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**Subject: Florida U.S. Congressional District 16 survey conducted for  
FloridaPolitics.com**

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**Executive Summary:**

This poll of 441 Florida U.S. Congressional District 16 likely Republican Primary voters was conducted on May 11-12, 2026. This poll used the registered voter lists supplied by the state of Florida as of April 14, 2026. The sample of voters that were contacted included random samples of registered Republican voters within the boundaries of Florida U.S. Congressional District 16 as adopted in May of 2026.

The issues surveyed included questions related to the 2026 primary election for Florida U.S. Congressional District 16.

**Methodology:**

The poll was conducted through a combination of an automated phone call polling system and a manual P2P SMS polling system. The results were then weighted to account for proportional differences between the respondents' demographics and the demographics of the active Republican Primary voter population for Florida U.S. Congressional District 16. The weighting demographics used were: race, age and gender.

Respondents that stated they were not voting in the election were excluded from the results.

The share of respondents by contact method: Phone call = 58% SMS texting = 42%

The scientific results shown for the questions below have a sample size of 441 and a 4.7% Margin of Error at a 95% confidence level.

## Respondents' Demographics and Weighting Demographics:

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION RESPONDENTS

Summary of the demographic breakdown of the registered Republican voters who responded to this survey as well as the active Republican primary voter demographics used to weight this survey, and the demographics for all registered Republican voters in the district:

	<b>RESPONDENTS</b>	<b>WEIGHTING</b>	<b>REGISTERED</b>
<b>Political Party:</b>			
Democratic =	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Republican =	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other =	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Race Breakdown:</b>			
White, Not Hispanic =	92.7%	93.2%	89.5%
Black, Not Hispanic =	0.7%	0.6%	1.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander =	1.1%	1.1%	1.6%
Hispanic =	3.4%	3.0%	5.1%
Other or Unknown =	2.0%	2.1%	2.7%
<b>Gender Breakdown:</b>			
Female =	51.2%	51.7%	49.6%
Male =	48.1%	47.4%	49.4%
<b>Age Breakdown:</b>			
18 to 29 =	4.1%	3.4%	10.7%
30 to 49 =	13.2%	13.5%	22.1%
50 to 69 =	39.2%	39.9%	39.0%
70 and up =	43.5%	44.3%	28.2%
<b>County Breakdown:</b>			
DeSoto =	1.8%		3.4%
Hardee =	1.1%		2.8%
Manatee =	57.8%		58.7%
Pinellas =	29.3%		22.4%
Polk =	0.7%		1.4%
Sarasota =	9.3%		11.4%

## Summary of Scientific Results:

### Do you plan to vote in the August Republican Primary election for U.S. Congress?

Yes:	93.2%
Unsure:	6.8%

### Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Favorable:	74.4%
Unfavorable:	19.0%
Unsure:	6.6%

### President Donald Trump has endorsed Sydney Gruters for Congress. Knowing that, if the Republican primary election for U.S. Congress were held today and the candidates were Ed Pope, Eddie Speir, and Sydney Gruters, who would you vote for?

Ed Pope:	6.6%
Eddie Speir:	12.7%
Sydney Gruters:	48.8%
No vote:	31.9%

### When deciding who to support in a Republican primary, would President Donald Trump's endorsement make a difference in your vote?

Yes, a major difference:	49.7%
Yes, somewhat of a difference:	21.8%
Yes, a small difference:	7.3%
No difference:	18.6%
Not sure:	2.7%

## Detailed Results with Demographic Breakdowns for Each Question:

### Do you plan to vote in the August Republican Primary election for U.S. Congress?

Yes: 93.2%  
Unsure: 6.8%

Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Yes: 93.2%  
Unsure: 6.8%

#### Race Breakdown:

White, Not Hispanic 409 responses  
Yes: 92.9% Unsure: 7.1%  
Black, Not Hispanic 3 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
Asian or Pacific Islander 5 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
Hispanic 15 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
Other or Unknown 9 responses  
Yes: 88.9% Unsure: 11.1%

#### Gender Breakdown:

Male 212 responses  
Yes: 93.9% Unsure: 6.1%  
Female 226 responses  
Yes: 92.5% Unsure: 7.5%

#### Age Breakdown:

18 to 29 18 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
30 to 49 58 responses  
Yes: 96.6% Unsure: 3.4%  
50 to 69 173 responses  
Yes: 97.7% Unsure: 2.3%  
70 and up 192 responses  
Yes: 87.5% Unsure: 12.5%

