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

Registered Voters in North Carolina

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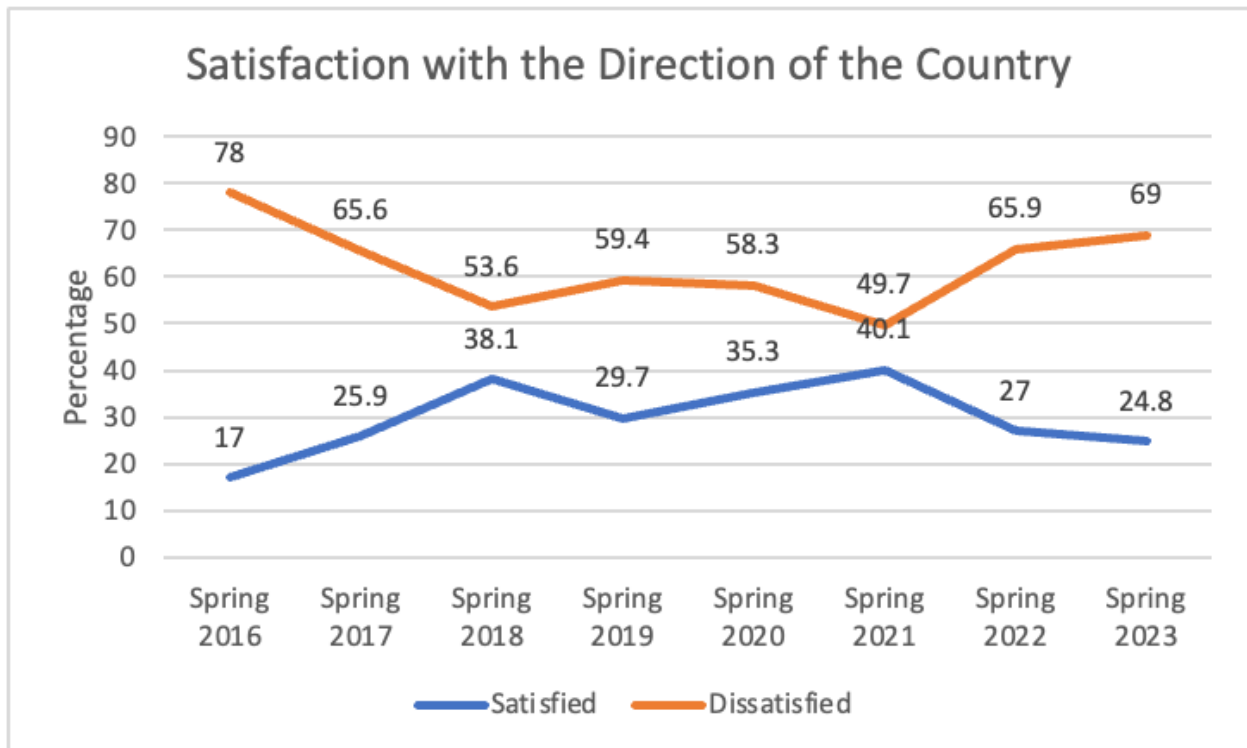
Key Insights

The Meredith Poll conducted a survey of North Carolina registered voters. The online sample--from Dynata--used a quota based on the most recent U.S. Census estimates of North Carolina to sample 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 973 respondents, giving us a confidence interval of +/- 3%. The survey was in the field February 3-7, 2023.

DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY AND STATE

Despite a 50-year record for a low unemployment rate, declining inflation, and other strong indicators, North Carolinians remain sour on the direction of the country and state. Almost 70 percent of the respondents indicated they were dissatisfied with the direction of the country. The trend, as shown in the chart below, is for the country becoming more dissatisfied with politics and governance.



In terms of demographics, all groups—partisan, age, etc.—were dissatisfied with the direction of the country. The only groups with small satisfaction gaps (the difference between satisfaction and dissatisfaction) were the youngest respondents and those who self-identified as being the “most liberal” in terms of political ideology.

Meredith Poll Director David McLennan states: “The satisfaction gap was smaller during the Trump presidency than before or after Trump left the presidency. This runs counter to the popular belief that Trump caused the majority of Americans to become sour on the country. Although there are many factors that cause people to be dissatisfied with the country, it is becoming clearer that there are more fundamental issues and dissatisfiers affecting citizens other than the occupant of the White House.”

North Carolinians are less dissatisfied with the direction of North Carolina with slightly less than half of our respondents reporting being dissatisfied. Only about four-in-ten respondents reported being satisfied with the direction of the state. Of the different demographic groups, a majority of Democrats, Black voters, the youngest voters, and those self-identifying as “very liberal” or “somewhat liberal” are satisfied with how things are going in the state.

“It is not surprising that young voters, particularly those with more liberal political leanings, are more optimistic about how things are going in the country and state,” said David McLennan. “Scholarship on the political attitudes of this group suggests that this group of voters has a high degree of political efficacy, or the belief that they can fundamentally change things, even when things are not going perfectly for them.”

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT and GOVERNOR

The approval levels of President Joe Biden and Governor Roy Cooper remain consistent with recent administrations of the Meredith Poll. President Biden remains underwater (42% approve-52.1% disapprove), while Governor Cooper remains “above water” in his satisfaction levels (52.8% approve-32.9% disapprove).

President Biden remains popular among Democrats with over three-quarters of these respondents approving of his job as president. However, only 27.6% strongly approve of his work as president. Among Republican respondents, only 15 percent approve of Biden’s job performance, with over 80 percent disapproving of it (with 67.4% strongly disapproving). Among unaffiliated voters, less than one-third of this important group approve of Biden’s job performance.

“With President Biden expected to announce his reelection campaign launch soon, his approval numbers in North Carolina are problematic,” said David McLennan. “His approval numbers with unaffiliated voters are particularly troubling if Biden hopes to flip North Carolina to his column in the Electoral College. Even among Democrats, the relatively small number of Democrats who

strongly support his performance as president might point to larger issues for Democratic candidates in 2024 if Biden is the party's nominee."

POLITICAL POLARIZATION

Political polarization remains a major issue in North Carolina. Over three-quarters of North Carolinians think the country is more polarized than it was five years ago (2018) and less than 10 percent of the respondents think the country will be less polarized five years from now (2028). Generally, respondents representing all Demographic groups believe that partisanship is bad and not going to get much better.

The agreement among all North Carolinians also extends to the belief that our two major parties are not doing the best for the country and that another third party, which will be competitive with one or both of the major parties, is needed. Almost two-thirds of the respondents hold this belief.

"Although the country has always been polarized around policy issues, there is evidence that the polarization we are experiencing today is more what political scientists called 'affective polarization,'" said David McLennan. "This is the idea that our differences are more about identity. Republicans dislike Democrats because they perceive them as culturally radical and Democrats dislike Republicans in a similar way. While there is broad-based support for issues like Medicaid expansion or legalizing medical marijuana, there is a belief that partisans cannot give the other side a political victory. It is no surprise, then, that we see high levels of dissatisfaction with the direction of the country and state. The dissatisfaction is less about how well or poorly the economy is doing or the impact of COVID, but more about the fact that large groups of North Carolinians just don't like having people of a different political party in their country or state."

