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## North Carolina Statewide April 2017

### Interview Schedule

N = 600 Registered Voters (30% Cell Phones)

Margin of Error: +/- 4.00%

Field Dates: April 20, 22-23, 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>	<u>4/17</u>	
31%	31%	38%	Right Direction
55%	52%	47%	Wrong Track
13%	17%	16%	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)

<b>2/17</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>4/17</b>	
37%	35%	34%	Republican candidate
42%	40%	38%	Democratic candidate
10%	10%	11%	Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
10%	13%	17%	Don't Know/Undecided/Need More Info (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	*	Refused (DO NOT READ)

<b>4/16</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>6/16</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>10/16</b>	
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)

<b>4/13</b>	<b>5/13</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>1/14</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>6/14</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>10/14</b>	<b>2/15</b>	<b>3/15</b>	<b>7/15</b>	<b>10/15</b>	<b>11/15</b>	
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)

<b>1/11</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>3/11</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>7/11</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>1/12</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>7/12</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>1/13</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>3/13</b>	
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								
<b>4/17</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>48%</b>	28%	17%	9%	39%	7%	*
<b>3/17</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>47%</b>	29%	20%	7%	40%	3%	*
<b>2/17</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>48%</b>	30%	16%	7%	42%	6%	*
<b>6/16</b>	43%	53%	22%	20%	6%	47%	4%	1%
<b>4/16</b>	30%	65%	13%	18%	13%	52%	5%	--

5. Roy Cooper								
<b>4/17</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>27%</b>	25%	28%	10%	17%	14%	5%
<b>3/17</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>31%</b>	25%	25%	12%	20%	15%	4%
<b>2/17</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>31%</b>	27%	24%	11%	20%	15%	3%
<b>6/16</b>	32%	25%	13%	19%	10%	16%	24%	19%
<b>5/16</b>	36%	23%	16%	20%	9%	14%	21%	20%
<b>4/16</b>	35%	20%	15%	20%	10%	11%	20%	25%
<b>11/15</b>	30%	15%	14%	16%	8%	7%	24%	31%
<b>10/15</b>	52%	17%	18%	34%	9%	8%	23%	8%
<b>7/15</b>	38%	17%	11%	27%	8%	9%	30%	15%

6. Josh Stein

	<b>17%</b>	<b>9%</b>	6%	11%	3%	6%	29%	45%
7.	Dan Forest							
	<b>23%</b>	<b>12%</b>	9%	15%	5%	7%	28%	37%
8.	Phil Berger							
	<b>13%</b>	<b>19%</b>	4%	9%	7%	12%	27%	40%
9.	US Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos							
	<b>26%</b>	<b>38%</b>	11%	15%	9%	29%	22%	15%

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)
10.	... the job that Donald Trump is doing as President?							
<b>4/17</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>46%</b>	28%	20%	9%	37%	6%	--
<b>3/17</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>46%</b>	29%	20%	6%	40%	5%	--
<b>2/17</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>46%</b>	29%	16%	8%	39%	8%	--
11.	... the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor?							
<b>4/17</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>24%</b>	25%	34%	11%	13%	17%	--
<b>3/17</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>27%</b>	23%	27%	12%	16%	22%	--
<b>2/17</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>26%</b>	22%	28%	11%	15%	25%	--

**(IF q10:3-6 ASK) (n=310)**

12. 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?"

<b>3/17</b>	<b>4/17</b>	
<b>23%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>Total Agree</b>
<b>71%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>
9%	6%	Strongly Agree
14%	22%	Somewhat Agree
10%	12%	Somewhat Disagree
61%	58%	Strongly Disagree
6%	2%	Undecided/Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
--	--	Refused (DO NOT READ)

**(ASK ALL)**

13. If President Trump and his administration could only accomplish ONE task during his presidency, what would you most want it to be ?

