

# MEREDITH POLL



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 quota based on the voter turnout in the 2018 Midterms 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 819 respondents, giving us a confidence interval of +/- 3.3%. The survey was in the field September 20-23, 2022.

## 2022 ELECTIONS

There is a great deal of enthusiasm for voting in the 2022 Midterm Elections. Over two-thirds of North Carolinians say they plan on voting before or on Election Day. Democrats and Republicans seem equally energized. Over 83 percent of North Carolinians indicate that they are likely to vote with over 85 percent of Democrats and Republicans indicating a strong likelihood of voting.

“The turnout in the 2018 midterm elections was 53 percent,” said Poll Director David McLennan. “so we are likely to see an increase in overall voter turnout from that election. The stakes appear very high to respondents in our poll.”

One of the issues that is driving the expected high turnout this year is the Supreme Court decision in the Dobbs case, effectively ending the national protection for women to seek abortions. Although over 40 percent of North Carolinians indicated that this decision made them more likely to vote, Democrats were almost twice as likely to state that the Dobbs decision increased their interest in voting (56.1% v. 28%). Women were more likely than men to identify the Dobbs decision as influencing their voting decisions, as well as African American voters and those with higher levels of education.

“Supreme Court decisions often affect voter turnout,” said David McLennan. “Brown v. Board of Education increased voter turnout in 1954, for example. The Dobbs decision appears to be influencing voters in North Carolina, especially those that might favor Democratic candidates.”

The major federal elections in the state—for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives—are extremely close six weeks from Election Day with less than a percentage point separating Republican Ted Budd and Democrat Cheri Beasley in their race for the senate (**Budd 41.3% v. Beasley 41%**). However, **12.2 percent** of North Carolinians indicate that they have not made up their minds in this race. Although Beasley is running strong among Democrats, she is not running as strongly among Black voters with under 60 percent indicating that they will vote for her at this time. Likewise, Budd is the preference of almost 75 percent of Republicans, but his margin among white voters is down from that of Donald Trump in 2020.

“Although the U.S. Senate race in North Carolina is not getting as much national attention as others like in Pennsylvania and Georgia, it may be one of the tightest races in the country and could determine control of the U.S. Senate,” said David McLennan.

Equally tight is the Congressional Generic Ballot in North Carolina with Republican candidates getting the slightest of nods over Democratic candidates (43.6 v. 43%).

“It is interesting that the generic ballot question gets more support from Democratic and Republican voters than their respective U.S. Senate candidates,” said David McLennan. “This points to the fact that many voters in the state do not know that much about the two major party candidates running for the Senate.”

#### DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY AND STATE

As with recent Meredith Polls, North Carolinians do not like the direction of the country or state. Only one-in-five of our respondents thought the country was moving in the right direction. Just over 40 percent of Democrats thought the country was moving in the right direction, but less than 7 percent of Republicans did so. Likewise, Black voters and younger voters were more likely to feel that the country was moving in the right direction.

North Carolina fared better than the nation in terms of voter approval. Just over 40 percent of the respondents thought the state was moving in the right direction and just under half (49.9%) of North Carolinians thought the state was heading in the wrong direction. The same demographic groups that thought the country was moving in the right/wrong direction also thought the state was moving in the respective directions.

“The mood of the North Carolina electorate is decidedly unhappy,” said David McLennan. “Normally numbers like these would indicate that the party in power and their candidates would suffer in an election year. However, because of gerrymandered districts in congressional and legislative races, we may not see many seats turning over from one party to another.”

#### APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT, GOVERNOR, AND U.S. SUPREME COURT

President Joe Biden’s approval rating is underwater by a significant amount (**40.3% approve and 56.1% disapprove**). This almost 16-point gap is much greater than a year ago. The only demographic groups in which Biden’s approval is greater than his disapproval are Black voters and those with graduate degrees. The youngest voters (18–24-year-olds) also approve of Biden’s performance as president at a higher rate than those who disapprove of his job performance. Republican voters, on the other hand, are extremely critical of Biden’s job as president—only 8 percent approve of his job as president.

“Typically, a president whose job approval numbers are so underwater would be a significant drag on his party’s candidates in an election year,” said David McLennan. “Democratic candidates, however, seem to be defying traditional political gravity, as senate

candidate Cheri Beasley is holding her own against Republican Ted Budd with six weeks left in the campaign.”

Governor Roy Cooper continues to be considered the most effective political leader in the state with over 55 percent of North Carolinians approving of his job as governor with just over one-third disapproving. Among partisans, 83.5 percent of Democrats approve of the job Cooper is doing, 30.9 percent of Republicans, and just under half of unaffiliated voters (49.7%).

A plurality of North Carolinians disapprove of the job that the Supreme Court is doing (43.7% approve v. 48.1% disapprove). The negative net approval rating is led by Democrats (29.7% approve) and unaffiliated voters (39.8% approve), while a strong majority of Republican voters (62.5%) approve of the job the Supreme Court is doing.

“It is clear that the current conservative majority on the Court and its recent rulings have affected Democrats and Democrat-leaning unaffiliated voters in North Carolina,” states David McLennan. “The Dobbs ruling in particular has made those voters see the Court as a more partisan institution.”

#### POLICY ISSUES: ABORTION

As stated above, the abortion issue seems to be energizing Democratic voters as they head into voting season. The Dobbs decision and the subsequent news coverage of it have caused almost all (over 95%) of the respondents to say they followed these stories a little or a lot. As has been the case with North Carolina public opinion on abortion generally, our respondents were very divided on the Dobbs decision (40.5% approve and 51% disapprove). The partisan divides were even more stark with only 20 percent of Democrats supporting the Dobbs ruling, 68.7% of Republicans, and 40.8% of unaffiliated voters. Other gaps were apparent between men and women (Men 52.7% approval; Women 38.6% approval) and among age groups (18-24 38.6% approval; 76+ 52.7% approval).

Since states are now permitted to pass laws about abortion, we asked about North Carolinians’ preferences about what the state should do. Over half (**53.2%**) favor continuing with the provisions provided by the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision or expanding abortion access further. Just over **10%** favor making abortions illegal after 15 weeks. A small percentage (**7.3%**) want abortion illegal in all circumstances, while almost one-quarter (**24.8%**) want abortion to be illegal except in the cases of rape, incest, or when the mother’s life is endangered.

There are large partisan differences about how the state should move forward on abortion. Almost 80 percent of Democrats favor keeping the current provisions of Roe or expanding access to abortion, while just over one-quarter of Republicans support the same approach.

“Abortion has become a central issue in the fall campaigns, but there is no majority opinion about what North Carolina should do moving forward,” said David McLennan. “It is clear

why some political candidates have moved away from the absolutist position of a ban on abortions with no exceptions and why Republican candidates in tight races would not want to talk about the issue at all.”

#### POLICY ISSUES: SAME SEX MARRIAGE LEGISLATION

Until the Dobbs decision and discussions immediately after the announcement of the ruling, the issue of same sex marriage was considered settled by the 2015 Obergefell ruling. However, Democrats in Congress have introduced legislation to protect the right of same sex couples to marry in case the Supreme Court overturns to the 2015 ruling. A majority of North Carolinians (56.3%) favor a federal law protecting this right, while just over one-third of respondents indicated that they did not support such legislation. There are large partisan differences on this legislation with almost 80 percent of Democrats supporting this bill, but only about one-in-three Republicans supporting the protection of same sex marriage through legislation. Some age differences also exist on this question with younger voters more likely than older voters to support this bill.

“It is amazing that in a ten year period, from the passing of Amendment One in North Carolina by a 61-39% vote, that public opinion has completely changed on same sex marriage,” said David McLennan. “More North Carolinians now accept this as a normal part of society.”

#### POLICY ISSUES: CONTRACEPTION LEGISLATION

In some of the same post-Dobbs discussions, the issue of overturning the 1963 Griswold Supreme Court decision making access to contraception legal was mentioned. Any attempt to make access to contraception—either judicially or legislatively—would seem to be very unpopular with North Carolinians, as over 82 percent of North Carolinians (with large majorities across all demographic groups) favor maintaining legal access to contraception, while less than 9 percent are not supportive.

#### POLICY ISSUES: STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

On the issue of President Biden’s executive order offering \$10,000 of student loan forgiveness for those who met the eligibility requirements (or \$20,000 for Pell-eligible loan recipients), North Carolinians were split, with a slight majority (51.8%) favoring the reduction and just over 40% being opposed. The largest group of supporters strongly favored President Biden’s action (33%), while the large group of those against the action (28.8%) strongly opposed the order. As was predictable, almost 80 percent of Democrats favored the action by President Biden and almost 70 percent of Republicans opposed the order.

#### SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE

The threat to democracy in the United States is real, according to North Carolina voters. Almost two-thirds of our respondents (63.9%) indicate that it is a real threat, while another 19.7% say that democracy is under threat, but that it is not serious. On a related question,

90 percent of North Carolina voters believe that it is important that the country remain a democracy (or committed to democratic principles). In terms of demographic groups, a majority of all groups—including political partisans—recognize the danger and want to protect democracy.

In terms of having a strong leader, even if democracy suffers, only about one-third (36.3%) of respondents would prefer a strong leader over democracy. Of all the demographic groups represented, only Black voters and those 18-24 years old had a majority of their respondents favor a strong leader over democracy.

Political violence used to be considered for fringe groups in the United States. Our survey results, however, suggest that political violence is more mainstream. Over 30 percent of North Carolinians say that, if elected officials cannot protect democracy or Americans, political violence is justified. A similar percentage believe that political violence is an appropriate response for patriots who believe that things have gotten “off track.” The most concerning response is to the question about whether force is an appropriate response to a changing American way of life. Almost half of the respondents indicated that it is. Of all the groups represented in the survey, **Republicans are 50% more likely** to indicate a proclivity to resort to violence or force than are Democrats. In fact, a majority of Republicans feel that using force as a response to a changing way of life is an appropriate choice.

Our final question in this series had to do with people’s expectations for a civil war in the United States in the future. Over one-third of our respondents (34.9%) expect or consider the possibility of a civil war in the future and only 44% don’t consider it a possibility. In the demographic groups, there were no significant differences between Democrats and Republicans on this question, or among racial or ethnic groups. The only group with significantly high expectations for a civil war in the country is those with a high school diploma. Almost half of this group considers a civil war to be a real possibility.

“Although scholars and pundits have discussed the possibility of increased political violence or even a civil war in the United States, these results were troubling,” said David McLennan. “It is one thing to have a theoretical discussion about widespread use of political violence or even a civil war, but to hear from so many fellow North Carolinians that they are considering such possibilities is frightening. Our political rhetoric, especially during campaign season, has to be exacerbating this problem.”



## Topline Results

Satisfaction with the direction of the United States 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	171	20.9
No	602	73.5
Don't know	46	5.6

**N= 819**

Satisfaction with the direction of North Carolina

Satisfaction with the way things are going in the North Carolina today

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	319	39
No	409	49.9
Don't know	91	11.1

**N= 819**

Views of the Supreme Court

**Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Supreme Court?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Very favorable	99	12.1
Somewhat favorable	259	31.6
Somewhat unfavorable	216	26.4
Very unfavorable	178	21.7
Don't know	67	8.2

**N=819**

**Finish this statement: The Supreme Court has:**

Response	Number	Percentage
Too much power	391	47.7
Too little power	26	3.2
Right amount of power	326	39.8
Don't know	76	9.3

**N=819**

Policy Issues

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

[The Dobbs Decision](#)

**How much have you heard or read about this summer's Supreme Court decision on abortion that overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision?**

Response	Number	Percentage
A lot	523	63.9
A little	259	31.6
Nothing at all	22	2.7
Don't know	15	1.8

**N= 819**

**As you may know, the Supreme Court's decision found that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee a right to abortion and that abortion laws can be set by each state. All in all, do you approve or disapprove of this decision?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	195	23.8
Somewhat approve	161	19.7
Somewhat disapprove	125	15.3
Strongly disapprove	292	35.7

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Don't know	46	5.5
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N=819

**Now that the Supreme Court has overturned 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?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Expanding access to abortion services so that there are no restrictions on a woman's right to abortion.	219	26.7
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.	217	26.5
Make access to abortion very restricted - making it illegal after 15 weeks.	85	10.4
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.	203	24.8
Make abortion in all cases illegal.	60	7.3
Don't know	35	4.3

N= 819

[Law to Protect Same Sex Marriage](#)

**Congress is currently considering a federal law to protect the right of same sex couples to marry. Do you approve or disapprove of such a law?**

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Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	314	38.3
Somewhat approve	147	18
Somewhat disapprove	102	12.5
Strongly disapprove	193	23.6
Don't know	63	7.7

N= 819

Law to Protect Legal Contraception

**Congress is considering a federal law to protect the right of people to purchase and use contraception. Do you approve or disapprove of such a law?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	513	62.6
Somewhat approve	160	19.5
Somewhat disapprove	36	4.4
Strongly disapprove	39	4.8
Don't know	71	8.7

N= 819

Student Loan Reduction

**Recently President Biden made an executive order eliminating \$10,000 of student loan debt for persons earning less than \$150,000 or \$20,000 of student loan debt for those who received Pell grants. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	262	32
Somewhat approve	162	19.8
Somewhat disapprove	104	12.7

Strongly disapprove	236	28.8
Don't know	55	6.7

N= 819

Democracy in the United States

**When thinking about democracy in the United States these days, which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

Response	Number	Percentage
There is a serious threat to our democracy.	523	63.9
There may be a threat to our democracy, but it is not serious.	161	19.7
There is no threat to our democracy	71	8.7
Don't know	64	7.8

N= 819

**How important do you think it is for the United States to remain a democracy?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Very important	616	75.2
Somewhat important	121	14.8
Somewhat unimportant	23	2.8
Very unimportant	15	1.8
Don't know	44	5.4

N= 819

**Having a strong leader for America is more important than being a democracy.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	150	18.3
Somewhat agree	150	18.3

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Somewhat disagree	200	24.4
Strongly disagree	243	29.7
Don't know	76	9.3

N= 819

Political Violence and Civil War

**If elected leaders will not protect American democracy, the people must do it themselves, even if it requires taking violent actions.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	86	10.5
Somewhat agree	162	19.8
Somewhat disagree	184	22.5
Strongly disagree	297	36.3
Don't know	90	11

N= 819

**Our American way of life is disappearing so fast that we may have to use force to save it.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	140	17.1
Somewhat agree	231	28.2
Somewhat disagree	171	20.9
Strongly disagree	219	26.7
Don't know	58	7.1

N= 819

**Because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	82	10
Somewhat agree	141	17.2
Somewhat disagree	149	18.2
Strongly disagree	387	47.3
Don't know	60	7.3

**N= 819**

**In the next few years, there will be civil war in the United States.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	77	9.4
Somewhat agree	209	25.5
Somewhat disagree	180	22
Strongly disagree	197	24.1
Don't know	156	19.1

**N= 819**

Hostile Sexism

**Under modern economic conditions with women being active outside the home, men should share in household tasks such as washing dishes and doing laundry.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	565	69
Somewhat agree	188	23
Somewhat disagree	28	3.4
Strongly disagree	11	1.3
Don't know	27	3.3

**N= 819**

**There are many jobs in which men should be given preference over women in being hired and promoted.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	91	11.1
Somewhat agree	170	20.8
Somewhat disagree	170	20.8
Strongly disagree	336	41
Don't know	52	6.4

**N= 819**



**Women should worry less about their rights and more about becoming good wives and mothers.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	52	6.4
Somewhat agree	98	12
Somewhat disagree	155	18.9
Strongly disagree	484	59.1
Don't know	30	3.7

**N= 819**

**Women should assume their rightful place in business and other professions along with men.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	469	57.3
Somewhat agree	231	28.2
Somewhat disagree	45	5.5
Strongly disagree	41	5
Don't know	33	4

**N= 819**

Argumentativeness

**I enjoy challenging the opinions of others.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	186	22.7
Somewhat agree	307	37.5
Somewhat disagree	206	25.2
Strongly disagree	85	10.4
Don't know	35	4.3

**N= 819**

**I often start arguments.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	42	5.1
Somewhat agree	84	10.3
Somewhat disagree	216	26.4
Strongly disagree	461	56.3
Don't know	16	2

**N= 819**

**I hate arguments.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	377	46
Somewhat agree	265	32.4
Somewhat disagree	108	13.2
Strongly disagree	51	6.2
Don't know	18	2.2

**N= 819**

**I feel upset after an argument.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	247	30.2
Somewhat agree	367	44.8
Somewhat disagree	117	14.3
Strongly disagree	58	7.1
Don't know	30	3.7

**N= 819**

**I tend to avoid conflict.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	353	43.1
Somewhat agree	309	37.7
Somewhat disagree	96	11.7
Strongly disagree	42	5.1
Don't know	19	2.3

**N= 819**

Approval Ratings of Political Leaders

Now we are going to ask you some questions about specific political leaders and the upcoming midterm elections.

