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North Carolina March 2017

Interview Schedule

N = 600 Registered Voters (30% Cell Phones)

Margin of Error: +/- 4.00%

Field Dates: March 16, 18-19, 2017

(ASK ALL)

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address?

100% Yes (**CONTINUE**)

2. Do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
31%	31%	Right Direction
55%	52%	Wrong Track
13%	17%	Don't Know/Unsure (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	Refused (DO NOT READ)

4/16	5/16	6/16	9/16	10/16	
31%	36%	34%	39%	34%	Right Dir.
58%	54%	57%	48%	54%	Wrong Track
10%	10%	9%	13%	11%	DK (DNR)
--	*	*	--	1%	Ref. (DNR)

5/13	6/13	10/13	12/13	1/14	3/14	4/14	5/14	6/14	9/14	10/14	2/15	3/15	7/15	10/15	11/15	
41%	40%	33%	31%	29%	32%	29%	33%	31%	29%	31%	42%	38%	39%	37%	39%	Right Dir.
46%	53%	57%	57%	60%	57%	60%	59%	59%	58%	55%	47%	48%	47%	46%	51%	Wrong Track
13%	7%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%	7%	10%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	17%	10%	DK (DNR)
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1/11	2/11	3/11	5/11	7/11	9/11	10/11	1/12	2/12	5/12	7/12	9/12	11/12	1/13	2/13	3/13	4/13	
34%	33%	36%	31%	28%	25%	23%	27%	24%	24%	25%	34%	35%	38%	37%	39%	37%	Right Dir.
54%	53%	50%	57%	60%	62%	63%	57%	58%	62%	63%	53%	50%	41%	50%	46%	48%	Wrong Track
12%	14%	15%	13%	11%	12%	13%	16%	17%	14%	12%	12%	15%	21%	12%	15%	15%	DK (DNR)
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3. If the 2018 election for North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you be voting for the: (ROTATE)

2/17	3/17	
37%	35%	Republican candidate
42%	40%	Democratic candidate
10%	10%	Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
10%	13%	Don't Know/Undecided/Need More Info (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

4/16	5/16	6/16	9/16	10/16	
38%	41%	41%	41%	42%	Rep candidate
45%	41%	41%	43%	40%	Dem candidate
7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	Neither (DNR)
10%	11%	8%	10%	10%	DK (DNR)
*	*	*	1%	1%	Ref. (DNR)

4/13	5/13	10/13	12/13	1/14	4/14	5/14	6/14	9/14	10/14	2/15	3/15	7/15	10/15	11/15	
38%	39%	37%	39%	39%	41%	41%	42%	40%	42%	37%	37%	34%	39%	36%	Rep candidate
42%	42%	38%	42%	39%	44%	39%	45%	43%	42%	40%	39%	38%	39%	38%	Dem candidate
6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	7%	6%	11%	8%	9%	Neither (DNR)
13%	13%	18%	14%	18%	12%	15%	11%	15%	12%	15%	18%	16%	14%	16%	DK (DNR)
1%	1%	1%	--	--	--	1%	--	--	2%	1%	--	--	--	--	Ref. (DNR)

1/11	2/11	3/11	5/11	7/11	9/11	10/11	1/12	2/12	5/12	7/12	9/12	11/12	1/13	2/13	3/13	
44%	39%	39%	40%	40%	38%	36%	38%	40%	43%	45%	41%	46%	40%	37%	43%	Rep candidate
36%	38%	37%	34%	36%	31%	36%	36%	37%	41%	42%	44%	44%	40%	41%	35%	Dem candidate
6%	8%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%	7%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	6%	6%	7%	Neither (DNR)
13%	14%	15%	22%	17%	23%	20%	17%	17%	12%	10%	11%	5%	13%	14%	15%	DK (DNR)
1%	1%	--	--	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Ref. (DNR)

Now I am going to read you a list of people and organizations active in politics or in the news. After I read each name, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or organization. If you have never heard of them, just tell me and we'll go on to the next one...the (first/next) one is...(RANDOMIZE)

	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	HRD OF/ NO OPIN	NEVER HRD OF
4. Donald Trump								
3/17	49%	47%	29%	20%	7%	40%	3%	*
2/17	46%	48%	30%	16%	7%	42%	6%	*
6/16	43%	53%	22%	20%	6%	47%	4%	1%
4/16	30%	65%	13%	18%	13%	52%	5%	--