#### County Breakdown:

DeSoto 8 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
Hardee 5 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
Manatee 255 responses  
Yes: 94.1% Unsure: 5.9%  
Pinellas 129 responses  
Yes: 94.6% Unsure: 5.4%  
Polk 3 responses  
Yes: 100.0% Unsure: 0%  
Sarasota 41 responses  
Yes: 80.5% Unsure: 19.5%

# Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Favorable:	<b>74.4%</b>
Unfavorable:	<b>19.0%</b>
Unsure:	<b>6.6%</b>

## Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Favorable:	74.4%
Unfavorable:	19.0%
Unsure:	6.6%

### Race Breakdown:

White, Not Hispanic	409 responses			
Favorable:	74.3%	Unfavorable:	19.1%	Unsure: 6.6%
Black, Not Hispanic	3 responses			
Favorable:	33.3%	Unfavorable:	33.3%	Unsure: 33.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	5 responses			
Favorable:	60.0%	Unfavorable:	40.0%	Unsure: 0%
Hispanic	15 responses			
Favorable:	73.3%	Unfavorable:	20.0%	Unsure: 6.7%
Other or Unknown	9 responses			
Favorable:	100.0%	Unfavorable:	0%	Unsure: 0%

### Gender Breakdown:

Male	212 responses			
Favorable:	75.0%	Unfavorable:	17.0%	Unsure: 8.0%
Female	226 responses			
Favorable:	73.5%	Unfavorable:	21.2%	Unsure: 5.3%

### Age Breakdown:

18 to 29	18 responses			
Favorable:	66.7%	Unfavorable:	22.2%	Unsure: 11.1%
30 to 49	58 responses			
Favorable:	62.1%	Unfavorable:	27.6%	Unsure: 10.3%
50 to 69	173 responses			
Favorable:	77.5%	Unfavorable:	15.6%	Unsure: 6.9%
70 and up	192 responses			
Favorable:	76.0%	Unfavorable:	19.3%	Unsure: 4.7%

### County Breakdown:

DeSoto	8 responses			
Favorable:	87.5%	Unfavorable:	12.5%	Unsure: 0%
Hardee	5 responses			
Favorable:	80.0%	Unfavorable:	0%	Unsure: 20.0%
Manatee	255 responses			
Favorable:	74.9%	Unfavorable:	20.0%	Unsure: 5.1%
Pinellas	129 responses			
Favorable:	70.5%	Unfavorable:	20.2%	Unsure: 9.3%
Polk	3 responses			
Favorable:	100.0%	Unfavorable:	0%	Unsure: 0%
Sarasota	41 responses			
Favorable:	78.0%	Unfavorable:	14.6%	Unsure: 7.3%

**President Donald Trump has endorsed Sydney Gruters for Congress. Knowing that, if the Republican primary election for U.S. Congress were held today and the candidates were Ed Pope, Eddie Speir, and Sydney Gruters, who would you vote for?**

Ed Pope:	<b>6.6%</b>
Eddie Speir:	<b>12.7%</b>
Sydney Gruters:	<b>48.8%</b>
No vote:	<b>31.9%</b>

Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Pope:	<b>6.6%</b>
Speir:	<b>12.7%</b>
Gruters:	<b>48.8%</b>
Undecided:	<b>32.0%</b>

**Race Breakdown:**

<b>White, Not Hispanic</b>	<b>409 responses</b>				
Pope:	6.4%	Speir:	12.7%	Gruters:	49.6%
Undecided:	31.3%				
<b>Black, Not Hispanic</b>	<b>3 responses</b>				
Pope:	0%	Speir:	0%	Gruters:	0%
Undecided:	100.0%				
<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	<b>5 responses</b>				
Pope:	20.0%	Speir:	40.0%	Gruters:	20.0%
Undecided:	20.0%				
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>15 responses</b>				
Pope:	6.7%	Speir:	6.7%	Gruters:	40.0%
Undecided:	46.7%				
<b>Other or Unknown</b>	<b>9 responses</b>				
Pope:	11.1%	Speir:	11.1%	Gruters:	55.6%
Undecided:	22.2%				

**Gender Breakdown:**

<b>Male</b>	<b>212 responses</b>				
Pope:	4.7%	Speir:	11.8%	Gruters:	50.0%
Undecided:	33.5%				
<b>Female</b>	<b>226 responses</b>				
Pope:	8.4%	Speir:	13.7%	Gruters:	47.3%
Undecided:	30.5%				

**Age Breakdown:**

<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>18 responses</b>				
Pope:	0%	Speir:	27.8%	Gruters:	38.9%
Undecided:	33.3%				
<b>30 to 49</b>	<b>58 responses</b>				
Pope:	5.2%	Speir:	12.1%	Gruters:	46.6%
Undecided:	36.2%				
<b>50 to 69</b>	<b>173 responses</b>				
Pope:	5.8%	Speir:	12.1%	Gruters:	48.6%
Undecided:	33.5%				
<b>70 and up</b>	<b>192 responses</b>				
Pope:	8.3%	Speir:	12.0%	Gruters:	50.5%
Undecided:	29.2%				

