



An in-depth examination of North Carolina voter attitudes on
important current issues

Registered Voters in North Carolina

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Key Insights

The Meredith Poll conducted a survey of North Carolina registered voters. The online sample--from Dynata--used a census quota to get our respondents. After the survey was completed, we **weighted** the survey for **gender, party affiliation, geographic location, race and ethnicity, and education** so that our sample most closely resembles North Carolina.

The sample had 1225 respondents, giving us a confidence interval of +/- 2.7%. The survey was in the field April 25-27. The data collection was completed one day prior to early voting starting in NC for the primary election.

The 2022 primary elections in North Carolina for federal offices

The Republican US Senate primary in North Carolina has garnered most of the attention in the state with former president Donald Trump endorsing Ted Budd and coming to the state to rally for him. Our poll results indicate a high degree of interest in the primaries generally and the Republican senate primary specifically, **but it is worth noting that midterm primary turnout in North Carolina averages about 15% over the last three midterm primary elections.** In our survey, over 78% of respondents indicated some interest in voting in the primary elections with almost half indicating that they would vote in the Republican primary.

Of the respondents indicating an interest in voting in the Republican primary, just under one-third (32.7%) indicate they will vote for Ted Budd, while 25.7% indicate they will vote for former Governor Pat McCrory. It is worth noting that over one-third of respondents indicate they were not sure, meaning that the race could still go either way. Budd runs strongest with the most conservative Republican voters, those in rural parts of the state, and those with lower educational attainment, while McCrory does better with more moderate Republican voters and those in urban areas.

Poll Director David McLennan states: "The Trump endorsement of Budd is significant. Public opinion polls of this race during the winter showed McCrory with a lead, but Trump's presence in the race, as well as heavy spending by independent expenditure organizations, such as the Club for Growth, against McCrory seems to have reversed Budd's fortunes."

The Democratic US Senate primary appears to be a shoo-in for former NC Supreme Court Justice Cheri Beasley, as her lead over Marcus Williams and the rest of the field is almost 40 points.

In our survey, instead of asking about specific races for the US House of Representatives, we asked the "generic ballot" question—asking whether people generally supported Democratic, Republican, or other party candidates in House races. In our survey, the generic Republican candidates had a 5.9-point lead over the generic Democratic candidates.

David McLennan notes: "The generic ballot results point to a very difficult year for Democrats. In previous election cycles, generic Democratic candidates were generally favored by small margins over generic Republican candidates. Since NC-13 appears to be in one swing House district in the state, it seems like the Republican nominee will head into the general election campaign with a slight advantage."

Satisfaction with direction of the country and state

By an almost three-to-one margin, North Carolinians are dissatisfied with the direction of the **country**. Less than 27 percent of respondents—a low figure for the history of the Meredith Poll—are satisfied with the direction of the country. Over half of Democratic respondents, particularly those who are most liberal--were satisfied with the direction of the country, but fewer than one-in-five Republicans and Unaffiliated voters were satisfied. Less than half (48%) of the Black respondents were satisfied, but most respondents of other

racial and ethnic groups were dissatisfied. Younger voters (40 years old and younger) indicated more satisfaction than older voters by a large margin and those who identified as more liberal were more satisfied than those who were moderate or more conservative.

“The fact that only liberal Democrats are satisfied with the direction of the country,” David McLennan states, “with every other demographic group with significant levels of dissatisfaction with the direction of the country poses a large issue for Democrats in a midterm election year. A majority of North Carolinians do not identify as liberal, so issues favored by liberals, such as forgiving student loans, may not be issues that will help Democratic candidates in 2022.”

North Carolinians are less dissatisfied with the direction of the **state** (a net satisfaction of -3.8 percentage points). Over 41 percent of respondents were satisfied with how things are going in North Carolina with just over 60 percent of Democrats being satisfied, but less than 30 percent of Republicans and just under one-third of unaffiliated voters agree with the direction of the state.

Although more people are satisfied with the direction of the state, the partisan divide demonstrates that most people see the state through the same political lens that they see the country. Despite Republicans holding a majority in the state legislature, Republican respondents in the state generally perceive the direction of the state as negatively as they perceive the direction of the country.

Approval of President Joe Biden and Governor Roy Cooper

President Joe Biden’s job approval in North Carolina has dropped significantly since the last Meredith Poll with just over 40 percent of respondents approving of his job as president. His net negative approval (-14 points) rivals the worst net approval of former President Trump—just prior to the 2018 midterm elections.

The partisan divide is predictable with 80 percent of Democrats approving of the job that Joe Biden is doing as president (down from almost 88% in the fall), with only 13 percent of Republicans, and 30 percent of unaffiliated voters approving of Biden’s job performance (down from 42% in the fall).

There are other divides in Biden’s job approval. Women consider Biden to be doing better than do men by over 11 points. Those under the age of 40 consider Joe Biden to be doing better than do those over 40 by over 9 points.

“The reality is that Joe Biden’s approval numbers are a drag on Democrats in an election year. It has to be particularly troublesome for Democrats that Biden has lost 12 points in his approval from unaffiliated voters and seen a sharp drop in the support of Hispanics. Even Black voters, thought to be Biden’s salvation in 2020 have had their support decline from the mid-80s to the upper 60s,” said David McLennan.

Governor Roy Cooper continues to have relatively strong approval, given the strong partisan divide within the state. His net approval ratings are over 13 points (50.6% approve v. 37.4% disapprove). Just over 77 percent of Democrats approve of the job Cooper is doing, while 46 percent of unaffiliated voters do. On the other hand, 60 percent of Republicans disapprove of the job Cooper is doing, but their intensity in their disapproval is not as strong as it is for President Biden, with under 30 percent of all Republicans strongly disapproving of Cooper’s performance as governor.

“Governor Cooper continues to be a bright spot for Democrats in North Carolina. His approval continues to run ahead of President Biden’s and Cooper has stronger favorability among groups that Biden has lost support with, including unaffiliated voters and Hispanics,” said David McLennan.

Political Partisanship and the Desire for a Viable Third Party

Although political partisans agree on very little, Democrats and Republicans, as well as others, agree that the country is more divided than in the past. Over three-quarters of the respondents indicated that partisanship was worse today than in the past with over 80 percent of Republicans and unaffiliated voters feeling this way and just under two-thirds of Democrats. Almost half of the respondents indicated that they thought political partisanship would be worse in five years, with one-quarter thinking it will be the same.

This polarization is driven by many factors—media fragmentation, politicians who no longer use compromise, and even fundamental beliefs about what is true—but it is noteworthy that this is the highest level of pessimism expressed about the inability of the country to come together since we began asking questions about polarization in 2015. Even recent events such as bi-partisan support for the Ukrainians against Russia do not seem to be affecting North Carolinians' views about partisanship.

Although there has been a slight increase in the belief that there is more political partisanship, two other findings are worth noting. First, a plurality of North Carolinians (38.1%) feel that the Democratic Party is more extreme than the Republican Party (the reverse was true at the end of the Trump administration).

“Even though Democrats in Washington have not been able to pass most of the Biden administration’s most progressive policies, the perception that Democrats are moving to the left is hurting the party in North Carolina. Just under 30 percent of North Carolinians describe themselves as very or somewhat liberal, so the “liberal” label should hurt Democratic candidates at the ballot box in 2022 and beyond, unless some changes are made,” argues David McLennan.

The increasing perception that the parties are increasingly polarized leads many North Carolinians (55%) to believe that a viable third party is needed to represent the views of citizens. Although third parties do exist in the state—the Libertarian and Constitutional parties, for example—these parties rarely have the visibility or resources to compete against the Democratic and Republican parties.

David McLennan believes “third parties have a difficult pathway to electoral success in North Carolina and in the nation, but an increasing number of North Carolinians, including younger voters, think the major parties are not serving them well.”

Policy issues in 2022

Expanding Medicaid

Over 70 percent of North Carolinians think the state should join the thirty-eight other states in expanding Medicaid and giving health care access to more lower income citizens. Almost 90 percent of Democrats support this expansion, but a majority of Republicans, including those who consider themselves the most conservative also support Medicaid expansion.

“Over the last few years, support for expanding Medicaid has increased in the state. There appears to be some movement in the General Assembly, even among Republicans who have argued against Medicaid expansion in the past, to expand access to health care.” David McLennan states. “Whether the legislators call it an expansion of Medicaid or something else, the public opinion would suggest this to be a popular move.”

Legalizing marijuana

For years bills have been filed in the General Assembly to legalize marijuana in some form—medical or recreational—but these bills have rarely advanced beyond the filing stage. With many states legalizing some or all forms of marijuana use and Congressional leaders, like Chuck Schumer, now talking about some form of marijuana legalization or decriminalization, North Carolina may be on the verge of reconsidering its long-standing hesitancy on this issue.

Over 60 percent of respondents in our survey favor legalizing medical marijuana use or both medical and recreational marijuana use. Only 13 percent of those surveyed wanted to keep all forms of marijuana illegal. The support for some form of marijuana legalization is broad and cuts across all demographic and political lines.

Abortion laws after the potential overturn of *Roe v. Wade*

Supreme Court watchers now believe that *Roe v. Wade* may be overturned in the next few weeks with a decision on *Whole Women's Health v. Jackson*. If *Roe* is overturned and the issue of abortion rights is returned to the states, North Carolina may ultimately pass a law that directs women and health care providers about the legal course of action in this area. Many states around the country have preemptively passed legislation either banning abortion or severely limiting the right of women to have abortions.

Just over half of the North Carolinians surveyed (52.6%) want North Carolina to pass a law keeping the current provisions of *Roe* or expanding abortion access further. Just under 40 percent of respondents want a law that severely restricts access to abortion or makes it illegal in all circumstances.

This is one of the most partisan findings in the survey. Over three-quarters of Democrats want to keep *Roe's* provisions or expand abortion access, while almost 70 percent of Republicans want to restrict access to abortion or make it illegal. Also, over two-thirds of the youngest respondents (18-24 years of age) want to keep *Roe's* provisions or expand access to abortions, with older voters being more evenly split between maintaining access to abortion versus restricting or eliminating access.

"The expected decision by the conservative Court to overturn *Roe* will eventually lead to a very divisive fight over abortion law in North Carolina. Currently, the Republicans cannot overturn a veto from Governor Cooper, but if they pick up a few more seats and get a veto-proof majority, we may see North Carolina go the way of Texas or other states and immediately try to restrict abortion rights," says David McLennan, even if most of the state's citizens favor protecting abortion rights."

"Don't Say Gay" in NC

Another "culture war" issue dividing North Carolinians is what is popularly referred to as the "Don't Say Gay" law. This Florida law puts restrictions on public school teachers and employees discussing issues surrounding sexual identity, particularly in the lower grades. It allows parents to sue the school system if they believe teachers and staff members violate this law.

Almost half of those surveyed (47.1%) think that elementary school parents should be able to sue the schools if teachers and staff members discuss issues related to sexual identity. When asked if they supported this kind of law for all grade levels, North Carolinians were evenly split (41.5% support; 41.7% oppose).

Many demographic and political factors influenced support for this type of legislation. A majority of Republicans (almost 60%) support this legislation as it applies to elementary schools with large majorities of self-identified conservatives supporting this. Those identifying as Hispanic/Latinx also supported this type of legislation, as did older respondents.

