



**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL
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ELEMENTS	DETAILS
Population represented	Adults (people over the age of 18) in North Carolina.
Sample size	841 adults in North Carolina (655 self-identified registered voters, 515 individuals who said they voted in the 2018 midterm elections).
Mode of data collection	239 live interviewer telephone (Random Digit Dial (RDD) landline and cellular telephones) interviews. 602 online interviews. All interviews conducted in English.
Type of sample (probability/non-probability)	Probability, using RDD samples of landline and cellular telephones generated by Dynata, formerly Research Now SSI.
Start and end dates of data collection	March 29 – April 4, 2019
Margin of sampling error for total sample	This is a combined sample of live interviews and online interviews. The online sampling is from a panel of respondents, so their participation does not adhere to usual assumptions associated with random selection. Therefore, it is not appropriate to assign a classical margin of sampling error for the results. In this case, the SRC provides a credibility interval of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points to account for a traditional 95 percent confidence interval for the estimates (plus or minus 3.4 percentage points) and a design effect of 1.3 (based on the weighting).
Are the data weighted?	Yes, relative to U.S. Census (2017 American Community Survey and Population Estimates Program) estimates for age, race, education, and gender. The data was also weighted to ensure that the mode of interview (live interviewer or online) was consistent between the weighted and unweighted data.
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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.

Commitment to Transparency	The HPU Survey Research Center is a Charter Member of the American Association for Public Opinion Research's Transparency Initiative: https://www.aapor.org/Transparency_Initiative.htm
Sample supplier	Landline and cell phone sample as well as access to online panels provided by Dynata, formerly Research Now SSI: https://www.dynata.com/
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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 *

Voting

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	Voted in 2018
Yes	82	100	100
No	16	0	*
(Don't know/Refused)	2	0	*
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes, absolutely certain	95	100	100
Chance registration has lapsed	4	0	*
No, not registered	*	0	*
(Don't know)	1	0	*
	n=689	n=655	n=515

Elections

On November 6th, 2018, North Carolina held its general election for U.S. House of Representatives, and other offices. Did you vote or were you unable to vote for some reason?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	79	79	100
No	21	21	*
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	*
	n=655	n=655	n=515

Direction of Country & Job Approval

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	Voted in 2018
Right direction	30	32	32
Wrong track	58	58	61
(Don't know/Refuse)	12	10	7
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Approve	40	43	42
Disapprove	52	52	54
(Don't know/refuse)	8	6	5
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Approve	41	45	46
Disapprove	30	32	35
(Don't know/refuse)	29	23	19
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the US Congress is handling its job?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Approve	19	20	19
Disapprove	59	63	65
(Don't know/refuse)	22	17	16
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Trust in Government Officials

Using a five point scale where one means "almost none of the time" and five means "just about always," how much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
1	26	26	26
2	27	30	31
3	32	31	31
4	8	8	7
5	3	3	4
(Don't know/refuse)	5	2	2
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Using a five point scale where one means “almost none of the time” and five means “just about always,” how much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Raleigh to do what is right?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
1	12	13	15
2	21	21	21
3	36	37	38
4	18	19	17
5	5	5	5
(Don't know/refuse)	7	4	4
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Compared to your life today, do you think that one year from now your life will be better, about the same, or worse than now?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Better	39	39	39
About the same	42	44	46
Worse	8	6	5
(Don't know/refuse)	12	11	11
	n=841	n=655	n=515

How often do you think you can trust other people? Would you say you can trust them always, a lot of the time, about half the time, once in a while, or never?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Always	3	3	3
A lot of the time	28	30	31
About half the time	40	3	3
Once in a while	20	40	41
Never	5	19	18
(Don't know/refuse)	4	5	4
	n=841	n=655	n=515

How often do you think you can trust government officials? Would you say you can trust them always, a lot of the time, about half the time, once in a while, or never?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Always	1	1	1
A lot of the time	5	6	6
About half the time	30	30	2
Once in a while	42	44	28
Never	16	17	48
(Don't know/refuse)	4	3	15
	n=841	n=655	n=515

2020 Elections

How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2020? A lot, some, not much, or none at all?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
A lot	19	22	25
Some	36	37	41
Not much	25	25	22
None at all	16	14	12
(Don't know/refuse)	4	1	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Favorability

Here is a list of people who are or might run for the Democratic nomination for President, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of each one. If you have never heard of one of the candidates, feel free to say so.

