



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

Registered Voters in North Carolina

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## Key Insights

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

The sample had 699 respondents, giving us a confidence interval of +/- 3.5%. The survey was in the field March 12-15, 2021.

## 2022 Senate Primaries

With almost one year until the primaries to replace retiring Republican Senator Richard Burr, there is a great deal of interest in voting in the Democratic and Republican primaries with over 88 percent of respondents indicating they are likely to vote next March. Many North Carolinians, however, are not sure who they will vote for in the primaries with over half of the likely Democratic primary voters (57.4%) indicating that they don't know who they will vote for. On the other side, just under 40 percent of Republicans indicate they are not sure.

On the Democratic side, prospective candidates Cheri Beasley and Jeff Jackson lead the list of possible candidates, each with just over 12 percent. Neither of the two Democrats runs particularly strongly with any demographic group, although Beasley runs slightly stronger among Black voters and Jackson among white voters, although neither gets anywhere near a majority of either group. Meredith Poll director David McLennan states: "It is far too early to consider the Democrats to have a frontrunner for the nomination. None of the candidates has strong name recognition, despite Beasley having served as the state's Chief Justice of the Supreme Court."

On the Republican side, Lara Trump is the choice of just over one-third of the intended Republican primary voters (27.2%), while former Governor Pat McCrory is the preference of just over 16 percent. McLennan states: "Trump, the daughter-in-law of former President Donald Trump, benefits from strong name recognition among Republican voters. Although she lacks elected office experience and did not have a policy role in the Trump administration, Lara Trump, if she chooses to enter the race, will have advantages that the other Republican candidates do not."

## Satisfaction with Direction of Nation and State

As with every recent Meredith Poll, North Carolinians are more satisfied with the direction of the state than the nation. Almost one-half of the respondents indicated that they were dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States, while just over 40 percent indicated that they were satisfied. The biggest difference between the current responses and that of previous administrations of the Meredith Poll is that almost two-thirds of Democrats (62.6%) indicate that they are satisfied with the direction of the country, while over three-quarters of Republicans indicate they are dissatisfied. As McLennan notes: "For the last four years, a majority of Republicans indicated they were satisfied with the direction of the country under former President Donald Trump. Now that there is a Democratic administration and Congress has a small Democratic majority, Republicans feel very differently about how things are going."

A plurality of respondents (46.2%) indicated that they were satisfied with how things are going in the state, as opposed to 41.4 percent, who did not. The partisan gap, evident in responses to the question about satisfaction about the direction of the country, was also present in the question about the state. Almost two-thirds of Democrats think the state is moving in the right direction, ,

while almost two-thirds of Republicans (64.2%) are dissatisfied. “Even though state leadership in the executive and legislative branches is the same as it was before November’s elections,” said McLennan, “the change in power has affected how partisans in North Carolina feel about the way things are going in the state.”

Among other demographic groups, Blacks and Hispanics were almost twice as likely to indicate that they thought things were going well in the country and state, as opposed to saying things were not.

### Presidential and Gubernatorial Approval

Early returns on the first two months of President Biden’s administration are strong in the state. Just over 56 percent of respondents indicated that they approved of the job he is doing as president, with 31 percent strongly approving. The partisan gap in approval is huge with over 90 percent of Democrats approving of the job that Biden is doing as president and over 75 percent of Republicans disapproving of his job performance. Among unaffiliated voters, Biden has a net approval rating of +18.4% (55.8% approve; 37.4% disapprove). Biden has strong approval ratings from women, Blacks, Hispanics, and those living in urban counties.

“Joe Biden has the same approval ratings that most new presidents have in their first few months. The exception was President Donald Trump, who began his presidency with approval ratings in the mid-40 percent range,” said David McLennan.

Governor Roy Cooper’s approval ratings remain strong with 55.5% of North Carolinians approving of the job he is doing, with 37.5% disapproving. As with recent Meredith Poll findings, Cooper’s approval among Democrats (81.8%), Blacks (75%), and Hispanics (62.1%) leading the way. Over 70 percent of Republicans disapprove of the way Cooper is doing his job.

“Governor Cooper’s approval ratings remain strong,” McLennan said, “in part because he is perceived as providing the leadership necessary as North Carolina continues navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects.”

### Policy Issues

In this edition of the Meredith Poll, we asked respondents to give their opinions on several important policy issues, several of which may be considered during the legislative session this year.

#### Distracted Driving

On the issue of a law to ban the use of handheld devices while driving, North Carolinians remain strongly in favor of such a bill being passed. Well over 90 percent of the respondents believe that mobile phones are a major contributor to car accidents. All demographic groups, including the youngest respondents, agreed that using a mobile phone while driving leads to accidents. Likewise, over 80 percent of the respondents agreed with the statement that using a mobile phone while driving was a privilege, not a right, and, therefore, can be restricted by the state.

As with the Meredith Poll of 2018, over 80 percent of respondents support a hands-free law being passed in North Carolina that would make it illegal to hold a mobile device while driving. McLennan states: “Since we first started asking these questions three years ago, the results have been very consistent—citizens see the negative effects of using a mobile device while driving and strongly support legislation banning such behavior.”

### Minimum Wage

The national debate over raising the minimum wage is important for the state, especially since language raising the federal minimum wage was stripped out of the American Rescue Plan, signed into law by President Biden.

Over three-quarters of North Carolinians favor raising the minimum wage above \$7.25/hour. All demographic groups, including Republicans (65.1%) favor the state raising the minimum wage. The real issue among respondents is how high the wage should be raised. Respondents were almost evenly split between raising the state's minimum wage to \$10, \$12, or \$15 per hour. Democrats, young voters, and those from urban counties favored the higher minimum wage levels, while Republicans, older voters, and those from suburban and rural counties favoring the lower wage levels.

"It is clear that there is a great deal of support from moving the minimum wage beyond \$7.25/hour, but serious differences exist between many groups in the state about how high the wage should be," said Poll Director David McLennan.

### Government Response to COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic reached the one year anniversary, several states around the country began loosening restrictions on individuals and businesses. States, such as Texas, eliminated the mask mandate and allowed businesses to fully reopen. Most North Carolinians oppose such actions. Over twice as many respondents favor keeping the mask mandate in the state (64.2%) than say we should eliminate it (29.9%). There is a large partisan gap in responses to this question with over 82 percent of Democrats wanting to retain the mask mandate and over 53 percent of Republicans wanting to end it immediately.

On the issue of eliminating restrictions on businesses, such as restricted seating limits in restaurants, a majority of North Carolinians (55.8%) favored retaining such restrictions, while over one-third (37.1%) favor dropping such restrictions. As with the mask mandate, there are large partisan differences with a majority of Republicans (59.9%) wanting to eliminate restrictions on businesses, while a majority of Democrats (71.4%) want restrictions to stay in place.

### Healthcare

The issue of healthcare remains one of the most important issues in the country. North Carolinians remain divided, mainly along party lines, on the Affordable Care Act. Although a plurality of respondents say the law has been effective in improving the health insurance system in the country (48.8%), over one-third of the respondents (37.4%) say it has been ineffective. Over 77% of Democrats consider the ACA to be effective, but just under 19 percent of Republicans feel the same.

A key provision of the ACA—expanding Medicaid coverage—is more popular with North Carolinians generally and among Republicans specifically. Two-third of North Carolinians want North Carolina to pass a law expanding Medicaid coverage to more state residents, with just under 20 percent thinking that law is unnecessary. A large majority of Democrats (88.6%) favor Medicaid expansion in the state, while a plurality of Republicans (46.2% favor, 34.4% oppose) want to see coverage expanded.

"Since its passage over a decade ago, the Affordable Care Act has been a wedge issue for the two major parties," McLennan states. "Medicaid expansion, even though Republican leadership in the

General Assembly has been steadfastly opposed to this provision, remains very popular, even among Republicans in the state.”

### Political Violence

With the racial equality protests and the riots on January 6 at the Capitol, the issue of political violence has become prominent in American politics. Security experts suggest that we will see more political violence in coming years, as a result of the hyper-polarization in the country. North Carolinians strongly support non-violent protests guaranteed in the Constitution, but strongly oppose more violent types of expression. Political acts such as holding a sign in front of a government building (67.8% support) and participating in a peaceful march (84.2% support). Every demographic group, including political partisans, strongly support those types of expressions.

On more extreme political acts—taking over a government building, using violence or assassination against political opponents, or bombing—well over 80 percent of North Carolinians oppose those type of acts. Only the youngest respondents—and only about 20% of them—supported the idea of using more violent means of political statements.

“Although we should be concerned about any type of political violence,” McLennan stated, “the public roundly opposes this type of behavior. However, the fact that over 11% of North Carolinians think that taking over a government building or just under 10% feel that it is acceptable to commit violence against a political opponent or assassinate a political leader that is acting inappropriately should be of great concern to use all.”

Violence at polling places, although rare, is concerning to respondents to our survey. Over 40% of respondents indicated that their willingness to vote would be decreased if they saw political observers carrying firearms outside the polling place. Also, if there was violence between representatives of the two major parties outside the polling place, almost two-thirds of respondents indicated that they would be less likely to cast their ballots. On the issue of potential violence at polling places, such as seeing political observers carrying firearms, over half of the Democrats (52.9%) indicated they would be less likely to vote, but only 28.7 percent of Republicans felt that it would affect their voting behavior.

In terms of the causes of increased political violence over the last year, a plurality of North Carolinians (38%) say that extremists on the political left and right are equally to blame. There is, however, a large partisan gap among the respondents with a large percentage of Democrats (46.5%) blaming right-wing extremism and Republicans (36.8%) blaming political violence primarily on left-wing extremism.

“There is little evidence that most North Carolinians condone political violence,” McLennan states, “but there is evidence that partisans in the state see the causes of violence quite differently. Whether it is Republicans blaming Antifa for violence or Democrats blaming the Proud Boys and similar groups for the increased violence, the consequences of these attitudes could be significant. Law enforcement should treat all violence as equally important, but political leaders may reflect the same attitudes as many of our respondents and cause some who cause political violence to be under-investigated or punished.”