"Public education will continue to be a political battlefield in 2022 and beyond," argues David McLennan. "Cultural issues such as discussing sexual identity, banning transgender athletes from participating in school sports, and banning books with certain content are all part of the culture wars being fought in electoral politics. As we saw in the Virginia governor's race last year, Republicans can be very successful in appealing to parental rights on a host of educational topics."

Constitutional limits on older candidates

With the possibility of two octogenarians—Joe Biden and Donald Trump—being the major party nominees for their respective parties in 2024 and the concerns raised by some about having a sitting president in his

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eighties, we decided to ask North Carolinians if they thought the Constitution should be amended to put an upper age limit on federal elected officials (e.g., president and members of Congress). Over three-quarters of those surveyed thought an upper limit was advisable. Support for an upper limit was universal with political partisans, people with all levels of educational attainment, and, most interestingly, respondents across all age categories—young to old—supporting a maximum age for serving.

We also asked what the maximum age should be for those serving in the presidency and Congress. Although a slight plurality of respondents indicated that 50 should be the maximum age for those serving in those offices, a majority of respondents thought the maximum age should be 65-75. Also interesting was that Democrats, women, and those with less educational attainment felt that the maximum age should be younger, while Republicans, males, and those with more education felt the maximum age should be higher.

David McLennan states: “My students often ask me why the Constitution sets a minimum age for members of Congress and the presidency, but not a maximum age. I always tell them that the Founders’ life expectancy was so much shorter than the modern life expectancy that they never considered people serving in Congress and, potentially, the White House in their eighties. North Carolinians seem to agree with my students that the eligibility requirements in the Constitution should be revisited.”

Budget priorities

In polling it is difficult to get an accurate assessment of what issues people really consider to be most important. Almost all North Carolinians will identify issues like public education and law enforcement to be top priorities. In this survey, we tried a different approach to getting at the priorities of North Carolinians. We asked them to spend a hypothetical \$100 across four different budget areas: health care, transportation/infrastructure, law enforcement, and education. We allowed them to allocate as much or as little of the \$100 across those areas as they saw fit.

In our results, education and health care were the two top priorities for all respondents, with law enforcement a close third. Transportation/infrastructure was the lowest of the four. However, when broken down by political party and gender, there were different priorities:

<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Unaffiliated</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Education	Health care	Education	Law enforcement	Education
Health care	Law enforcement	Health care	Education	Health care
Transportation	Education	Law enforcement	Transportation	Law enforcement
Law enforcement	Transportation	Transportation	Education	Transportation

Distracted driving laws in NC

On the issue of a law to ban the use of handheld devices while driving, North Carolinians remain strongly in favor of such as bill being passed. Well over 90 percent of the respondents believe mobile phones are a major contributor to car accidents. All demographic groups, including the youngest respondents, agreed that using a mobile phone while driving leads to accidents.

As with previous Meredith Polls (2018 and 2021), over 80 percent of respondents support a hands-free law being passed in North Carolina that would make it illegal to hold a mobile device while driving. The support cuts across all demographic and political groups. Likewise, over 80 percent of respondents are frustrated that the state has not passed a distracted driving law, and well over a third of North Carolinians state that they would not vote for a legislator who voted “no” on a distracted driving bill.

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McLennan states: "Since we first started asking these questions four years ago, the results have been very consistent—citizens see the negative effects of using a mobile device while driving and strongly support legislation banning such behavior. Although most voters do not put distracted driving legislation at the top of the list of important political issues in an election year, it is significant that a large number of voters are willing to punish elected officials at the ballot box."

Topline Results

Satisfaction with the way things are going in the United States today

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of the country today?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	335	27.0
No	818	65.9
Don't know	72	8.9

N= 1225

Satisfaction with the way things are going in North Carolina today

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of North Carolina today?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	515	41.4
No	562	45.2
Don't know	167	13.4

N= 1244

Political Partisanship

What is your view--do you think this country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

Response	Number	Percentage
More politically divided	930	75.5
Less politically divided	77	6.3

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Response	Number	Percentage
About the same	190	15.4
Don't know	35	2.8

N=1232

And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will be:

Response	Number	Percentage
More politically divided	555	45.1
Less politically divided	157	12.8
About the same	349	28.4
Don't know	170	13.8

N=1231

Thinking about the political parties, please tell me if each of the phrases I read best describes the Democratic Party and its leaders, the Republican Party and its leaders, both, or neither.

Is more extreme in its positions

Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	473	38.4
The Republican Party	353	28.6
Both	279	22.7
Neither	56	4.6
Don't know	71	5.8

N=1232

Can better manage the federal government

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Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	349	28.5
The Republican Party	484	39.6
Both	102	8.3
Neither	220	21.8
Don't know	70	5.7

N=1225

Cares more about the needs of people like me

Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	412	33.6
The Republican Party	398	32.5
Both	88	7.1
Neither	262	21.4
Don't know	67	5.5

N=1227

Governs in a more honest and ethical way

Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	379	30.9
The Republican Party	351	28.7
Both	101	8.2

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Response	Number	Percentage
Neither	320	26.1
Don't know	75	6.1

N=1226

Third Party Support

In your view, do the Democratic and Republican parties do an adequate job of representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third party is needed?

Response	Number	Percentage
The two parties do an adequate job of representing Americans	320	26.0
The two parties do not do an adequate job of representing Americans and a third party is needed	678	55
Don't know	235	19.1

N=1233

Policy Issues

Now we are going to ask you about some policy issues that are under consideration in the United States and North Carolina.

Constitutional limits on older candidates

The United States Constitution sets a minimum age for a person to run for the United States House of Representatives (25), the United States Senate (30), and the United States President (35), but does not set a maximum age. Do you believe there should be a maximum age for a person to run for federal office?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	899	73.3
No	232	18.8
Don't know	96	7.8

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N=1227

What should be the maximum age for a person to run for a federal office (US House, US Senate, or president)?

Response	Number	Percentage
50 or younger	213	21.3
55	86	8.6
60	137	13.7
65	207	20.7
70	160	16.0
75	96	9.6
80	34	3.4
85 or older	6	0.6
Don't know	59	5.9

N=998

Expanding Medicaid

Currently 38 states have expanded Medicaid coverage to allow more of their citizens to have healthcare coverage. North Carolina is one of 12 states that has not done so. Do you think North Carolina should pass a law to expand Medicaid coverage, giving more North Carolinians access to healthcare?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	869	71.0
No	211	17.3
Don't know	143	11.7

N=1223

Abortion laws if Roe v. Wade is overturned

If the United States Supreme Court overturns the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and the power to regulate abortion returns to the states, what kind of law would you prefer that North Carolina does in regards to abortion law:

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Response	Number	Percentage
Expanding access to abortion services so that there is no restrictions on a women’s right to abortion.	313	25.6
Maintain the spirit of Roe v. Wade so that a woman can access abortion services freely up to 22 weeks, but there are restrictions after that.	329	27.0
Make access to abortion very restricted - making it illegal after 15 weeks.	111	9.1
Severely limit the access to abortions so that abortion would only be allowed if the woman’s life is endangered by her pregnancy or the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest.	241	19.7
Make abortion in all cases illegal.	122	10.0
Don’t know	107	8.7

N=1223

Legalizing marijuana

18 States plus Washington, D.C., allow medical and recreational usage of marijuana by adults, and 17 more states allow only medical usage of marijuana by adults. The current law in North Carolina allows cannabidiol (CBD) only, which comes from marijuana but carries no intoxicating effects. What do you think the law regarding marijuana in North Carolina should be?

Response	Number	Percentage
Keep it the same - CBD only	223	18.3

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Response	Number	Percentage
Expand access to medical marijuana	278	22.8
Expand access to medical and recreational marijuana	461	37.7
Make all forms of marijuana, including CBD, illegal	158	13.0
Don't know	100	8.2

N= 1220

“Don't Say Gay” law in NC

Would you support or oppose legislation that would allow parents to sue school districts if sexual orientation or gender identity was discussed in elementary school classrooms?

Response	Number	Percentage
Support	574	47.1
Oppose	460	37.7
Don't know	185	15.2

N=1219

Would you support or oppose legislation that would allow parents to sue school districts if sexual orientation or gender identity was discussed in school, regardless of grade level?

Response	Number	Percentage
Support	504	41.5
Oppose	507	41.7
Don't know	206	16.9

N=1217

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Prioritizing legislation

Pretend as though you have a budget to spend on government services, and you can only spend \$100. How would you allocate your \$100 among the policy areas below?

- a. Healthcare
- b. Transportation/infrastructure
- c. Law enforcement
- d. Education

#	Field	Mean
1	Health care	26.25
2	Transportation/infrastructure	20.17
3	Law enforcement	24.17
4	Education	29.41

Distracted driving laws

Among these options, which do you consider the most serious problem you face currently when you drive on North Carolina's highways and roads:

Response	Number	Percentage
Excessive speeding by other motorists	172	14.5
Poor maintenance of roads and highways	313	26.4

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Response	Number	Percentage
Insufficient law enforcement presence to catch violators	97	8.2
Trash and debris along the roadways	74	6.2
High volumes of traffic causing delays	185	15.6
Too many motorists holding their smart phone while driving	276	23.2
Don't know	72	5.6

N=1189

Distracted driving refers to any behavior that keeps a driver from fully focusing while operating a motor vehicle. One specific form of distracted driving is a driver holding a smart phone in their hand while behind the wheel. Now, based on your own experience driving on the roads and highways of North Carolina, which of the following statements most closely reflects your own opinion:

Response	Number	Percentage
I am extremely concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	583	49.5
I am somewhat concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	451	38.3

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Response	Number	Percentage
I am not concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	85	7.2
Don't know	61	5.1

N=1180

A hands-free driving law would prohibit holding a smart phone in your hands while driving a vehicle. Using the device without holding it for making phone calls, or playing music, or navigation would be permissible, but no checking social media, watching videos, playing games or surfing the internet while driving. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your own opinion of a hands-free driving law.

Response	Number	Percentage
I strongly support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law	700	59.1
I somewhat support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law	282	23.7
I somewhat oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law	71	6.0
I strongly oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law	65	5.5
Don't know	67	5.7

N=1185

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There has been hands-free driving law proposed during every state legislative session since 2009, but there is still no hands-free law in North Carolina. There is currently legislation, Senate Bill 20, that would create a hands-free driving law for North Carolina, but so far no discussion or debate has been allowed on this bill. Knowing this, which of the following most closely reflects your opinion:

Response	Number	Percentage
It concerns me a great deal that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed by Senate Bill 20, and they definitely should do so this year.	580	48.9
It concerns me that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed by Senate Bill 20, and they definitely should do so this year.	371	31.2
It doesn't concern me at all that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed by Senate Bill 20.	119	10.0
Don't know	117	9.9

N=1187

If you were talking to your state legislative representative about distracted driving on North Carolina roads and highways, and the legislator said they do NOT support a hands-free driving law, which of the following most closely reflects what your reaction would be:

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Response	Number	Percentage
I would be very unlikely to vote for them in the upcoming election.	428	36.1
I would be somewhat unlikely to vote for them in the upcoming election.	332	27.9
It would not impact whether or not I voted for them in the upcoming election.	276	23.3
Don't know	151	12.7

N=1187

Support for Political Leaders

Now we are going to ask you some questions about specific political leaders.

