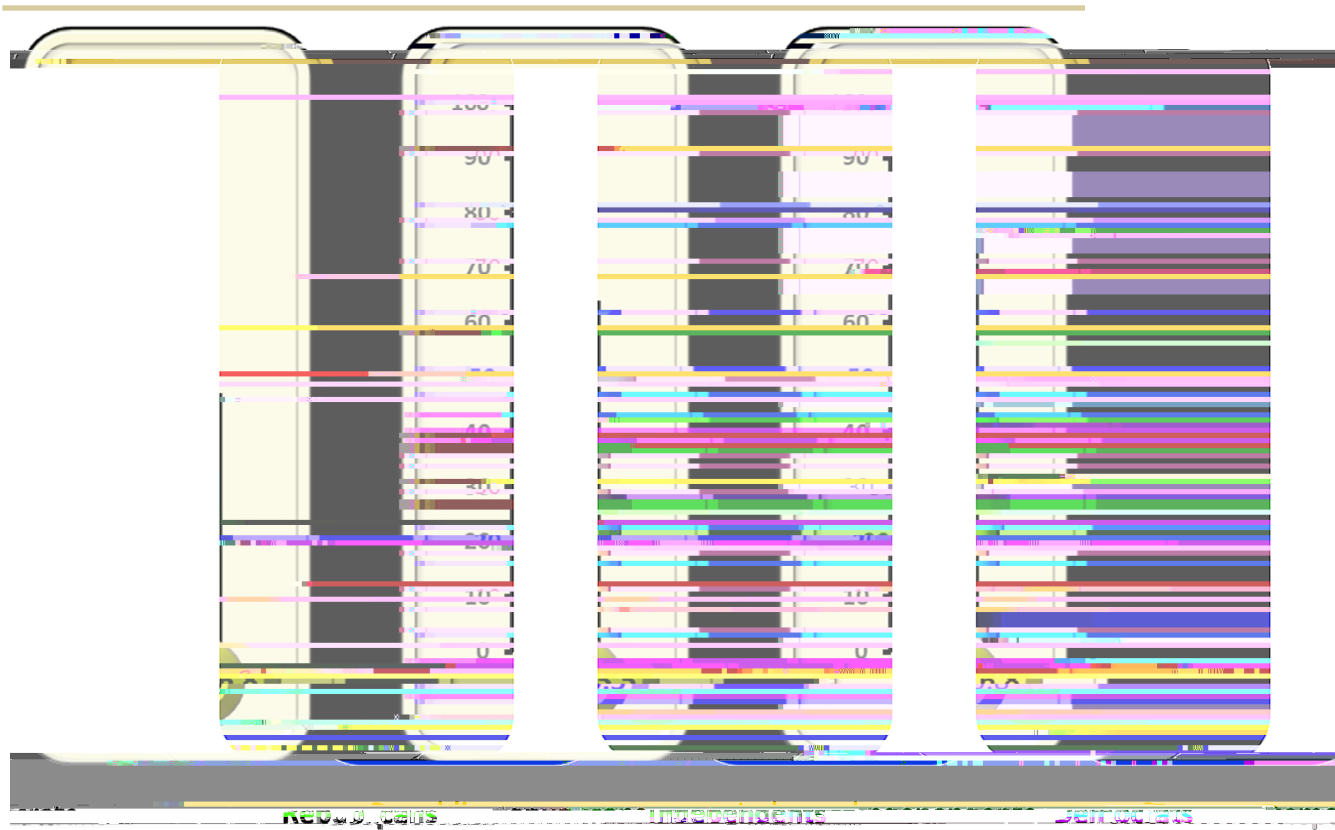




Feelings toward raising the minimum wage differed notably based on partisan affiliation. Democrats reported significantly “warmer” feelings toward the proposal, while Republicans reported much “colder” feelings (Figure 2). Average responses for Independents were centered between the two.

Part Differences in Feelings Toward Raising the Minimum Wage



Source: 2019 Sunshine State Survey

Feelings toward raising the minimum wage also differed by age, with younger Floridians reporting significantly “warmer” feelings, which grew incrementally “colder” for each subsequent age cohort (Table 1). Intensity in favor of raising the minimum wage was highest among those between 18 and 29 years of age, with more than two-thirds in that age group reporting a “feeling” of 67 or higher. In contrast, feelings toward raising the minimum wage were “coldest” among those 50 years of age and older, with nearly a third of individuals in this age bracket reporting a “feeling” of less than 33.

Generational Differences in Feeling Toward Raising the Minimum Wage

Mean		Coldest	Middle	Warmest
Age Group	Thermometer	Rating		
18-29	64.3	72.6	22.6	22.7
30-49	42.0	18.6	23.0	23.0
50+	43.6	55.6	29.8	26.6

Source: 2019 Sunshine State Survey

Racial and ethnic minorities also reported significantly “warmer” feelings toward raising the minimum wage (Table 2). African Americans had a 20 point higher average thermometer rating than whites, and three-quarters of African American respondents rated their feelings in the top range, compared to just less than half of whites. Hispanic respondents also had a significantly higher average thermometer rating than non-Hispanics, though this difference was only half as large as that between African Americans and whites.



The survey results are not predictive and do not provide a clear indication of what to expect from the November

