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North Carolina Statewide May 2017

Interview Schedule

N = 600 Registered Voters (30% Cell Phones)

Margin of Error: +/- 4.00%

Field Dates: May 18, 20-21, 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>	<u>5/17</u>	
31%	31%	38%	33%	Right Direction
55%	52%	47%	52%	Wrong Track
13%	17%	16%	14%	Don't Know/Unsure (DO NOT READ)
1%	*	*	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

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

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	
37%	35%	34%	32%	Republican candidate
42%	40%	38%	47%	Democratic candidate
10%	10%	11%	8%	Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
10%	13%	17%	13%	Don't Know/Undecided/Need More Info (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	*	--	Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

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

<u>1/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>3/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>9/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>1/12</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>7/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>2/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	
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)

(IF Q3:1 ASK) (n=195)

4A. And would you say that that vote is more of a vote FOR the Republican, or a vote AGAINST the Democrat?

60%	For the Republican
31%	Against the Democrat
5%	Both, equally (DO NOT READ)
4%	Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
--	Refused (DO NOT READ)

(IF Q3:2 ASK) (n=281)

4B. And would you say that that vote is more of a vote FOR the Democrat, or a vote AGAINST the Republican?

60%	For the Democrat
25%	Against the Republican
11%	Both, equally (DO NOT READ)
4%	Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
*	Refused (DO NOT READ)

(IF Q3:3-5 ASK) (n=124)

4C. And if you had to pick, which candidate would you lean towards? (ROTATE)

- 18% Republican candidate
- 14% Democratic candidate
- 25% Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
- 41% Firm Undecided (DO NOT READ)
- 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

Generic Ballot Combined with Leaners

- 36% Republican candidate
- 50% Democratic candidate
- 5% Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
- 8% Firm Undecided (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

(ASK ALL)

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
5. Donald Trump								
5/17	42%	53%	26%	16%	5%	48%	5%	--
4/17	45%	48%	28%	17%	9%	39%	7%	*
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%	--
6. Roy Cooper								
5/17	58%	25%	30%	29%	11%	15%	12%	4%
4/17	53%	27%	25%	28%	10%	17%	14%	5%
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%
7. Betsy DeVos								
5/17	19%	35%	8%	11%	6%	29%	23%	23%
4/17	26%	38%	11%	15%	9%	29%	22%	15%

Now, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of ...

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strong Approve	Smwt Approve	Smwt Disapp.	Strong Disapp	Don't Know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
8. ... the job that Donald Trump is doing as President?								
5/17	42%	53%	23%	19%	7%	46%	5%	--
4/17	48%	46%	28%	20%	9%	37%	6%	--
3/17	49%	46%	29%	20%	6%	40%	5%	--
2/17	46%	46%	29%	16%	8%	39%	8%	--
9. ... the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor?								
5/17	61%	24%	25%	36%	11%	13%	14%	--

4/17	59%	24%	25%	34%	11%	13%	17%	--
3/17	50%	27%	23%	27%	12%	16%	22%	--
2/17	50%	26%	22%	28%	11%	15%	25%	--

(IF Q8:3-5 ASK)

10. 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?"

3/17 (n=305)	4/17 (n=310)	5/17 (n=345)	
23%	28%	23%	Total Agree
71%	70%	74%	Total Disagree
9%	6%	6%	Strongly Agree
14%	22%	17%	Somewhat Agree
10%	12%	7%	Somewhat Disagree
61%	58%	67%	Strongly Disagree
6%	2%	2%	Undecided/Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
--	--	--	Refused (DO NOT READ)

Now I'm going to read you a list of terms used in politics. After I read each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each, as it would pertain to political scenarios, such as describing a politician. The (first/next) is... (RANDOMIZE)

	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	HRD OF/ NO OPIN	NEVER HRD OF
11. Liberal	38%	48%	18%	21%	19%	29%	12%	2%
12. Moderate	62%	20%	22%	40%	12%	8%	15%	2%
13. Conservative	55%	30%	29%	26%	15%	15%	13%	2%
14. Right	42%	33%	16%	26%	17%	16%	20%	5%
15. Left	30%	45%	8%	22%	20%	26%	20%	4%

16. Which of the following options would be MOST beneficial to your current financial situation? (RANDOMIZE)

47%	Cutting state taxes to boost the economy
24%	Increasing state spending to boost the economy.
18%	Leaving the state's economy as it is right now.
11%	Don't Know/ Need more info (DO NOT READ)
*	Refused (DO NOT READ)