Biden support

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	197	16.6
Approve	287	24.1
Disapprove	200	16.9
Strongly disapprove	440	37.1
Don't know	63	5.3

N=1187

Cooper support

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Roy Cooper is handling his job as governor?

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Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	243	20.5
Approve	357	30.1
Disapprove	248	20.9
Strongly disapprove	196	16.5
Don't know	142	11.9

N=1186

2022 Primary

Are you planning on voting in the primary elections in 2022?

Response	Number	Percentage
Definitely yes	625	52.7
Probably yes	309	26.1
Probably not	157	13.3
Definitely not	94	7.9

N=1185

Which primary are you planning to vote in?

Response	Number	Percentage
Democratic	383	40.9
Republican	454	48.5
Other	99	10.6

N=936

Democratic US Senate primary

Which Democratic candidate for the US Senate seat in NC would you be most likely to vote for?

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Response	Number	Percentage
Cheri Beasley	187	49
Marcus Williams	36	9.4
Someone else	24	6.3
Don't know	135	35.3

N=392

Republican US Senate primary

Which Republican candidate for the US Senate seat in NC would you be most likely to vote for?

Response	Number	Percentage
Marjorie K. Eastman	16	2.7
Pat McCrory	151	25.7
Mark Walker	38	6.5
Ted Budd	192	32.7
Someone else	34	5.8
Don't know	198	33.7

N=588

2022 Generic Ballot for US House

If the election was held today for the US House of Representatives, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Response	Number	Percentage
Democratic	355	38.0
Republican	410	43.9
Libertarian	34	3.6

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Response	Number	Percentage
Another party	27	2.9
Don't know	108	11.6

N=934

Demographics

Now we would like to ask you some questions about you.

County

What county do you live in?

Response	Number	Percentage
Urban	450	38
Rural	355	30
Suburban	357	30
Prefer not to say	23	2

N=1185

Native

Were you born in North Carolina, or somewhere else?

Response	Number	Percentage
Born in NC	663	56.1
Born somewhere else	518	43.9

N=1181

Gender

What is your gender?

Response	Number	Percentage
Male	629	53.3
Female	539	45.7

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Response	Number	Percentage
Third gender/non-binary	9	.8
Prefer not to say	3	.3

N=1180

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Race/Ethnicity

What is your race/ethnicity?

Response	Number	Percentage
White	807	68.4
Black	271	23
Hispanic/Latinx	29	2.4
Other	65	5.5
Prefer not to say	8	0.7

N=1180

Level of Education

What best describes the level of education you last completed?

Response	Number	Percentage
Less than high school diploma	38	3.2
High school diploma	252	21.3
Some college	382	32.3
Bachelor's degree	302	25.5
Graduate or professional degree	207	17.5
Prefer not to say	3	.3

N=1184

Age

What is your age?

Response	Number	Percentage
18-24	121	10.3
25-40	403	34.1
41-56	290	24.6
57-75	309	26.2
76+	57	4.8

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Response	Number	Percentage
Prefer not to say	0	0

N=1180

Political ideology

How would you describe yourself?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very liberal	165	14
Somewhat liberal	175	14.8
Somewhere in the middle	407	34.5
Somewhat conservative	233	19.8
Very conservative	199	16.9

N=1179

Party Affiliation

What political party do you most identify with?

Response	Number	Percentage
Democratic	411	34.8
Republican	441	37.3
Unaffiliated	278	23.5
Other	23	2
Don't know	28	2.4

N=1181

Cross-tabulations

Direction of the Country

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of the country today?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	52.3	38.2	9.5
Republican	12.7	84.1	3.2
Unaffiliated	15.6	76.4	8.0
Other	13.6	81.8	4.5
Don't know	14.3	71.4	14.3
White	20.9	73.3	5.8
Black	48.0	42.4	9.6
Hispanic/Latinx	24.1	65.5	10.3
Other	23.1	73.8	3.1
Prefer not to say			
Female	28.4	62.1	9.5
Male	26.3	69.2	4.5
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	55.6	11.1
Prefer not to say	66.7	33.3	0.0
18-24	25.6	66.1	8.3

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	Yes	No	Don't Know
25-40	38.6	54.7	6.7
41-56	22.4	69.3	8.3
57-75	20.1	74.0	5.8
76+	12.5	85.7	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	52.6	34.2	13.2
High school diploma	25.6	64.8	9.6
Some college	13.4	80.1	6.5
Bachelor's degree	27.2	67.5	5.3
Graduate or professional degree	50.5	45.1	4.4
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	59.4	35.8	4.8
Somewhat liberal	39.7	50.6	9.8
Somewhere in the middle	23.6	66.5	9.9
Somewhat conservative	9.9	85.8	4.3
Very conservative	17.7	79.8	2.5
Born in North Carolina	33.2	58.3	8.5
Born somewhere else	20.0	75.4	4.7
Urban	42.1	51.1	6.8

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	Yes	No	Don't Know
Suburban	32	64	4
Rural	35.3	60.4	4.7

Direction of the state

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of North Carolina today?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	61.0	27.8	11.2
Republican	29.3	60.5	10.2
Unaffiliated	32.4	47.8	19.8
Other	27.3	68.2	4.5
Don't know	35.7	28.6	35.7
White	36.9	50.8	12.3
Black	56.8	29.2	14.0
Hispanic/Latinx	41.4	31.0	27.6
Other	30.8	56.9	12.3
Prefer not to say	25.0	37.5	37.5
Female	41.6	43.7	14.7
Male	41.1	47.5	11.5
Non-binary/third gender	22.2	33.3	44.4
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3
18-24	46.3	33.1	20.7

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	Yes	No	Don't Know
25-40	49.8	36.3	13.9
41-56	37.7	48.8	13.5
57-75	34.0	55.3	10.7
76+	24.6	68.4	7.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	52.6	34.2	13.2
High school diploma	40.2	43.8	15.9
Some college	27.0	58.5	14.4
Bachelor's degree	44.4	42.7	12.9
Graduate or professional degree	61.4	30.4	8.2
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	66.1	27.3	6.7
Somewhat liberal	46.0	40.8	13.2
Somewhere in the middle	42.1	39.4	18.5
Somewhat conservative	30.0	56.7	13.3
Very conservative	27.6	64.3	8.0
Born in North Carolina	44.7	41.4	13.9
Born somewhere else	36.8	50.9	12.4
Urban	55	35	10

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	Yes	No	Don't Know
Suburban	51	37.2	11.8
Rural	42.7	42.7	14.6

Partisanship

Current situation

What is your view--do you think this country is more divided these days than in the past, or not?

	More politically divided	Less politically divided	About the same	Don't know
Democrat	72.0	8.5	16.1	3.4
Republican	80.7	6.4	10.7	2.3
Unaffiliated	75.2	3.2	19.4	2.2
Other	81.8	4.5	13.6	0.0
Don't know	60.7	3.6	25.0	10.7
White	80.2	5.0	13.1	1.7
Black	66.7	9.3	19.3	4.8
Hispanic/Latinx	69.0	10.3	13.8	6.9
Other	67.7	6.2	23.1	3.1
Prefer not to say	62.5	25.0	12.5	0.0
Female	75.1	6.1	15.2	3.5
Male	76.8	6.2	14.7	2.2
Non-binary/third gender	66.7	11.1	22.2	0.0
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0

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	More politically divided	Less politically divided	About the same	Don't know
18-24	69.4	13.2	13.2	4.1
25-40	66.1	9.0	20.9	4.0
41-56	75.8	5.9	16.6	1.7
57-75	88.0	1.3	8.8	1.9
76+	93.0	1.8	3.5	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	63.2	5.3	15.8	15.8
High school diploma	62.5	11.6	20.3	5.6
Some college	80.1	3.1	14.4	2.4
Bachelor's degree	80.1	6.0	13.0	1.0
Graduate or professional degree	81.1	5.8	12.6	0.5
Prefer not to say	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0
Very liberal	76.8	11.0	11.0	1.2
Somewhat liberal	70.7	7.5	19.0	2.9
Somewhere in the middle	67.5	6.2	21.2	5.2
Somewhat conservative	82.4	3.4	13.3	0.9
Very conservative	88.9	5.1	4.5	1.5
Born in North Carolina	70.2	8.2	18.0	3.6

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	More politically divided	Less politically divided	About the same	Don't know
Born somewhere else	83.2	3.9	11.2	1.7
Urban	70.4	7.6	15.2	7.8
Suburban	78.2	4.4	12.3	5.1
Rural	85.5	4.2	5.6	4.7

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Five years from now

And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will be:

	More politically divided	Less politically divided	About the same	Don't know
Democrat	44.1	15.4	29.8	10.7
Republican	47.7	12.3	25.7	14.3
Unaffiliated	45.3	8.7	31.2	14.9
Other	40.9	18.2	22.7	18.2
Don't know	35.7	7.1	25.0	32.1
White	46.1	11.2	27.8	14.9
Black	43.5	16.6	29.9	10.0
Hispanic/Latinx	41.4	6.9	37.9	13.8
Other	50.0	14.1	23.4	12.5
Prefer not to say	50.0	12.5	37.5	0.0
Female	43.7	12.3	25.9	18.1
Male	46.9	12.6	30.3	10.2
Non-binary/third gender	55.6	11.1	33.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0
18-24	53.7	11.6	29.8	5.0
25-40	48.9	14.8	27.1	9.3
41-56	45.2	10.7	31.0	13.1
57-75	39.3	12.7	26.3	21.8

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	More politically divided	Less politically divided	About the same	Don't know
76+	40.4	7.0	29.8	22.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	42.1	7.9	28.9	21.1
High school diploma	46.2	13.5	29.1	11.2
Some college	45.5	9.2	30.8	14.5
Bachelor's degree	45.2	14.6	25.2	15.0
Graduate or professional degree	46.6	15.0	26.2	12.1
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	66.7	0.0
Very liberal	57.3	13.4	24.4	4.9
Somewhat liberal	43.1	14.9	29.3	12.6
Somewhere in the middle	39.4	9.1	34.5	17.0
Somewhat conservative	44.2	12.0	30.0	13.7
Very conservative	51.8	16.8	16.2	15.2
Born in North Carolina	46.5	12.9	28.2	12.4
Born somewhere else	44.4	11.8	28.5	15.3
Urban	38.2	12.3		
Suburban	41.2	15.2	31.2	12.4
Rural	46.3	14	25.7	14

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Thinking about the political parties, please tell me if each of the phrases I read best describes the Democratic Party and its leaders, the Republican Party and its leaders, both, or neither.