POLICY ISSUES

Abortion

No issue divides North Carolinians like abortion. While over half of our respondents wanted to keep North Carolina's current law about abortion access (20 weeks) or expand it, over one-third of voters want to restrict access to abortion even further or ban access completely. A plurality of respondents (30.9%) wants to keep the current law.

The division over abortion law is entirely partisan. Over three-quarters of Democrats want to keep the current law untouched or expand abortion access, while almost 60 percent of Republicans want to further restrict access to abortions or ban access altogether. A majority of unaffiliated voters (59.3%) would prefer keeping the 20-week ban or expanding access further.

“The abortion issue should continue to affect North Carolina politics long after the 2023 long session of the General Assembly,” said David McLennan. “There appears to be momentum among Republicans in the legislature to further restrict a woman’s access to abortion services. Passing a restrictive abortion law may put some Republican-held seats in play in the 2024 elections.”

Medicaid Expansion

Since being authorized in the 2010 Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and subsequent Supreme Court decision (National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius, 2012), states have been allowed to expand Medicaid coverage with much of the costs for doing so incurred by the federal government. North Carolina is one of eleven states that has not done so, despite large majorities of citizens favoring such expansion. As with previous Meredith Polls on this subject, over 70 percent of our respondents favored expanding Medicaid coverage in the state. All demographic groups, except those who identified as being most conservative, had a majority of their respondents favoring expansion. Among those in the group of very conservative respondents, over 46 percent favored Medicaid’s expansion.

“Although North Carolina has not expanded Medicaid in the past, despite strong public support,” said David McLennan, “there appears to be momentum in the legislature to expand it during this session. One roadblock has been the ‘Certificate of Need’ issue and there seems to be some interest among Republicans to separate this issue from Medicaid expansion.”

Medical Marijuana

Another issue with a history of strong public support in North Carolina is legalizing medical marijuana. Almost three-quarters of our respondents (73%) favored legalizing medical marijuana with majorities in every demographic group supporting this effort.

“There may be enough new members in the legislature to get the legalization of medical marijuana across the finish line in 2023,” said David McLennan. “It appeared like a few, older members of the legislature had blocked medical marijuana legalization in the past.”

Sports Gambling

Although sports betting is a booming industry in the United States and many states allow live sports betting through apps like DraftKings, this issue divides North Carolinians. A plurality of respondents (46.3%) favor legalizing this form of gambling, but over one-third of North Carolinians are opposed and almost 20 percent don’t know enough about the issue. Legalizing sports betting is favored more by men than women, people who live in urban areas more than in other areas, and people who describe themselves as more liberal than those who describe themselves as more conservative.

“This is a policy issue that may come down to which side has the more powerful interest groups,” said David McLennan. “If the gaming industry invests in a lot of advocacy and

lobbying, a bill legalizing sports betting could pass. If the socially conservative interest groups ramp up their efforts, the bill may fail.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

The way in which we conduct elections is much on the minds of North Carolinians, as it is on the minds of citizens around the country, as a result of claims and conspiracies about election integrity since the 2020 presidential election. The good news is that a large majority of respondents (76.2%) were aware that election administration in North Carolina was conducted at the county level. Also, over 80 percent of respondents would be concerned if a county lacked resources the county needed to adequately administer elections.

In terms of potential problems with election administration, large majorities of North Carolinians would be concerned if county board of election members “went rogue” and decided to violate state election law and administer election processes according to other methods (76.4%), or if one or more of these county board of election members disagreed with their oaths of office and changed the way in which an election winner was determined (82.2%). In both cases, less than four percent of those surveyed indicated that they would have little or no concern for these issues.

It is worth noting that in terms of knowledge about county administration of elections, as well as concern about maintaining the viability and integrity of election administration, that there were no significant differences among demographic groups. Democrats care just as much about these issues as Republicans and unaffiliated voters do.

“North Carolina has a long history of well-administered elections that are overseen by county board of elections members who maintain professional standards,” said David McLennan. “It is good to see that North Carolinians support this system and would be concerned if anyone violated election law to potentially subvert the will of the people.”

Topline Results

Satisfaction with the direction of the country

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	241	24.8
No	671	69
Don't know	61	6.2

N= 973

Satisfaction with the direction of the state

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	384	39.5
No	471	48.4
Don't know	118	12.1

N= 973

Political Polarization

What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

Response	Number	Percentage
More politically divided	760	78.1

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Less politically divided	44	4.5
About the same	138	14.2
Don't know	31	3.2

N=973

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Less politically divided	91	9.4
More politically divided	460	47.3
About the same	309	31.8
Don't know	113	11.6

N=973

Qualities of the two major parties

Thinking about the political parties, please tell me if each of the phrases below 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	296	30.4
The Republican Party	329	33.8
Both	255	26.2
Neither	48	4.9
Don't know	45	4.6

N= 973

Can better manage the federal government.

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Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	294	30.2
The Republican Party	310	31.9
Both	130	13.4
Neither	191	19.6
Don't know	48	4.9

N=973

Cares more about the needs of people like me.

Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	345	35.5
The Republican Party	288	29.6
Both	82	8.4
Neither	208	21.4
Don't know	50	5.1

N= 973

Governs in a more honest and ethical way

Response	Number	Percentage
The Democratic Party	290	29.8
The Republican Party	257	26.4
Both	90	9.3
Neither	283	29.1
Don't know	53	5.6

N= 973

Support for a New Third Party

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	191	19.6

The two parties do not do an adequate job of representing Americans and a third party is needed.	617	63.4
Don't know	165	17

N= 973

Policy Issues

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

Abortion

Now that the Supreme Court has overturned the 1973 Roe. V. Wade decision and the power to regulate abortion returns to the states, the North Carolina legislature is considering reducing the period of time a woman can legally access abortion services to less than the 20 weeks currently allowed. What would be your preference for an abortion law in North Carolina?

Response	Number	Percentage
Expanding access to abortion services beyond the current 20-week limit, giving women more time to seek these services.	255	26.2
Maintain the current North Carolina law so that a woman can access abortion services freely up until 20 weeks, but that there are restrictions after that.	301	30.9
Make access to abortion very restricted - making it illegal after 15 weeks.	88	9

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.	189	19.4
Make abortion in all cases illegal.	61	6.3
Don't know	79	8.1

N= 973

Medicaid Expansion

Currently 39 states have expanded Medicaid coverage to allow more of their citizens to have healthcare coverage. North Carolina is one of 11 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?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	684	70.3
No	153	15.7
Don't know	136	14

N=973

Sports Betting

North Carolina is considering legalizing mobile sports betting (i.e., live sports betting through apps like DraftKings). Do you favor giving adults the ability to bet on college and professional sports in the state?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	456	46.9

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No	331	34
Don't know	186	19.1

N=973

Medical Marijuana

North Carolina is considering a law to allow doctors to prescribe marijuana (medical marijuana) for the treatment of certain diseases and conditions. Do you support a law allowing the use of marijuana in North Carolina for medical reasons?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	710	73
No	147	15.1
Don't know	116	11.9

N=973

Election Administration

Now turning to voting and elections in North Carolina, how aware are you that elections in your county are conducted by an agency called the County Board of Elections, which sets up polling places, maintains voter registration records, and follows statewide rules to conduct each election?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very aware	417	42.9
Somewhat aware	324	33.3
Not very aware	107	11
Not aware at all	65	6.7
Don't know	60	6.2