All Adults (n=841)

Name	Favorable	Unfavorable	(Don't know/never heard of/refused)
Joe Biden	45	38	17
Bernie Sanders	41	46	13
Elizabeth Warren	28	42	30
Kamala Harris	26	26	49
Beto O'Rourke	20	27	53
Cory Booker	20	31	50
Julian Castro	14	24	62
Amy Klobuchar	12	25	63
Kirsten Gillibrand	12	30	59
Andrew Yang	10	20	69
Pete Buttigeig	10	18	72
Jay Inslee	9	17	75
John Delaney	9	22	69
John Hickenlooper	8	21	71
Marianne Williamson	8	16	76
Tulsi Gabbard	7	23	70
Steve Bullock	7	18	75
Wayne Messam	4	15	81

Registered Voters (n=655)

Name	Favorable	Unfavorable	(Don't know/never heard of/refused)
Joe Biden	48	42	11
Bernie Sanders	40	49	11
Elizabeth Warren	30	47	23
Kamala Harris	29	30	41
Beto O'Rourke	23	29	48
Cory Booker	21	34	44
Julian Castro	17	26	58
Amy Klobuchar	14	27	59
Kirsten Gillibrand	14	32	54
Pete Buttigieg	12	20	69
Andrew Yang	11	22	68
John Hickenlooper	10	22	68
Jay Inslee	9	17	74
John Delaney	9	23	68
Tulsi Gabbard	8	25	68
Marianne Williamson	8	16	77
Steve Bullock	7	21	73
Wayne Messam	4	16	80

Voted in 2018 (n=515)

Name	Favorable	Unfavorable	(Don't know/never heard of/refused)
Joe Biden	49	44	7
Bernie Sanders	39	52	9
Kamala Harris	33	34	33
Elizabeth Warren	32	51	18
Beto O'Rourke	25	35	40
Cory Booker	25	39	36
Julian Castro	18	26	54
Kirsten Gillibrand	16	36	49
Amy Klobuchar	15	30	56
Pete Buttigeig	14	20	66
Andrew Yang	12	25	63
John Hickenlooper	11	25	63
Tulsi Gabbard	9	29	62
John Delaney	9	24	68
Jay Inslee	8	20	72
Marianne Williamson	8	17	75
Steve Bullock	8	22	69
Wayne Messam	5	14	82

Which of the following is more important to you in a presidential candidate: experience and a proven record or new ideas and a different approach?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Experience and a proven record	24	26	26
New ideas and a different approach	30	30	29
(Both)	36	38	40
(Don't know/refuse)	9	6	5
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Problems Facing the Country or State

Now I am going to read a list of possible problems facing this country today. Please wait for me to read the entire list, then tell me which ONE of these problems is the MOST important facing the country today.

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
National Security	9	10	11
The budget deficit	7	7	7
Health care	23	23	22
Education	7	7	6
Immigration	18	20	20
The economy	13	12	12
Government ineffectiveness	18	19	20
(Don't know/refuse)	5	3	2
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Now I am going to read a list of possible problems facing the state of North Carolina today. Please wait for me to read the entire list, then tell me which ONE of these problems is the MOST important facing the state of North Carolina today.

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Transportation and infrastructure	8	9	10
The size of the state budget	4	4	4
Taxes	7	7	6
Health Care	17	17	17
Education	22	21	21
Immigration	9	10	12
The economy	10	9	9
Government ineffectiveness	9	10	11
Policing and law enforcement	6	6	6
(Don't know/refuse)	8	6	4
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Taxes

Now here are some questions about taxes. Do you regard the amount of income tax you will pay this year as fair or unfair?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Fair	42	46	47
Unfair	41	41	40
(Don't know/refuse)	17	13	13
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you regard the amount of sales tax you will pay this year as fair or unfair?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Fair	46	48	49
Unfair	40	42	41
(Don't know/refuse)	14	10	11
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you think that the state of North Carolina should receive more of its revenue from sales taxes or income taxes?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Sales taxes	30	33	33
Income taxes	16	17	18
(Neither)	16	16	16
(equal amounts of both)	22	20	19
(Don't know/refuse)	16	14	14
	n=841	n=655	n=515

School Board Elections

Should local school board elections be partisan?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	28	28	28
No	37	40	44
(Don't know/refuse)	35	33	29
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Foreign Affairs

Now we would like to ask you some questions about foreign affairs issues. Do you think it will be best for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs, or if we stay out of world affairs?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Active Part	47	52	54
Stay out	37	34	31
(Don't know/refuse)	17	15	15
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Thinking about current U.S. relations with the rest of the world, would you say that the world is becoming safer or more dangerous for the U.S. and the American people?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Safer	17	19	20
More dangerous	67	67	68
(Don't know/refuse)	16	13	12
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you feel safer or less safe than you did a year ago?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Safer	15	17	15
Less safe	40	41	43
(about the same)	40	40	40
(Don't know/refuse)	5	2	2
	n=841	n=655	n=515

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means not a threat at all and 10 means an extremely dangerous threat, how much of a threat is each of these countries to U.S. national security?

