# Summary Report: Chatham County Public Opinion Study 

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#### Abstract

This summary report describes the results of a two-wave survey of public opinion and news consumption among registered voters of Chatham County, North Carolina, fielded in Fall 2022.


## Executive Summary

The Chatham County Public Opinion Study was a field experiment on political attitudes and news consumption conducted in Chatham County, North Carolina, by researchers at Duke University. The study recruited registered voters from Chatham County to participate, and garnered 1,156 responses from eligible participants in a first-wave survey in September 2022, as well as 554 responses from eligible participants in a second-wave survey in December 2022. The study partnered with a nearby North Carolina newspaper to randomly provide some study participants with a free digital subscription to the newspaper between the two survey waves. The study found that use of the free subscription was generally low among participants to whom it was provided, indicating that price reductions are not an effective means of increasing readership of sub-national news content. This report provides summary statistics of participant responses for each question fielded on the two surveys conducted as part of the study.

## How to Read this Report

This report summarizes the responses to questions fielded on each of the two surveys conducted as part of the study. For most questions, the wording of the question is provided, followed by the wording of each response option and the (weighted) percentage of total respondents to the survey who selected that response option. See below regarding the weighting procedure, which uses demographic information to weight the sample respondents to better approximate the target population (registered voters of Chatham County).

## Methodological Details

A probability-based random sample of 10,000 registered voters was drawn from the public voter records of Chatham County and invited by mail to enroll in the study. To enroll, each invitee was instructed to complete an online survey at a URL provided in the mailed invitation (a "mail-to-web" recruitment procedure) using a unique 6-character access code
randomly generated for each invitation. Each mailed invitation letter included $\$ 1$ in cash as a pre-incentive to participate, which invitees were welcomed to keep regardless of whether they chose to participant. A total of 1,156 eligible respondents enrolled by completing an online survey between September $1^{\text {st }}-26^{\text {th }}, 2022$ (response rate 11.6 percent). Enrolled participants were given an option to be entered into a drawing to receive one of 20 cash completion prizes, each in the amount of $\$ 50$. Twenty prize winners were randomly selected and issued instructions on how to collect their prizes in November 2022. All 1,156 eligible respondents to the first-wave survey were mailed an invitation to complete the second-wave survey; as before, each mailed invitation included $\$ 1$ as a cash pre-incentive, which invitees were welcomed to keep regardless of whether they chose to complete the second-wave survey. A total of 554 respondents completed the second-wave online survey (re-completed interview rate of 47.9 percent) between December $1^{\text {st }}-$ January $2^{\text {nd }}$ (2023). At the end of the secondwave survey, participants were again given an option to be entered into a drawing to receive one of 20 cash completion prizes, each in the amount of $\$ 50$. Twenty prize winners were randomly selected and issued instructions on how to collect their prizes in January 2023.

To be eligible to participate in the study, potential respondents had to be registered voters of Chatham County, North Carolina, indicate that they were at least 18 years of age, indicate that they reside in the state of North Carolina, and provide informed consent to participate in the study. Two observations in the first-wave survey failed at least two of six data quality checks (reported age did not match reported birth year within a tolerance of two years, reported zip code is not located in Chatham County, junk or non-sequitur response to an open-ended question, reporting using a social media platform that does not exist, or completing the survey in less than one-third of the median completion time). The final analysis sample for the first-wave survey was $\mathrm{n}=1,154$. Two observations in the secondwave survey also failed at least two of the same six data quality checks, and were therefore removed, providing a final analysis sample for the second-wave survey of $\mathrm{n}=552$.

The question wording and response options for each question fielded on the two surveys
are provided in this report. In the table that follows each question, the left-hand column provides a list of response options and the right-hand column provides the weighted percentage of respondents to the survey that gave each response. These data are constructed with post-stratification weights on party identification (Democrat, Republican, or unaffiliated), gender (male or not), race/ethnicity (non-Hispanic white or not), and age (55 and younger or 56 and older). Specifically, each observation (respondent) in the sample is weighted according to the probability of appearing in the Chatham County registered voter file (as of August $10^{\text {th }}, 2022$ ) according to the joint distribution of these four variables. This weighting procedure helps address some non-response bias that influences the composition of the final study sample. However, no sampling design is perfect, and unmeasured error is inevitably associated with all public opinion research, including this study. The sampling error (also known as the margin of error) for the first-wave survey is $\pm 2.7$ percentage points, and the sampling error for the second-wave survey is $\pm 4.1$ percentage points.

