



HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL 124: MEMO RELEASE	
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*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. It is possible that percentages in tables may not always add up to 100% due to rounding error.

**Values less than 0.5 are presented as "" in the tables.

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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?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes, I am registered to vote	81	100
No, I am not registered to vote	17	-
Don't know	2	-

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
Yes, absolutely certain	95	100
Chance registration has lapsed	4	-
No, not registered	*	-
Don't know/Unsure	1	-

Election Confidence

Now we would like to ask you about the 2026 elections.		
How much confidence do you have that the 2026 election results this year will accurately reflect the votes that were cast? Would you say you have a lot of confidence, some confidence, or no confidence that the reported results will accurately reflect the votes that were cast?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
A lot of confidence	29	35
Some confidence	46	49
No confidence	12	9
Unsure	13	8

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	29	32
Wrong track	58	59
Unsure	12	9

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]?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Right direction	33	37
Wrong track	47	47
Unsure	20	16

Approvals

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that Donald Trump is handling his job as president?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	38	41
Disapprove	50	51
Unsure	12	8

Below is a list of issues that President Trump has to deal with. Please tell me whether you [approve or disapprove] of President Trump's handling of each issue while he was in office. <i>(Thirteen items were randomly displayed to each respondent.)</i>			
All Adults			
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
Securing the U.S. southern border	46	42	12
National security in general	45	41	14
Immigration in general	44	42	14
Law enforcement	42	42	16
Protecting American workers	42	44	14
Voting integrity	41	44	15
Fighting government fraud and corruption	40	46	14
Civil rights	39	45	15
School safety	38	43	19
Education	37	47	16
Abortion	37	44	19
Protecting democracy	37	48	14
Threats posed by Iran	36	50	15
Health care in general	35	51	14
International trade in general	35	48	17
LGBTQ policies	34	45	21
Mental health	34	47	19
Tariffs	32	52	17

The war in Ukraine	30	54	16
Climate change	30	48	23
Taxes	30	57	13
The economy in general	30	56	14
Inflation	26	61	13
Gas prices	24	64	12

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Registered Voters

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
National security in general	50	41	9
Securing the U.S. southern border	49	43	9
Immigration in general	48	43	9
Protecting American workers	48	44	8
Law enforcement	46	43	11
Voting integrity	45	45	11
Fighting government fraud and corruption	44	47	10
Civil rights	43	46	11
School safety	42	44	14
Protecting democracy	41	49	10
Abortion	40	46	14
Education	39	48	13
Threats posed by Iran	39	50	11
LGBTQ policies	38	46	17
Health care in general	38	52	10
Mental health	38	47	15
International trade in general	37	49	14
Tariffs	36	52	12
Taxes	34	57	9
The economy in general	34	57	10
The war in Ukraine	33	55	13
Climate change	33	49	18
Inflation	29	61	10
Gas prices	28	64	8

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that the United States Supreme Court is handling its job?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	32	37
Disapprove	43	44
Unsure	25	19

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its job?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	28	31
Disapprove	49	52
Unsure	23	17

Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way that Josh Stein is handling his job as Governor?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	44	51
Disapprove	27	26
Unsure	30	24

Issue Importance

How important do you think it is for people in Washington DC to deal with each of these issues? Would you say very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important? <i>(Twelve items were randomly displayed to each respondent.)</i>					
All Adults					
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Unsure
Inflation	69	17	4	3	8
School safety	68	17	7	2	6
Health care in general	66	20	5	2	7
Supporting veterans	66	19	7	1	7
Taxes	64	20	8	3	6
National security in general	64	19	7	2	8
Gas prices	63	23	6	2	6
Education	61	21	8	3	8
Civil rights	61	20	9	4	7
Protecting democracy	61	18	7	4	10
Voting integrity	61	21	7	3	8
Immigration	58	22	9	3	7
Mental health	58	27	6	2	7

Law enforcement	57	25	9	3	6
Threats posed by Iran	56	24	9	4	8
International trade in general	52	28	9	4	8
Tariffs	52	24	12	4	8
Securing the U.S. Southern border	48	25	14	5	9
Abortion	46	25	14	8	7
Climate change	44	27	13	9	7
The war in Ukraine	42	29	14	6	9
COVID-19	34	25	20	10	10
LGBTQ policies	30	20	18	21	11