All adults (n=841)

	Russia	China	North Korea	Iran
0	3	4	3	4
1	2	2	1	3
2	3	3	2	2
3	3	5	3	5
4	5	4	4	3
5	11	13	10	11
6	9	10	8	8
7	10	11	10	11
8	13	13	13	13
9	10	10	12	9
10	22	15	25	20
(Don't know/ refuse)	9	10	9	11

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	Russia	China	North Korea	Iran
0	3	3	2	3
1	1	1	1	2
2	3	3	2	1
3	3	5	3	5
4	5	4	4	4
5	12	13	10	12
6	8	10	8	8
7	10	12	12	12
8	14	14	14	14
9	11	10	13	10
10	24	16	25	21
(Don't know/ refuse)	7	8	7	8

Voted in 2018 (n=515)

	Russia	China	North Korea	Iran
0	2	3	2	2
1	1	2	1	3
2	3	3	2	2
3	3	4	3	5
4	5	4	4	3
5	11	11	11	11
6	8	11	8	8
7	10	12	12	12
8	14	14	13	14
9	12	11	14	11
10	26	17	25	22
(Don't know/ refuse)	7	8	7	8

Which of these countries do you perceive as the single biggest threat to U.S. national security?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Russia	29	30	32
China	15	16	17
North Korea	27	27	25
Iran	14	17	16
(some other country)	3	2	2
(Don't know/refuse)	12	9	8
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you think the Russian government played a significant role in the outcome of the 2016 elections here in the United States?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	40	42	44
No	41	44	42
(Don't know/refuse)	20	15	14
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you think the Trump Administration has addressed effectively Russian interference in the 2016 elections?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	36	39	39
No	46	48	50
(Don't know/refuse)	18	13	12
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Do you expect other governments to try to play a role in the outcomes of upcoming U.S. elections?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	52	55	58
No	25	24	22
(Don't know/refuse)	23	21	19
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Energy and Environment

Now I would like to ask you a few questions about energy and the environment. How would you rate each of the following priorities for America's energy policies? Would you say each one....Should be a top priority, Should be an important but lower priority, Should not be too important, Should not be done, or do you not have an Answer

All adults (n=841)

	Should be a top priority	Should be an important but lower priority	Should not be too important	Should not be done	(don't know/refuse)
Reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources	50	23	12	4	11
Creating jobs within the energy sector	43	36	9	3	9
Protecting the environment from the effects of energy development and use	52	29	6	4	9
Keeping consumer energy prices low	47	40	5	4	5
Increasing reliance on renewable energy sources	46	25	11	5	14

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	Should be a top priority	Should be an important but lower priority	Should not be too important	Should not be done	(don't know/refuse)
Reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources	52	26	11	4	7
Creating jobs within the energy sector	45	34	11	2	8
Protecting the environment from the effects of energy development and use	48	31	11	5	5
Keeping consumer energy prices low	48	39	6	1	6
Increasing reliance on renewable energy sources	51	29	10	5	7

Voted in 2018 (n=515)

	Should be a top priority	Should be an important but lower priority	Should not be too important	Should not be done	(don't know/refuse)
Reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources	51	29	10	3	6
Creating jobs within the energy sector	46	34	11	2	7
Protecting the environment from the effects of energy development and use	46	31	13	6	5
Keeping consumer energy prices low	44	41	7	1	6
Increasing reliance on renewable energy sources	53	28	10	5	5

Do you think it is possible or not possible to cut back on environmental regulations and still effectively protect air and water quality in the U.S.?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes, it is possible	44	48	50
No, it is not possible	43	38	39
(Don't know/refuse)	13	13	12
	n=841	n=655	n=515

How much do you think the federal government is doing to address each of these things? Would you say too much, too little, about the right amount, or do you not have an answer?

All adults (n=841)

	Too much	Too little	About right	(don't know/refuse)
Protect air quality	6	63	20	11
Protect water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams	4	65	19	12
Protect animals and their habitats	8	50	33	10
Protect open lands in national parks and nature reserves	6	48	33	13
Reduce the effect of global climate change	6	56	22	16

Registered voters (n=655)

	Too much	Too little	About right	(don't know/refuse)
Protect air quality	6	58	27	9
Protect water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams	4	61	26	10
Protect animals and their habitats	8	50	35	7
Protect open lands in national parks and nature reserves	7	45	39	9
Reduce the effect of global climate change	10	53	24	12

Voted in 2018 (n=515)

	Too much	Too little	About right	(don't know/refuse)
Protect air quality	7	59	26	8
Protect water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams	4	57	28	10
Protect animals and their habitats	8	52	32	8
Protect open lands in national parks and nature reserves	7	46	39	8
Reduce the effect of global climate change	11	53	23	13