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Members of the County Board of Elections take an oath to follow state laws and the authority of the State Board of Elections. What if some members of the County Board of Election decided one day to just say that the State Board of Elections' administration of state laws was not legitimate and wanted instead to follow their own standards for conducting elections. How concerned would you be if that happened in your county?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very concerned	509	52.3
Somewhat concerned	234	24.1
A little concerned	111	11.4
Not concerned at all	38	3.9
Don't know	81	8.3

N=973

How concerned would you be if a county election board member refused to follow the rules about declaring who won an election, because he or she personally disagreed with our election’s laws, despite taking an oath to follow those laws?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very concerned	632	65
Somewhat concerned	167	17.2
A little concerned	75	7.7
Not concerned at all	31	3.2
Don’t know	68	7

N=973

How concerned would you be if election officials said they do not have adequate funding to properly manage and keep secure their voting machines and their voter registration records?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very concerned	581	59.7
Somewhat concerned	222	22.8
A little concerned	76	7.8
Not concerned at all	31	3.2
Don’t know	63	6.5

N=973

Approval of Political Leaders

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

Presidential Approval

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

Response	Number	Percentage
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Strongly approve	134	13.8
Somewhat approve	274	28.2
Somewhat disapprove	184	18.9
Strongly disapprove	323	33.2
Don't know	58	6

N= 973

Gubernatorial Approval

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	185	19
Somewhat approve	329	33.8
Somewhat disapprove	197	20.3
Strongly disapprove	123	12.6
Don't know	139	14.3

N= 973

Demographic Characteristics of the Sample

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

How would you characterize where you live

Response	Number	Percentage
Urban	232	23.8
Rural	309	31.8
Suburban	416	42.8
Don't know	16	1.6

N= 973

Were you born in North Carolina or somewhere else?

Response	Number	Percentage
Born in North Carolina	496	51
Born somewhere else	477	49

N= 973

What is your gender?

Response	Number	Percentage
Female	562	57.8
Male	401	41.2
Non-binary/third gender	9	.9
Prefer not to say	1	.1

N= 973

What is your race/ethnic group?

Response	Number	Percentage
White	595	61.2
Black or African American	237	24.3
Hispanic or Latino	48	4.9
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	59	6.1
Other	30	3.1
Prefer not to say	4	.4

N= 973

What is your age?

Response	Number	Percentage
18-24	104	10.7
25-40	279	28.7
41-56	272	28
57-75	251	25.8
76+	66	6.8
Prefer not to say		

N= 973

What best describes the level of education you last completed?

Response	Number	Percentage
Less than high school diploma	16	1.6
High school diploma	237	24.4
Some college	231	23.7
Bachelor's degree	354	36.4
Graduate or professional degree	132	13.6
Prefer not to say	3	.3

N= 973

How would you describe yourself?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very liberal	107	11
Somewhat liberal	171	17.6
Somewhere in the middle	406	41.7
Somewhat conservative	163	16.8
Very conservative	126	13
Prefer not to say	0	0

N= 973

What political party do you most identify with?

Response	Number	Percentage
Democratic	323	33.2
Republican	301	30.9
Unaffiliated	290	29.8
Other	32	3.3
Don't know	27	2.8

N= 973

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	39.9	52.0	8.0
Republican	14.3	84.1	1.7
Unaffiliated	18.3	74.5	7.2
Other	28.1	68.8	3.1
Don't know	25.9	44.4	29.6
White	18.3	76.5	5.2
Black or African American	38.4	53.6	8.0
Hispanic or Latino	27.1	64.6	8.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	30.5	59.3	10.2
Other	26.7	70.0	3.3
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0.0
Male	29.9	65.1	5.0
Female	20.8	72.2	6.9
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	44.4	22.2
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0
18-24	43.3	51.0	5.8

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25-40	31.5	61.3	7.2
41-56	20.2	72.8	7.0
57-75	17.5	78.1	4.4
76+	12.1	80.3	7.6
Prefer not to say	100.0	0.0	0.0
Less than high school diploma	25.0	56.3	18.8
High school diploma	30.4	63.3	6.3
Some college	19.9	72.7	7.4
Bachelor's degree	21.8	72.3	5.9
Graduate or professional degree	31.1	65.2	3.8
Prefer not to say	33.3	66.7	0.0
Very liberal	46.7	48.6	4.7
Somewhat liberal	36.8	55.6	7.6
Somewhere in the middle	23.6	68.2	8.1
Somewhat conservative	14.1	84.0	1.8
Very conservative	7.1	87.3	5.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	34.9	69.0	6.3
Suburban	21.9	70.9	7.2
Rural	20.4	75.4	4.2

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Don't know	37.5	37.5	25.0
Born in North Carolina	28.8	66.1	5.0
Born somewhere else	20.5	71.9	7.5

Direction of the state

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

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	53.6	37.8	8.7
Republican	32.2	58.1	9.6
Unaffiliated	32.4	52.8	14.8
Other	31.3	31.3	37.5
Don't know	37.0	40.7	22.2
White	35.1	55.5	9.4
Black or African American	51.5	35.0	13.5
Hispanic or Latino	39.6	47.9	12.5
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	39.0	32.2	28.8
Other	36.7	46.7	16.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	50.0
Male	42.6	47.6	9.7

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Female	37.0	49.3	13.7
Non-binary/third gender	55.6	33.3	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	59.6	32.7	7.7
25-40	44.1	44.8	11.1
41-56	33.5	52.6	14.0
57-75	35.1	52.6	12.4
76+	30.3	56.1	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	37.5	31.3	31.3
High school diploma	42.2	44.3	13.5
Some college	35.1	53.2	11.7
Bachelor's degree	40.0	48.3	11.3
Graduate or professional degree	40.9	49.2	9.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	66.7	33.3
Very liberal	50.5	41.1	8.4
Somewhat liberal	52.0	38.6	9.4
Somewhere in the middle	40.9	44.6	14.5
Somewhat conservative	31.9	54.0	14.1
Very conservative	18.3	73.0	8.7

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Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	45.3	43.1	11.6
Suburban	39.9	45.7	14.4
Rural	34.3	56.6	9.1
Don't know	43.8	37.5	18.8
Born in North Carolina	43.1	49.2	7.7
Born somewhere else	35.6	47.6	16.8

Political Partisanship

What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

	Less politically divided	More politically divided	About the same	Don't Know
Democrat	5.3	74.6	17.6	2.5
Republican	4.3	84.7	9.0	2.0
Unaffiliated	4.1	80.3	13.1	2.4
Other	0.0	59.4	31.3	9.4
Don't know	7.4	44.4	22.2	25.9
White	3.2	84.5	10.6	1.7
Black or African American	7.2	65.4	22.4	5.1
Hispanic or Latino	10.4	70.8	14.6	4.2
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	3.4	76.3	15.3	5.1
Other	3.3	66.7	20.0	10.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	75.0	0.0	25.0
Male	7.0	19.1	12.5	1.5
Female	2.8	77.2	15.7	4.3
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	8.7	71.2	15.4	4.8

