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Southern voters glad North won Civil War

Raleigh, N.C. – A lot has been made recently about southern attitudes toward race and the old Confederacy 150 years after the start of the Civil War, fueled in part by PPP’s recent poll which showed that more Mississippi Republican primary voters think interracial marriage should be illegal than legal. But for the most part, residents of three southern states—Mississippi, North Carolina, and Georgia—prove that American culture and politics are becoming less and less regional in the digital age. This is especially true in the latter two states, which have experienced a large influx of immigrants from the North and Midwest in the last 20 to 30 years.

Except in Mississippi, most voters in these states are glad the Union won the “War Between the States” instead of the South. 53% say that in Georgia, 48% in North Carolina, and 34% in Mississippi. But still fewer in Mississippi (27%) would prefer that General Lee’s troops had prevailed; a 39% plurality are not sure. Similarly, only 21% in North Carolina and 23% in Georgia wish the South had won.

Most of the thrust behind the support for the CSA does come from Republicans, though. Tar Heel Republicans are glad the union stayed together only by a 35-33 margin, while 55% of Democrats and 57% of independents are happy the North won. In Mississippi, Republicans actually are disappointed in the outcome by a 38-21 spread, while Democrats and independents align at least as strongly in the opposite direction. The Georgia GOP is the most mainstream on this front, siding with the North, 47-31, but that is still lower than Democrats’ 58% and independents’ 54% support for the U.S.

On the interracial marriage question, majorities of all voters in each state think it should be legal- 68% of North Carolinians, 62% of Georgians, and 54% of Mississippians. Even Republicans say this by almost a 2:1 margin in the first two states; only in Mississippi are Republicans against it.

PPP surveyed 790 Georgia voters from March 31st to April 3rd, for a +/-3.5% margin of error; 817 Mississippi voters from March 24th to 27th, for a +/-3.4% margin of error; and 507 North Carolina voters from April 14th to 17th, for a +/-4.4% margin of error. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Georgia Survey Results

Q1 Do you think interracial marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 62%
Illegal..... 22%
Not sure..... 15%

Q2 Are you glad that the North won the Civil War or do you wish that the South had won?

Glad the North won..... 53%
Wish the South had won..... 23%
Not sure..... 24%

Q3 Do you have a higher opinion of the NAACP or the Ku Klux Klan?

NAACP..... 59%
KKK..... 7%
Not sure..... 34%

Q4 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 47%
Barack Obama..... 42%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 11%

Q5 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal..... 15%
Moderate..... 26%
Somewhat conservative..... 28%
Very conservative..... 20%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 52%
Man..... 48%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 39%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White..... 65%
African American..... 29%
Other..... 6%

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 18%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Should Interracial Marriage Be Legal or Illegal?				
Legal	62%	51%	74%	69%
Illegal	22%	31%	13%	20%
Not sure	15%	19%	13%	11%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Glad North Won Civil War or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won	53%	43%	64%	48%
Wish the South had won	23%	31%	13%	27%
Not sure	24%	25%	23%	25%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?				
NAACP	59%	35%	87%	50%
KKK	7%	9%	5%	9%
Not sure	34%	55%	8%	41%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Interracial Marriage Be Legal or Illegal?						
Legal	62%	60%	79%	65%	66%	43%
Illegal	22%	29%	17%	20%	18%	31%
Not sure	15%	11%	4%	15%	16%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Glad North Won Civil War or Wish South Had?						
Glad the North won	53%	64%	63%	53%	54%	37%
Wish the South had won	23%	14%	19%	24%	23%	30%
Not sure	24%	22%	18%	23%	23%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?						
NAACP	59%	87%	86%	64%	51%	27%
KKK	7%	2%	7%	8%	6%	11%
Not sure	34%	11%	7%	27%	43%	63%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Interracial Marriage Be Legal or Illegal?			
Legal	62%	60%	65%
Illegal	22%	23%	21%
Not sure	15%	17%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Glad North Won Civil War or Wish South Had?			
Glad the North won	53%	50%	56%
Wish the South had won	23%	23%	23%
Not sure	24%	27%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?			
NAACP	59%	66%	51%
KKK	7%	6%	9%
Not sure	34%	28%	40%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Interracial Marriage Be Legal or Illegal?				
Legal	62%	67%	52%	74%
Illegal	22%	20%	29%	13%
Not sure	15%	13%	19%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Glad North Won Civil War or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won	53%	58%	47%	54%
Wish the South had won	23%	17%	31%	19%
Not sure	24%	25%	22%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?				
NAACP	59%	84%	36%	53%
KKK	7%	6%	10%	4%
Not sure	34%	10%	54%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Should Interracial Marriage Be Legal or Illegal?				
Legal	62%	58%	71%	68%
Illegal	22%	26%	15%	15%
Not sure	15%	16%	14%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Glad North Won Civil War or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won	53%	46%	66%	57%
Wish the South had won	23%	29%	11%	11%
Not sure	24%	25%	22%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?				
NAACP	59%	45%	91%	56%
KKK	7%	9%	2%	9%
Not sure	34%	46%	7%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Interracial Marriage Be Legal or Illegal?					
Legal	62%	51%	77%	68%	45%
Illegal	22%	28%	14%	18%	35%
Not sure	15%	21%	9%	14%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Glad North Won Civil War or Wish South Had?					
Glad the North won	53%	56%	60%	56%	35%
Wish the South had won	23%	23%	19%	18%	36%
Not sure	24%	21%	21%	26%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?					
NAACP	59%	60%	67%	62%	42%
KKK	7%	12%	7%	4%	9%
Not sure	34%	28%	26%	34%	49%





