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Republicans Excited about Voting but Their Legislators have Low Approval

Republican men are the most excited about casting their vote in the upcoming fall elections. Those who voted for John McCain are more eager to get back to the polling stations than those who voted for President Obama, 55- 41 percent. Moderates are generally apathetic.

Although this is consistent with historical midterm trends, this excitement could also be attributed to other political factors such as the Tea Party movement.

However, if North Carolina voters vote they are more likely to vote Democratic, 43-42 percent. This is a slight ideological shift from early May, when voters favored Republicans in the same generic state legislature race 44-42.

Public opinion of the state legislature is unfavorable. Republican legislators fare worse with a mere 28 percent favorability. Democrats rallied a 33 percent approval rating.

Moderates tend to favor Democrats over Republicans, 37- 21 percent.

“Democrats can win in North Carolina,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling, “but they will have to focus on energizing the base, recruiting the middle and getting out the vote. This year North Carolina Democratic candidates won’t have the luxury of Obama’s coattails.”

PPP surveyed 601 North Carolina voters from June 4th- 6th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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North Carolina Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Democrats in the legislature?
Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure..... 17%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republicans in the legislature?
Favorable..... 28%
Unfavorable 52%
Not sure..... 20%
- Q3** If there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?
Democratic..... 43%
Republican..... 42%
Undecided..... 15%
- Q4** How excited are you about casting your vote in the general election this fall?
Very excited..... 46%
Somewhat excited 27%
Not very excited..... 22%
Not sure..... 5%
- Q5** Who did you vote for President last year?
John McCain..... 46%
Barack Obama..... 47%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%
- Q6** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 40%
Conservative..... 42%
- Q7** Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town?
Urban..... 14%
Suburban 32%
Rural..... 27%
Small Town..... 28%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.
Woman 55%
Man..... 45%
- Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
Democrat..... 47%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 19%
- Q10** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.
White 75%
African-American 22%
Other..... 3%
- Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.
18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 47%
Older than 65..... 20%





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252.....	12%
336.....	22%
704.....	18%
828.....	12%
910.....	14%
919.....	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Voter Enthusiasm			
		Very excited	Somewhat excited	Not very excited	Not sure
Legislature Dems Favorability					
Favorable	33%	35%	33%	29%	40%
Unfavorable	49%	58%	45%	40%	32%
Not sure	17%	7%	22%	31%	28%

	Base	Voter Enthusiasm			
		Very excited	Somewhat excited	Not very excited	Not sure
Legislature GOP Favorability					
Favorable	28%	38%	24%	15%	14%
Unfavorable	52%	49%	59%	53%	30%
Not sure	20%	13%	17%	32%	56%

	Base	Voter Enthusiasm			
		Very excited	Somewhat excited	Not very excited	Not sure
Generic Legislative Ballot					
Democratic	43%	39%	49%	44%	42%
Republican	42%	53%	36%	30%	25%
Undecided	15%	8%	15%	25%	33%