## Authoritarianism

During the Trump presidency, many pundits raised the issue of Trump's authoritarian tendencies—the idea that he wanted to govern without the consent or oversight of other branches of government. In our survey, we used questions from Altemayer (2019), an academic researcher who developed an instrument to measure people's authoritarian attitudes. We used seven questions—five that measure authoritarianism and two as checks to see if the responses are consistent.

In short, we found that North Carolinians are almost equally divided between wanting a strong leader and that the country needs to root out people considered to be different and evil, and those who are concerned about a leader who is too strong and that free thinkers should be allowed to live unopposed within the society.

There were some strong partisan differences on some of the questions. On the question about preferring “old fashioned ways” and “old-fashioned values,” over three-quarters of Republicans agreed with those ways of life, while less than half of Democrats did so. Likewise, on the question of society being better off if “we do what authorities tell us to do and get rid of the ‘rotten apples,’” just over 45 percent of Democrats agreed with the statement, but almost two-thirds of Republicans did so.

“Given the discussion over recent years about protecting democratic institutions and practices,” McLennan said, “the idea that many North Carolinians favor a strong leader making decisions about what is appropriate and inappropriate is concerning. That is why cultural issues, such as LGBTQ+ rights or gun rights, are so hotly debated and divisive in our political culture.”



## Topline Results

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

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	284	40.1
No	344	49.7
Don't know	71	10.2

N= 699

### 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	325	46.2
No	289	41.4
Don't know	85	12.3

N= 699

Now we are going to ask you some questions about some policy issues that are under consideration in the state.

## Policy Issues

### Distracted Driving

Do you believe using a mobile phone while driving makes it more likely or less likely that you will be in an accident?

Response	Number	Percentage
Definitely more likely	508	72.1
Maybe more likely	145	20.9
Maybe less likely	22	3.4

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Definitely less likely	11	1.8
Don't know	13	1.9

N=699

**Do you believe using a mobile phone while driving is a right that cannot be restricted, or that it is a privilege that can have limits placed on it?**

Response	Number	Percentage
It is a right that cannot be restricted	66	9.5
It is a privilege that can have limits placed on it.	585	83.6
Don't know	48	6.9

N=699

**There is a hands-free driving legislation currently pending in the state legislature - under this proposal drivers would be allowed to talk on a mobile phone while behind the wheel, but could not hold the device in their hands while driving. surfing the internet or checking social media, playing video games and watching movies would join texting and e-mailing as prohibited while driving.**

**Having heard this, do you support or oppose such a hands-free driving law for North Carolina?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	362	51.1
Somewhat support	239	34.1
Somewhat oppose	43	6.9
Strongly oppose	33	4.8
Don't know	22	3.2

N=699

Minimum Wage

**Do you agree or disagree that the minimum wage - currently \$7.25/hour - should be raised?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	375	53.5
Somewhat agree	179	25.4
Somewhat oppose	53	7.8
Strongly oppose	70	10.2
Don't know	22	3.2

**N=699**

**If the minimum wage were to be raised, where should it be set?**

Response	Number	Percentage
\$10/hour	222	32.4
\$12/hour	156	22.7
\$15/hour	198	28.2
Something else	74	10.7
Don't know	49	7.0

**N= 699**

Mask Mandates

**Many states around the country are eliminating mask mandates that we put into place to stop the spread of COVID-19. Do you think North Carolina should eliminate the mask mandate?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	203	29.9
No	455	64.2
Don't know	41	5.9

**N=699**

Reopening Businesses

Many states around the country are eliminating restrictions on businesses, such as restaurants that must limit capacity of their indoor seating, that were put into place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Do you think North Carolina should eliminate restrictions on businesses?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	248	37.1
No	398	55.8
Don't know	53	8.1

N=699

Healthcare

How effective has the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare", been in improving the health insurance system in the country, in your opinion?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very effective	136	18.2
Somewhat effective	210	30.6
Somewhat ineffective	78	11.6
Very ineffective	178	25.8
Don't know	97	13.9

N=699

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	472	66.6
No	129	19.3
Don't know	98	14.1

N=699

Political Violence

Political Behaviors

**Do you support or oppose the following political acts under any circumstance?**

**a. Holding a political sign in front of a government building?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly support	248	34.9
Somewhat support	228	32.9
Somewhat oppose	98	14.2
Strongly oppose	55	8
Don't know	70	10.0

**N=699**

**b. Participating in a peaceful march about a political issue?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly support	376	52.8
Somewhat support	215	31.4
Somewhat oppose	50	7.4
Strongly oppose	26	3.5
Don't know	32	4.6

**N=699**

**c. Taking over a government building to make a political point?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly support	38	5.1
Somewhat support	46	6.5
Somewhat oppose	68	10
Strongly oppose	508	72.8

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Don't know	39	5.6
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**N=699**

**d. Assaulting political opponents?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly support	28	3.8
Somewhat support	39	5.4
Somewhat oppose	47	6.9
Strongly oppose	558	80
Don't know	27	3.9

**N=699**

**e. Hurting or assassinating a political leader who is acting inappropriately?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly support	26	3.5
Somewhat support	35	5.1
Somewhat oppose	41	6
Strongly oppose	568	81.3
Don't know	29	4.2

**N=699**

**f. Damaging a political building through fire or a bomb?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly support	20	2.8
Somewhat support	40	5.8
Somewhat oppose	40	5.7
Strongly oppose	575	82.3
Don't know	24	3.4

**N=699**

Effects on Voting

If you were going to your polling place to vote in an election, how likely would it be that you completed the voting process if:

a. There were peaceful protests outside the polling place?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very likely	407	58.2
Somewhat likely	144	20.6
Somewhat unlikely	58	8.3
Very unlikely	45	6.4
Don't know	45	6.4

N=699

b. There were poll observers from one or more political parties?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very likely	394	56.4
Somewhat likely	170	24.3
Somewhat unlikely	49	7.0
Very unlikely	32	4.6
Don't know	54	7.7

N=699

c. There were poll observers from one or more political parties who carried firearms?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very likely	202	29.2
Somewhat likely	126	18.2
Somewhat unlikely	112	15.7
Very unlikely	191	27.2
Don't know	68	9.7

N=699

**d. There was violence between persons from competing political parties, but they did not attack citizens attempting to vote?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Very likely	79	11.6
Somewhat likely	95	13.8
Somewhat unlikely	96	13.3
Very unlikely	362	51.7
Don't know	67	9.6

**N=699**

**In the last year, there has been an increase in political violence in the country. In your opinion, what is the primary cause of the increased violence?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Left-wing extremism	120	18.9
Right-wing extremism	204	28.4
Both left-wing and right-wing extremism	272	38
Don't know	103	14.7

**N=699**

### Authoritarianism

**For the following, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

**a. The “old-fashioned ways” and the “old-fashioned values” still show the best way to live.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	186	27.1
Somewhat agree	212	31.1
Somewhat disagree	133	18.0
Strongly disagree	111	15.6



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Don't know	57	8.2
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N=699

**b. What our country really needs is a strong, determined leader who will crush evil, and take us back to our true path.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	243	35.4
Somewhat agree	207	29.9
Somewhat disagree	96	13
Strongly disagree	83	11.7
Don't know	70	10.0

N=699

**c. There is no "one right way" to live life; everybody has to create their own way.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	237	33.9
Somewhat agree	281	40.2
Somewhat disagree	75	10.7
Strongly disagree	74	10.6
Don't know	32	4.6

N=699

**d. Our country will be great if we honor the ways of our forefathers, do what the authorities tell us to do, and get rid of the "rotten apples" who are ruining everything.**

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	156	23.4
Somewhat agree	202	29.4
Somewhat disagree	137	18.6
Strongly disagree	125	17.3

Don't know	79	11.3
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**N=699**

- e. This country would work a lot better if certain groups of troublemakers would just shut up and accept their group's traditional place in society.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	125	18.4
Somewhat agree	148	21.3
Somewhat disagree	163	23.9
Strongly disagree	175	24.8
Don't know	88	12.6

**N=699**

- f. Our country needs free thinkers who have the courage to defy traditional ways, even if this upsets many people.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	180	24.9
Somewhat agree	260	37.1
Somewhat disagree	126	18.5
Strongly disagree	63	9.5
Don't know	70	10.0

**N=699**

- g. Once our government leaders and the authorities condemn the dangerous elements in our society, it will be the duty of every patriotic citizen to help stomp out the rot that is poisoning our country from within.**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Strongly agree	134	19.6
Somewhat agree	192	27.9
Somewhat disagree	137	19.2
Strongly disagree	123	17.2

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Don't know	113	16.2
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**N=699**

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

### Political Leaders

#### Approval of President

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	229	30.5
Approve	185	25
Disapprove	82	11.5
Somewhat disapprove	168	28.0
Don't know/refused to answer	35	5.0

**N=699**

#### Approval of Governor

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	188	24.8
Approve	212	27.3
Disapprove	121	19.6
Somewhat disapprove	130	21.4
Don't know/refused to answer	48	6.9

**N=699**

**Now we are going to ask you some questions about next year's election.**

Primary Elections 2022

Are you planning to vote in the primary elections in 2022?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	578	82.7
No	24	3.4
Maybe	66	9.4
Don't know/refused to answer	31	4.4

N=699

Which primary are you planning on voting in?

Response	Number	Percentage
Democratic	312	48.5
Republican	217	33.7
Other	29	4.5
Don't know/refused to answer	86	13.4

N=644

Democratic Senate Primary

Which Democratic candidate for the US Senate seat in North Carolina would you most likely vote for?

Response	Number	Percentage
Cheri Beasley	39	12.5
Jeff Jackson	40	12.8
Erica Smith	33	10.6
Richard Watkins	11	3.5
Someone else	10	3.2
Don't know	179	57.4

N=312

Republican Senate Primary

**Which Republican candidate for the US Senate seat in North Carolina would you most likely vote for?**

Response	Number	Percentage
Ted Budd	13	6.0
Pat McCrory	36	16.6
Lara Trump	59	27.2
Mark Walker	15	6.9
Someone else	9	4.2
Don't know	85	39.2

N=217

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

Demographics

Political Party

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

Response	Number	Percentage
Democratic	297	42.5
Republican	212	30.3
Other	33	4.7
Unaffiliated	147	21
Refused/No answer	10	1.4

N=699

County of Residence

**What county do you live in?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Urban	273	39.3
Rural	196	28.2
Suburban	175	25.2
No answer	51	7.3

**N=695**

## Gender

**What is your gender?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Female	416	59.5
Male	271	38.8
Other	10	1.4
Refused to answer	2	.3

**N=699**

## Age

**What is your age?**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
18-23	75	10.7
24-39	213	30.5
40-55	170	24.3
56-74	217	31
75+	24	3.4

**N=699**

### Race/Ethnicity

What is your race/ethnic group?