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25-40	6.8	71.3	16.8	5.0
41-56	4.8	76.5	15.8	2.9
57-75	1.2	86.5	11.2	1.2
76+	0.0	93.9	6.1	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	6.3	62.5	18.8	12.5
High school diploma	5.1	67.5	20.7	6.8
Some college	4.8	79.7	13.0	2.6
Bachelor's degree	4.8	83.3	10.5	1.4
Graduate or professional degree	2.3	83.3	13.6	0.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	10.3	66.4	21.5	1.9
Somewhat liberal	5.8	76.6	12.3	5.3
Somewhere in the middle	4.4	75.4	16.0	4.2
Somewhat conservative	1.2	87.1	11.7	0.0
Very conservative	2.4	87.3	7.9	2.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	10.3	66.8	19.4	3.4
Suburban	2.2	83.7	11.5	2.6
Rural	3.2	80.6	13.6	2.6

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Don't know	6.3	50.0	18.8	25.0
Born in North Carolina	6.5	75.2	15.9	2.4
Born somewhere else	2.5	81.1	12.4	4.0

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

	Less politically divided	More politically divided	About the same	Don't Know
Democrat	10.8	41.8	38.1	9.3
Republican	7.3	54.2	25.2	13.3
Unaffiliated	9.3	48.6	32.1	10.0
Other	12.5	37.5	31.3	18.8
Don't know	11.1	33.3	25.9	29.6
White	7.9	48.9	31.4	11.8
Black or African American	11.8	44.7	33.8	9.7
Hispanic or Latino	6.3	56.3	31.3	6.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	10.2	49.2	25.4	15.3
Other	23.3	16.7	40.0	20.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
Male	10.5	49.1	32.4	8.0
Female	8.2	46.3	31.3	14.2
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	33.3	33.3	0.0

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Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	10.6	54.8	26.9	7.7
25-40	10.4	52.0	30.5	7.2
41-56	8.8	47.4	30.9	12.9
57-75	7.6	40.2	36.7	15.5
76+	12.1	42.4	30.3	15.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	18.8	31.3	37.5	12.5
High school diploma	9.3	44.3	34.6	11.8
Some college	10.8	47.2	30.7	11.3
Bachelor's degree	8.5	49.7	29.7	12.1
Graduate or professional degree	8.3	48.5	33.3	9.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	15.0	42.1	34.6	8.4
Somewhat liberal	12.9	45.6	31.6	9.9
Somewhere in the middle	8.4	44.3	34.5	12.8
Somewhat conservative	8.0	46.0	31.9	14.1
Very conservative	4.8	65.1	20.6	9.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Urban	15.1	44.4	29.3	11.2
Suburban	8.2	46.9	33.9	11.1
Rural	6.8	50.8	30.4	12.0
Don't know	6.3	31.3	37.5	25.0
Born in North Carolina	8.7	51.6	29.8	9.9
Born somewhere else	10.1	42.8	33.8	13.4

Qualities of the Two Major Parties

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

Is more extreme in its positions

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't Know
Democrat	21.7	55.4	16.4	4.3	2.2
Republican	52.5	18.6	23.3	2.3	3.3
Unaffiliated	20.7	27.6	38.3	7.6	5.9
Other	18.8	25.0	40.6	3.1	12.5
Don't know	7.4	22.2	29.6	14.8	25.9
White	33.9	36.8	22.5	2.9	3.9
Black or African American	24.9	29.1	31.6	8.0	6.3
Hispanic or Latino	33.3	31.3	22.9	10.4	2.1
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	18.6	25.4	44.1	6.8	5.1
Other	26.7	33.3	23.3	10.0	6.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	25.0
Male	36.9	32.2	24.2	4.7	2.0
Female	25.8	34.9	27.8	5.2	6.4
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	44.4	22.2	0.0	0.0

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Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	23.1	30.8	31.7	7.7	6.7
25-40	30.8	31.5	26.9	6.1	4.7
41-56	25.7	32.7	30.9	5.1	5.5
57-75	33.9	39.8	20.3	3.2	2.8
76+	47.0	30.3	18.2	1.5	3.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	37.5	12.5	18.8	12.5	18.8
High school diploma	34.6	25.3	24.5	7.2	8.4
Some college	28.1	34.2	26.4	5.6	5.6
Bachelor's degree	28.8	37.3	28.5	3.4	2.0
Graduate or professional degree	31.1	42.4	23.5	3.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7
Very liberal	23.4	57.0	14.0	3.7	1.9
Somewhat liberal	16.4	58.5	19.9	3.5	1.8
Somewhere in the middle	20.0	31.3	34.5	6.7	7.6
Somewhat conservative	48.35	13.5	29.4	5.5	3.1
Very conservative	65.9	15.1	14.3	1.6	3.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Urban	28.9	34.9	25.4	5.6	5.2
Suburban	30.0	37.3	24.0	4.6	4.1
Rural	32.4	29.1	29.4	5.2	3.9
Don't know	25.0	18.8	31.3	0.0	25.0
Born in North Carolina	32.1	34.3	24.4	4.4	4.8
Born somewhere else	28.7	33.3	28.1	5.5	4.4

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't Know
Democrat	67.2	5.6	11.5	13.6	2.2
Republican	5.0	75.7	9.3	7.6	2.3
Unaffiliated	19.7	20.3	17.2	34.5	8.3
Other	6.3	12.5	21.9	46.9	12.5
Don't know	11.1	3.7	29.6	33.3	22.2
White	29.2	40.8	9.1	16.6	4.2
Black or African American	35.9	16.0	19.8	20.7	7.6
Hispanic or Latino	31.3	20.8	18.8	27.1	2.1
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	22.0	20.3	27.1	27.1	3.4

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Other	23.3	23.3	13.3	36.7	3.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0	25.0
Male	30.4	34.4	13.5	19.7	2.0
Female	30.1	30.4	13.2	19.4	6.9
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	11.1	22.2	33.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	26.9	26.0	23.1	18.3	5.8
25-40	32.3	25.4	17.2	19.7	5.4
41-56	26.1	31.3	14.0	24.3	4.4
57-75	34.3	37.1	7.2	17.1	4.4
76+	28.8	51.5	3.0	12.1	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	12.5	43.8	25.0	6.3	12.5
High school diploma	27.4	32.5	16.9	15.6	7.6
Some college	23.4	35.9	13.4	22.5	4.8
Bachelor's degree	32.8	28.8	13.0	22.3	3.1
Graduate or professional degree	43.2	31.1	6.8	15.9	3.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7
Very liberal	66.4	9.3	11.2	9.3	3.7

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Somewhat liberal	53.8	11.7	15.8	17.0	1.8
Somewhere in the middle	26.6	21.9	15.5	27.8	8.1
Somewhat conservative	8.0	60.7	11.0	16.6	3.7
Very conservative	7.9	73.0	7.9	9.5	1.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	39.2	18.1	16.8	21.6	4.3
Suburban	30.8	32.0	11.5	20.7	5.0
Rural	22.3	42.7	13.3	17.5	4.2
Don't know	37.5	18.8	12.5	6.3	25.0
Born in North Carolina	29.6	33.5	13.9	17.9	5.0
Born somewhere else	30.8	30.2	12.8	21.4	4.8