**County Breakdown:**

<b>DeSoto</b>	<b>8 responses</b>				
Pope:	0%	Speir:	12.5%	Gruters:	75.0%
Undecided:	12.5%				
<b>Hardee</b>	<b>5 responses</b>				
Pope:	20.0%	Speir:	0%	Gruters:	60.0%
Undecided:	20.0%				
<b>Manatee</b>	<b>255 responses</b>				
Pope:	5.9%	Speir:	17.6%	Gruters:	45.9%
Undecided:	30.6%				
<b>Pinellas</b>	<b>129 responses</b>				
Pope:	8.5%	Speir:	4.7%	Gruters:	50.4%
Undecided:	36.4%				
<b>Polk</b>	<b>3 responses</b>				
Pope:	0%	Speir:	0%	Gruters:	66.7%
Undecided:	33.3%				
<b>Sarasota</b>	<b>41 responses</b>				
Pope:	4.9%	Speir:	9.8%	Gruters:	53.7%
Undecided:	31.7%				

# When deciding who to support in a Republican primary, would President Donald Trump's endorsement make a difference in your vote?

Yes, a major difference: 49.7%  
Yes, somewhat of a difference: 21.8%  
Yes, a small difference: 7.3%  
No difference: 18.6%  
Not sure: 2.7%

## Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Yes, a major difference: 49.7%  
Yes, somewhat of a difference: 21.8%  
Yes, a small difference: 7.3%  
No difference: 18.6%  
Not sure: 2.7%

### Race Breakdown:

White, Not Hispanic 409 responses

Yes, a major difference: 49.4% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 22.2% Yes, a small difference: 7.6% No difference: 18.1% Not sure: 2.7%

Black, Not Hispanic 3 responses

Yes, a major difference: 0% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 33.3% Yes, a small difference: 0% No difference: 33.3% Not sure: 33.3%

Asian or Pacific Islander 5 responses

Yes, a major difference: 60.0% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 0% Yes, a small difference: 0% No difference: 40.0% Not sure: 0%

Hispanic 15 responses

Yes, a major difference: 60.0% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 20.0% Yes, a small difference: 0% No difference: 20.0% Not sure: 0%

Other or Unknown 9 responses

Yes, a major difference: 55.6% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 11.1% Yes, a small difference: 11.1% No difference: 22.2% Not sure: 0%

### Gender Breakdown:

Male 212 responses

Yes, a major difference: 47.6% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 20.3% Yes, a small difference: 9.4% No difference: 20.3% Not sure: 2.4%

Female 226 responses

Yes, a major difference: 51.3% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 23.5% Yes, a small difference: 5.3% No difference: 16.8% Not sure: 3.1%

### Age Breakdown:

18 to 29 18 responses

Yes, a major difference: 27.8% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 22.2% Yes, a small difference: 11.1% No difference: 22.2% Not sure: 16.7%

30 to 49 58 responses

Yes, a major difference: 36.2% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 20.7% Yes, a small difference: 8.6% No difference: 34.5% Not sure: 0%

50 to 69 173 responses

Yes, a major difference: 46.2% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 26.0% Yes, a small difference: 6.9% No difference: 19.1% Not sure: 1.7%

70 and up 192 responses

Yes, a major difference: 58.9% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 18.2% Yes, a small difference: 6.8% No difference: 13.0% Not sure: 3.1%

### County Breakdown:

DeSoto 8 responses

Yes, a major difference: 75.0% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 0% Yes, a small difference: 0% No difference: 25.0% Not sure: 0%

Hardee 5 responses

Yes, a major difference: 80.0% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 20.0% Yes, a small difference: 0% No difference: 0% Not sure: 0%

Manatee 255 responses

Yes, a major difference: 48.6% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 22.4% Yes, a small difference: 7.1% No difference: 19.2% Not sure: 2.7%

Pinellas 129 responses

Yes, a major difference: 50.4% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 21.7% Yes, a small difference: 7.0% No difference: 17.8% Not sure: 3.1%

Polk 3 responses

Yes, a major difference: 66.7% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 0% Yes, a small difference: 0% No difference: 33.3% Not sure: 0%

Sarasota 41 responses

Yes, a major difference: 43.9% Yes, somewhat of a difference: 24.4% Yes, a small difference: 12.2% No difference: 17.1% Not sure: 2.4%