Response	Number	Percentage
White	467	66.8
Black	136	19.5
Hispanic	37	5.3
Other	33	4.7
Refused to answer	26	3.7

N=699

### Education

What best describes the level of education you last completed?

Response	Number	Percentage
Less than high school diploma	14	2
High school diploma	115	16.5
Some college	229	32.8
Bachelor's degree	183	26.2
Graduate or professional degree	158	22.6
Refused to answer		

N=699

### Born Again/Evangelical

Would you consider yourself to be born again/evangelical?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	239	34.2
No	416	59.5
Don't know/Refused	44	6.3

N=699





## 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	62.6	26.6	10.8
Republican	16.5	76.4	7.1
Other	45.5	54.6	0.0
Unaffiliated	31.3	55.8	12.9
Don't know	20.0	30.0	50.0
White	34.1	58.2	7.7
Black	56.6	28.7	14.7
Hispanic	59.5	27.0	13.5
Other	57.6	24.2	18.2
Refused to answer	26.9	57.7	15.4
Female	37.5	50.0	12.5
Male	46.5	47.2	6.3
Binary	10.0	70.0	20.0
Refused to answer	50.0	50.0	0.0
18-23	40.0	38.7	21.3
24-39	40.4	48.8	10.8
40-55	36.5	52.4	11.2
56-74	45.6	48.4	6.0
75+	29.2	70.8	0.0

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Urban	42.5	45.8	11.7
Rural	38.3	55.6	6.1
Suburban	37.7	52.6	9.7
Less than high school diploma	35.7	42.9	21.4
High school diploma	38.3	53.0	8.7
Some College	35.4	52.4	12.2
Bachelor's degree	41.0	51.9	7.1
Graduate or professional degree	50.0	39.2	10.8
Born Again	38.9	54.4	6.7
Not Born Again	40.4	48.6	11.1
Don't know	52.3	27.3	20.5

Direction of the state

All in all, are you satisfied with the way things are going in this North Carolina?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't Know
Democrat	66.7	23.9	9.4
Republican	24.5	64.2	11.3
Other	36.4	54.6	9.1
Unaffiliated	41.5	42.2	16.3
Don't know	20.0	20.0	60.0

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White	39.8	49.0	11.1
Black	63.2	25.0	11.8
Hispanic	67.6	21.6	10.8
Other	60.6	18.2	21.2
Refused to answer	30.8	46.2	23.1
Female	45.2	39.9	14.9
Male	49.5	42.4	8.1
Binary	20.0	70.0	10.0
Refused to answer	50.0	50.0	0.0
18-23	54.7	24.0	21.3
24-39	43.7	44.6	11.7
40-55	44.7	42.4	12.9
56-74	47.9	44.2	7.8
75+	45.8	33.3	20.8
Urban	49.5	35.5	15.0
Rural	46.9	43.4	9.7
Suburban	38.9	50.3	10.9
Less than high school diploma	71.4	14.3	14.3
High school diploma	47.0	41.7	11.3
Some College	41.5	45.9	12.7
Bachelor's degree	45.4	42.1	12.6

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Graduate or professional degree	52.5	36.1	11.4
Born Again	43.9	46.4	9.6
Not Born Again	47.6	39.9	12.5
Don't know	50.0	27.3	22.7

**Now we are going to ask you about some policy issues that are under consideration in the state**

### Political Issues

#### Distracted Driving

**Do you believe using a mobile phone while driving makes it more likely or less likely that you will be in an accident?**

	Definitely more likely	Maybe more likely	Maybe less likely	Definitely less likely	Don't know
Democrat	75.4	18.5	3.7	1.7	0.7
Republican	65.6	25.9	4.3	1.9	2.4
Other	69.7	21.2	6.1	0.0	3.0
Unaffiliated	78.2	19.1	0.0	0.7	2.0
Don't know	70.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	20.0
White	72.6	21.6	2.6	1.3	1.9
Black	70.6	22.1	5.2	0.7	1.5
Hispanic	64.9	21.6	2.7	8.1	2.7

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Other	81.8	12.1	3.0	3.0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	84.6	7.7	3.9	0.0	3.9
Female	76.0	18.5	2.4	1.7	1.4
Male	68.3	23.3	4.4	1.5	2.6
Binary	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prefer not to answer	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-23	74.7	14.7	9.3	1.3	0.0
24-39	65.3	26.3	3.8	2.8	1.9
40-55	76.5	15.3	2.9	2.4	2.9
56-74	75.1	22.1	0.9	0.0	1.8
75+	83.3	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Urban	70.7	23.4	4.0	1.1	0.7
Rural	74.0	18.9	4.1	1.5	1.5
Suburban	80.0	14.9	0.6	0.6	4.0
Less than high school diploma	78.6	7.1	7.1	0.0	7.1
High school diploma	69.6	20.9	4.4	3.5	1.7

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Some College	72.9	19.2	3.1	1.8	3.1
Bachelor's degree	74.3	23.0	2.2	0.0	0.6
Graduate or Professional Degree	72.2	21.5	3.2	1.9	1.3
Born Again	69.0	24.3	2.9	1.7	2.1
Not Born Again	75.2	18.5	3.4	1.4	1.4
Don't know	68.2	22.7	2.3	2.3	4.6

**Do you believe using a mobile phone while driving is a right that cannot be restricted, or that it is a privilege that can have limits placed on it.**

	It is a right that cannot be restricted	It is a privilege that can have limits placed on it	Don't know
Democrat	10.1	85.5	4.4
Republican	12.7	79.7	7.6
Other	9.1	84.9	6.1
Unaffiliated	3.4	87.8	8.8
Don't know	10.0	50.0	40.0
White	8.4	85.7	6.0
Black	10.3	81.6	8.1
Hispanic	18.9	73.0	8.1

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Other	12.1	78.8	9.1
Refused to answer	7.7	80.8	11.5
Female	6.7	86.5	6.7
Male	13.3	80.1	6.6
Binary	20.0	70.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	14.7	78.7	6.7
24-39	11.3	80.3	8.5
40-55	13.5	78.2	8.2
56-74	3.7	91.2	5.1
75+	0.0	100.0	0.0
Urban	10.3	84.6	5.1
Rural	9.7	80.6	9.7
Suburban	7.4	88.6	4.0
Less than high school diploma	7.1	71.4	21.4
High school diploma	14.8	77.4	7.8
Some College	7.0	84.7	8.3
Bachelor's degree	7.7	87.4	4.9

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Graduate or professional degree	11.4	83.5	5.1
Born Again	11.7	81.2	7.1
Not Born Again	7.2	86.8	6.0
Don't know	17.2	68.2	13.6

**There is hands-free driving legislation currently pending in the state legislature - under this proposal drivers would be allowed to talk on a mobile phone while behind the wheel, but could not hold the device in their hands while driving. Surfing the internet or checking social media, playing video games and watching movies would join texting and e-mailing as prohibited while driving.**

**Having heard this, do you support or oppose such a hands-free driving law for North Carolina?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know
Democrat	53.2	34.3	6.4	3.7	2.4
Republican	49.1	32.6	6.6	8.0	3.8
Other	51.5	30.3	12.1	6.1	0.0
Unaffiliated	53.1	38.8	3.4	2.0	2.7
Don't know	50.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	30.0
White	53.5	32.8	6.2	4.7	2.8
Black	49.3	35.3	8.1	2.2	5.2
Hispanic	32.4	48.7	5.4	10.8	2.7
Other	45.5	48.5	0.0	6.1	0.0
Refused to answer	69.2	15.4	3.9	7.7	3.9



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Female	53.9	31.5	7.7	3.4	3.6
Male	49.5	37.3	4.1	6.6	2.6
Binary	40.0	50.0	0.0	10.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-23	45.3	42.7	9.3	1.3	1.3
24-39	42.3	41.8	5.6	3.8	6.6
40-55	52.9	30.6	6.5	7.1	2.9
56-74	61.3	27.2	6.0	4.6	0.9
75+	62.5	29.2	0.0	8.3	0.0
Urban	55.7	34.1	5.1	3.7	1.5
Rural	48.0	34.2	7.7	5.1	5.1
Suburban	52.6	32.0	6.3	6.3	2.9
Less than high school diploma	42.9	42.9	14.3	0.0	0.0
High school diploma	45.2	37.4	7.8	4.4	5.2
Some College	52.4	31.0	8.3	3.5	4.8
Bachelor's degree	53.0	36.1	3.8	6.6	0.6
Graduate or professional degree	55.1	33.5	3.8	5.1	2.5
Born Again	53.6	31.0	5.4	5.9	4.2

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Not Born Again	51.9	35.6	5.8	4.3	2.4
Don't know	40.9	38.6	13.6	2.3	4.6

Minimum Wage

**Do you agree or disagree that the minimum wage - currently \$7.25/hour in NC - should be raised?**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	74.8	16.5	4.0	3.7	1.0
Republican	27.8	37.3	10.4	21.7	2.8
Other	45.5	18.2	15.2	15.2	6.1
Unaffiliated	49.7	29.9	9.5	5.4	5.4
Don't know	53.7	25.7	7.6	10.0	3.2
White	47.3	30.2	7.9	10.5	4.1
Black	72.8	14.7	7.4	4.4	0.7
Hispanic	59.5	18.9	2.7	18.9	0.0
Other	54.6	18.2	9.1	15.2	3.0
Refused to answer	57.7	19.2	7.7	11.5	3.9
Female	57.5	24.5	8.2	6.7	3.1
Male	46.9	27.7	7.0	15.1	3.3
Binary	80.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0
Refused to answer	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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18-23	64.0	18.7	13.3	2.7	1.3
24-39	56.3	22.1	5.6	11.7	4.2
40-55	50.6	26.5	10.0	10.0	2.9
56-74	52.1	29.0	5.1	10.6	3.2
75+	33.3	41.7	12.5	12.5	0.0
Urban	59.3	23.4	5.9	7.7	3.7
Rural	47.5	31.6	8.2	10.7	2.0
Suburban	51.4	21.7	10.9	13.7	2.3
Less than high school diploma	64.3	14.3	14.3	0.0	7.1
High school diploma	50.4	27.0	11.3	8.7	2.6
Some College	56.8	24.5	7.4	7.9	3.5
Bachelor's degree	48.6	30.1	6.6	13.1	1.6
Graduate or professional degree	56.3	22.2	5.7	11.4	4.4
Born Again	48.5	28.9	7.5	12.1	2.9
Not Born Again	55.3	25.0	7.0	9.6	3.1
Don't know	65.9	13.6	13.6	2.3	4.6