## About the Study

The Chatham County Public Opinion Study was generously supported by a Duke University Bass Connections Project Grant, the DeWitt Wallace Center for Media \& Democracy at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The study was conducted by Andrew Trexler, a Ph.D. Candidate at Duke University, in collaboration with Dr. Philip Napoli, the James R. Shepley Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at Duke University.

## Wave 1 Survey

## Sample Characteristics

Which of the following best describes your gender?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Male | 46.2 |
| Female | 53.3 |
| Something else | 0.4 |
| No response | 0.1 |

What race or ethnic group best describes you? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Asian, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Is- | 3.4 |
| lander |  |
| Black or African-American | 8.0 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 3.9 |
| Middle Eastern | 0.9 |
| Native American or Alaska Native | 0.5 |
| White or European American | 82.8 |
| Multi-race or something else | 3.2 |
| No response | 0.4 |

What is your age?

| Coarsened Response Options | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 18 to 35 | 15.1 |
| 36 to 55 | 33.8 |
| 56 to 69 | 26.3 |
| $70+$ | 24.8 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less than a high school degree or equivalent | 0.2 |
| High school degree or equivalent (for example: | 5.8 |
| GED) |  |
| Some college, but no degree | 12.6 |
| 2-year college degree (Associate's degree) | 8.0 |
| 4-year college degree (Bachelor's degree) | 33.9 |
| Postgraduate degree (MA, MBA, MD, JD, | 39.4 |
| PhD, etc.) |  |
| No response | 0.1 |

What is your current employment status?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Employed full-time | 45.9 |
| Employed part-time | 5.6 |
| Full-time homemaker | 3.9 |
| Retired | 36.3 |
| Student | 2.9 |
| Unemployed | 2.2 |
| Something else | 3.3 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Which of the following describes your total annual household income from 2021-that is the total income everyone living in your household made together, before taxes, in 2021?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 10,000$ | 1.2 |
| $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 29,999$ | 4.0 |
| $\$ 30,000$ to $\$ 49,999$ | 7.7 |
| $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 69,999$ | 9.4 |
| $\$ 70,000$ to $\$ 99,999$ | 15.7 |
| $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 150,000$ | 23.6 |
| More than $\$ 150,000$ | 34.7 |
| No response | 3.7 |

Party Identification:

| Branched Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strong Democrat | 28.9 |
| Democrat | 6.9 |
| Independent (lean Democrat) | 18.1 |
| Independent (no lean) | 10.6 |
| Independent (lean Republican) | 11.8 |
| Republican | 7.6 |
| Strong Republican | 18.1 |

## News Consumption

Politics can be fast-paced, and many people do not follow every new story. How often do you pay attention to what's going on in national politics?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 31.2 |
| Most of the time | 38.5 |
| About half the time | 16.1 |
| Sometimes | 13.1 |
| Not at all | 1.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in politics in your home state?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 13.4 |
| Most of the time | 37.0 |
| About half the time | 26.1 |
| Sometimes | 21.6 |
| Not at all | 1.8 |
| No response | 0.1 |

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in politics in your home town?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 8.1 |
| Most of the time | 35.1 |
| About half the time | 21.7 |
| Sometimes | 35.1 |
| Not at all | 10.0 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns, while others follow campaigns closely. How about you? Generally speaking, how interested are you in national political campaigns?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not at all interested | 5.9 |
| Slightly interested | 18.5 |
| Moderately interested | 23.4 |
| Very interested | 32.5 |
| Extremely interested | 19.8 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Generally speaking, how interested are you in political campaigns in your home state?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not at all interested | 5.8 |
| Slightly interested | 20.6 |
| Moderately interested | 27.2 |
| Very interested | 32.6 |
| Extremely interested | 13.7 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Generally speaking, how interested are you in political campaigns in your home town?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not at all interested | 12.3 |
| Slightly interested | 26.8 |
| Moderately interested | 32.1 |
| Very interested | 20.9 |
| Extremely interested | 7.84 |
| No response | 0.0 |

