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The main highlights of our findings:

- More than 80% support changes to the system to utilize supervised work-release programs, mandatory drug testing, and mental health treatment programs for non-violent offenders
- 73% agree that fewer people convicted of non-violent crimes should be sent to prison, and the savings should be redirected to create a stronger probation and parole system
- 83% agree that offenders under the age of 18 should be handled by the juvenile justice system
- 81% support evidence-driven, community-based alternatives to juvenile prisons

The results of this poll are clear: public opinion aligns with the *Smart Justice* agenda. We believe that this data, in addition to the review of Florida's corrections data released in December, can be the foundation upon which sustainable, effective, and efficient public policy changes can be made in this area.

Please do not hesitate to call on any of our groups for any questions that you might have.

Respectfully Submitted,

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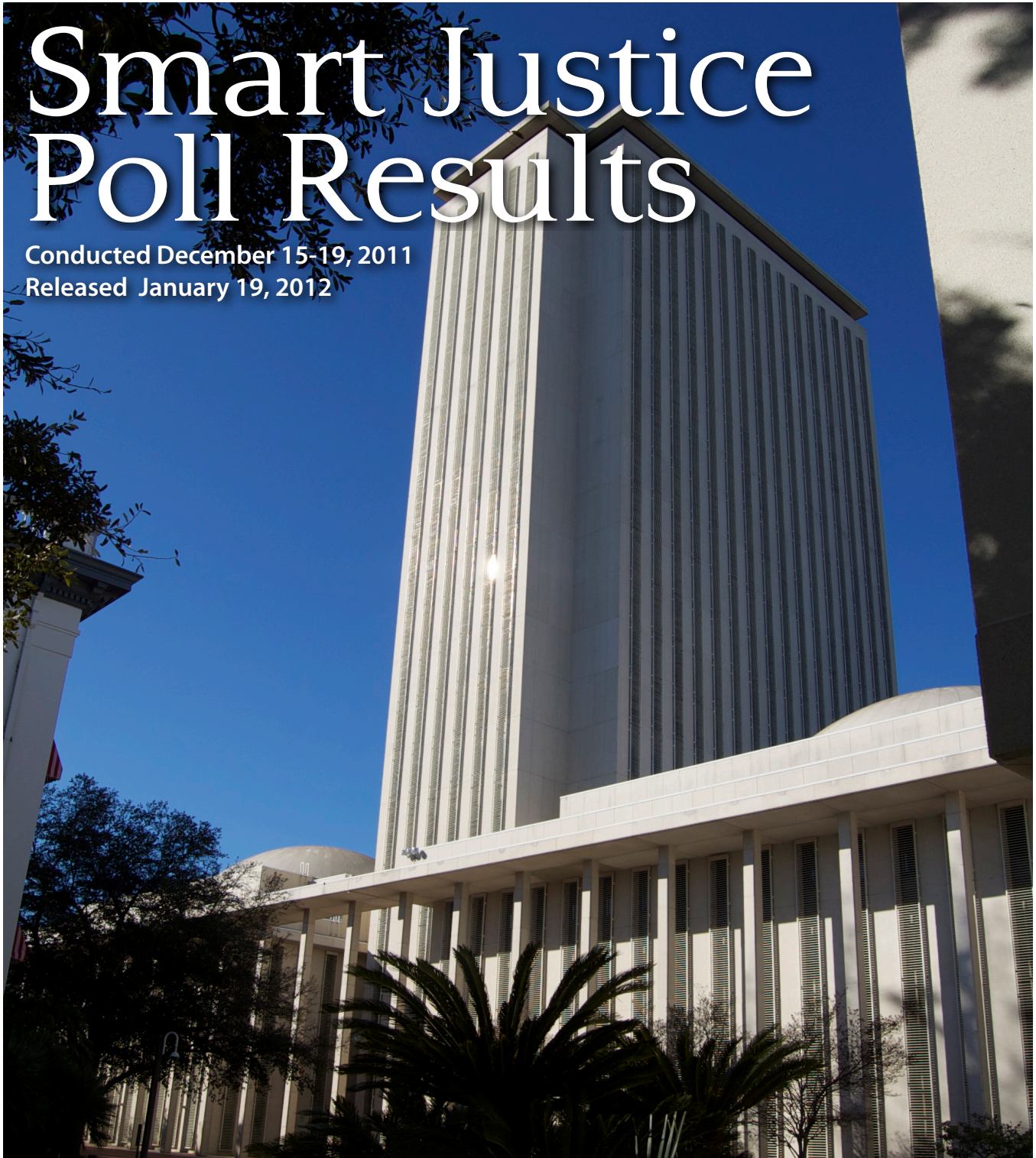
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Smart Justice Poll Results

