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Civitas Institute North Carolina Statewide Survey Results *September 17 – 20, 2020*

*N=612 likely voters
Method: Live Caller*

*Confidence Interval: 95%
Margin of Error: +/-3.96%*

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>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>
Right direction	25%	21%	35%	43%	44%	37%	38%
Wrong track	66%	70%	55%	45%	45%	54%	51%
Unsure/Refused	9%	9%	10%	11%	11%	9%	10%

	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<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%	37%	39%	34%	38%	41%	41%	41%
Wrong track	53%	53%	52%	56%	53%	48%	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%	12%	9%	9%

Q2. How likely are you to vote in the 2020 Presidential election?

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>
Extremely likely	80%	80%	81%	74%	79%	77%
Very likely	19%	19%	17%	22%	19%	21%
Somewhat likely	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%

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

Q3. 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>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>
Republican Candidate	44%	40%	41%	38%	42%	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	46%	44%	39%	40%	41%	40%	41%
Other Party	1%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	7%
Neither	1%	2%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Undecided	9%	12%	15%	16%	14%	18%	17%

	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Republican Candidate	35%	36%	39%	36%	37%	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	37%	36%	37%	38%	37%	44%	42%
Neither/Other/Independent	5%	8%	6%	9%	4%	6%	6%
Undecided	23%	18%	18%	17%	22%	11%	16%

Q4. 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>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Republican Candidate	43%	40%	36%	34%
Democratic Candidate	43%	38%	39%	36%
Other Party	<1%	<1%	5%	10%
Neither	1%	1%	NA	NA
Undecided	13%	21%	20%	20%

Q5. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President.

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>
Strongly approve	40%	36%	36%	38%	40%	37%	37%
Somewhat approve	11%	11%	15%	14%	12%	11%	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%	44%	43%	36%	39%	45%	42%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	8%	5%	9%	5%	5%	8%
Unsure/Refused	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Total Approve	51%	47%	51%	52%	52%	48%	48%
Total Disapprove	46%	52%	48%	45%	44%	50%	50%

	<i>8/4/19</i>	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<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	35%	34%	36%	33%	38%	36%	37%	31%
Somewhat Approve	14%	13%	11%	14%	11%	12%	11%	14%
Strongly Disapprove	40%	42%	39%	44%	42%	44%	38%	45%
Somewhat Disapprove	8%	9%	8%	5%	5%	5%	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Total Approve	49%	47%	47%	47%	49%	48%	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	48%	51%	47%	49%	47%	49%	47%	53%

Q6. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor.

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>3/17/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>9/11/19</i>
Strongly approve	29%	32%	32%	34%	29%	25%	23%
Somewhat approve	23%	24%	31%	36%	33%	26%	31%
Strongly disapprove	30%	27%	20%	12%	16%	21%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%	13%	12%	13%	14%	12%
Unsure/Refused	7%	5%	5%	7%	9%	15%	13%
Total Approve	52%	56%	63%	70%	62%	51%	54%
Total Disapprove	41%	38%	33%	24%	29%	35%	33%

	<i>6/10/19</i>	<i>5/5/19</i>	<i>3/17/19</i>
Strongly Approve	21%	22%	22%
Somewhat Approve	32%	34%	36%
Strongly Disapprove	21%	19%	17%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%	10%	12%
Unsure/Refused	13%	15%	12%
Total Approve	53%	56%	58%
Total Disapprove	34%	29%	29%

Q7. If the Presidential election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, Libertarian Jo Jorgensen, Constitution Party candidate Don Blankenship, or Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins?

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Definitely Trump	42%	40%	43%	47%	41%
Probably Trump	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%
Definitely Biden	41%	37%	36%	39%	33%
Probably Biden	3%	8%	8%	3%	11%
Jorgensen	2%	2%	NA	NA	NA
Blankenship	<1%	1%	NA	NA	NA
Hawkins	<1%	1%	NA	NA	NA
Undecided	8%	7%	9%	9%	11%
Total Trump	45%	44%	47%	49%	45%
Total Biden	44%	45%	44%	42%	44%

Q8. 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?

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>
Definitely Tillis	36%	31%	30%	30%
Probably Tillis	2%	7%	8%	8%
Definitely Cunningham	39%	33%	28%	29%
Probably Cunningham	5%	8%	8%	5%
Bray	2%	2%	3%	2%
Hayes	3%	2%	2%	3%
Undecided	13%	16%	21%	23%
Total Tillis	38%	38%	38%	38%
Total Cunningham	44%	41%	36%	34%

Q9. 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>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>	<i>4/7/20</i>	<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>8/4/19</i>
Definitely Forest	36%	36%	31%	28%	31%	30%
Probably Forest	3%	3%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Definitely Cooper	43%	39%	38%	43%	39%	41%
Probably Cooper	3%	10%	11%	7%	7%	7%
DiFiore	1%	1%	<1%	1%	NA	NA
Pisano	1%	1%	1%	1%	NA	NA
Undecided	12%	11%	13%	16%	19%	15%
Total Forest	39%	39%	37%	33%	36%	36%
Total Cooper	46%	49%	49%	50%	46%	48%

Q10. If the election for North Carolina Lieutenant Governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Mark Robinson OR Democrat Yvonne Lewis Holley?

