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Q1-4. Cell Usage	Cell Phone Only	42%
	Mostly Cell	20%
	Both Equally	19%
	Mostly Landline	9%
	Landline Only	9%
	[vol] Don't Know	1%
Q11. When thinking about elections for U.S. Congress, are you more likely to vote for a Democratic candidate or a Republican candidate?	More likely Democratic	54%
	More likely Republican	19%
	[vol] Depends	18%
	[vol] Neither	1%
	[vol] Don't Know	7%

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Q12. Now, I'd like to ask your impression of some people and groups active in public life. As I read each one, just tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or group. If you don't recognize them, just say so.

Q12A. Barack Obama	Very Fav	53%
	S'what Fav	21%
	Total Fav	75%
	S'what Unfav	6%
	Very Unfav	15%
	Total Unfav	21%
	Name ID	96%
	Can't Rate	4%
Q12B. Hillary Clinton	Very Fav	41%
	S'what Fav	22%
	Total Fav	64%
	S'what Unfav	8%
	Very Unfav	23%
	Total Unfav	31%
	Name ID	95%
	Can't Rate	5%
Q12C. Bernie Sanders	Very Fav	24%
	S'what Fav	28%
	Total Fav	52%
	S'what Unfav	11%
	Very Unfav	16%
	Total Unfav	27%
	Name ID	80%
	Can't Rate	20%
Q12D. Donald Trump	Very Fav	6%
	S'what Fav	8%
	Total Fav	14%
	S'what Unfav	7%
	Very Unfav	73%
	Total Unfav	80%
	Name ID	94%
	Can't Rate	6%

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Q12E. Ted Cruz	Very Fav	8%
	S'what Fav	22%
	Total Fav	30%
	S'what Unfav	18%
	Very Unfav	32%
	Total Unfav	50%
	Name ID	80%
	Can't Rate	20%
Q12F. Marco Rubio	Very Fav	14%
	S'what Fav	24%
	Total Fav	38%
	S'what Unfav	20%
	Very Unfav	25%
	Total Unfav	46%
	Name ID	83%
	Can't Rate	17%
Q12G. Rick Scott	Very Fav	11%
	S'what Fav	23%
	Total Fav	34%
	S'what Unfav	14%
	Very Unfav	29%
	Total Unfav	42%
	Name ID	77%
	Can't Rate	23%
Q12H. Democrats in Congress	Very Fav	27%
	S'what Fav	31%
	Total Fav	58%
	S'what Unfav	10%
	Very Unfav	13%
	Total Unfav	23%
	Name ID	81%
	Can't Rate	19%
Q12I. Republicans in Congress	Very Fav	7%
	S'what Fav	21%
	Total Fav	27%
	S'what Unfav	20%
	Very Unfav	35%
	Total Unfav	54%
	Name ID	81%
	Can't Rate	19%

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Q13. If the November general election for President were held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, a Democrat, and Donald Trump, a Republican, for whom would you vote?	Hillary Clinton	63%
	Lean Clinton	4%
	Total Clinton	67%
	Donald Trump	15%
	Lean Trump	1%
	Total Trump	16%
	[vol] Undecided	16%
Q15. Earlier you mentioned that you come from a Puerto Rican background. Which one of the following three statements do you identify with most?	I have a strong sense of pride in my Puerto Rican heritage, and feel closely connected to Puerto Rico	52%
	I have a strong sense of pride in my Puerto Rican heritage, but do not feel that closely connected to Puerto Rico	26%
	My Puerto Rican heritage is secondary to my identity as an American	19%
	[vol] Don't Know	3%

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Q16. Now, I am going to read you a list of proposals about Puerto Rico. After I read each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal.

Q16A. Making Puerto Rico the 51st state, a full and equal part of the United States	Strongly favor	63%
	Somewhat favor	16%
	Total Favor	79%
	Somewhat oppose	6%
	Strongly oppose	10%
	Total Oppose	16%
[vol] Don't Know / Refused		4%
Q16B. Continuing Puerto Rico with its present status as a territory, or Commonwealth, of the United States	Strongly favor	32%
	Somewhat favor	24%
	Total Favor	56%
	Somewhat oppose	15%
	Strongly oppose	23%
	Total Oppose	38%
[vol] Don't Know / Refused		6%
Q16C. Making Puerto Rico an independent nation separate from the United States, with its own citizenship, but with an arrangement of free association between the nation of Puerto Rico and the United States	Strongly favor	17%
	Somewhat favor	14%
	Total Favor	30%
	Somewhat oppose	19%
	Strongly oppose	45%
	Total Oppose	63%
[vol] Don't Know / Refused		6%
Q16D. Making Puerto Rico an independent, separate nation with its own citizenship from the United States	Strongly favor	10%
	Somewhat favor	12%
	Total Favor	22%
	Somewhat oppose	17%
	Strongly oppose	56%
	Total Oppose	73%
[vol] Don't Know / Refused		5%