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Purpose for this study

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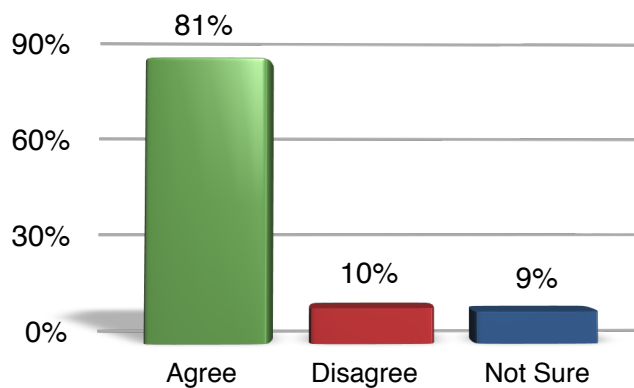
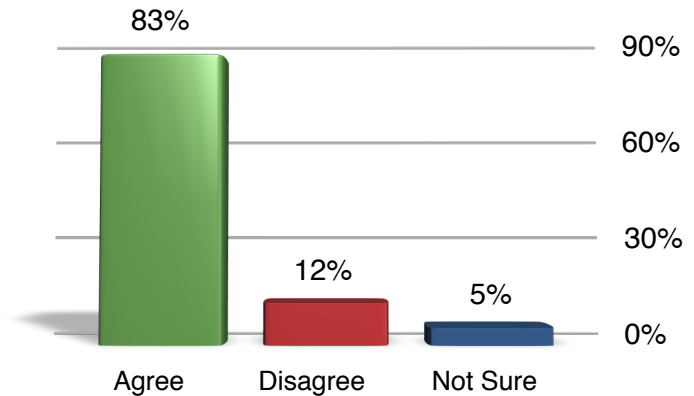
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Major Highlights of the Poll Results

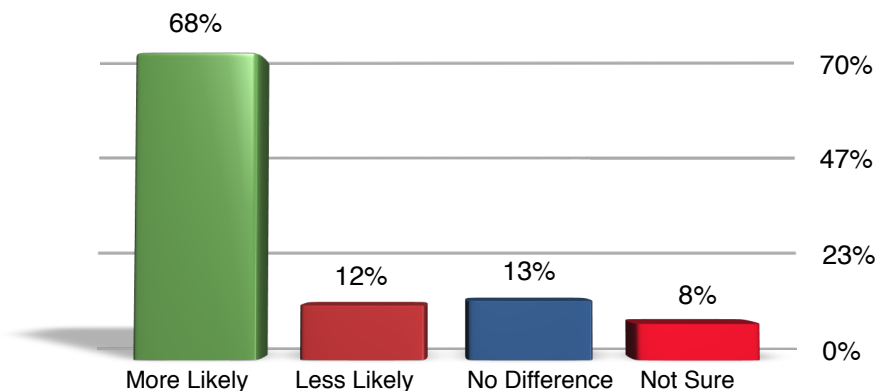
Floridans support juvenile justice reforms

83% agree that offenders under the age of 18 who commit non-violent crimes should be handled by the juvenile justice system and not the adult justice system



