

CIVITAS INSTITUTE DECISION MAKER POLL

APRIL 2007 POLL RESULTS

April 18, 2007

1. Do you feel things in N.C. are headed in the right direction or wrong track?

Wrong track	37%
Right direction	44%
Not sure	19%

2. Affiliation

Democrat	50%
Republican	39%
Other	11%

3. Which needs the most attention from State government?

Lower health care costs	23%
Improve public education	23%
Creating jobs	12%
Holding down taxes	11%
Control Immigration	20%

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	Jan'06	Jan'07	Mar'07	April '07
Lower health care costs	21%	25%	25%	23%
Improve public education	18%	18%	22%	23%
Create jobs	23%	11%	11%	11%
Hold down taxes	18%	0%	11%	12%
Control immigration	11%	23%	19%	20%

5. If the election for State Legislature were held today, would you vote Republican or Democrat?

Democrat	40%
Republican	34%
Neither	8%
Not sure	18%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as President?

Approve	41%
Disapprove	55%
Not Sure	4%

7. Do you think the troop surge is reducing the level of violence in Baghdad and other parts of the country?

Yes	28%
No	52%
No difference	5%
Not sure	15%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of legislation passed by Congress that requires a timetable for withdrawal of all troops within the next year but also provides full funding for our troops presently fighting in Iraq?

Disapprove	42%
Approve	46%
Not sure	10%

9. If the President vetoes the legislation because it sets a mandatory withdrawal for troops from Iraq, and Congress refuses to approve funding without the required withdrawal, who will you hold responsible for the cutting off of supplies and equipment for the troops?

President	36%
Congress	50%
Not sure	14%

10. Do you agree with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's trip to negotiate with Syria's President without President Bush's approval or do you believe America should America speak with one voice ?

Pelosi	25%
One voice	59%
Not sure	16%

11. If the 2008 primary election for President were held today which of the following Democrats would you vote for?

Clinton	20%
Edwards	26%
Obama	20%
None mentioned	14%
Not sure	20%

12. If the 2008 primary election for President were held today which of the following Republicans would you vote for?

Giuliani	32%
McCain	22%
Romney	10%
None mentioned	17%
Not sure	19%

13. If the 2008 list of candidates for the GOP primary election for President now included Newt Gingrich and Fred Thompson who would you vote for?

Giuliani	26%
McCain	16%
Romney	6%
Gingrich	10%
Thompson	13%
None mentioned	10%
Not sure	19%

14. If the 2008 election for President were held today and the candidates were Republican Rudy Giuliani and Democrat Hillary Clinton which of the following would you vote for?

Clinton	36%
Giuliani	47%
Neither	8%
Not sure	10%

15. If the 2008 election for President were held today and the candidates were Republican John McCain and Democrat Hillary Clinton, which of the following would you vote for?

Clinton	37%
McCain	46%
Neither	7%
Not sure	10%

16. If the Democratic primary election for Governor were held today, which of the following Democrats would you most likely be voting for?

Moore	23%
Perdue	34%
Not sure	43%

17. If the Republican primary election for Governor were held today, which of the following Republican would you most likely be voting for?

Graham	7%
Orr	13%
Smith	13%
Not sure	67%

18. Would you support a change in state law that would require all of NC's electoral votes go to the candidate who receives the largest popular vote nationally instead of who won in the State of North Carolina?

Yes	34%
No	46%
Not sure	20%

19. Do you agree or disagree that voter registration forms should be provided in foreign languages in an effort to increase voting among immigrants?

Agree	27%
Disagree	66%
Not sure	7%

20. Do you agree or disagree that a person registering to vote for the first time should be required to prove they are a US citizen?

Agree	96%
Disagree	2%
Not sure	2%

21. Do you agree or disagree that a person who wishes to vote should be required to show photo ID before being allowed to cast a ballot?

Agree	86%
Disagree	10%
Not sure	4%

22. The State House has passed legislation allowing a person to register and vote by simply showing some form of residency such as a utility bill. Do you support this same day registration and voting legislation without photo identification and proof of citizenship?

Yes	9%
No	87%
Not sure	4%

23. Do you agree or disagree with a North Carolina based Hispanic advocacy group that wants the legislature to create a special driver's license for illegal immigrants?

Agree	13%
Disagree	78%
Not sure	9%

24. Do you agree or disagree with this advocacy group that illegal immigrants attending state universities should be treated as in-state students and pay in-state tuition rates?

Agree	22%
Disagree	70%
Not sure	7%

25. Do you support or oppose legislation allowing a restaurant, bar and tavern owner to decide their own smoking policy as long as the policy was clearly posted at the entrance to their business?

Support	70%
Oppose	24%
Not sure	6%

26. The General Assembly has passed a law that requires that any charges of unethical behavior by legislators or state officials be heard behind closed doors. Do you support the law or do you believe any charges should be heard in public?

Support law	9%
Heard in public	83%
Not sure	8%

27. The International Labor Organization, a UN agency not recognized by the United States, has ruled state employees in North Carolina should have the right to unionize, engage in collective bargaining and strike if necessary?

Support	37%
Oppose	47%
Not sure	16%

28. One-third of North Carolina students who start high school do not graduate. Would you support or oppose an increase in the number of charter schools that provide extensive career and technical training as one way to increase the number of students who stay in school and graduate?

Support	75%
Oppose	16%
Not sure	9%

29. Would you support or oppose tax credits for businesses that provided equipment and supplies to help establish career and vocational schools?

Support	83%
Oppose	9%
Not sure	8%

30. Presently, the insurance commissioner has the power to deny rate increases requested by insurance companies. Do you support or oppose legislation to give power to the courts to deny rate increases and take that power away from the Insurance Commissioner?

Support	29%
Oppose	47%
Not sure	24%

31. The state board of education has stripped the duly elected state Superintendent of Public Instruction of her responsibilities. They have hired an Assistant Superintendent who had been defeated in the election for this position to take over the responsibilities. Do you approve or disapprove of the State Board of Education's actions?

Approve	12%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	30%

32. Age group

18-34	7%
35-44	12%
45-54	21%
55-64	23%
65+	37%

33. Political philosophy

Liberal	44%
Conservative	13%
Moderate	30%

34. Regardless of party registration, do you:

Always vote Democrat	14%
Vote Democrat more than Republican	24%
Vote Republican more than Democrat	28%
Always vote Republican	9%
Both equally/split ticket	21%

35. Education

Less than high school	5%
4 year degree	26%
2 year degree	27%
High school	28%
Post Graduate	14%

36. Family income

Less than \$25,000	14%
\$25,000 – \$49,999	25%
\$50,000 – \$74,999	24%
\$75,000 +	34%

37. National Heritage

African American	1%
Caucasian	94%
Other	2%
Native American	3%

38. Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%

39. Geographic Area

Triangle	21%
Western	15%
Piedmont	19%
Charlotte	20%
Northeast	12%
Southeast	14%

METHODOLOGY: TelOpinion Research of Alexandria, Va. conducted the poll on April 11-15 with 800 registered voters who voted in the 2002 and 2004 general elections, were first time voters in the 2006 general election, and voted in 2004 and 2006 as newly registered voters. It has a margin of error of +/-3.7