



HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL 125: MEMO RELEASE	
Population represented:	Adults (people over the age of 18) in North Carolina
Sample size:	1,004 adults in North Carolina (807 individuals who said they are registered to vote).
Mode of data collection:	Online interviews were collected through a single survey instrument within High Point University's Qualtrics account. All interviews were conducted in English.
Type of sample:	Non-probability samples from Dynata's online panels (North Carolina).
Dates of data collection:	July 7 – 12, 2026
Credibility interval for all adult sample and limitations associated with survey methods:	The SRC provides a credibility interval for HPU Poll 125 of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points for the full ($n = 1,004$) sample to account for a traditional 95% confidence interval for the estimates (plus or minus 3.1 percentage points) and a design effect of 1.2 (based on the weighting). These are attempts to estimate error from the nature of the sample. Additional factors such as question wording and other methodological choices in conducting survey research can introduce additional errors into the findings of opinion polls.
Data quotas and weighting:	High Point University's SRC worked with Dynata to fill quotas for age, gender, race, and ethnicity. The all adult data ($n = 1,004$) is weighted toward population parameters for age, gender, race, education, and ethnicity published by the U.S. Census for North Carolina and national polling data on party identification. The High Point University Survey Research Center (SRC) produces weights through an iterative procedure within SPSS.
Survey sponsor and funded by:	High Point University, High Point, NC.
Human response authentication and data quality measures:	HPU Polls include at least one CAPTCHA and reCAPTCHA for screening out non-human respondents in addition to the screening done by Dynata.

	The survey included two response quality items which screened out respondents who did not answer them correctly
Survey/Data collection supplier:	High Point University's SRC drafted the survey instrument which was approved by the HPU Institutional Review Board . Interviews collected through the High Point University SRC, recording responses in Qualtrics. Dynata's online panels invited respondents.
Sample supplier:	Online panel (North Carolina) provided by Dynata. Respondents were compensated according to their agreements with Dynata.
Use of Artificial Intelligence:	The HPU SRC did not use AI for generating responses, interviewing, cleaning data, producing estimates, or coding/labeling data.
Commitment to transparency:	The HPU Poll reports methodological details in accordance with the standards set out by AAPOR's Transparency Initiative , and the HPU Survey Research Center is a Charter Member of the Initiative.
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Voter Registration

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?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes, registered	84	100
No, not registered	15	-
Unsure	1	-

Are you absolutely certain that are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes, absolutely certain	96	100
Chance registration has lapsed	2	-
No, not registered	1	-
Unsure	1	-

Country/State 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]?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Right direction	34	37
Wrong track	56	56
Unsure	11	8

Do you think things in North Carolina are [generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track]?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Right direction	34	36
Wrong track	43	45
Unsure	23	19

Approval Ratings

Do you think [approve or disapprove] of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	43	46
Disapprove	47	48
Unsure	10	6

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that the United States Supreme Court is handling its job?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	35	39
Disapprove	41	42
Unsure	25	19

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that U.S. Congress is handling its job?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	28	30
Disapprove	48	50
Unsure	24	20

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that Josh Stein is handling his job as Governor?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	41	45
Disapprove	27	29
Unsure	32	26

Consumer Sentiment

We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days.		
Would you say that you and your family living there are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Better off	24	26
Worse off	40	41
Neither better nor worse	33	31
Unsure	3	2

Now looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family living there will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now.		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Better off	31	32
Worse off	23	23
Just about the same as now	37	37
Unsure	9	7

Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole, do you think that during the next twelve months we'll have good times financially, or bad times, or what?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Good times	18	20
Bad times	26	26
Neither good nor bad, OR both good and bad	32	31
Good times with qualifications	9	10
Bad times with qualifications	7	8
Unsure	8	6

Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so, or that we'll have periods of widespread unemployment or depression, or what?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Widespread unemployment or depression	25	25
Continuous good times	20	22
Neither	11	9
A mix of both	36	38
Unsure	8	6

About the big things people buy for their homes, such as furniture, a refrigerator, stove, television, and things like that. Generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or bad time for people to buy major household items?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Good time	22	24
Bad time	33	34
Neither good time nor bad time	35	35
Unsure	10	7

Nursing and Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to computer systems or tools that assist healthcare providers by analyzing data, supporting clinical decision-making, and identifying patient risks.

Registered Nurses (RNs) are licensed healthcare professionals who provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and families, and support overall health and recovery.

The following questions explore public perceptions of how AI is being used by RNs and its potential impact on trust, quality of care, and the patient experience.