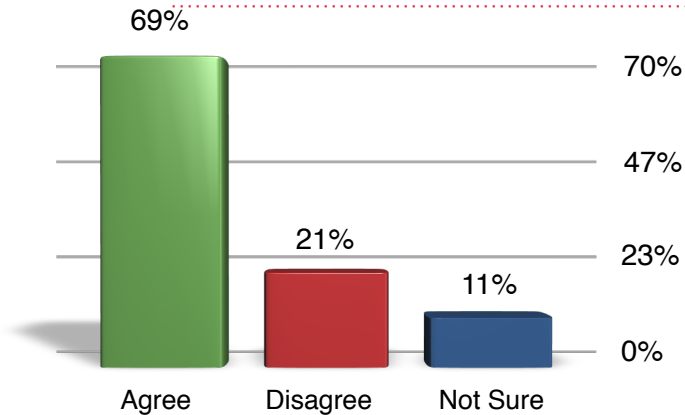
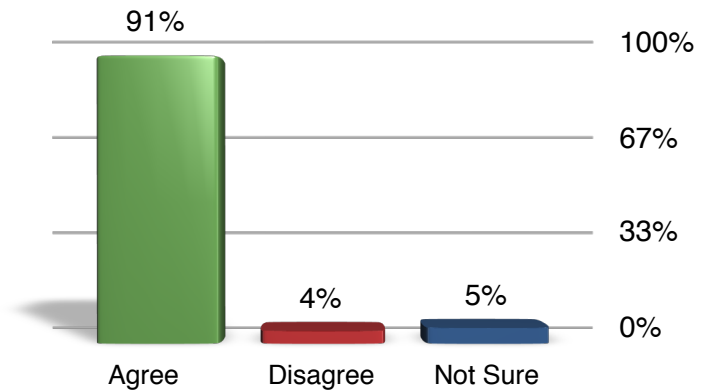
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68% are more likely to support alternatives to prison for young, non-violent offenders when faced with the cost of feeding and housing a youth in prison



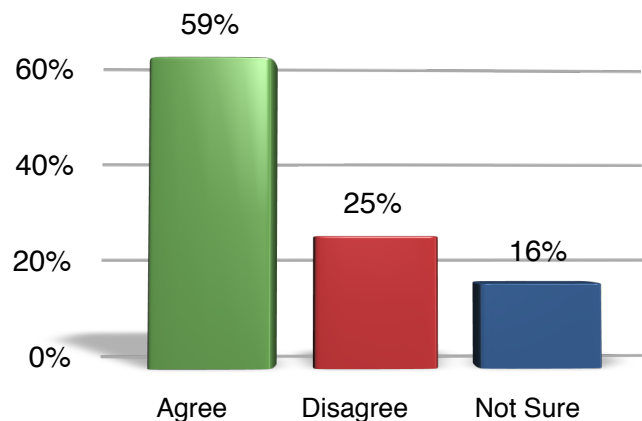
Floridians support pre-trial services as an alternative to detention

91% agree that risk should be the main factor used in determining pretrial release



69% agree that the defendant's ability to pay should not be the main factor used in determining pretrial release

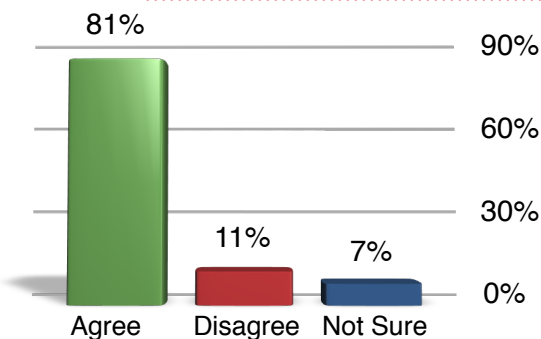
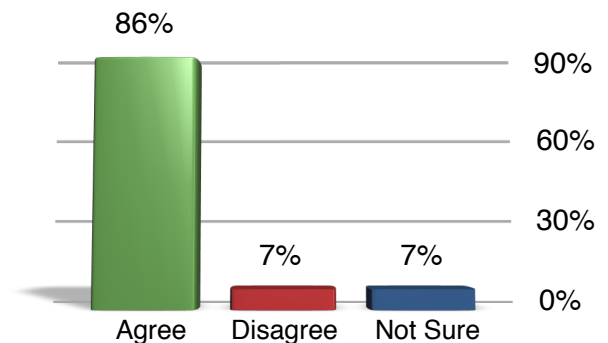
59% are supportive of pretrial services such as using risk assessment, law enforcement and ankle monitoring rather than jail time for defendants awaiting trial



Floridians support the Smart Justice agenda

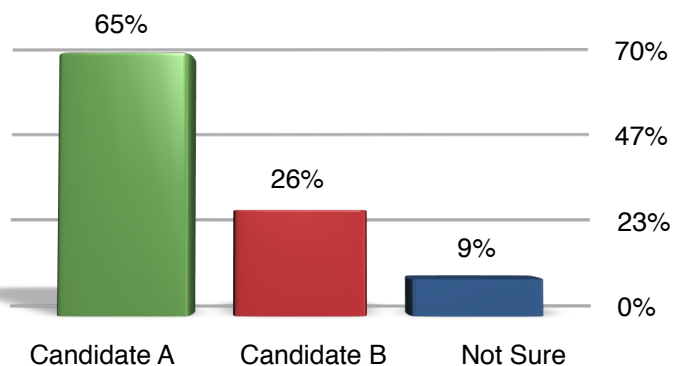
88% support supervised work release programs for people convicted of low level non-violent crimes with earnings used to pay back victims and support dependents