Biden Approval

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	136	16.6
Approve	194	23.7
Disapprove	128	15.6
Strongly disapprove	332	40.5
Don't know	29	3.5

N= 819

Cooper Approval

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	167	20.4
Approve	286	34.9
Disapprove	150	18.3
Strongly disapprove	133	16.2
Don't know	83	10.1

N= 819

Voting and the 2022 Elections

Likelihood of Voting

**Are you planning to vote this fall in the midterm elections?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Definitely not	32	3.9
Probably not	56	6.8
Probably yes	150	18.3
Definitely yes	539	65.8
Don't know	42	5.1

**N= 819**

Impact of Dobbs Decision on Likelihood of Voting

**How has the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade and returning the power to regulate to the states affected your decision to vote in this year's elections?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Made me more motivated to vote	322	44.1
Made me less motivated to vote	15	2.1
Has had no impact on my motivation to vote	362	49.5
Don't know	32	4.4

**N= 819**

U.S. Senate Race

**If the election was held today, which candidate for the US Senate from North Carolina would you vote for?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Democrat Cheri Beasley	300	41
Republican Ted Budd	302	41.3
Green Party Candidate Matthew Hoh	11	1.5
Libertarian Shannon Bray	11	1.5
Someone else	18	2.5
Don't know	89	12.2

**N= 731**

Congressional Generic Ballot

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

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Democratic	314	43
Republican	319	43.6
Libertarian	11	1.5
Another Party	20	2.7
Don't know	67	9.2

**N=731**

Demographic Questions

**Lastly, we would like to ask some questions about you.**

**What county in North Carolina (e.g. Alamance) do you live in?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Urban	227	28.4
Rural	240	30
Suburban	333	41.6

**N= 800**

**What is your gender?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Male	332	40.5
Female	485	59.2
Third gender/non-binary	2	.2

**N= 819**

**What is your race/ethnic group?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
White	628	76.7
Black or African American	125	15.3
Hispanic/Latino	23	2.8
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	17	2.1
Other	22	2.7
Prefer not to say	4	.5

**N= 819**

**What is your age?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
18-24	57	7
25-40	208	25.4
41-56	233	28.5
57-75	248	30.3
76+	71	8.7
Prefer not to say	2	.2

**N= 819**

**What best describes the level of education you last completed?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less than high school diploma	15	1.8
High school diploma	153	18.7
Some college	286	34.9
Bachelor's degree	238	29.1
Graduate or professional degree	124	15.1
Prefer not to say	3	.4

**N= 819**

**What political party do you most identify with?**



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<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Democratic	304	37.1
Republican	288	35.2
Unaffiliated	201	24.5
Other	17	2.1
Don't know	9	1.1

**N= 819**

## Cross-tabulations

Direction of the Country and State

Direction of the Country

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

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	41.4	49.7	8.9
Republican	6.3	92.0	1.7
Unaffiliated	9.5	85.1	5.5
Other	29.4	64.7	5.9
Don't know	33.3	44.4	22.2
White	16.6	78.2	5.3
Black or African American	40.8	51.2	8.0
Hispanic/Latino	30.4	60.9	8.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	29.4	70.6	0.0
Other	18.2	77.3	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0
Female	19.8	74.4	5.8
Male	22.6	72.0	5.4
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-24	33.3	57.9	8.8
25-40	20.2	73.6	6.3
41-56	21.0	74.2	4.7
57-75	19.0	75.0	6.0
76+	19.7	77.5	2.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	13.3	73.3	13.3
High school diploma	26.1	68.0	5.9
Some college	17.5	78.0	4.5
Bachelor's degree	18.1	75.6	6.3
Graduate or professional degree	29.0	66.1	4.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
Urban	27	67	6
Suburban	24	71	5
Rural	17	79	4

Direction of the state

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

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	57.6	34.2	8.2

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Republican	24.3	63.2	12.5
Unaffiliated	31.3	55.2	13.4
Other	35.3	52.9	11.8
Don't know	55.6	33.3	11.1
White	34.6	53.8	11.6
Black or African American	60.8	31.2	8.0
Hispanic/Latino	52.2	43.5	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	58.8	23.5	17.6
Other	18.2	68.2	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	75.0	25.0
Female	36.3	51.1	12.6
Male	43.1	48.2	8.7
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	50.0	50.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	52.6	31.6	15.8
25-40	45.2	42.8	12.0
41-56	34.3	54.9	10.7
57-75	36.7	54.4	8.9
76+	33.8	52.1	14.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0

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Less than high school diploma	40.0	40.0	20.0
High school diploma	44.4	45.1	10.5
Some college	35.7	54.9	9.4
Bachelor's degree	36.6	50.8	12.6
Graduate or professional degree	45.2	43.5	11.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
Urban	51	38	11
Suburban	44	46	10
Rural	38	53	9

Views of the Supreme Court

**Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Supreme Court?**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrat	10.9	18.8	28.3	37.2	4.9
Republican	18.1	44.4	21.5	4.9	11.1
Unaffiliated	6.0	33.8	30.8	23.4	6.0
Other	5.9	23.5	35.3	17.6	16.7
Don't know	11.1	22.2	0.0	11.1	55.6
White	11.8	33.3	26.3	21.0	7.6

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Black or African American	13.6	24.8	20.0	29.6	12.0
Hispanic/Latino	26.1	26.1	26.1	17.4	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.0	29.4	47.1	11.8	11.8
Other	4.5	27.3	50.0	13.6	4.5
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Female	9.5	27.6	28.7	22.7	11.5
Male	16.0	37.7	23.2	19.9	3.3
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	22.8	15.8	22.8	19.3	19.3
25-40	11.1	27.9	33.7	17.8	9.6
41-56	9.9	24.3	27.5	21.0	7.3
57-75	11.3	35.5	21.4	26.2	5.6
76+	16.9	33.8	22.5	22.5	4.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0

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Less than high school diploma	0.0	6.7	20.0	13.3	6.0
High school diploma	18.3	34.0	19.6	15.0	13.1
Some college	10.1	32.2	31.8	18.5	7.3
Bachelor's degree	9.2	31.5	27.3	27.3	4.6
Graduate or professional degree	16.1	30.6	21.0	28.2	4.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3
Urban	12.2	21	28	32.8	7
Suburban	10.8	25.2	24	30	10
Rural	19.5	29.5	18	22	11

**Finish this statement: The Supreme Court has**

	Too much power	Too little power	Right amount of power	Don't know
Democrat	69.7	3.6	21.4	5.3
Republican	27.8	3.1	59.0	10.1
Unaffiliated	45.8	2.0	40.8	11.4
Other	29.4	5.9	41.2	23.5
Don't know	22.2	11.1	22.2	44.4
White	43.9	2.4	43.5	10.2
Black or African American	62.4	6.4	25.6	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	60.9	4.3	34.8	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	47.1	11.8	35.3	5.9
Other	63.6	0.0	18.2	18.2

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Prefer not to say	25.0	0.0	75.0	0.0
Female	52.4	2.1	33.8	11.8
Male	40.7	4.8	48.8	5.7
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	11.8	5.7	0.0	0.0
18-24	63.2	7.0	24.6	5.3
25-40	51.4	4.8	31.3	12.5
41-56	46.4	3.9	39.5	10.3
57-75	46.0	0.8	47.2	6.0
76+	35.2	1.4	52.1	11.3
Prefer not to say	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	60.0	6.7	6.7	26.7
High school diploma	44.4	7.2	39.9	8.5
Some college	48.3	2.1	38.8	10.8
Bachelor's degree	47.1	2.1	43.3	7.6
Graduate or professional degree	51.6	2.4	38.7	7.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3
Urban	55	3.4	38	4.6
Suburban	45	3.9	42.1	8
Rural	41	4	51	4



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

Policy Issues

[Response to Dobbs Decision](#)

**How much have you heard or read about this summer’s Supreme Court decision on abortion that overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision?**

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Don’t know
Democrat	71.7	25.0	2.0	1.3
Republican	56.3	38.9	2.1	2.8
Unaffiliated	67.7	28.4	4.0	0.0
Other	35.3	47.1	11.8	5.9
Don’t know	11.1	66.7	0.0	22.2
White	65.3	30.9	2.5	1.3
Black or African American	62.4	31.2	3.2	3.2
Hispanic/Latino	73.9	21.7	0.0	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	35.3	52.9	5.9	5.9
Other	50.0	40.9	4.5	4.5
Prefer not to say	25.0	75.0	0.0	0.0
Female	61.6	33.0	2.9	2.5
Male	66.9	29.8	2.4	0.9
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-24	61.4	31.6	5.3	1.8
25-40	55.3	35.5	4.3	1.9
41-56	60.5	33.9	3.4	2.1
57-75	71.8	25.8	0.8	1.6
76+	76.1	22.5	0.0	1.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	26.7	40.0	13.3	20.0
High school diploma	50.3	40.5	5.9	3.3
Some college	59.4	36.0	3.1	1.4
Bachelor's degree	73.5	25.6	0.8	0.0
Graduate or professional degree	76.6	21.0	0.0	2.4
Prefer not to say	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0
Urban	74	22	3	1
Suburban	72.5	24.5	2	0
Rural	65	28	4	3

