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			VOTING			AFFIL.		
	N	%	DEFINITE	VERY	SOMEWHAT	DEM	REP	UNAFFIL.
	596	100	370	162	52	280	201	115
			62%	27%	9%	47%	34%	19%
KEEP EXISTING LAW	331	56	58%	51%	52%	53%	61%	51%
CHANGE THE LAW	173	29	28%	35%	27%	33%	23%	30%
NOT SURE	92	15	15%	14%	21%	14%	15%	19%

			AGE				PHILOSOPHY				
	N	%	26-40	41-55	56-65	66+	VERY LIB	SOMEWHAT LIB	SOMEWHAT CONS	VERY CONS	MODERATE
	596	100	100	174	141	159	38	66	145	143	183
			17%	29%	24%	27%	6%	11%	24%	24%	31%
KEEP EXISTING LAW	331	56	50%	56%	60%	52%	50%	47%	59%	63%	52%
CHANGE THE LAW	173	29	36%	27%	28%	28%	32%	33%	28%	24%	32%
NOT SURE	92	15	14%	17%	12%	20%	18%	20%	12%	13%	16%

			EMPLOYMENT					HERITAGE	
	N	%	SELF EMPLOYED	PRIVATE COMPANY	WORK FOR GOVT	RETIRED	UNEMPLOY	CAUCASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN
	596	100	62	181	70	199	49	459	102
			10%	30%	12%	33%	8%	77%	17%
KEEP EXISTING LAW	331	56	61%	54%	56%	54%	57%	56%	53%
CHANGE THE LAW	173	29	31%	30%	30%	27%	35%	27%	35%
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			GENDER		GEOGRAPHIC					
	N	%	MALE	FEMALE	CHARLOTTE	WESTERN PIEDMONT	TRIAD	TRIANGLE	NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST
	596	100	273	323	134	82	102	145	62	71
			46%	54%	22%	14%	17%	24%	10%	12%
KEEP EXISTING LAW	331	56	57%	54%	60%	56%	60%	50%	56%	49%
CHANGE THE LAW	173	29	29%	29%	25%	24%	24%	35%	31%	35%
NOT SURE	92	15	14%	16%	14%	20%	17%	14%	13%	15%