**If the minimum wage were to be raised, where should it be set?**

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	\$10/hour	\$12/hour	\$15/hour	Something else	Don't know
Democrat	22.2	30.6	42.1	1.7	3.4
Republican	42.9	13.7	12.3	19.8	11.3
Other	36.4	18.2	18.2	24.2	3.0
Unaffiliated	35.4	19.1	26.5	12.9	6.1
Don't know	10.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	50.0
White	35.6	20.3	23.6	12.4	8.1
Black	19.9	25.0	44.9	6.6	3.7
Hispanic	24.3	27.0	40.5	2.7	5.4
Other	33.3	30.3	18.2	12.1	6.1
Refused to answer	34.6	26.9	23.1	7.7	7.7
Female	32.7	20.9	30.5	8.9	7.0
Male	31.7	24.0	24.0	13.3	7.0
Binary	0.0	30.0	50.0	10.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
18-23	34.7	22.7	32.0	5.3	5.3
24-39	30.1	21.1	33.3	10.3	5.2
40-55	38.2	15.9	27.7	10.6	7.7
56-74	27.7	29.0	23.0	11.5	8.8
75+	29.2	16.7	25.0	20.8	8.3

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Urban	26.4	23.8	32.6	9.5	7.7
Rural	39.3	18.4	25.0	12.2	5.1
Suburban	34.9	20.0	28.0	12.0	5.1
Less than high school diploma	14.3	21.4	35.7	7.1	21.4
High school diploma	35.7	19.1	28.7	11.3	5.2
Some College	30.1	24.5	28.0	10.5	7.0
Bachelor's degree	32.8	20.2	29.5	13.1	4.4
Graduate or professional degree	31.7	24.1	26.6	7.6	10.1
Born Again	36.0	20.5	21.8	14.2	7.5
Not Born Again	29.1	22.4	32.5	9.1	7.0
Don't know	34.1	31.8	25.0	4.6	4.6

**Mask Mandates**

**Many states around the country are eliminating mask mandates that we put into place to stop the spread of COVID-19. Do you think North Carolina should eliminate the mask mandate?**

	Yes	No	Don't know
Democrat	15.5	82.2	2.4
Republican	53.8	38.7	7.6
Other	30.3	63.6	6.1

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Unaffiliated	22.5	68.7	8.8
Don't know	0.0	70.0	30.0
White	35.3	58.2	6.4
Black	11.8	83.8	4.4
Hispanic	21.6	75.7	2.7
Other	30.3	66.7	3.0
Refused to answer	15.4	73.1	11.5
Female	27.4	65.9	6.7
Male	32.5	62.7	4.8
Binary	10.0	90.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	100.0	0.0
18-23	24.0	66.7	9.3
24-39	34.3	58.7	7.0
40-55	31.8	62.9	5.3
56-74	21.7	74.2	4.2
75+	45.8	50.0	4.2
Urban	23.1	71.1	5.9
Rural	34.7	60.2	5.1
Suburban	31.4	62.9	5.7
Less than high school diploma	0.0	78.6	21.4

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High school diploma	34.8	59.1	6.1
Some College	31.0	61.1	7.9
Bachelor's degree	27.3	70.0	2.7
Graduate or professional degree	26.6	68.4	5.1
Born Again	39.3	54.4	6.3
Not Born Again	23.8	70.9	5.3
Don't know	22.7	68.2	9.1

Reopening Businesses

**Many states around the country are eliminating restrictions on businesses, such as restaurants that must limit the capacity of their indoor seating, that were put into place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Do you think that North Carolina should eliminate restrictions on businesses?**

	Yes	No	Don't know
Democrat	21.9	71.4	6.7
Republican	59.9	33.5	6.6
Other	33.3	60.6	6.1
Unaffiliated	30.6	60.5	83.8
Don't know	0.0	60.0	40.0
White	40.7	51.8	7.5
Black	19.1	72.8	8.1
Hispanic	29.7	64.8	5.4
Other	36.4	57.6	6.1
Refused to answer	34.6	53.9	11.5

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Female	34.4	57.7	7.9
Male	38.4	54.2	7.4
Binary	10.0	90.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	100.0	0.0
18-23	33.3	57.3	9.3
24-39	36.2	57.8	6.1
40-55	39.4	51.8	8.8
56-74	30.0	62.2	7.8
75+	58.3	37.5	4.2
Urban	29.7	63.0	7.3
Rural	40.3	52.0	7.7
Suburban	36.6	54.9	8.6
Less than high school diploma	7.1	57.1	35.7
High school diploma	40.9	52.2	7.0
Some College	37.6	53.3	9.2
Bachelor's degree	32.8	62.8	4.4
Graduate or professional degree	34.2	58.9	7.0
Born Again	45.6	45.6	8.8
Not Born Again	30.8	63.7	5.5
Don't know	25.0	52.6	20.5



Healthcare

**How effective has the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare”, been in improving the health insurance system in the country, in your opinion?**

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know
Democrat	34.7	42.4	6.4	5.1	11.5
Republican	5.2	13.7	13.7	55.2	12.3
Other	15.2	45.5	3.0	24.2	12.1
Unaffiliated	10.2	25.9	18.4	25.9	19.7
Don't know	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	40.0
White	13.9	27.8	13.5	32.1	12.6
Black	33.8	36.8	8.8	3.7	16.9
Hispanic	32.4	27.0	0.0	24.3	16.2
Other	21.2	39.4	6.1	18.2	15.2
Refused to answer	23.1	26.9	3.9	30.8	15.4
Female	18.8	27.2	12.0	25.5	16.6
Male	21.0	34.0	9.2	26.2	9.6
Binary	0.0	50.0	20.0	10.0	20.0
Refused to answer	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
18-23	26.7	37.3	10.7	9.3	16.0
24-39	13.6	34.7	12.7	22.5	16.4
40-55	22.4	23.5	10.0	31.8	12.4
56-74	21.2	30.0	9.2	27.2	12.4

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75+	12.5	12.5	25.0	41.7	8.3
Urban	20.9	34.8	9.9	19.4	15.0
Rural	16.3	27.0	14.3	28.6	13.8
Suburban	17.7	25.7	12.0	32.6	12.0
Less than high school diploma	28.6	14.3	21.4	28.6	7.1
High school diploma	23.5	25.2	13.0	28.7	9.6
Some College	17.5	26.6	11.4	25.8	18.8
Bachelor's degree	18.6	33.3	11.5	27.3	9.3
Graduate or professional degree	18.6	36.1	8.2	20.3	15.8
Born Again	15.5	26.4	11.3	32.6	14.2
Not Born Again	20.2	31.7	11.8	22.8	13.5
Don't know	34.1	34.1	4.6	11.4	15.9

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

	Yes	No	Don't know
Democrat	88.6	5.1	6.4
Republican	46.2	34.4	19.3

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Other	69.7	18.2	12.1
Unaffiliated	56.5	22.5	21.1
Don't know	50.0	20.0	30.0
White	62.5	21.4	16.1
Black	80.9	11.0	8.1
Hispanic	70.3	13.5	16.2
Other	72.7	18.2	9.1
Refused to answer	76.	11.5	11.5
Female	70.9	15.4	13.7
Male	61.6	23.6	14.8
Binary	80.0	10.0	10.0
Refused to answer	100.0	0.0	0.0
18-23	81.3	12.0	6.7
24-39	74.2	15.0	10.8
40-55	67.1	18.8	14.1
56-74	59.9	21.7	18.4
75+	37.5	37.5	25.0
Urban	68.8	13.9	17.2
Rural	66.8	20.4	12.8
Suburban	65.7	22.9	11.4

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Less than high school diploma	71.4	14.3	14.3
High school diploma	72.2	16.5	11.3
Some College	69.9	18.3	11.8
Bachelor's degree	60.7	21.9	17.5
Graduate or professional degree	68.4	16.5	15.2
Born Again	66.5	20.9	12.6
Not Born Again	67.8	18.0	14.2
Don't know	70.5	9.1	20.5

Political Violence

**Do you support or oppose the following political acts under any circumstance?**

**Holding a political sign in front of a government building?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Democrat	37.4	32.0	13.1	9.8	7.7
Republican	30.7	35.4	15.6	8.0	13.4
Other	42.4	18.2	30.3	6.1	3.0
Unaffiliated	38.8	34.7	9.5	4.1	12.9
Don't know	10.0	10.0	20.0	10.0	50.0
White	37.7	32.6	15.6	6.4	7.7
Black	31.6	34.6	10.3	9.6	14.0
Hispanic	24.3	24.3	13.5	24.3	13.5
Other	30.3	39.4	15.2	3.0	12.1

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Refused to answer	38.5	26.9	3.9	7.7	23.1
Female	26.7	35.6	17.6	8.2	12.0
Male	48.3	28.4	9.2	7.4	6.6
Binary	60.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	29.3	33.3	13.3	8.0	16.0
24-39	31.9	33.3	16.0	7.0	11.7
40-55	38.8	28.8	12.4	8.8	11.2
56-74	36.9	35.0	13.8	8.3	6.0
75+	50.0	29.2	12.5	4.2	4.2
Urban	37.0	33.7	11.7	8.1	9.5
Rural	30.6	35.2	18.4	8.7	7.1
Suburban	38.9	28.6	14.3	5.7	12.6
Less than high school diploma	14.3	14.3	28.6	28.6	14.3
High school diploma	29.6	32.2	18.3	7.0	13.0
Some College	34.1	29.3	18.3	7.0	11.4
Bachelor's degree	36.1	39.3	10.4	6.6	7.7

