republican* ..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 16%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of LeBron James?

*Favorable* ..... 22%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 24%  
*Not sure* ..... 54%

**Q6** Is your favorite pro sports team in Florida the Florida Marlins, Florida Panthers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Miami Dolphins, Miami Heat, Orlando Magic, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa Bay Lightning, or Tampa Bay Rays?

*Marlins* ..... 10%  
*Panthers* ..... 2%  
*Jaguars* ..... 16%  
*Dolphins* ..... 16%  
*Heat* ..... 14%  
*Magic* ..... 11%  
*Buccaneers* ..... 17%  
*Lightning* ..... 4%  
*Rays* ..... 11%  
*Someone else/Don't have a favorite team* ..... 0%

**Q7** Out of the seven Florida colleges with Division 1 football teams: Central Florida University, the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida State University, the University of Miami, and the University of South Florida, which is your favorite?

*Central Florida* ..... 11%  
*Florida* ..... 30%  
*Florida Atlantic* ..... 5%  
*Florida International* ..... 1%  
*Florida State* ..... 19%  
*Miami* ..... 9%  
*South Florida* ..... 6%  
*Not sure* ..... 18%





**Q8** Who did you vote for President in 2008?

<i>John McCain</i> .....	45%
<i>Barack Obama</i> .....	48%
<i>Someone else/Don't remember</i> .....	7%

**Q9** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i> .....	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i> .....	17%
<i>Moderate</i> .....	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i> .....	23%
<i>Very conservative</i> .....	20%

**Q10** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i> .....	53%
<i>Man</i> .....	47%

**Q11** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i> .....	42%
<i>Republican</i> .....	36%
<i>Independent/Other</i> .....	21%

**Q12** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic</i> .....	11%
<i>White</i> .....	69%
<i>African-American</i> .....	15%
<i>Other</i> .....	5%

**Q13** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	12%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	28%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	33%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Support/Oppose Ryan Medicare Plan</b>				
Support	25%	45%	7%	12%
Oppose	40%	17%	63%	31%
Not sure	35%	38%	30%	57%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>				
Legal	37%	16%	60%	17%
Illegal	53%	78%	29%	58%
Not sure	10%	7%	11%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	33%	12%	56%	14%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	42%	26%	40%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	44%	18%	44%
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Generic Cong. Ballot</b>				
Democrat	44%	6%	82%	33%
Republican	40%	78%	5%	30%
Not sure	16%	15%	13%	37%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	16%	30%	12%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	21%	25%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	54%	63%	45%	59%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Fave Pro Sports Team</b>				
<b>Marlins</b>	10%	12%	9%	13%
<b>Panthers</b>	2%	3%	1%	3%
<b>Jaguars</b>	16%	13%	19%	19%
<b>Dolphins</b>	16%	15%	17%	14%
<b>Heat</b>	13%	9%	18%	8%
<b>Magic</b>	11%	10%	12%	3%
<b>Buccaneers</b>	17%	18%	15%	20%
<b>Lightning</b>	4%	5%	2%	6%
<b>Rays</b>	11%	15%	7%	12%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Fave Div. 1 FB Team</b>				
<b>Central Florida</b>	11%	9%	13%	9%
<b>Florida</b>	31%	35%	27%	24%
<b>Florida Atlantic</b>	5%	4%	6%	7%
<b>Florida International</b>	1%	0%	2%	-
<b>Florida State</b>	19%	20%	17%	18%
<b>Miami</b>	9%	6%	12%	5%
<b>South Florida</b>	6%	6%	7%	7%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	16%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Support/Oppose Ryan Medicare Plan</b>						
<b>Support</b>	25%	4%	5%	16%	35%	53%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	64%	60%	48%	25%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	35%	31%	35%	36%	40%	31%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>						
<b>Legal</b>	37%	57%	57%	52%	16%	9%
<b>Illegal</b>	53%	38%	32%	35%	71%	87%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	6%	11%	13%	13%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>						
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry</b>	34%	52%	52%	47%	16%	9%
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry</b>	34%	26%	32%	31%	47%	28%
<b>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</b>	31%	23%	16%	20%	35%	62%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	-	-	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Generic Cong. Ballot</b>						
<b>Democrat</b>	45%	86%	70%	54%	24%	12%
<b>Republican</b>	40%	12%	8%	24%	60%	82%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	2%	22%	22%	16%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>						
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	23%	31%	25%	19%	13%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	28%	25%	27%	19%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	54%	49%	44%	48%	62%	66%





