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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Data for Progress
DATE: July 20, 2021
RE: Florida's 20th Congressional District Special Primary Election 2021

Executive Summary

In early July 2021, Data for Progress conducted a poll of likely Democratic Primary voters in Florida's 20th Congressional District and found that State Representative Omari Hardy is the most viable progressive candidate in a race that is largely breaking down by geography – with a plurality of voters still undecided. Hardy is the only Palm Beach candidate making inroads in Broward and, with a consolidated progressive field, has a clear path to victory.

Response	Topline	Broward County	Palm Beach County
Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick	6	7	4
Bobby DuBose	5	5	3
Omari Hardy	10	4	23
Dale Holness	17	24	1
Priscilla Taylor	6	1	18
Perry Thurston	8	12	1
Barbara Sharief	14	17	5
Emmanuel Morel	0	1	0
Matt Boswell	0	0	0
Another candidate	5	5	5
No one	29	24	40
Weighted N	314	217	97

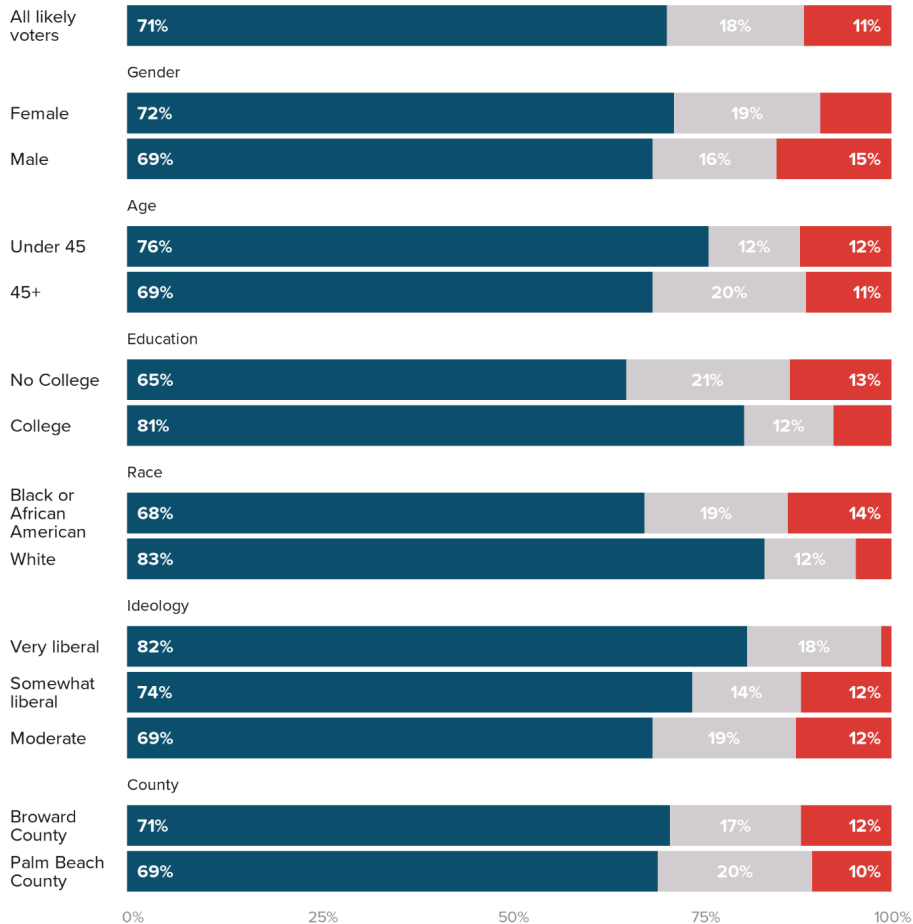
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The polling also shows that despite large sugar producers being a major donor to many elected officials across Florida, this is an issue where those officials are out of line with all aspects of their voter base. Representative Hardy’s consistent challenging of big sugar presents an opportunity to distinguish him from a field of candidates who claim to be progressive while many of whom are beholden to a major corporate interest.

In 2019, a federal lawsuit was filed on behalf of residents of agricultural communities in Palm Beach county against large sugar cane producers over the health effects of burning sugar cane fields. This lawsuit is ongoing.

Thinking about this, which statement comes closest to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

<p>I support this lawsuit. The farming practices of large sugar producers have caused years of dangerous air pollution that make residents sicker and sicker every day, without facing any consequences. These large corporations should be held accountable for their actions.</p>	<p>Don't know</p>	<p>I oppose this lawsuit. These large sugar producers employ thousands of residents and burning sugar cane fields is cheaper than the alternative. They should continue to burn fields if it means people get to keep their jobs, even if residents are exposed to pollution.</p>
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Conclusion

Our polling makes it clear that in the early stages of this special primary election, Representative Hardy has a path specifically through progressive consolidation along with his ability to win large percentages in Palm Beach County while staying competitive in Broward. As a plurality of these likely voters are still undecided, there is room for movement in these initial numbers – and were progressive groups to consolidate behind a single candidate, they could easily be the determinative force in this race.

Methodology

From July 6th to July 7th 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 314 likely Democratic primary special election voters in Florida's 20th Congressional District using SMS respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish. The margin of error is ± 5 percentage points.