Definitely Robinson	38%
Probably Robinson	5%
Definitely Holley	37%
Probably Holley	3%
Undecided	16%
Total Robinson	43%
Total Holley	40%

Q11. If the election for North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Paul Newby OR Democrat Cheri Beasley?

Definitely Newby	20%
Probably Newby	18%
Definitely Beasley	40%
Probably Beasley	4%
Undecided	18%
Total Newby	38%
Total Beasley	44%

Q12. If the election for North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Catherine Truitt OR Democrat Jen Mangrum?

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>
Definitely Truitt	33%	29%
Probably Truitt	5%	6%
Definitely Mangrum	35%	10%
Probably Mangrum	3%	25%
Undecided	22%	31%
Total Truitt	38%	35%
Total Mangrum	38%	35%

Q13. If the election for North Carolina Treasurer were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Dale Folwell OR Democrat Ronnie Chatterji?

Definitely Folwell	35%
Probably Folwell	4%
Definitely Chatterji	35%
Probably Chatterji	4%
Undecided	22%
Total Folwell	39%
Total Chatterji	39%

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In your own words, which national issue would you consider to be most important when thinking about your vote in November?

[See attached verbatim responses]

Q14. Which of the following best describes how you plan on voting in the November election?

	<i>9/20/20</i>	<i>8/10/20</i>	<i>5/29/20</i>
In person on Election Day	41%	36%	40%
In person before Election Day	36%	36%	40%
By mail	20%	23%	14%
Unsure/Refused	3%	5%	6%

Q15. Overall, how confident are you that the November election will be conducted fairly and accurately?

Very confident	17%
Somewhat confident	36%
Not too confident	29%
Not at all confident	12%
Unsure/Refused	6%
Total Confident	53%
Total Not Confident	41%

Q16. Now, switching topics...How much of a problem is maintaining law and order in this country right now—is it a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem right now?

Major problem	69%
Minor problem	19%
Not a problem	8%
Unsure/Refused	3%

Q17. In the last six months, do you believe that the crime rate in North Carolina has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

Increased	46%
Decreased	4%
Stayed the same	42%
Unsure/Refused	8%

Q18. Now thinking about the issue of education...The North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship Program provides government-funded vouchers of up to \$4,200 to low and moderate-income students that can be applied to tuition at a private school of their parents' choice. In 2020 over 12,000 students participated in this program. Do you favor or oppose the opportunity scholarship program?

Strongly favor	50%
Somewhat favor	19%
Strongly oppose	12%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Unsure/Refused	13%
Total Favor	69%
Total Oppose	18%

Q19. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for elected office who wants to end the Opportunity Scholarship Program?

Much more likely	8%
Somewhat more likely	10%
Much less likely	32%
Somewhat less likely	20%
No difference	11%
Unsure/Refused	19%
Total More Likely	18%
Total Less Likely	52%

Q20. Would you favor or oppose a North Carolina constitutional amendment that states “The right to work and therefore the right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organization?”

Strongly favor	39%
Somewhat favor	19%
Strongly oppose	13%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Unsure/Refused	21%
Total Favor	58%
Total Oppose	21%

Demographics

Gender

Male	46%
Female	54%

Party Registration

Republican	32%
Democrat	38%
Unaffiliated voter	28%
Unsure/Refused	2%

2016 Vote

Republican Donald Trump	45%
Democrat Hillary Clinton	43%
Someone else	3%
Did not vote	5%
Unsure/Refused	3%

Level of Education

High school graduate or below	21%
Some college or technical school but no four-year degree	31%
Four-year college graduate	30%
Post graduate or advanced degree	17%
Unsure/Refused	1%

Ideology

Very Conservative	23%
Somewhat Conservative	26%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat Liberal	14%
Very Liberal	10%
Unsure/Refused	4%

Age

18-34	18%
35-44	16%
45-54	19%
55-64	19%
65-74	15%
75 or older	13%

Race

White	70%
African American	21%
Another race or ethnicity	9%

Type of Phone

Cellphone	40%
Landline	60%

Media Market

Charlotte	28%
Greensboro-H.Point-W.Salem	16%
Greenville-N. Bern + Norfolk	8%
Greenvll-Spart-Ashevll-And + Atlanta and Chattanooga	10%
Raleigh-Durham (Fayetvll)	33%
Wilmington + Myrtle Beach	5%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 612 likely voters in North Carolina and the margin of error is +/-3.96% at a 95% confidence interval, meaning that if this survey were repeated, results would not vary from the population by more than 3.96 percentage points 19 times out of 20. Responses were gathered via landline and cellphone interviews conducted using live operators at a professional call center. Demographics were adjusted to reflect the population from which the sample was drawn. The survey was conducted September 17– 20, 2020 by Harper Polling, a Cygnal company. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.
