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North Carolina Statewide October 2017

Interview Schedule

N = 600 Registered Voters (30% Cell Phones)

Margin of Error: +/- 4.00%

Field Dates: October 16-18, 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>	<u>10/17</u>	
31%	31%	38%	33%	33%	Right Direction
55%	52%	47%	52%	50%	Wrong Track
13%	17%	16%	14%	17%	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>	<u>10/17</u>	
37%	35%	34%	32%	35%	Republican candidate
42%	40%	38%	47%	39%	Democratic candidate
10%	10%	11%	8%	9%	Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
10%	13%	17%	13%	16%	Don't Know/Undecided/Need More Info (DNR)
*	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)

(ASK ALL)

Now I am going to read you a list of people and organizations. After I read each name, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or organization. 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								
10/17	46%	49%	29%	17%	6%	43%	5%	*
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%	--

5. Roy Cooper								
10/17	48%	33%	24%	24%	13%	21%	14%	4%
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%

6. Thom Tillis

10/17	29%	33%	10%	20%	12%	21%	24%	13%
2/15	37%	39%	11%	26%	11%	29%	20%	4%
10/30/14	38%	46%	18%	20%	11%	35%	15%	1%
10/18/14	37%	47%	15%	22%	11%	36%	12%	3%
9/14	37%	46%	14%	23%	15%	31%	12%	5%
6/14	32%	39%	10%	22%	11%	28%	21%	8%
5/12	9%	9%	3%	7%	4%	6%	18%	63%
7/11	6%	7%	2%	4%	3%	4%	15%	73%

7. The Mainstream News Media

10/17	40%	48%	15%	25%	15%	33%	10%	2%
2/17	40%	50%	12%	28%	18%	32%	9%	--

8. Your Local Newspaper

10/17	53%	25%	21%	32%	7%	17%	20%	2%
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9. CNN

10/17	45%	43%	21%	24%	10%	33%	11%	1%
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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)
10. ... the job that Donald Trump is doing as President?								
10/17	47%	50%	27%	20%	7%	43%	3%	--
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%	--
11. ... the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor?								
10/17	53%	34%	22%	31%	15%	18%	13%	--
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%	--
12. ... the job that Josh Stein is doing as Attorney General?								
10/17	29%	16%	8%	22%	7%	9%	55%	--
13. ... the job Dan Forrest is doing as Lieutenant Governor?								
10/17	35%	13%	11%	25%	6%	7%	51%	--

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(IF Q10:3-5 ASK)

14. 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	4/17	5/17	10/17	
(n=305)	(n=310)	(n=345)	(n=317)	
23%	28%	23%	19%	Total Agree

71%	70%	74%	78%	Total Disagree
9%	6%	6%	4%	Strongly Agree
14%	22%	17%	15%	Somewhat Agree
10%	12%	7%	11%	Somewhat Disagree
61%	58%	67%	67%	Strongly Disagree
6%	2%	2%	2%	Undecided/Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
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(ASK ALL)

15. And thinking ahead to 2018... if the election for Congress were being held today, would you be voting for the: (ROTATE)

- 34% Republican candidate
- 40% Democratic candidate
- 9% Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
- 17% Don't Know/Undecided/Need More Info (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

Now I'm going to read you a list of descriptive words used in politics. After I read each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each description. The (first/next) is... (RANDOMIZE)

	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	HRD OF/ NO OPIN	NEVER HRD OF
16. Progressive								
10/17	45%	40%	17%	28%	18%	21%	12%	3%
17. Middle of the road								
10/17	43%	34%	12%	30%	17%	17%	16%	6%
18. Conservative								
10/17	52%	38%	27%	25%	17%	21%	9%	2%
5/17	55%	30%	29%	26%	15%	15%	13%	2%
19. Establishment								
10/17	33%	49%	9%	24%	20%	29%	14%	4%
20. The D.C. Swamp								
10/17	16%	53%	8%	8%	16%	37%	17%	14%

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Thinking about education for a moment...

