

PUERTO RICO

Interviewing dates: May 17 – 24, 2016

Sample: 898 Puerto Rico voters, including an oversample of 96 additional PNP voters. The additional PNP interviews are weighted to zero for the overall results.

FINAL TOPLINE

0A. When Puerto Rico holds elections, would you say that you:

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
Always vote	83%	83%
Almost always vote	17	17
Only vote sometimes	-	-
Rarely or never vote	-	-
(Not sure)	-	-

1. Just thinking about the quality of life in Puerto Rico, with 10 representing the best it has been in the last 10 years and 1 being the worst it could possibly be, where do you think the quality of life is today?

		1									10	
		<u>Worst</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>(DK)</u>
May 2016	24%	7	7	7	19	10	11	7	3	4	1	
March 2016	26%	5	10	10	20	8	8	7	2	3	2	
October 2015	22%	7	9	10	22	12	7	7	1	2	1	
December 2014	21%	5	9	12	22	10	9	7	1	2	1	
September 2012	12%	7	8	9	24	14	10	7	2	4	3	
September 2010	17%	3	8	7	24	12	9	8	2	2	6	
October 2008	25%	4	10	10	21	10	9	5	2	3	1	
November 2007	26%	4	7	8	22	9	9	7	2	3	2	



2. What do you think is the most important issue facing Puerto Rico at this time—what concerns you the most? **(RECORD VERBATIM)**

	<u>May 2016</u>
Economy	39%
Jobs/unemployment	25
Crime and gangs	23
Government spending/corruption	17
Health care	14
Schools and education	6
Cost of living	4
Poverty/low salaries	4
Puerto Rico's status	3
Drugs	1
Lack of ethics, values and family	1
People leaving the island	1
Elderly care/pensions	1
Taxes	1
Other	2
Nothing	1
Don't know/refused	1



I'm going to read you the names of some political figures. After each one, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. If you've never heard of someone, please just say so. **(IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE:)** Is that strongly (favorable/unfavorable) or only somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)? **[RANDOMIZE]**

		---Favorable---			---Unfavorable---			(NS /Ref)	Never heard of
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some-what</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Some-what</u>		
3.	Pedro Pierluisi								
	May 2016	59%	28	31	30	14	16	9	2
	March 2016	66%	30	36	24	12	12	8	2
4.	Ricky Rosselló								
	May 2016	46%	20	26	39	21	17	13	2
	March 2016	45%	14	31	38	22	16	13	4
5.	Thomas Rivera Schatz								
	May 2016	49%	24	25	38	22	16	10	3
	March 2016	46%	21	25	37	20	17	12	4
6.	Jenniffer Gonzalez								
	May 2016	58%	30	28	29	16	13	10	3
	March 2016	56%	25	31	30	14	16	10	4
7.	David Bernier								
	May 2016	50%	24	26	32	17	15	14	4
	March 2016	51%	20	31	29	14	15	13	8
8.	Hector Ferrer								
	May 2016	62%	31	31	21	10	11	13	4
	March 2016	51%	16	35	25	11	14	16	8



9. When it comes to political parties, do you consider yourself a:

	<u>PNP</u>	<u>PPD</u>	<u>PIP</u>	<u>Some- thing else</u>	<u>(NS/Ref)</u>
May 2016	36%	21	1	16	25
March 2016	31%	18	2	13	35
October 2015	33%	17	2	16	33
December 2014	32%	18	2	10	38
September 2012	34%	26	2	13	25
September 2010	33%	22	2	17	27
October 2008	40%	25	2	12	20
November 2007	38%	21	2	14	25
November 2006	28%	25	2	18	26
July 2006	28%	24	2	16	29
November 2004	36%	31	4	20	9
August 2004	36%	27	4	14	19
December 2003	35%	27	3	18	17
November 2003	31%	31	4	19	16
December 2002	33%	28	2	20	17
November 2001	34%	31	4	17	14
November 2000	37%	34	6	13	10
November 30, 2000	38%	33	6	15	8
November 2000	40%	30	6	13	11
September 2000	41%	30	4	13	11
November 1999	40%	33	4	14	9
September 1999	39%	30	4	10	16

[PNP ONLY, N=384]

10. If the PNP primary for Governor was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[IF NOT SURE: Which one would you lean towards?]**

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>	<u>Oct 2015</u>
TOTAL PIERLUISI	41%	46%	40%
TOTAL ROSSELLO	45	38	34
Pedro Pierluisi	38	44	38
(Lean Pierluisi)	3	2	2
Ricky Rosselló	43	37	32
(Lean Rosselló)	3	1	2
(Not sure / refused)	13	15	14



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If the next general election for Governor was held today...