17. If you had the chance to meet either of North Carolina's U.S. Senators, what is one question you would ask them? (OPEN ENDED)
- 11% Healthcare/ Stance on Healthcare/ Fixing Healthcare
 - 9% Education/ Will they continue to cut funding/ Where is the funding for schools going
 - 8% What they are doing/ How they are making things better/ What's going on/ When will things change (non-specific)
 - 6% What is being done about violence/ Police shootings/ Crime
 - 5% Representing the people/ Are you doing things for the people/ Why they don't listen to the people/ Support lower class
 - 5% Probe into White House/ Russia connections/ Why aren't you continuing the investigation/ Why won't you impeach Trump/ How can you support Trump
 - 5% Backing our President/ Are you working with the President/ How can you support/ Not support Trump
 - 4% House Bill 2 Law/ How do you feel about the bathroom law/ LGBT stance
 - 4% Why they can't get along/ Why they can't compromise with the other side
 - 3% What are your thoughts/ What is your stance/ Views/ How do you make money
 - 3% Jobs/ Keeping jobs in the U.S./ Bringing jobs back
 - 2% Equal Pay/ Why not raise the pay rate
 - 2% Immigration/ Where they stand on immigration
 - 2% Budget/ Why is the budget not balanced
 - 2% Taxes/ What are you doing about taxes
 - 1% Medicare/ Fixing Medicare/ Leave Medicare alone/ Social Security
 - 1% Change in Washington/ What are they going to do about the situation in Washington (non-specific)
 - 1% I have so many/ I have too many to list
 - 1% What is being done to preserve North Carolina/ Lake/ Streams/ Environment
 - 1% Senior citizen rights/ Retirement issues
 - 1% Honesty/ Are they being honest
 - 1% Legalize weed/ Medical Marijuana
 - 1% What is being done about Transportation/ Railroads/ Public Transportation
 - 1% Economy/ Is the Economy getting better
 - 1% Follow through/ Why they don't keep their promises
 - * Infrastructure/ How they are doing with Highway projects
 - * What is your opinion of Trump/ Do you support Trump/ Is he doing a good Job
 - * International Relation/ Foreign Affairs
 - 4% Other
 - 8% None/Nothing
 - 10% Don't Know
 - 2% Refused
18. If you had to choose, which of the following do you think cares the MOST about you and people like you? (RANDOMIZE)
- 13% The state legislature
 - 25% The governor

28% Government workers in state agencies
 27% None of them (DO NOT READ)
 7% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
 * Refused (DO NOT READ)

19. Which of the following opinions comes closer to your own? (ROTATE)
- 46% (Some/Other) people say that judges today have too much power and interfere with the other branches of state government: the governor and legislature.
- 39% (Some/Other) people say that judges can and should take a more active role in making sure the laws treat people fairly, even going as far as making new laws themselves.
- 13% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
 2% Refused (DO NOT READ)

Thinking about other issues for a moment for a moment...

20. Do you agree or disagree with President Trump's decision to fire FBI Director James Comey?

39% Total Agree
47% Total Disagree

29% Strongly Agree
 9% Somewhat Agree
 11% Somewhat Disagree
 37% Strongly Disagree
 14% Don't Know/ Unsure/ Need more information (DO NOT READ)
 -- Refused (DO NOT READ)

21. Five years ago, the people of North Carolina voted to add a section to the state constitution defining marriage as being between one man and one woman. If that vote were being held today, would you support or oppose that amendment to be added to the North Carolina Constitution?

50% Total Support
44% Total Oppose

43% Strongly Support
 7% Somewhat Support
 7% Somewhat Oppose
 38% Strongly Oppose
 5% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
 * Refused (DO NOT READ)

Moving on to some other topics now...

22. Would you support or oppose a proposal to allow mixed drink sales in restaurants, and alcohol sales in stores, to begin at 10 in the morning on Sundays instead of the current requirement to wait until noon?

46% Total Support
45% Total Oppose

32% Strongly Support
 15% Somewhat Support
 11% Somewhat Oppose

34% Strongly Oppose
8% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

23. 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 to \$20,000 for married couples filing jointly, and to \$10,000 for single filers. Would you support or oppose this bill to cut state income taxes?

73% Total Support
17% Total Oppose
51% Strongly Support
22% Somewhat Support
6% Somewhat Oppose
11% Strongly Oppose
10% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

24. Would you support or oppose an election law that would require voters to show a valid photo ID before casting their ballot?

68% Total Support
31% Total Oppose
58% Strongly Support
9% Somewhat Support
7% Somewhat Oppose
24% Strongly Oppose
1% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
-- Refused (DO NOT READ)

25. Shortly after the 2016 election, the state board of elections identified over 25,000 people as inactive voters as a result of mailings being returned undeliverable and another 500 who voted as possibly ineligible to legally vote. And with that information, do you support or oppose requiring voters to show a valid photo ID before casting their ballot?

68% Total Support
29% Total Oppose
60% Strongly Support
8% Somewhat Support
8% Somewhat Oppose
21% Strongly Oppose
2% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

26. Would you support or oppose adding a requirement to the North Carolina Constitution requiring that all citizens show a valid photo ID when casting a ballot?