**As you may know, the Supreme Court's decision found that the U.S. Constitution does not guarantee a right to abortion and that abortion laws can be set by each state. All in all, do you approve or disapprove of this decision?**

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	9.5	11.5	13.5	61.2	4.3

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Republican	42.7	26.0	15.6	10.8	4.9
Unaffiliated	19.9	20.9	18.9	25.8	4.5
Other	11.8	41.2	5.9	17.6	23.5
Don't know	11.1	22.2	0.0	0.0	66.7
White	25.8	18.9	14.6	34.9	5.7
Black or African American	14.4	22.4	16.0	42.4	4.8
Hispanic/Latino	39.1	13.0	13.0	30.4	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.0	17.6	23.5	47.1	11.8
Other	13.6	31.8	27.3	22.7	4.5
Prefer not to say	75.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	19.2	20.4	16.3	37.3	6.8
Male	30.7	18.7	13.9	32.8	3.9
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	24.6	14.0	17.5	38.6	5.3
25-40	18.3	21.2	17.3	38.0	5.3
41-56	22.3	21.0	17.6	31.3	7.7
57-75	26.2	19.8	10.9	38.3	4.8
76+	36.6	14.1	14.1	32.4	2.8

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Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	13.3	20.0	20.0	13.3	33.3
High school diploma	29.4	17.6	17.0	26.8	9.2
Some college	21.7	23.8	16.8	31.8	5.9
Bachelor's degree	21.4	18.9	16.0	41.2	2.5
Graduate or professional degree	28.2	12.9	8.1	48.4	2.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3
Urban	21.2	23.2	19.8	27.5	8.3
Suburban	19.5	25.6	25.4	25.2	4.3
Rural	38.9	24.2	17.5	14.3	5.1

What North Carolina Should Do

**Now that the Supreme Court has overturned 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	46.7	32.6	3.9	10.9	3.9	2.0
Republican	7.3	18.1	18.1	39.9	12.8	3.8
Unaffiliated	25.9	31.3	9.5	22.9	5.0	5.5
Other	17.6	11.8	11.8	41.2	0.0	17.6
Don't know	11.1	11.1	0.0	22.2	11.1	44.4
White	24.0	27.1	11.5	25.8	7.5	4.1
Black or African American	37.6	27.2	4.0	20.0	5.6	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	26.1	17.4	14.7	30.4	8.7	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian,	41.2	29.4	5.9	5.9	11.8	5.9

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or Pacific Islander						
Other	36.4	13.6	13.6	22.7	9.1	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	25.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0
Female	26.6	27.2	10.9	22.9	8.0	4.3
Male	26.8	25.3	9.6	27.7	6.3	4.2
Non-binary /third gender	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	49.1	19.3	5.3	14.0	8.8	3.5
25-40	29.3	26.4	10.1	20.7	8.7	4.8
41-56	20.2	27.5	9.0	28.8	7.7	6.9
57-75	27.0	27.0	12.9	25.4	5.6	2.0
76+	22.5	28.0	11.3	28.2	7.0	1.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	26.7	6.7	0.0	26.7	20.0	20.0
High school diploma	21.6	22.9	9.8	29.4	8.5	7.8
Some college	23.8	26.6	14.0	25.2	6.6	3.8

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Bachelor's degree	29.4	31.5	6.7	22.7	7.1	2.5
Graduate or professional degree	35.5	23.4	10.5	21.8	6.5	2.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0
Urban	31.2	32.4	13.1	12.2	5.1	6
Suburban	24.5	31.2	14.2	23.2	2.9	4
Rural	10.2	29.2	15.4	31.2	11	3

Federal Law to Protect Same-Sex Marriage

**Congress is currently considering a federal law to protect the right of same sex couples to marry. Do you approve or disapprove of such a law?**

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	62.2	15.8	5.3	11.8	4.9
Republican	14.9	18.4	16.7	41.0	9.0
Unaffiliated	37.3	21.9	16.4	16.9	7.5
Other	29.4	11.8	23.5	23.5	11.8
Don't know	22.2	0.0	11.1	11.1	55.6
White	37.6	17.0	13.5	24.7	7.2
Black or African American	43.2	20.8	8.0	17.6	10.4
Hispanic/Latino	52.2	17.4	13.0	17.4	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	35.3	35.3	0.0	23.5	5.9
Other	27.3	18.2	9.1	31.8	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	25.0
Female	42.1	16.5	10.7	22.9	7.8
Male	32.5	20.2	15.3	24.7	7.5
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



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18-24	47.4	22.8	8.8	15.8	5.3
25-40	45.7	18.8	12.0	15.9	7.7
41-56	32.2	18.8	11.6	26.6	10.7
57-75	36.7	16.5	14.9	26.2	5.6
76+	36.3	14.1	11.3	31.0	7.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	33.3	13.3	6.7	33.3	13.3
High school diploma	33.3	16.3	12.4	25.5	12.4
Some college	32.9	20.3	14.0	24.8	8.0
Bachelor's degree	39.9	19.3	13.0	21.8	5.9
Graduate or professional degree	54.8	12.1	8.9	20.2	4.0
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0
Urban	35	32.5	11	14.4	7.1
Suburban	34.1	31.2	9	21.1	5.5
Rural	19	29.3	17	28.5	6.2

Federal Law to Protect Legality of Contraception

**Congress is considering a federal law to protect the right of people to purchase and use contraception. Do you approve or disapprove of such a law?**

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	75.3	13.8	3.3	3.9	3.6
Republican	48.3	26.7	5.2	6.6	13.2

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Unaffiliated	66.7	18.4	5.0	4.0	6.0
Other	58.8	11.8	5.9	0.0	23.5
Don't know	11.1	22.2	0.0	0.0	66.7
White	64.0	19.6	4.3	3.8	8.3
Black or African American	63.2	16.0	4.0	8.0	8.8
Hispanic/Latino	52.2	26.1	4.3	8.7	8.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	47.1	29.4	11.8	0.0	11.8
Other	45.5	18.2	4.5	13.6	18.2
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	66.8	15.9	3.3	4.7	9.3
Male	56.3	25.0	6.0	4.8	7.8
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	56.1	24.6	1.8	7.0	10.5
25-40	57.2	21.2	7.2	6.7	7.7
41-56	59.2	18.5	3.9	4.7	13.7
57-75	69.0	16.9	4.0	3.6	6.5
76+	71.8	23.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Less than high school diploma	33.3	20.0	6.7	6.7	33.3
High school diploma	52.9	21.6	4.6	5.2	15.7
Some college	61.9	20.6	4.2	4.5	8.7
Bachelor's degree	68.1	18.9	4.6	4.2	4.2
Graduate or professional degree	69.4	16.1	3.2	5.6	5.6
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
Urban	72	13.6	4	5.4	5
Suburban	70.1	15.6	3.3	4.8	6
Rural	63.8	22	3.8	5	6

Reduction of Student Loan Debt

**Recently President Biden made an executive order eliminating \$10,000 of student loan debt for persons earning less than \$150,000 or \$20,000 of student loan debt for those who received Pell grants. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?**

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	55.6	25.0	8.6	5.9	4.9
Republican	12.8	13.2	16.0	50.7	7.3
Unaffiliated	24.4	21.4	14.4	33.3	6.5
Other	29.4	17.6	11.8	29.4	11.8
Don't know	22.2	22.2	11.1	0.0	0.0
White	24.7	19.4	15.1	33.9	6.8
Black or African American	63.2	20.0	2.4	7.2	7.2

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Hispanic/Latino	43.5	26.1	8.7	21.7	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	23.5	23.5	17.6	23.5	11.8
Other	59.1	18.2	4.5	13.6	4.5
Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Female	33.8	21.4	12.6	23.5	8.7
Male	29.5	16.9	13.0	36.7	3.9
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	54.4	15.8	10.5	10.5	8.8
25-40	39.9	26.9	11.1	15.9	6.3
41-56	32.6	20.2	15.0	24.0	8.2
57-75	23.4	16.5	12.5	41.9	5.6
76+	19.7	12.7	9.9	52.1	5.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	66.7	0.0	0.0	6.7	26.7
High school diploma	30.1	20.9	13.1	23.5	12.4
Some college	26.6	22.0	14.3	31.1	5.9
Bachelor's degree	30.7	19.3	12.6	32.8	4.6

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Graduate or professional degree	45.2	16.9	9.7	25.0	3.2
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0
Urban	42	20.8	13.3	20.8	4.1
Suburban	37.5	19.8	12.6	25.6	3.5
Rural	24	24.2	10	35.4	6.4

Democracy

**When thinking about democracy in the United States these days, which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