North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you think interracial marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal.....68% *Not sure*.....12%
Illegal.....20%

Q2 Are you glad that the North won the Civil War or do you wish that the South had won?

Glad the North won the Civil War48% *Wish the South had won*.....21%
Not sure.....31%

Q3 Do you have a higher opinion of the NAACP or the Ku Klux Klan?

NAACP.....58% *Not sure*.....34%
KKK.....8%

Q4 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain.....48%
Barack Obama.....46%
Someone else/Don't remember6%

Q5 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal.....9%
Somewhat liberal.....14%
Moderate.....32%
Somewhat conservative.....22%
Very conservative.....22%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman.....53%
Man.....47%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat.....46%
Republican.....36%
Independent/Other.....18%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White.....74%
African-American.....22%
Other.....4%

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29.....10%
30 to 45.....25%
46 to 65.....45%
Older than 65.....20%

Q10

252.....8%
336.....26%
704.....20%
828.....13%
910.....11%
919.....21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Interracial Marriage				
Legal	68%	56%	85%	40%
Illegal	20%	29%	9%	24%
Not sure	12%	15%	6%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	35%	63%	37%
Wish the South had won	21%	33%	9%	21%
Not sure	31%	32%	27%	42%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK				
NAACP	58%	35%	85%	36%
KKK	8%	12%	3%	12%
Not sure	34%	53%	12%	51%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Interracial Marriage						
Legal	68%	78%	80%	76%	56%	59%
Illegal	20%	14%	14%	17%	21%	27%
Not sure	12%	9%	6%	7%	23%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?						
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	52%	65%	59%	39%	28%
Wish the South had won	21%	7%	9%	12%	27%	43%
Not sure	31%	41%	26%	29%	34%	28%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK						
NAACP	58%	82%	75%	72%	46%	30%
KKK	8%	-	8%	5%	10%	13%
Not sure	34%	18%	17%	23%	44%	57%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Interracial Marriage			
Legal	68%	69%	67%
Illegal	20%	17%	23%
Not sure	12%	14%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?			
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	46%	51%
Wish the South had won	21%	20%	23%
Not sure	31%	34%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK			
NAACP	58%	60%	55%
KKK	8%	5%	12%
Not sure	34%	35%	33%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Interracial Marriage				
Legal	68%	74%	55%	80%
Illegal	20%	15%	30%	11%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	55%	35%	57%
Wish the South had won	21%	15%	33%	14%
Not sure	31%	30%	32%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK				
NAACP	58%	78%	36%	53%
KKK	8%	4%	13%	7%
Not sure	34%	18%	51%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Interracial Marriage				
Legal	68%	67%	73%	65%
Illegal	20%	22%	13%	13%
Not sure	12%	11%	15%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	46%	55%	48%
Wish the South had won	21%	25%	9%	13%
Not sure	31%	28%	36%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK				
NAACP	58%	51%	85%	48%
KKK	8%	9%	6%	4%
Not sure	34%	41%	9%	48%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Interracial Marriage					
Legal	68%	56%	77%	78%	42%
Illegal	20%	26%	14%	11%	42%
Not sure	12%	18%	9%	10%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?					
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	54%	56%	47%	37%
Wish the South had won	21%	25%	13%	22%	28%
Not sure	31%	21%	30%	31%	36%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK					
NAACP	58%	63%	63%	55%	55%
KKK	8%	9%	9%	7%	9%
Not sure	34%	28%	28%	38%	36%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Interracial Marriage							
Legal	68%	73%	63%	62%	69%	62%	82%
Illegal	20%	15%	25%	25%	22%	17%	10%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%	12%	9%	21%	8%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Glad North Won CW, or Wish South Had?							
Glad the North won the Civil War	48%	46%	46%	43%	38%	46%	62%
Wish the South had won	21%	20%	25%	28%	27%	15%	10%
Not sure	31%	33%	29%	29%	35%	38%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK							
NAACP	58%	67%	57%	53%	52%	63%	61%
KKK	8%	4%	11%	10%	9%	8%	3%
Not sure	34%	29%	32%	37%	38%	29%	36%