Cares more about the needs of people like me

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't Know
Democrat	75.2	6.2	5.3	10.2	3.1
Republican	5.0	71.4	6.3	15.0	2.3
Unaffiliated	25.9	16.9	11.0	38.3	7.9
Other	28.1	6.3	25.0	28.1	12.5
Don't know	11.1	7.4	22.2	37.0	22.2

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White	33.3	38.2	5.5	19.7	3.4
Black or African American	44.7	14.3	11.8	20.7	8.4
Hispanic or Latino	37.5	18.8	10.4	31.3	2.1
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	23.7	20.3	18.6	28.8	8.5
Other	26.7	20.0	13.3	30.0	10.0
Prefer not to say	25.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Male	33.2	31.7	8.2	23.2	3.7
Female	37.2	28.5	8.4	19.9	6.0
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	11.1	22.2	33.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	35.6	23.1	16.3	18.3	6.7
25-40	38.4	24.7	10.4	21.9	4.7
41-56	30.1	28.3	9.6	26.1	5.9
57-75	39.4	35.1	3.2	18.3	4.0
76+	30.3	45.5	3.0	16.7	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	6.3	31.3	31.3	18.8	12.5

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High school diploma	32.5	31.2	10.5	18.1	7.6
Some college	30.3	30.3	7.4	26.0	6.1
Bachelor's degree	40.7	27.1	8.2	21.5	2.5
Graduate or professional degree	40.2	32.6	4.5	18.9	3.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7
Very liberal	69.2	8.4	8.4	11.2	2.8
Somewhat liberal	67.8	12.3	9.4	8.2	2.3
Somewhere in the middle	32.5	18.7	10.3	29.6	8.9
Somewhat conservative	9.2	53.4	6.7	28.2	2.5
Very conservative	6.3	75.4	3.2	12.7	2.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	42.2	20.3	8.6	22.0	6.9
Suburban	38.5	28.6	7.7	20.4	4.8
Rural	26.5	38.5	9.1	22.7	3.2
Don't know	31.3	18.8	12.5	12.5	25.0
Born in North Carolina	34.5	32.5	8.9	19.6	4.6
Born somewhere else	36.5	26.6	8.0	23.3	5.7

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	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both	Neither	Don't Know
Democrat	66.3	5.6	8.0	17.0	3.1
Republican	5.0	62.5	7.0	22.9	2.7
Unaffiliated	19.0	16.6	11.0	45.2	8.3
Other	6.3	6.3	18.8	56.3	12.5
Don't know	14.8	3.7	18.5	37.0	25.9
White	27.7	34.1	5.5	28.6	4.0
Black or African American	39.2	12.7	14.3	24.9	8.9
Hispanic or Latino	22.9	16.7	14.6	41.7	4.2
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	23.7	16.9	16.9	37.3	5.1
Other	23.3	20.0	16.7	33.3	6.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	25.0	50.0	25.0
Male	30.4	28.2	9.7	28.7	3.0
Female	29.5	25.4	8.9	29.0	7.1
Non-binary/third gender	22.2	11.1	11.1	55.6	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	28.8	22.1	14.4	27.9	6.7
25-40	32.6	20.1	11.5	31.5	4.3

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41-56	23.5	24.3	12.1	34.2	5.9
57-75	33.9	32.7	3.6	24.7	5.2
76+	30.3	45.5	1.5	16.7	6.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	6.3	18.8	31.3	31.3	12.5
High school diploma	27.8	30.4	12.2	21.1	8.4
Some college	23.8	25.5	8.7	34.6	7.4
Bachelor's degree	32.2	25.1	8.5	31.1	3.1
Graduate or professional degree	40.9	25.8	4.5	28.0	0.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7
Very liberal	61.7	10.3	8.4	17.8	1.9
Somewhat liberal	54.4	6.4	12.3	22.8	4.1
Somewhere in the middle	27.6	16.5	11.8	36.5	7.6
Somewhat conservative	7.4	47.2	4.3	34.4	6.7
Very conservative	5.6	72.2	4.0	16.7	1.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	35.3	19.4	13.4	25.9	6.0
Suburban	31.7	24.3	7.9	29.8	6.3
Rural	23.0	34.6	7.8	31.7	2.9

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Don't know	31.3	25.0	12.5	6.3	25.0
Born in North Carolina	28.0	28.6	11.3	27.4	4.6
Born somewhere else	31.7	24.1	7.1	30.8	6.3

Support for a New Third Party

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?

	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	25.7	62.2	12.1
Republican	21.6	58.5	19.9
Unaffiliated	13.1	74.1	12.8
Other	6.3	56.3	37.5
Don't know	11.1	25.9	63.0
White	18.2	64.2	17.6
Black or African American	24.1	60.8	15.2
Hispanic or Latino	14.6	64.6	20.8
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	22.0	62.7	15.3
Other	16.7	70.0	13.3
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	25.0

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Male	22.4	67.8	9.7
Female	18.0	60.3	21.7
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	66.7	33.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	28.8	53.8	17.3
25-40	25.4	56.6	17.9
41-56	16.5	65.1	18.4
57-75	12.7	74.1	13.1
76+	19.7	60.6	19.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	25.0	43.8	31.3
High school diploma	25.7	47.7	26.6
Some college	17.3	67.5	15.2
Bachelor's degree	16.7	71.5	11.9
Graduate or professional degree	20.5	65.9	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	66.7
Very liberal	35.5	51.4	13.1
Somewhat liberal	27.5	60.8	11.7

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Somewhere in the middle	13.3	68.5	18.2
Somewhat conservative	21.5	60.1	18.4
Very conservative	13.5	65.1	21.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	26.7	60.3	12.9
Suburban	18.8	65.4	15.9
Rural	15.2	65.7	19.1
Don't know	25.0	12.5	62.5
Born in North Carolina	23.6	59.5	16.9
Born somewhere else	15.5	67.5	17.0

Policy Issues

Abortion

Now that the Supreme Court has overturned the 1973 Roe. V. Wade decision and the power to regulate abortion returns to the states, the North Carolina legislature is considering reducing the period of time a woman can legally access abortion services to less than the 20 weeks currently allows. What would be your preference for an abortion law in North Carolina?