During a typical week, how many days, if any, do you watch, read, or listen to news, not including sports news?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 0 days | 3.0 |
| 1 day | 5.2 |
| 2 days | 3.9 |
| 3 days | 5.0 |
| 4 days | 5.3 |
| 5 days | 12.4 |
| 6 days | 9.9 |
| 7 days | 55.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

In the past week, have you... (please check all that apply)

| Response Option | Percent |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Used social media (such as Facebook or | 67.1 |  |
| YouTube) |  | 62.5 |
| Watched news on television | 57.2 |  |
| Read a newspaper (in print or online) | 53.0 |  |
| Listened to a radio news program, talk radio, |  |  |
| or news podcast <br> None of these <br> No response | 1.76 |  |

In the past week, did you watch local news, national news, or both on television?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Local newscast | 5.2 |
| National newscast | 13.2 |
| Both | 44.1 |
| Not applicable/no response | 37.5 |

Which of these networks did you watch on television? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| NBC | 29.3 |
| ABC | 26.8 |
| CNN | 24.1 |
| CBS | 22.6 |
| Fox News | 20.3 |
| PBS | 20.3 |
| MSNBC | 17.5 |
| NewsMax | 4.6 |
| OAN | 1.6 |
| Something else | 7.7 |
| Not applicable/no response | 37.5 |

In the past week, did you do any of the following on social media? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Read a story or watched a video about politics | 45.9 |
| Forwarded a story, photo, video, or link about <br> politics to friends | 15.1 |
| Posted a comment about politics  <br> Posted a story, photo, video, or link about pol- 6.1 <br> itics  <br> Followed a political event live 5.8 <br> None of these 18.9 <br> Not applicable/no response 33.0 $\mathbf{l}$ |  |

Which of these social media sites did you use in the past week? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Facebook | 50.7 |
| YouTube | 43.0 |
| Instagram | 30.3 |
| Twitter | 21.0 |
| TikTok | 13.3 |
| Truth Social | 1.9 |
| Parler | 0.7 |
| Gab | 0.2 |
| Something else | 6.7 |
| Not applicable/no response | 33.4 |

In the past week, did you read a print newspaper, an online newspaper, or both?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Print newspaper | 6.4 |
| Online newspaper | 37.6 |
| Both | 13.0 |
| Not applicable/no response | 43.0 |

How much money do you typically spend on newspapers each month (such as for printed newspapers, digital newspapers, or online blogs)?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\$ 0$ | 57.2 |
| $\$ 1$ to $\$ 9$ | 15.8 |
| $\$ 10$ to $\$ 19$ | 11.0 |
| $\$ 20$ to $\$ 49$ | 10.0 |
| $\$ 50$ to $\$ 99$ | 3.6 |
| $\$ 100$ to $\$ 199$ | 1.9 |
| $\$ 200$ or more | 0.3 |
| No response | 0.2 |

Media Attitudes

The growth of the internet, social media platforms, and other modern communication technologies have offered unprecedented access to a range of news and opinion. In your view, has today's media environment made it easier or harder for you to be a well-informed citizen?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Much harder | 19.7 |
| Slightly harder | 23.2 |
| About the same | 17.3 |
| Slightly easier | 18.8 |
| Much easier | 20.9 |
| No response | 0.1 |

Who do you think should be the most responsible for limiting the spread of false information on the internet?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Each individual person | 27.8 |
| Social media companies | 33.6 |
| Traditional media organizations | 12.4 |
| The government | 5.7 |
| The legal system and the courts | 16.0 |
| Someone else | 3.3 |
| No response | 1.2 |