11. Who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[IF NOT SURE: Which one would you lean towards?]**

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
TOTAL PIERLUISI	33%	38%
TOTAL BERNIER	25	22
TOTAL SANTIAGO	3	5
TOTAL BERNABE	2	2
TOTAL LUGARO	4	4
TOTAL CIDRE	5	6
PNP Pedro Pierluisi	31%	35%
(Lean Pierluisi)	2	3
PPD David Bernier	23	21
(Lean Bernier)	1	1
PIP Maria de Lourdes Santiago	3	4
(Lean Maria de Lourdes Santiago)	<1	1
PPT Rafael Bernabe	1	2
(Lean Rafael Bernabe)	<1	<1
IND Alexandra Lugaro	3	3
(Lean Alexandra Lugaro)	1	1
IND Manuel Cidre	5	5
(Lean Manuel Cidre)	1	1
(Not sure / refused)	28	23



12. Who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[IF NOT SURE: Which one would you lean towards?]**

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
TOTAL ROSSELLO	32%	31%
TOTAL BERNIER	28	25
TOTAL SANTIAGO	3	7
TOTAL BERNABE	1	1
TOTAL LUGARO	4	5
TOTAL CIDRE	5	6
PNP Ricky Rosselló	30%	29%
(Lean Rosselló)	2	2
PPD David Bernier	26	23
(Lean Bernier)	2	2
PIP Maria de Lourdes Santiago	3	6
(Lean Maria de Lourdes Santiago)	-	1
PPT Rafael Bernabe	1	1
(Lean Rafael Bernabe)	-	<1
IND Alexandra Lugaro	3	4
(Lean Alexandra Lugaro)	1	1
IND Manuel Cidre	4	5
(Lean Manuel Cidre)	1	1
(Not sure / refused)	26	25

[PNP ONLY, N=384]

13. Thinking now about the election for Comisionado Residente to represent Puerto Rico in Washington, if the PNP primary for Comisionado Residente was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[IF NOT SURE: Which one would you lean towards?]**

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
TOTAL GONZALEZ	71%	65%
TOTAL PESQUERA	19	23
Jenniffer Gonzalez	69%	64%
(Lean Gonzalez)	1	1
Carlos Pesquera	19	21
(Lean Pesquera)	1	2
(Not sure / refused)	10	12



[PDP ONLY, N=171]

14. Thinking now about the election for Comisionado Residente to represent Puerto Rico in Washington, if the PDP primary for Comisionado Residente was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: **[IF NOT SURE: Which one would you lean towards?]**

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
TOTAL FERRER	60%	51%
TOTAL ROSA	24	30
Hector Ferrer	58%	47%
(Lean Ferrer)	2	4
Angel Rosa	24	28
(Lean Rosa)	1	3
(Not sure / refused)	15	19

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Turning now to political status...

15. Do you favor or oppose seeking statehood for Puerto Rico? **[IF FAVOR / OPPOSE: Is that strongly or just somewhat (favor/oppose)?]**

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>	<u>Oct 2015</u>	<u>Dec 2014</u>
TOTAL FAVOR	63%	65%	61%	60%
TOTAL OPPOSE	28	23	24	24
Strongly favor	50%	54	45	43
Somewhat favor	13	11	16	17
Somewhat oppose	7	6	7	8
Strongly oppose	21	17	17	16
(Not sure)	7	10	14	13
(Refused)	2	2	2	3



16. If there is another status plebiscite and the options are **[ROTATE]** statehood for Puerto Rico, keeping things as they are now, or independence, which would you choose:

