North Carolina Statewide February 2017

Interview Schedule
N = 600 Likely Voters
Margin of Error = +/- 4.00%
Field Dates: February 7-9, 2017

(ASK ALL)

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address?

   100% Yes **(CONTINUE)**

2. Do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

2/17	
31%	Right Direction
55%	Wrong Track
13%	Don't Know/Unsure (DO NOT READ)
1%	Refused (DO NOT READ)

4/16	5/16	6/16	9/16	10/16	
31%	36%	34%	39%	34%	Right Dir.
58%	54%	57%	48%	54%	Wrong Track
10%	10%	9%	13%	11%	DK (DNR)
--	*	*	--	1%	Ref. (DNR)

5/13	6/13	10/13	12/13	1/14	3/14	4/14	5/14	6/14	9/14	10/14	2/15	3/15	7/15	10/15	11/15	
41%	40%	33%	31%	29%	32%	29%	33%	31%	29%	31%	42%	38%	39%	37%	39%	Right Dir.
46%	53%	57%	57%	60%	57%	60%	59%	59%	58%	55%	47%	48%	47%	46%	51%	Wrong Track
13%	7%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%	7%	10%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	17%	10%	DK (DNR)
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1/11	2/11	3/11	5/11	7/11	9/11	10/11	1/12	2/12	5/12	7/12	9/12	11/12	1/13	2/13	3/13	4/13	
34%	33%	36%	31%	28%	25%	23%	27%	24%	24%	25%	34%	35%	38%	37%	39%	37%	Right Dir.
54%	53%	50%	57%	60%	62%	63%	57%	58%	62%	63%	53%	50%	41%	50%	46%	48%	Wrong Track
12%	14%	15%	13%	11%	12%	13%	16%	17%	14%	12%	12%	15%	21%	12%	15%	15%	DK (DNR)
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3. If the election for North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you be voting for the: (ROTATE)

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37% Republican candidate
42% Democratic candidate
10% Neither/Other/Independent (DO NOT READ)
10% Don't Know/Undecided/Need More Info (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

4/16	5/16	6/16	9/16	10/16	
38%	41%	41%	41%	42%	Rep candidate
45%	41%	41%	43%	40%	Dem candidate
7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	Neither (DNR)
10%	11%	8%	10%	10%	DK (DNR)
*	*	*	1%	1%	Ref. (DNR)

4/13	5/13	10/13	12/13	1/14	4/14	5/14	6/14	9/14	10/14	2/15	3/15	7/15	10/15	11/15	
38%	39%	37%	39%	39%	41%	41%	42%	40%	42%	37%	37%	34%	39%	36%	Rep candidate
42%	42%	38%	42%	39%	44%	39%	45%	43%	42%	40%	39%	38%	39%	38%	Dem candidate
6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	7%	6%	11%	8%	9%	Neither (DNR)
13%	13%	18%	14%	18%	12%	15%	11%	15%	12%	15%	18%	16%	14%	16%	DK (DNR)
1%	1%	1%	--	--	--	1%	--	--	2%	1%	--	--	--	--	Ref. (DNR)

1/11	2/11	3/11	5/11	7/11	9/11	10/11	1/12	2/12	5/12	7/12	9/12	11/12	1/13	2/13	3/13	
44%	39%	39%	40%	40%	38%	36%	38%	40%	43%	45%	41%	46%	40%	37%	43%	Rep candidate
36%	38%	37%	34%	36%	31%	36%	36%	37%	41%	42%	44%	44%	40%	41%	35%	Dem candidate
6%	8%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%	7%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	6%	6%	7%	Neither (DNR)
13%	14%	15%	22%	17%	23%	20%	17%	17%	12%	10%	11%	5%	13%	14%	15%	DK (DNR)
1%	1%	--	--	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Ref. (DNR)

Now I am going to read you a list of people and organizations active in politics or in the news. After I read each name, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or organization. If you have never heard of them, just tell me and we'll go on to the next one…the (first/next) one is…(**RANDOMIZE)**

