



**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL
MEMO RELEASE (UPDATE) 2/6/2013**

ELEMENTS	DETAILS
Population represented	Adults in North Carolina (with a registered voter subsample)
Sample size	668 adults (606 registered voters)
Mode of data collection	Telephone (Random Digit Dial (RDD) landline and cellular telephones)
Type of sample (probability/non-probability)	Probability, using RDD samples of landline and cellular telephones generated by Survey Sampling International
Start and end dates of data collection	Jan. 27-Jan. 31, 2013
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Approximately 3.8 percentage points for the all adult sample (4 percent for the registered voter sample)
Are the data weighted?	Yes, relative to U.S. Census estimates for age and CDC estimates for phone usage (cell only, landline only, or both).
Survey sponsor	High Point University Survey Research Center, High Point, NC
Survey/Data collection supplier	High Point University Survey Research Center. The Center is located on the High Point University campus. Student interviewers staff the 42 stations equipped with WinCati computer assisted telephone interviewing systems.
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Attached is the full text of survey questions our interviewers asked. Interested parties can access results from the survey at <http://src.highpoint.edu/> and should contact the Director of the Survey Research Center for additional information.

Survey questions: Below are questions the Survey Research Center fielded for this study. They represent the text as read by the interviewers, plus options that appeared to interviewers but were not offered to respondents (in parentheses). Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Trend/approval of Public Officials in Country and State

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?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Yes	100	92
No	0	8
(Don't know/refused)	0	1
	n = 606	n = 668

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?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Yes, absolutely certain	100	91
Chance registration has lapsed	0	1
No, not registered	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	0	0
	n = 606	n = 668

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?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Right direction	29	29
Wrong track	63	63
(Don't know/refused)	8	8
	n = 606	n = 668

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Approve	46	45
Disapprove	48	49
(Don't know/refused)	6	6
	n = 606	n= 668

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Approve	11	11
Disapprove	80	80
(Don't know/refused)	9	9
	n = 606	n= 668

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Pat McCrory is handling his job as Governor?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Approve	44	43
Disapprove	14	14
(Don't know/refused)	42	43
	n = 606	n= 668

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Richard Burr is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Approve	33	32
Disapprove	28	27
(Don't know/refused)	39	41
	n = 606	n= 668

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Kay Hagan is handling her job as United States Senator?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Approve	41	40
Disapprove	29	29
(Don't know/refused)	30	31
	n = 606	n= 668

As you may know, the Republicans now control the U.S. House of Representatives, while Democrats control the U.S. Senate and the presidency. Do you think it is good for the country, bad for the country OR does it not really make a difference that the Republicans now control the House of Representatives while Democrats control the Senate and the presidency?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Good for country	29	28
Bad for country	35	35
Neither good nor bad/ doesn't make much difference	31	32
(Don't know/refuse)	5	5
	n = 606	n= 668

Here in North Carolina, there is a Republican governor and Republicans now control both houses of the state General Assembly. Do you think it is good for the state, bad for the state OR does it not really make a difference that there is a Republican governor and Republicans now control both houses of the state General Assembly?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Good for state	39	39
Bad for the state	29	29
Neither good nor bad/ doesn't make much difference	23	23
(Don't know/refuse)	5	9
	n = 606	n= 668

Economy, Health Care and Taxes

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?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Better off	32	32
Worse Off	37	37
(Same or Neither better nor worse)	30	29
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
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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?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Better off	31	31
Worse Off	22	21
Just about the same as now	43	43
(Don't know/refused)	5	5
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As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law in 2010. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you generally favor or generally oppose it?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Favor	38	37
Oppose	52	52
(Don't know/refuse)	10	11
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Some people have said that new requirements in the health care law that businesses offer health insurance for their employees will cause some businesses to lay off workers or change their contracts to avoid providing insurance. Have you or someone you know been affected by a business in this way?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Yes	27	27
No	71	71
(Don't know/refuse)	3	3
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In the coming weeks, officials in North Carolina must a make decision about how to implement that federal health care law. Do you think that North Carolina should operate its own on-line system to inform people about health insurance options, let the federal government operate it, or create a partnership between North Carolina and the national government to operate it?

	Registered voters	All Adults
North Carolina government only	33	36
Federal/national government only	7	7
Combination/partnership between the North Carolina state government and federal/national government	48	48
(Don't know/refuse)	12	12
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As you may know, Congress and the president have passed new legislation on taxes. From what you've read and heard, do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove or strongly disapprove of this tax legislation?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Strongly approve	2	2
Approve	27	26
(Neither approve nor disapprove)	6	6
Disapprove	35	35
Strongly disapprove	18	18
(Don't know/refuse)	12	13
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Thinking ahead, do you think this tax legislation will mostly help or hurt people like yourself?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Help	22	23
Hurt	57	57
(Make no difference)	11	10
(Don't know/refuse)	10	11
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As you may know, President Obama and the Congress must soon make a decision about whether to raise the limit on the amount of debt that the U.S. government can owe. Which do you think would cause bigger problems for the United States if Congress and President Obama agree to raise the debt limit or if they cannot agree on raising the debt limit?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Raising the debt limit would cause more problems	36	36
Not raising the debt limit would cause more problems	31	30
(Neither one would cause a lot of problems)	27	27
(Don't know)	3	4
(Refused)	1	2
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School Safety

Generally speaking, would you say that schools in North Carolina are safer or less safe for students and teachers than they were 10 years ago?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Safer	34	34
Less safe	43	42
(About the same/ no difference)	14	13
(Don't know/refuse)	10	11
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Right now, some schools in North Carolina have armed guards on site and others do not. Some people support hiring armed guards for all schools to help keep more of our schools safe, but other people have said that is not necessary. Do you think all schools should have armed guards?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Yes, all schools should have armed guards	55	55
No, not all schools need armed guards	41	41
(Don't know/refuse)	4	5
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Demographics

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	Registered voters	All Adults
(1-11 th grade)	6	7
(High school graduate)	18	18
(Some college)	22	22
(College graduate)	39	38
(Graduate school)	14	14
(Don't know/refuse)	0	0
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In politics today, do you generally consider yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or what?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Democrat	37	36
Republican	35	34
(Independent/unaffiliated)	21	23
(Other)	5	5
(Don't know)	1	2
(Refused)	1	1
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When thinking about politics today, do normally consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

	Registered voters	All Adults
Very conservative	16	16
Somewhat conservative	31	29
Moderate	28	29
Somewhat liberal	15	15
Very liberal	4	4
(Other)	3	3
(Don't know/refuse)	3	4
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Age

	Registered voters	All Adults
18 - 24	13	13
25 - 34	16	18
35 - 44	19	20
45 - 54	20	19
55 - 64	16	15
65 and older	17	16
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Gender

	Registered voters	All Adults
Male	48	49
Female	52	51

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Registered voters	All Adults
White	68	69
African-American or Black	22	21
Hispanic or Latino	2	3
Native American	1	1
Asian	1	1
(Multiple or Other)	3	3
(Don't know/refuse)	2	3

Phone type

	Registered voters	All Adults
Both landline and cell phone	70	70
Cell phone only	28	28
Landline only	2	2