Political Parties

More extreme

Is more extreme in its positions

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Democrat	37.7	40.8	13.7	2.9	4.9
Republican	51.7	20.9	20.4	3.4	3.6
Unaffiliated	23.7	22.3	40.3	6.1	7.6
Other	18.2	31.8	31.8	13.6	4.5
Don't know	14.3	21.4	25.0	10.7	28.6
White	39.7	28.6	23.8	3.1	4.9
Black	40.6	26.6	18.1	6.6	8.1
Hispanic/Latinx	41.4	37.9	20.7	0.0	0.0
Other	23.1	26.2	32.3	12.3	6.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Female	37.4	29.4	21.9	3.5	7.8
Male	40.7	27.0	23.8	4.9	3.7
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	55.6	33.3	11.1	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
18-24	30.6	66.9	24.8	5.0	5.8
25-40	40.3	27.5	19.5	5.8	7.0
41-56	32.4	30.3	28.3	3.8	5.2
57-75	42.4	25.9	23.0	3.6	5.2
76+	56.1	22.8	19.3	0.0	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	55.3	15.8	10.5	5.3	13.2
High school diploma	36.7	26.7	23.5	5.2	8.0
Some college	35.6	29.3	21.7	6.5	6.8
Bachelor's degree	34.6	31.9	27.6	2.7	3.3
Graduate or professional degree	50.0	25.7	20.4	1.5	2.4
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	46.3	37.2	10.4	2.4	3.7
Somewhat liberal	16.1	60.3	16.1	2.9	4.6
Somewhere in the middle	22.4	26.8	36.4	7.1	7.4
Somewhat conservative	49.6	13.4	28.4	3.9	4.7
Very conservative	73.4	13.6	6.0	2.0	5.0

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Born in North Carolina	41.6	25.7	21.0	4.7	7.0
Born somewhere else	34.8	31.7	25.7	3.7	4.1
Urban	32.2	51.2	13.1	3	.5
Suburban	44	36	12.2	4.4	3.4
Rural	47	28.2	14.1	4	6.7

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Democrat	66.7	8.4	8.9	10.8	5.2
Republican	3.2	77.6	5.3	11.4	2.5
Unaffiliated	15.5	27.4	12.3	36.1	8.7
Other	18.2	22.7	13.6	40.9	4.5
Don't know	7.1	17.9	7.1	39.3	28.6
White	21.4	48.3	6.5	18.7	5.1
Black	50.6	13.9	12.7	16.1	6.7
Hispanic/Latinx	39.3	46.4	7.1	7.1	0.0
Other	27.7	29.2	12.3	24.6	6.2
Prefer not to say	12.5	25.0	25.0	37.5	0.0

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Female	36.0	32.8	7.5	15.9	7.9
Male	22.6	45.2	8.8	20.2	3.2
Non-binary/third gender	44.4	0.0	22.2	22.2	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7
18-24	29.2	29.2	12.5	20.0	9.2
25-40	33.6	33.6	11.3	16.0	5.5
41-56	24.7	40.1	8.4	21.3	5.6
57-75	27.9	45.1	3.9	18.5	4.5
76+	19.6	60.7	1.8	14.3	3.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	52.6	23.7	7.9	7.9	7.9
High school diploma	22.1	43.0	10.4	17.3	7.2
Some college	20.7	44.0	9.0	19.9	6.4
Bachelor's degree	27.2	38.2	8.6	20.6	5.3
Graduate or professional degree	49.5	30.1	4.4	14.6	1.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	66.0	15.4	7.4	9.9	1.2
Somewhat liberal	58.6	13.2	6.3	15.5	6.3

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Somewhere in the middle	20.8	29.5	14.1	26.7	8.9
Somewhat conservative	6.5	61.5	6.5	20.8	4.8
Very conservative	13.6	73.3	1.5	7.6	2.0
Born in North Carolina	31.6	39.5	9.3	13.7	5.9
Born somewhere else	25.1	28.6	7.2	24.0	5.1
Urban	40	25.5	8.6	20	5.9
Suburban	33	37	7.2	17.3	5.5
Rural	30.1	36.1	6.2	20	7.6

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Democrat	77.1	2.5	8.6	7.1	4.7
Republican	4.5	69.1	5.2	18.0	3.2
Unaffiliated	21.7	19.9	7.2	43.7	7.6
Other	22.7	18.2	9.1	45.5	4.5
Don't know	7.1	17.9	3.6	39.3	32.1

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
White	27.1	40.2	5.1	23.0	4.6
Black	57.0	8.3	12.8	14.3	7.5
Hispanic/Latinx	35.7	39.3	3.6	21.4	0.0
Other	33.3	27.7	6.2	26.2	6.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	25.0	12.5	50.0	12.5
Female	41.6	27.2	6.9	17.4	6.9
Male	28.3	36.6	6.7	24.3	4.0
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	0.0	22.2	33.3	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3
18-24	40.0	24.2	11.7	19.2	5.0
25-40	39.9	24.9	10.6	19.3	5.3
41-56	31.7	33.1	5.6	23.0	6.6
57-75	29.8	38.2	2.3	24.3	5.5
76+	18.3	61.4	3.5	14.0	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	50.0	21.1	10.5	7.9	10.5
High school diploma	27.8	36.7	10.5	19.0	6.0
Some college	26.1	37.6	6.3	22.9	7.1

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Bachelor's degree	34.6	30.2	4.7	26.9	3.7
Graduate or professional degree	54.1	22.0	5.9	15.1	2.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	69.8	6.2	11.1	12.3	0.6
Somewhat liberal	70.1	11.5	4.0	10.9	3.4
Somewhere in the middle	28.6	22.0	10.9	29.1	9.4
Somewhat conservative	9.4	48.9	4.3	31.3	6.0
Very conservative	14.2	72.6	1.0	10.2	2.0
Born in North Carolina	36.8	33.2	8.1	15.4	6.5
Born somewhere else	31.1	30.7	5.4	28.7	4.1
Urban	48	21	4.2	20.2	6.4
Suburban	34	34	7.6	18.4	7
Rural	28	41.2	3.3	20	7.5

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Democrat	72.2	2.7	8.9	12.8	3.4
Republican	3.2	61.7	5.9	25.1	4.1
Unaffiliated	19.5	16.2	10.1	45.1	9.0
Other	27.3	18.2	4.5	45.5	4.5
Don't know	7.1	3.6	10.7	39.3	39.3
White	24.6	35.2	6.2	28.2	5.7
Black	53.2	9.4	12.0	19.1	6.4
Hispanic/Latinx	25.0	32.1	14.3	28.6	0.0
Other	29.7	21.9	10.9	31.3	6.3
Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	12.5	37.5	0.0
Female	39.4	23.0	7.1	23.4	7.1
Male	24.8	33.2	8.7	28.7	4.6
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	0.0	22.2	33.3	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3
18-24	31.7	20.0	13.3	27.5	7.5
25-40	35.4	23.6	10.3	25.4	5.3
41-56	30.4	26.0	8.7	27.7	7.3
57-75	28.9	35.1	3.2	26.9	5.8

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
76+	21.4	57.1	1.8	19.6	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	50.0	15.8	10.5	10.5	13.2
High school diploma	22.5	31.7	12.9	25.3	7.6
Some college	22.4	35.1	7.9	27.4	7.1
Bachelor's degree	33.3	25.7	5.3	31.7	4.0
Graduate or professional degree	52.4	18.9	5.3	20.9	2.4
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	67.9	6.2	9.9	14.2	1.9
Somewhat liberal	64.4	7.5	7.5	18.4	2.3
Somewhere in the middle	26.2	16.8	12.1	36.1	8.7
Somewhat conservative	6.5	46.1	5.2	34.9	7.3
Very conservative	13.1	67.2	2.0	13.1	4.5
Born in North Carolina	33.6	27.8	9.7	22.2	6.7
Born somewhere else	28.8	29.2	5.6	31.5	4.9

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't know
Urban	36	18.1	3.3	32.2	8.4
Suburban					
Rural	21	29.2	4.4	42.5	3.9

In your view, do the Democratic and Republican parties do an adequate job of representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third party is needed?

Is third party needed

	The two parties do an adequate job of representing Americans	The two parties do not do an adequate job of representing Americans and a third party is needed	Don't know
Democrat	39.1	42.1	18.8
Republican	25.6	55.3	19.0
Unaffiliated	12.2	73.4	14.4
Other	4.5	72.7	22.7
Don't know	3.6	50.0	46.4
White	21.9	60.3	17.8
Black	41.0	39.5	19.6
Hispanic/Latinx	24.1	51.7	24.1
Other	16.9	63.1	20.0
Prefer not to say	25.0	62.5	12.5

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	The two parties do an adequate job of representing Americans	The two parties do not do an adequate job of representing Americans and a third party is needed	Don't know
Female	29.2	48.5	22.3
Male	24.1	60.8	15.2
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	77.8	22.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
18-24	33.1	51.2	15.7
25-40	35.5	46.8	17.8
41-56	22.8	60.0	17.2
57-75	16.2	63.4	20.4
76+	14.0	59.6	26.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	44.7	31.6	23.7
High school diploma	27.9	52.6	19.5
Some college	18.8	58.4	22.8
Bachelor's degree	20.3	63.5	16.3
Graduate or professional degree	43.2	45.1	11.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
Very liberal	49.4	38.4	12.2

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	The two parties do an adequate job of representing Americans	The two parties do not do an adequate job of representing Americans and a third party is needed	Don't know
Somewhat liberal	23.6	59.8	16.7
Somewhere in the middle	17.7	59.5	22.9
Somewhat conservative	19.4	63.4	17.2
Very conservative	34.7	47.2	18.1
Born in North Carolina	33.6	46.8	19.5
Born somewhere else	16.8	65.8	17.4
Urban	24.5	55.2	20.3
Suburban	34	45.3	20.7
Rural	28	55	17

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Now we are going to ask you about some policy issues that are under consideration in the United States and North Carolina.

Policy Issues

Maximum age for elected officials

The United States Constitution sets a minimum age for a person to run for the United States House of Representatives (25), the United States Senate (30), and the United States President (35), but does not set a maximum age. Do you believe there should be a maximum age for a person to run for federal office?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Democrat	72.1	20.1	7.8
Republican	77.8	17.0	5.2
Unaffiliated	69.4	20.5	10.1
Other	54.5	31.8	13.6
Don't know	75.0	7.1	17.9
White	74.0	18.6	7.3
Black	74.4	15.9	9.6
Hispanic/Latinx	67.9	25.0	7.1
Other	64.6	30.8	4.6
Prefer not to say	50.0	37.5	12.5
Female	74.4	16.6	9.0
Male	72.6	20.5	6.8
Non-binary/third gender	66.7	33.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	33.3

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	Yes	No	Don't know
18-24	76.9	17.4	5.8
25-40	77.8	14.8	7.5
41-56	74.7	17.3	8.0
57-75	64.7	25.9	9.4
76+	71.9	22.8	5.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	70.3	21.6	8.1
High school diploma	76.9	13.1	10.0
Some college	75.1	17.1	7.9
Bachelor's degree	70.2	22.5	7.3
Graduate or professional degree	71.4	23.3	5.3
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	78.0	17.1	4.9
Somewhat liberal	67.2	26.4	6.3
Somewhere in the middle	71.6	18.5	9.9
Somewhat conservative	74.2	19.3	6.4
Very conservative	77.4	14.6	8.0
Born in North Carolina	74.9	16.2	8.9
Born somewhere else	71.1	22.5	6.4

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	Yes	No	Don't know
Urban	76.2	23.8	10
Suburban	67.3	17.8	14.9
Rural	75.2	20	4.8

What should be the maximum age for a person to run for a federal office (US House, US Senate, or president)?

