



Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide
Republican Primary Poll Results
December 2 – 4, 2019

N=500 likely Republican primary voters
Method: Live Caller/Interactive Voice Response

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

Q1. How likely are you to vote in the 2020 Republican Primary Elections for US Senate, Governor and other statewide elected offices?

Extremely likely	84%
Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	2%

Q2. Which of the following national issues is most important in determining your vote in 2020: Jobs and the economy, immigration, healthcare, national security, gun policies, energy and the environment, or the Presidency?

Jobs and the economy	30%
Immigration	19%
Healthcare	9%
National security	10%
Gun policies	7%
Energy and the environment	1%
The Presidency	17%
Something else	3%
Not Sure	4%

Q3. And, which of the following *state level* issues is most important in determining your vote in 2020: Jobs and the economy, education, healthcare, transportation, gun policies, energy and the environment, or the Governorship?

Jobs and the economy	30%
Education	11%
Healthcare	17%
Transportation	2%
Gun policies	10%
Energy and the environment	2%
The Governorship	22%
Something else	4%
Not sure	3%

Q4. If the Republican Primary Election for United States Senate were held today, and the candidates were, Thom Tillis and Sandy Smith, who would you vote for?

Tillis	63%
Smith	11%
Undecided	25%

Q5. If the Republican Primary Election for Governor of North Carolina were held today, and the candidates were, Dan Forest, Holly Grange, and Pat McCrory, who would you vote for?

Forest	31%
Grange	3%
McCrory	42%
Undecided	25%

Q6. If the Republican Primary Election for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina were held today, and the candidates were, Buddy Bengel, Deborah Cochran, Renee Ellmers, Greg Gebhardt, Mark Johnson, Mark Robinson, Scott Stone, Andy Wells, or John Ritter, who would you vote for?

Bengel	5%
Cochran	8%
Ellmers	7%
Gebhardt	3%
Johnson	3%
Robinson	4%
Stone	1%
Wells	1%
Ritter	1%
Undecided	67%

Q7. If the Republican Primary Election for Secretary of State of North Carolina were held today, and the candidates were, Chad Brown, Michael LaPaglia, and E.C. Sykes, who would you vote for?

Brown	20%
LaPaglia	4%
Sykes	5%
Undecided	71%

Q8. Do you think Republicans are more divided or more united than usual, or is the level of unity about the same as previous elections?

More divided	18%
More united	53%
About the same	23%
Not sure	7%

Now, thinking about taxes and the economy...

Q9. Over the past three years, would you say that the national economy has improved, worsened, or stayed the same?

Improved	91%
Worsened	3%
Stayed the same	6%
Not sure	1%

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in December 2017?

<i>Total Approve</i>	81%
<i>Total Disapprove</i>	7%

Strongly approve	59%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	4%
Strongly disapprove	3%
Not sure	11%

Q11. Thinking about the economy in North Carolina, which of the following strategies to improve North Carolina's economy would you prefer: across the board tax cuts for all businesses OR targeted incentives and tax breaks for selected businesses?

Across the board tax cut for all businesses	60%
Targeted incentives and tax breaks for selected businesses	15%
Neither	11%
Not sure	13%

Q12. Do you believe that targeted incentives for specific companies make North Carolina's tax climate more fair, less fair, or does it not matter?

More fair	18%
Less fair	29%
Does not matter	26%
Not sure	27%

From time to time the North Carolina General Assembly considers amendments to the state constitution which, if passed, would have to be approved by voters. Based on the following descriptions, would you favor or oppose each of the following amendments?

Q13. A state constitutional amendment limiting the annual growth of the State budget to a percentage equal to the sum of annual inflation and the State's annual population growth rate.

Total Favor 61%
Total Oppose 13%

Strongly favor 31%
Somewhat favor 30%
Somewhat oppose 8%
Strongly oppose 5%
Not sure 26%

Q14. A state constitutional amendment to prohibit condemnation of private property except for a public use and to provide for the payment of just compensation with right of trial by jury in all condemnation cases.

Total Favor 57%
Total Oppose 15%

Strongly favor 40%
Somewhat favor 17%
Somewhat oppose 7%
Strongly oppose 8%
Not sure 28%

Q15. A state constitutional amendment to require that the nonpartisan staff at the North Carolina General Assembly create legislative and congressional district maps, after each federal census, and to require that those maps gain final approval from state legislators to be enacted.

Total Favor 58%
Total Oppose 17%

Strongly favor 32%
Somewhat favor 26%
Somewhat oppose 10%
Strongly oppose 7%
Not sure 25%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	30%
Landline	70%

Party Registration

Republican	81%
Independent/No Party/Unaffiliated	19%

Ideology

Very Conservative	50%
Somewhat Conservative	36%
Moderate	11%
Liberal	1%
Not sure	2%

Race

White	93%
African American	2%
Another race or ethnicity	5%

Gender

Female	52%
Male	48%

Media Market

CHARLOTTE	29%
GREENSBORO-H.POINT-W.SALEM	22%
GREENVILLE-N.BERN + NORFOLK	9%
GREENVILLE-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND + ATLANTA AND CHATTANOOGA	10%
RALEIGH-DURHAM (FAYETVLL)	24%
WILMINGTON + MYRTLE BEACH	6%

Age

18-34	9%
35-44	12%
45-54	16%
55-64	24%
65-74	22%
75 or older	17%

Primary Vote History

0	4%
1	9%
2	36%
3	27%
4	25%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 500 likely Republican primary 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 interviews conducted using Interactive Voice Response (IVR) technology 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 December 2 – 4, 2019 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.
