



Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide Poll Results
March 14 – 17, 2019

Q. Do you feel things in the United States are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	3/17/19	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	34%	38%	41%	41%	41%
Wrong track	56%	53%	48%	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	10%	10%	12%	9%	9%

Q. And now just thinking about North Carolina... do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	3/17/19	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	39%	40%	43%	45%	43%
Wrong track	44%	39%	39%	41%	41%
Unsure/Refused	17%	21%	18%	15%	16%

Q. If the 2020 election for North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

(Note: October and September 2018 were asked in reference to pending 2018 election.)

	3/17/19	2/13/19	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	36%	37%	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	38%	37%	44%	42%
Neither/Other/Independent	9%	4%	6%	6%
Undecided	17%	22%	11%	16%

Q. North Carolina elects its state Supreme Court Justices. If the 2020 election for North Carolina State Supreme Court were held today, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

Republican Candidate	34%
Democratic Candidate	36%
Neither/Other/Independent	10%
Undecided	20%

Q. And, regardless of how you would vote at the state level, if the 2020 election for Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

(Note: October and September 2018 were asked in reference to pending 2018 election.)

	3/17/19	2/13/19	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	37%	37%	39%	38%
Democratic Candidate	40%	38%	43%	45%
Neither/Other/Independent	7%	4%	6%	5%
Undecided	15%	21%	12%	12%

Now I am going to read you a list of names of people and organizations associated with national and state politics. After I read each name, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each, or if you have never heard of them.

(Note: titles not specified in 11/19/18 survey)

US Senator Thom Tillis

	3/17/19	11/19/18
Very Favorable	9%	14%
Somewhat Favorable	17%	20%
Very Unfavorable	18%	21%
Somewhat Unfavorable	15%	11%
Heard of him, but have no opinion	24%	20%
Never heard of him	14%	9%
Unsure/Refused	3%	5%
Total Favorable	26%	34%
Total Unfavorable	33%	32%

North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest

	3/17/19	11/19/18
Very Favorable	17%	10%
Somewhat Favorable	15%	11%
Very Unfavorable	3%	7%
Somewhat Unfavorable	6%	4%
Heard of him, but have no opinion	31%	30%
Never heard of him	24%	33%
Unsure/Refused	5%	7%
Total Favorable	32%	21%
Total Unfavorable	9%	11%

North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall

Very Favorable	12%
Somewhat Favorable	12%
Very Unfavorable	4%
Somewhat Unfavorable	3%
Heard of her, but have no opinion	36%
Never heard of her	30%
Unsure/Refused	3%
Total Favorable	24%
Total Unfavorable	7%

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein

Very Favorable	14%
Somewhat Favorable	10%
Very Unfavorable	4%
Somewhat Unfavorable	4%
Heard of him, but have no opinion	32%
Never heard of him	32%
Unsure/Refused	4%
Total Favorable	24%
Total Unfavorable	8%

North Carolina State Treasurer Dale Folwell

Very Favorable	5%
Somewhat Favorable	9%
Very Unfavorable	3%
Somewhat Unfavorable	3%
Heard of him, but have no opinion	32%
Never heard of him	43%
Unsure/Refused	4%
Total Favorable	14%
Total Unfavorable	6%

Q. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President.

	3/17/19	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Strongly Approve	33%	38%	36%	37%	31%
Somewhat Approve	14%	11%	12%	11%	14%
Strongly Disapprove	44%	42%	44%	38%	45%
Somewhat Disapprove	5%	5%	5%	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Total Approve	47%	49%	48%	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	49%	47%	49%	47%	53%

Q. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor.