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Registered Voters

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Unsure
Inflation	72	18	3	3	4
Supporting veterans	71	19	6	1	3
School safety	70	18	8	2	2
Health care in general	68	21	5	2	4
Protecting democracy	67	18	7	3	5
Voting integrity	67	19	8	2	5
National security in general	67	20	6	2	5
Gas prices	66	24	5	2	3
Taxes	65	22	8	2	4
Education	64	22	7	3	4
Civil rights	64	19	9	4	4
Immigration	60	24	8	4	4
Mental health	60	26	6	3	5
Law enforcement	59	25	10	3	3
Threats posed by Iran	58	24	9	5	5
International trade in general	56	30	8	2	5
Tariffs	55	25	12	4	5
Securing the U.S. Southern border	51	26	14	4	5
Abortion	48	25	13	8	5
Climate change	46	26	15	8	5
The war in Ukraine	44	31	14	5	6

COVID-19	37	25	22	9	7
LGBTQ policies	34	22	16	21	8

Issue Ownership

Below is a list of issues that political parties in Washington, D.C. might have to deal with. For each issue, please tell me whether you think [Democratic Party or the Republican Party] would do a better job dealing with the issue. *(Twelve items were randomly displayed to each respondent.)*

All Adults

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Republican minus Democrat	Both Equally	Neither	Unsure
Securing the U.S. Southern border	25	44	19	14	8	10
National security in general	29	38	9	14	8	11
Threats posed by Iran	30	38	8	12	10	10
Law enforcement	29	35	6	16	9	11
Immigration	32	37	5	13	7	10
Supporting veterans	31	34	3	18	8	9
International trade in general	31	32	1	14	9	13
Tariffs	33	34	1	13	10	9
Voting integrity	32	32	0	14	11	10
Inflation	33	30	-3	16	11	10
The war in Ukraine	33	29	-4	15	13	11
COVID-19	30	26	-4	17	14	13
School safety	33	29	-4	19	9	11
Taxes	35	28	-7	17	9	11
Gas prices	36	26	-10	15	12	10
Civil rights	37	26	-11	17	8	12
Education	40	28	-12	15	5	11
Abortion	38	25	-13	13	10	14
Climate change	38	24	-14	15	13	10
Protecting democracy	41	26	-15	15	8	10
Health care in general	41	25	-16	14	9	11
LGBTQ policies	40	23	-17	14	11	12
Mental health	41	23	-18	15	11	10

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Registered Voters

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Republican minus Democrat	Both Equally	Neither	Unsure
Securing the U.S. Southern border	31	45	14	12	6	6
Law enforcement	31	38	7	15	9	7
Immigration	35	42	7	11	7	6
National security in general	34	41	7	13	6	6
Threats posed by Iran	34	40	6	11	8	7
International trade in general	35	36	1	14	7	8
Voting integrity	36	35	-1	14	10	6
Supporting veterans	37	36	-1	17	7	4
Tariffs	37	36	-1	11	10	5
Inflation	37	34	-3	15	10	5
School safety	37	33	-4	16	10	5
The war in Ukraine	36	31	-5	15	12	6
COVID-19	33	28	-5	17	14	9
Education	42	32	-10	15	4	6
Taxes	41	30	-11	15	8	6
Civil rights	41	29	-12	15	7	8
Gas prices	42	29	-13	13	12	5
Climate change	42	27	-15	15	11	5
Abortion	42	27	-15	13	9	9
Health care in general	45	29	-16	13	6	7
Protecting democracy	45	29	-16	15	7	4
LGBTQ policies	44	26	-18	13	10	8
Mental health	45	25	-20	15	10	6

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?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Better off	20	23
Worse off	46	45
Neither better nor worse	29	28
Unsure	5	3

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.		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Better off	29	31
Worse off	30	30
Just about the same as now	33	33
Unsure	9	6

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?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Good times	19	22
Bad times	27	28
Neither good nor bad, OR both good and bad	32	31
Good times with qualifications	8	9
Bad times with qualifications	5	6
Unsure	8	5

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?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Widespread unemployment or depression	28	29
Continuous good times	19	21
Neither	11	9
A mix of both	34	35
Unsure	9	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?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Good time	21	24
Bad time	38	39
Neither good time nor bad time	30	30
Unsure	11	8

Economy

How would you rate current U.S. economic conditions?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Excellent	7	9
Good	23	25
Only fair	39	37
Poor	31	29