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Q17. And if you had to pick only one status option for Puerto Rico, which of the below proposals is your preference?	Making Puerto Rico the 51st state, a full and equal part of the United States	67%
	Continuing Puerto Rico with its present status as a territory, or Commonwealth, of the United States	19%
	Making Puerto Rico an independent nation separate from the United States with its own citizenship but with an arrangement of free association	8%
	Making Puerto Rico an independent, separate nation with its own citizenship from the United States	4%
	[vol] Don't Know	2%
Q18. If the United States Congress offered Puerto Rico statehood, would you support it?	Yes	82%
	No	14%
	[vol] Don't Know	4%
Q19. If Puerto Rico became the 51st state of the United States, would you and your family in Florida be better off, worse off, or would it not make much of a difference either way?	Better off	22%
	Worse off	4%
	No difference	72%
	[vol] Don't know / refused	2%
Q20. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.	The economic, social and financial problems that face Puerto Ricans on the Island will not improve unless the issue of political status is first resolved.	35%
	The economic, social and financial problems that face Puerto Ricans on the Island are separate from the issue of political status, and mostly due to poor governing by Puerto Rican politicians.	52%
	[vol] Both	7%
	[vol] Neither	1%
	[vol] Don't Know	5%
	Q21. Currently, Puerto Ricans living in Puerto Rico are citizens of the United States. Do you think that the United States Congress, President, and federal policies treat Puerto Ricans living on the Island the same as Puerto Ricans living in Florida?	Yes
No		53%
[vol] Don't Know		10%
Q22. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a U.S. Presidential candidate who will work aggressively to achieve U.S. statehood for Puerto Rico, or does it not matter to you all that much?	Much more likely	47%
	Somewhat more likely	16%
	Somewhat less likely	3%
	Much less likely	6%
	Makes no difference	24%
[vol] Don't Know	4%	

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Hillary Clinton has not expressed a preference between statehood, commonwealth territory, or independence for the status for Puerto Rico. Rather she says that it is up to a majority of the residents of Puerto Rico to determine, by way of referendum, what status they want, and that if elected president she will support that determination.

Q23. Hearing this information, does that make you more or less likely to support Hillary Clinton for President this November?	Much more likely to support Clinton	40%
	Somewhat more likely to support Clinton	18%
	Total more likely to support Clinton	58%
	Somewhat less likely to support Clinton	7%
	Much less likely to support Clinton	14%
	Total less likely to support Clinton	21%
	[vol] Doesn't make a difference	19%
[vol] Don't Know / Refused	2%	

Some of Hillary Clinton's Republican opponents have long been supporters of full statehood for the Puerto Rican people.

Q24. Knowing that, are you more or less likely to vote for Hillary Clinton in a general election race against one of these opponents this fall?	Much more likely to support Clinton	36%
	A little more likely to support Clinton	17%
	Total more likely to support Clinton	53%
	A little less likely to support Clinton	9%
	Much less likely to support Clinton	15%
	Total less likely to support Clinton	23%
	[vol] Doesn't make a difference	18%
[vol] Don't Know / Refused	6%	

Q25. When it comes to Hillary Clinton's views on the status of Puerto Rico, which comes closer to your view: [Some/other] people say that Clinton not expressing a preference on the status of the island means that she wants to act according to the will of the Puerto Rican people, and that she believes they should have the ultimate say. [Some/other] people say that Clinton's failure to take a position on the status of the island means that she only cares about getting elected and, because Puerto Ricans on the Island cannot vote for president, she does not really care about the status issue. Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?	Will of the people, strongly	49%
	Will of the people, somewhat	15%
	Total Will of the People	64%
	Does not really care, somewhat	11%
	Does not really care, strongly	18%
	Total Does not really care	29%
	[vol] Don't Know	7%

Q26. Thinking about Puerto Rico's current economic and financial conditions, how important is it to you that a presidential candidate provides a plan to resolve the Puerto Rican financial crisis? Do you find this issue extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or does it make no difference to you personally?	Extremely important	50%
	Very important	27%
	Somewhat important	13%
	Makes no difference	8%
	[vol] Don't know	1%

