



**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL
NORTH CAROLINA COURTS
MEMO RELEASE 11/19/2015**

ELEMENTS	DETAILS
Population represented	Adults in North Carolina (with a registered voter subsample)
Sample size	610 adults in North Carolina (n=508 registered voter subsample).
Mode of data collection	Telephone (Random Digit Dial (RDD) landline and cellular telephones). Interviews conducted in English.
Type of sample (probability/non-probability)	Probability, using RDD samples of landline and cellular telephones generated by Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents were randomly selected within household by asking to speak with the person age 18 or older who has had the most recent birthday.
Start and end dates of data collection	November 7 – November 12, 2015
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Approximately 4 percentage points for the all adult sample. Approximately 4.3 percentage points for the registered voter sample. The margin of error is not adjusted for sample weights.
Are the data weighted?	Yes, relative to U.S. Census (2014 American Community Survey and Population Estimates Program) estimates for age, race and gender as well as CDC estimates for phone usage (cell only, landline only, or both).
Survey sponsor and funded by	High Point University Survey Research Center, High Point, NC
Survey/Data collection supplier	High Point University Survey Research Center. The Center is located on the High Point University campus. Student interviewers staff the 42 stations equipped with WinCati computer assisted telephone interviewing systems.
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Attached is the full text of survey questions our interviewers asked. Interested parties can access results from the survey at <http://www.highpoint.edu/src> and should contact the Director of the Survey Research Center for additional information.

Survey questions: Below are questions the Survey Research Center fielded for this study. They represent the text as read by the interviewers, plus options that appeared to interviewers but were not offered to respondents (in parentheses). Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. Percentages less than one percent are denoted with a *

Voter Screening

These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	86	100
No	12	0
(Don't know/refused)	1	0
	n=610	n=508

Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or some other reason?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Absolutely certain	97	100
Chance registration has lapsed	2	0
No, not registered	*	0
(Don't know)	1	0
	n=527	n=508

On November 4th, 2014, North Carolina held its general election for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and other offices. Did you vote or were you unable to vote for some reason?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	59	59
No	41	41
(Don't know)	1	1
	n=508	n=508

Country Direction

Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Right direction	24	27
Wrong direction	68	67
(Don't know/refused)	7	7
	n=610	n=508

Approval Ratings

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	43	43
Disapprove	49	49
(Don't know/refused)	8	8
	n=610	n=508

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Pat McCrory is handling his job as Governor?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	41	42
Disapprove	43	45
(Don't know/refused)	16	14
	n=610	n=508

North Carolina Courts

Overall, what is your opinion of your local courts? Would you say they are excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Excellent	2	2
Very good	11	12
Good	32	33
Fair	25	26
Poor	16	16
(Don't know/refused)	14	11
	n=608	n=506

How much would you say you know about the courts in North Carolina?

A lot; Some; A little; or Nothing at all?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
A lot	15	16
Some	46	48
A little	29	28
Nothing at all	9	7
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
	n=605	n=503

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements about North Carolina courts?

Courts are concerned with people's rights

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	5	5
Agree	58	57
Disagree	21	22
Strongly disagree	6	6
(Don't know/refused)	10	10
	n=607	n=505

Courts protect people's rights

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	7	5
Agree	55	55
Disagree	23	24
Strongly disagree	5	5
(Don't know/refused)	11	11
	n=608	n=506

Courts make decisions based on fact

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	6	5
Agree	54	54
Disagree	25	25
Strongly disagree	6	5
(Don't know/refused)	10	11
	n=608	n=505

Courts listen to what people say

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	3	2
Agree	41	41
Disagree	35	36
Strongly disagree	8	8
(Don't know/refused)	13	13
	n=607	n=506

Courts are sensitive to needs of the average citizen

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	4	3
Agree	38	38
Disagree	38	39
Strongly disagree	8	9
(Don't know/refused)	12	12
	n=607	n=505

