

NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE
 SURVEY RESEARCH REPORT
 DECEMBER 2009

DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

		AGE GROUP					PHILOSOPHY							
N	%	18-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66+	VERY LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT CONS	VERY CONS	MODERATE			
600	100	26 4%	129 22%	180 30%	119 20%	141 24%	87 14%	66 11%	128 21%	159 26%	147 24%			
STRONGLY SUPPORT	287 48	46%	44%	46%	58% *	45%	55%	21% *	45%	58% *	46%			
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	151 25	35% *	25%	32%	15% *	25%	11% *	58% *	30%	16% *	26%			
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	52 9	4%	12%	8%	7%	10%	1%	15%	13%	6%	9%			
STRONGLY OPPOSE	63 10	8%	10%	9%	13%	11%	25% *	3%	4%	13%	10%			
NOT SURE	47 8	8%	9%	5%	7%	10%	7%	3%	7%	8%	10%			
SUPPORT	438 73	81%	69%	78%	73%	70%	67%	79%	76%	74%	72%			
OPPOSE	115 19	12%	22%	17%	20%	21%	26%	18%	17%	19%	18%			
NET OPPOSE	323 54	69% *	47%	61%	53%	49%	40% *	61%	59%	55%	54%			
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	3.8:1	7.0:1 *	3.2:1 *	4.5:1 *	3.6:1	3.4:1 *	2.5:1 *	4.3:1 *	4.4:1 *	3.9:1	3.9:1			
		EMPLOYMENT					HERITAGE		AFFIL.			GENDER		
N	%	SELF EMPLOYED	WORKING PRIVATE	WORK FOR GOVT	SPOUSE HOUSEWIFE	RETIRED	UNEMPLOY	CAUCASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN	DEM	REP	UNAFFIL.	MALE	FEMALE
600	100	72 12%	203 34%	58 10%	22 4%	187 31%	52 9%	456 76%	126 21%	293 49%	211 35%	96 16%	273 46%	327 54%
STRONGLY SUPPORT	287 48	47%	49%	57% *	41%	45%	48%	51%	36% *	42%	54%	51%	49%	47%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	151 25	24%	27%	21%	32%	25%	27%	23%	32%	27%	24%	22%	25%	26%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	52 9	7%	8%	9%	14%	10%	6%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	63 10	12%	10%	10%	14%	11%	10%	10%	13%	13%	7%	10%	12%	9%
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OPPOSE	115 19	19%	18%	19%	27%	21%	15%	18%	22%	22%	16%	20%	21%	18%
NET OPPOSE	323 54	51%	57%	59%	45%	50%	60%	56%	45%	48%	62%	53%	53%	55%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	3.8:1	3.6:1	4.1:1	4.1:1	2.7:1 *	3.4:1 *	4.9:1 *	4.0:1	3.0:1 *	3.2:1 *	5.0:1 *	3.7:1	3.6:1	4.0:1

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NOT SURE	47	8	10%	6%	3%	10%	9%	8%
SUPPORT	438	73	69%	85% *	75%	67%	75%	72%
OPPOSE	115	19	21%	9% *	22%	23%	16%	20%
NET OPPOSE	323	54	48%	76% *	53%	45% *	58%	53%
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STRONGLY SUPPORT	183	30	31%	31%	31%	35%	26%	39%	12% *	30%	36%	27%			
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	79	13	4% *	12%	14%	11%	16%	2% *	29% *	19%	12%	10%			
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	80	13	8%	14%	11%	12%	18%	5%	14%	24% *	10%	11%			
STRONGLY OPPOSE	215	36	50% *	35%	37%	37%	33%	45%	42%	20% *	35%	44%			
NOT SURE	43	7	8%	8%	7%	5%	8%	9%	3%	7%	7%	8%			
SUPPORT	262	44	35% *	43%	46%	46%	42%	41%	41%	49%	48%	37%			
OPPOSE	295	49	58%	49%	48%	49%	50%	49%	56%	44%	45%	55%			
NET SUPPORT	-33	-6	-23% *	-5%	-2%	-3%	-9%	-8%	-15% *	5% *	4% *	-18% *			
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	1:1.1		1:1.7 *	1:1.1	1:1.0	1:1.1	1:1.2	1:1.2	1:1.4 *	1.1:1	1.1:1	1:1.5 *			
			EMPLOYMENT					HERITAGE			AFFIL.		GENDER		
	N	%	SELF EMPLOYED	WORKING PRIVATE	WORK FOR GOVT	SPOUSE HOUSEWIFE	RETIRED	UNEMPLOY	CAUCASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN	DEM	REP	UNAFFIL.	MALE	FEMALE
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SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	80	13	15%	13%	16%	18%	14%	6%	14%	10%	12%	17%	9%	14%	13%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	215	36	28%	39%	38%	36%	35%	38%	32%	48% *	41%	28%	38%	38%	34%
NOT SURE	43	7	12%	7%	2%	0%	8%	6%	7%	6%	6%	8%	9%	7%	7%
SUPPORT	262	44	44%	41%	45%	45%	43%	50%	46%	37%	41%	47%	44%	41%	46%
OPPOSE	295	49	43%	52%	53%	55%	49%	44%	47%	58%	53%	45%	47%	52%	47%
NET SUPPORT	-33	-6	1%	-11%	-9%	-9%	-5%	6% *	-1%	-21% *	-12%	2%	-3%	-10%	-2%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	1:1.1		1.0:1 *	1:1.3 *	1:1.2	1:1.2	1:1.1	1.1:1	1:1.0 *	1:1.6 *	1:1.3 *	1.1:1	1:1.1	1:1.2 *	1:1.0