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	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Fave Pro Sports Team</b>						
<b>Marlins</b>	10%	19%	7%	13%	6%	9%
<b>Panthers</b>	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Jaguars</b>	16%	20%	20%	12%	22%	12%
<b>Dolphins</b>	16%	11%	14%	21%	14%	13%
<b>Heat</b>	13%	17%	15%	12%	11%	16%
<b>Magic</b>	11%	11%	16%	9%	10%	9%
<b>Buccaneers</b>	17%	16%	16%	16%	16%	21%
<b>Lightning</b>	4%	-	-	7%	5%	4%
<b>Rays</b>	11%	2%	11%	9%	15%	13%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Fave Div. 1 FB Team</b>						
<b>Central Florida</b>	11%	13%	19%	12%	6%	6%
<b>Florida</b>	31%	27%	27%	32%	31%	32%
<b>Florida Atlantic</b>	5%	8%	4%	7%	6%	3%
<b>Florida International</b>	1%	-	3%	2%	-	-
<b>Florida State</b>	19%	21%	15%	15%	20%	27%
<b>Miami</b>	9%	11%	10%	12%	7%	5%
<b>South Florida</b>	6%	1%	9%	7%	7%	5%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	19%	13%	13%	22%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Support/Oppose Ryan Medicare Plan</b>			
<b>Support</b>	24%	20%	29%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	38%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	36%	42%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>			
<b>Legal</b>	37%	35%	39%
<b>Illegal</b>	53%	53%	53%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	12%	8%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	34%	34%	33%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	34%	30%	38%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	34%	29%
Not sure	1%	2%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Generic Cong. Ballot</b>			
Democrat	45%	48%	41%
Republican	39%	34%	45%
Not sure	16%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>			
Favorable	22%	18%	27%
Unfavorable	23%	20%	27%
Not sure	54%	61%	46%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Fave Pro Sports Team</b>			
Marlins	10%	8%	12%
Panthers	2%	2%	3%
Jaguars	16%	15%	17%
Dolphins	16%	15%	16%
Heat	14%	19%	8%
Magic	11%	8%	13%
Buccaneers	17%	18%	16%
Lightning	4%	2%	6%
Rays	11%	12%	9%







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<b>Fave Div. 1 FB Team</b>			
<b>Central Florida</b>	11%	8%	14%
<b>Florida</b>	31%	26%	35%
<b>Florida Atlantic</b>	5%	6%	3%
<b>Florida International</b>	1%	-	3%
<b>Florida State</b>	19%	22%	15%
<b>Miami</b>	9%	9%	9%
<b>South Florida</b>	6%	7%	6%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	22%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Support/Oppose Ryan Medicare Plan</b>				
<b>Support</b>	24%	8%	43%	25%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	58%	17%	42%
<b>Not sure</b>	36%	33%	40%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>				
<b>Legal</b>	37%	52%	15%	44%
<b>Illegal</b>	53%	35%	79%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	13%	6%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>				
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry</b>	33%	50%	11%	40%
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry</b>	34%	26%	41%	38%
<b>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</b>	31%	23%	47%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	1%	1%	2%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Generic Cong. Ballot</b>				
Democrat	45%	82%	9%	30%
Republican	40%	6%	81%	35%
Not sure	16%	11%	10%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>				
Favorable	22%	28%	16%	22%
Unfavorable	24%	22%	21%	31%
Not sure	54%	50%	63%	47%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Fave Pro Sports Team</b>				
Marlins	10%	12%	8%	9%
Panthers	2%	2%	3%	1%
Jaguars	16%	20%	13%	15%
Dolphins	16%	15%	18%	12%
Heat	14%	19%	6%	15%
Magic	11%	12%	11%	8%
Buccaneers	17%	14%	19%	20%
Lightning	4%	-	7%	6%
Rays	11%	6%	14%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Fave Div. 1 FB Team</b>				
Central Florida	11%	13%	11%	8%
Florida	30%	28%	27%	40%
Florida Atlantic	5%	6%	5%	5%
Florida International	1%	1%	1%	2%
Florida State	19%	18%	23%	14%
Miami	9%	11%	7%	8%
South Florida	6%	5%	6%	10%
Not sure	18%	18%	21%	13%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Support/Oppose Ryan Medicare Plan</b>					
<b>Support</b>	24%	28%	27%	10%	29%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	37%	36%	62%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	36%	35%	37%	27%	43%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>					
<b>Legal</b>	37%	31%	37%	33%	55%
<b>Illegal</b>	53%	55%	53%	56%	45%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	15%	10%	11%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition</b>					
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry</b>	33%	34%	32%	35%	41%
<b>Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry</b>	34%	48%	34%	19%	49%
<b>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</b>	31%	18%	32%	44%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	-	1%	1%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Generic Cong. Ballot</b>					
<b>Democrat</b>	45%	54%	33%	86%	56%
<b>Republican</b>	40%	30%	49%	8%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	16%	18%	6%	17%