Mississippi Survey Results

Q1 Do you think interracial marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 54%
Illegal..... 28%
Not sure..... 18%

Q2 Are you glad that the North won the Civil War or do you wish that the South had won?

Glad the North won..... 34%
Wish the South had won..... 27%
Not sure..... 39%

Q3 Do you have a higher opinion of the NAACP or the Ku Klux Klan?

NAACP..... 49%
KKK..... 9%
Not sure..... 42%

Q4 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 54%
Barack Obama..... 40%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 7%

Q5 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal..... 11%
Moderate..... 28%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative..... 26%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 56%
Man..... 44%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 40%
Republican..... 40%
Independent/Other..... 20%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White..... 63%
African-American..... 33%
Other..... 4%

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Interracial Marriage				
Legal	54%	37%	76%	59%
Illegal	28%	40%	12%	25%
Not sure	18%	22%	12%	16%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Glad North Won Civil War, or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won	34%	23%	47%	42%
Wish the South had won	27%	38%	14%	20%
Not sure	39%	39%	39%	37%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?				
NAACP	49%	20%	88%	50%
KKK	9%	14%	2%	10%
Not sure	42%	66%	11%	40%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Interracial Marriage						
Legal	54%	79%	70%	55%	50%	40%
Illegal	28%	17%	19%	23%	33%	37%
Not sure	18%	4%	12%	22%	17%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Glad North Won Civil War, or Wish South Had?						
Glad the North won	34%	31%	45%	43%	27%	25%
Wish the South had won	27%	36%	17%	18%	29%	36%
Not sure	39%	33%	39%	38%	44%	39%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?						
NAACP	49%	73%	85%	59%	29%	30%
KKK	9%	13%	-	7%	9%	14%
Not sure	42%	14%	15%	34%	62%	56%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Interracial Marriage			
Legal	54%	58%	49%
Illegal	28%	21%	38%
Not sure	18%	21%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Glad North Won Civil War, or Wish South Had?			
Glad the North won	34%	30%	38%
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Not sure	39%	47%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?			
NAACP	49%	53%	43%
KKK	9%	5%	14%
Not sure	42%	42%	43%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Interracial Marriage				
Legal	54%	68%	39%	56%
Illegal	28%	18%	41%	21%
Not sure	18%	14%	19%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Glad North Won Civil War, or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won	34%	39%	21%	49%
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Not sure	39%	39%	41%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?				
NAACP	49%	77%	21%	47%
KKK	9%	6%	14%	4%
Not sure	42%	17%	64%	49%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Interracial Marriage				
Legal	54%	43%	74%	73%
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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Glad North Won Civil War, or Wish South Had?				
Glad the North won	34%	27%	44%	52%
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Not sure	39%	38%	42%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?				
NAACP	49%	26%	91%	52%
KKK	9%	14%	-	10%
Not sure	42%	60%	9%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Interracial Marriage					
Legal	54%	45%	71%	52%	42%
Illegal	28%	36%	15%	27%	44%
Not sure	18%	19%	14%	21%	15%



Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Glad North Won Civil War, or Wish South Had?					
Glad the North won	34%	31%	46%	32%	21%
Wish the South had won	27%	34%	20%	26%	35%
Not sure	39%	35%	34%	42%	44%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Higher Opinion of NAACP or KKK?					
NAACP	49%	54%	66%	45%	29%
KKK	9%	12%	6%	10%	9%
Not sure	42%	34%	28%	45%	61%