	Base	Voter Enthusiasm			
		Very excited	Somewhat excited	Not very excited	Not sure
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	46%	100%	-	-	-
Somewhat excited	27%	-	100%	-	-
Not very excited	22%	-	-	100%	-
Not sure	5%	-	-	-	100%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Legislature Dems Favorability				
Favorable	33%	5%	64%	13%
Unfavorable	49%	87%	12%	57%
Not sure	17%	9%	24%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Legislature GOP Favorability				
Favorable	28%	53%	5%	18%
Unfavorable	52%	27%	74%	58%
Not sure	20%	20%	20%	24%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	43%	6%	82%	29%
Republican	42%	81%	5%	31%
Undecided	15%	13%	13%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	46%	55%	39%	40%
Somewhat excited	27%	24%	33%	15%
Not very excited	22%	18%	23%	41%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Legislature Dems Favorability				
Favorable	33%	71%	37%	13%
Unfavorable	49%	10%	37%	77%
Not sure	17%	19%	25%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Legislature GOP Favorability				
Favorable	28%	9%	21%	43%
Unfavorable	52%	78%	59%	33%
Not sure	20%	13%	20%	24%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	43%	84%	55%	15%
Republican	42%	10%	26%	71%
Undecided	15%	6%	19%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	46%	50%	36%	54%
Somewhat excited	27%	32%	33%	20%
Not very excited	22%	15%	26%	21%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Legislature Dems Favorability					
Favorable	33%	45%	31%	31%	31%
Unfavorable	49%	37%	53%	53%	48%
Not sure	18%	17%	16%	16%	22%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Legislature GOP Favorability					
Favorable	28%	27%	31%	27%	25%
Unfavorable	52%	54%	52%	53%	50%
Not sure	20%	20%	17%	20%	25%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Generic Legislative Ballot					
Democratic	43%	51%	44%	35%	45%
Republican	42%	32%	44%	46%	42%
Undecided	15%	17%	12%	19%	13%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	46%	42%	50%	37%	52%
Somewhat excited	27%	31%	26%	33%	20%
Not very excited	22%	25%	19%	25%	22%
Not sure	5%	2%	4%	4%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Legislature Dems Favorability			
Favorable	33%	37%	28%
Unfavorable	49%	42%	58%
Not sure	17%	20%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Legislature GOP Favorability			
Favorable	28%	27%	30%
Unfavorable	52%	52%	51%
Not sure	20%	21%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Legislative Ballot			
Democratic	43%	50%	35%
Republican	42%	37%	48%
Undecided	15%	13%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	46%	41%	53%
Somewhat excited	27%	29%	25%
Not very excited	22%	25%	19%
Not sure	5%	6%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Legislature Dems Favorability				
Favorable	33%	60%	3%	22%
Unfavorable	49%	19%	88%	57%
Not sure	17%	22%	9%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Legislature GOP Favorability				
Favorable	28%	10%	57%	23%
Unfavorable	52%	69%	21%	61%
Not sure	20%	21%	22%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	43%	78%	4%	28%
Republican	42%	12%	89%	35%
Undecided	15%	11%	7%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	46%	43%	55%	38%
Somewhat excited	27%	29%	25%	26%
Not very excited	22%	22%	16%	31%
Not sure	5%	5%	3%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Legislature Dems Favorability				
Favorable	33%	24%	64%	39%
Unfavorable	49%	61%	13%	37%
Not sure	17%	15%	23%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Legislature GOP Favorability				
Favorable	28%	34%	8%	30%
Unfavorable	52%	46%	71%	51%
Not sure	20%	20%	21%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	43%	31%	85%	39%
Republican	42%	54%	5%	30%
Undecided	15%	16%	9%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	46%	48%	39%	48%
Somewhat excited	27%	26%	31%	22%
Not very excited	22%	21%	24%	24%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Legislature Dems Favorability					
Favorable	33%	42%	33%	33%	29%
Unfavorable	49%	29%	52%	52%	49%
Not sure	17%	29%	15%	15%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Legislature GOP Favorability					
Favorable	28%	29%	26%	29%	28%
Unfavorable	52%	54%	57%	51%	46%
Not sure	20%	17%	17%	20%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Legislative Ballot					
Democratic	43%	50%	44%	43%	40%
Republican	42%	33%	44%	42%	44%
Undecided	15%	17%	12%	15%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	46%	38%	43%	51%	44%
Somewhat excited	27%	46%	27%	24%	27%
Not very excited	22%	13%	24%	21%	25%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Legislature Dems Favorability							
Favorable	33%	42%	30%	32%	29%	36%	33%
Unfavorable	49%	40%	52%	52%	55%	46%	49%
Not sure	17%	19%	18%	16%	16%	19%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Legislature GOP Favorability							
Favorable	28%	24%	33%	27%	18%	29%	32%
Unfavorable	52%	51%	52%	56%	55%	44%	51%
Not sure	20%	25%	15%	17%	27%	27%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Generic Legislative Ballot							
Democratic	43%	50%	34%	41%	36%	43%	53%
Republican	42%	36%	50%	40%	44%	41%	40%
Undecided	15%	14%	16%	19%	20%	15%	8%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Voter Enthusiasm							
Very excited	46%	49%	43%	41%	37%	57%	50%
Somewhat excited	27%	27%	26%	36%	25%	23%	25%
Not very excited	22%	20%	25%	17%	35%	15%	22%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%	3%