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Graduate or professional degree	43.0	31.7	7.6	9.5	8.2
Born Again	31.8	36.4	14.2	9.6	8.0
Not Born Again	38.7	31.3	14.4	6.3	9.4
Don't know	25.0	25.0	9.1	13.6	27.3

**Participating in a peaceful march about a political issue?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Democrat	58.9	26.6	9.1	2.7	2.7
Republican	45.3	34.9	6.6	6.1	7.1
Other	56.6	27.3	15.2	3.0	0.0
Unaffiliated	57.8	35.4	1.4	1.4	4.1
Don't know	20.0	10.0	20.0	20.0	30.0
White	54.2	31.9	6.9	3.2	3.9
Black	56.6	23.5	10.3	4.4	5.2
Hispanic	43.2	27.0	8.1	10.8	10.8
Other	51.5	42.4	3.0	3.0	0.0
Refused to answer	50.0	38.5	0.0	0.0	11.5
Female	51.0	31.3	7.7	4.6	5.5
Male	56.8	31.0	6.6	2.6	3.0
Binary	90.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Refused to answer	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	48.0	25.3	10.7	5.3	10.7
24-39	54.9	28.2	8.9	3.8	4.2
40-55	50.6	31.8	6.5	5.3	5.9
56-74	56.7	33.6	5.5	1.8	2.3
75+	58.3	37.5	0.0	4.2	0.0
Urban	55.7	31.1	5.9	2.6	4.8
Rural	49.5	32.1	9.7	5.7	3.6
Suburban	58.3	30.3	5.1	1.7	4.6
Less than high school diploma	21.4	14.3	35.7	7.1	21.4
High school diploma	53.0	27.8	9.6	6.1	3.5
Some College	52.8	31.4	6.6	3.9	5.2
Bachelor's degree	55.7	2.2	5.5	2.2	4.4
Graduate or professional degree	56.3	31.7	5.7	3.2	3.2
Born Again	48.2	34.7	7.5	4.6	5.0
Not Born Again	58.4	28.4	6.5	3.1	3.6
Don't know	40.9	31.8	11.4	4.6	11.4

**Taking over a government building to make a political point?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Democrat	7.7	7.1	8.4	72.1	4.7
Republican	5.7	7.1	10.4	71.7	5.2
Other	3.0	6.1	27.3	63.6	0.0
Unaffiliated	1.4	8.4	7.5	79.6	6.1
Don't know	0.0	0.0	10.0	40.0	50.0
White	5.1	6.0	9.2	75.2	4.5
Black	4.4	8.8	11.8	67.7	7.4
Hispanic	8.1	10.8	8.1	62.2	10.8
Other	9.1	6.1	15.2	66.7	3.0
Refused to answer	7.7	0.0	3.9	76.9	11.5
Female	4.6	5.3	9.6	74.8	5.8
Male	7.0	8.5	10.0	69.7	4.8
Binary	0.0	10.0	10.0	70.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	9.3	10.7	20.0	49.3	10.7
24-39	7.0	9.4	11.3	63.9	8.5
40-55	8.2	7.7	8.2	71.2	4.7
56-74	0.5	1.8	6.5	88.9	2.3



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75+	4.2	4.2	4.2	87.5	0.0
Urban	5.1	7.0	11.4	70.7	5.9
Rural	7.1	6.1	9.7	74.0	3.1
Suburban	4.6	4.0	7.4	77.1	6.9
Less than high school diploma	7.1	0.0	14.3	71.4	7.1
High school diploma	4.4	10.4	11.3	69.6	4.4
Some College	5.7	3.5	10.5	73.8	6.6
Bachelor's degree	2.2	8.7	8.2	75.4	5.5
Graduate or professional degree	9.5	6.3	8.9	70.3	5.1
Born Again	6.7	8.8	8.4	71.1	5.0
Not Born Again	4.6	5.3	10.3	74.5	5.3
Don't know	6.8	6.8	11.4	63.6	11.4

**Assaulting political opponents?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Democrat	5.7	8.1	7.4	75.8	3.0
Republican	4.3	3.8	6.1	80.7	5.2
Other	0.0	6.1	12.1	81.8	0.0

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Unaffiliated	1.4	3.4	43.1	87.8	3.4
Don't know	0.0	0.0	20.0	60.0	20.0
White	2.8	4.1	5.8	83.9	3.4
Black	5.2	11.8	6.6	72.8	3.7
Hispanic	10.8	2.7	8.1	67.6	10.8
Other	6.1	9.1	18.2	66.7	0.0
Refused to answer	7.7	0.0	7.7	76.9	7.7
Female	3.1	4.6	5.8	82.0	4.6
Male	5.5	7.4	7.0	77.5	2.6
Binary	0.0	0.0	30.0	70.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	6.7	14.7	12.0	60.0	6.7
24-39	5.6	8.0	8.9	71.4	6.1
40-55	4.7	5.3	6.5	79.4	4.1
56-74	0.9	0.9	3.2	94.0	0.9
75+	4.2	0.0	4.2	91.7	0.0
Urban	5.1	4.8	7.0	79.9	3.3
Rural	4.1	7.1	6.6	79.1	3.1
Suburban	2.9	2.3	6.3	84.0	4.6

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Less than high school diploma	0.0	7.1	14.3	78.6	0.0
High school diploma	4.4	10.4	7.0	74.8	3.5
Some College	4.4	2.6	8.7	79.9	4.4
Bachelor's degree	2.7	5.5	3.8	83.1	4.9
Graduate or professional degree	5.1	6.3	6.3	79.8	2.5
Born Again	5.4	6.7	6.3	78.7	2.9
Not Born Again	2.9	4.1	7.2	81.7	4.1
Don't know	8.6	13.6	4.6	68.2	6.8

**Hurting or assassinating a political leader who is acting inappropriately?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Democrat	6.7	5.7	6.7	77.4	3.4
Republican	1.9	6.1	5.2	81.6	5.2
Other	0.0	6.1	9.1	84.9	0.0
Unaffiliated	1.4	2.0	4.1	88.4	4.1
Don't know	0.0	0.0	10.0	70.0	20.0
White	3.0	3.4	5.1	84.8	3.6
Black	5.2	8.1	8.1	74.3	4.4
Hispanic	5.4	13.5	2.7	67.6	10.8

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Other	6.1	9.1	9.1	75.8	0.0
Refused to answer	3.9	0.0	7.7	80.8	7.7
Female	2.9	3.9	5.1	83.9	4.3
Male	5.2	7.0	5.9	78.2	3.7
Binary	0.0	0.0	30.0	70.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	12.0	6.7	13.3	60.0	8.0
24-39	2.8	9.9	8.9	70.9	7.5
40-55	4.7	4.1	4.1	84.1	2.9
56-74	0.9	0.9	2.3	95.4	0.5
75+	4.2	0.0	0.0	91.7	4.2
Urban	3.3	6.6	7.3	78.4	4.4
Rural	5.6	5.1	4.1	82.7	2.6
Suburban	1.7	2.9	4.0	86.9	4.6
Less than high school diploma	0.0	14.3	7.1	71.4	7.1
High school diploma	7.0	4.4	7.8	78.3	2.6
Some College	3.9	1.8	7.0	83.0	4.4
Bachelor's degree	1.6	6.0	4.4	83.1	4.9

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Graduate or professional degree	3.8	8.2	4.4	79.8	3.8
Born Again	5.4	6.3	5.0	79.9	3.4
Not Born Again	2.4	3.9	6.3	83.2	4.3
Don't know	6.8	9.1	6.8	70.5	6.8

**Damaging a political building through fire or a bomb?**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Democrat	4.7	7.1	7.4	77.8	3.0
Republican	2.4	5.7	4.3	84.4	3.3
Other	0.0	6.1	12.1	81.8	0.0
Unaffiliated	0.7	2.7	3.4	89.1	4.1
Don't know	0.0	10.0	0.0	70.0	20.0
White	2.1	4.7	4.3	86.3	2.6
Black	3.7	7.4	10.3	75.0	3.7
Hispanic	8.1	8.1	8.1	64.9	10.8
Other	3.0	12.1	9.1	75.8	0.0
Refused to answer	3.9	3.9	0.0	80.8	11.5
Female	1.7	4.8	5.3	84.6	3.6
Male	4.8	7.4	5.5	80.1	2.2
Binary	0.0	0.0	20.0	60.0	20.0

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Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	5.3	8.0	18.7	60.0	8.0
24-39	3.8	10.8	7.5	72.3	5.6
40-55	3.5	8.9	2.4	85.3	2.9
56-74	0.5	0.5	2.8	95.9	0.5
75+	7.2	0.0	0.0	95.8	0.0
Urban	2.6	7.0	6.2	81.3	2.9
Rural	3.1	4.6	7.7	82.7	2.0
Suburban	1.7	3.4	2.3	88.0	4.6
Less than high school diploma	0.0	0.0	14.3	85.7	0.0
High school diploma	3.5	7.8	6.1	80.0	2.6
Some College	2.6	2.2	9.2	81.2	4.8
Bachelor's degree	1.1	7.1	3.3	85.3	3.3
Graduate or professional degree	5.1	5.2	2.5	81.7	2.5
Born Again	4.2	7.5	8.0	79.9	3.4
Not Born Again	2.2	4.1	5.5	85.1	3.1
Don't know	2.3	11.4	11.4	68.2	6.8

Effect on Voting

If you were going to your polling place to vote in an election, how likely would it be that you completed the voting process if:

**There were peaceful protests outside the polling place?**

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Democrat	57.2	23.9	8.1	4.7	6.1
Republican	57.6	18.9	8.5	8.0	7.1
Other	63.6	9.1	9.1	6.1	12.1
Unaffiliated	61.2	19.7	8.2	6.8	4.1
Don't know	40.0	10.0	10.0	20.0	20.0
White	61.2	19.1	8.4	5.8	5.6
Black	55.9	22.1	6.6	6.6	8.8
Hispanic	35.1	29.7	13.5	13.5	8.1
Other	45.5	36.4	6.1	12.1	0.0
Refused to answer	65.4	7.7	11.5	0.0	15.4
Female	53.4	22.8	8.7	7.7	7.5
Male	65.3	17.3	8.1	4.4	4.8
Binary	70.0	20.0	0.0	10.0	0.0
Refused to answer	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	46.7	24.0	9.3	12.0	8.0
24-39	49.3	26.3	8.9	5.6	9.9
40-55	59.4	18.8	7.7	8.2	5.9