20%	Healthcare reform/ Fix/ Get rid of ObamaCare/ Affordable Healthcare/ Universal Healthcare
12%	Tax Reform/ Lower Taxes
10%	Keeping our county safe/ Avoid War/ Defeat ISIS
9%	Jobs/ Bring jobs to America/ Create jobs
7%	Immigration/ Reform Immigration/ Build the wall
6%	Impeachment/ Resign
3%	Budget/ Balanced Budget/ Stop wasteful spending
3%	Make America Great Again/ Make our nation great again
3%	Be honest/ Do the right thing/ Follow through with promises
3%	Economy/ Get economy straightened out
3%	Help people/ Help the middle class
3%	Education/ Improve education
3%	Help the elderly/ Social Security for elderly/ Medicaid for elderly
3%	Bring the country together/ Get Congress to work together
2%	Eliminate programs/ Get people off welfare
2%	Drain the swamp/ Clean out Washington/ Enact term limits
1%	Build the military/ Strengthen the military
1%	Environment/ Focus on environmental protection

1% Infrastructure/ Improvement to infrastructure  
 1% Supreme court/ Supreme Court Justice  
 \* Act like a President/ Stop acting like a child  
 3% Other  
 2% None/Nothing  
 5% Don't Know  
 2% Refused

14. How would you best describe current economic conditions in the United States?

3% Excellent  
 32% Good  
 45% Fair  
 19% Poor  
 1% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)  
 -- Refused (DO NOT READ)

15. Do you think economic conditions in the country are...

35% Getting Better  
 21% Getting Worse  
 39% Staying the same  
 4% Unsure/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)  
 \* Refused (DO NOT READ)

*Thinking about House Bill 2 for a moment...*

16. Do you support or oppose the recent legislation made by the North Carolina legislature that repealed House Bill 2?

**53% Total Support**  
**28% Total Oppose**  
 32% Strongly Support  
 20% Somewhat Support  
 8% Somewhat Oppose  
 20% Strongly Oppose  
 19% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)  
 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

17. Still thinking about that issue... In your own words, what are your thoughts on this legislation that repealed House Bill 2? (OPEN ENDED)

18% Agree/ Good idea to repeal (General)  
 14% Non-Issue/ Shouldn't have been an issue to begin with/ Shouldn't have passed the first time  
 13% Should have separate bathrooms/ Men should not be allowed in women's bathroom  
 11% Didn't go far enough/ Should have been a full repeal  
 10% Disagree/ Shouldn't have been repealed (General)  
 7% Don't know enough/ Need more information  
 6% Costing the state money/ State was losing money  
 4% LGBT community has rights/ Doesn't protect the rights of the LGBT community  
 3% Neutral/ Good and bad points (General)  
 3% Government shouldn't be involved with local issues  
 2% NCAA told them what to do/ Was blackmailed by the NCAA  
 3% Other  
 4% None/Nothing  
 6% Don't know  
 5% Refused

18. In your opinion, will the repeal of House Bill 2 improve North Carolina's Economy?

**61% Total Yes**  
 35% Yes, Strongly  
 26% Yes, Somewhat  
 24% No  
 15% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)  
 \* Refused (DO NOT READ)

19. Thinking about the recent repeal of House Bill 2, which of the following opinions comes closer to your own... (ROTATE)

38% (Some/Other) people say that Governor Roy Cooper and the state legislature were strong-armed into repealing House Bill 2 by groups like the NCAA, the ACC and others who boycotted the state over their dislike of the law.  
 34% (Other/Some) people say that Governor Roy Cooper and the state legislature repealed House Bill 2 because they felt the bill was a mistake.  
 10% Both (DO NOT READ)  
 5% Neither/Other (DO NOT READ)  
 12% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)  
 \* Refused (DO NOT READ)

20. Does the fact that Roy Cooper signed the repeal of House Bill 2 make you more or less likely to support him?

**40% Total More Likely**  
**26% Total Less Likely**  
 26% Much More Likely  
 14% Somewhat More Likely  
 8% Somewhat Less Likely  
 18% Much Less Likely  
 27% No Impact/ No Difference (DO NOT READ)  
 7% Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

*Turning to education in North Carolina...*

21. How much have you recently seen, read, or heard about a new program in some states called Education Saving Accounts, also known as ESAs... Would you say...