Do you believe the U.S. economy is getting better, staying the same, or getting worse?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Getting better	22	25
Staying the same	31	29
Getting worse	47	46

How confident are you that the U.S. economy will avoid a recession in the next 12 months?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Very confident	16	19
Somewhat confident	29	30
Not too confident	37	37
Not at all confident	18	15

How would you rate the federal government's handling of the economy?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Excellent	10	12
Good	24	25
Fair	28	27
Poor	38	37

Do you support recent tariff policies aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	30	34
No	44	45
Unsure	26	21

Do you believe these tariffs will lead to more American jobs?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	31	34
No	44	46
Unsure	25	20

Inflation

Changing topics again to talk about inflation. Thinking about the prices you are currently paying for products on this list compared to last year, would you say prices are much higher, somewhat higher, about the same as last year, somewhat lower, or much lower? (List of items was randomized)						
All Adults						
	Much higher price	Somewhat higher price	About the same	Somewhat lower	Much lower	Unsure or don't buy
Gas for your car	57	21	11	5	2	4
Meat	51	28	12	3	1	4
Electricity for your house	42	31	18	4	1	5
Fruits and vegetables	34	35	21	5	2	4
Electronics	34	31	21	4	2	9
Eggs	33	29	20	10	4	4
Clothing	32	32	24	5	2	5
Natural gas for your house	32	20	15	4	2	26
Milk	30	33	24	6	2	5
Bread	29	34	27	5	2	4
Water	28	29	29	4	2	9
Toys	25	24	19	5	3	25

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Registered Voters

	Much higher price	Somewhat higher price	About the same	Somewhat lower	Much lower	Unsure or don't buy
Gas for your car	57	22	11	5	2	3
Meat	52	29	12	3	1	3
Electricity for your house	42	33	17	4	1	4
Fruits and vegetables	34	37	20	5	1	3
Electronics	33	33	21	4	2	8
Eggs	33	30	20	11	5	2
Clothing	30	34	26	4	1	5
Milk	30	34	25	6	2	4
Natural gas for your house	30	23	16	4	2	26
Bread	28	37	26	5	1	3
Water	27	29	30	4	2	8
Toys	24	25	19	4	2	25

How much have concerns about inflation affected major spending decisions you have made in the last year?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
A lot	40	42
Some	42	42
Not much at all	13	13
Unsure	5	3

Generally speaking, has the inflation we have seen over the past few months been worse than you expected, not as bad as you expected, or about what you expected?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Worse than expected	40	42
Not as bad as expected	23	22
About as expected	31	31
Unsure	7	4

Thinking about the future, do you believe inflation will be higher, lower, or about the same 12 months from now?		
	All Adults	Registered Voters
Higher	43	46
About the same as now	30	31
Lower	14	14
Unsure	12	9

Extreme Weather

Changing topics again. We'd like to ask you some questions about severe weather. Do you know someone who personally suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Helene? If so, who?			
<i>All Adults</i>			
	Yes	No	Unsure
Me	21	73	7
At least one friend	30	63	8
At least one family member	23	69	8

Changing topics again. We'd like to ask you some questions about severe weather. Do you know someone who personally suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Helene? If so, who?			
<i>Registered Voters</i>			
	Yes	No	Unsure
Me	22	74	4
At least one friend	31	63	6
At least one family member	24	70	6

Overall, how much has each of these people, groups, or institutions helped with the recovery in North Carolina from Hurricane Helene? Would you say they have helped a lot, some, or not much at all with the recovery? <i>(List of items was randomized)</i>				
<i>All Adults</i>				
	A lot	Some	Not much at all	Unsure
Local people helping each other	57	21	9	13
Private non governmental organizations	35	33	14	19
North Carolina National Guard	30	37	14	20
States that border North Carolina	22	37	18	23
U.S. military	22	37	20	22
Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA	22	35	26	17
Governor Josh Stein	21	32	23	24
President Donald Trump	19	22	41	18
North Carolina General Assembly	15	36	24	26
U.S. Congress	11	28	38	23

Overall, how much has each of these people, groups, or institutions helped with the recovery in North Carolina from Hurricane Helene? Would you say they have helped a lot, some, or not much at all with the recovery? *Response items randomized.*