86% agree that a person who is “tough on crime” can also support cost-effective programs such as community supervision, mandatory drug testing and treatment that save taxpayer dollars and reduce future crime



81% are more likely to vote for a candidate who believes that people convicted of minor, non-violent crimes should be put into programs like supervised work release to repay victims and save taxpayers from footing their prison bill

65% would vote for a candidate who believes that “it is time for a balanced, smart approach on crime that is focused on prevention” versus a candidate who believes that “the best way to fight crime is to make sure that criminals face punishment that is swift and certain.”



84% support major changes in the system that can send fewer non-violent offenders to prison and instead look to more cost-effective alternatives

72% agree that fewer people convicted of non-violent crimes should be sent to prison and the savings should be directed to creating a stronger probation and parole system

70% support the concept that prisons play an important role in public safety, but also have the unintended consequences of hardening non-violent, low level offenders

60% agree that not every person convicted of a minor violent crime should go to prison

The Full Results

STATE OF FLORIDA JUSTICE SURVEY RESEARCH REPORT
TEL OPINION RESEARCH
DECEMBER 2011
OVERALL RESULTS

QUESTION 1. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO VOTE IN THE 2012 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT? ARE YOU...

	#	%
1. DEFINITELY VOTING	729	91
2. PROBABLY VOTING	71	9

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 2. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE OR PROBLEM FACING FLORIDA TODAY; THE ONE THAT CONCERNS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE MOST?

	#	%
1. LACK OF JOBS	255	32
2. A SLOW ECONOMY	236	30
3. HIGH TAXES	65	8
4. QUALITY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION	93	12
5. PUBLIC SAFETY	18	2
6. ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION	112	14
98. NOT SURE	19	2
99. REFUSED	2	

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 3. FLORIDA IS FACING A \$3.6 BILLION DEFICIT IN 2012. IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING SERVICES, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD YOU CUT FIRST IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT:

	#	%
1. PUBLIC EDUCATION	38	5
2. PRISONS AND CORRECTIONS	145	18
3. MEDICAID	94	12
4. STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	359	45
5. WOULD NOT CUT ANY	75	9
98. NOT SURE	88	11
99. REFUSED	1	

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 4. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT CRIME IN YOUR AREA OF FLORIDA, WOULD YOU SAY YOU FEEL VERY SAFE, SOMEWHAT SAFE OR NOT SAFE AT ALL ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS?

	#	%
1. VERY SAFE	363	45
2. SOMEWHAT SAFE	413	52
3. NOT SAFE AT ALL	21	3
98. NOT SURE	1	0
99. REFUSED	1	
TOTAL	800	

QUESTION 5. CURRENTLY THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS DEBATING A LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOL KNOWN AS "PRE-TRIAL SERVICES," THAT USE RISK ASSESSMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND ANKLE MONITORING TECHNOLOGY TO SUPERVISE DEFENDANTS WHO ARE AWAITING TRIAL. IF THIS PROGRAM IS ELIMINATED, MOST DEFENDANTS WILL NEED TO OBTAIN BAIL BONDS OR WILL STAY IN JAIL AWAITING TRIAL. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE USE OF PRE-TRIAL SERVICES?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT	204	26
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	262	33
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	90	11
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE	108	14
98. NOT SURE	130	16
99. REFUSED	6	
TOTAL	800	
SUPPORT	466	59%
OPPOSE	198	25%
NET SUPPORT	268	34%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	2.4:1	

QUESTION 6. SOME PEOPLE SAY WE SHOULD KEEP PRE-TRIAL SERVICES BECAUSE IT USES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ASSESS RISK AND SAVE COUNTY TAXPAYERS MORE THAN \$50 MILLION PER YEAR, AND KEEPING A DEFENDANT IN JAIL CAN COST UP TO \$100 A DAY COMPARED TO \$5 A DAY FOR ANKLE MONITORING. OTHERS SAY IT IS BETTER TO KEEP A PERSON IN JAIL BEFORE TRIAL UNLESS THE CAN AFFORD A BAIL BONDSMAN. WHICH OPINION DO YOU SHARE?

