High Point University Poll
Current Issues in the State of North Carolina
March 2010
METHODOLOGY

- 578 adults (age 18 and older) in North Carolina
- Weighted to reflect Census estimates of the age, race, and gender of North Carolina’s population
- Margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.1 percent
North Carolinians Are Divided on Approval of President Obama

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

- **Approve**: 48%
- **Disapprove**: 44%
- **(Don't know/refuse)**: 8%
MAJORITY IN NC DISAPPROVES OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S HANDLING OF HEALTH CARE

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care?

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Slim majority in NC approves of President Obama’s handling of the threat of terrorism

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of terrorism?

- Approve: 50%
- Disapprove: 39%
- (Don't know/refused): 11%
MAJORITY IN NC DISAPPROVES OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
Plurality in NC approves of President Obama’s handling of the situation in Afghanistan

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Afghanistan?

- Approve: 45%
- Disapprove: 38%
- (Don't know/refuse): 17%
MAJORITY IN NC APPROVES OF PRESIDENT OBAMA’S HANDLING OF EDUCATION

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling education?
OBAMA APPROVAL VARIES ACROSS ISSUES

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Plurality in NC says economic conditions in country are getting worse

Right now, do you think the economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting better: 38%
- Getting worse: 47%
- (Neither better nor worse): 13%
- (Don't know/refuse): 2%
Majority in NC says economic conditions in NC are getting worse

Right now, do you think the economic conditions in North Carolina are getting better or getting worse?

- Getting better: 28%
- Getting worse: 56%
- Neither better nor worse: 12%
- Don't know/refuse: 4%
Plurality in NC says jobs lost in their communities will not come back

In your own community, just from what you've seen or heard, do you think jobs that your community has lost in this recession will come back or will never come back?
Over the past year, the government has taken a series of measures that were intended to help improve economic conditions. Do you think the government has done about the right amount, has done too much, or has not done enough?
As you may know, the U.S. Congress is currently considering bills that would make major changes in the country’s health care system. Based on what you have read or heard about those bills, do you generally support or oppose them?
Plurality in NC is not too worried about being victims of terrorism

Now, thinking a moment about terrorism, how worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of terrorism?
MAJORITY IN NC SAYS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS DOING FAIRLY WELL IN REDUCING THE THREAT OF TERRORISM

In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?

- Very well: 12%
- Fairly well: 53%
- Not too well: 21%
- Not at all well: 12%
- (Don't know/refuse): 3%
A plurality in NC says further acts of terrorism in U.S. government are very likely.

How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several years?

- Very likely: 47%
- Somewhat likely: 35%
- Not too likely: 10%
- Not at all likely: 4%
- (Don't know/refuse): 5%
Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves, in North Carolina, were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools here: A, B, C, D, or Fail?
A plurality in NC gives U.S. public schools a “C” for their performance.

How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally?
Individual states currently develop and implement their own public school standards for teaching and learning. Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government creating a national set of standards for all public schools?
A near majority in NC says public schools in NC do an “average” job of providing a safe and orderly learning environment.

Thinking about North Carolina Public Schools overall, how would you rate their effectiveness in providing a safe and orderly learning environment for all students?
A MAJORITY IN NC REJECTS PAYING TEACHERS BASED ON THEIR STUDENTS’ STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

Do you believe teachers in North Carolina should be paid based on how well their students perform on standardized tests?

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