How comfortable are you with Registered Nurses (RNs) using artificial intelligence (AI) tools in healthcare settings?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Very comfortable	13	15
Somewhat comfortable	28	29
Neutral	25	22
Somewhat uncomfortable	22	21
Very uncomfortable	13	13

To what extent do you trust care provided by Registered Nurses (RNs) who use AI to support clinical decision-making?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Completely trust	10	11
Mostly trust	27	29
Neutral	26	24
Slightly distrust	23	23
Do not trust at all	12	12

Do you believe Registered Nurses (RNs) who use AI are more, less, or equally competent compared to RNs who do not use AI?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
More competent	13	15
Equally competent	38	40
Less competent	34	32
Unsure	15	13

How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements? (Items presented in random order)					
NC Resident Adults					
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
AI should be used to assist Registered Nurses (RNs) rather than replace them	41	27	20	5	7
AI use by Registered Nurses (RNs) may reduce the level of empathy or human connection patients receive	29	32	24	10	5
AI use by Registered Nurses (RNs) improves patient safety	12	28	30	17	12

How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements? (Items presented in random order)					
Registered Voters					
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
AI should be used to assist Registered Nurses (RNs) rather than replace them	45	28	17	4	6
AI use by Registered Nurses (RNs) may reduce the level of empathy or human connection patients receive	32	32	21	10	5
AI use by Registered Nurses (RNs) improves patient safety	14	28	28	18	12

How comfortable are you with AI assisting Registered Nurses (RNs) in tasks such as monitoring patients, suggesting treatments, or identifying risks?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Very comfortable	13	15
Somewhat comfortable	30	31
Neutral	23	20
Somewhat uncomfortable	20	20
Very uncomfortable	14	14

How concerned are you about AI potentially replacing some roles of Registered Nurses (RNs) in the future?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Very concerned	31	34
Somewhat concerned	29	30
Neutral	21	18
Slightly concerned	12	11
Not concerned	8	7

In your opinion, how does AI use by Registered Nurses (RNs) impact the overall quality of care?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Greatly improves	10	11
Somewhat improves	33	34
No impact	24	20
Somewhat worsens	23	24
Greatly worsens	11	11

Do you believe patients should be informed when AI is being used as part of care provided by Registered Nurses (RNs)?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	81	85
No	12	10
Unsure	7	5

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].		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Active part	41	45
Stay out	38	37
Unsure	21	18

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?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Safer	21	21
More dangerous	63	65
Unsure	16	13

Which of these countries do you perceive as the single biggest threat to U.S. national security? (Countries presented in random order)		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
China	29	32
Russia	20	22
Iran	20	21
North Korea	8	7
Venezuela	2	2
Cuba	1	1
Some other country	4	4
Unsure	16	11

250 Year Anniversary of the United States of America

Do you think that in 250 years the United States will still consider the Declaration of Independence an important founding document?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	58	61
No	22	21
Unsure	20	18

Do you think that in 250 years the United States will still have the same Constitution it has today?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	40	42
No	37	37
Unsure	23	21

Do you think that 250 years from now there will be more democratic countries in the world than today or fewer democratic countries or about the same number of democratic countries as today?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
More democratic	29	31
About the same number of democratic countries	30	31
Fewer democratic countries	16	18
Unsure	25	20

250 years from now, do you think governments will rely more, less or about the same on technology like robots and artificial intelligence to do each of these things (Items presented in random order):				
NC Resident Adults				
	More	Less	About the same	Unsure
Check the backgrounds of government job applicants	62	9	19	10
Monitor the actions of convicted criminals	62	10	17	11
Spy on foreign governments	61	10	18	11
Monitor the actions of average citizens	61	10	17	12
Deliver packages	57	12	19	11
Plan military attacks	57	11	19	13
Operate public transportation	55	13	21	11
Create budgets	51	12	24	12
Construct buildings	51	11	24	14
Respond to citizen complaints and requests	48	18	21	12
Write laws	44	13	26	18

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Registered Voters				
	More	Less	About the same	Unsure
Spy on foreign governments	65	8	19	9
Check the backgrounds of government job applicants	65	9	18	7
Monitor the actions of convicted criminals	64	10	18	8
Monitor the actions of average citizens	64	10	16	10
Deliver packages	60	13	19	9
Plan military attacks	60	10	19	10
Operate public transportation	58	13	20	9
Create budgets	55	10	25	9
Construct buildings	52	12	24	12
Respond to citizen complaints and requests	52	17	23	9
Write laws	45	13	27	15

Now, please rate how likely you think it is that the United States will have dealt successfully with these international challenges 250 years from now...extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely, not likely at all...? (Items presented in random order)						
NC Resident Adults						
	Extremely likely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	Unsure
Cyberattacks from other countries	20	21	22	13	10	14
Terrorist groups trying to attack Americans	18	21	25	15	8	13
China's emergence	17	17	21	18	10	16

as a world power						
Nuclear weapons proliferation	17	20	24	16	8	15
Migrants entering the U.S. from Latin America	17	22	25	14	7	16
Hostilities between the U.S. and Iran	17	19	24	15	9	16
North Korea's nuclear program	16	19	23	16	10	16
The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians	16	16	22	16	14	16
Jobs based in the U.S. moving overseas	16	19	25	17	8	16
Global climate change	15	16	22	18	14	15
Russia's power and influence	14	17	26	18	8	17
Global pandemic diseases	14	20	26	15	9	15