Next, thinking about the issue of global warming, how well do you feel you understand this issue? Would you say very well, fairly well, not very well, or not at all?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Very well	22	25	27
Fairly well	47	49	49
Not very well	22	19	17
Not at all	4	3	3
(Don't know/refuse)	5	4	3
	n=841	n=655	n=515

President Trump recently decided to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Change Agreement, which was made under President Obama. This agreement sets different goals for each participating country to reduce in the next several years its greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Do you support or oppose President Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from this agreement?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Support	28	39	39
Oppose	60	51	53
(Don't know/refuse)	12	10	9
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Thinking about the past few years, do you think that there has been more extreme or unusual weather in the United States, less extreme or unusual weather in the United States, or about the same amount of extreme weather in the United States as before?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
More extreme weather	62	58	58
Less extreme weather	5	5	5
Same amount of extreme weather	26	32	31
(Don't know/refuse)	7	5	5
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Healthcare

Here are some other questions about health care. Now, thinking about health care in the U.S. Would you rate each of the following list as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

All adults (n=841)

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	poor	(Don't know/refuse)
The quality of healthcare in this country	15	29	22	30	6
Health care coverage in this country	3	20	28	43	7
Availability of health care facilities	18	38	23	17	4
The quality of health care you receive	20	46	19	11	5
Cost of prescription drugs in this country	5	15	18	57	5
Your health care coverage	15	43	22	18	3

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	Excellent	Good	Only fair	poor	(Don't know/refuse)
The quality of healthcare in this country	16	30	23	27	4
Health care coverage in this country	6	20	28	43	3
Availability of health care facilities	16	37	26	17	3
The quality of health care you receive	22	45	19	11	3
Cost of prescription drugs in this country	2	12	20	63	3
Your health care coverage	17	35	24	20	4

Voted in 2018 (n=515)

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	poor	(Don't know/refuse)
The quality of healthcare in this country	18	31	23	24	4
Health care coverage in this country	6	20	30	42	1
Availability of health care facilities	16	37	27	17	2
The quality of health care you receive	24	47	16	11	3
Cost of prescription drugs in this country	2	13	18	65	2
Your health care coverage	20	38	22	18	2

Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the total cost of healthcare in this country?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Satisfied	19	20	21
Dissatisfied	73	75	75
(Don't know/refuse)	8	6	5
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Are you generally satisfied or dissatisfied with the total cost you pay for your healthcare?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Satisfied	41	37	38
Dissatisfied	52	57	57
(Don't know/refuse)	8	6	5
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Should the state expand its Medicaid programs?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Expand	69	66	65
Leave it alone	31	34	35
(Don't know/refuse)	*	*	*
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Demographics

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	5	4	3
No	94	95	97
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
African-American or Black	22	20	21
White or Caucasian	71	74	73
Native American	2	2	2
Asian	2	1	1
(Multiple or Other)	3	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
(1-11 th grade)	4	2	1
(High school graduate)	26	24	22
(Some college)	40	41	40
(College graduate)	19	21	24
(Graduate school)	10	11	13
(Don't know/ Refused)	1	*	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
25 thousand dollars or less	16	13	13
25 to 50 thousand dollars	25	25	23
50 to 75 thousand dollars	20	22	19
75 to 100 thousand dollars	15	16	18
100 to 150 thousand dollars	11	12	14
150 to 250 thousand dollars	3	4	4
More than 250 thousand dollars	2	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	5	6	7
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Democrat	34	37	39
Republican	30	33	32
(Independent/ unaffiliated)	28	26	25
(Other)	3	3	3
(Don't know/Refused)	4	2	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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	Voted in 2018
Never	31	28	27
A few times a year	21	22	20
A few times a month	15	16	17
Almost every week	9	10	11
Every week	15	16	17
More than once a week	6	7	7
(Don't know/Refused)	4	2	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Yes	40	42	43
No	53	53	53
(Don't know/Refused)	7	6	4
	n=841	n=655	n=515

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	Voted in 2018
Very conservative	14	16	17
Somewhat conservative	23	24	25
Moderate	29	28	27
Somewhat liberal	15	14	13
Very liberal	10	11	12
(Other)	2	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	8	5	4
	n=841	n=655	n=515

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Single	32	28	27
Engaged	2	1	1
Living with significant other	9	8	7
Married	54	60	61
Widowed	3	3	4
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	1
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Gender

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
Male	47	51	52
Female	52	49	48
(Prefer not to answer)	*	*	*
	n=841	n=655	n=515

Age (Calculated using birth year)

In what year were you born?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Voted in 2018
18 - 24	13	10	9
25 - 34	18	15	14
35 - 44	20	20	20
45 - 54	19	19	19
55 - 64	15	17	18
65 and older	16	19	21
	n=841	n=655	n=515