



**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL  
MEMO RELEASE 10/13/2017 (UPDATE)**

<b>ELEMENTS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Population represented	Adults in North Carolina.
Sample size	404 Adults in North Carolina (346 self-identified registered voters).
Mode of data collection	Telephone (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	September 28 – October 6, 2017
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Approximately 4.9 percentage points for the all adult sample. Approximately 5.3 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 (2015 American Community Survey and Population Estimates Program) estimates for age, race, education, and gender; CDC estimates for phone usage (cell only, landline only, or both); and North Carolina State Board of Elections voter registration statistics.
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 \*

*Registered 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	89	100
No	10	0
(Don't know)	2	0
	n=404	n=346

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
Yes, absolutely certain	97	100
Chance registration has lapsed	2	0
No, not registered	1	0
(Don't know)	*	0
	n=358	n=346

*Direction of Country and Approval Ratings*

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, North Carolina held its general election for President, 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	93	93
No	7	7
	n=346	n=346

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	18	19
Wrong track	70	68
(Don't know/Refused)	12	13
	n=404	n=346

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	35	38
Disapprove	51	51
(Don't know/Refused)	14	11
	n=404	n=346

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	44	47
Disapprove	30	31
(Don't know/Refused)	26	22
	n=404	n=346

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the Richard Burr in handling his job as United States Senator?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	29	32
Disapprove	34	35
(Don't know/Refused)	37	34
	n=404	n=346

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the Thom Tillis is handling his job as United States Senator?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	33	35
Disapprove	35	36
(Don't know/Refused)	32	29
	n=404	n=346

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	13	13
Disapprove	77	81
(Don't know/Refused)	10	6
	n=404	n=346

Since Donald Trump's election, would you say you are paying more, less or about the same amount of attention to politics as you used to?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
More	49	50
Less	10	9
About the same	40	40
(Don't know)	2	2
	n=404	n=346

When you talk about politics with people who have a different opinion of Donald Trump than you do, would you say you generally find it to be

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Interesting and informative	28	26
Stressful and frustrating	45	46
(Don't talk politics with people who have different opinion of President Trump)	18	19
(Don't know/Refused)	10	9
	n=404	n=346

*Potential Problems in the Country Today*

Here are a number of things that some say are going on in the country today. For each one, please tell me whether this bothers you a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little or does this not bother you at all? (ORDER OF ITEMS WAS RANDOMIZED)

All Adults (n=404)

	A Great Deal	Quite a Bit	Just Some	Very Little	Not At All	(Not sure/ Don't Know/ Refuse)
Politics being too divisive and there being a lack of respect for people who disagree with each other	58	17	16	3	3	3
Minorities and people from other countries being made to feel unwelcome and sometimes facing threats of violence	57	13	13	5	8	3
A more accepting view of bad language and poor behavior in public	56	11	11	9	9	5
An inability for people of different political views to agree on what is true or not true	54	17	14	5	7	3
Attempts to remove religion from public life	51	10	11	6	18	4
Media coverage that is biased and favors the establishment	48	17	11	5	12	8
Increasing acceptance of violence on TV and in the movies	45	12	15	8	18	2
Elected officials who look out for Wall Street	43	15	13	8	14	7
The national news media too often ignores the issues of working class Americans	43	16	21	7	9	4
Companies growing in size and forcing competitors out so there are fewer choices for consumers	42	16	18	8	11	4
A more permissive culture which threatens traditional family values	38	12	15	9	20	6
Attempts to place limits on gun rights	35	13	14	11	26	3

Registered Voters (n=346)

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A more accepting view of bad language and poor behavior in public	57	11	10	8	9	5
Minorities and people from other countries being made to feel unwelcome and sometimes facing threats of violence	56	13	14	6	8	4
An inability for people of different political views to agree on what is true or not true	53	19	14	5	6	3
Attempts to remove religion from public life	51	10	12	6	19	3
Media coverage that is biased and favors the establishment	47	17	11	5	11	9
Increasing acceptance of violence on TV and in the movies	45	13	16	6	17	2
Elected officials who look out for Wall Street	43	15	14	8	13	7
The national news media too often ignores the issues of working class Americans	43	15	22	8	10	3
Companies growing in size and forcing competitors out so there are fewer choices for consumers	41	16	20	9	11	5
A more permissive culture which threatens traditional family values	39	12	15	10	19	5
Attempts to place limits on gun rights	34	13	13	12	25	3