	TOTAL FAV	**TOTAL UNFAV**	VERY FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	HRD OF/ NO OPIN	NEVER HRD OF
4.	Donald Trump							
2/17	**46%**	**48%**	30%	16%	7%	42%	6%	*
6/16	**43%**	**53%**	**22%**	**20%**	**6%**	**47%**	**4%**	**1%**
4/16	**30%**	**65%**	**13%**	**18%**	**13%**	**52%**	**5%**	**--**
5.	Roy Cooper							
2/17	**51%**	**31%**	27%	24%	11%	20%	15%	3%
6/16	**32%**	**25%**	**13%**	**19%**	**10%**	**16%**	**24%**	**19%**
5/16	**36%**	**23%**	**16%**	**20%**	**9%**	**14%**	**21%**	**20%**
4/16	**35%**	**20%**	**15%**	**20%**	**10%**	**11%**	**20%**	**25%**
11/15	**30%**	**15%**	14%	16%	8%	7%	24%	31%
10/15	**52%**	**17%**	18%	34%	9%	8%	23%	8%
7/15	**38%**	**17%**	11%	27%	8%	9%	30%	15%
6.	The News Media							
2/17	**40%**	**50%**	12%	28%	18%	32%	9%	--

7. North Carolina Legislature

2/17	**35%**	**43%**	7%	28%	17%	26%	20%	2%

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Now, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of … **(ROTATE)**

	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strong Approve	Smwt Approve	Smwt Disapp.	Strong Disapp	Don't Know (DNR)	Refused (DNR)
8.	... the job that Donald Trump is doing as President?							
2/17	**46%**	**46%**	29%	16%	8%	39%	8%	--
9.	... the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Governor?							
2/17	**50%**	**26%**	22%	28%	11%	15%	25%	--
10.	... the job the North Carolina Legislature is doing?							
2/17	**39%**	**43%**	10%	29%	15%	28%	18%	--
11.	... the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare?"							
2/17	**46%**	**46%**	27%	18%	10%	36%	8%	--

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And thinking back to the November election...

12. Who did you vote for, for President of the Unites States? (READ IF NEEDED)

44% Donald Trump, the Republican
45% Hillary Clinton, the Democrat
4% Gary Johnson, the Libertarian
7% Prefer to not state/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

13. Who did you vote for, for Governor of North Carolina? (READ IF NEEDED)

44% Pat McCrory, the Republican
48% Roy Cooper, the Democrat
1% Lon Cecil, the Libertarian
7% Prefer to not state/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

14. As you might be aware, there is currently an open seat on the United States Supreme Court. Would you say this vacancy influenced your vote in the 2016 Presidential Election... (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

48% Total Influenced
48% Total Not Influenced

28% A great deal
20% Somewhat
13% Not too much
35% Not at all
4% Don't Know/ Unsure (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

15. Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment to allow North Carolina voters to vote on judges every 2 years instead of every 8 years?

62% Total Support
24% Total Oppose

37% Strongly Support

26% Somewhat Support
13% Somewhat Oppose
11% Strongly Oppose
13% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

And thinking more about healthcare...

16. Do you support or oppose North Carolina expanding Medicaid as authorized by Obamacare?

54% Total Support
34% Total Oppose

38% Strongly Support
16% Somewhat Support
10% Somewhat Oppose
24% Strongly Oppose
11% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

17. The Medicaid expansion authorized by Obamacare would cover mostly healthy adults with no children and would soon cost North Carolina taxpayers at least $600 million a year to fund. In addition, past trends suggest that roughly 6 out of 10 new Medicaid enrollees would be people currently on private health insurance who would then switch to Medicaid. With that in mind, do you support or oppose North Carolina expanding Medicaid as authorized by Obamacare?

41% Total Support
47% Total Oppose

27% Strongly Support
14% Somewhat Support
10% Somewhat Oppose
37% Strongly Oppose
11% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

18. Do you consider healthcare to be a "right" like free speech and religious freedom?

58% Yes
35% No
6% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

19. Currently all insurance in North Carolina must cover a minimum number of services mandated by law. North Carolina has one of the highest number of mandated coverages in the nation. Would you support or oppose legislation eliminating mandated coverages and instead, allowing insurance companies to offer varying levels of coverage options from which customers can choose?

