INTRO1. Hello, My name is __________________. I am calling from Florida State University. We are conducting a survey about issues facing the state of Florida.

Your opinions will provide policy makers with valuable information about the attitudes of Florida residents.

First, I need to be sure I've dialed the right number.

Is this  

1. Number is correct
2. Number is incorrect
3. Refusal
4. Exit

if (ans > 1) skp END

FLRES. What is your county of residence?

Alachua    Columbia    Gulf       Lafayette      Nassau    Santa Rosa
Baker      Dade       Hamilton   Lake       Okaloosa   Seminole
Bay        Desoto     Hardee     Lee        Okeechobee St. John's
Bradford   Dixie      Hendry     Leon       Orange     St. Lucie
Brevard    Duvall     Hernando   Levy       Osceola    Sumter
Broward    Escambia   Highlands  Liberty    Palm Beach Suwannee
Calhoun    Flager     Hillsborough Madison    Pasco      Taylor
Charlotte  Franklin   Holmes     Manatee    Pinellas   Union
Citrus     Gadsden    Indian River Marion    Polk       Volusia
Clay       Gilchrist  Jackson    Martin    Putnam     Wakulla
Collier    Glades     Jefferson  Monroe    Sarasota   Walton
                      Washington
Before we begin, do you have any questions?

1. Yes (INTERVIEWER: REFER TO PROBE SHEET AND CONTINUE)
2. No (CONTINUE)
3. Call Back Later
4. Refusal

if (ans > 2) skip END

Q1. To begin with, what do you think is the most important problem facing the state of Florida?

Please be as specific as possible; record responses verbatim.
PROBE GENERAL RESPONSES such as environment, education, population growth, etc.

FINANCIAL PRIORITIES FOR STATE

Q2. Now I'm going to ask you some questions about spending by the state government in Tallahassee. Please bear in mind that eventually all government spending comes out of the taxes you and other Floridians pay.

As I mention each program area, tell me whether you think the amount now being spent should be increased, kept at the present level, or decreased. If you don't have any feelings about a program, let me know and I will go on.

State highways and road systems

Do you think these programs should be:

1. Increased?
2. Kept at the present level?
3. or Decreased?

8. Don't know/No opinion
9. Refused

Q3. Programs for the elderly

Do you think these programs should be:

1. Increased?
2. Kept at the present level?
3. or Decreased?

8. Don't know/No opinion
9. Refused

Q4. Programs for public schools (K-12)

Should they be:

1. Increased?
2. Kept at the present level?
3. or Decreased?
Q5. Programs for state colleges and universities
   Should they be:
   1. Increased ?
   2. Kept at the present level ?
   3. or Decreased ?

Q6. Programs to protect the environment
   Should they be:
   1. Increased ?
   2. Kept at the present level ?
   3. or Decreased ?

Q7. Programs for low-income families with children
   Should they be:
   1. Increased ?
   2. Kept at the present level ?
   3. or Decreased ?

Q8. Programs to combat crime
   Should they be:
   1. Increased ?
   2. Kept at the present level ?
   3. or Decreased ?

Q9. Programs for state prisons and correctional facilities
   Should they be:
1. Increased?
2. Kept at the present level?
3. or Decreased?

8. Don't know/No opinion
9. Refused

Q10. Programs for health care services
     Should they be:

1. Increased?
2. Kept at the present level?
3. or Decreased?

8. Don't know/No opinion
9. Refused

Q11. Programs to promote tourism
     Should they be:

1. Increased?
2. Kept at the present level?
3. or Decreased?

8. Don't know/No opinion
9. Refused

TAXES

Q24. Now think about the taxes you pay. From your personal standpoint, please tell me for each tax I read off to you if you feel it is too high, too low, or about right.

     The Florida state sales tax

     Do you think it is too high, too low, or about right?

1. Much too high
2. Somewhat too high
3. About right
4. Too low
5. Don't pay this tax

8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q25. The local property tax

     Do you think it is too high, too low, or about right?
Q26. The state gasoline tax

Do you think it is too high, too low, or about right?

1. Much too high
2. Somewhat too high
3. About right
4. Too low
5. Don't pay this tax
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Rating of government officials

Q27. Now I'm going to ask you to assess the performance of various public officials.

Overall, how would you rate the job that President George W. Bush is doing?

Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q28. How would you rate the job the United States Congress in Washington D.C. is doing?

Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
8. Don't know
9. Refused
Q29. How would you rate the job that Florida Governor Jeb Bush is doing?

Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

1. Excellent  
2. Good  
3. Fair  
4. Poor  

8. Don't know  
9. Refused

Q30. How would you rate the job that the Florida legislature in Tallahassee is doing?

Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

1. Excellent  
2. Good  
3. Fair  
4. Poor  

8. Don't know  
9. Refused

Q31. How would you rate the job that your county government is doing?

Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

1. Excellent  
2. Good  
3. Fair  
4. Poor  

8. Don't know  
9. Refused

Q32. How would you rate the job that your city government is doing?

Would you say excellent, good, fair or poor?