	There is a serious threat to our democracy	There may be a threat to our democracy, but it is not serious.	There is no threat to our democracy.	Don't know
Democrat	70.4	19.7	5.6	4.3
Republican	64.2	18.4	9.7	7.6
Unaffiliated	56.2	20.9	11.9	10.9
Other	52.9	29.4	5.9	11.8
Don't know	22.2	11.1	11.1	55.6
White	65.0	19.4	7.6	8.0
Black or African American	60.0	19.2	13.6	7.2
Hispanic/Latino	69.6	17.4	8.7	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	52.9	23.5	17.6	5.9
Other	54.5	31.8	4.5	9.1

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Prefer not to say	75.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Female	66.2	17.9	6.0	9.9
Male	60.2	22.3	12.7	4.8
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	56.1	22.8	8.8	12.3
25-40	52.4	28.4	11.1	8.2
41-56	62.7	19.7	7.3	10.3
57-75	72.2	14.1	8.1	5.6
76+	77.5	11.3	8.5	2.8
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	46.7	13.3	6.7	33.3
High school diploma	56.9	19.0	9.2	15.0
Some college	65.4	18.9	7.3	8.4
Bachelor's degree	61.8	23.9	10.7	4.2
Graduate or professional degree	74.2	15.3	8.9	1.6
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	68.4	20.2	6.2	5.2
Suburban	66.3	10.2	13	10.5

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Rural	55.2	20	12.2	12.6
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**How important do you think it is for the United States to remain a democracy?**

	Very important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Very unimportant	Don't know
Democrat	82.2	13.2	2.0	0.7	2.0
Republican	72.2	16.0	3.1	3.5	5.2
Unaffiliated	72.1	14.9	3.5	1.5	8.0
Other	64.7	23.5	0.0	0.0	11.8
Don't know	22.2	11.1	11.1	0.0	55.6
White	76.9	13.9	2.4	1.6	5.3
Black or African American	70.4	18.4	4.0	1.6	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	78.3	4.3	13.0	4.3	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	64.7	23.5	0.0	5.9	5.9
Other	59.1	27.3	0.0	4.5	9.1
Prefer not to say	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Female	70.1	16.7	3.3	1.9	8.0
Male	82.5	12.0	2.1	1.8	1.5
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-24	50.9	28.1	7.0	5.3	8.8
25-40	63.5	23.6	4.3	1.4	7.2
41-56	70.8	16.3	3.9	3.0	6.0
57-75	88.7	6.5	0.4	0.8	3.6
76+	97.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.4
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	26.7	26.7	6.7	6.7	33.3
High school diploma	60.8	21.6	3.9	3.3	10.5
Some college	75.9	14.3	3.5	1.0	5.2
Bachelor's degree	80.7	14.3	2.1	1.7	1.3
Graduate or professional degree	86.3	7.3	0.8	1.6	4.0
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	84	14	1	1	1
Suburban	72	17	4	3.4	3.6
Rural	69.3	12.3	2.7	3.3	12



**Having a strong leader for America is more important than being a democracy.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	18.4	20.1	19.7	34.9	6.9
Republican	22.9	17.7	26.7	23.3	9.4
Unaffiliated	11.9	16.9	29.4	31.8	10.0
Other	17.6	17.6	17.6	35.3	11.8
Don't know	11.1	11.1	11.1	0.0	66.7
White	16.9	16.2	26.0	31.2	9.7
Black or African American	28.8	32.4	15.2	25.6	8.0
Hispanic/Latino	8.7	30.4	21.7	34.8	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	11.8	29.4	35.3	11.8	11.8
Other	13.6	31.8	22.7	22.7	9.1
Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Female	16.5	20.2	26.2	24.7	12.4
Male	21.1	15.7	22.0	36.4	4.8
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	33.3	22.8	22.8	14.0	7.0
25-40	25.0	22.1	24.5	18.3	10.1

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41-56	15.5	21.0	23.2	27.9	12.4
57-75	12.5	14.1	26.2	39.9	7.3
76+	15.5	8.5	23.9	46.5	5.6
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	40.0	13.3	6.7	6.7	33.3
High school diploma	26.1	22.9	21.6	20.3	9.2
Some college	16.1	20.3	27.3	26.6	9.8
Bachelor's degree	14.7	16.0	25.6	36.1	7.6
Graduate or professional degree	17.7	12.9	21.8	39.5	8.1
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	0.0	0.0	33.3
Urban	25	23	22	25	5
Suburban	26.2	26	19	25.8	3
Rural	28.3	20	26.4	21	4.5

Political Violence and Civil War

**If elected leaders will not protect American democracy, the people must do it themselves, even if it requires taking violent actions.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	10.5	15.5	23.0	43.4	7.6
Republican	14.9	24.3	22.9	27.4	10.4
Unaffiliated	5.5	20.4	21.9	39.3	12.9

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Other	0.0	23.5	11.8	29.4	35.3
Don't know	0.0	0.0	22.2	22.2	55.6
White	9.2	19.3	23.2	36.6	11.6
Black or African American	16.0	20.0	17.6	38.4	8.0
Hispanic/Latino	8.7	17.4	26.1	39.1	8.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.9	29.4	23.5	29.4	11.8
Other	18.2	22.7	27.3	22.7	9.1
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Female	8.5	20.8	21.0	37.3	12.4
Male	13.6	18.1	24.7	34.9	8.7
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	17.5	17.5	29.8	17.5	17.5
25-40	16.3	25.5	23.6	24.0	10.6
41-56	8.2	22.7	21.0	36.1	12.0
57-75	7.7	14.9	20.6	48.0	8.9
76+	4.2	11.3	25.4	47.9	11.3
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Less than high school diploma	13.3	6.7	26.7	20.0	33.3
High school diploma	16.3	22.2	17.0	31.4	13.1
Some college	8.4	23.8	24.1	33.2	10.5
Bachelor's degree	8.8	15.1	24.4	39.9	11.8
Graduate or professional degree	10.5	18.5	21.0	44.4	5.6
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0
Urban	8.9	18.3	18.2	43.5	11.1
Suburban	6.9	15.2	24.4	42.1	12.4
Rural	12.2	26	23.2	28.2	10.4

**Our American way of life is disappearing so fast that we may have to use force to save it.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	12.2	23.7	22.0	38.2	3.9
Republican	26.7	34.0	20.8	13.5	4.9
Unaffiliated	11.4	28.9	20.4	28.9	10.4
Other	17.6	11.8	11.8	29.4	29.4
Don't know	0.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	66.7
White	16.6	27.9	20.4	28.0	7.2
Black or African American	20.8	28.0	17.6	28.8	4.8

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Hispanic/Latino	13.0	21.7	47.8	13.0	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.9	35.3	41.2	0.0	17.6
Other	18.2	26.4	13.6	18.2	13.6
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	17.1	30.7	19.6	25.4	7.2
Male	17.2	24.7	22.9	28.9	6.3
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	26.3	36.8	14.0	14.0	8.8
25-40	19.2	35.1	21.2	17.3	7.2
41-56	18.0	28.3	22.7	22.7	8.2
57-75	14.1	22.2	21.4	36.7	5.6
76+	11.3	19.7	18.3	41.7	7.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	13.3	20.0	26.7	20.0	20.0
High school diploma	27.5	34.6	12.4	17.6	7.8
Some college	23.8	32.5	19.9	23.8	7.0
Bachelor's degree	11.8	21.8	26.1	33.6	6.7

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Graduate or professional degree	16.1	23.4	22.6	32.3	5.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3	0.0
Urban	6.1	28.2	28.3	29.4	8
Suburban	6.4	30.3	24.5	33.2	5.6
Rural	8.1	31	18.2	26.7	6.1

**Because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	8.9	14.1	14.5	60.2	2.3
Republican	14.6	21.2	24.7	30.9	8.7
Unaffiliated	5.5	15.9	16.9	52.2	9.5
Other	11.8	17.6	0.0	52.9	17.6
Don't know	0.0	22.2	0.0	11.1	66.7
White	9.7	16.4	18.5	47.9	7.5
Black or African American	10.4	20.8	13.6	49.6	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	13.0	8.7	26.1	52.2	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.9	11.8	35.3	35.3	11.8
Other	13.6	27.3	18.2	27.3	13.6

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Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Female	8.7	17.7	17.3	48.5	7.8
Male	12.0	16.6	19.6	45.2	6.6
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	15.8	26.3	12.3	38.6	7.0
25-40	15.4	21.6	19.7	36.1	7.2
41-56	6.0	20.2	21.5	43.8	8.6
57-75	9.3	11.3	16.5	56.9	6.0
76+	5.6	7.0	12.7	66.2	8.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	6.7	26.7	13.3	26.7	26.7
High school diploma	17.6	20.9	15.0	37.3	9.2
Some college	10.0	21.3	17.8	43.0	7.7
Bachelor's degree	5.0	11.8	21.0	55.9	6.3
Graduate or professional degree	10.5	12.9	16.9	55.6	4.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0
Urban	3.1	9.6	22	61	4.3
Suburban	11.5	13.2	17	51.1	7.2