65% Total Support
33% Total Oppose
57% Strongly Support
7% Somewhat Support

- 7% Somewhat Oppose
- 27% Strongly Oppose
- 2% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
- Refused (DO NOT READ)

27. And looking back to the 2016 election for North Carolina State Legislature, did you vote for the... (ROTATE)

- 41% Republican Candidate
- 50% Democrat Candidate
- 3% Third Party/ Independent Candidate (DO NOT READ)
- 2% Did not vote (DO NOT READ)
- 3% Don't Know/ Don't Remember (DO NOT READ)
- 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

28. Which of the following statement best reflects your thoughts on the recent health care bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives: (RANDOMIZE)

- 27% It would be an improvement over the current ObamaCare law.
- 43% It will make things worse than ObamaCare.
- 12% It will have no noticeable changes compared to ObamaCare.
- 17% Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

29. Please tell me which of the following opinions comes closer to your own, when it comes to the state of North Carolina using taxpayer-funded resources to provide dues check-off services for private associations such as the North Carolina Association of Educators, the State Employees Association of North Carolina and local Teamster organization... (ROTATE)

- 22% (Some/Other) people say that the state providing these dues check-off services is an appropriate use of taxpayer funded resources.
- 64% (Other/Some) people say that private organizations should have to collect the dues themselves, and taxpayer funded resources should not be used for it.
- 14% Don't know/ Need more information (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

30. Currently, state employees in North Carolina receive a defined-benefit pension, meaning that they receive fixed payments until death after they retire. They must work at least 5 years to qualify for a pension. This pension fund currently has unfunded liabilities of \$5.2 billion dollars, which state taxpayers will likely have to fund. Which of the following options would be BEST, when it comes to NEW North Carolina state employees... (ROTATE)

- 63% New state employees should be enrolled into a 401(k) style plan which does not carry with it any risk of unfunded liabilities.
- 25% New state employees should continue to receive defined-benefit pension plans, and taxpayers should cover any shortfall or liability.
- 12% Don't know/need more information (DO NOT READ)
- 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

And thinking about something completely different for a moment...

31. To the best of your knowledge, which of these political leaders murdered the most people? (RANDOMIZE)

5%	Pol Pot
61%	Adolph Hitler
19%	Joseph Stalin
3%	George W. Bush
9%	Don't know (DO NOT READ)
3%	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>	<u>5/17</u>	
1%	2%	3%	2%	18-25
10%	10%	17%	17%	26-40
28%	28%	29%	29%	41-55
21%	23%	21%	22%	56-65
33%	35%	28%	28%	66+
7%	2%	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>	<u>5/17</u>	
38%	41%	37%	37%	Total Republican
41%	34%	38%	45%	Total Democrat
28%	26%	26%	26%	Strong Republican
10%	15%	11%	11%	Not So Strong Republican
9%	8%	9%	11%	Not So Strong Democrat
31%	25%	29%	34%	Strong Democrat
20%	23%	25%	18%	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>	<u>5/17</u>	
21%	21%	27%	28%	Total Liberal
31%	29%	24%	24%	Total Moderate
45%	47%	46%	45%	Total Conservative
11%	11%	14%	11%	Very Liberal
10%	11%	14%	17%	Somewhat Liberal
18%	23%	23%	21%	Somewhat Conservative
27%	24%	23%	24%	Very Conservative
2%	3%	2%	2%	Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
1%	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>	<u>5/17</u>	
4%	4%	7%	4%	Own/ part own business which employs people other than family members
8%	10%	8%	6%	Are Self Employed
25%	23%	28%	35%	Work for a Private Company
7%	9%	13%	10%	Work for Government
4%	4%	5%	4%	Are a Spouse (Homemaker)
42%	41%	33%	34%	Are Retired
7%	4%	5%	5%	Are Unemployed

3% 5% 2% 1% 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>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	
3%	1%	3%	2%	Less than High School graduate
26%	25%	24%	21%	High school graduate
28%	28%	28%	26%	2 year College/ Technical school
29%	27%	30%	35%	4 year College graduate
14%	16%	14%	14%	Post-graduate
--	*	*	*	Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	
72%	70%	70%	70%	White or Caucasian
21%	23%	23%	23%	African-American or Black
3%	3%	3%	3%	Hispanic or Latino
2%	1%	2%	2%	Native American
*	1%	*	*	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	1%	1%	1%	Other (Specify)
1%	1%	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>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	
20%	22%	22%	22%	Charlotte
14%	12%	13%	13%	Western
19%	19%	19%	18%	Piedmont Triad
20%	20%	21%	22%	Triangle
12%	10%	12%	10%	Northeast
15%	17%	14%	15%	Southeast

40. Party Reg (From Sample)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	
34%	34%	34%	34%	Republican
24%	24%	24%	24%	Independent/Other
42%	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)**