1. Excellent  
2. Good  
3. Fair  
4. Poor  

8. Don't know  
9. Refused

FAMILY FINANCES

Q33. We are also interested in how people are getting along financially these days.
Would you say that you (and your family) are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

1. Better
2. Same
3. Worse

8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q34. Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole-do you think that DURING THE NEXT 12 MONTHS we'll have good times financially, bad times financially or what?

1. Good times
2. Both good & bad times
3. Bad times

8. Don't know
9. Refused

TRUST IN GOVERNMENT

Now I'd like to get your opinions on political issues.
First of all,...

Q77. How interested are you in the national government in Washington, and national politics-- very interested, somewhat interested, a little interested, or not at all interested?

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. A little interested
4. Not at all interested

8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q78. How well represented in the FEDERAL government are you and people like you? Are you well represented or poorly represented?

1. Very well represented
2. Somewhat well represented
3. Somewhat poorly represented
4. Very poorly represented

8. Don't know
9. Refuse

Q79. How much of the time do you think you can trust the Federal government to do what is right?
READ RESPONSES

1. Just about always
2. Most of the time
3. Only some of the time

7. VOLUNTEERED: Never
8. Don't know
9. Refuse

Q80. Thinking now of state government in Tallahassee. How interested are you in the state government in Tallahassee, and state politics-- very interested, somewhat interested, a little interested, or not at all interested?

1. Very interested
2. Somewhat interested
3. A little interested
4. Not at all interested

8. Don't know
9. Refuse

Q81. How well represented in the STATE government are you and people like you? Are you well represented or poorly represented?

1. Very well represented
2. Somewhat well represented
3. Somewhat poorly represented
4. Very poorly represented

8. Don't know
9. Refuse

Q82. How much of the time do you think you can trust Florida state government to do what is right?

READ RESPONSES

1. Just about always
2. Most of the time
3. Only some of the time

7. VOLUNTEERED: Never
8. Don't know
9. Refuse

PARTY ID, POLITICAL IDEOLOGY, & POL. PARTICIPATION

Q83. Do you think there are major differences between what the Republican and Democratic parties stand for, minor differences, or no differences at all?

1. Major differences
2. Minor differences
3. No differences
8. Don't know
9. Refuse

Q84. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

REPUBLICAN- Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not so strong Republican?
1. Strong Republican
2. Not so strong Republican

INDEPENDENT- Do you think of yourself as close to the Republicans or closer to the Democrats?
3. Closer to the Republicans
4. Independent/neither
5. Closer to the Democrats

DEMOCRAT- Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not so strong Democrat?
6. Not so strong Democrat
7. Strong Democrat
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q85. In politics today, do you think of yourself as a conservative, as middle of the road, as a liberal, or do you not think of yourself in these terms?

1. Conservative
2. Middle of the road
3. Liberal
4. Don't think in these terms
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q86. At present, are you registered to vote in the state of Florida?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No, registered in another state
8. Don't know
9. Refused

if (ans > 1) skp Q89

Q87. Are you registered as a:

1. Republican?
2. Independent? or
3. Democrat?
DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

Q88. Finally, to be sure we have a representative sample of Floridians, we need to know a few things about your background.

What is your current marital status?

1. Never Married
2. Married
3. Separated
4. Divorced
5. Widowed
6. Cohabitating
7. Other
8. Don’t know
9. Refused

Q89. How many children do you have?

ENTER NUMBER:

Q90. In what year were you born?

ENTER BIRTH YEAR (1900-1983)

Q91. Have you lived in Florida all your life?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q92. What was the highest grade or year of school you completed?

1. Eight years or less
2. 9-11 years
3. Completed high school
4. Business or technical school
5. Some college
6. Completed college
7. Graduate or professional school

Q93. What race do you consider yourself?
1. White
2. Black
3. Asian
4. Native American
5. Hispanic
6. Other (specify)
8. Don’t know
9. Refused

Q94. Are you of Spanish or Hispanic origin?
1. No
2. Yes, Cuban
3. Yes, Mexican
4. Yes, Puerto Rican
5. Yes, Other (specify)
8. Don’t know
9. Refused

Q95. What is your religious affiliation?
1. Protestant
2. Catholic
3. Jewish
4. None
5. Other (specify)
8. Don’t know
9. Refused

Q96. Do you own or rent your home?
1. Own
2. Rent
3. Other
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q97. Finally, consider all sources of income for everyone living with you in 2001, before taxes. Please stop me when I get to your household income level.
1. Under $5000
2. $5,000 to 10,000
3. $10,000 to 15,000
4. $15,000 to 20,000
5. $20,000 to 25,000
6. $25,000 to 30,000
7. $30,000 to 40,000
8. $40,000 to 50,000
9. $50,000 to 60,000
10. $60,000 to 70,000
11. $70,000 to 80,000
12. $80,000 to 90,000
13. $90,000 to 100,000
14. Over $100,000
98. Don’t know
99. Refused

These are all the questions I have to ask you.
Thank you for your time and patience.
Have a nice day.

Sex.

Sex of the respondent

1. Male
2. Female
9. Refused

END