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Registered Voters

	Extremely likely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	Unsure
Cyberattacks from other countries	21	22	23	14	10	11

Migrants entering the U.S. from Latin America	19	22	26	14	7	13
China's emergence as a world power	18	19	22	18	10	13
Terrorist groups trying to attack Americans	18	22	26	15	8	10
Hostilities between the U.S. and Iran	18	20	24	15	10	13
North Korea's nuclear program	17	20	24	15	10	13
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Global pandemic diseases	15	20	28	16	9	12

Do you think each of these countries or other international actors will have more power in the world 250 years from now, less power, or about the same amount of power? (Items presented in random order)				
NC Resident Adults				
	More power	About the same amount of power	Less power	Unsure
China	39	29	13	19
The United States	34	31	19	16
Multinational corporations	27	38	12	23
Russia	25	33	23	20
The United Nations	23	34	25	19
North Korea	20	34	26	20
Saudi Arabia	20	40	18	22
Terrorist groups	20	33	27	19
Iran	19	31	32	19
The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO	18	35	26	21
India	18	43	18	21

Do you think each of these countries or other international actors will have more power in the world 250 years from now, less power, or about the same amount of power? (Items presented in random order)				
Registered Voters				
	More power	About the same amount of power	Less power	Unsure
China	42	30	14	14
The United States	36	33	20	12
Multinational corporations	29	39	13	18
Russia	26	34	25	15
The United Nations	23	34	28	15
Terrorist groups	21	35	28	15
North Korea	20	36	28	16
Iran	20	32	34	15
Saudi Arabia	20	43	19	18
India	19	46	19	16
The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO	18	36	29	17

250 years from now, do you think Earth people will have discovered life on other planets?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	52	53
No	26	27
Unsure	22	21

250 years from now, do you think humans will have learned how to make new technologies from extraterrestrial visitors to earth?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	40	40
No	31	32
Unsure	29	28

250 years from now, do you think the United States will have established a colony on a planet other than Earth?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	47	50
No	29	29
Unsure	24	21

250 years from now, do you think the United States will have elected its first President born on another planet?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	18	18
No	57	62
Unsure	24	20

Demographics

Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes. How would you describe yourself, would you say female, male, or do you identify differently?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Male	47	49
Female	52	51
I identify differently	*	*
Refused	1	*

Age by category		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
18-24	12	11
25-34	17	16
35-44	17	16
45-54	18	17
55-64	17	19
65 and greater	19	21

Would you say you live in a rural, a suburban, or an urban area?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Rural	33	33
Suburban	46	47
Urban	18	19
Unsure	3	1

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	10	10
No	89	90
Unsure	1	*

What racial group best describes you, would you say African-American or Black, White or Caucasian, Native American, Asian, or something else?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
African-American or Black	21	20
White or Caucasian	72	74
Native American	3	2
Asian	1	1
Multiple or other	3	2
Unsure	*	*

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
1 - 11th grade	4	2
High school graduate	32	30
Some college	32	33
College graduate	21	23
Graduate school	10	12
Unsure	*	*

Are you currently in an education or training program?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	12	11
No	87	88
Unsure	1	*

Does anyone in your household have a working cell phone?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	94	96
No	5	4
Unsure	1	*

Is there at least one telephone inside your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	26	26
No	72	74
Unsure	2	1

Do you have a gun in your home?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	34	37
No	62	60
Unsure	4	3

Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	42	44
No	52	52
Unsure	6	4

How important is religion in your life?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Very important	43	44
Somewhat important	26	26
Not too important	12	11
Not at all important	16	17
Unsure	3	1

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
More than once a week	11	11
Once a week	21	23
Once or twice a month	11	12
A few times a year	12	13
Seldom	18	17
Never	22	23
Unsure	4	2

What is your total income from all sources, before taxes?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Less than \$25,000	22	18
\$25,00 to less than \$50,000	24	25
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	19	20
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11	11
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	11	13
\$150,000 to less than \$250,000	6	8
\$250,000 or more	3	3
Unsure	3	2

In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or what?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Republican	35	38
Democrat	31	33
Independent/Unaffiliated	28	28
Other	1	1
Unsure	4	1

How would you best describe your current relationship status?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Single/never married/divorced	39	37
Engaged	4	4
Living with significant other	9	8
Married	41	45
Widowed	5	5
Unsure	2	1

Which of the following best describes you?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
I was born in North Carolina and grew up here	52	53
I was born outside North Carolina but grew up here	10	11
I grew up outside of North Carolina and have lived here for over 10 years	22	24
I grew up outside of North Carolina and have lived here for less than 10 years	15	13

Thinking about politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal or very liberal?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Very conservative	20	22
Somewhat conservative	20	19
Moderate	32	32
Somewhat liberal	12	13
Very liberal	8	10
Other	1	1
Don't know/Refused	7	3