Strongly Approve	22%
Somewhat Approve	36%
Strongly Disapprove	17%
Somewhat Disapprove	12%
Unsure/Refused	12%
Total Approve	58%
Total Disapprove	29%

Q. On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself to be pro-life or pro-choice?

Pro-life	50%
Pro-Choice	40%
Unsure/Refused	10%

Q. Now, thinking again about abortion, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion? Abortion should...

Be available to a woman any time she wants during her entire pregnancy	11%
Be allowed only during the first 6 months of pregnancy	8%
Be allowed only during the first 3 months of pregnancy	17%
Be allowed only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother	24%
Be allowed only to save the life of the mother	19%
Never be permitted under any circumstance	13%
Unsure/Refused	8%

Q. A bill has been proposed in the North Carolina General Assembly to prohibit an abortion from being performed after 13 weeks of pregnancy unless there is a medical emergency. In general, do you favor or oppose this bill?

Strongly Favor	33%
Somewhat Favor	17%
Strongly Oppose	27%
Somewhat Oppose	10%
Unsure/Refused	12%
Total Favor	50%
Total Oppose	37%

Q. A bill proposed in the North Carolina General Assembly would amend the state Constitution by changing the definition of eminent domain from the taking of private property for quote “public use and benefit” to the more restrictive quote “public use.” The goal of this change is to limit the government’s use of eminent domain to strictly public use such as building highways or schools, and stop the government practice of seizing property from one private owner only to ultimately give it to another private owner. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

Strongly Favor	36%
Somewhat Favor	15%
Strongly Oppose	24%
Somewhat Oppose	7%
Unsure/Refused	17%
Total Favor	51%
Total Oppose	31%

Q. U.S. Presidents are elected by the Electoral College, a Constitutional process designed to balance the competing interests of large and small states. Each state’s allotment of electors equals the number of members of its Congressional delegation. Electors then cast their votes for whoever wins the popular vote in that state. Do you think we should keep the Electoral College for Presidential elections, or should we amend the Constitution and elect the candidate who receives the most votes nationally by popular vote?

Keep Electoral College	43%
Change to National Popular Vote	47%
Unsure/Refused	10%

Q. A bill proposed in the North Carolina General Assembly would enter North Carolina into an agreement with other states to elect the President by the national popular vote. If North Carolina entered the agreement we would agree to give our electoral votes to the candidate winning the most votes nationally, regardless of the voting outcome in North Carolina. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

Strongly Favor	16%
Somewhat Favor	13%
Strongly Oppose	45%
Somewhat Oppose	10%
Unsure/Refused	15%
Total Favor	29%
Total Oppose	55%

Q. If the election for President were determined by the national popular vote, instead of the Electoral College, do you believe Presidential candidates would be more likely or less likely to focus on issues affecting North Carolina?

Much more likely	17%
Somewhat more likely	13%
Much less likely	23%
Somewhat less likely	13%
No difference	13%
Unsure/Refused	20%
Total More Likely	30%
Total Less Likely	36%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	35%
Landline	65%

Party Registration

Republican	31%
Democrat	38%
Unaffiliated voter	27%
Unsure/Refused	4%

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Age	
18-34	17%
35-44	17%
45-54	19%
55-64	18%
65-74	17%
75 or older	12%

Media Market	
CHARLOTTE	27%
GREENSBORO-H.POINT-W.SALEM	18%
GREENVILLE-N.BERN + NORFOLK	10%
GREENVLL-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND	8%
MYRTLE BEACH-FLORENCE	1%
RALEIGH-DURHAM (FAYETVLE)	31%
WILMINGTON	5%

Race	
White	71%
African American	22%
Any other race or ethnicity	7%

Ideology	
Very Conservative	25%
Somewhat Conservative	21%
Moderate	29%
Somewhat Liberal	12%
Very Liberal	9%
Unsure/Refused	4%

2016 Vote	
Republican Donald Trump	39%
Democrat Hillary Clinton	40%
Someone else	7%
Did not vote	7%
Unsure/Refused	7%

General Election Vote History	
0	6%
1	19%
2	25%
3	24%
4	26%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 500 likely voters in North Carolina and the margin of error is +/-4.38%. Responses were gathered via landline and mobile telephone interviews conducted by live callers at a professional call center. The survey was conducted March 14 – 17, 2019 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.