Q27. Do you think the fact that Puerto Rico is not a state of the United States helps or hurts its ability to manage the financial crisis - or does it not make much difference either way?	Helps a great deal	12%
	Helps somewhat	6%
	Total Helps	17%
	Hurts somewhat	13%
	Hurts a great deal	36%
	Total Hurts	49%
	Doesn't make much difference	26%
[vol] Don't know	7%	

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Q28. Now, I am going to read you some reasons people have given to support making Puerto Rico a U.S. state. For each statement, please tell me if you find it a very convincing, somewhat convincing, or not at all convincing reason to support making Puerto Rico a U.S. State.

Q28A. Puerto Rico's economy is so poor that they owe seventy-two billion in debt. Making Puerto Rico a state of the United States would improve the Puerto Rican economy and give Puerto Rico more economic opportunities.	Very Convincing	53%
	Somewhat Convincing	24%
	Not at all Convincing	17%
	[vol] Don't know	6%
Q28B. Puerto Ricans serve in the United States military at high rates and many have died in service. Puerto Ricans are willing to serve and sacrifice their lives for our country -- it is only right to give them the dignity and respect that comes with statehood.	Very Convincing	72%
	Somewhat Convincing	17%
	Not at all Convincing	9%
	[vol] Don't know	2%
Q28C. Each state of the United States has elected representatives in Congress who can bring pressure in the legislative process to advocate for and help their states. Puerto Rico, in contrast, has no such elected representatives and therefore has no power to shape federal legislation that affects Puerto Rico. [SPLIT A]	Very Convincing	53%
	Somewhat Convincing	27%
	Not at all Convincing	15%
	[vol] Don't know	5%
Q28D. Citizens of each state of the United States can vote for president. But Puerto Ricans on the Island do not have a vote for President, and, therefore have almost no influence on the White House. [SPLIT B]	Very Convincing	49%
	Somewhat Convincing	26%
	Not at all Convincing	21%
	[vol] Don't know	4%
Q28E. People are leaving Puerto Rico because there are not enough good jobs that support families. Making Puerto Rico a state of the United States will help working families in Puerto Rico.	Very Convincing	53%
	Somewhat Convincing	28%
	Not at all Convincing	16%
	[vol] Don't know	4%
Q28F. Residents of Puerto Rico deserve a level playing field with the same legal rights and benefits as other United States citizens in the States. Since residents of the Island are subject to all federal laws and pay Social Security and Medicare taxes, it is only fair that we grant Puerto Rico statehood and level the playing field so they can vote and have representation in Washington, D.C.	Very Convincing	68%
	Somewhat Convincing	20%
	Not at all Convincing	9%
	[vol] Don't know	3%
Q28G. Even though residents of Puerto Rico pay Medicaid and Medicare taxes, they don't get the same level of benefits as residents living in the States. For example, the state of Oregon receives five times as much Medicaid funding from the federal government. We need to level the playing field so that low income United States citizens in Puerto Rico receive equal federal health care benefits as United States citizens in the States.	Very Convincing	65%
	Somewhat Convincing	17%
	Not at all Convincing	14%
	[vol] Don't know	4%
Q28H. It is wrong that leaders in the U.S. are so focused on providing a legal path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants while doing nothing to support full citizenship rights for United States citizens living in Puerto Rico. As already United States citizens, we deserve the same rights as all citizens.	Very Convincing	60%
	Somewhat Convincing	26%
	Not at all Convincing	10%
	[vol] Don't know	4%

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If Puerto Rico became a state of the United States, English may be required to become an official language of Puerto Rico, and Puerto Rico would run the risk of losing some of its unique cultural identity.