	#	%
1. KEEP PRE-TRIAL SERVICES	440	55
2. KEEP IN JAIL	238	30
98. NOT SURE	119	15
99. REFUSED	3	
TOTAL	800	

QUESTION 7. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT A DEFENDANT'S RISK TO THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE THE MAIN FACTOR IN DETERMINING PRE-TRIAL RELEASE?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	638	80
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	86	11
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	12	1
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	22	3
98. NOT SURE	41	5
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	725	91%
DISAGREE	34	4%
NET AGREE	691	86%
AGREE : DISAGREE	21.4:1	

QUESTION 8. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT A DEFENDANT'S ABILITY TO PAY SHOULD BE THE MAIN FACTOR IN DETERMINING PRE-TRIAL RELEASE?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	98	12
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	71	9
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	181	23
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	364	46
98. NOT SURE	84	11
99. REFUSED	2	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	169	21%
DISAGREE	545	68%
NET AGREE	-376	-47%
AGREE : DISAGREE	1:3.2	

QUESTION 9. ALMOST 3% OF FLORIDA'S ADULT POPULATION IS IN PRISON OR UNDER CRIMINAL CORRECTIONAL CONTROL COSTING STATE TAXPAYERS \$2.4 BILLION ANNUALLY. KNOWING THE STATE IS FACED WITH A \$3.6 BILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU MOST FAVOR:

	#	%
1. CUTTING THE CORRECTIONAL BUD	199	25
2. MAINTAINING CURRENT SPENDING	385	48
3. INCREASING THE CORRECTIONAL	91	11
98. NOT SURE	121	15
99. REFUSED	4	
TOTAL	800	

QUESTION 10. INFORMATION ABOUT FLORIDA'S PRISON POPULATION DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH STATEMENT: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FLORIDA STATE LAW THAT REQUIRES A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MINOR NON-VIOLENT CRIME TO SERVE A MINIMUM OF 85% OF THEIR SENTENCE REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF CRIME COMMITTED?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	196	25
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	144	18
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	167	21
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	223	28
98. NOT SURE	66	8
99. REFUSED	3	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	340	43%
DISAGREE	390	49%
NET AGREE	-50	-6%
AGREE : DISAGREE	1:1.1	

QUESTION 11. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT EVERY PERSON CONVICTED OF A MINOR NON-VIOLENT CRIME SHOULD GO TO PRISON FOR THE CRIME THEY COMMITTED?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	140	17
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	122	15
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	223	28
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	255	32
98. NOT SURE	61	8
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	262	33%
DISAGREE	478	60%
NET AGREE	-216	-27%
AGREE : DISAGREE	1:1.8	

QUESTION 12. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT FEWER PEOPLE CONVICTED OF A MINOR NON-VIOLENT CRIME SHOULD BE SENT TO PRISON, AND THE SAVINGS SHOULD BE USED TO CREATE A STRONGER PROBATION AND PAROLE PROGRAM?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	321	40
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	257	32
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	55	7
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	84	11
98. NOT SURE	77	10
99. REFUSED	5	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	578	73%
DISAGREE	140	18%
NET AGREE	439	55%
AGREE : DISAGREE	4.1:1	

QUESTION 13. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT A PERSON WHO IS "TOUGH ON CRIME" CAN SUPPORT COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE CONVICTED OF MINOR NON-VIOLENT CRIMES, SUCH AS COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, MANDATORY DRUG TESTING AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD THE OFFENDER WOULD COMMIT A NEW CRIME, AND ALSO SAVE FLORIDA TAXPAYERS SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	458	57
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	228	29
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	30	4
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	26	3
98. NOT SURE	55	7
99. REFUSED	3	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	686	86%
DISAGREE	56	7%
NET AGREE	629	79%
AGREE : DISAGREE	12.2:1	

QUESTION 14. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE BEING TRIED AS ADULTS IN FLORIDA AND PRISON IS A TRAINING GROUND FOR TURNING THESE CHILDREN INTO HARDENED CRIMINALS?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	243	31
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	151	19
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	127	16
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	144	18
98. NOT SURE	131	17
99. REFUSED	4	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	394	49%
DISAGREE	270	34%
NET AGREE	124	16%
AGREE : DISAGREE	1.5:1	