21. In your opinion, who is best suited to decide where a child should attend school... (ROTATE)

- 75% The child's parents or legal guardians
- 15% The local school board
- 5% State Government
- 2% The federal government
- 1% Other/Neither (DO NOT READ)
- 3% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
- Refused (DO NOT READ)

22. If money were not an issue and you could select the best school for your child, what type of schooling would you select for your child? (RANDOMIZE)

- 42% Traditional public schooling
- 36% Private schooling
- 10% Charter schooling

- 7% Home schooling
- * Virtual schooling
- 2% Other (DO NOT READ)
- 2% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

23. The North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship Program provides scholarships for low and middle income students. Last fall, 6,200 students were able to use scholarships for up to \$4,200 to attend a private school. Do you support or oppose the Opportunity Scholarship Program?

68% Total Support
21% Total Oppose

- 45% Strongly Support
- 24% Somewhat Support
- 8% Somewhat Oppose
- 14% Strongly Oppose
- 10% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

24. Earlier this year North Carolina approved the Personal Education Savings Accounts (PESAs). Supporters say PESAs gives parents greater control over where their child attends school and allows them to customize their child's education. Opponents say PESAs will take money away from the public schools and contributes to budget shortfalls and failing public schools. Do you support or oppose the idea of Personal Education Savings Accounts?

46% Total Support
37% Total Oppose

- 26% Strongly Support
- 19% Somewhat Support
- 14% Somewhat Oppose
- 22% Strongly Oppose
- 17% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
- * Refused (DO NOT READ)

25. Which of the following opinions comes closer to your own, when it comes to parental choice... (ROTATE)

- 44% (Some/Other) people say that expanded parental choice options help public schools because schools will have to compete to keep students, and will be motivated to do so.
- 33% (Other/Some) people say that expanded parental choice options hurt public schools. They compare it to segregation saying that parental choice provides a "separate but not equal" education and prevents minority students from receiving an education equal to that of their white peers.
- 8% Other/Neither (DO NOT READ)
- 15% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
- 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

And thinking about other issues...

26. Recently, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors voted to ban litigation by all of its law centers, after UNC Chapel Hill's Center for Civil Rights was having their attorneys sue North Carolina local governments. With this in mind, should the UNC law school be permitted to sue local North Carolina governments?

38% Total Support
38% Total Oppose

- 25% Strongly Support
 - 14% Somewhat Support
 - 12% Somewhat Oppose
 - 25% Strongly Oppose
 - 23% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
 - 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)
27. Would you support or oppose an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution which would change the way judges are chosen in the state, from the current practice of electing judges to having government officials appoint them?
- 25% Total Support**
66% Total Oppose
- 14% Strongly Support
 - 11% Somewhat Support
 - 8% Somewhat Oppose
 - 57% Strongly Oppose
 - 9% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
 - * Refused (DO NOT READ)
28. In your opinion, has the United States... (ROTATE)
- 29% Gone too far in expanding the right to protest or criticize the government,
 - 34% Gone too far in restricting the right to protest or criticize the government,
 - 29% ...or things are okay the way they are? (READ LAST)
 - 7% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
 - 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)
29. As you may know, there have been numerous instances of protesting and vandalizing surrounding Confederate flags and statues around the U.S. With that in mind, do you think statues honoring leaders of the Confederacy should... (ROTATE)
- 63% Remain where they are as a historical symbol
 - 29% Be removed because they offend some people
 - 8% Don't know/ Need more information (DO NOT READ)
 - * Refused (DO NOT READ)
30. And regardless of your opinion on what should happen to statues honoring Confederate leaders, what is your opinion on people vandalizing these statues... (ROTATE)
- 83% They should be prosecuted for vandalizing public property
 - 12% They are simply exercising their right to protest these leaders
 - 4% Don't know/ Need more information (DO NOT READ)
 - 1% Refused (DO NOT READ)
31. Would you say you favor... (ROTATE)
- 64% A smaller government with fewer services, and lower taxes
 - ...or...
 - 23% A larger government with many services, and higher taxes
 - 11% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
 - 2% Refused (DO NOT READ)

32. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, former Democratic Presidential candidate, recently introduced a bill commonly referred to as “Medicare for All.” Essentially, the bill would make the government the single payer of health care costs for all Americans – to be phased in over time. Do you support or oppose Senator Sanders’ proposal?

