

CIVITAS INSTITUTE / NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE STUDY / FEBRUARY 1-3, 2015

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DEFEND THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION	309 51%	68 49%	38 52%	35 51%	61 53%	77 56%	29 45%	155 54%	154 49%	19 42%	57 55%	91 51%	63 54%	78 50%	127 66% PQ	109 42%	72 48%	26 22%	98 43% R	176 77% RS	68 49%	221 52%	17 56%
ACCEPT THE FEDERAL JUDGE'S RULING	238 40%	64 46% f	28 38%	27 40%	41 36%	48 34%	29 46%	113 39%	124 40%	22 47%	41 41%	75 42%	45 39%	54 35%	49 25%	123 48% O	66 44% O	83 69% ST	109 47% T	37 16%	54 39%	172 40%	10 33%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	53 9%	8 6%	7 10%	7 9%	12 10%	14 10%	6 9%	19 7%	34 11%	5 10%	4 4%	13 7%	9 7%	23 15% KlM	16 8%	25 10%	12 8%	12 10%	23 10%	16 7%	16 12%	33 8%	3 12%

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