Who do you think should be the most responsible for identifying what news information is true?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Each individual person | 41.3 |
| Social media companies | 7.8 |
| Traditional media organizations | 28.9 |
| The government | 4.6 |
| The legal system and the courts | 10.5 |
| Someone else | 5.6 |
| No response | 1.4 |

How much, if at all, do you feel a personal responsibility to only share information about politics that is true and accurate?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely responsible | 72.6 |
| Mostly responsible | 15.9 |
| Somewhat responsible | 6.0 |
| Slightly responsible | 1.6 |
| Not at all responsible | 3.6 |
| No response | 0.3 |

How much, if at all, do you feel a personal responsibility to identify which information about politics is true and accurate?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely responsible | 51.4 |
| Mostly responsible | 27.2 |
| Somewhat responsible | 14.2 |
| Slightly responsible | 3.5 |
| Not at all responsible | 3.4 |
| No response | 0.4 |

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
"I can count on the news media to be accurate."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 2.4 |
| Moderately agree | 21.2 |
| Slightly agree | 16.8 |
| Slightly disagree | 11.7 |
| Moderately disagree | 22.2 |
| Completely disagree | 25.5 |
| No response | 0.2 |

"I consider the news media to be trustworthy."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 2.5 |
| Moderately agree | 21.8 |
| Slightly agree | 17.7 |
| Slightly disagree | 12.5 |
| Moderately disagree | 19.2 |
| Completely disagree | 26.0 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"I find that the news media are informative."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 11.2 |
| Moderately agree | 34.1 |
| Slightly agree | 29.9 |
| Slightly disagree | 6.9 |
| Moderately disagree | 8.4 |
| Completely disagree | 9.3 |
| No response | 0.2 |

Vote Preferences

Are you currently registered to vote in North Carolina?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes | 99.3 |
| No | 0.0 |
| I'm not sure | 0.6 |
| No response | 0.1 |

Do you intend to vote in the 2022 General Election taking place on November 8th?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Yes, definitely | 84.8 |
| Probably | 9.2 |
| I already voted (early or absentee) | 0.0 |
| No | 2.0 |
| I haven't decided whether I will vote | 4.0 |
| No response | 0.0 |

In the race for US Senator for North Carolina, who do you prefer?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Cheri Beasley | 49.7 |
| Ted Budd | 22.3 |
| Someone else | 0.9 |
| Undecided | 23.1 |
| No one | 1.6 |
| Not applicable/no response | 2.3 |

In the race for US House Representative for District 9, who do you prefer?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Ben Clark | 30.3 |
| Richard Hudson | 15.3 |
| Someone else | 1.3 |
| Undecided | 47.7 |
| No one | 3.0 |
| Not applicable/no response | 2.4 |

In the race for North Carolina State Senate District 20, who do you prefer?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Natalie Murdock | 29.2 |
| Alvin Reed | 10.4 |
| Someone else | 0.4 |
| Undecided | 52.0 |
| No one | 5.3 |
| Not applicable/no response | 2.7 |

In the race for North Carolina State House Representative for District 54, who do you prefer?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Robert Reives | 36.7 |
| Walter Petty | 19.0 |
| Someone else | 0.9 |
| Undecided | 38.5 |
| No one | 2.5 |
| Not applicable/no response | 2.5 |

## Policy Issues

There has been a lot of talk recently about whether gay and lesbian couples should have the legal right to marry. How much do you support or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 58.6 |
| Moderately support | 13.2 |
| Slightly support | 9.3 |
| Slightly oppose | 5.1 |
| Moderately oppose | 3.6 |
| Strongly oppose | 9.5 |
| No response | 0.8 |

Some people say that because of past discrimination, Black people should be given preference in hiring and promotion. Others say that such preference in hiring and promotion of Black people is wrong because it gives Black people advantages they haven't earned. How much do you support or oppose preferential hiring of Black people?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 10.9 |
| Moderately support | 17.4 |
| Slightly support | 21.7 |
| Slightly oppose | 13.2 |
| Moderately oppose | 12.4 |
| Strongly oppose | 22.6 |
| No response | 1.7 |