	50 or lower	55	60	65	70	75	80	85 or higher	Don't know
Democrat	33.4	10.9	14.3	15.8	10.0	6.7	2.7	0.6	5.5
Republican	14.2	7.4	14.5	23.8	18.0	11.2	5.2	0.8	4.9
Unaffiliated	14.5	7.7	15.4	19.5	21.3	12.2	2.3	0.5	6.8
Other	13.3	6.7	13.3	46.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3
Don't know	34.6	0.0	0.0	34.6	11.5	3.8	3.8	0.0	11.5
White	13.4	7.5	14.2	24.1	18.4	11.4	4.3	0.6	6.1
Black	46.1	13.2	11.4	12.3	6.6	3.5	1.3	0.0	5.7
Hispanic/Latinx	22.7	9.1	18.2	13.6	22.7	9.1	4.5	0.0	0.0
Other	13.3	0.0	26.7	15.6	20.0	11.1	4.4	2.2	6.7
Prefer not to say	20.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	20.0
Female	28.9	7.3	12.9	20.2	13.3	8.9	1.8	0.9	5.8
Male	15.0	9.6	14.8	20.8	18.0	10.2	5.0	0.4	6.0

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	50 or lower	55	60	65	70	75	80	85 or higher	Don't know
Non-binary/third gender	16.7	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
18-24	34.0	10.0	14.0	18.0	12.0	8.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
25-40	31.5	11.7	14.3	16.3	11.7	7.0	2.0	0.6	5.0
41-56	16.7	10.4	15.0	24.6	16.3	6.7	2.9	0.8	6.7
57-75	9.2	2.6	14.0	21.8	21.4	15.3	6.6	0.9	8.3
76+	4.5	0.0	6.8	34.1	22.7	18.2	6.8	0.0	6.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	63.3	10.0	6.7	3.3	0.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	10.0
High school diploma	28.4	10.6	12.8	17.0	13.3	7.3	1.4	0.9	8.3
Some college	15.1	7.9	17.0	25.6	14.2	9.1	4.1	0.9	6.0
Bachelor's degree	11.1	8.5	14.5	22.2	20.1	13.7	4.3	0.4	5.1
Graduate or professional degree	32.7	6.3	11.3	16.4	18.2	7.5	5.0	0.0	2.5

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	50 or lower	55	60	65	70	75	80	85 or higher	Don't know
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Very liberal	44.5	11.7	13.9	13.9	5.1	5.8	2.2	0.0	2.9
Somewhat liberal	14.1	5.5	16.4	21.9	20.3	10.2	3.1	0.8	7.8
Somewhere in the middle	19.6	10.8	15.1	20.5	16.9	8.1	1.8	0.6	6.6
Somewhat conservative	13.8	5.9	13.8	25.0	21.3	10.1	5.3	0.0	4.8
Very conservative	21.2	6.5	11.2	20.6	12.4	14.1	6.5	1.8	5.9
Born in North Carolina	28.2	10.3	13.8	16.9	11.5	7.6	3.8	0.9	7.0
Born somewhere else	12.5	6.0	14.5	25.7	21.2	12.2	3.2	0.2	4.5
Urban	21	4.2	16	18.3	13.3	16	3.3	1	6.9
Suburban	17.4	10.2	17.5	23	11.5	6.2	3.2	.8	10
Rural	14.2	8.2	13	21	16.7	12.2	4.2	.6	9.9

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Expand Medicaid

Currently 38 states have expanded Medicaid coverage to allow more of their citizens to have healthcare coverage. North Carolina is one of 12 states that has not done so. Do you think that North Carolina should pass a law to expand Medicaid coverage, giving more North Carolinians access to healthcare?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Democrat	88.8	4.6	6.6
Republican	59.0	28.8	12.2
Unaffiliated	66.9	18.3	14.7
Other	59.1	22.7	18.2
Don't know	60.7	7.1	32.1
White	67.0	20.7	12.3
Black	86.7	7.4	5.9
Hispanic/Latinx	72.4	20.7	6.9
Other	58.5	15.4	26.2
Prefer not to say	50.0	37.5	12.5
Female	75.9	13.2	10.9
Male	67.1	21.2	11.6
Non-binary/third gender	77.8	11.1	11.1
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	66.7
18-24	78.5	10.7	10.7
25-40	78.4	12.4	9.2
41-56	77.2	12.8	10.0

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	Yes	No	Don't know
57-75	58.6	25.9	15.5
76+	42.1	43.9	14.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	71.1	15.8	13.2
High school diploma	74.5	14.3	11.2
Some college	71.2	17.0	11.8
Bachelor's degree	67.8	18.6	13.6
Graduate or professional degree	72.5	20.3	7.2
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	93.3	6.1	0.6
Somewhat liberal	88.5	5.7	5.7
Somewhere in the middle	73.2	12.6	14.3
Somewhat conservative	53.2	27.0	19.7
Very conservative	55.3	35.2	9.5
Born in North Carolina	75.3	13.4	11.3
Born somewhere else	65.9	22.5	11.6
Urban	73.1	23.5	3.4
Suburban	52	37.4	10.6

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	Yes	No	Don't know
Rural	74	15.2	10.8

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North Carolina’s response if Roe v. Wade overturned

If the United States Supreme Court overturns the 1973 Roe V. Wade decision and the power to regulate abortion returns to the states, what kind of law would you prefer that North Carolina does in regards to abortion law:

	Expanding access to abortion services so that there are no restrictions on a woman’s right to abortion.	Maintain the spirit of Roe V. Wade so that a woman can access abortion services freely up until 22 weeks, but that there are restrictions after that.	Make access to abortion very restricted – making it illegal after 15 weeks.	Severely limit the right to abortions so that abortions would only be allowed if the woman’s life is endangered by her pregnancy or the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest	Make abortion in all cases illegal	Don’t know
Democrat	44.0	32.1	5.4	6.3	3.4	8.8
Republican	10.9	22.4	12.5	29.9	18.1	6.1
Unaffiliated	24.5	27.7	9.4	21.9	7.6	9.0
Other	27.3	22.7	9.1	13.6	4.5	22.7
Don’t know	7.1	21.4	7.1	14.3	17.9	32.1
White	22.2	27.2	10.0	20.8	12.7	7.1
Black	35.8	26.6	5.9	14.0	5.5	12.2

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	Expanding access to abortion services so that there are no restrictions on a woman's right to abortion.	Maintain the spirit of Roe V. Wade so that a woman can access abortion services freely up until 22 weeks, but that there are restrictions after that.	Make access to abortion very restricted – making it illegal after 15 weeks.	Severely limit the right to abortions so that abortions would only be allowed if the woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy or the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest	Make abortion in all cases illegal	Don't know
Hispanic/Latinx	24.1	27.6	10.3	24.1	3.4	10.3
Other	30.8	24.6	12.3	18.5	6.2	7.7
Prefer not to say	12.5	37.5	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0
Female	29.1	26.7	8.0	16.5	9.3	10.4
Male	22.3	27.7	10.2	21.8	11.1	6.8
Non-binary/third gender	77.8	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7

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	Expanding access to abortion services so that there are no restrictions on a woman's right to abortion.	Maintain the spirit of Roe V. Wade so that a woman can access abortion services freely up until 22 weeks, but that there are restrictions after that.	Make access to abortion very restricted – making it illegal after 15 weeks.	Severely limit the right to abortions so that abortions would only be allowed if the woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy or the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest	Make abortion in all cases illegal	Don't know
18-24	40.5	28.1	6.6	10.7	9.1	5.0
25-40	32.1	26.1	6.7	15.2	9.0	10.9
41-56	22.1	24.8	10.7	22.1	11.7	8.6
57-75	15.9	32.4	10.7	22.3	10.7	8.1
76+	17.5	14.0	15.8	35.1	14.0	3.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	42.1	13.2	0.0	10.5	10.5	23.7
High school diploma	18.7	20.7	13.1	19.9	15.5	12.0
Some college	21.2	27.2	7.1	21.7	14.4	8.4

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	Expanding access to abortion services so that there are no restrictions on a woman's right to abortion.	Maintain the spirit of Roe V. Wade so that a woman can access abortion services freely up until 22 weeks, but that there are restrictions after that.	Make access to abortion very restricted – making it illegal after 15 weeks.	Severely limit the right to abortions so that abortions would only be allowed if the woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy or the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest	Make abortion in all cases illegal	Don't know
Bachelor's degree	26.8	33.4	9.3	19.2	5.6	5.6
Graduate or professional degree	28.6	26.6	9.7	15.5	3.4	6.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	55.8	27.3	4.2	7.3	1.8	3.6
Somewhat liberal	42.5	41.4	3.4	5.2	4.0	3.4
Somewhere in the middle	20.6	31.0	10.1	17.7	6.6	14.0
Somewhat conservative	8.2	24.0	13.7	30.9	14.2	9.0

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	Expanding access to abortion services so that there are no restrictions on a woman's right to abortion.	Maintain the spirit of Roe V. Wade so that a woman can access abortion services freely up until 22 weeks, but that there are restrictions after that.	Make access to abortion very restricted – making it illegal after 15 weeks.	Severely limit the right to abortions so that abortions would only be allowed if the woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy or the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest	Make abortion in all cases illegal	Don't know
Very conservative	18.1	9.5	10.6	30.7	15.6	5.5
Born in North Carolina	27.0	24.4	8.9	19.3	10.6	9.8
Born somewhere else	24.4	30.4	9.3	18.8	10.1	7.2
Urban	35.5	31.1	15.3	5.6	11.7	.8
Suburban	32.5	18.7	24.2	16.5	6.7	1.4
Rural	21.3	13.3	25.5	21	15.5	3.4

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Legalization of marijuana

18 states plus Washington, DC allow medical and recreational usage of marijuana by adults, and 17 more states allow only medical usage of marijuana by adults. The current law in North Carolina allows cannabidiol (CBD) only, which comes from marijuana but carries no intoxicating effects. What do you think the law regarding marijuana in North Carolina should be?

