

Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide Poll Results
September 9 – 11, 2019

N=500 likely voters
Method: Live Caller

Confidence Interval: 95%
Margin of Error: +/- 4.38%

Q1. Do you feel things in the United States are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Right direction	38%	39%	37%	39%	34%
Wrong track	51%	53%	53%	52%	56%
Unsure/Refused	10%	8%	9%	9%	10%

	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Right direction	38%	41%	41%	41%
Wrong track	53%	48%	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	10%	12%	9%	9%

Q2. 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?

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Right direction	35%	37%	38%	41%	39%
Wrong track	47%	46%	45%	38%	44%
Unsure/Refused	18%	17%	17%	21%	17%

	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Right direction	40%	43%	45%	43%
Wrong track	39%	39%	41%	41%
Unsure/Refused	21%	18%	15%	16%

Q3. How likely are you to vote in the 2020 Presidential election?

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Extremely likely	74%	73%
Very likely	22%	21%
Somewhat likely	3%	6%

Q4. If the 2020 election for North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

(Note: October and September 2018 were asked in reference to pending 2018 election.)

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Republican Candidate	36%	35%	36%	39%
Democratic Candidate	41%	37%	36%	37%
Neither/Other/Independent	7%	5%	8%	6%
Undecided	17%	23%	19%	18%

	<i>3/17/19</i>	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Republican Candidate	36%	37%	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	38%	37%	44%	42%
Neither/Other/Independent	9%	4%	6%	6%
Undecided	17%	22%	11%	16%

Q5. And, regardless of how you would vote at the state level, if the 2020 election for Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

(Note: October and September 2018 were asked in reference to pending 2018 election.)

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Republican Candidate	37%	39%	38%	39%
Democratic Candidate	42%	37%	38%	39%
Neither/Other/Independent	5%	5%	6%	5%
Undecided	16%	19%	18%	17%

	<i>3/17/19</i>	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Republican Candidate	37%	37%	39%	38%
Democratic Candidate	40%	38%	43%	45%
Neither/Other/Independent	7%	4%	6%	5%
Undecided	15%	21%	12%	12%

Q6. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President.

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Strongly approve	37%	35%	34%	36%	33%
Somewhat approve	11%	14%	13%	11%	14%
Strongly disapprove	42%	40%	42%	39%	44%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	8%	9%	8%	5%
Unsure/Refused	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%
Total Approve	48%	49%	47%	47%	47%
Total Disapprove	50%	48%	51%	47%	49%

	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Strongly approve	38%	36%	37%	31%
Somewhat approve	11%	12%	11%	14%
Strongly disapprove	42%	44%	38%	45%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	5%	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	4%	3%	4%	2%
Total Approve	49%	48%	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	47%	49%	47%	53%

Q7. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor.

	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Strongly approve	23%	21%	22%	22%
Somewhat approve	31%	32%	34%	36%
Strongly disapprove	21%	21%	19%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	13%	10%	12%
Unsure/Refused	13%	13%	15%	12%
Total Approve	54%	53%	56%	58%
Total Disapprove	33%	34%	29%	29%

Q8. Would you say that President Donald Trump is...

Very Liberal	3%
Somewhat Liberal	3%
Moderate	14%
Somewhat Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	28%
Unsure/Refused	31%
Total Liberal	6%
Total Conservative	49%

Q9. Would you say that Governor Roy Cooper is...

Very Liberal	18%
Somewhat Liberal	19%
Moderate	34%
Somewhat Conservative	6%
Very Conservative	3%
Unsure/Refused	19%
Total Liberal	37%
Total Conservative	9%

Q10. The deadline for the state government to pass a new budget passed on June 30. Since then lawmakers in Raleigh have been in a stalemate on passing a new budget. Which of the following best describes your level of awareness about the budget stalemate:

A great deal of awareness	15%
A fair amount of awareness	30%
Not much awareness	33%
No awareness	15%
Unsure/Refused	8%
Total Aware	45%
Total Not Aware	48%

Q11. Who do you think is most responsible for the state government budget stalemate?

Governor Roy Cooper	10%
The North Carolina General Assembly	25%
Both	48%
Unsure/Refused	17%

Q12. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

Yes	48%
No	43%
Unsure/Refused	8%

Q13. In general, do you feel that laws regarding the sale of guns are too strict, not strict enough, or should be kept the way they are now?

Too strict	4%
Not strict enough	58%
Should remain the same	29%
Unsure/Refused	10%

Q14. Do you believe that stricter gun laws would or would not have prevented any of the recent mass shootings?

Would have prevented	41%
Would not have prevented	48%
Unsure/Refused	11%

Q15. Do you think election fraud in North Carolina is a major problem, a minor problem, or not much of a problem at all?

Major problem	40%
Minor problem	29%
Not much of a problem at all	20%
Unsure/Refused	10%

Q16. How confident are you that future elections in North Carolina will be fair?

Very confident	18%
Somewhat confident	41%
Not too confident	20%
Not at all confident	12%
Unsure/Refused	9%
Total Confident	59%
Total Not Confident	32%

Q17. In general, do you think that free trade agreements with other nations have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

Good thing	47%
Bad thing	27%
Unsure/Refused	26%

Q18. Do you favor or oppose the federal government negotiating more free trade agreements?

Strongly favor	26%
Somewhat favor	31%
Strongly oppose	8%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Unsure/Refused	24%
Total Favor	57%
Total Oppose	20%

Q19. Do you think that tariffs on imported products help or hurt the U.S. economy?

Help	30%
Hurt	49%
Unsure/Refused	20%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	35%
Landline	65%

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Age

18-34	14%
35-44	16%
45-54	20%
55-64	18%
65-74	19%
75 or older	13%

Race

White	72%
African American	20%
Another race or ethnicity	8%

Party Registration

Republican	31%
Democrat	37%
Unaffiliated voter	30%
Unsure/Refused	2%

Ideology

Very Conservative	20%
Somewhat Conservative	20%
Moderate	35%
Somewhat Liberal	10%
Very Liberal	10%
Unsure/Refused	5%

2016 Vote

Republican Donald Trump	43%
Democrat Hillary Clinton	39%
Someone else	9%
Did not vote	4%
Unsure/Refused	5%

Media Market

CHARLOTTE	29%
GREENSBORO-H.POINT-W.SALEM	16%
GREENVILLE-N. BERN + NORFOLK	8%
GREENVLL-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND	11%
RALEIGH-DURHAM (FAYETVLL)	31%
WILMINGTON + MYRTLE BEACH	5%

General Vote History

0	15%
1	14%
2	18%
3	20%
4	33%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 500 likely voters in North Carolina and the margin of error is +/-4.38% at a 95% confidence interval, meaning that if this survey were repeated, results would not vary from the population by more than 4.38 percentage points 19 times out of 20. Responses were gathered via landline and mobile telephone interviews conducted by live callers at a professional call center. Demographics were adjusted to reflect the population from which the sample was drawn. The survey was conducted September 9 – 11, 2019 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.