53% Total Support
33% Total Oppose

32% Strongly Support
20% Somewhat Support
10% Somewhat Oppose
23% Strongly Oppose
14% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

And moving on to other issues...

20. In your opinion, which phrase best describes coverage from the news media…? (ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP)

75% Total Biased
20% Total Not Biased

47% Very Biased
28% Somewhat Biased
10% Not Very Biased
10% Not at all Biased
5% Don't Know/ Refused (DO NOT READ)

21. Do you support or oppose President Trump's Executive Order which implemented a temporary travel ban on people from certain countries coming into the Unites States?

48% Total Support
47% Total Oppose

36% Strongly Support
12% Somewhat Support
7% Somewhat Oppose
40% Strongly Oppose
4% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

22. In your opinion, and in your own words, what do you think of when you hear the term "Sanctuary City?" (OPEN END)

16% Cities that allow illegal immigrants/ Protect illegal immigrants/ Immigrants welcome/ Won't be deported/ Help immigrants
15% Unfavorable/ Opposed/ Negative (General)
11% Safe Place/ Safe Haven/ Offer protection/ Refuge (Non-specific)
9% Illegal/ Not following the law/ Breaking the law/ Cities committing a crime (Non-specific)
6% Favorable/ Like it/ Good/ Positive (General)
5% Illegal Immigrants/ Not enforcing immigration/ Not following immigration policies
4% Dangerous/ Not safe/ Full of crime/ Criminals (Non-specific)
2% Helping people who need it/ Help people/ Helpful (Non-specific)
1% Tax Payers paying for it/ Drain on taxpayers
1% Safe from persecution/ Free from discrimination
1% Terrorists/ Protects terrorists/ Attracts terrorists
4% Other
28% Nothing/ No opinion/ Never heard of it/ Unsure/ Don't Know/ Need more information
1% Refused

23. "Sanctuary cities" refer to cities where the local government refuses to comply with federal immigration law, and they do not cooperate in the apprehension and deportation of illegal immigrants. With that in mind, do you support or oppose local governments in North Carolina establishing themselves as "sanctuaries cities?"

32% Total Support
59% Total Oppose

21% Strongly Support
11% Somewhat Support
12% Somewhat Oppose
47% Strongly Oppose
8% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

5/16	
44%	**Total Support**
44%	**Total Oppose**
32%	Strongly Support
12%	Somewhat Support
14%	Somewhat Oppose
31%	Strongly Oppose
12%	Don't Know
*	Refused

24. Would you support or oppose the federal government cutting off federal funds to sanctuary cities that protect illegal immigrants from deportation?

49% Total Support
42% Total Oppose

39% Strongly Support
9% Somewhat Support
11% Somewhat Oppose
31% Strongly Oppose
9% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

25. Would you support or oppose the North Carolina State government cutting off state funding to sanctuary cities that protect illegal immigrants from deportation?

50% Total Support
42% Total Oppose

40% Strongly Support
10% Somewhat Support
11% Somewhat Oppose
30% Strongly Oppose
8% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
* Refused (DO NOT READ)

26. The current North Carolina Personal Income Tax rate is 5.49% but the North Carolina Constitution allows it to go up to 10%. With that in mind, would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment to lower the current cap of 10% to 5.5%?

68%	**Total Support**
21%	**Total Oppose**
49%	Strongly Support
19%	Somewhat Support
10%	Somewhat Oppose
11%	Strongly Oppose
11%	Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
--	Refused (DO NOT READ)

5/16	
53%	**Total Support**
29%	**Total Oppose**
38%	Strongly Support
15%	Somewhat Support
10%	Somewhat Oppose
18%	Strongly Oppose
18%	Don't Know
*	Refused

27. There is a proposal being debated in Raleigh that would end the state government's pension system for new state government employees and replace it with a 401K type contribution and investment plan. This plan would apply only to those hired after the changes have been approved, and those currently in the system or retired would continue to operate under the current plan. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