	Expand access to abortion (beyond 20 weeks)	Maintain current North Carolina law (20 weeks)	Make access to abortion very restricted - illegal after 15 weeks	Severely limit - only if woman's life is endangered or rape/incest	Make abortion illegal in all cases	Don't know
Democrat	40.2	38.4	6.2	7.7	2.5	5.0
Republican	11.3	23.6	12.0	34.9	12.3	6.0
Unaffiliated	26.9	32.4	9.0	17.2	4.5	10.0
Other	28.1	15.6	9.4	21.9	3.1	21.9
Don't know	14.8	25.9	11.1	7.4	7.4	33.3
White	25.4	28.6	10.3	22.0	7.1	6.7
Black or African American	30.4	34.2	5.9	14.8	5.5	9.3
Hispanic or Latino	25.0	33.3	14.6	16.7	2.1	8.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	25.4	42.4	6.8	10.2	3.4	11.9
Other	13.3	26.7	6.7	30.0	6.7	16.7

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Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	25.0
Male	28.7	27.7	10.0	20.9	5.2	7.5
Female	24.2	33.6	8.4	18.3	6.9	8.5
Non-binary/third gender	44.4	11.1	11.1	22.2	11.1	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	43.3	28.8	2.9	15.4	1.9	7.7
25-40	27.2	36.2	7.5	16.1	5.0	7.9
41-56	23.2	29.8	11.0	18.4	8.8	8.8
57-75	22.3	29.9	10.8	21.5	6.8	8.8
76+	22.7	21.2	10.6	36.4	6.1	3.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	25.0	12.5	12.5	18.8	12.5	18.8
High school diploma	21.1	27.0	8.0	24.1	5.9	13.9
Some college	25.1	29.4	9.5	21.2	9.5	5.2
Bachelor's degree	27.7	37.9	8.8	15.5	5.1	5.1
Graduate or professional degree	34.1	24.2	10.6	18.9	3.8	8.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7

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Very liberal	51.4	27.1	7.5	10.3	0.9	2.8
Somewhat liberal	38.6	39.8	8.2	5.8	2.3	5.3
Somewhere in the middle	28.3	32.8	6.4	15.3	4.2	13.1
Somewhat conservative	7.4	31.3	16.0	31.9	8.6	4.9
Very conservative	5.6	15.9	11.1	42.9	19.8	4.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	34.5	28.9	7.8	18.5	3.9	6.5
Suburban	26.9	35.1	7.7	17.1	6.3	7.0
Rural	19.4	27.8	11.3	23.6	8.1	9.7
Don't know	18.8	12.5	18.8	12.5	6.3	31.3
Born in North Carolina	24.0	32.1	9.3	20.4	6.9	4.5
Born somewhere else	28.5	29.8	8.8	18.4	5.7	8.8

Medicaid Expansion

Currently 39 states have expanded Medicaid coverage to allow more of their citizens to have healthcare coverage. North Carolina is one of 11 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	85.8	6.2	8.0

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Republican	56.8	28.2	15.0
Unaffiliated	70.7	13.1	16.2
Other	59.4	18.8	21.9
Don't know	44.4	14.8	40.7
White	67.2	18.5	14.3
Black or African American	77.6	9.7	12.7
Hispanic or Latino	75.0	16.7	8.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	69.5	13.6	16.9
Other	70.0	10.0	20.0
Prefer not to say	50.0	25.0	25.0
Male	68.8	19.7	11.5
Female	71.2	13.2	15.7
Non-binary/third gender	88.9	0.0	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	75.0	7.7	17.3
25-40	74.2	13.3	12.5
41-56	72.1	12.5	15.4
57-75	66.1	20.7	13.1
76+	56.1	33.3	10.6

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Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	56.3	12.5	31.3
High school diploma	70.0	13.1	16.9
Some college	75.3	13.4	11.3
Bachelor's degree	68.4	18.4	13.3
Graduate or professional degree	69.7	17.4	12.9
Prefer not to say	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	91.6	3.7	4.7
Somewhat liberal	86.0	5.8	8.2
Somewhere in the middle	71.7	11.1	17.2
Somewhat conservative	54.6	30.1	15.3
Very conservative	46.8	35.7	17.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	81.9	8.2	9.9
Suburban	67.3	19.2	13.5
Rural	67.6	17.2	15.2
Don't know	31.3	6.3	62.5

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Born in North Carolina	72.4	14.7	12.9
Born somewhere else	68.1	16.8	15.1

Sports Gambling

North Carolina is considering legalizing mobile sports betting (i.e., live sports betting through apps like DraftKings). Do you favor giving adults the ability to bet on college and professional sports in the state?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	51.4	30.7	18.0
Republican	45.2	37.9	16.9
Unaffiliated	45.2	35.9	19.0
Other	43.8	25.0	21.3
Don't know	33.3	22.2	44.4
White	41.7	38.0	20.3
Black or African American	57.0	25.3	17.7
Hispanic or Latino	56.3	27.1	16.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	52.5	35.6	11.9
Other	46.7	30.0	23.3
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	25.0
Male	57.4	30.4	12.2
Female	39.7	36.5	23.8

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Non-binary/third gender	33.3	44.4	22.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	50.0	27.9	22.1
25-40	59.9	22.6	17.6
41-56	54.0	25.7	20.2
57-75	29.9	50.6	19.5
76+	22.7	63.6	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	43.7	37.5	18.8
High school diploma	44.7	33.8	21.5
Some college	49.4	30.7	19.9
Bachelor's degree	51.1	33.1	15.8
Graduate or professional degree	36.4	42.4	21.2
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	66.7
Very liberal	59.8	22.4	17.8
Somewhat liberal	55.0	27.5	17.5
Somewhere in the middle	44.6	34.0	21.4
Somewhat conservative	42.9	42.3	14.7

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Very conservative	37.3	42.1	20.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	53.9	33.2	12.9
Suburban	45.0	34.4	20.7
Rural	45.3	35.3	19.4
Don't know	25.0	12.5	62.5
Born in North Carolina	50.6	33.9	15.5
Born somewhere else	43.0	34.2	22.9

Medical Marijuana

North Carolina is considering a law to allow doctors to prescribe marijuana (medical marijuana) for the treatment of certain diseases and conditions. Do you support a law allowing the use of marijuana in North Carolina for medical reasons?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	91.4	10.5	8.0
Republican	63.8	24.3	12.0
Unaffiliated	76.9	10.3	12.8
Other	56.3	18.8	25.0
Don't know	51.9	14.8	33.3
White	74.6	15.5	9.9

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Black or African American	73.4	12.7	13.9
Hispanic or Latino	70.8	18.8	10.4
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	61.0	18.6	20.3
Other	70.0	13.3	16.7
Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	50.0
Male	72.1	17.2	10.7
Female	73.8	13.5	12.6
Non-binary/third gender	66.7	22.2	11.1
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	70.2	13.5	16.3
25-40	76.0	14.0	10.0
41-56	77.6	11.0	11.4
57-75	69.7	18.3	12.0
76+	59.1	27.3	13.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	56.3	18.8	25.0
High school diploma	65.4	18.1	16.5
Some college	77.1	12.6	10.4

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Bachelor's degree	77.4	13.6	9.0
Graduate or professional degree	69.7	18.2	12.1
Prefer not to say	66.7	0.0	33.3
Very liberal	85.0	8.4	6.5
Somewhat liberal	80.7	9.9	9.4
Somewhere in the middle	74.6	10.8	14.5
Somewhat conservative	69.9	20.2	9.8
Very conservative	50.8	34.98	14.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	72.8	15.9	11.2
Suburban	72.4	15.1	12.5
Rural	75.4	14.9	9.7
Don't know	43.8	6.3	50.0
Born in North Carolina	74.2	15.5	10.3
Born somewhere else	71.7	14.7	13.6

Election Administration

Now turning to voting and elections in North Carolina, how aware are you that elections in your county are conducted by an agency called the County Board of Elections, which sets up polling places, maintains voter registration records, and follows statewide rules to conduct each election?