	Keep it the same - CBD only	Expand access to medical marijuana	Expand access to medical and recreational marijuana	Make all forms of marijuana, including CBD, illegal	Don't know
Democrat	25.0	22.1	36.0	9.6	7.4
Republican	18.8	25.2	35.4	13.8	6.8
Unaffiliated	9.4	21.3	43.3	15.5	10.5
Other	13.6	13.6	59.1	4.5	9.1
Don't know	17.9	14.3	28.6	17.9	21.4
White	16.4	23.8	39.6	12.9	7.3
Black	25.9	18.5	33.0	11.1	11.5
Hispanic/Latinx	17.2	20.7	34.5	20.7	6.9
Other	18.8	28.1	34.4	12.5	6.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	12.5	50.0	25.0	12.5
Female	19.1	23.8	33.3	13.8	10.0
Male	18.1	22.1	41.4	11.7	6.7
Non-binary/third gender	11.1	11.1	55.6	22.2	0.0

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	Keep it the same - CBD only	Expand access to medical marijuana	Expand access to medical and recreational marijuana	Make all forms of marijuana, including CBD, illegal	Don't know
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3
18-24	13.2	17.4	46.3	16.5	6.6
25-40	22.5	20.0	40.3	9.8	7.5
41-56	14.2	21.5	43.4	12.2	8.7
57-75	19.7	28.8	29.8	13.3	8.4
76+	17.5	24.6	19.3	24.6	14.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	36.8	10.5	21.1	18.4	13.2
High school diploma	14.7	18.3	38.2	17.5	11.2
Some college	9.2	23.6	48.4	10.2	8.6
Bachelor's degree	18.1	25.1	36.8	13.4	6.7
Graduate or professional degree	38.3	24.8	22.8	9.2	4.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3

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	Keep it the same - CBD only	Expand access to medical marijuana	Expand access to medical and recreational marijuana	Make all forms of marijuana, including CBD, illegal	Don't know
Very liberal	33.1	19.6	31.3	11.0	4.9
Somewhat liberal	12.7	26.6	47.4	9.8	3.5
Somewhere in the middle	9.4	20.4	45.6	13.8	10.8
Somewhat conservative	20.6	24.5	31.8	11.2	12.0
Very conservative	28.6	24.1	26.1	16.1	5.0
Born in North Carolina	22.4	20.5	36.1	11.8	9.2
Born somewhere else	13.8	25.0	40.3	14.0	7.0
Urban	34.1	22.5	22.8	11.2	9.4
Suburban	24.4	24.3	26.4	17.2	7.7
Rural	14.4	24.3	42.2	8.5	10.6

“Don’t say gay” law in NC for elementary schools

Would you support or oppose legislation that would allow parents to sue school districts if sexual orientation or gender identity was discussed in elementary classrooms?

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	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrat	38.4	44.0	17.5
Republican	59.2	29.3	11.6
Unaffiliated	42.1	41.7	16.2
Other	45.5	36.4	18.2
Don't know	28.6	35.7	35.7
White	47.3	39.5	13.2
Black	48.7	30.6	20.7
Hispanic/Latinx	58.6	31.0	10.3
Other	35.4	43.1	21.5
Prefer not to say	25.0	62.5	12.5
Female	41.7	39.5	18.7
Male	51.8	35.7	12.4
Non-binary/third gender	22.2	66.7	11.1
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	66.7
18-24	36.4	47.1	16.5
25-40	50.5	35.1	14.4
41-56	42.8	35.2	22.1
57-75	49.5	39.8	10.7
76+	53.6	35.7	10.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Less than high school diploma	52.6	26.3	21.1
High school diploma	45.6	33.6	20.8
Some college	45.3	37.4	17.3
Bachelor's degree	42.4	46.4	11.3
Graduate or professional degree	58.5	31.4	10.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
Very liberal	49.1	41.0	10.9
Somewhat liberal	23.6	64.9	11.5
Somewhere in the middle	36.4	40.5	23.1
Somewhat conservative	59.2	27.0	13.7
Very conservative	73.9	18.1	8.0
Born in North Carolina	49.7	33.8	16.5
Born somewhere else	43.5	42.4	14.1
Urban	43.4	44.3	12.3
Suburban	56.2	35.6	8.2
Rural	61	28.5	10.5

“Don’t say gay” law in NC for all grade levels

Would you support or oppose legislation that would allow parents to sue school districts if sexual orientation or gender identity was discussed in school, regardless of grade level?

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	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Democrat	32.3	51.8	15.9
Republican	54.2	29.3	16.6
Unaffiliated	35.3	47.1	17.6
Other	45.5	40.9	13.6
Don't know	25.0	35.7	39.3
White	43.2	41.4	15.4
Black	38.0	41.7	20.3
Hispanic/Latinx	41.4	41.4	17.2
Other	34.4	40.6	25.0
Prefer not to say	12.5	87.5	0.0
Female	35.2	45.8	19.0
Male	46.9	37.5	15.6
Non-binary/third gender	22.2	66.7	11.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
18-24	35.5	47.1	17.4
25-40	41.8	42.8	15.4
41-56	41.5	37.0	21.5
57-75	43.2	42.2	14.6
76+	37.5	41.1	21.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	Support	Oppose	Don't know
Less than high school diploma	47.4	31.6	21.1
High school diploma	46.4	33.2	20.4
Some college	42.3	38.3	19.4
Bachelor's degree	37.5	47.8	14.6
Graduate or professional degree	37.7	50.7	11.6
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	37.8	52.4	9.8
Somewhat liberal	23.6	66.1	10.3
Somewhere in the middle	33.9	40.5	25.6
Somewhat conservative	52.6	30.2	17.2
Very conservative	61.8	27.1	11.1
Born in North Carolina	42.9	38.8	18.3
Born somewhere else	39.0	45.2	15.7
Urban	25.4	56.3	18.3
Suburban	37.3	40.3	22.4
Rural	52	44	4

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Distracted driving laws

Among these options, which do you consider the most serious problem you face currently when you drive on North Carolina's roads and highways.

	Excessive speeding by other motorists	Poor maintenance of roads and highways	Insufficient law enforcement presence to catch violators	Trash and debris along the roadways	High volumes of traffic causing delays	Too many motorists holding their smart phone while driving	Don't know
Democrat	18.0	26.5	9.0	4.9	14.8	20.2	6.6
Republican	11.8	23.2	9.5	7.7	16.1	27.7	3.9
Unaffiliated	13.3	31.3	5.4	6.1	15.8	21.6	6.5
Other	22.7	22.7	0.0	4.5	18.2	13.6	18.2
Don't know	10.7	25.0	7.1	3.6	14.3	21.4	17.9
White	13.7	25.8	7.6	6.1	16.6	25.8	4.3
Black	14.4	29.5	10.7	7.7	13.3	16.6	7.7
Hispanic/Latinx	17.2	17.2	3.4	3.4	24.1	17.2	17.2
Other	20.0	23.1	6.2	4.6	9.2	24.6	12.3
Prefer not to say	37.5	37.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5
Female	16.2	26.4	8.2	6.3	14.9	21.4	6.7
Male	13.1	26.0	8.3	5.9	16.1	25.3	5.4

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	Excessive speeding by other motorists	Poor maintenance of roads and highways	Insufficient law enforcement presence to catch violators	Trash and debris along the roadways	High volumes of traffic causing delays	Too many motorists holding their smart phone while driving	Don't know
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	44.4	0.0	33.3	22.2	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3
18-24	15.8	30.8	7.5	13.3	13.3	10.8	8.3
25-40	11.7	28.6	8.7	7.2	20.1	17.4	6.2
41-56	11.7	27.2	7.2	5.2	13.8	29.0	5.9
57-75	20.4	21.4	8.7	3.6	12.0	28.8	5.2
76+	12.3	22.8	7.0	3.5	17.5	33.3	3.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	13.2	26.3	7.9	23.7	7.9	13.2	7.9
High school diploma	10.8	28.0	8.0	6.4	13.6	24.4	8.8
Some college	12.6	31.7	6.3	5.8	13.9	25.4	4.5

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	Excessive speeding by other motorists	Poor maintenance of roads and highways	Insufficient law enforcement presence to catch violators	Trash and debris along the roadways	High volumes of traffic causing delays	Too many motorists holding their smart phone while driving	Don't know
Bachelor's degree	16.2	20.9	9.9	5.3	18.2	23.5	6.0
Graduate or professional degree	19.8	22.7	9.2	5.3	18.8	19.3	4.8
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	15.8	29.1	10.3	9.1	17.6	15.8	2.4
Somewhat liberal	16.7	27.6	6.9	7.5	14.9	21.3	5.2
Somewhere in the middle	12.3	27.8	6.6	6.1	15.5	23.3	8.4
Somewhat conservative	13.8	22.0	6.9	4.3	19.0	26.3	7.8
Very conservative	16.6	25.1	12.1	5.5	11.1	27.1	2.5

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	Excessive speeding by other motorists	Poor maintenance of roads and highways	Insufficient law enforcement presence to catch violators	Trash and debris along the roadways	High volumes of traffic causing delays	Too many motorists holding their smart phone while driving	Don't know
Born in North Carolina	13.7	28.2	8.9	6.6	14.6	21.9	6.0
Born somewhere else	15.5	23.6	7.2	5.8	16.9	25.0	6.0
Urban	14.2	24	8	4.2	18.3	26	5.3
Suburban	15	20	4.2	4.2	19.3	25	12.3
Rural	16	18.3	6	4.2	14	29	12.5

Distracted driving refers to any behavior that keeps a driver from fully focusing while operating a motor vehicle. One specific form of distracted driving is a driver holding a smart phone in their hand while behind the wheel. Now, based on your own experience driving on the roads and highways of North Carolina, which of the following statements most closely reflects your own opinion.

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	I am extremely concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am somewhat concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am not concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	Don't know
Democrat	57.2	32.4	5.4	4.9
Republican	49.7	40.5	7.3	2.5
Unaffiliated	40.7	42.9	9.1	7.3
Other	31.8	40.9	13.6	13.6
Don't know	33.3	40.7	7.4	18.5
White	48.2	40.4	7.4	4.0
Black	55.2	28.5	8.9	7.4
Hispanic/Latinx	44.8	51.7	0.0	3.4
Other	46.2	44.6	3.1	6.2
Prefer not to say	25.0	62.5	0.0	12.5
Female	51.9	36.5	5.8	5.8
Male	48.2	39.5	8.3	4.0
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	33.3	22.2	11.1

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	I am extremely concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am somewhat concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am not concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	Don't know
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7
18-24	42.9	41.2	9.2	6.7
25-40	46.8	37.5	10.0	5.8
41-56	47.9	40.2	7.0	4.9
57-75	52.8	38.8	4.2	4.2
76+	75.4	21.1	1.8	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	70.3	10.8	10.8	8.1
High school diploma	49.8	34.1	6.8	9.2
Some college	46.3	40.3	9.5	3.9
Bachelor's degree	45.7	43.7	7.0	3.7

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	I am extremely concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am somewhat concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am not concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	Don't know
Graduate or professional degree	56.9	36.8	3.4	2.9
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	61.0	28.7	6.1	4.3
Somewhat liberal	47.7	42.5	5.7	4.0
Somewhere in the middle	44.4	40.5	8.6	6.4
Somewhat conservative	42.9	45.9	6.9	4.3
Very conservative	60.3	28.9	6.7	4.1
Born in North Carolina	49.6	36.5	7.6	6.2

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	I am extremely concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am somewhat concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	I am not concerned for my own safety given how many motorists I see holding their smart phone in their hand while driving.	Don't know
Born somewhere else	49.1	40.5	6.8	3.5
Urban	52	32	7.2	8.9
Suburban	57	28	8	7
Rural	45	45.1	3	6.9

A hands-free driving law would prohibit holding a smart phone in your hands while driving a vehicle. Using the device without holding it for making phone calls, or playing music, or navigation would be permissible, but no checking social media, watching videos, playing games or surfing the internet while driving. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your own opinion of a hands-free driving law.