5. Roy Cooper								
3/17	50%	31%	25%	25%	12%	20%	15%	4%
2/17	51%	31%	27%	24%	11%	20%	15%	3%
6/16	32%	25%	13%	19%	10%	16%	24%	19%
5/16	36%	23%	16%	20%	9%	14%	21%	20%
4/16	35%	20%	15%	20%	10%	11%	20%	25%
11/15	30%	15%	14%	16%	8%	7%	24%	31%
10/15	52%	17%	18%	34%	9%	8%	23%	8%
7/15	38%	17%	11%	27%	8%	9%	30%	15%

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Now, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of ... **(ROTATE)**

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strong Approve	Smwt Approve	Smwt Disapp.	Strong Disapp	Don't Know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
6. ... the job that Donald Trump is doing as President?								
3/17	49%	46%	29%	20%	6%	40%	5%	--
2/17	46%	46%	29%	16%	8%	39%	8%	--
7. ... the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor?								
3/17	50%	27%	23%	27%	12%	16%	22%	--
2/17	50%	26%	22%	28%	11%	15%	25%	--
8. ... the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare?"								
3/17	47%	45%	26%	20%	10%	35%	8%	--
2/17	46%	46%	27%	18%	10%	36%	8%	--

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9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Even though I may not approve of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President, I do like some of the actions he is taking?"

23% Total Agree
71% Total Disagree
 9% Strongly Agree
 14% Somewhat Agree
 10% Somewhat Disagree
 61% Strongly Disagree
 6% Undecided/Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
 -- Refused (DO NOT READ)

(ASK ALL)

Now thinking about healthcare...

10. Do you support or oppose the repeal of Obamacare?

49% Total Support
45% Total Oppose
 36% Strongly Support
 13% Somewhat Support
 9% Somewhat Oppose
 36% Strongly Oppose
 6% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
 * Refused (DO NOT READ)

11. In order to expand Medicaid in North Carolina, the federal government will have to borrow another \$3 billion dollars a year. Knowing that information Do you support or oppose North Carolina expanding Medicaid?

54% Total Support
32% Total Oppose
 34% Strongly Support
 20% Somewhat Support
 10% Somewhat Oppose
 22% Strongly Oppose
 13% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

* Refused (DO NOT READ)

12. In addition to increased federal borrowing and spending, North Carolina taxpayers would have to soon spend another \$600 million a year for the state's share. This is money that comes from the same fund which supports education and public safety. Knowing that information, do you support or oppose North Carolina expanding Medicaid?

49% Total Support

39% Total Oppose

28% Strongly Support

20% Somewhat Support

13% Somewhat Oppose

25% Strongly Oppose

11% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

And moving on to other issues...

13. In 2005, the North Carolina State Legislature passed a law that allows for the sale and distribution of beer with a higher alcohol content. This legislation created a fast-growing microbrewery industry resulting in over 150 new microbreweries and new jobs in small communities across the state. Do you think state lawmakers should continue to reform regulations to encourage the continued growth of the industry?

60% Yes

28% No

11% Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

14. Currently, any microbrewery in the state that produces more than 25,000 (twenty-five thousand) barrels in one year is forced, by law, to give up their marketing and distribution rights to a third-party wholesale distributor. Do you support or oppose this distribution cap requiring microbreweries to relinquish their right to self-distribute their product?

18% Total Support

62% Total Oppose

9% Strongly Support

9% Somewhat Support

16% Somewhat Oppose

46% Strongly Oppose

20% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

15. When it comes to regulating the sale of beer in North Carolina, which of the following comes closer to your own opinion. (ROTATE)

78% Beer producers should be allowed to self-distribute and maintain their branding rights to the retailer of their choice as-long-as they follow the laws governing the sale.

6% The State should require beer producers to use a third party distributor who is paid to distribute their beer and will require the brewery to give up control of their branding rights and decisions of who and how their beer is sold to retailers.

16% Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

16. For a long time, there has been confusion over who controls K-12 (kay through twelve) public education in North Carolina. To your knowledge, which of the following entities controls education in North Carolina? (RANDOMIZE)

- 14% My local school board
- 12% The Legislature
- 6% The Governor
- 33% State Board of Education
- 7% State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 7% North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- 19% Unsure/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

17. In your opinion, which of the following SHOULD control K-12 (kay through twelve) education in North Carolina? (RANDOMIZE)

- 9% Parents
- 25% My local School Board
- 2% The Legislature
- 4% The Governor
- 32% State Board of Education
- 7% State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 7% North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- 14% Unsure/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

18. In your opinion, should North Carolina government help labor unions by withholding union dues from state worker paychecks so the unions do not have to collect the money manually?