QUESTION 15. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT PRISONS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING DANGEROUS CRIMINALS AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC, BUT ALSO HAVE THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF HARDENING NON-VIOLENT LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS, MAKING THEM A GREATER RISK TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY GET OUT OF PRISON THAN THEY WERE WHEN THEY WENT TO PRISON?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	325	41
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	227	29
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	79	10
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	83	10
98. NOT SURE	77	10
99. REFUSED	10	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	552	70%
DISAGREE	162	21%
NET AGREE	390	49%
AGREE : DISAGREE	3.4:1	

QUESTION 16. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE THAT OFFENDERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WHO COMMIT NON-VIOLENT CRIMES SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND NOT BY THE ADULT JUSTICE SYSTEM.

	#	%
1. STRONGLY AGREE	487	61
2. SOMEWHAT AGREE	176	22
3. SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	52	7
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE	43	5
98. NOT SURE	39	5
99. REFUSED	3	
TOTAL	800	
AGREE	663	83%
DISAGREE	96	12%
NET AGREE	567	71%
AGREE : DISAGREE	6.9:1	

QUESTION 17. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO READ YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE COST OF PLACING A YOUNG PERSON IN PRISON. THE COST OF FEEDING AND HOUSING A YOUTH IN PRISON IS \$69,800 A YEAR WHILE THE COST OF HOUSING AND EDUCATING A STUDENT AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY IS \$19,400. DOES THIS INFORMATION MAKE YOU MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON FOR YOUNG NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS?

	#	%
1. MUCH MORE	365	46
2. SOMEWHAT MORE	175	22
3. SOMEWHAT LESS	37	5
4. MUCH LESS	53	7
5. NO DIFFERENCE	101	13
98. NOT SURE	66	8
99. REFUSED	2	
TOTAL	799	
MORE	539	68%
LESS	90	11%
NET MORE	449	56%
MORE : LESS	6.0:1	

QUESTION 18. ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS COMBINES PROVEN TREATMENT AND BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES WITH DIRECT FAMILY PARTICIPATION AND TRAINING AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO MAKE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR. IT CAN REDUCE RE-ARREST RATES BY UP TO 70%, AT A COST OF ONLY 25% OF A CHILD IN JAIL. IS THIS A PROGRAM YOU BELIEVE WOULD HELP YOUNG OFFENDERS FROM BECOMING HARDENED CRIMINALS?

	#	%
1. YES	646	81
2. NO	78	10
98. NOT SURE	70	9
99. REFUSED	6	
TOTAL	799	

QUESTION 19. I WOULD LIKE TO READ YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE CONVICTED OF LOW LEVEL NON-VIOLENT CRIMES INTENDED TO HELP REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION. THE PERSON WOULD LIVE IN A SUPERVISED WORK RELEASE FACILITY AT A COST OF \$26 PER DAY INSTEAD OF \$52 IN PRISON. EARNINGS FROM THEIR JOBS WOULD BE USED TO PAY BACK VICTIMS AND FOR THE OFFENDER'S DE DEPENDENTS. WOULD YOU BE MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT SUCH A PROGRAM?

	#	%
1. MUCH MORE	519	65
2. SOMEWHAT MORE	183	23
3. SOMEWHAT LESS	16	2
4. MUCH LESS	30	4
5. NO DIFFERENCE	12	1
98. NOT SURE	35	4
99. REFUSED	6	
TOTAL	799	
MORE	701	88%
LESS	45	6%
NET MORE	656	83%
MORE : LESS	15.4:1	

QUESTION 20. SOME FACTS ABOUT THE PRISON SYSTEM AND ASK IF THE INFORMATION WOULD MAKE YOU MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT A WORK RELEASE PROGRAM:
IN 2010-2011, \$1.68 BILLION WAS SPENT ON PEOPLE CONVICTED OF NON-VIOLENT CRIMES WHO WERE IN THE FLORIDA PRISON SYSTEM.

	#	%
1. MUCH MORE	338	42
2. SOMEWHAT MORE	220	28
3. SOMEWHAT LESS	34	4
4. MUCH LESS	38	5
5. NO DIFFERENCE	95	12
98. NOT SURE	73	9
99. REFUSED	1	
TOTAL	799	
MORE	558	70%
LESS	72	9%
NET MORE	486	61%
MORE : LESS	7.8:1	

QUESTION 21. NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF RELEASED PRISONERS RETURN TO PRISON AND TWO-THIRDS ARE RE-ARRESTED WITHIN THREE YEARS.