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56-74	69.6	48.7	7.4	4.2	3.2
75+	62.5	16.7	12.5	4.2	4.2
Urban	56.0	22.3	9.9	5.9	5.9
Rural	56.1	21.4	8.2	7.1	7.1
Suburban	66.3	17.1	5.7	5.7	5.1
Less than high school diploma	50.0	14.3	14.3	7.1	14.3
High school diploma	41.7	32.2	8.7	9.6	7.8
Some College	57.6	19.7	7.4	6.6	8.7
Bachelor's degree	61.8	21.3	7.7	5.5	3.8
Graduate or professional degree	67.7	13.3	9.5	8.1	4.4
Born Again	54.0	22.6	8.4	8.4	6.7
Not Born Again	61.8	18.5	8.9	5.5	5.3
Don't know	47.7	29.6	2.3	4.6	15.9

**There were poll observers from one or more political parties?**

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Democrat	53.5	28.3	8.1	4.0	6.1
Republican	59.4	21.7	5.7	5.2	8.0



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Other	54.6	18.2	6.1	9.1	12.1
Unaffiliated	59.9	21.8	6.8	3.4	8.2
Don't know	30.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	30.0
White	61.9	21.8	6.4	3.0	6.9
Black	43.4	29.4	9.6	7.4	10.3
Hispanic	37.8	29.7	8.1	16.2	8.1
Other	48.5	36.4	6.1	6.1	3.0
Refused to answer	61.5	19.2	3.9	0.0	15.4
Female	50.5	26.4	8.7	5.8	8.7
Male	64.9	21.4	4.8	3.0	5.9
Binary	70.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Refused to answer	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	24.0	41.3	13.3	9.3	12.0
24-39	44.6	27.2	10.3	5.2	12.7
40-55	55.3	25.3	5.9	5.9	7.7
56-74	77.4	15.7	2.8	1.8	2.3
75+	79.2	16.7	4.2	0.0	0.0
Urban	57.1	25.3	7.3	3.3	7.0
Rural	51.0	25.0	10.2	5.1	8.7
Suburban	66.9	19.4	2.9	4.0	6.9

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Less than high school diploma	28.6	14.3	28.6	14.3	14.3
High school diploma	38.3	36.5	9.6	6.1	9.6
Some College	55.0	24.0	2.7	5.2	10.0
Bachelor's degree	65.0	19.1	6.0	3.8	6.0
Graduate or professional degree	63.9	22.8	6.3	2.5	4.4
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Born Again	56.1	23.4	6.3	7.5	6.7
Not Born Again	59.6	22.8	7.0	3.1	7.5
Don't know	27.3	43.2	11.4	2.3	15.9

**There were poll observers from one or more political parties who carried firearms?**

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Democrat	21.6	19.2	18.2	34.7	6.4
Republican	40.1	17.9	12.7	16.0	13.2
Other	24.2	18.2	18.2	30.3	9.1
Unaffiliated	29.9	16.3	15.7	27.9	10.2
Don't know	10.0	10.0	20.0	30.0	30.0
White	31.9	18.4	17.1	23.6	9.0
Black	25.7	16.9	12.5	35.3	9.6
Hispanic	13.5	18.9	18.9	32.4	16.2

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Other	21.2	24.2	21.2	30.3	3.0
Refused to answer	23.1	7.7	3.9	42.3	23.1
Female	22.4	14.9	16.8	34.4	11.5
Male	29.5	22.9	14.0	16.6	7.0
Binary	20.0	20.0	30.0	30.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	13.3	18.7	21.3	33.3	13.3
24-39	21.6	23.0	13.6	31.0	10.8
40-55	28.8	17.1	19.4	22.4	12.4
56-74	38.7	14.3	14.8	26.7	5.5
75+	54.2	12.5	8.3	16.7	8.3
Urban	24.2	20.9	18.0	28.6	8.4
Rural	32.1	20.9	12.8	23.0	11.2
Suburban	34.9	11.4	16.6	27.4	9.7
Less than high school diploma	21.4	7.1	28.6	21.4	21.4
High school diploma	23.5	20.9	16.5	24.4	14.8
Some College	29.3	14.9	14.9	31.9	9.2
Bachelor's degree	30.6	16.9	15.9	27.9	8.7

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Graduate or professional degree	31.0	22.8	16.5	22.8	7.0
Born Again	32.2	16.7	15.1	25.5	10.5
Not Born Again	29.3	17.6	16.1	27.9	9.1
Don't know	6.8	29.6	20.5	31.8	11.4

**There was violence between persons from competing political parties, but they did not attack citizens attempting to vote?**

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
Democrat	10.8	14.8	12.1	54.9	7.4
Republican	15.6	14.6	15.1	44.3	10.4
Other	9.1	9.1	15.2	63.6	3.0
Unaffiliated	7.5	11.6	15.7	53.7	11.6
Don't know	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
White	10.9	12.9	15.0	52.5	8.8
Black	11.0	18.4	11.8	48.5	10.3
Hispanic	10.8	13.5	13.5	46.0	16.2
Other	12.1	12.1	9.1	57.6	9.1
Refused to answer	19.2	3.9	7.7	57.7	11.5
Female	7.7	10.1	12.0	61.3	8.9
Male	17.0	18.5	15.5	38.4	10.7

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Binary	10.0	30.0	40.0	20.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	8.0	17.3	12.0	48.0	14.7
24-39	7.5	15.5	16.4	49.8	10.8
40-55	13.5	11.8	9.4	46.5	8.8
56-74	12.9	11.1	16.1	51.6	8.3
75+	25.0	20.8	4.2	50.0	0.0
Urban	9.5	13.9	16.5	51.7	8.4
Rural	13.8	14.8	9.2	52.0	10.2
Suburban	12.6	12.0	13.1	53.1	9.1
Less than high school diploma	7.1	14.3	0.0	42.9	35.7
High school diploma	8.7	15.7	8.7	57.4	8.6
Some College	1.4	12.7	11.4	46.3	8.3
Bachelor's degree	10.4	14.2	19.1	45.4	10.9
Graduate or professional degree	14.6	12.7	15.8	49.4	7.6
Born Again	15.1	15.1	11.7	49.4	8.8
Not Born Again	9.6	11.5	15.9	53.9	9.1

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Don't know	6.8	25.0	4.6	45.5	18.2
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**In the last year, there has been an increase in political violence in the country. In your opinion, what is the primary cause of this increased violence?**

	Left-wing extremism	Right-wing extremism	Both left-wing and right-wing extremism	Don't know
Democrat	7.1	46.5	31.7	14.8
Republican	36.8	10.4	37.7	15.1
Other	9.1	21.2	48.5	21.2
Unaffiliated	12.2	24.5	53.1	10.2
Don't know	0.0	10.0	40.0	50.0
White	21.0	27.0	40.3	11.8
Black	5.9	38.2	33.8	22.1
Hispanic	16.2	32.4	35.1	16.2
Other	9.1	24.2	45.5	21.2
Refused to answer	19.2	23.1	38.5	19.2
Female	13.9	26.9	42.6	16.6
Male	22.9	31.0	34.3	11.8
Binary	0.0	70.0	20.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	10.7	34.7	37.3	17.3
24-39	10.8	29.6	43.2	16.4

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40-55	17.1	24.7	38.2	20.0
56-74	21.7	30.0	38.7	9.7
75+	54.2	33.3	12.5	0.0
Urban	14.3	36.6	35.5	13.6
Rural	21.9	20.4	43.9	13.8
Suburban	16.6	29.1	39.4	14.9
Less than high school diploma	0.0	14.3	57.1	28.6
High school diploma	20.9	26.1	36.5	16.5
Some College	18.3	22.3	38.0	21.4
Bachelor's degree	17.5	36.6	38.3	7.7
Graduate or professional degree	13.9	34.2	41.1	10.8
Born Again	21.8	19.7	43.1	15.5
Not Born Again	15.6	35.6	37.3	11.5
Don't know	6.8	20.5	31.8	40.9

### Authoritarianism

For the following, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

**The “old-fashioned ways” and the “old-fashioned values” still show the best way to live.**

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	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	20.2	24.6	22.2	25.3	7.7
Republican	42	36.3	9.9	3.3	8.5
Other	18.2	39.4	21.2	21.2	0
Unaffiliated	19.7	32	24.5	15	8.8
Don't know	20	20	30	0	30
White	28.3	31.9	19.5	14.1	6.2
Black	22.8	26.5	19.9	20.6	10.3
Hispanic	18.9	21.6	21.6	18.9	18.9
Other	33.3	27.3	9.1	18.2	12.1
Refused to answer	19.2	38.5	15.4	15.4	11.5
Female	25.2	28.4	21.6	15.4	9.4
Male	29.9	34.3	15.1	14.4	6.3
Binary	0	10	20	70	0
Refused to answer	0	0	0	50	50
18-23	20	17.3	26.7	22.7	13.3
24-39	20.2	31.5	16.4	21.6	10.3
40-55	28.2	27.7	20	14.7	9.4
56-74	30.8	35.9	18.9	10.1	4.2
75+	54.2	29.2	12.5	4.2	0



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Urban	18.7	31.5	19.8	20.5	9.5
Rural	35.7	29.6	16.3	11.7	6.6
Suburban	28	30.3	21.1	13.1	7.4
Less than high school diploma	21.4	50	14.3	0	14.3
High school diploma	40.9	20	18.3	0	14.3
Some College	28	30.1	16.6	16.6	8.7
Bachelor's degree	17.5	36.1	23.5	16.9	6
Graduate or professional degree	25.3	29.8	18.4	16.7	10.1
Born Again	41	30.1	14.6	6.7	7.5
Not Born Again	18.5	31.7	20.7	21.1	7.9
Don't know	25	18.2	27.3	15.9	13.6

