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1. What is the biggest problem facing Puerto Rico today—the one that affects you and your family the most?

	November 2006
Economy	28%
Crime/Drugs	25
Politics/Government/Corruption	20
Unemployment	10
Cost of living	9
Taxes	6
Health care	2
Puerto Rico's Status (indecision)	2
Low salaries	2
Sense of security/stability	1
Education	1
Poor streets	-
Everything (unspecified)	1
(Nothing)	3
(Other)	6
(Not sure/refused)	1

2. Concerning the economy, how would you rate the present general business conditions in your area:

	Good	Normal	Bad	(Not sure/ Refused)
November 2006	8%	30	61	1
November 2004	21%	45	32	2
August 2004	11%	43	44	2
December 2003	14%	43	42	1
November 2003	13%	43	42	2

3. Six months from now, do you think general business conditions in your area will be:

	Better	The same	Worse	(Not sure/ Refused)
November 2006	19%	27	47	7
November 2004	49%	32	5	14
August 2004	31%	43	13	13
December 2003	20%	45	25	10
November 2003	21%	46	24	10

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4. What would you say about available jobs in your area right now? Are there:

	Plenty of jobs	Not so many jobs	Jobs are hard to get	(Not sure/Refused)
November 2006	8%	23	66	3
November 2004	17%	27	52	4
August 2004	11%	26	60	3
December 2003	8%	22	66	4
November 2003	10%	24	64	2

5. Six months from now, do you think there will be:

	More jobs	The same number	Fewer jobs	(Not sure/Refused)
November 2006	13%	24	58	5
November 2004	45%	31	10	14
August 2004	29%	37	20	15
December 2003	20%	37	35	8
November 2003	22%	38	32	8

6. Six months from now, do you think your total family income will be:

	Higher	The same	Lower	(Not sure/Refused)
November 2006	12%	61	25	2
November 2004	29%	61	5	5
August 2004	25%	61	9	5
December 2003	18%	64	12	6
November 2003	19%	64	13	3

7. As you know, the government has instituted a 7% sales tax. Do you think this will cause people to buy less, buy more, or buy about the same amount?

	November 2006
Buy less	52%
Buy more	4
Buy the same amount	42
(Not sure/refused)	2

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8. How about you and your own family: will the sales tax cause you to buy less, buy more, or buy about the same amount?

	November 2006
Buy less	51%
Buy more	1
Buy the same amount	47
(Not sure/refused)	1

9. Have you ever lived on the mainland US?

	November 2006
Yes	46%
No	54
(Not sure/refused)	-

10. Have you ever considered moving to the mainland?

	November 2006
Yes	42%
No	58

11. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair or poor, how would you rate the job that Anibal Acevedo Vila has done as Governor of Puerto Rico?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Not sure/ Refused)
November 2006	7%	20	32	41	1

12. On the same scale, how would you rate the job that Luis Fortuño has done as Resident Commissioner?

	November 2006
Excellent	11%
Good	30
Only fair	44
Poor	10
(Not sure/refused)	5

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Before we discuss specific candidates who might run for Governor I'd like to get some general ideas from you about what kind of person would make the best governor. I'm going to read you two phrases, please tell me which one describes your idea of a good governor better.

13. A. A strong leader who makes up his mind and gets people to follow  
B. A moderator who tries to listen to all sides and work out compromise solutions

Strongly feel statement A describes a good governor	28%
Somewhat feel statement A describes a good governor	3
Somewhat feel statement B describes a good governor	13
Strongly feel statement B describes a good governor	52
(Neither/Equal)	2
(Not sure/refused)	2

14. A. A man of action  
B. An innovative thinker

Strongly feel statement A describes a good governor	57%
Somewhat feel statement A describes a good governor	6
Somewhat feel statement B describes a good governor	7
Strongly feel statement B describes a good governor	23
(Neither/Equal)	3
(Not sure/refused)	3

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15. A. Someone who tries out new ideas  
 B. Someone who tries to manage the existing institutions better

Strongly feel statement A describes a good governor	37%
Somewhat feel statement A describes a good governor	5
Somewhat feel statement B describes a good governor	10
Strongly feel statement B describes a good governor	41
(Neither/Equal)	4
(Not sure/refused)	3

16. A. A person who has come up through the political system  
 B. A person who has spent most of his life outside the political system

Strongly feel statement A describes a good governor	56%
Somewhat feel statement A describes a good governor	8
Somewhat feel statement B describes a good governor	7
Strongly feel statement B describes a good governor	21
(Neither/Equal)	3
(Not sure/refused)	5

17. When you think of the prominent PNP leaders, which one do you personally identify with most as the one who should be leader of the party?