	Very aware	Somewhat aware	Not very aware	Not aware at all	Don't Know
Democrat	45.2	34.1	10.5	5.0	5.3
Republican	47.2	30.9	9.6	6.6	5.6
Unaffiliated	41.4	37.2	11.4	5.5	4.5
Other	15.6	21.9	15.6	25.0	21.9
Don't know	14.8	22.2	22.2	18.5	22.2
White	49.4	31.4	8.4	5.0	5.7
Black or African American	37.6	34.2	14.8	7.2	6.3
Hispanic or Latino	29.2	31.3	16.7	16.7	6.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	22.0	49.2	16.9	6.8	5.1
Other	23.3	36.7	6.7	20.0	13.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	25.0	50.0	0.0	25.0
Male	43.1	36.4	11.2	5.2	4.0
Female	43.1	30.6	10.9	7.8	7.7

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Non-binary/third gender	22.2	66.7	11.1	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	35.6	30.8	17.3	8.7	7.7
25-40	32.3	39.8	12.5	6.1	9.3
41-56	43.8	32.7	10.7	6.3	6.6
57-75	51.8	31.1	8.0	6.4	2.8
76+	62.1	21.2	7.6	9.1	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	43.8	12.5	12.5	25.0	6.3
High school diploma	36.3	31.2	12.2	10.1	10.1
Some college	42.0	28.6	17.3	5.6	6.5
Bachelor's degree	43.5	40.4	7.9	4.8	3.4
Graduate or professional degree	55.3	28.8	6.1	5.3	4.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7
Very liberal	59.8	26.2	3.7	7.5	2.8
Somewhat liberal	41.5	35.7	12.3	4.7	5.8
Somewhere in the middle	35.2	36.5	14.5	6.4	7.4
Somewhat conservative	47.9	34.4	6.1	8.0	3.7

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Very conservative	48.4	24.6	10.3	7.9	8.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	43.5	30.6	12.1	6.9	6.9
Suburban	41.8	34.1	12.0	7.2	4.8
Rural	44.7	35.0	9.1	5.5	5.8
Don't know	25.0	18.8	6.3	12.5	37.5
Born in North Carolina	48.0	30.4	10.3	5.0	6.3
Born somewhere else	37.5	36.3	11.7	8.4	6.1

Members of the County Board of Elections take an oath to follow state laws and the authority of the State Board of Elections. What if some members of the County Board of Election decided one day to just say that the State Board of Elections’ administration of state laws was not legitimate and wanted instead to follow their own standards for conducting elections. How concerned would you be if that happened in your county?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	A little concerned	Not concerned at all	Don't Know
Democrat	57.3	24.5	9.0	3.4	5.9
Republican	52.5	21.6	12.0	5.0	9.0
Unaffiliated	52.8	26.2	11.7	2.4	6.9
Other	21.3	25.0	15.6	6.3	21.9
Don't know	11.1	22.2	25.9	11.1	29.6
White	60.2	19.5	8.9	3.0	8.4
Black or African American	43.5	30.8	13.5	4.6	7.6
Hispanic or Latino	39.6	22.9	20.8	8.3	8.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	27.1	42.4	22.0	5.1	3.4
Other	10.0	23.3	10.0	6.7	20.0
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Male	49.1	27.9	12.2	5.0	5.7
Female	54.8	21.0	10.9	3.2	10.1

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Non-binary/third gender	44.4	44.4	11.1	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	39.4	29.8	15.4	4.8	10.6
25-40	37.3	31.9	15.4	3.9	11.5
41-56	51.8	22.4	12.9	4.4	8.5
57-75	68.9	17.1	5.6	3.2	5.2
76+	75.8	15.2	4.5	3.0	1.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	18.8	43.8	12.5	0.0	25.0
High school diploma	46.0	23.6	11.4	5.1	13.9
Some college	49.4	29.0	11.7	2.6	7.4
Bachelor's degree	54.5	22.6	13.6	4.2	5.1
Graduate or professional degree	68.2	17.4	5.3	3.8	5.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7
Very liberal	71.0	19.6	4.7	1.9	2.8
Somewhat liberal	53.8	24.6	11.1	2.9	7.6
Somewhere in the middle	46.6	27.3	12.6	4.4	9.4
Somewhat conservative	52.1	22.7	14.1	3.7	7.4

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Very conservative	53.2	18.3	11.1	5.6	11.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	46.6	28.4	13.4	4.7	6.9
Suburban	54.3	23.1	11.8	3.4	7.5
Rural	55.7	21.7	9.7	3.9	9.1
Don't know	18.8	31.3	6.3	6.3	37.5
Born in North Carolina	48.8	27.2	11.1	4.6	8.3
Born somewhere else	56.0	20.8	11.7	3.1	8.4

How concerned would you be if a county election board member refused to follow the rules about declaring who won an election, because he or she personally disagreed with our election's laws, despite taking an oath to follow those laws?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	A little concerned	Not concerned at all	Don't Know
Democrat	68.1	18.0	6.8	2.8	4.3
Republican	66.1	16.6	7.0	4.0	6.3
Unaffiliated	66.2	17.9	7.9	2.1	5.9
Other	40.6	9.4	18.8	6.3	25.0
Don't know	29.6	14.8	11.1	7.4	37.0
White	73.4	14.5	5.5	1.3	5.2
Black or African American	55.3	19.0	11.0	5.5	9.3

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Hispanic or Latino	52.1	16.7	14.6	4.2	12.5
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	44.1	32.2	10.2	11.9	1.7
Other	40.0	26.7	6.7	3.3	23.3
Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	25.0	0.0	25.0
Male	60.8	19.0	9.7	5.2	5.2
Female	67.8	16.0	6.2	1.8	8.2
Non-binary/third gender	77.8	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	53.8	22.1	9.6	4.8	9.6
25-40	48.0	24.7	13.3	3.9	10.0
41-56	66.9	15.4	6.3	4.0	7.4
57-75	81.3	10.4	4.0	1.2	3.2
76+	84.8	10.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	37.5	31.3	6.3	0.0	25.0
High school diploma	56.1	17.3	9.7	4.2	12.7
Some college	64.1	17.3	8.2	2.6	7.8
Bachelor's degree	69.5	16.4	7.6	4.0	2.5

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Graduate or professional degree	75.0	17.4	3.0	0.8	3.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	66.7
Very liberal	74.8	11.2	7.5	2.8	3.7
Somewhat liberal	63.7	21.6	8.8	1.8	4.1
Somewhere in the middle	59.6	19.0	8.1	4.2	9.1
Somewhat conservative	71.8	14.7	6.1	2.5	4.9
Very conservative	66.7	13.5	7.1	3.2	9.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	57.3	22.4	10.8	4.3	5.2
Suburban	67.8	16.1	6.5	3.1	6.5
Rural	68.3	15.2	7.1	2.6	6.8
Don't know	37.5	6.3	6.3	0.0	50.0
Born in North Carolina	59.7	20.8	8.9	3.8	6.9
Born somewhere else	70.4	13.4	6.5	2.5	7.1

How concerned would you be if election officials said they do not have adequate funding to properly manage and keep secure their voting machines and their voter registration records?