**What our country really needs is a strong, determined leader who will crush evil, and take us back to our true path.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	32.7	29.3	12.5	17.9	7.7
Republican	46.7	34.0	9.4	2.8	7.1
Other	33.3	15.2	21.2	18.2	12.1
Unaffiliated	24.5	27.9	21.1	11.6	15.0

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Don't know	0.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	60.0
White	34.5	30.0	14.6	12.0	9.0
Black	36.0	30.9	9.6	12.5	11.0
Hispanic	29.7	32.4	18.9	8.1	10.8
Other	36.4	30.3	12.1	9.1	12.1
Refused to answer	38.5	11.5	15.4	15.4	19.2
Female	35.8	29.6	12.5	10.6	11.5
Male	34.3	30.3	15.9	12.6	7.0
Binary	10.0	20.0	10.0	40.0	20.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	18.7	45.3	12.0	12.0	12.0
24-39	31.0	30.1	17.4	10.8	10.8
40-55	39.4	28.8	9.4	10.0	12.4
56-74	37.8	25.8	14.8	14.3	7.4
75+	58.3	16.7	8.3	12.5	4.2
Urban	28.6	30.4	13.2	16.5	11.4
Rural	40.3	33.2	9.7	7.7	9.2
Suburban	37.7	26.9	18.3	9.7	7.4

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Less than high school diploma	50.0	21.4	14.3	0.0	14.3
High school diploma	46.1	29.6	7.8	8.7	7.8
Some College	35.8	30.1	12.7	10.5	10.9
Bachelor's degree	26.8	35.0	14.2	11.5	12.6
Graduate or professional degree	32.9	23.4	19.0	17.7	7.0
Born Again	48.1	29.7	9.2	3.4	9.6
Not Born Again	28.4	29.3	15.6	17.6	9.1
Don't know	22.7	31.8	20.5	4.6	20.5

**There is no "one right way" to live; everybody has to create their own way.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	38.7	42.1	8.1	8.4	2.7
Republican	27.8	40.6	10.9	14.2	6.6
Other	30.3	36.4	12.1	21.2	0.0
Unaffiliated	35.4	38.1	14.3	8.2	4.1
Don't know	10.0	20.0	30.0	0.0	40.0
White	34.1	42.2	9.9	9.7	4.3
Black	33.1	37.5	10.3	13.2	5.9
Hispanic	27.0	40.5	16.2	13.5	2.7

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Other	48.5	39.4	6.1	6.1	0.0
Refused to answer	26.9	19.2	26.9	15.4	11.5
Female	34.1	37.5	12.3	10.3	5.8
Male	33.2	44.7	8.5	11.1	2.6
Binary	50.0	30.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
Refused to answer	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	38.7	33.3	13.3	8.0	6.7
24-39	34.7	42.7	8.9	8.0	5.6
40-55	38.8	35.9	10.0	10.0	5.3
56-74	27.7	44.2	12.4	13.4	2.3
75+	33.3	33.3	8.3	20.8	4.2
Urban	34.1	42.1	10.6	9.2	4.0
Rural	32.1	39.3	11.7	10.7	6.1
Suburban	36.0	41.1	9.1	10.9	2.9
Less than high school diploma	35.7	21.4	21.4	21.4	0.0
High school diploma	37.4	39.1	7.0	9.6	7.0
Some College	32.3	38.9	12.7	11.8	4.4
Bachelor's degree	30.6	44.8	9.3	10.9	4.4

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Graduate or professional degree	37.3	39.2	11.4	8.2	3.8
Born Again	25.5	36.8	14.2	17.6	5.9
Not Born Again	38.2	42.6	8.7	7.0	3.6
Don't know	38.6	36.4	11.4	6.8	6.8

**Our country will be great if we honor the ways of our forefathers, do what the authorities tell us to do, and get rid of the “rotten apples” who are ruining everything.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	17.5	28.0	19.2	26.6	8.8
Republican	36.8	29.7	16.5	5.2	11.8
Other	12.1	36.4	21.2	21.2	9.1
Unaffiliated	15.0	29.3	25.2	16.3	14.3
Don't know	0.0	10.0	10.0	40.0	40.0
White	23.6	29.1	20.8	16.3	10.3
Black	18.4	27.9	16.2	24.3	13.2
Hispanic	27.0	32.4	18.9	13.5	8.1
Other	18.2	39.4	21.2	15.2	6.1
Refused to answer	19.2	11.5	15.4	23.1	30.8
Female	21.6	28.6	18.8	18.5	12.5
Male	24.4	29.9	21.4	15.1	9.2

MEREDITH POLL: MARCH 2021

Binary	0.0	20.0	10.0	60.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	12.00	26.7	21.3	24.0	16.0
24-39	18.3	28.6	19.7	19.7	13.6
40-55	27.1	28.2	16.5	16.5	11.8
56-74	23.0	31.3	21.7	15.7	8.3
75+	50.0	20.8	16.7	12.5	0.0
Urban	16.1	32.6	18.7	22.0	10.6
Rural	26.0	29.1	20.4	13.8	10.7
Suburban	25.1	27.4	21.1	14.9	11.4
Less than high school diploma	35.7	42.9	7.1	14.3	0.0
High school diploma	33.9	27.8	15.7	11.3	11.3
Some College	21.4	29.7	17.5	19.2	12.2
Bachelor's degree	16.9	31.2	20.8	19.7	11.5
Graduate or professional degree	20.3	24.7	25.3	19.0	10.8
Born Again	31.8	31.8	18.4	8.4	9.6
Not Born Again	17.3	28.1	19.2	23.6	11.8

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Don't know	18.2	20.5	29.6	15.9	15.9
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**This country would work a lot better if certain groups of troublemakers would just shut up and accept their group's traditional place in society.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	19.5	19.9	17.2	35.0	8.4
Republican	23.1	26.9	25.9	9.9	14.2
Other	12.1	15.2	36.4	24.2	12.1
Unaffiliated	8.8	18.4	29.3	27.2	16.3
Don't know	10.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	50.0
White	15.9	22.5	26.3	22.9	12.4
Black	21.3	16.9	16.9	31.6	13.2
Hispanic	18.9	24.3	16.2	29.7	10.8
Other	30.3	27.3	21.2	15.2	6.1
Refused to answer	19.2	7.7	15.4	34.6	23.1
Female	18.0	18.3	25.0	23.8	14.9
Male	18.5	26.6	21.4	24.7	8.9
Binary	0.0	0.0	10.0	80.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0
18-23	18.7	12.0	21.3	30.7	17.3
24-39	17.4	25.4	17.4	25.8	14.1
40-55	21.2	20.0	22.4	24.1	12.4

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56-74	15.2	20.7	30.9	23.0	10.1
75+	20.8	25.0	20.8	25.0	8.3
Urban	14.3	21.3	23.4	30.4	10.6
Rural	18.4	23.5	23.0	18.4	16.8
Suburban	20.6	20.6	24.6	24.0	10.3
Less than high school diploma	35.7	21.4	14.3	0.0	28.6
High school diploma	27.0	26.1	25.2	13.0	8.7
Some College	17.0	21.4	20.5	24.0	17.0
Bachelor's degree	13.7	21.9	27.3	27.9	9.3
Graduate or professional degree	15.8	16.5	22.2	34.2	11.4
Born Again	20.9	23.0	25.1	18.4	12.6
Not Born Again	15.6	20.2	22.6	29.3	12.3
Don't know	22.7	20.5	20.5	20.5	15.9

**Our country needs free thinkers who have the courage to defy traditional ways, even if this upsets many people.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	36.4	37.0	11.8	7.1	7.7



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Republican	15.6	35.4	26.4	12.3	10.4
Other	30.3	30.3	12.1	15.2	12.1
Unaffiliated	18.4	42.9	20.4	6.8	11.6
Don't know	20.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	40.0
White	24.2	39.8	18.6	9.2	8.1
Black	26.5	33.1	18.4	9.6	12.5
Hispanic	32.4	35.1	13.5	10.8	8.1
Other	42.4	27.3	15.2	3.0	12.1
Refused to answer	19.2	26.9	15.4	7.7	30.8
Female	25.0	36.5	17.1	9.4	12.0
Male	25.5	38.8	20.3	8.9	6.6
Binary	70.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Refused to answer	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	32.0	32.0	20.0	5.3	10.7
24-39	30.1	37.6	15.0	7.0	10.3
40-55	25.9	35.3	15.3	12.9	10.6
56-74	18.0	42.9	20.3	8.8	10.1
75+	37.5	12.5	37.5	12.5	0.0
Urban	27.8	42.1	12.1	7.3	10.6
Rural	24.0	32.7	21.9	11.7	9.7
Suburban	25.7	38.9	20.0	6.9	8.6

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Less than high school diploma	42.9	21.4	21.4	7.1	7.1
High school diploma	21.7	33.9	25.2	9.6	9.6
Some College	26.2	33.2	19.7	10.5	10.5
Bachelor's degree	20.8	43.7	14.2	9.3	12.0
Graduate or professional degree	32.3	39.2	14.6	6.3	7.6
Born Again	18.0	38.5	19.7	12.6	11.3
Not Born Again	30.3	36.8	16.8	7.0	9.1
Don't know	25.0	34.1	20.5	9.1	11.4

**Once our government leaders and the authorities condemn the dangerous elements in our society, it will be the duty of every patriotic citizen to help stomp out the rot that is poisoning our country from within.**

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Democrat	22.2	24.9	16.8	21.9	14.1
Republican	21.7	33.5	17.5	11.8	15.6
Other	15.2	30.3	18.2	15.2	21.2
Unaffiliated	11.6	23.8	28.6	18.4	17.7
Don't know	0.0	20.0	20.0	10.0	50.0
White	17.1	26.8	22.1	18.8	15.2