Registered Voters

	A lot	Some	Not much at all	Unsure
Local people helping each other	61	22	8	9
Private non governmental organizations	38	34	14	15
North Carolina National Guard	32	39	14	15
States that border North Carolina	24	40	18	18
U.S. military	24	39	20	17
Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA	24	37	27	13
Governor Josh Stein	23	34	24	18
President Donald Trump	21	22	44	14
North Carolina General Assembly	16	38	24	22
U.S. Congress	11	30	40	18

Does climate change contribute to the frequency of storms like Helene or is it not a factor?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Climate change contributes	55	59
Climate change is not a factor	24	24
Unsure	21	17

How concerned are you that another storm as destructive as Helene will hit North Carolina in the next year?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Very concerned	26	28
Somewhat concerned	40	40
Not very concerned	21	21
Not at all concerned	4	4
Unsure	9	7

Thinking about severe weather like hurricanes. Which of these items, if any, do you make sure you buy before a major storm hits? <i>(List of items was randomized)</i>			
<i>All Adults</i>			
	Yes	No	Unsure
Water	80	14	6
Toilet Paper	76	18	7
Bread	73	20	7
Extra gasoline for your car	71	22	7
Fuel for grilling (for example, charcoal or propane)	60	33	8
Milk	57	35	9
Eggs	57	35	8
Fuel for generators	56	35	10
Fruit	53	38	9
Plywood or other materials to protect your home	42	48	10
Beer or other alcoholic beverages	28	63	10

Thinking about severe weather like hurricanes. Which of these items, if any, do you make sure you buy before a major storm hits? <i>(List of items was randomized)</i>			
<i>Registered Voters</i>			
	Yes	No	Unsure
Water	84	12	4
Toilet Paper	79	17	4
Bread	76	20	5
Extra gasoline for your car	74	21	5
Fuel for grilling (for example, charcoal or propane)	62	32	6
Eggs	59	36	5
Milk	58	35	6
Fuel for generators	58	35	7
Fruit	56	38	6
Plywood or other materials to protect your home	41	50	8
Beer or other alcoholic beverages	29	63	7

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
Active part	38	43
Stay out	42	41
Unsure	20	16

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
Safer	21	24
More dangerous	62	62
Unsure	17	14

Which of these countries do you perceive as the single biggest threat to U.S. national security? (*List of countries was randomized*)

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Russia	18	19
Cuba	2	2
Venezuela	1	1
China	25	26
North Korea	9	9
Iran	23	24
Some other country	5	6
Unsure	17	13

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	49	50
Female	50	50
I identify differently	*	1
Refused	*	*

Age by category		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
18-24	11	11
25-34	16	15
35-44	18	17
45-54	17	17
55-64	17	18
65 and greater	19	22
Don't know/refused	1	1

Would you say you live in a rural, a suburban, or an urban area?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Rural	37	38
Suburban	43	43
Urban	18	19
Unsure	2	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	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	20	22
White or Caucasian	69	68
Native American or American Indian	4	4
Asian	2	2
Multiple or other	4	3
Unsure	1	*

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	33	33
College graduate	24	27
Graduate school	7	8
Unsure	1	*

Are you currently in an education or training program?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	10	11
No	89	88
Unsure	1	1

Do you have a gun in your home?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	37	40
No	60	58
Unsure	3	2

Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	46	48
No	50	49
Unsure	5	3

How important is religion in your life?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Very important	45	47
Somewhat important	29	29
Not too important	10	9
Not at all important	14	15
Unsure	2	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	13
Once a week	20	21
Once or twice a month	12	13
A few times a year	14	14
Seldom	17	17
Never	23	22
Unsure	2	1

What is your total income from all sources, before taxes?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Less than \$25,000	23	21
\$25,00 to less than \$50,000	32	32
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	19	19
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	13	14
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	7	8
\$150,000 to less than \$250,000	3	3
\$250,000 or more	2	2
Unsure	2	2

In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or what?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Republican	34	37
Democrat	34	38
Independent/Unaffiliated	25	23
Other	2	1
Unsure	5	1

How would you best describe your current relationship status?		
	NC Resident Adults	Registered Voters
Single/never married/divorced	47	46
Engaged	3	2
Living with significant other	12	10
Married	30	35
Widowed	6	6
Unsure	2	1

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	17	20
Somewhat conservative	19	20
Moderate	32	32
Somewhat liberal	11	12
Very liberal	10	12
Other	1	1
Don't know/Refused	9	4