46%	**Total Support**
34%	**Total Oppose**
26%	Strongly Support
20%	Somewhat Support
11%	Somewhat Oppose
24%	Strongly Oppose
19%	Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
*	Refused (DO NOT READ)

28. Do you support or oppose House Bill 2?

28%	**Total Support**
54%	**Total Oppose**
18%	Strongly Support
10%	Somewhat Support
8%	Somewhat Oppose
46%	Strongly Oppose
17%	Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
*	Refused (DO NOT READ)

10/16	
37%	**Total Support**
55%	**Total Oppose**
31%	Strongly Support
7%	Somewhat Support

9%	Somewhat Oppose
46%	Strongly Oppose
8%	Don't Know
1%	Refused

29. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Allowing biological males who identify as female access to female restrooms, showers, and locker rooms can potentially put women and children at risk for harm and violation of their privacy?"

52% Total Agree
42% Total Disagree

43% Strongly Agree
9% Somewhat Agree
9% Somewhat Disagree
33% Strongly Disagree
5% Undecided/Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

5/16	
54%	**Total Agree**
41%	**Total Disagree**
46%	Strongly Agree
8%	Somewhat Agree
9%	Somewhat Disagree
32%	Strongly Disagree
5%	Don't Know
1%	Refused

30. Do you support or oppose forcing students in middle school to use gender neutral locker rooms and bathrooms in public schools, as opposed to gendered facilities for boys and girls separately?

17% Total Support
73% Total Oppose

12% Strongly Support
4% Somewhat Support
10% Somewhat Oppose
63% Strongly Oppose
10% Don't Know/ Need More Information (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

31. For a long time, there has been confusion over which institution or branch of government controls education policy in North Carolina. To your knowledge, which of the following entities controls education policy in North Carolina? (RANDOMIZE)

13% The Legislature
6% The Governor
40% State Board of Education
6% State Superintendent of Public Instruction
8% North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
26% Unsure/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

32. In your opinion, which of the following entities SHOULD control education policy in North Carolina? (RANDOMIZE)

6% The Legislature
4% The Governor
57% State Board of Education
8% State Superintendent of Public Instruction
6% North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
18% Unsure/ Don't Know (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

Now I just have a few questions for statistical purposes, and then we'll be finished….

33. First, in what year were you born? (Record exact year. 9999=Refused)

1% 18-25
10% 26-40
28% 41-55
21% 56-65
33% 66+
7% Refused

34. In terms of political party, do you identify more with (ROTATE) the Republican Party, the Democratic Party or something else?

38% Total Republican
41% Total Democrat

28% Strong Republican
10% Not So Strong Republican
9% Not So Strong Democrat
31% Strong Democrat
20% Independent/Unaffiliated/Other
1% Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

35. Would you say you are a liberal or conservative in your political beliefs?

21% Total Liberal
31% Total Moderate
45% Total Conservative

11% Very Liberal
10% Somewhat Liberal
18% Somewhat Conservative
27% Very Conservative
2% Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

36. Which of the following phrases best describes your current employment status: (RANDOMIZE)

4% Own or part owner of a business which employs people other than family members
8% Are Self Employed
25% Work for a Private Company
7% Work for Government
4% Are a Spouse (Homemaker)
42% Are Retired
7% Are Unemployed
3% Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

37. What is the highest level of schooling you completed?

3% Less than High School graduate
26% High school graduate
28% 2 year College/ Technical school
29% 4 year College graduate
14% Post-graduate
-- Not sure (DO NOT READ)

1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

38. Which category best describes your race or ethnicity? (RANDOMIZE)

72% White or Caucasian
21% African-American or Black
3% Hispanic or Latino
2% Native American
* Asian or Pacific Islander
1% Other (Specify)
1% Refused (DO NOT READ)

39. Gender (By observation)

48% Men
52% Women

40. Geographic Area (From Sample)

20% Charlotte
14% Western
19% Piedmont Triad
20% Triangle
12% Northeast
15% Southeast

41. Party Reg (From Sample)

34% Republican
24% Independent/Other
42% Democrat