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Black	25.0	27.2	14.0	14.7	19.1
Hispanic	16.2	37.8	21.6	10.8	13.5
Other	27.3	33.3	15.2	18.2	6.1
Refused to answer	19.2	19.2	7.7	19.2	34.6
Female	16.4	26.9	17.3	19.2	20.2
Male	23.6	29.5	22.9	14.8	9.2
Binary	20.0	0.0	20.0	30.0	30.0
Refused to answer	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
18-23	18.7	24.0	20.0	16.0	21.3
24-39	19.3	28.6	16.9	16.0	19.3
40-55	18.8	28.8	21.2	16.5	14.7
56-74	18.4	27.2	20.3	20.3	13.8
75+	29.2	20.8	25.0	20.8	4.2
Urban	16.1	33.0	17.6	18.0	15.4
Rural	20.4	24.5	20.9	14.3	19.9
Suburban	20.6	26.9	21.7	20.0	10.9
Less than high school diploma	35.7	21.4	7.1	14.3	21.4
High school diploma	20.9	27.0	18.3	13.9	20.0

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Some College	19.7	26.6	16.6	17.0	20.1
Bachelor's degree	14.8	30.6	23.0	20.2	11.5
Graduate or professional degree	20.9	26.0	22.2	18.4	12.7
Born Again	21.8	30.5	20.1	11.7	15.9
Not Born Again	18.8	25.0	19.5	20.7	16.1
Don't know	9.1	34.1	18.2	20.5	18.2

Political Leaders

Biden Approval

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

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Refused/ No answer
Democrat	60.6	31.3	5.7	.7	1.7	
Republican	3.3	16	16.5	59	5.2	
Other	21.2	24.2	27.3	21.2	6.1	
Unaffiliated	22.5	33.3	14.3	23.1	6.8	
Don't know	20	10	0	0	70	
White	26.7	24	12.9	32.3	4.1	
Black	52.9	29.4	8.1	2.9	6.6	

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Hispanic	18.9	48.7	10.8	13.5	8.1	
Other	48.5	27.3	12.1	9.1	3	
Refused to answer	34.6	23.1	11.5	19.2	11.5	
Female	33.4	25.2	12.7	23.3	5.3	
Male	32.8	28.4	8.5	26.2	4.1	
Binary	10	30	50	0	10	
Refused to answer	0	0	50	0	50	
18-23	25.3	37.3	18.7	9.3	9.3	
24-39	26.3	32.9	15	18.8	7	
40-55	34.7	21.2	14.7	23.5	5.9	
56-74	40.5	22.6	5.1	30.4	1.4	
75+	29.2	8.3	0	62.5	0	
Urban	31.4	29.4	13.7	17.7	7.8	
Rural	35.9	30.7	11	16.1	6.2	
Suburban	27.6	23.5	14.3	31.1	3.6	
Less than high school diploma	35.7	21.4	7.1	14.3	21.4	
High school diploma	27.8	21.7	19.1	27	4.4	
Some College	32.3	23.1	10.5	27.1	7	

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Bachelor's degree	29.5	34.4	8.2	25.1	2.7	
Graduate or professional degree	40.5	26	12.7	17.1	3.8	
Born Again	26.8	26.3	9.6	31.4	5.9	
Not Born Again	36.3	26.2	12.3	21.4	3.9	
Don't know	31.8	29.6	18.2	9.1	11.4	

Cooper Approval

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	Refused/ No answer
Democrat	45.1	36.7	8.4	3.7	6.1	
Republican	7.1	17.5	27.8	42.9	4.7	
Other	15.2	39.4	21.2	12.1	12.1	
Unaffiliated	21.7	36.1	20.4	16.3	5.4	
Don't know	20	0	0	0	80	
White	22.9	28.5	19.3	23.8	5.6	
Black	39	36	12.5	3.7	8.8	
Hispanic	21.6	40.5	13.5	16.2	8.1	
Other	39.4	27.2	12.1	15.2	9.1	

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Refused to answer	26.9	26.9	19.2	11.5	15.4	
Female	27.9	27.2	18.3	17.8	8.9	
Male	25.8	35.1	15.5	20.3	3.3	
Binary	20	40	20	10	10	
Refused to answer	0	0	50	0	50	
18-23	16	36	16	10.7	21.3	
24-39	16.4	38	20.7	16	8.9	
40-55	31.8	26.5	15.3	22.4	4.1	
56-74	36.4	25.4	15.7	20.3	2.3	
75+	33.3	16.7	20.8	25	4.2	
Urban	29.9	35.5	14.3	13.6	7.7	
Rural	25	27	21.9	20.4	5.6	
Suburban	25.7	27.4	18.3	25.7	2.9	
Less than high school diploma	35.7	14.3	14.3	21.4	14.3	
High school diploma	21.7	28.7	20	21.7	7.8	
Some College	23.6	28.4	20.5	19.2	8.3	
Bachelor's degree	25.7	33.3	15.9	19.1	6	

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Graduate or professional degree	36.1	32.3	12.7	14.6	4.4	
Born Again	25.9	26.4	16.3	26.4	5	
Not Born Again	27.4	33.2	17.8	15.4	6.3	
Don't know	27.3	25	18.2	6.8	22.7	

Democratic Senate Primary 2022

**Which Democratic candidate for the US Senate seat in North Carolina would you most likely vote for?**

	Cheri Beasley	Jeff Jackson	Erica Smith	Richard Watkins	Someone else	Don't know
Democrat	13.3	11.4	11.4	3.3	2.2	58.3
Republican						
Other						
Unaffiliated	6.1	18.2	6.1	3	9.1	57.6
Don't know						
White	11.8	18	11.8	3.7	3.1	51.6
Black	15.5	5.8	5.8	2.9	3.9	66
Hispanic	5.3	21.1	21.1	5.3	0	47.4
Other	12.5	0	6.3	0	6.3	75
Refused to answer	7.7	7.7	23.1	7.7	0	53.9



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Female	10.8	11.8	11.3	1.1	2.2	62.9
Male	16.2	12.8	9.4	7.7	5.1	48.7
Binary	0	37.5	12.5	0	0	4
Refused to answer	0	0	0	0	0	100
18-23	8.9	15.6	17.8	2.2	8.9	46.7
24-39	11.8	15.1	14	9.7	2.2	47.3
40-55	20.6	14.7	10.3	1.5	4.4	48.5
56-74	9.9	7.9	5	0	1	76.2
75+	0	20	0	0	0	80
Urban	12.2	14.2	9.5	3.4	2	58.8
Rural	10.8	6.7	16.2	6.8	4.1	55.4
Suburban	10.2	13.2	8.8	0	2.9	64.7
Less than high school diploma	16.7	0	16.7	16.7	0	50
High school diploma	13.7	9.8	9.8	3.9	5.9	56.9
Some College	10.2	11.2	11.2	3.1	3.1	61.2
Bachelor's degree	11.8	13.2	13.2	2.6	1.3	57.9
Graduate or	14.8	17.3	7.4	3.7	3.7	53.1

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Born Again	19.5	9.8	7.3	6.1	4.9	52.4
Not Born Again	10.6	15	11.6	1.9	1.9	59.9
Don't know	4.4	4.4	13	8.7	8.7	60.9

Republican Senate Primary 2022

**Which Republican candidate for the US Senate seat in North Carolina would you most likely vote for?**

	Ted Budd	Pat McCrory	Lara Trump	Mark Walker	Someone else	Don't know
Democrat						
Republican	5.65	17	28.3	6.8	5.1	37.3
Other						
Unaffiliated	6.3	15.6	21.9	3.1	0	53.1
Don't know						
White	6.2	18.6	26.8	5.2	3.1	40.2
Black	14.3	0	14.3	28.6	14.3	28.6
Hispanic	0	0	36.4	18.2	9.1	36.4
Other						
Refused to answer						
Female	4.1	14.1	28.1	7.4	5	41.3

MEREDITH POLL: MARCH 2021

Male	7.5	20.2	26.6	6.4	3.2	36.2
Binary						
Refused to answer						
18-23	15.4	23.1	38.5	0	0	23.1
24-39	3.2	19.1	30.2	11.1	6.4	30.2
40-55	6.8	17	22	3.4	6.8	44.1
56-74	2.9	13	26.1	8.7	0	49.3
75+	23.1	15.4	30.8	0	7.7	23.1
Urban	6.6	19.7	29.5	8.2	3.3	32.8
Rural	4.1	18.9	29.7	9.5	1.4	36.5
Suburban	4.6	13.9	23.1	3.1	7.7	47.7
Less than high school diploma	0	25	0	0	0	75
High school diploma	7.7	18	28.2	5.1	5.1	35.9
Some College	9.7	18.1	30.6	2.8	4.2	34.7
Bachelor's degree	3.7	13	29.6	5.6	3.7	44.4
Graduate or professional degree	2.1	16.7	20.8	16.7	4.2	39.6

## MEREDITH POLL: MARCH 2021

Born Again	10	18	22	10	2	38
Not Born Again	2.3	16.7	31.5	3.7	5.6	39.8
Don't know	0	0	33.3	11.1	11.1	44.4

### Methodological Information

Mode: Online

Population: N.C. Registered Voters 18+

Dates in the field: March 12-15, 2021

Sample Size: 699

Credibility Interval: +/- 3.5%

Weighting Variables (NC): Gender, Education, and Political Party

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

Online interviews were included in the final dataset if respondents spent a minimum length of time on the interview and particular sections, and if a respondent progressed through the entire survey. Respondents were recruited to the survey with a generic description about the fall elections.

*Credibility Interval*

Unlike a traditional random digit-dial telephone survey, online surveys do not have traditional margin of errors. Nonprobability quota samples like these do not adhere to assumptions of random selection. To account for uncertainty inherent in any sample-based research design, we provide a credibility interval. More information about this technique can be found [here](#). The credibility interval was calculated by inflating traditional confidence intervals by a design effect calculated using the squared sum of weights. For this North Carolina sample, this means:  $(1.05 * 2.4 = 3.5)$ . 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 Stata 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.

All of the demographic information was obtained through self-report--respondents answered closed ended questions

	Census
<b>Age</b>	
18-24	7.2%
25-39	15.2%
40-55	15%
56-74	23%
75+	6.7%
<b>Gender</b>	
Female	52%
Male	48%
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>	
White	67%
Black	21%
Other	12%

<b>Educational Attainment)</b>	
<Bachelor's	70%
Bachelors or more	30%
<b>Location (County of Residence*)</b>	
Rural	39%
Suburban	25%
Urban	36%
<b>(Party Affiliation)</b>	
Democrat	35.8%
Republican	30.1%
Unaffiliated	33.4%
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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