- 20% Yes
- 61% No
- 18% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

19. And regardless of your opinion on whether the state should or should not withhold dues for Unions, if North Carolina continues to withhold union dues from state workers' paychecks, should state government charge the unions a fee for this service?

- 45% Yes
- 39% No
- 16% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

20. There is a proposal to change the law in North Carolina, so that 16 and 17-year-olds would no longer be tried as adults in the state justice system, but rather as juveniles. This would not apply to violent crimes, however. This would be determined by the charges actually filed against the person, not the crime committed. Do you support or oppose North Carolina raising the age to be tried as an adult to 18 years of age for non-violent crimes?

- 70% Total Support**
- 24% Total Oppose**
- 49% Strongly Support
- 21% Somewhat Support
- 8% Somewhat Oppose
- 17% Strongly Oppose
- 6% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

21. There is a proposal for an amendment to the North Carolina constitution that would prevent the legislature from increasing the income tax more than a half percent above the current rate. For example, currently the highest income tax rate in the state is 5.49 percent, so the Constitution would cap the rate to a maximum of 5.99%. If the rate were lowered to, say, 5 percent, then the new cap would become 5.5%. Would you support or oppose this amendment?

56% Total Support

29% Total Oppose

34% Strongly Support

22% Somewhat Support

10% Somewhat Oppose

19% Strongly Oppose

14% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

* Refused (DO NOT READ)

22. Recently, the NCAA, the ACC, and other non-profit organizations have participated in boycotts of North Carolina, by relocating events, due to their opinion on House Bill 2. In your opinion, should non-profit organizations lose their tax exempt status for participating in economic boycotts as a method of administering economic harm and lobbying lawmakers to achieve a political goal, such as the repeal of House Bill 2 in North Carolina?

38% Yes, should lose tax exempt status

50% No, should not lose tax exempt status

11% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

* Refused (DO NOT READ)

23. In your opinion, is House Bill 2 hurting the North Carolina economy?

69% Total Yes

49% Yes, Strongly

20% Yes, Somewhat

21% No

9% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)

* Refused (DO NOT READ)

24. Despite boycotts by entertainers and sports conferences, North Carolina's hotel occupancy rates set records in 2016. With that in mind, in your opinion, is House Bill 2 hurting the North Carolina economy?

58% Total Yes

39% Yes, Strongly

19% Yes, Somewhat

31% No

11% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

25. In 2016 North Carolina was rated the 2nd best state for business by Forbes Magazine and the 3rd best state for business by Chief Executive Magazine. According to the Federal Reserve North Carolina had one of the fastest growing economies in the country and according to the North Carolina Department of Commerce added 80,000 new jobs in the last year. With that in mind, in your opinion, is House Bill 2 hurting the North Carolina economy?

53% Total Yes

36% Yes, Strongly

17% Yes, Somewhat

36% No

11% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

26. In your opinion, should citizens have a right to sue cities and counties over local ordinances that they feel are not within the authority of the local government to legislate or are unconstitutional?

59% Yes

25% No

15% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

* Refused (DO NOT READ)

27. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your views on international trade: (RANDOMIZE)

46% Free trade benefits all nations involved because both sides always gain from voluntary exchanges, and it allows consumers access to goods they desire at the lowest possible price.

10% Free trade hurts all nations involved because countries would be better off if they were self-sufficient and didn't trade at all.

27% Free trade hurts the wealthier nations involved because they lose jobs to poorer nations who pay lower wages.

16% Don't know/ Unsure/ Need more info (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

28. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your thoughts on imposing an additional tax or tariff on goods imported into the US from other countries: (ROTATE)

49% (Some/Other) people say that it will help the US economy because it will protect domestic manufacturers from foreign competition.

29% (Other/Some) people say that it will hurt the US economy because it will force domestic manufacturers to pay more for the imports they use, causing them to scale back on production. They also say it will force consumers to pay more for goods they need, causing them to scale back on consumption leading to further job losses.

21% Don't know/ Unsure/ Need more info (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

29. Do you believe that, during the presidential election, one or more federal agencies wiretapped the Trump offices in Trump Tower in New York?