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Rural	17	22	15	38	8
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**In the next few years, there will be civil war in the United States.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	10.2	23.4	22.7	28.0	15.8
Republican	11.8	28.8	22.2	18.4	18.8
Unaffiliated	5.5	24.9	22.9	25.9	20.9
Other	0.0	29.4	0.0	41.2	29.4
Don't know	11.1	0.0	11.1	0.0	77.8
White	8.0	25.2	24.8	22.9	19.1
Black or African American	15.2	22.4	12.8	29.6	20.0
Hispanic/Latino	8.7	34.8	21.7	26.1	8.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.0	29.4	11.8	35.3	23.5
Other	22.7	26.4	4.5	18.2	18.2
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Female	9.1	27.2	21.0	21.0	21.6
Male	9.9	22.9	23.5	28.6	15.1
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



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18-24	9.4	25.5	22.0	24.1	19.0
25-40	24.6	21.1	10.5	26.3	17.5
41-56	7.7	25.8	20.2	24.9	21.5
57-75	6.5	23.4	24.2	24.2	21.8
76+	7.0	18.3	28.2	29.6	16.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
Less than high school diploma	26.7	33.3	6.7	0.0	33.3
High school diploma	17.6	26.8	12.4	19.0	24.2
Some college	8.0	28.3	22.0	20.3	21.3
Bachelor's degree	4.6	23.9	25.6	31.9	13.9
Graduate or professional degree	9.7	20.2	28.2	27.4	14.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7
Urban	12	24.2	30	12.8	21
Suburban	8	21.2	27.2	29.6	24
Rural	14	27.4	15.2	35.4	18

Hostile Sexism

**Under modern economic conditions with women being active outside the home, men should share in household tasks such as washing dishes and doing laundry.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	69.0	23.0	3.4	1.3	3.3
Republican	73.7	20.7	4.3	0.0	1.3
Unaffiliated	74.1	18.4	2.5	4.0	1.0
Other	47.1	35.3	0.0	0.0	17.6
Don't know	44.4	11.1	0.0	0.0	44.4
White	70.2	23.2	2.5	1.0	3.0
Black or African American	67.2	22.4	3.2	3.2	4.0
Hispanic/Latino	60.9	26.1	13.0	0.0	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	47.1	23.5	17.6	0.0	11.8
Other	72.7	9.1	9.1	4.5	4.5
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	71.5	20.2	3.1	1.4	3.7
Male	65.1	27.1	3.9	1.2	2.7
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-24	52.6	24.6	5.3	7.0	10.5
25-40	60.6	27.4	7.2	1.9	2.9
41-56	70.4	20.6	3.0	1.3	4.7
57-75	75.8	21.8	1.2	0.0	1.2
76+	78.9	19.7	0.0	0.0	1.4
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	46.7	20.0	6.7	0.0	26.7
High school diploma	64.1	23.5	2.6	3.3	6.5
Some college	69.9	24.1	2.1	1.0	2.8
Bachelor's degree	68.1	24.8	5.0	0.4	1.7
Graduate or professional degree	7.4	16.1	4.0	1.6	0.8
Prefer not to say	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	64	25.2	4.2	2.3	3.4
Suburban	68	23.2	5	2.2	1.8
Rural	60	21.3	7.8	2	9.8

**There are many jobs in which men should be given preference over women in being hired and promoted.**

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	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	12.8	16.1	13.5	53.9	3.6
Republican	11.8	26.0	25.0	30.2	6.9
Unaffiliated	7.0	19.9	25.4	40.8	7.0
Other	11.8	29.4	23.5	17.6	17.6
Don't know	22.2	11.1	22.2	0.0	44.4
White	9.2	21.5	20.9	41.9	6.5
Black or African American	17.6	16.8	16.0	44.0	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	17.4	30.4	17.4	34.8	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	11.8	35.3	35.3	11.8	5.9
Other	18.2	4.5	31.8	36.4	9.1
Prefer not to say	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	25.0
Female	9.7	20.4	16.9	47.0	6.0
Male	13.3	21.4	26.5	31.9	6.9
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	28.1	24.6	8.8	35.1	3.5
25-40	12.5	22.1	25.5	34.1	5.8

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41-56	10.3	16.7	21.5	43.8	7.7
57-75	7.3	21.0	21.0	45.2	5.6
76+	8.5	26.8	14.1	42.3	8.5
Prefer not to say	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	40.0	6.7	6.7	26.7	20.0
High school diploma	22.9	22.9	19.6	26.1	8.5
Some college	8.0	22.4	20.6	42.7	6.3
Bachelor's degree	5.9	21.4	21.8	45.8	5.0
Graduate or professional degree	10.5	15.3	22.6	46.8	4.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Urban	10.5	21.9	24	39.2	4.4
Suburban	9	22.1	24.1	42.1	4.6
Rural	7.5	22	18.2	47	5.3

**Women should worry less about their rights and more about becoming good wives and mothers.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	6.6	8.6	12.8	69.7	2.3
Republican	8.7	17.7	24.0	44.4	5.2

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Unaffiliated	3.0	9.0	20.4	66.2	1.5
Other	5.9	17.6	23.5	41.2	11.8
Don't know	0.0	0.0	22.2	44.4	33.3
White	5.1	11.6	18.9	60.5	3.8
Black or African American	12.8	10.4	14.4	60.0	2.4
Hispanic/Latino	4.3	21.7	21.7	47.8	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	11.8	23.5	35.3	23.5	5.9
Other	4.5	9.1	27.3	54.5	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	25.0	25.0	50.0	0.0
Female	6.0	12.0	14.4	64.3	3.3
Male	6.9	12.0	25.6	51.2	4.2
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	24.6	10.5	17.5	45.6	1.8
25-40	10.6	13.5	15.9	56.7	3.4
41-56	3.4	11.6	22.3	58.4	4.3
57-75	3.2	10.1	16.5	65.7	4.4
76+	0.0	15.5	25.4	57.7	1.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0

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Less than high school diploma	26.7	0.0	26.7	33.3	13.3
High school diploma	10.5	14.4	22.2	47.7	5.2
Some college	6.3	13.6	19.2	57.7	3.1
Bachelor's degree	3.8	7.6	19.7	65.5	3.4
Graduate or professional degree	4.0	15.3	11.3	66.9	2.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7	0.0
Urban	5.1	7.1	14.2	70.1	3
Suburban	4.8	8.2	15.1	69	2.9
Rural	9.7	13.8	14.3	58.1	3.1

**Women should assume their rightful place in business and other professions along with men.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	71.1	19.1	3.9	3.6	2.3
Republican	45.5	37.2	8.0	4.5	4.9
Unaffiliated	56.7	28.9	4.5	7.0	3.0
Other	35.3	35.3	5.9	11.8	11.8
Don't know	22.2	22.2	0.0	11.1	44.4
White	57.3	29.6	4.1	4.8	4.1
Black or African American	60.8	19.2	8.8	7.2	4.0
Hispanic/Latino	60.9	21.7	8.7	8.7	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	35.3	47.1	11.8	0.0	5.9
Other	39.1	22.7	13.6	0.0	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	75.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Female	59.0	26.4	4.5	4.9	5.2
Male	54.5	31.0	6.9	5.1	2.4
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



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18-24	50.9	26.3	5.3	10.5	7.0
25-40	54.3	29.3	5.8	5.3	5.3
41-56	52.8	27.9	9.0	5.6	4.7
57-75	64.9	26.2	3.2	3.6	2.0
76+	60.6	33.8	1.4	1.4	2.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	53.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	26.7
High school diploma	52.9	29.4	7.2	3.9	6.5
Some college	54.5	32.5	5.6	3.8	3.5
Bachelor's degree	60.1	23.9	5.9	7.1	2.9
Graduate or professional degree	64.5	27.4	2.4	4.0	1.6
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	0.0	33.3	0.0
Urban	55.4	30.3	4.2	4.2	5.9
Suburban	58	27.3	7	2.7	5
Rural	50.1	32.5	6.3	5.6	4.5

Argumentativeness

**I enjoy challenging the opinions of others.**

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	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	29.9	36.5	23.0	6.9	3.6
Republican	18.4	34.7	28.1	14.9	3.8
Unaffiliated	18.4	43.3	25.4	10.0	3.0
Other	23.5	35.5	17.6	5.9	17.6
Don't know	11.1	33.3	11.1	0.0	44.4
White	19.9	37.9	28.0	10.5	3.7
Black or African American	37.6	35.2	14.4	8.0	4.8
Hispanic/Latino	30.4	30.4	17.4	21.7	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.9	29.4	29.4	17.6	17.6
Other	27.3	45.5	9.1	74.5	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	75.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Female	21.9	36.3	24.7	11.3	5.8
Male	24.1	38.9	25.9	9.0	2.1
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	42.1	36.8	10.5	10.5	0.0
25-40	38.0	38.9	17.3	3.4	2.4

