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North Carolinians see corruption in both parties

Raleigh, N.C. – A plurality of voters in North Carolina think that both Democrats and Republicans in state government are corrupt.

45% of North Carolinians think that Democrats are corrupt to 27% who think they are not. 37% think Republicans are as well to 28% who don't believe they are. There are more voters unsure about whether the corrupt label applies to the GOP, probably because it's less clear with the party out of power.

It's not surprising that a large number of Republicans (67%) think the Democrats are corrupt or that the same is true in reverse as 45% of Democrats think the Republicans are. It's interesting to note though that there is also a significant contingent of voters who think their own parties are corrupt. 26% of Democrats and 25% of Republicans feel that way.

Most voters in the state think that corruption is on the rise compared to the past. 55% believe North Carolina is more corrupt than it was 25 years ago to only 8% who think it is less so. That view is held pretty strongly across party lines. Even compared to just five years ago 43% of voters think state government has become more corrupt to 9% who think it has become less so.

“These numbers show a pretty serious lack of trust from North Carolina voters in their politicians,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Democratic scandals have received a lot more attention in recent years but voters don't seem to have much faith in the Republicans either. Leaders in Raleigh have a long way to go in restoring the public trust after all these recent incidents.”

PPP surveyed 711 North Carolina voters from November 9th to 11th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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