

Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide Poll Results
October 18 – 21, 2018

Q. Do you feel things in the United States are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	41%	41%
Wrong Track	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	9%	9%

Q. And now just thinking about North Carolina... do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	45%	43%
Wrong track	41%	41%
Unsure/Refused	15%	16%

Q. If the election for North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	44%	42%
Someone else	6%	6%
Undecided	11%	16%

Q. And, regardless of how you would vote at the state level, if the election for Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	39%	38%
Democratic Candidate	43%	45%
Someone else	6%	5%
Undecided	12%	12%

Q. If the election for North Carolina Supreme Court were being held today, for whom would you vote: Republican Barbara Jackson, Republican Chris Anglin, or Democrat Anita Earls?

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Barbara Jackson	16%	11%
Republican Chris Anglin	10%	7%
Democrat Anita Earls	40%	38%
Unsure/Refused	34%	44%

Q. [OPEN-END] Can you please tell me who is currently the Governor of North Carolina?

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Roy Cooper	70%	59%
Pat McCrory	3%	3%
Mike Easley	0%	0%
Someone else	1%	1%
Unsure/Refused	26%	38%

Now I am going to read you a list of names of people and organizations in the news. After I read each name, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or organization.

Donald Trump

Very favorable	36%
Somewhat favorable	10%
Very unfavorable	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%
Heard of him, but have no opinion	5%
Never heard of him	0%
Unsure/Refused	3%
Total Favorable	46%
Total Unfavorable	46%

Democrats in the United States Senate

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Very unfavorable	33%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Heard of them, but have no opinion	7%
Never heard of them	1%
Unsure/Refused	8%
Total Favorable	41%
Total Unfavorable	44%

Republicans in the United States Senate

Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Very unfavorable	33%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Heard of them, but have no opinion	7%
Never heard of them	0%
Unsure/Refused	7%
Total Favorable	41%
Total Unfavorable	45%

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

Q. The job that Donald Trump is doing as President.

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Strongly approve	37%	31%
Somewhat approve	11%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	9%	8%
Strongly disapprove	38%	45%
Unsure/Refused	4%	2%
Total Approve	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	47%	53%

And please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of...

Q. The job that the North Carolina General Assembly is doing.

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	25%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Unsure/Refused	25%
Total Approve	39%
Total Disapprove	36%

Q. As you may know, the United States Senate has voted to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice to the United States Supreme Court. In general, do you favor or oppose this confirmation?

Strongly favor	39%
Somewhat favor	7%
Strongly oppose	35%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Unsure/Refused	12%
Total Favor	46%
Total Oppose	42%

Q. Have the confirmation hearings for Judge Kavanaugh made you more or less likely to vote, or have they not made a difference?

More likely	37%
Less likely	5%
No difference	51%
Unsure/Refused	7%

Q. In order to create jobs and grow the North Carolina economy, which of the following do you believe is the better option?

Increasing government spending	20%
Eliminating the corporate income tax	40%
Unsure/Refused	40%

Q. Now thinking about education...Earlier this year, teachers in states such as Arizona and West Virginia went on strike. If public school teachers in North Carolina went out on strike for higher pay, would you approve or disapprove of the strike?

Strongly approve	55%
Somewhat approve	11%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Unsure/Refused	7%
Total Approve	66%
Total Disapprove	28%

Q. [OPEN-END] Thinking for a moment about teacher pay... To the best of your knowledge, what is the average yearly salary of a teacher in North Carolina?

Under \$40,000	54%
\$40,000-\$45,000	24%
\$45,000-\$50,000	15%
\$50,000-\$55,000	5%
More than \$55,000	2%

Q. Continuing to think about education, do you believe student outcomes in public schools will improve if state government simply spends more money?

Yes	44%
No	44%
Unsure/Refused	12%

North Carolina voters will be considering several state constitutional amendments on the ballot in the General Election this November. Based on the following descriptions, would you favor or oppose each of the following amendments?

Q. A constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

Strongly favor	46%
Somewhat favor	16%
Strongly oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Unsure/Refused	13%
Total Favor	62%
Total Oppose	27%

Q. A state constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%).

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Strongly favor	40%	45%
Somewhat favor	10%	15%
Strongly oppose	27%	14%
Somewhat oppose	10%	8%
Unsure/Refused	13%	18%
Total Favor	50%	60%
Total Oppose	37%	22%

Q. A state constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person.

	10/21/18	9/7/18
Strongly favor	54%	55%
Somewhat favor	7%	10%
Strongly oppose	28%	25%
Somewhat oppose	6%	7%
Unsure/Refused	5%	3%
Total Favor	61%	65%
Total Oppose	34%	32%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	30%
Landline	70%

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Age

18 to 34	14%
35 to 44	10%
45 to 54	15%
55 to 64	24%
65 to 74	22%
75 or older	15%

Race

White	73%
African-American	22%
Any other race or ethnicity	5%

Party Registration

Republican	32%
Democrat	39%
Unaffiliated voter	22%
Unsure/Refused	7%

Ideology

Very Conservative	20%
Somewhat Conservative	22%
Moderate	29%
Somewhat Liberal	14%
Very Liberal	10%
Unsure/Refused	5%

2016 Vote

Donald Trump	45%
Hillary Clinton	42%
Someone else	9%
Did not vote	4%

Media Market

CHARLOTTE	27%
GREENSBORO-H.POINT-W.SALEM	17%
GREENVILLE + NORFOLK	9%
GREENVLL-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND	8%
RALEIGH-DURHAM	32%
WILMINGTON-MYRTLE BEACH	7%

General Election Vote History

0	3%
1	21%
2	18%
3	21%
4	37%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 500 likely voters in North Carolina and the margin of error is +/-4.4%. Responses were gathered via landline and mobile telephone interviews conducted by live callers at a professional call center. The survey was conducted October 18 – 21, 2018 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.