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STRONGLY SUPPORT	183	30	17% *	39%	37%	30%	40% *	26%
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SUPPORT	262	44	31% *	51%	47%	43%	51%	46%
OPPOSE	295	49	60% *	42%	45%	50%	46%	47%
NET SUPPORT	-33	-6	-29% *	9% *	2%	-7%	4% *	-1%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	1:1.1		1:1.9 *	1.2:1	1.0:1	1:1.2	1.1:1	1:1.0 *

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TERM LIMITS	64	11	8%	10%	9%	12%	13%	9%	5%	16%	15%	7%
CLEAN HOUSE/START OVER	32	5	0%	4%	5%	9%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	5%
MORE HONESTY IN GOVT	23	4	4%	2%	3%	4%	7%	2%	5%	3%	4%	5%
HOLD ACCOUNTABLE/ACTION	15	3	0%	3%	4%	3%	0%	1%	0%	4%	1%	5%
LIMIT CAMP. CONTRIBUTIO	12	2	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%
GET RID OF LOBBYISTS	9	2	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%
REMOVE DEMOCRATS	3	1	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
CHECKS/BALANCES/GOVT. S	8	1	0%	4%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%
RID OF SPECIAL INTEREST	1	0	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
MORE PUNISHMENT/JAIL TI	10	2	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	3%
REMOVE REPUBLICANS	2	0	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
CREATE MORE JOBS	9	2	8%	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
NEED NEW JUDGES	4	1	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%
BACKGROUND CHECKS	5	1	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
CHRISTIAN VALUES/ETHICS	16	3	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	0%	5%	3%	2%
STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING	14	2	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	4%
REDUCE TAXES	8	1	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%
NEED A NEW GOVERNOR	9	2	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	3%	1%
MORE INFORMED VOTERS	10	2	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%
NEED NEW PRESIDENT	3	1	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
OTHER	94	16	23%	12%	17%	16%	16%	20%	15%	14%	19%	12%
NOT SURE	248	41	50%	47%	37%	36%	45%	53% *	61% *	31% *	29% *	45%

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TERM LIMITS	64	11	12%	11%	14%	5%	10%	8%	12%	6%	7%	15%	12%	13%	9%
CLEAN HOUSE/START OVER	32	5	3%	6%	3%	0%	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	7%	7%	6%	5%
MORE HONESTY IN GOVT	23	4	6%	1%	3%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
HOLD ACCOUNTABLE/ACTION	15	3	3%	4%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	5%	3%	2%
LIMIT CAMP. CONTRIBUTIO	12	2	3%	2%	5%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%
GET RID OF LOBBYISTS	9	2	3%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
REMOVE DEMOCRATS	3	1	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
CHECKS/BALANCES/GOVT. S	8	1	1%	1%	0%	5%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
RID OF SPECIAL INTEREST	1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MORE PUNISHMENT/JAIL TI	10	2	4%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
REMOVE REPUBLICANS	2	0	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
CREATE MORE JOBS	9	2	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%
NEED NEW JUDGES	4	1	1%	0%	0%	5%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
BACKGROUND CHECKS	5	1	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%
CHRISTIAN VALUES/ETHICS	16	3	3%	2%	0%	5%	3%	2%	4%	0%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%
STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING	14	2	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%
REDUCE TAXES	8	1	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	6%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
NEED A NEW GOVERNOR	9	2	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	4%	1%	2%
MORE INFORMED VOTERS	10	2	0%	1%	2%	0%	3%	0%	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%	2%	2%
NEED NEW PRESIDENT	3	1	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
OTHER	94	16	8%	16%	19%	36% *	15%	17%	14%	20%	17%	13%	16%	14%	17%
NOT SURE	248	41	42%	40%	34%	32% *	43%	52% *	39%	54% *	50%	31% *	38%	40%	43%

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CLEAN HOUSE/START OVER	32	5	3%	8%	5%	5%	3%	8%
MORE HONESTY IN GOVT	23	4	4%	3%	2%	6%	3%	5%
HOLD ACCOUNTABLE/ACTION	15	3	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	3%
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RID OF SPECIAL INTEREST	1	0	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MORE PUNISHMENT/JAIL TI	10	2	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%
REMOVE REPUBLICANS	2	0	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
CREATE MORE JOBS	9	2	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%
NEED NEW JUDGES	4	1	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	0%
BACKGROUND CHECKS	5	1	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%
CHRISTIAN VALUES/ETHICS	16	3	2%	8%	3%	2%	1%	0%
STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING	14	2	2%	0%	3%	2%	3%	3%
REDUCE TAXES	8	1	0%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%
NEED A NEW GOVERNOR	9	2	2%	0%	1%	1%	4%	1%
MORE INFORMED VOTERS	10	2	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%
NEED NEW PRESIDENT	3	1	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
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