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41-56	18.9	37.8	24.0	12.4	6.9
57-75	14.5	35.1	34.3	12.1	4.0
76+	4.2	40.8	21.0	18.3	5.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	20.0	33.3	33.3	6.7	6.7
High school diploma	30.7	32.7	15.7	13.7	7.2
Some college	20.3	38.5	25.2	12.9	3.1
Bachelor's degree	21.4	36.1	33.2	7.6	1.7
Graduate or professional degree	20.2	45.2	20.2	6.5	8.1
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
Urban	27.2	32.1	29.2	9.8	1.7
Suburban	24.3	34	27.2	11.4	3.1
Rural	20.3	36	25.2	14.3	4.2

**I often start arguments.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	7.2	13.2	23.7	55.3	0.7
Republican	4.9	7.3	26.4	59.0	2.4
Unaffiliated	3.0	11.4	29.9	54.7	1.0
Other	0.0	0.0	23.5	58.8	17.6
Don't know	0.0	0.0	44.4	33.3	22.2

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White	4.3	8.1	29.3	56.7	1.6
Black or African American	9.6	16.0	10.4	60.8	3.2
Hispanic/Latino	13.0	26.1	34.8	26.1	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.0	11.8	23.5	58.8	5.9
Other	0.0	22.7	22.7	50.0	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0
Female	5.2	10.1	26.6	55.5	2.7
Male	5.1	10.2	25.9	57.8	0.9
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	22.8	19.3	24.6	33.3	0.0
25-40	8.2	19.2	23.6	46.2	2.9
41-56	3.0	9.4	27.0	57.1	3.4
57-75	1.6	3.6	26.6	67.7	0.4
76+	1.4	2.8	33.8	60.6	1.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	0.0	20.0	33.3	40.0	6.7

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High school diploma	8.5	7.8	20.3	58.8	4.6
Some college	4.2	11.5	23.8	58.4	2.1
Bachelor's degree	2.9	10.5	26.9	29.7	0.0
Graduate or professional degree	8.1	8.9	37.1	44.4	1.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.6	0.0
Urban	4.2	11	22.2	60.3	2.3
Suburban	3.4	9.8	29.5	56	1.3
Rural	5.2	9.6	25	58.9	2.3

**I hate arguments.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	44.7	32.6	13.8	7.2	1.6
Republican	48.6	31.9	13.2	4.2	2.1
Unaffiliated	42.8	33.3	13.4	8.5	2.0
Other	58.8	29.4	5.9	0.0	5.9
Don't know	55.6	22.2	0.0	0.0	22.2
White	46.2	33.0	12.6	6.4	1.9
Black or African American	48.8	27.2	16.0	4.8	3.2
Hispanic/Latino	20.4	43.5	13.0	13.0	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	47.1	41.2	5.9	0.0	5.9

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Other	45.5	22.7	18.2	9.1	4.5
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Female	48.0	29.7	13.4	5.6	3.3
Male	43.4	36.1	12.7	7.2	0.6
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	36.8	31.6	15.8	15.8	0.0
25-40	38.9	38.9	12.5	7.2	2.4
41-56	45.9	27.5	18.0	6.0	2.6
57-75	51.6	21.3	9.3	4.4	2.4
76+	54.9	31.0	11.3	1.4	1.4
Prefer not to say	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	73.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
High school diploma	58.2	26.1	6.5	6.5	2.6
Some college	49.0	28.7	14.0	6.3	2.1
Bachelor's degree	39.1	39.9	16.0	4.2	0.8
Graduate or professional degree	33.9	37.9	14.5	9.7	4.0
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
Urban	49.9	30	13.9	5.5	.7

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Suburban	49	30.2	12.7	6.1	2
Rural	48	28.8	8.5	7	7.3

**I feel upset after an argument.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	32.6	45.4	12.5	7.2	2.3
Republican	30.9	43.1	15.3	6.9	3.8
Unaffiliated	23.9	48.8	15.9	7.5	4.0
Other	35.3	35.3	11.8	5.9	11.8
Don't know	55.6	11.1	11.1	0.0	22.2
White	32.2	44.9	13.1	6.7	3.2
Black or African American	23.2	44.0	18.4	8.8	5.6
Hispanic/Latino	26.1	47.8	13.0	8.7	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	17.6	58.8	17.6	0.0	5.9
Other	31.8	31.8	22.7	9.1	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	25.0	25.0	0.0
Female	36.3	45.6	9.7	4.7	3.7
Male	21.1	43.7	21.1	10.5	3.6
Non-binary/third gender	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-24	33.3	29.8	17.5	15.8	3.5
25-40	29.3	42.3	13.5	9.6	5.3
41-56	27.5	46.8	18.0	4.7	3.0
57-75	31.5	47.6	11.7	6.5	2.8
76+	32.4	49.3	11.3	2.8	4.2
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	53.3	26.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
High school diploma	39.2	35.9	14.4	6.5	3.9
Some college	30.1	46.5	11.2	7.3	4.9
Bachelor's degree	25.2	47.5	19.3	7.1	0.8
Graduate or professional degree	25.8	48.4	12.9	7.3	5.6
Prefer not to say	33.3	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	37.2	41	12.1	6	3.7
Suburban	36.1	42.2	15.8	5.2	.7
Rural	35.3	39.3	11.3	8	6.1

**I tend to avoid conflict.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	51.3	32.2	10.9	4.6	1.0
Republican	42.0	41.7	9.4	3.8	3.1



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Unaffiliated	33.3	40.3	16.9	8.0	1.5
Other	35.3	41.2	11.8	0.0	11.8
Don't know	33.3	33.3	0.0	11.1	22.2
White	40.9	40.1	12.1	4.6	2.2
Black or African American	56.8	27.2	7.2	7.2	1.6
Hispanic/Latino	30.4	39.1	13.0	13.0	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	52.9	35.3	0.0	5.9	5.9
Other	40.9	22.7	31.8	0.0	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	75.0	25.0	0.0	0.0
Female	46.2	35.7	9.9	5.4	2.9
Male	38.9	41.0	14.2	4.8	1.2
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	49.1	29.8	10.5	8.8	1.8
25-40	40.4	37.0	13.0	7.7	1.9
41-56	45.1	33.5	14.6	4.3	2.6
57-75	40.7	43.1	10.1	3.6	2.4
76+	46.5	42.3	5.6	2.8	2.8
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Less than high school diploma	66.7	6.7	6.7	13.3	6.7
High school diploma	51.6	32.0	8.5	5.2	2.6
Some college	43.0	39.2	9.1	5.9	2.8
Bachelor's degree	39.9	39.5	16.4	3.4	0.8
Graduate or professional degree	35.5	42.7	13.7	4.8	3.2
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0
Urban	48.5	37.2	6.8	5.4	2.1
Suburban	46.6	36.6	8.2	6	2.4
Rural	48.6	31.1	8.8	9.4	2.1

**Now we are going to ask you some questions about specific political leaders and the upcoming midterm elections.**

Approval of Political Leaders

[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	37.2	43.4	12.5	4.3	2.6
Republican	2.8	5.2	12.8	77.4	1.7
Unaffiliated	7.0	21.4	23.4	43.8	4.5
Other	5.9	23.9	23.5	41.2	5.9
Don't know	0.0	0.0	22.2	11.1	66.7
White	13.5	20.4	15.8	47.3	3.0
Black or African American	36.8	34.4	13.6	10.4	4.8
Hispanic/Latino	8.7	43.5	13.0	34.8	0.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.9	35.3	23.5	29.4	5.9
Other	9.1	31.8	18.2	27.3	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	25.0	75.0	0.0
Female	16.1	25.2	14.2	40.6	3.9
Male	17.5	21.7	17.2	40.7	3.0
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-24	17.5	31.6	17.5	22.8	10.5
25-40	15.4	22.6	23.6	33.2	5.3
41-56	14.2	24.0	15.0	44.6	2.1
57-75	20.6	22.2	10.5	44.4	2.4
76+	14.1	25.4	11.3	47.9	1.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	0.0	33.3	13.3	33.3	20.0
High school diploma	18.3	16.3	14.4	45.8	5.2
Some college	12.2	24.5	16.1	43.7	3.5
Bachelor's degree	15.1	25.6	20.2	36.1	2.9
Graduate or professional degree	29.0	26.6	8.1	35.5	0.8
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0
Urban	24	25	27	22	2
Suburban	19	25	30	21	5
Rural	14	19	12	50	5