In general, do you think of yourself as supporting or opposing legal abortion access?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 53.0 |
| Moderately support | 13.8 |
| Slightly support | 9.4 |
| Slightly oppose | 6.0 |
| Moderately oppose | 6.3 |
| Strongly oppose | 11.0 |
| No response | 0.5 |

How much do you support or oppose allowing the children of immigrants, who came to the United States illegally, to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 41.9 |
| Moderately support | 20.9 |
| Slightly support | 13.8 |
| Slightly oppose | 6.0 |
| Moderately oppose | 6.6 |
| Strongly oppose | 10.3 |
| No response | 0.5 |

Some people feel that there should be a government insurance plan, which would cover all medical and hospital expenses for everyone. Others feel that all medical expenses should be paid by individuals through private insurance plans. How much do you support or oppose a government insurance plan?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 35.5 |
| Moderately support | 18.8 |
| Slightly support | 13.7 |
| Slightly oppose | 5.8 |
| Moderately oppose | 10.1 |
| Strongly oppose | 15.9 |
| No response | 0.3 |

The current federally mandated minimum wage is $\$ 7.25$ per hour. Recently, Congress has been considering whether to increase the federal minimum wage. How much do you support or oppose increasing the federal minimum wage?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 53.1 |
| Moderately support | 17.5 |
| Slightly support | 13.5 |
| Slightly oppose | 5.0 |
| Moderately oppose | 4.6 |
| Strongly oppose | 6.4 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How much do you support or oppose increasing the tax rate for wealthy Americans?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 45.1 |
| Moderately support | 16.0 |
| Slightly support | 14.0 |
| Slightly oppose | 7.4 |
| Moderately oppose | 8.9 |
| Strongly oppose | 8.3 |
| No response | 0.3 |

Some people say that we should greatly increase federal environmental protections to preserve the natural environment. Others say that such measures are a burden for businesses and limit economic growth. How much do you support or oppose increasing federal environmental protections?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 48.9 |
| Moderately support | 17.1 |
| Slightly support | 15.4 |
| Slightly oppose | 5.4 |
| Moderately oppose | 7.1 |
| Strongly oppose | 6.0 |
| No response | 0.1 |

North Carolina is one of several states that have chosen not to expand Medicaid, which would allow more low-income uninsured adults to have health insurance. Recently, the North Carolina legislature has debated whether to expand Medicaid in the state. How much do you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in North Carolina?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 46.5 |
| Moderately support | 14.8 |
| Slightly support | 17.0 |
| Slightly oppose | 9.2 |
| Moderately oppose | 6.8 |
| Strongly oppose | 4.9 |
| No response | 0.7 |

The North Carolina legislature recently made changes that make it easier for families to obtain a school voucher, allowing them to use taxpayer dollars to send their child to a private school if they so choose. How much do you support or oppose this decision by the North Carolina legislature?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 18.1 |
| Moderately support | 10.8 |
| Slightly support | 13.8 |
| Slightly oppose | 10.2 |
| Moderately oppose | 16.1 |
| Strongly oppose | 30.5 |
| No response | 0.6 |

Some people believe that parents should have a say in what gets taught in their children's schools. Other people believe that school teachers and administrators should determine what subjects are taught in the classroom. How much do you support or oppose parents in North Carolina being able to prevent schools from teaching subjects that they do not approve of?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 22.1 |
| Moderately support | 10.6 |
| Slightly support | 8.8 |
| Slightly oppose | 9.6 |
| Moderately oppose | 17.1 |
| Strongly oppose | 31.3 |
| No response | 0.5 |

## Political Attitudes

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Extremely liberal | 7.0 |
| Mostly liberal | 24.0 |
| Slightly liberal | 11.7 |
| Middle of the road | 21.3 |
| Slightly conservative | 11.4 |
| Mostly conservative | 20.2 |
| Extremely conservative | 3.8 |
| No response | 0.6 |