	I strongly support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I strongly oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	Don't know
Democrat	63.3	21.3	4.2	5.4	5.9

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	I strongly support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I strongly oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	Don't know
Republican	60.9	24.1	6.4	5.5	3.2
Unaffiliated	54.3	26.4	7.2	5.4	6.5
Other	40.9	27.3	9.1	4.5	18.2
Don't know	35.7	25.0	10.7	7.1	21.4
White	61.6	23.3	5.2	5.7	4.1
Black	55.2	22.6	7.4	5.2	9.6
Hispanic/Latinx	58.6	27.6	3.4	6.9	3.4
Other	50.8	26.2	9.2	4.6	9.2
Prefer not to say	12.5	75.0	12.5	0.0	0.0
Female	60.9	23.3	5.0	4.3	6.5
Male	58.2	24.9	6.4	6.2	4.6
Non-binary/third gender	44.4	11.1	22.2	11.1	11.1
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3

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	I strongly support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I strongly oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	Don't know
18-24	43.8	28.9	14.0	8.3	5.0
25-40	53.7	27.1	7.0	5.5	6.7
41-56	58.7	24.0	4.5	6.3	6.6
57-75	70.6	18.6	3.3	2.9	4.6
76+	71.9	14.0	3.5	10.5	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	67.6	10.8	2.7	8.1	10.8
High school diploma	53.8	25.1	7.2	5.6	8.4
Some college	58.4	23.3	6.3	7.1	5.0
Bachelor's degree	59.5	25.1	6.4	4.3	4.7
Graduate or professional degree	66.0	23.3	3.4	3.9	3.4

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	I strongly support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I strongly oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	Don't know
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	63.4	20.7	6.1	5.5	4.3
Somewhat liberal	64.2	22.5	5.2	3.5	4.6
Somewhere in the middle	53.1	26.7	5.9	7.2	7.2
Somewhat conservative	55.6	29.7	6.9	3.4	4.3
Very conservative	68.3	14.6	5.5	6.0	5.5
Born in North Carolina	57.0	23.7	6.5	5.3	7.5
Born somewhere else	61.7	24.0	5.3	5.9	3.1
Urban	62	23	4	1	0
Suburban	56.7	18.2	8.2	5	11.9

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	I strongly support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat support North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I somewhat oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	I strongly oppose North Carolina having a hands-free driving law.	Don't know
Rural	67	14.2	5.2	6.2	7.6

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There has been hands-free driving law proposed during every state legislative session since 2009, but there is still no hands-free law in North Carolina. there is currently legislation, Senate Bill 20, that would create a hands-free driving law for North Carolina, but so far no discussion or debate has been allowed on this bill. Knowing this, which of the following most closely reflects your opinion.

	It concerns me a great deal that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should definitely do so this year.	It concerns me somewhat that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should probably do so this year.	It doesn't concern me at all that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 2-.	Don't know
Democrat	56.0	28.1	6.4	9.5
Republican	49.2	32.0	11.1	7.7
Unaffiliated	40.1	35.0	13.7	11.2
Other	36.4	22.7	18.2	22.7
Don't know	35.7	32.1	7.1	25.0
White	49.6	31.9	10.1	8.4
Black	49.3	27.8	10.0	13.0
Hispanic/Latinx	58.6	34.5	3.4	3.4
Other	38.5	32.3	12.3	16.9
Prefer not to say	25.0	62.5	12.5	0.0
Female	52.0	28.7	7.1	12.3

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	It concerns me a great deal that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should definitely do so this year.	It concerns me somewhat that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should probably do so this year.	It doesn't concern me at all that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 2-.	Don't know
Male	46.7	33.2	12.6	7.5
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	33.3	11.1	22.2
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3
18-24	36.4	38.8	13.2	11.6
25-40	41.8	32.8	13.2	12.2
41-56	49.8	32.5	9.0	8.7
57-75	58.4	26.9	6.2	8.4
76+	71.9	15.8	8.8	3.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	67.6	16.2	2.7	13.5
High school diploma	43.8	31.5	10.8	13.9
Some college	48.6	30.4	11.3	9.7

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	It concerns me a great deal that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should definitely do so this year.	It concerns me somewhat that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should probably do so this year.	It doesn't concern me at all that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20.	Don't know
Bachelor's degree	45.7	36.1	9.6	8.6
Graduate or professional degree	57.3	27.7	9.2	5.8
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	59.8	26.2	7.9	6.1
Somewhat liberal	47.1	29.7	6.3	6.9
Somewhere in the middle	45.2	30.1	10.9	13.8
Somewhat conservative	42.5	36.5	11.2	9.9
Very conservative	56.3	24.1	12.6	7.0
Born in North Carolina	46.0	32.5	9.8	11.6

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	It concerns me a great deal that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should definitely do so this year.	It concerns me somewhat that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 20, and they should probably do so this year.	It doesn't concern me at all that the state legislature is not considering enacting a hands-free driving law as proposed in Senate Bill 2-	Don't know
Born somewhere else	52.5	29.7	10.5	7.4
Urban	53	26	11.2	9.8
Suburban	56	23	9.2	11.8
Rural	45.4	34.2	10.5	9.9

If you were talking to your state legislative representative about distracted driving on North Carolina roads and highways, and the legislator said they do NOT support a hands-free driving law, which of the following most closely reflects what your reaction would be:

	I would be very unlikely to vote for them in the upcoming election.	I would be somewhat unlikely to vote for them in the upcoming election.	It would not impact whether or not I voted for them in the upcoming election.	Don't know
Democrat	44.7	23.2	19.8	12.2
Republican	33.6	32.0	24.1	10.2
Unaffiliated	28.1	30.6	26.6	14.7
Other	31.8	22.7	18.2	27.3
Don't know	25.0	14.3	35.7	25.0
White	35.4	29.8	22.9	11.9

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Black	39.4	22.7	23.8	14.1
Hispanic/Latinx	41.4	24.1	20.7	13.8
Other	30.8	26.2	30.8	12.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	12.5	37.5
Female	37.5	26.4	21.0	15.1
Male	34.8	29.1	25.4	10.7
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	33.3	22.2	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
18-24	33.9	30.6	24.8	10.7
25-40	31.9	24.9	28.2	15.0
41-56	34.3	30.4	22.1	13.1
57-75	41.2	29.2	18.5	11.0
76+	50.9	22.8	17.5	8.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	60.5	15.8	10.5	13.2
High school diploma	30.7	29.1	25.5	14.7
Some college	35.6	28.0	23.6	12.8
Bachelor's degree	34.2	28.9	23.3	13.6
Graduate or professional degree	42.0	27.3	22.9	7.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7
Very liberal	51.8	18.9	18.3	11.0
Somewhat liberal	35.1	35.6	18.4	10.9
Somewhere in the middle	31.7	28.3	25.1	15.0
Somewhat conservative	27.6	32.8	25.9	13.8
Very conservative	42.4	22.2	25.8	9.6
Born in North Carolina	36.0	27.3	23.0	18.7
Born somewhere else	36.3	28.5	23.7	11.5

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Urban	40	25.5	22.3	11.2
Suburban	34.4	28.5	24	13.1
Rural	32	36	18.8	13.2

Job Approval

Biden approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	39.4	39.9	11.7	4.1	4.9
Republican	5.4	7.7	17.0	67.3	2.5
Unaffiliated	3.6	27.3	24.8	36.0	8.3
Other	0.0	31.8	22.7	36.4	9.1
Don't know	0.0	14.3	7.1	57.1	21.4
White	10.5	21.0	17.1	46.9	4.5
Black	36.2	32.1	15.1	9.6	7.0
Hispanic/Latinx	6.9	41.4	13.8	34.5	3.4
Other	15.4	23.1	21.5	33.8	6.2
Prefer not to say	12.5	25.0	25.0	25.0	12.5
Female	20.0	26.0	16.7	31.0	6.3
Male	13.7	22.8	16.7	42.8	4.0

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	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Non-binary/third gender	22.2	22.2	22.2	11.1	22.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
18-24	15.7	23.1	26.4	24.0	10.7
25-40	22.9	26.4	17.7	26.6	6.5
41-56	14.5	24.5	19.0	36.9	5.2
57-75	12.9	23.3	11.0	50.5	2.3
76+	5.3	14.0	12.3	66.7	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	47.4	7.9	10.5	26.3	7.9
High school diploma	13.1	23.9	15.9	39.4	7.6
Some college	7.1	22.8	18.6	46.1	5.5
Bachelor's degree	13.9	28.5	19.9	34.4	3.3
Graduate or professional degree	37.2	23.7	11.6	24.2	3.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7

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	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Very liberal	50.3	28.5	10.9	6.1	4.2
Somewhat liberal	23.6	51.1	12.1	9.2	4.0
Somewhere in the middle	8.6	30.5	23.8	27.8	9.3
Somewhat conservative	3.9	8.6	21.5	63.9	2.1
Very conservative	14.6	2.5	6.5	74.4	2.0
Born in North Carolina	21.6	23.7	16.3	32.9	5.6
Born somewhere else	10.4	25.0	17.6	42.2	4.8
Urban	20	31.2	21.3	23.2	4.3
Suburban	16	29.6	24.5	27	2.9
Rural	12.9	25.5	22.3	36.8	2.5

Cooper approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Roy Cooper is handling his job as governor?

	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	43.3	33.6	7.8	4.6	10.7
Republican	7.5	23.4	32.9	28.1	8.2
Unaffiliated	9.7	36.1	21.3	16.2	16.6

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	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Other	4.5	31.8	36.4	13.6	13.6
Don't know					
White	16.1	28.4	25.1	20.0	10.3
Black	37.3	31.7	10.0	6.6	14.4
Hispanic/Latinx	13.8	37.9	10.3	10.3	27.6
Other	10.8	33.8	23.1	18.5	13.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	87.5	0.0	12.5	0.0
Female	23.6	32.7	16.9	13.4	13.5
Male	18.2	28.1	24.2	19.3	10.2
Non-binary/third gender	11.1	22.2	33.3	0.0	33.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3
18-24	18.2	26.4	19.0	13.2	23.1
25-40	25.6	28.1	16.7	14.9	14.7
41-56	18.0	33.6	22.8	16.3	9.3
57-75	17.5	32.4	23.0	20.4	6.8
76+	17.5	21.1	35.1	15.8	10.5

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	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	44.7	13.2	7.9	13.2	21.1
High school diploma	14.7	23.1	24.7	20.7	16.7
Some college	12.3	30.4	24.9	19.4	12.9
Bachelor's degree	19.5	39.1	18.9	13.9	8.6
Graduate or professional degree	40.1	28.0	14.0	10.6	7.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	54.5	21.8	10.3	5.5	7.9
Somewhat liberal	31.0	40.8	12.6	4.0	11.5
Somewhere in the middle	13.1	39.2	18.7	11.3	17.7
Somewhat conservative	6.4	30.5	32.6	21.5	9.0
Very conservative	15.6	9.0	27.1	41.2	7.0

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	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Born in North Carolina	25.5	27.3	20.4	16.3	10.6
Born somewhere else	14.3	33.5	21.7	16.7	13.8
Urban	34.2	27.2	24.3	6.1	8.2
Suburban	24.1	24.9	21.6	20.5	8.9
Rural	15	17.8	20.5	34.5	12.2

2022 Primary Elections

Do you intend to vote in the primary

Are you planning on voting in the primary elections in 2022?