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<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	21%	25%	18%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	54%	50%	58%	42%	43%

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		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
<b>Fave Pro Sports Team</b>					
<b>Marlins</b>	10%	13%	11%	3%	13%
<b>Panthers</b>	2%	7%	2%	-	-
<b>Jaguars</b>	16%	14%	14%	28%	17%
<b>Dolphins</b>	16%	9%	19%	11%	4%
<b>Heat</b>	14%	20%	5%	37%	40%
<b>Magic</b>	11%	15%	11%	8%	4%
<b>Buccaneers</b>	17%	11%	19%	12%	20%
<b>Lightning</b>	4%	-	6%	-	-
<b>Rays</b>	11%	11%	13%	3%	4%

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<b>Florida Atlantic</b>	5%	8%	5%	5%	7%
<b>Florida International</b>	1%	3%	0%	1%	12%
<b>Florida State</b>	19%	7%	21%	21%	11%
<b>Miami</b>	9%	17%	6%	16%	4%
<b>South Florida</b>	6%	5%	6%	8%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	14%	20%	12%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Support/Oppose Ryan Medicare Plan</b>					
<b>Support</b>	24%	15%	26%	25%	26%
<b>Oppose</b>	40%	50%	33%	44%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	36%	35%	40%	30%	37%





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<b>Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal</b>					
<b>Legal</b>	37%	47%	51%	34%	22%
<b>Illegal</b>	53%	44%	42%	56%	65%
<b>Not sure</b>	10%	9%	7%	11%	14%

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<b>There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship</b>	31%	15%	24%	34%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	1%	-	1%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Generic Cong. Ballot</b>					
<b>Democrat</b>	45%	56%	46%	47%	34%
<b>Republican</b>	40%	26%	31%	40%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	18%	23%	12%	12%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>LeBron Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	22%	35%	27%	19%	15%
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<b>Fave Pro Sports Team</b>					
<b>Marlins</b>	10%	10%	13%	11%	7%
<b>Panthers</b>	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
<b>Jaguars</b>	16%	20%	16%	14%	19%
<b>Dolphins</b>	16%	10%	12%	19%	19%
<b>Heat</b>	14%	23%	12%	15%	10%
<b>Magic</b>	11%	7%	12%	11%	11%
<b>Buccaneers</b>	17%	10%	18%	18%	17%
<b>Lightning</b>	4%	7%	3%	4%	5%
<b>Rays</b>	11%	10%	13%	8%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Fave Div. 1 FB Team</b>					
<b>Central Florida</b>	11%	12%	11%	10%	11%
<b>Florida</b>	30%	24%	37%	34%	23%
<b>Florida Atlantic</b>	5%	3%	6%	7%	4%
<b>Florida International</b>	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
<b>Florida State</b>	19%	26%	17%	15%	23%
<b>Miami</b>	9%	12%	8%	9%	8%
<b>South Florida</b>	6%	3%	7%	6%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	18%	18%	13%	19%	23%