	#	%
1. MUCH MORE	213	27
2. SOMEWHAT MORE	172	22
3. SOMEWHAT LESS	103	13
4. MUCH LESS	115	14
5. NO DIFFERENCE	96	12
98. NOT SURE	99	12
99. REFUSED	2	
TOTAL	800	
MORE	385	48%
LESS	218	27%
NET MORE	167	21%
MORE : LESS	1.8:1	

QUESTION 22. NEARLY HALF OF ALL PEOPLE ADMITTED TO PRISON WILL SERVE TWO YEARS OR LESS AND 83% OF ALL ADMISSIONS ARE FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES.

	#	%
1. MUCH MORE	261	33
2. SOMEWHAT MORE	249	31
3. SOMEWHAT LESS	49	6
4. MUCH LESS	55	7
5. NO DIFFERENCE	103	13
98. NOT SURE	77	10
99. REFUSED	4	
TOTAL	800	
MORE	511	64%
LESS	105	13%
NET MORE	406	51%
MORE : LESS	4.9:1	

QUESTION 23. NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO THINK MORE ABOUT THE FLORIDA CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM, WOULD YOU SUPPORT MAJOR CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM THAT COULD SEND FEWER NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS INTO PRISON AND INSTEAD LOOK TO CHEAPER, MORE EFFECTIVE FORMS OF PUNISHMENT THAT WOULD ENSURE FLORIDA TAXPAYERS WOULD SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY SUPPORT	477	60
2. SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	192	24
3. SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	30	4
4. STRONGLY OPPOSE	46	6
98. NOT SURE	51	6
99. REFUSED	5	
TOTAL	800	
SUPPORT	669	84%
OPPOSE	76	10%
NET SUPPORT	593	75%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	8.8:1	

QUESTION 24. ARE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR A STATE LEGISLATOR WHO BELIEVES THAT EVERY PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME, WHETHER IT IS A NON-VIOLENT OR A VIOLENT CRIME SHOULD SERVE TIME IN PRISON, OR A LEGISLATOR WHO BELIEVES THAT PEOPLE CONVICTED OF MINOR NON-VIOLENT CRIMES SHOULD BE PUT INTO PROGRAMS LIKE SUPERVISED WORK RELEASE THAT ALLOW THEM TO WORK AND REPAY THEIR VICTIMS AND SAVE TAXPAYERS FROM FOOTING THE BILL FOR THEIR STAY IN PRISON?

	#	%
1. SHOULD SERVE TIME	90	11
2. SUPPORT WORK RELEASE	644	81
98. NOT SURE	59	7
99. REFUSED	6	
TOTAL	800	

QUESTION 25. A STATEMENT THAT TWO POLITICAL CANDIDATES MADE ON THE ISSUE OF CRIME. PLEASE TELL ME WHICH DO YOU MOST AGREE WITH:
 CANDIDATE A: SAYS IT IS TIME FOR A BALANCED, SMART APPROACH ON CRIME THAT IS FOCUSED ON PREVENTION.....
 CANDIDATE B: SAYS THAT THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT CRIME IS TO MAKE SURE THAT CRIMINALS FACE PUNISHMENT THAT IS SWIFT AND CERTAIN....

	#	%
1. STRONGLY CANDIDATE A	353	45
2. SOMEWHAT CANDIDATE A	157	20
3. SOMEWHAT CANDIDATE B	98	12
4. STRONGLY CANDIDATE B	108	14
98. NOT SURE	74	9
99. REFUSED	9	
TOTAL	800	
CANDIDATE A	511	65%
CANDIDATE B	206	26%
NET A	304	38%
A : B	2.5:1	

QUESTION 26. ARE YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ACTIVE IN THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT?