Courts efficiently handle cases from filing the case, to disposition or trial

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	2	2
Agree	42	42
Disagree	31	31
Strongly disagree	7	7
(Don't know/refused)	19	19
	n=605	n=503

Cases are resolved in a timely manner

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	2	2
Agree	23	23
Disagree	47	48
Strongly disagree	16	16
(Don't know/refused)	12	12
	n=608	n=506

Most people can afford to bring a case to court

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	3	4
Agree	15	14
Disagree	53	55
Strongly disagree	20	20
(Don't know/refused)	9	8
	n=608	n=506

The media's portrayal of the courts is accurate

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Strongly agree	2	2
Agree	24	23
Disagree	44	44
Strongly disagree	14	14
(Don't know/refused)	17	18
	n=608	n=506

Do you feel that the state of North Carolina spends too much on state courts, spends about the right amount on state courts, or does not spend enough on state courts?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Spends too much	19	19
Spends the right amount	24	24
Does not spend enough	26	27
(Don't know/refused)	31	29
	n=608	n=507

Demographics

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	3	3
No	95	96
(Don't know/refused)	2	1
	n=610	n=508

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
African-American or Black	22	24
White or Caucasian	71	70
Native American	3	2
Asian	1	*
(Multiple or Other)	2	2
(Don't know/refused)	2	1
	n=610	n=508

About how long have you lived in North Carolina?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Less than one year	1	1
One to five years	5	5
Six to ten years	9	8
11 to 20 years	17	17
More than 20 years	45	48
(All my life)	22	21
(Refused)	1	1
	n=610	n=508

Some people think of themselves as Southerners; others do not. How about you—would you say that you are a Southerner or not?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	69	71
No	28	27
(Don't know/refused)	3	2
	n=610	n=508

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
(1-11 th grade)	4	3
(High school graduate)	20	18
(Some college)	28	27
(College graduate)	32	34
(Graduate school)	15	16
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
	n=610	n=508

Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of the armed forces or a veteran?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	28	29
No	71	71
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
	n=610	n=508

Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
25 thousand dollars or less	10	9
25 to 50 thousand dollars	22	20
50 to 75 thousand dollars	19	19
75 to 100 thousand dollars	12	13
100 to 150 thousand dollars	14	15
150 to 250 thousand dollars	5	5
More than 250 thousand dollars	3	3
(Don't know/refused)	15	16
	n=610	n=508

Do you have a gun in your home?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	46	47
No	49	47
(Don't know/refused)	6	6
	n=608	n=506

How often do you attend worship services? Would you say never, a few times a year, a few times a month, almost every week, every week, or more than once a week.

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Never	16	15
A few times a year	23	21
A few times a month	14	15
Almost every week	10	10
Every week	21	22
More than once a week	15	15
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
	n=608	n=506

Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	47	49
No	50	48
(Don't know/refused)	4	3
	n=608	n=506

In politics today, do you generally consider yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Democrat	35	36
Republican	30	31
(Independent/unaffiliated)	24	24
(Other)	6	6
(Don't know/refused)	5	4
	n=610	n=506

Thinking about politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Very conservative	12	13
Somewhat conservative	26	27
Moderate	30	30
Somewhat liberal	15	15
Very liberal	8	7
(Other)	2	2
(Don't know/refused)	7	7
	n=608	n=506

Overall, how qualified do you feel to do the job of an elected official? Would you say: not at all qualified, somewhat qualified, qualified, or very qualified?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Not at all qualified	40	36
Somewhat qualified	32	32
Qualified	17	19
Very qualified	9	11
(Don't know)	3	2
	n=608	n=506

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Single	32	29
Engaged	4	3
Living with significant other	7	6
Married	50	54
Widowed	5	5
(Don't know/refused)	3	3
	n=607	n=504

Gender

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Male	49	46
Female	51	54
	n=610	n=508

Age (Calculated using birth year)

In what year were you born?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
18 - 24	13	9
25 - 34	18	15
35 - 44	20	21
45 - 54	19	21
55 - 65	15	15
65 and older	16	18
	n=610	n=508