HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL

Congressional Elections and Current Issues
in the State of North Carolina
October 2010
METHODOLOGY

- 351 adults (age 18 and older) in North Carolina
- The survey was conducted October 9 - 14
- The sample is weighted to Census estimates of demographics of North Carolina’s population
- Estimated margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.3 percent
LARGE MAJORITY SAYS COUNTRY IS ON THE WRONG TRACK

Is the country headed in the right direction or is it seriously on the wrong track?

- Right Direction: 20
- Wrong Track: 71
- (Don't know/refuse): 9
MAJORITY OF NORTH CAROLINIANS DISAPPROVE OF HOW PRESIDENT OBAMA IS HANDLING HIS JOB

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
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?
Plurality in NC now disapproves 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: 42%
- Disapprove: 46%
- (Don't know/refused): 12%
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?
MAJORITY IN NC NOW DISAPPROVES 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?
Plurality in NC still approves of President Obama’s handling of education

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

- Approve: 48%
- Disapprove: 36%
- (Don't know/refuse): 16%
Obama approval varies across issues
Plurality in NC disapprove of Governor Perdue

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bev Perdue is handling her job as governor?
A Plurality in NC approve of how Senator Burr is handling his job

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Richard Burr is handling his job as U.S. Senator?
A plurality in NC disapprove of how Senator Hagan is handling her job.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kay Hagan is handling her job as U.S. Senator?

- Approve: 29
- Disapprove: 38
- (Don't know/refuse): 33
Plurality in NC choose Republican Party candidates for U.S. House of Representatives

If the elections for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, which party’s candidate would you vote for in your congressional district: the Democratic Party’s candidate or the Republican Party’s candidate?
Majority 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: 29%
- Getting worse: 56%
- Neither better nor worse: 14%
- 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: 25%
- Getting worse: 58%
- Neither better nor worse: 15%
- Don’t know/refuse: 2%
President Obama has called for students to have a longer school year as part of his recently proposed education reform policy. Would you approve or disapprove of paying higher taxes for the purpose of extending the school year for public schools?
The No Child Left Behind Act was designed to close the achievement gap between white and minority students in public schools. Do you feel this law has been successful in closing the gap?
LARGE MAJORITY SAYS PAY QUALIFIED TEACHERS MORE TO WORK IN LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS

Do you believe highly qualified teachers who are willing to serve in low performing schools should receive higher pay?

- Yes: 74%
- No: 21%
- (Don't know/refuse): 6%
Large majority says lengthening the public school day will not increase student achievement

Do you believe lengthening the SCHOOL DAY will significantly increase student achievement in our public schools?

- Yes: 21%
- No: 74%
- (Don't know/refuse): 5%
LARGE MAJORITY SAYS LENGTHENING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL YEAR WILL NOT INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Do you believe lengthening the SCHOOL YEAR will significantly increase student achievement in our public schools?

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