	<b>November 2006</b>
Luis Fortuño	49%
Pedro Rosello	28
Jorge Santini	4
Carlos Romero Barcelo	3
Carlos Pesquera	2
Norma Burgos	1
Kenneth McKlintock	-
Leo Diaz	-
Ramon (Luis) Rivera	-
Anibal Acevedo Vila	-
(Someone else, specify)	-
(Not sure/refused)	11

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18. Let's say you were asked to choose the next candidate for the PNP runs for Governor, who would you choose if the candidates were:

	November 2006
Jorge Santini	9%
Pedro Rosello	27
Luis Fortuno	51
Leo Diaz	2
Ramon Luis Rivera, Jr.	8
(Neither)	2
(Not sure/refused)	1

19. For whom would you vote if the candidates are:

	November 2006
Jorge Santini	11%
Pedro Rosello	28
Luis Fortuño	58
(Neither/None)	3
(Not sure/refused)	1

20. Why would you favor that candidate?

	November 2006
New face/person/Young candidate	26%
He is honest/Good character/Intelligent/ Trustworthy/Firm/Responsible/Decent	22
Experience/Did a good job when in office/Made progress when was in office	21
Does good work/Seems like will do a good job/Good for country	10
Good candidate/Better than others/The best option/Most capable	8
Has good ideas/I like the way they think	8
Way of being/Image projected (unspecified)	2
Motivated/Active/Effective	2
Give him a chance/no reason/need change	1
Is my candidate/From my party/Part of the party I am with	-
Is pro-Statehood (Estadidad)	-
Works [well] with Washington, D.C.	-
(Other)	8
(Not sure/refused)	1

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21. If your candidate decided not to run, who would be your second choice?

	<b>November 2006</b>
Jorge Santini	44%
Pedro Rosello	17
Luis Fortuno	17
(Neither)	17
(Not sure/refused)	4

22. Thinking far ahead to the election for Governor in November 2008, for whom would you vote if the candidates are:

	<b>November 2006</b>
PNP Luis Fortuño	53%
PDP Anibal Acevedo Vila	23
PIP Ruben Berrios	3
(Undecided)	21

23. Why would you favor that candidate?

	<b>November 2006</b>
New face/person/Young candidate	19%
Good candidate/Better than others/The best option/Most capable	16
He is honest/Good character/Intelligent/Trustworthy/Firm/Responsible/Decent	15
Does good work/Seems like will do a good job/Good for country	14
Is my candidate/From my party	9
Give him a chance/No reason/Need change	8
Experience/Did a good job when in office/There was progress when was in office	5
Has good ideas/I like the way they think	5
Motivated/Active/Effective	4
Is Pro-Statehood (Estadidad)	3
His way of being/Image projected (unspecified)	1
Works [well] with Washington, D.C.	1
I know him/her	-
(Other)	10
(Not sure/refused)	1

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24. How certain are you that you would actually vote for that candidate:

	<b>November 2006</b>
Absolutely certain	55%
Certain	17
Likely	15
Only somewhat certain, or	6
Do you just lean toward the candidate?	7
(Not sure/refused)	1

25. What might persuade you not to vote for that candidate?

	<b>November 2006</b>
If they change their politicians/do something I disagree with	23%
If there was a better candidate running	16
If they decided not to run	12
If they don't fulfill their promises/show no work ethic	7
If they're involved in corruption	5
(Nothing)	14
(Other)	13
(Not sure/refused)	11

26. Which candidate, Luis Fortuño or Pedro Rossello, do you think offers the PNP its best chance of winning the governorship in 2008?