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	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	A little concerned	Not concerned at all	Don't Know
Democrat	62.2	22.6	8.4	2.2	4.6
Republican	63.1	18.3	10.0	3.0	5.6
Unaffiliated	58.3	28.6	4.5	2.8	5.9
Other	40.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	21.9
Don't know	29.6	25.9	7.4	11.1	25.9
White	66.7	20.7	5.9	1.8	4.9
Black or African American	54.4	21.1	11.4	4.2	8.9
Hispanic or Latino	45.8	25.0	12.5	8.3	8.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	35.6	45.8	10.2	6.8	1.7
Other	36.7	26.7	6.7	6.7	23.3
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0
Male	55.4	27.4	7.5	5.5	4.2
Female	63.0	19.8	7.7	1.6	8.0
Non-binary/third gender	55.6	11.1	33.3	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	44.2	28.8	11.5	4.8	10.6
25-40	44.8	33.0	10.0	4.3	7.9

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41-56	61.0	20.2	7.4	3.7	7.7
57-75	76.1	15.1	4.4	1.6	2.8
76+	80.3	10.6	7.6	0.0	1.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	50.0	18.8	18.8	0.0	12.5
High school diploma	51.9	23.6	7.2	4.2	13.1
Some college	59.7	23.8	6.5	2.6	7.4
Bachelor's degree	63.6	22.3	9.0	3.1	2.0
Graduate or professional degree	65.9	21.2	6.8	3.0	3.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7
Very liberal	68.2	17.8	7.5	4.7	1.9
Somewhat liberal	59.1	27.5	7.6	1.2	4.7
Somewhere in the middle	54.2	24.9	8.9	3.0	9.1
Somewhat conservative	60.7	22.7	8.0	4.9	3.7
Very conservative	69.8	14.3	4.8	3.2	7.9
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	52.6	25.0	11.6	5.2	5.6
Suburban	61.3	23.1	7.9	2.4	5.3
Rural	64.4	20.7	5.2	2.6	7.1

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Don't know	31.3	25.0	0.0	6.3	37.5
Born in North Carolina	58.1	23.0	8.9	3.8	6.3
Born somewhere else	61.4	22.6	6.7	2.5	6.7

Political Leader Approval

Presidential 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	27.6	50.2	13.9	4.3	4.0
Republican	5.0	10.0	14.3	67.4	3.3
Unaffiliated	9.3	23.8	25.2	33.8	7.9
Other	6.3	25.0	40.6	12.5	15.6
Don't know	3.7	18.5	37.0	14.8	25.9
White	11.8	23.2	16.5	44.2	4.4
Black or African American	22.4	37.1	21.1	11.8	7.6
Hispanic or Latino	2.1	35.4	31.3	22.9	8.3
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	11.9	39.0	23.7	16.9	8.5
Other	10.0	26.7	13.3	36.7	13.3
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	25.0
Male	16.2	28.7	16.5	35.2	3.5
Female	12.1	27.8	20.6	31.9	7.7
Non-binary/third gender	11.1	33.3	22.2	33.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0

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18-24	17.3	34.6	26.9	13.5	7.7
25-40	12.2	32.3	24.7	21.1	9.7
41-56	11.0	27.6	18.8	37.1	5.5
57-75	17.1	22.7	12.4	45.4	2.4
76+	13.6	24.2	7.6	53.0	1.5
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	6.3	25.0	12.5	25.0	31.3
High school diploma	15.2	24.9	19.8	31.6	8.4
Some college	9.1	26.0	22.5	36.4	6.1
Bachelor's degree	13.0	32.2	18.4	32.8	3.7
Graduate or professional degree	22.7	28.0	12.9	32.6	3.8
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	38.3	37.4	16.8	6.5	0.0
Somewhat liberal	19.3	53.8	17.0	4.7	5.3
Somewhere in the middle	10.8	28.8	25.6	25.6	9.1
Somewhat conservative	6.1	8.6	16.6	65.0	3.7
Very conservative	4.8	8.7	4.8	77.8	4.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	21.6	34.5	22.4	18.1	3.4

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Suburban	12.7	30.0	18.5	32.5	6.3
Rural	9.4	21.7	16.8	46.3	5.8
Don't know	12.5	12.5	18.8	18.8	37.5
Born in North Carolina	15.3	27.0	19.2	33.5	5.0
Born somewhere else	12.2	29.4	18.7	32.9	6.9

Gubernatorial 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	35.0	41.5	11.8	2.5	9.3
Republican	6.6	29.2	25.9	26.2	12.0
Unaffiliated	16.6	32.1	23.1	11.4	16.9
Other	9.4	18.8	31.3	3.1	37.5
Don't know	3.7	29.6	14.8	7.4	44.4
White	20.0	31.8	21.8	17.0	9.4
Black or African American	23.2	37.1	13.5	5.1	21.1
Hispanic or Latino	6.3	37.5	31.3	8.3	16.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	10.2	39.0	18.6	3.4	28.8
Other	6.7	36.7	23.3	13.3	20.0

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Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
Male	18.5	34.2	22.4	13.7	11.2
Female	19.0	33.8	18.5	12.1	16.5
Non-binary/third gender	44.4	22.2	33.3	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-24	14.4	45.2	19.2	5.8	15.4
25-40	17.9	35.5	19.7	9.0	17.9
41-56	16.2	31.3	20.6	16.5	15.4
57-75	26.3	28.3	21.5	13.9	10.0
76+	15.2	40.9	18.2	18.2	7.6
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Less than high school diploma	18.8	12.5	25.0	6.3	37.5
High school diploma	16.5	29.1	21.5	14.3	18.6
Some college	15.6	33.8	21.6	13.4	15.6
Bachelor's degree	20.9	35.6	20.3	12.7	10.5
Graduate or professional degree	25.0	40.9	14.4	8.3	11.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	33.3
Very liberal	43.9	37.4	11.2	2.8	4.7
Somewhat liberal	31.6	40.9	13.5	2.3	11.7

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Somewhere in the middle	16.7	34.7	20.9	6.9	20.7
Somewhat conservative	4.3	36.8	30.7	20.9	7.4
Very conservative	7.1	14.3	21.4	42.9	14.3
Prefer not to say					
Urban	22.0	39.7	15.1	7.3	15.9
Suburban	19.7	33.9	19.7	12.0	14.7
Rural	16.5	29.4	25.2	18.1	10.7
Don't know	6.3	31.3	12.5	0.0	50.0
Born in North Carolina	21.2	33.5	21.6	14.3	9.5
Born somewhere else	16.8	34.2	18.9	10.9	19.3

Methodological Information

Mode: Online

Population: N.C. Registered Voters 18+

Dates in the field: February 3-7, 2023

Sample Size: 973

Credibility Interval: +/- 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 a traditional margin of error. Non-Probability 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: $(1.0 * 2 = 3.0)$. 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 the 2020 US Census estimates, the estimates provided from the UNC Demography Center, and the current statistics on voter registrations in NC (from the NC State Board of Elections) for our weighting.

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Category	Percentage
Age	
18-25	7.2%
26-40	15.2%
41-56	15%
57-75	23%
76+	6.7%
Gender	
Female	50.5%
Male	49.5%
Race and Ethnicity	
White	67%
Black	20%
Hispanic	7%
Other	6%
Educational Attainment	
Less than bachelor's degree	65%
Bachelor's degree or	35%

higher	
Location of county residence	
Rural	39%
Urban	25%
Suburban	36%
Party Affiliation	
Democrat	33.4%
Republican	30.3%
Unaffiliated	35.6%
Other	.7%

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