Cooper Approval

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

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	Strongly approve	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
Democrat	40.1	43.4	8.6	2.3	5.6
Republican	4.9	26.0	26.4	31.9	10.8
Unaffiliated	13.9	35.8	22.9	13.9	13.4
Other	0.0	35.3	11.8	29.4	23.5
Don't know	33.3	11.1	0.0	11.1	44.4
White	17.7	33.8	20.1	19.1	9.4
Black or African American	37.6	37.6	9.6	5.6	9.6
Hispanic/Latino	21.7	47.8	8.7	8.7	13.0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	17.6	52.9	5.9	5.9	17.6
Other	4.5	31.8	27.3	13.6	22.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	25.0
Female	19.4	33.8	17.7	16.5	12.6
Male	22.0	36.4	19.3	16.0	6.3
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	22.8	35.1	10.5	10.5	21.1
25-40	14.4	38.0	18.3	17.8	11.5

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41-56	18.5	36.5	18.5	15.9	10.7
57-75	25.0	33.1	18.5	16.9	6.5
76+	26.8	28.2	22.5	15.5	7.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
Less than high school diploma	13.3	26.7	0.0	20.0	40.0
High school diploma	20.3	29.4	22.2	14.4	13.7
Some college	16.4	33.6	19.9	19.6	10.5
Bachelor's degree	22.3	39.5	16.4	13.4	8.4
Graduate or professional degree	27.4	37.9	15.3	15.3	4.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
Urban	24.4	29.4	20.2	17.8	8.2
Suburban	21	28	27.2	13.6	10.2
Rural	14.4	21.2	28.5	24.8	12.1

Likelihood of Voting

**Are you planning to vote this fall in the midterm elections?**

	Definitely not	Probably not	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Don't know
Democrat	5.6	4.3	17.1	68.1	4.9
Republican	2.8	7.6	17.0	68.4	4.2
Unaffiliated	3.0	9.5	20.9	63.2	3.5
Other	0.0	11.8	29.4	47.1	11.8

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Don't know	11.1	0.0	22.2	0.0	66.7
White	2.2	6.5	17.8	69.6	3.8
Black or African American	12.8	6.4	18.4	52.0	10.4
Hispanic/Latino	8.7	0.0	17.4	69.6	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.0	29.4	23.5	41.2	5.9
Other	0.0	9.1	27.3	50.0	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	25.0	75.0	0.0
Female	4.3	6.8	18.8	62.5	7.6
Male	3.3	6.9	17.8	70.5	1.5
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	17.5	12.3	28.1	36.8	5.3
25-40	4.8	11.1	26.4	49.5	8.2
41-56	3.4	6.9	20.6	64.8	4.3
57-75	1.2	3.2	10.1	81.0	4.4
76+	1.4	2.8	7.0	87.3	1.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0

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Less than high school diploma	6.7	6.7	33.3	33.3	20.0
High school diploma	11.8	9.2	19.6	49.7	9.8
Some college	1.7	9.1	19.6	64.3	5.2
Bachelor's degree	1.7	4.2	16.8	75.2	2.1
Graduate or professional degree	3.2	4.0	14.5	75.0	3.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7	0.0
Urban	2.2	6.2	20	68.2	3.4
Suburban	2.5	5,3	17	72.2	3.6
Rural	3.2	6.8	22	65.1	2.9

**How has the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade and returning the power to regulate to the states affected your decision to vote in this year's election.**

	Made me more motivated to vote	Made me less motivated to vote	Has had no impact on my motivation to vote	Don't know
Democrat	55.6	2.3	30.6	1.6
Republican	28.8	1.4	55.9	3.5
Unaffiliated	32.3	2.0	49.3	4.0
Other	29.4	0.0	41.2	17.6
Don't know	0.0	0.0	22.2	66.7
White	39.0	1.1	47.5	3.7
Black or African American	45.6	3.2	28.0	4.0



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Hispanic/Latino	39.1	8.7	39.1	4.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	17.6	5.9	41.2	5.9
Other	36.4	4.5	40.9	9.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Female	43.1	1.6	38.8	5.4
Male	34.0	2.1	51.8	1.8
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	33.3	5.3	28.1	3.5
25-40	44.2	3.8	29.3	6.7
41-56	38.6	1.7	44.6	4.7
57-75	37.9	0.0	56.0	1.6
76+	38.0	0.0	56.3	1.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	26.7	0.0	33.3	26.7
High school diploma	33.3	2.6	34.0	9.2
Some college	38.8	1.7	45.1	3.5
Bachelor's degree	40.3	2.1	50.0	1.7

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Graduate or professional degree	47.6	0.8	44.4	0.0
Prefer not to say	33.3	0.0	66.7	0.0
Urban	48	1.3	40	11.7
Suburban	45	.7	43	11.3
Rural	27	2.5	62	8.5

US Senate Preferences

**If the election was held today, which candidate for the US Senate from North Carolina would you vote for?**

	Cheri Beasley	Ted Budd	Matthew Hoh	Shannon Bray	Someone else	Don't know
Democrat	73.3	1.0	1.3	0.7	1.6	11.3
Republican	3.5	74.0	1.4	0.7	1.0	9.0
Unaffiliated	30.8	31.4	1.5	2.5	2.5	18.9
Other	23.5	17.6	0.0	5.9	23.5	16.6
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	11.1	66.7
White	40.1	45	1.0	1.2	1.9	10.6
Black or African American	72.3	16.9	1	1	4	14.9
Hispanic/Latino	42.9	25.6	14.3	0.0	0.0	14.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	33.3	8.3	8.3	16.7	5.9	25

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Other	40	15	0.0	5	10	30
Prefer not to say	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Female	46.1	34.3	1.4	1.6	2	14.2
Male	41.3	44.6	1.7	1.3	3	9.4
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	47.5	22.5	5	5	5	15
25-40	32.3	29.7	1.1	1.7	4	21.1
41-56	40.7	39.7	1.9	1.9	3.3	12.4
57-75	45.5	45.2	1.3	.8	1.3	6.3
76+	44.6	47.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	23.1	15.4	0.0	0.0	23.1	38.5
High school diploma	30.6	45.5	2.5	1.7	2.5	17.4
Some college	40.8	41.7	0	1.6	2.4	13.3
Bachelor's degree	46.7	38.2	2.2	1.8	2.2	8.9
Graduate or professional degree	58.9	30.7	.9	.9	.9	7.8

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Prefer not to say	33.3	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	52	40	1.5	1	1.5	6
Suburban	47	47	1	1	0	4
Rural	42	51	1	1	2.5	3.5

Congressional Generic Ballot

**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	85.2	1.0	0.3	0.3	3.3
Republican	2.4	81.9	0.3	0.0	4.9
Unaffiliated	30.8	30.8	3.5	6.0	16.4
Other	11.8	11.8	5.9	35.3	23.5
Don't know	0.0	0.0	11.1	11.1	66.7
White	35.7	44.6	1.1	2.1	7.8
Black or African American	64.0	5.6	0.8	2.4	8.0
Hispanic/Latino	47.8	34.8	0.0	0.0	8.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	23.5	11.8	5.9	5.9	23.5
Other	45.5	13.6	9.1	13.6	9.1

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Prefer not to say	25.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female	42.5	33.8	1.4	2.5	8.7
Male	36.7	41.9	1.2	2.4	7.5
Non-binary/third gender	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	38.6	15.8	1.8	7.0	7.0
25-40	41.8	29.3	1.0	1.9	10.1
41-56	36.1	38.2	2.1	3.9	9.4
57-75	44.0	44.0	1.2	0.4	6.0
76+	39.4	46.5	0.0	2.8	7.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	20.0	26.7	6.7	18.3	20.0
High school diploma	27.5	37.3	2.0	4.6	7.8
Some college	38.1	40.6	0.3	2.4	7.7
Bachelor's degree	44.1	36.6	2.1	1.3	10.1
Graduate or professional degree	56.5	29.8	0.8	0.8	4.8
Prefer not to say	33.3	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Urban	45	35	3	3	14
Suburban	42	36	2	3	17
Rural	34	49	1.5	1.5	14

## Methodological Information

Mode: Online

Population: N.C. Registered Voters 18+

Dates in the field: September 20-23, 2022

Sample Size: 819

Credibility Interval: +/- 3.3%

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 margins of error. 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:  $(1.0 * 2.3 = 3.3)$ . 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.

Model—we used voter turnout from 2018 estimates for weighting.

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

Gender	
Female	51%
Male	49%
Race and Ethnicity	



White	67%
Black	20%
Other	13%
Educational Attainment	
Less than a bachelor's degree	70%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30%
Location—county of residence	
Rural	39%

Urban	25%
Suburban	36%
Party Affiliation	
Democrat	34%
Republican	36%
Unaffiliated	29%
Other	.7%

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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