	Definitely not	Probably not	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Democrat	13.7	9.8	25.2	51.3
Republican	3.6	13.2	23.4	59.9
Unaffiliated	6.1	18.7	29.5	45.7
Other	9.1	9.1	54.5	27.3
Don't know	7.1	14.3	32.1	46.4
White	4.2	12.4	25.1	58.3
Black	20.1	13.0	25.7	41.3
Hispanic/Latinx	0.0	17.2	41.4	41.4
Other	6.2	15.4	33.8	44.6
Prefer not to say	12.5	62.5	25.0	0.0

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Female	13.2	14.9	27.0	45.0
Male	3.5	11.5	25.7	59.3
Non-binary/third gender	11.1	22.2	22.2	44.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7
18-24	8.3	22.3	40.5	28.9
25-40	15.5	16.0	31.2	37.4
41-56	3.5	14.9	23.2	58.5
57-75	2.9	5.8	20.1	71.2
76+	3.5	5.3	8.8	82.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	28.9	18.4	21.1	31.6
High school diploma	8.0	19.2	29.2	43.6
Some college	3.9	12.3	29.1	54.7
Bachelor's degree	3.3	12.0	25.2	59.5
Graduate or professional degree	18.4	7.7	19.8	54.1

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Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	22.7	6.7	16.6	54.0
Somewhat liberal	5.7	14.9	27.6	51.7
Somewhere in the middle	4.7	18.4	35.4	41.5
Somewhat conservative	2.1	11.2	30.5	56.2
Very conservative	11.1	8.5	9.0	71.4
Born in North Carolina	11.6	14.4	26.4	47.6
Born somewhere else	3.3	11.8	25.8	59.1
Urban	15.2	8.9	26.2	49.7
Suburban	9.9	15.3	30	44.8
Rural	12.2	16.7	26.2	44.9

Which Democratic candidate for the US Senate

Which Democratic candidate for the US Senate seat in NC would you be most likely to vote for?

	Cheri Beasley	Marcus Williams	Someone else	Don't know
Democrat	52.6	8.9	6.6	31.9
Republican	20.0	0.0	40.0	40.0

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	Cheri Beasley	Marcus Williams	Someone else	Don't know
Unaffiliated	38.3	11.7	1.7	48.3
Other	33.3	16.7	16.7	33.3
Don't know	20.0	20.0	0.0	60.0
White	52.7	7.4	5.4	34.5
Black	47.1	13.8	5.8	33.3
Hispanic/Latinx	40.0	0.0	10.0	50.0
Other	35.7	7.1	14.3	42.9
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	51.3	5.6	3.6	39.5
Male	47.5	13.8	9.4	29.3
Non-binary/third gender	25.0	0.0	0.0	75.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	26.7	15.6	11.1	46.7
25-40	46.0	13.5	5.6	34.9
41-56	54.2	9.4	6.3	30.2
57-75	58.6	3.0	4.0	34.3
76+	46.7	0.0	13.3	40.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	Cheri Beasley	Marcus Williams	Someone else	Don't know
Less than high school diploma	75.0	12.5	0.0	12.5
High school diploma	43.8	9.4	7.8	39.1
Some college	38.2	7.3	6.4	48.2
Bachelor's degree	54.3	7.8	6.9	31.0
Graduate or professional degree	57.8	14.5	4.8	22.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Very liberal	51.0	14.7	7.8	26.5
Somewhat liberal	60.3	6.0	3.4	30.2
Somewhere in the middle	38.8	9.3	3.1	48.8
Somewhat conservative	34.8	0.0	26.1	39.1
Very conservative	63.6	18.2	18.2	0.0
Born in North Carolina	51.9	11.6	6.9	29.6
Born somewhere else	45.5	6.7	5.5	42.4
Urban	58.2	7.7	7.9	26.4

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	Cheri Beasley	Marcus Williams	Someone else	Don't know
Suburban	51.3	4.5	6.5	37.7
Rural	46.5	4.4	5.2	43.9

Which Republican candidate for the US Senate

	Marjorie K. Eastman	Pat McCrory	Mark Walker	Ted Budd	Someone else	Don't know
Democrat	2.0	14.9	2.0	1.0	17.8	62.4
Republican	2.8	28.9	6.9	36.4	2.5	22.5
Unaffiliated	2.9	25.7	8.6	18.1	6.7	38.1
Other	0.0	0.0	11.1	22.2	0.0	66.7
Don't know	10.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0
White	2.1	27.9	6.4	28.3	5.1	30.2
Black	5.8	17.4	5.8	13.0	11.6	46.4
Hispanic/Latinx	0.0	17.6	5.9	29.4	0.0	47.1
Other	6.7	10.0	6.7	20.0	6.7	50.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	1.7	17.9	4.8	24.0	7.9	43.7
Male	3.4	30.7	7.1	27.6	4.3	27.0
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	2.1	14.6	4.2	10.4	10.4	58.3

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	Marjorie K. Eastman	Pat McCrory	Mark Walker	Ted Budd	Someone else	Don't know
25-40	2.5	25.2	8.0	16.6	5.5	42.3
41-56	3.4	30.3	4.8	29.0	4.8	27.6
57-75	2.6	26.2	5.8	32.5	6.3	26.7
76+	2.6	17.9	10.3	43.6	2.6	23.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	0.0	27.3	0.0	36.4	0.0	25.4
High school diploma	2.5	22.9	8.5	24.6	9.3	32.2
Some college	1.3	27.2	4.8	26.3	6.1	34.2
Bachelor's degree	5.4	19.5	6.0	28.2	2.7	38.3
Graduate or professional degree	2.5	34.6	8.6	22.2	6.2	25.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Very liberal	0.0	13.5	8.1	10.8	18.9	48.6
Somewhat liberal	3.9	17.6	7.8	5.9	7.8	56.9
Somewhere in the middle	4.5	23.7	5.1	15.8	8.5	42.4
Somewhat conservative	2.8	29.6	5.6	33.5	3.4	25.1
Very conservative	0.7	28.4	7.8	40.4	1.4	21.3

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	Marjorie K. Eastman	Pat McCrory	Mark Walker	Ted Budd	Someone else	Don't know
Born in North Carolina	2.3	25.8	5.4	27.5	7.0	31.9
Born somewhere else	3.1	25.2	7.0	24.5	4.5	35.7
Urban	2	26.2	5	24	8.8	34
Suburban	1.8	26.2	5.4	27.8	11	27.8
Rural	3.2	17.2	6.2	41	1.1	31.3

Generic ballot for US House

If the election was held today for the US House of Representatives, which party's candidate would you vote for

	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian	Another party	Don't know
Democrat	91.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	4.8
Republican	2.5	91.3	0.8	0.3	5.2
Unaffiliated	23.4	29.2	11.0	9.1	27.3
Other	11.1	16.7	22.2	16.7	33.3
Don't know	22.7	18.2	4.5	4.5	50.0
White	29.3	54.2	3.3	2.1	11.2

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	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian	Another party	Don't know
Black	68.1	11.5	3.8	6.6	9.9
Hispanic/Latinx	37.5	37.5	4.2	0.0	20.8
Other	45.1	29.4	7.8	2.0	15.7
Prefer not to say	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Female	46.1	34.8	2.6	2.3	14.2
Male	32.0	50.9	4.1	3.4	9.6
Non-binary/third gender	66.7	0.0	16.7	0.0	16.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-24	47.6	23.8	8.3	2.4	17.9
25-40	40.6	39.9	4.3	4.0	11.2
41-56	38.8	44.7	4.6	4.2	7.6
57-75	35.1	48.6	1.4	1.4	13.5
76+	23.1	65.4	0.0	0.0	11.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	45.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	15.0

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	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian	Another party	Don't know
High school diploma	35.0	41.0	7.1	3.8	13.1
Some college	30.9	51.6	2.5	3.8	11.3
Bachelor's degree	42.2	39.5	5.1	2.7	10.5
Graduate or professional degree	49.0	39.2	0.0	0.7	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Very liberal	82.9	6.8	3.4	1.7	5.1
Somewhat liberal	79.0	11.6	3.6	0.0	5.8
Somewhere in the middle	37.4	27.8	6.1	6.7	22.0
Somewhat conservative	9.4	78.2	1.5	1.5	9.4
Very conservative	8.1	86.3	1.9	0.6	3.1
Born in North Carolina	40.9	44.0	2.4	2.4	10.2
Born somewhere else	35.1	43.3	5.0	3.4	13.2

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	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian	Another party	Don't know
Urban	52	31	2.2	4.2	10.6
Suburban	38	41.5	4.2	3	13.3
Rural	31	55	2	2.2	9.8

Methodological Information

Mode: Online

Population: N.C. Registered Voters 18+

Dates in the field: April 25-27, 2022

Sample Size: 1225

Credibility Interval: +/- 2.7%

Weighting Variables (NC): Gender, Education, Location (Urban, Rural, and Suburban counties), Political Party, and Race and Ethnicity.

Procedures: The Meredith Poll used an online sample provided by Dynata. Participants were recruited into the sample by Dynata and received small amounts of compensation in exchange for their opinions. The survey was not an open-link, posted on social media, but rather was by direct invitation to a very large national pool of people who agree to take online surveys. More information about the Dynata panels and quality tests are available [here](#). Quotas on demographic variables such as gender, race, etc. were applied prior to online survey commencement.

Online interviews were included in the final dataset if respondents spent a minimum length of time on the interview and particular sections, and if a respondent progressed through the entire

survey. Respondents were recruited to the survey with a generic description about the fall elections.

Credibility Interval

Unlike a traditional random digit-dial telephone survey, online surveys do not have traditional margin of errors. Nonprobability quota samples like these do not adhere to assumptions of random selection. To account for uncertainty inherent in any sample-based research design, we provide a credibility interval. More information about this technique can be found [here](#). The credibility interval was calculated by inflating traditional confidence intervals by a design effect calculated using the squared sum of weights. For this North Carolina sample, this means: $(1.0 * 2.7 = 2.7)$. We round these values up for presentation of results. As with all surveys, Total survey error often exceeds sampling error.

Weighting Information

Weights were generated in Qualtrics using a technique known as iterative proportional fitting, also known as raking. The weight variable was calculated based on the variables in the table below.

The demographic information was obtained through self-report--respondents answered closed ended questions.

Census—we used Census estimates for weighting.

Age	
18-25	7.2%
26-40	15.2%
41-56	15%
57-75	23%
76+	6.7%

Gender	
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Female	51%
Male	49%
Race and Ethnicity	
White	67%
Black	21%
Other	12%
Educational Attainment	
Less than a bachelor's degree	70%

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Bachelor's degree or higher	30%
Location— county of residence	
Rural	39%
Urban	25%
Suburban	36%
Party Affiliation	
Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Unaffiliated	35%

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Other	.7%
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Note: We use the NC Rural Center's categorization of NC counties. The urban counties are: Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, and Wake. The suburban counties are: Alamance, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davidson, Gaston, Iredell, Henderson, Orange, Pitt, Rowan, and Union. The remaining counties are rural.

For more information on the Meredith Poll, go to: <https://www.meredith.edu/meredith-poll> or contact:

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