	#	%
1. YES	87	11
2. NO	701	88
98. NOT SURE	5	1
99. REFUSED	7	
TOTAL	800	

QUESTION 27. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS, DO YOU THINK OF YOURSELF AS:

	#	%
1. VERY LIBERAL	16	2
2. SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	52	7
3. SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	302	38
4. VERY CONSERVATIVE	358	45
5. MODERATE	39	5
98. NOT SURE	22	3
99. REFUSED	10	
TOTAL	800	
CONSERVATIVE	660	84%
LIBERAL	68	9%
NET CONSERVATIVE	592	75%
CONS : LIB	9.7:1	

QUESTION 28. THINKING ABOUT THE INTERNET, ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK, MYSPACE, TWITTER OR SOME SOCIAL NETWORKING INTERNET SITE?

	#	%
1. YES	333	42
2. NO	453	57
98. NOT SURE	5	1
99. REFUSED	8	

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 29. DO YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD OWN A GUN OF ANY TYPE?

	#	%
1. YES	399	52
2. NO	358	47
98. NOT SURE	8	1
99. REFUSED	34	

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 30. HOW OFTEN DO YOU ATTEND RELIGIOUS OR REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES:

	#	%
1. MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK	132	17
2. WEEKLY	306	39
3. SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH	47	6
4. ONCE A MONTH	47	6
5. COUPLE OF TIMES A YEAR	151	19
6. NEVER	100	13
98. NOT SURE	4	0
99. REFUSED	13	

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 31. AGE

	#	%
1. 18-34	56	7
2. 35-44	80	10
3. 45-54	176	22
4. 55-64	160	20
5. 65+	328	41

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 32. GENDER

	#	%
1. MALE	390	49
2. FEMALE	410	51

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 33. COUNTY

	#	%
1. ALACHUA	11	1
2. BAKER	2	0
3. BAY	20	3
4. BRADFORD	3	0
5. BREVARD	39	5
6. BROWARD	28	4
7. CALHOUN	1	0
8. CHARLOTTE	10	1
9. CITRUS	11	1
10. CLAY	20	3
11. COLLIER	18	2
12. COLUMBIA	3	0
13. DESOTO	1	0
15. DUVAL	34	4
16. ESCAMBIA	24	3
17. FLAGLER	5	1
20. GILCHRIST	1	0
25. HENDRY	1	0
26. HERNANDO	7	1
27. HIGHLANDS	6	1
28. HILLSBOROUGH	42	5
29. HOLMES	2	0
30. INDIAN RIVER	11	1
31. JACKSON	1	0
32. JEFFERSON	1	0
34. LAKE	27	3
35. LEE	35	4
36. LEON	13	2
37. LEVY	2	0
39. MADISON	1	0
40. MANATEE	14	2
41. MARION	24	3
42. MARTIN	13	2
43. MIAMI-DADE	28	4
44. MONROE	9	1
45. NASSAU	9	1
46. OKALOOSA	24	3
47. OKEECHOBEE	2	0
48. ORANGE	43	5
49. OSCEOLA	5	1
50. PALM BEACH	36	5
51. PASCO	24	3
52. PINELLAS	51	6
53. POLK	23	3
54. PUTNAM	4	1
55. SANTA ROSA	15	2
56. SARASOTA	26	3
57. SEMINLOE	16	2
58. SAINT JOHNS	17	2
59. SAINT LUCIE	6	1
60. SUMTER	7	1
62. TAYLOR	2	0
64. VOLUSIA	17	2
65. WAKULLA	1	0
66. WALTON	1	0
67. WASHINGTON	3	0

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 34. VOTING HISTORY

	#	%
1. ONE OF TWO	249	31
2. TWO OF TWO	551	69

TOTAL 800

QUESTION 35. MEDIA MARKETS

	#	%
1. MIAMI-FT LAUDERDALE	63	8
2. WEST PALM BEACH/FT PIERCE	62	8
3. TAMPA/ST PETE/SARASOTA	203	25
4. GAINSVILLE	14	2
5. FT MYERS/NAPLES	67	8
6. ORLANDO/DAYTONA/MELBOURNE	191	24
7. JACKSONVILLE	92	12
8. TALLAHASSEE	18	2
9. PENSACOLA/MOBILE	64	8
10. PANAMA CITY	26	3

TOTAL 800

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The Florida TaxWatch Center for Smart Justice will drive decision making in the public interest through concrete evidence found in data and research to heighten Smart Justice in Florida.

Center for Smart Justice Mission

Florida TaxWatch Center for Smart Justice is actively coordinating a statewide effort with key state and national partner organizations to bring smart, reasonable, and commonsense justice reform to Florida that will enhance public safety through proven, cost-effective measures that ensure offender accountability.



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