

Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide Poll Results
April 5 – 7, 2020

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>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Right direction	43%	44%	37%	38%	39%	37%	39%
Wrong track	45%	45%	54%	51%	53%	53%	52%
Unsure/Refused	11%	11%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%

	<i>3/17/19</i>	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Right direction	34%	38%	41%	41%	41%
Wrong track	56%	53%	48%	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	10%	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>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Right direction	56%	47%	37%	35%	37%	38%	41%
Wrong track	30%	33%	47%	47%	46%	45%	38%
Unsure/Refused	15%	20%	17%	18%	17%	17%	21%

	<i>3/17/19</i>	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Right direction	39%	40%	43%	45%	43%
Wrong track	44%	39%	39%	41%	41%
Unsure/Refused	17%	21%	18%	15%	16%

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

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Extremely likely	74%	79%	77%	74%	73%
Very likely	22%	19%	21%	22%	21%
Somewhat likely	4%	2%	3%	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>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Republican Candidate	38%	42%	39%	36%	35%	36%	39%
Democratic Candidate	40%	41%	40%	41%	37%	36%	37%
Neither/Other/Independent	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%	8%	6%
Undecided	16%	14%	18%	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. As you may know, North Carolina elects its state Supreme Court Justices. If the 2020 election for state Supreme Court were held today, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Republican Candidate	36%	34%
Democratic Candidate	39%	36%
Neither/Other/Independent	5%	10%
Undecided	20%	20%

Q6. And, regardless of how you would vote at the state level, if the 2020 election for United States 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>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Republican Candidate	41%	44%	40%	37%	39%	38%	39%
Democratic Candidate	42%	41%	41%	42%	37%	38%	39%
Neither/Other/Independent	3%	4%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%
Undecided	14%	11%	17%	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%

Q7. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President.

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>
Strongly approve	38%	40%	37%	37%	35%	34%	36%
Somewhat approve	14%	12%	11%	11%	14%	13%	11%
Strongly disapprove	36%	39%	45%	42%	40%	42%	39%
Somewhat disapprove	9%	5%	5%	8%	8%	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Total Approve	52%	52%	48%	48%	49%	47%	47%
Total Disapprove	45%	44%	50%	50%	48%	51%	47%

	<i>3/17/19</i>	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Strongly approve	33%	38%	36%	37%	31%
Somewhat approve	14%	11%	12%	11%	14%
Strongly disapprove	44%	42%	44%	38%	45%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	5%	5%	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Total Approve	47%	49%	48%	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	49%	47%	49%	47%	53%

Q8. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor.

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Strongly Approve	34%	29%	25%	23%	21%	22%	22%
Somewhat Approve	36%	33%	26%	31%	32%	34%	36%
Strongly Disapprove	12%	16%	21%	21%	21%	19%	17%
Somewhat Disapprove	12%	13%	14%	12%	13%	10%	12%
Unsure/Refused	7%	9%	15%	13%	13%	15%	12%
Total Approve	70%	62%	51%	54%	53%	56%	58%
Total Disapprove	24%	29%	35%	33%	34%	29%	29%

Q9. If the Presidential election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Joe Biden?

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Definitely Trump	47%	41%
Probably Trump	2%	4%
Definitely Biden	39%	33%
Probably Biden	3%	11%
Undecided	9%	11%
Total Trump	49%	45%
Total Biden	42%	44%

Q10. If the Presidential election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Bernie Sanders?

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Definitely Trump	47%	42%
Probably Trump	3%	4%
Definitely Sanders	34%	36%
Probably Sanders	6%	8%
Undecided	10%	10%
Total Trump	50%	46%
Total Sanders	40%	44%

Q11. If the US Senate election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Thom Tillis, Democrat Cal Cunningham, Libertarian Shannon Bray, or Constitution Party candidate Kevin Hayes?

Definitely Tillis	30%
Probably Tillis	8%
Definitely Cunningham	29%
Probably Cunningham	5%
Bray	2%
Hayes	3%
Undecided	23%
Total Tillis	38%
Total Cunningham	34%

Q12. If the election for North Carolina Governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Dan Forest, Democrat Roy Cooper, Libertarian Steven DiFiore, or Constitution Party candidate Al Pisano?

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Definitely Forest	28%	31%	30%
Probably Forest	5%	5%	6%
Definitely Cooper	43%	39%	41%
Probably Cooper	7%	7%	7%
DiFiore	1%	NA	NA
Pisano	1%	NA	NA
Undecided	16%	19%	15%
Total Forest	33%	36%	36%
Total Cooper	50%	46%	48%

Q13. How closely are you following the news about coronavirus?

	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>
Very closely	75%	74%
Somewhat closely	21%	20%
Not very closely	3%	4%
Not following it at all	1%	<1%
Unsure/Refused	<1%	1%
Total Closely	96%	94%
Total Not Closely	4%	5%

Q14. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing coronavirus?

	<i>4/2/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>
Very worried	30%	17%
Somewhat worried	41%	31%
Not very worried	17%	29%
Not worried at all	11%	22%
Unsure/Refused	1%	1%
Total Worried	71%	48%
Total Not Worried	28%	51%

Q15. Has the coronavirus outbreak had a negative impact on your financial situation?

Yes, a major impact	23%
Yes, a minor impact	29%
No	48%
Unsure/Refused	1%

Q16. How concerned are you that the coronavirus will push the United States into an economic recession?

Very concerned	53%
Somewhat concerned	31%
Not very concerned	7%
Not concerned at all	5%
Unsure/Refused	4%
Total Concerned	84%
Total Not Concerned	12%

Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump's administration is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

	<i>4/2/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>
Strongly Approve	37%	38%
Somewhat Approve	20%	15%
Strongly Disapprove	32%	32%
Somewhat Disapprove	8%	9%
Unsure/Refused	3%	6%
Total Approve	57%	53%
Total Disapprove	40%	41%

Q18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Roy Cooper's administration is handling the coronavirus outbreak?

Strongly Approve	43%
Somewhat Approve	41%
Strongly Disapprove	5%
Somewhat Disapprove	6%
Unsure/Refused	5%
Total Approve	84%
Total Disapprove	11%

Q19. The North Carolina state government is required to balance its budget every year. The current economic shutdown will make that very difficult. While the state does have significant savings set aside, that will likely not be enough. Which approach would you prefer the state take to balance its budget during the current crisis?

Spending cutbacks to non-health related state agencies	46%
Tax increases to attempt to raise more revenue	16%
Unsure/Refused	38%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	35%
Landline	65%

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Party Registration

Republican	31%
Democrat	37%
Unaffiliated voter	29%
Unsure/Refused	3%

2016 Vote

Republican Donald Trump	48%
Democrat Hillary Clinton	42%
Someone else	5%
Did not vote	2%
Unsure/Refused	3%

Ideology

Very Conservative	22%
Somewhat Conservative	27%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat Liberal	14%
Very Liberal	9%
Unsure/Refused	4%

Age

18 to 34	15%
35 to 44	17%
45 to 54	18%
55 to 64	18%
65 to 74	19%
75 or older	13%

Race

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

General Election Vote History

0	8%
1	14%
2	20%
3	20%
4	38%

Media Market

Charlotte	29%
Greensboro-H.Point-W.Salem	16%
Greenville-N. Bern + Norfolk	8%
Greenvll-Spart-Ashevll-And + Atlanta and Chattanooga	11%
Raleigh-Durham (Fayetvll)	31%
Wilmington + Myrtle Beach	5%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 500 likely general election 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 April 5 – 7, 2020 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.