Q29. Is this a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing reason to oppose Puerto Rico becoming a state?	Very convincing	18%
	Somewhat convincing	18%
	Total Convincing	35%
	Not too convincing	15%
	Not at all convincing	46%
	Total Not Convincing	61%
	[vol] Don't know / Refused	4%
Q30. Do you favor or oppose making Puerto Rico the 51st state, a full and equal part of the United States?	Strongly favor	66%
	Somewhat favor	17%
	Total Favor	83%
	Somewhat oppose	5%
	Strongly oppose	9%
	Total Oppose	15%
	[vol] Don't know	3%

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Q31. Sex	Male	42%
	Female	58%
Q32. Age	18-34	21%
	35-49	30%
	50-64	26%
	65+	22%
	[vol] Refused	1%
Q33. Do you consider yourself Democrat, Republican, or an Independent?	Democrat	50%
	Indep/lean Democrat	6%
	Republican	18%
	Indep/lean Republican	4%
	Independent	18%
	[vol] Other/Don't Know	5%
Q34. Are you married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have never been married?	Married	56%
	Separated/Divorced	13%
	Widowed	8%
	Never married/single	21%
	[vol] Refused/Don't Know	1%
Q35. What was the last year of education you completed?	Less than high school	9%
	High school graduate	19%
	Some college	27%
	College graduate	31%
	Post college	13%
	[vol] Refused	1%
Q36. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?	Yes	34%
	No	65%
	[vol] Refused	1%
Q37. Do you consider yourself a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?	Very liberal	11%
	Somewhat liberal	12%
	Moderate	37%
	Somewhat conservative	19%
	Very conservative	15%
	[vol] Don't Know / Refused	5%

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Q38. Thinking about news and information, which of the following is your primary source of news?	Television news channels	41%
	Cable news channels	25%
	Newspapers	5%
	Radio	6%
	Social media, like Facebook	21%
	[vol] Don't Know / Refused	3%
Q39. And do you primarily watch or read news that is in English or Spanish?	English	72%
	Spanish	25%
	[vol] Don't Know / Refused	3%
Q40. How long has it been since you and your family left Puerto Rico and moved to the mainland, or have you lived on the mainland your entire life?	Less than five years	5%
	5-10 years	7%
	More than 10 years	57%
	Lived on the mainland my whole life	30%
	[vol] Don't know / refused	2%
Q41. When you lived in Puerto Rico, did you vote in elections? [ASKED IF 'LESS THAN FIVE YEARS' IN Q40; N=34]	Yes	70%
	No	30%
	[vol] Don't Know	0%
Q42. Which candidates did you generally vote for? [ASKED IF 'YES' IN Q41; N=23]	Candidates who supported statehood	63%
	Candidates who supported keeping Puerto Rico as a Commonwealth territory	32%
	Candidates who supported making Puerto Rico an independent nation	4%
Q43. How often, if ever, do you send money to family and friends in Puerto Rico?	Weekly or more frequently	1%
	2-3 times per month	2%
	Once a month	6%
	A few times a year	8%
	Once a year or less	7%
	Never	74%
	[vol] Don't Know / Refused	1%
Q44. About how much money do you typically send? [ASKED IF NOT 'NEVER' OR 'DON'T KNOW/ REFUSED' IN Q43; N=170]	Less than \$50	14%
	\$51-\$100	29%
	\$101-\$200	23%
	\$201-\$300	12%
	\$300-\$500	9%
	\$500 or more	3%
	[vol] Don't Know / Refused	11%

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Q45. What is the main reason you moved to the mainland? [OPEN-ENDED]	Not enough decent jobs or economic opportunity in Puerto Rico	26%
	Better future for family in the States	20%
	Moved here as a child	12%
	Had family and friends already move here	12%
	Better/more affordable health care in the States	5%
	Military	4%
	High crime rate in Puerto Rico	3%
	Frustrated with corruption/incompetence of Puerto Rican government and politicians	0%
	Can vote for Congress and the President / have real representation here	0%
	Didn't move here / Born here	16%
	Other	7%
	[vol] Don't Know / refused	2%
Q46. Would you ever consider moving back to Puerto Rico?	Yes	22%
	No	65%
	Depends	11%
		[vol] Don't know / refused
Q47. How long have you lived in Florida, or have you lived in Florida your entire life?	Less than five years	7%
	5-10 years	13%
	More than 10 years	66%
	Lived in Florida my whole life	13%
		[vol] Don't know / refused
Q52. Region	Ft. Myers	1%
	North Florida	3%
	Miami - Ft. Lauderdale	15%
	Central & Space Coast	58%
	Bay Area	19%
	Palm Beach	4%
Q54. Media Market	Ft. Myers - Naples	1%
	Gainesville	0%
	Jacksonville	3%
	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale	15%
	Mobile-Pensacola	0%
	Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne	58%
	Panama City	0%
	Tallahassee- Thomasville	0%
	Tampa-St. Pete	19%
	West Palm Beach - Ft. Pierce	4%
	Dothan	0%

****Due to rounding, "totals" of the individual components may differ by +/-1.**