29% Yes

49% No

22% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)

* Refused (DO NOT READ)

30. Do you believe the media have been fair in their coverage of President Trump?

- 41% Yes
- 52% No
- 7% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

31. How much longer do you think it will take for the economy to improve and the current recession to end? If you think the recession has ended just say so. (If Necessary: "Would you say...")

- 2% Under 6 months
- 13% Between 6 months and a year
- 20% Between 1 and 2 years
- 25% Over 2 years.
- 27% Recession has ended
- 12% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
- 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

2/15	7/15	11/15	6/16	10/16	
1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	Under 6 months
6%	5%	8%	7%	5%	Between 6 months and a year
17%	16%	25%	16%	20%	Between 1 and 2 years
48%	54%	41%	42%	37%	Over 2 years
21%	16%	14%	19%	17%	Recession has ended
7%	8%	9%	14%	18%	DK (DNR)
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5/11	9/11	3/12	7/12	1/13	5/13	12/13	1/14	3/14	4/14	6/14	9/14	10/14	
1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	Under 6 months
7%	3%	7%	4%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	6%	Between 6 months and a year
22%	24%	23%	21%	23%	19%	18%	17%	15%	18%	16%	16%	14%	Between 1 and 2 years
60%	62%	54%	62%	58%	54%	59%	62%	59%	58%	60%	54%	52%	Over 2 years
3%	1%	6%	3%	5%	10%	9%	7%	10%	11%	12%	10%	12%	Recession has ended
7%	8%	9%	9%	6%	9%	5%	7%	8%	9%	9%	13%	14%	DK (DNR)
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Now I just have a few questions for statistical purposes, and then we'll be finished....

32. First, in what year were you born? (Record exact year. 9999=Refused)

2/17	3/17	
1%	2%	18-25
10%	10%	26-40
28%	28%	41-55
21%	23%	56-65
33%	35%	66+
7%	2%	Refused

33. In terms of political party, do you identify more with (ROTATE) the Republican Party, the Democratic Party or something else?

2/17	3/17	
38%	41%	Total Republican
41%	34%	Total Democrat
28%	26%	Strong Republican
10%	15%	Not So Strong Republican
9%	8%	Not So Strong Democrat
31%	25%	Strong Democrat
20%	23%	Independent/Unaffiliated/Other
1%	2%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

34. Would you say you are a liberal or conservative in your political beliefs?

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
21%	21%	Total Liberal
31%	29%	Total Moderate
45%	47%	Total Conservative
11%	11%	Very Liberal
10%	11%	Somewhat Liberal
18%	23%	Somewhat Conservative
27%	24%	Very Conservative
2%	3%	Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

35. Which of the following phrases best describes your current employment status: (RANDOMIZE)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
4%	4%	Own or part owner of a business which employs people other than family members
8%	10%	Are Self Employed
25%	23%	Work for a Private Company
7%	9%	Work for Government
4%	4%	Are a Spouse (Homemaker)
42%	41%	Are Retired
7%	4%	Are Unemployed
3%	5%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

36. What is the highest level of schooling you completed?

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
3%	1%	Less than High School graduate
26%	25%	High school graduate
28%	28%	2 year College/ Technical school
29%	27%	4 year College graduate
14%	16%	Post-graduate
--	*	Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

37. Which category best describes your race or ethnicity? (RANDOMIZE)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
72%	70%	White or Caucasian
21%	23%	African-American or Black
3%	3%	Hispanic or Latino
2%	1%	Native American
*	1%	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	1%	Other (Specify)
1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

38. Gender (By observation)

48%	Men
52%	Women

39. Geographic Area (From Sample)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
20%	22%	Charlotte
14%	12%	Western
19%	19%	Piedmont Triad
20%	20%	Triangle
12%	10%	Northeast
15%	17%	Southeast

40. Party Reg (From Sample)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	
34%	34%	Republican
24%	24%	Independent/Other
42%	42%	Democrat

CELL PHONE SCREENERS:

(AT BEGINING OF THE SURVEY, ASK C1-C4 TO CELL PHONE RESPONDENTS ONLY)

- C1. Just to confirm, have I reached you on your cell phone?
100% Yes
- C2. And, for your safety, are you currently driving?
100% No
- C3. Do you currently live in North Carolina, or do you live in some other state?
100% North Carolina
- C4. Do you have a landline at home in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?
100% Cell phone is only telephone (**CONTINUE TO Q1**)