### *Race and Confederate Monuments*

What is your opinion with regard to race relations in the United States today? Would you say things are better, about the same, or are worse than they were a year ago?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Better	3	4
About the same	30	29
Worse	65	65
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
	n=404	n=346

Do you support or oppose removing Confederate statues from public spaces around the country?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Support	32	32
Oppose	51	52
(Don't know/Refused)	18	17
	n=404	n=346

### *Foreign Policy*

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
Active part	56	57
Stay out	32	32
(Don't know/Refused)	12	11
	n=404	n=346

Now, I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. For each one please let me know if you think that it is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well-being of the United States.... (ITEMS WERE RANDOMIZED)

All Adults (n=404)

	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(Don't know/ Refuse)
The Islamic militant group known as ISIS	78	16	2	4
North Korea's nuclear program	77	16	4	3
Cyber-attacks from other countries	76	17	2	5
Jobs based in the U.S. moving overseas	65	25	7	3
Russia's power and influence	54	35	7	5
Global climate change	49	29	17	5
China's power and influence	47	38	10	6
A large number of refugees leaving countries like Iraq and Syria	38	34	20	9

Registered Voters (n=346)

	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(Don't know/ Refuse)
The Islamic militant group known as ISIS	80	16	1	4
North Korea's nuclear program	80	16	2	3
Cyber-attacks from other countries	75	18	2	6
Jobs based in the U.S. moving overseas	65	26	7	2
Russia's power and influence	54	35	6	5
Global climate change	49	28	18	5
China's power and influence	48	39	9	5
A large number of refugees leaving countries like Iraq and Syria	37	34	19	10



### Demographics

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	3	2
No	93	93
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5
	n=404	n=346

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
African-American or Black	20	21
White or Caucasian	68	67
Native American	1	1
Asian	1	1
(Multiple or Other)	5	4
(Don't know/Refused)	5	6
	n=404	n=346

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
(1-11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	4	2
(High school graduate)	25	26
(Some college)	40	40
(College graduate)	16	16
(Graduate school)	10	11
(Don't know/ Refused)	4	5
	n=404	n=346

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	15	14
25 to 50 thousand dollars	14	13
50 to 75 thousand dollars	20	18
75 to 100 thousand dollars	11	12
100 to 150 thousand dollars	11	12
150 to 250 thousand dollars	4	5
More than 250 thousand dollars	3	2
(Don't know/Refused)	22	24
	n=404	n=346

Do you have a gun in your home?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	48	48
No	44	43
(Don't know/Refused)	7	8
	n=404	n=346

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	20	17
A few times a year	23	24
A few times a month	12	12
Almost every week	9	9
Every week	20	20
More than once a week	11	12
(Don't know/Refused)	5	6
	n=404	n=346

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	47	46
No	46	46
(Don't know/Refused)	7	8
	n=404	n=346

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Democrat	33	34
Republican	31	32
(Independent/unaffiliated)	24	22
(Other)	3	3
(Don't know/Refused)	9	9
	n=404	n=346

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	14	14
Somewhat conservative	24	26
Moderate	33	31
Somewhat liberal	14	14
Very liberal	7	6
(Other)	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	8	7
	n=404	n=346

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	44	42
Somewhat qualified	26	27
Qualified	14	14
Very qualified	11	12
(Don't know/Refused)	6	6
	n=404	n=346

Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about men and women as political leaders?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Men generally make better political leaders than women	5	5
Women generally make better political leaders than men	5	6
In general, women and men make equally good political leaders	83	82
(Don't know/Refused)	7	7
	n=404	n=346

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Single	27	25
Engaged	5	4
Living with significant other	8	7
Married	48	52
Widowed	5	5
(Don't know/Refused)	7	7
	n=404	n=346

Gender

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Male	49	49
Female	51	51
	n=404	n=346

Age (Calculated using birth year)

In what year were you born?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
18 - 24	13	9
25 - 34	18	17
35 - 44	20	19
45 - 54	19	20
55 - 64	15	16
65 and older	16	18
	n=404	n=346