4% A great deal  
 12% A fair amount  
 28% Not too much  
 49% Nothing at all  
 7% Unsure/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)  
 -- Refused (DO NOT READ)

22. Education Savings Accounts or ESAs, involve the state placing government funds equal to a percentage of per pupil funding into an account for eligible families, and allows parents to use these funds to pay for their child's education expenses, including; tuition, tutoring testing, fees and books. Would you say you would support or oppose an Education Savings Account program?

**57% Total Support**  
**25% Total Oppose**  
 35% Strongly Support  
 22% Somewhat Support  
 8% Somewhat Oppose  
 17% Strongly Oppose

17% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)  
\* Refused (DO NOT READ)

23. If approved by the North Carolina State legislature, in your opinion, who should be eligible to receive ESA benefits?

38% All students  
8% Students below the poverty level  
7% Students in high need populations such as special needs or at risk students  
3% Students attending failing schools  
32% A combination of the previous three choices (READ LAST)  
11% Don't Know/ None of the Above/ Other (DO NOT READ)  
2% Refused (DO NOT READ)

24. Charter schools are public schools that are governed not by a school board but an independent board and have additional flexibility. Currently, charter schools receive no state money to help with facility costs. Would you support or oppose the state providing money to charter schools to help with facility costs?

**51% Total Support**  
**37% Total Oppose**  
27% Strongly Support  
24% Somewhat Support  
11% Somewhat Oppose  
26% Strongly Oppose  
12% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)  
\* Refused (DO NOT READ)

25. In fall 2017, a requirement of the 2016 state budget requiring smaller class sizes takes effect in North Carolina Public Schools. Proponents say the new law will lead to smaller classes and better instruction. Critics say it will force districts to hire more teachers and cutback on non-classroom staff. Some legislators are working to change the law. With that in mind, do you support or oppose the class size law?

**64% Total Support**  
**21% Total Oppose**  
39% Strongly Support  
25% Somewhat Support  
8% Somewhat Oppose  
13% Strongly Oppose  
15% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)  
\* Refused (DO NOT READ)

26. In your opinion which is a higher priority for schools: (ROTATE)

40% Smaller class sizes in grades K through 3.  
...or...  
19% Budget flexibility for school districts to hire non-classroom teachers.  
30% Both are an equal priority (DO NOT READ)  
10% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)  
2% Refused (DO NOT READ)

*Moving on to some other topics now...*

27. Currently there is a bill in the legislature that would lower the state's individual income tax rate from 5.499 percent to 5.35 percent. It would also cut taxes in other ways, such as increasing the standard deduction from \$17,500 to \$20,000 for married couples filing jointly, and \$8,750 to \$10,000 for single filers. Would you support or oppose this bill to cut state income taxes?

**65% Total Support**

**23% Total Oppose**

45% Strongly Support

20% Somewhat Support

14% Somewhat Oppose

9% Strongly Oppose

12% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)

\* Refused (DO NOT READ)

28. And thinking about government for a moment, which of the following types of government do you prefer... (ROTATE)

67% A smaller government with fewer services, but lower waste and taxes

19% A larger government with more services, but with higher taxes and likelihood for waste

12% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)

2% Refused (DO NOT READ)

29. Now I am going to read you two opinions on what should happen to the Affordable Care Act, also called "ObamaCare," and I would like you to tell me which most closely reflects your position on what should happen with it. Even if neither opinion is exactly what you want, please tell me which one you MOST agree with... (ROTATE)

35% The entire law should be repealed.

22% The entire law should stay exactly as is.