	<u>Statehood</u>	<u>Independence</u>	<u>Keeping things as they are now</u>	<u>(NS/Ref)</u>
May 2016	60%	8	22	9
March 2016	59%	7	22	12
October 2015	58%	9	22	11
December 2014	57%	7	25	11
October 2012*	51%	4	27	17
September 2010	41%	9	41	9
October 2008	46%	8	42	4
November 2007	50%	7	38	4
November 2006	50%	6	38	6
July 2006	46%	6	41	6
November 2004	42%	5	48	5
August 2004	46%	7	43	4
December 2003	44%	8	42	6
November 2003	41%	7	44	8
December 2002	45%	8	43	4
November 2001	48%	3	45	4
November 2000	45%	6	45	6

17. If there is another status plebiscite and the options are **[ROTATE]** statehood for Puerto Rico, Sovereign Commonwealth, or independence, which would you choose:

	<u>Statehood</u>	<u>Independence</u>	<u>Sovereign Commonwealth</u>	<u>(NS/Ref)</u>
May 2016	56%	6	30	8
March 2016	61%	7	17	15
October 2015	58%	9	20	13
December 2014	59%	7	20	14



As you may know, there have been a variety of proposals and approved legislation for improving government finances and improving the economy. Do you approve or disapprove of each of the following proposals? **[RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(NS/ Ref)</u>
20.	Maintaining the sales tax, or IVU, and increasing it from 7% to 11.5%			
	May 2016	9%	80	11
	March 2016	12%	85	3
18.	Substituting a new value-added tax, or VAT, of 14% in place of the sales tax			
	May 2016	8%	77	16
	March 2016	12%	78	9
22.	Cutting nearly \$700 million in government spending			
	May 2016	51%	33	15
	March 2016	45%	45	10
23.	Closing 100 schools and 20 public agencies to save money			
	May 2016	21%	71	8
	March 2016	18%	77	5
24.	Allowing the government of Puerto Rico to declare bankruptcy			
	May 2016	30%	53	18
	March 2016	30%	52	18
25.	Creating a fiscal control board			
	May 2016	55%	26	19
	March 2016	68%	20	11
26.	Do you think the approval of a fiscal control board and its members should be by:			
		<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>	
	The United States Congress	56%	65%	
	The Government of Puerto Rico	26	22	
	(Not sure/refused)	18	13	



27. If a fiscal control board is put in place in Puerto Rico, should it be:

	<u>May 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
Short term and temporary	26%	19%
Temporary, but longer term	39	38
Permanent	21	30
(Not sure / refused)	14	13

Please tell me if you would approve or disapprove of giving each of the following duties and responsibilities to a fiscal control board.

[RANDOMIZE]

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(NS/ Ref)</u>
28.	Approving the budget of Puerto Rico			
	May 2016	64%	18	18
	March 2016	72%	15	14
29.	Cutting government expenditures			
	May 2016	69%	18	13
	March 2016	73%	20	7
30.	Restructuring the government debt			
	May 2016	75%	11	14
	March 2016	81%	9	10
31.	Taxes			
	May 2016	48%	37	15
	March 2016	60%	31	10

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions for classification purposes only.

32. In which of the following categories is your age?

Under 41	23%
41-52	23
53-63	23
64+	31
(Don't know/refused)	1



33. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Less than high school	29%
High school	25
Some college / vocational training beyond high school	22
College graduate	22
(Don't know/refused)	1

34. Which of the following describes your current job situation: **[READ LIST]**

You have a full-time job	18%
You have a part-time job	10
You are looking for a job	12
You are not working because of age or disability	36
You are a student	3
You are a full-time mother or homemaker	11
You are neither working nor looking for work	7
You have 2 jobs or supplement with multi-level sales	1
(None of the above)	3

35. In which of the following categories is your personal income?

Under \$5,000 per year	20%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11
\$10,000 to \$11,999	9
\$12,000 to \$17,999	8
\$18,000 to \$19,999	3
\$20,000 to \$29,999	8
\$30,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$89,999	2
\$90,000 and over	1
(Don't know)	6
(Refused)	26

36. SEX: **[OBSERVATION ONLY, DO NOT ASK]**

Male	48%
Female	52