45% Total Support
46% Total Oppose

32% Strongly Support
 12% Somewhat Support
 10% Somewhat Oppose
 37% Strongly Oppose
 9% Don’t Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
 * Refused (DO NOT READ)

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

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

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	<u>10/17</u>	
1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	18-25
10%	10%	17%	17%	16%	26-40
28%	28%	29%	29%	30%	41-55
21%	23%	21%	22%	22%	56-65
33%	35%	28%	28%	27%	66+
7%	2%	2%	2%	2%	Refused

34. 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>	<u>10/17</u>	
38%	41%	37%	37%	35%	Total Republican
41%	34%	38%	45%	38%	Total Democrat
28%	26%	26%	26%	23%	Strong Republican
10%	15%	11%	11%	12%	Not So Strong Republican
9%	8%	9%	11%	9%	Not So Strong Democrat
31%	25%	29%	34%	29%	Strong Democrat
20%	23%	25%	18%	25%	Independent/Unaffiliated/Other
1%	2%	1%	*	2%	Don’t Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

35. 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>	<u>10/17</u>	
21%	21%	27%	28%	26%	Total Liberal
31%	29%	24%	24%	23%	Total Moderate
45%	47%	46%	45%	47%	Total Conservative
11%	11%	14%	11%	13%	Very Liberal
10%	11%	14%	17%	13%	Somewhat Liberal
18%	23%	23%	21%	20%	Somewhat Conservative
27%	24%	23%	24%	26%	Very Conservative
2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	Don’t Know (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	*	1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

36. 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>	<u>10/17</u>	
4%	4%	7%	4%	4%	Owner or part owner of a business which employs people other than family members
8%	10%	8%	6%	12%	Are Self Employed
25%	23%	28%	35%	27%	Work for a Private Company
7%	9%	13%	10%	10%	Work for Government
4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	Are a Spouse (Homemaker)
42%	41%	33%	34%	36%	Are Retired
7%	4%	5%	5%	4%	Are Unemployed
3%	5%	2%	1%	2%	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

37. 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>	<u>10/17</u>	
3%	1%	3%	2%	4%	Less than High School graduate
26%	25%	24%	21%	26%	High school graduate
28%	28%	28%	26%	28%	2 year College/ Technical school
29%	27%	30%	35%	29%	4 year College graduate
14%	16%	14%	14%	13%	Post-graduate
--	*	*	*	--	Not sure (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

38. Would you consider your household to be....(ROTATE)

31%	A white collar household
49%	A blue collar household
13%	Neither/ Other (DO NOT READ)
7%	Don't Know/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>	<u>5/17</u>	<u>10/17</u>	
72%	70%	70%	70%	70%	White or Caucasian
21%	23%	23%	23%	23%	African-American or Black
3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	Hispanic or Latino
2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	Native American
*	1%	*	*	1%	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Other (Specify)
1%	1%	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>	<u>5/17</u>	<u>10/17</u>	
20%	22%	22%	22%	22%	Charlotte
14%	12%	13%	13%	13%	Western
19%	19%	19%	18%	18%	Piedmont Triad
20%	20%	21%	22%	22%	Triangle

12%	10%	12%	10%	11%	Northeast
15%	17%	14%	15%	15%	Southeast

42. Party Reg (From Sample)

<u>2/17</u>	<u>3/17</u>	<u>4/17</u>	<u>5/17</u>	<u>10/17</u>	
34%	34%	34%	34%	34%	Republican
24%	24%	24%	24%	24%	Independent/Other
42%	42%	42%	42%	42%	Democrat

CELL PHONE SCREENERS

(AT BEGINNING OF 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**)