36% Keep some/ Keep the good/ Get rid of the some/ Change only bad parts (VOLUNTEERED)

2% Other/ Something else (DO NOT READ)

4% Unsure/ Need more info/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

30. How likely is it that officials in the Obama administration used U.S. Intelligence Operations to keep the Donald Trump campaign under surveillance... Would you say... (ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP)

**45% Total Likely**

**46% Total Not Likely**

26% Very likely

19% Somewhat Likely

11% Not too likely

36% Not at all likely

8% Not sure/need more information (DO NOT READ)

\* Refused (DO NOT READ)

31. How much of an issue would you consider "Fake News" to be. Would you say...

**72% Total Important**

**23% Total Not Important**

- 45% A very important issue
- 27% A somewhat important issue
- 6% Not a very important issue
- 16% Not an issue at all
- 5% Don't Know/ Unsure/ Haven't seen tweets (DO NOT READ)
- 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

Now I just have a few questions for statistical purposes, and then we'll be finished....

32. First, in what year were you born?

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	
1%	2%	3%	18-25
10%	10%	17%	26-40
28%	28%	29%	41-55
21%	23%	21%	56-65
33%	35%	28%	66+
7%	2%	2%	Refused

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

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	
<b>38%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>Total Republican</b>
<b>41%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>Total Democrat</b>
28%	26%	26%	Strong Republican
10%	15%	11%	Not So Strong Republican
9%	8%	9%	Not So Strong Democrat
31%	25%	29%	Strong Democrat
20%	23%	25%	Independent/Unaffiliated/Other
1%	2%	1%	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>	<u>4/17</u>	
<b>21%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>Total Liberal</b>
<b>31%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>Total Moderate</b>
<b>45%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>Total Conservative</b>
11%	11%	14%	Very Liberal
10%	11%	14%	Somewhat Liberal
18%	23%	23%	Somewhat Conservative
27%	24%	23%	Very Conservative
2%	3%	2%	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>	<u>4/17</u>	
4%	4%	7%	Own/ part own business which employs people other than family members
8%	10%	8%	Are Self Employed
25%	23%	28%	Work for a Private Company
7%	9%	13%	Work for Government
4%	4%	5%	Are a Spouse (Homemaker)
42%	41%	33%	Are Retired
7%	4%	5%	Are Unemployed
3%	5%	2%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

36. Which of the following best describes how your health insurance coverage... (RANDOMIZE)



- 27% Medicare
- 4% Medicaid
- 9% I have insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace/ ObamaCare
- 46% My insurance is provided by my employer
- 4% I do not have health insurance
- 9% Other (DO NOT READ)
- 2% Unsure/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

37. Now I am going to read you a list of Social Media platforms, please tell me which of the following you use regularly... (RANDOMIZE) (ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

- 57% Facebook
- 15% Twitter
- 11% Instagram
- 9% Pinterest
- 24% Google +
- 13% Linked-In
- 6% Snapchat
- 5% Whatsapp
- 2% Tumblr
- 2% Reddit
- 2% Traditional News (VOLUNTEERED)
- 2% Other (Specify) (DO NOT READ)
- 5% None/ Don't Use Social Media (VOLUNTEERED)
- 25% Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	
3%	1%	3%	Less than High School graduate
26%	25%	24%	High school graduate
28%	28%	28%	2 year College/ Technical school
29%	27%	30%	4 year College graduate
14%	16%	14%	Post-graduate
--	*	*	Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	
72%	70%	70%	White or Caucasian
21%	23%	23%	African-American or Black
3%	3%	3%	Hispanic or Latino
2%	1%	2%	Native American
*	1%	*	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	1%	1%	Other (Specify)
1%	1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

40. Gender (By observation)

- 48% Men
- 52% Women

41. Geographic Area (From Sample)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	
20%	22%	22%	Charlotte
14%	12%	13%	Western
19%	19%	19%	Piedmont Triad

20%	20%	21%	Triangle
12%	10%	12%	Northeast
15%	17%	14%	Southeast

42. Party Reg (From Sample)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	
34%	34%	34%	Republican
24%	24%	24%	Independent/Other
42%	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**)