	<b>November 2006</b>
Fortuño	65%
Rossello	27
(Equal)	3
(Not sure/refused)	4

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27. If there were another status plebiscite and you had to choose, would you choose:

	Statehood for Puerto Rico	Keeping things as they are now	Moving toward independence for Puerto Rico	(Not sure)
November 2006	50%	38	6	6

28. Why would you vote that way?

	November 2006
Everything would be better/Improvement/Better living conditions/jobs/More opportunities	43%
It's fine how it is/No change is needed	16
Independence is an uncertainty	6
Freedom	4
Statehood is uncertain	4
That's just how I think/Always had that opinion	4
Would end up having more taxes	1
(Other)	20
(Not sure/refused)	2

29. Let's say it is true that Puerto Rico has to choose statehood or independence. Knowing this, will you choose:

	Statehood	Independence	(Not sure)
November 2006	74%	12	14
November 2004	67%	17	16
August 2004	71%	15	13
December 2003	77%	13	10
November 2003	75%	11	13
December 2002	80%	11	9
November 2001	77%	12	12

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30. If the US Congress sponsored a referendum offering statehood to the people of Puerto Rico, how would you vote?

	November 2006
Yes, for statehood	67%
No, against statehood	23
(Not sure/refused)	10

31. Have you followed the debate over immigration that is currently going on in the US congress?

	November 2006
Yes	62%
No	33
(Not sure/Refused)	4

32. Do you think there is any chance that congress might limit the rights of Puerto Ricans to move to the US mainland, even though they are American citizens?

	November 2006
Yes	34%
No	60
(Not sure/Refused)	7

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements. (If agree/disagree):  
 Is that strongly, or somewhat?

33. Abortion should be legal.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	(Not sure/Refused)
November 2006	11%	7	5	73	3

34. Minors should be required to notify their parents if they want an abortion.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	(Not sure/Refused)
November 2006	81%	4	1	12	2

35. Marriage has to be between a man and a woman.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	(Not sure/Refused)
November 2006	88%	3	3	4	2

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36. Prayer should be allowed in public schools.

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>(Not sure/ Refused)</b>
November 2006	76%	10	4	7	2

37. Displaying the Ten Commandments on government property should be allowed.

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Somewhat agree</b>	<b>Somewhat disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>(Not sure/ Refused)</b>
November 2006	63%	12	6	14	5

38. Do you favor or oppose the presence of the military in Puerto Rico? (If favor/oppose) Is that strongly, or only somewhat?

	<b>November 2006</b>
Strongly favor	52%
Somewhat favor	16
Somewhat oppose	5
Strongly oppose	20
(Not sure/refused)	8

39. On a scale of A, B, C, D, or Fail, how would you rate the Puerto Rican public schools?

	<b>November 2006</b>
A	6%
B	12
C	38
D	18
Fail	22
(Not sure/refused)	4

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40. What would be the one thing that would most improve the public school system?

	November 2006
Improve qualification of teachers/quality of schools	19%
Have parents more involved, helping teachers	7
Need more federal help	6
Have more teachers/substitutes	6
For teachers to have more dedication to the kids	4
Have better administration	4
Ensure peoples safety in schools/more security	4
Have more materials/equipment/PCs	3
Remove politics from the school system	3
Increase teacher authority	3
Have more/better discipline	3
Have teachers work more	2
Increase teachers pay	2
Revise curriculum	2
Teach English	1
Have more teacher supervision	1
More maintenance	1
Would have to privatize them	1
More communication in the school system	1
More community involvement	-
Have less bureaucracy	-
(Nothing)	1
(Other)	16
(Not sure/refused)	9

41. Do you happen to have any children in the public school system?

	November 2006
Yes	22%
No/Refused	78

42. On a scale of A, B, C, D, or Fail, how would you rate your own child's public school?

	November 2006
A	19%
B	30
C	32
D	10
Fail	8
(Not sure/refused)	2

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Some people have proposed changes in the public school system. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of these changes.

43. Instituting a system of charter schools which would be public schools that are privately managed and exempt from most of the union rules and other regulations that public school must obey

	<b>Strongly favor</b>	<b>Somewhat favor</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>(Not sure/ Refused)</b>
November 2006	40%	17	8	22	13

44. Giving parents vouchers so they could pay for private schools for their children.

	<b>Strongly favor</b>	<b>Somewhat favor</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>(Not sure/ Refused)</b>
November 2006	37%	14	10	32	7

45. Require all public schools to teach English so that students are bilingual by the time they graduate from high school.

	<b>Strongly favor</b>	<b>Somewhat favor</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>(Not sure/ Refused)</b>
November 2006	89%	6	2	2	2