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
"This country would be better off if people put more emphasis on traditional family ties."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 19.6 |
| Moderately agree | 15.9 |
| Slightly agree | 12.5 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 20.5 |
| Slightly disagree | 7.1 |
| Moderately disagree | 10.6 |
| Completely disagree | 13.5 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 21.2 |
| Moderately agree | 16.7 |
| Slightly agree | 8.5 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 25.2 |
| Slightly disagree | 8.4 |
| Moderately disagree | 10.4 |
| Completely disagree | 9.2 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"The government should do more to solve problems."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 21.9 |
| Moderately agree | 25.2 |
| Slightly agree | 16.8 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12.3 |
| Slightly disagree | 9.2 |
| Moderately disagree | 8.6 |
| Completely disagree | 5.8 |
| No response | 0.2 |

"The less government, the better."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 13.3 |
| Moderately agree | 15.9 |
| Slightly agree | 15.3 |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 15.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 12.5 |
| Moderately disagree | 17.0 |
| Completely disagree | 10.5 |
| No response | 0.1 |

"I can trust the government to do what's right."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 1.0 |
| Moderately agree | 15.8 |
| Slightly agree | 20.3 |
| Slightly disagree | 14.9 |
| Moderately disagree | 24.8 |
| Completely disagree | 22.9 |
| No response | 0.4 |

"The government is responsive to the concerns and interests of the public."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 1.3 |
| Moderately agree | 13.7 |
| Slightly agree | 21.5 |
| Slightly disagree | 15.6 |
| Moderately disagree | 25.8 |
| Completely disagree | 21.7 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"Most elected officials in government care what people like me think."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 0.7 |
| Moderately agree | 8.0 |
| Slightly agree | 19.0 |
| Slightly disagree | 16.0 |
| Moderately disagree | 28.2 |
| Completely disagree | 28.0 |
| No response | 0.1 |

"I feel my voice is heard in government decisions that affect me."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 0.3 |
| Moderately agree | 6.8 |
| Slightly agree | 16.8 |
| Slightly disagree | 17.4 |
| Moderately disagree | 29.4 |
| Completely disagree | 28.9 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues debated today."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 29.3 |
| Moderately agree | 41.6 |
| Slightly agree | 20.3 |
| Slightly disagree | 5.2 |
| Moderately disagree | 2.4 |
| Completely disagree | 1.1 |
| No response | 0.1 |

"Sometimes, political issues seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 2.5 |
| Moderately agree | 9.7 |
| Slightly agree | 22.9 |
| Slightly disagree | 11.2 |
| Moderately disagree | 24.9 |
| Completely disagree | 28.5 |
| No response | 0.1 |

"All adult citizens should have equal opportunity to vote."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 79.5 |
| Moderately agree | 10.6 |
| Slightly agree | 3.3 |
| Slightly disagree | 2.8 |
| Moderately disagree | 1.9 |
| Completely disagree | 1.6 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"It is justified for people to use political violence to pursue their political goals."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 1.1 |
| Moderately agree | 0.6 |
| Slightly agree | 2.0 |
| Slightly disagree | 2.0 |
| Moderately disagree | 6.4 |
| Completely disagree | 87.8 |
| No response | 0.1 |

"Law enforcement investigations of elected officials and their associates should be free from political influence."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 86.0 |
| Moderately agree | 6.8 |
| Slightly agree | 3.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 0.6 |
| Moderately disagree | 0.8 |
| Completely disagree | 2.1 |
| No response | 0.4 |

"Elected officials should obey court rulings, even when they disagree."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 73.0 |
| Moderately agree | 16.2 |
| Slightly agree | 7.5 |
| Slightly disagree | 1.5 |
| Moderately disagree | 0.9 |
| Completely disagree | 0.7 |
| No response | 0.2 |

"Americans should respect the results of a free and fair election, even when they dislike the outcome."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 87.5 |
| Moderately agree | 7.3 |
| Slightly agree | 2.9 |
| Slightly disagree | 0.8 |
| Moderately disagree | 0.3 |
| Completely disagree | 1.1 |
| No response | 0.1 |

Thinking about the current state of the country, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Elections are free and fair."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 20.9 |
| Moderately agree | 30.5 |
| Slightly agree | 11.5 |
| Slightly disagree | 12.5 |
| Moderately disagree | 13.0 |
| Completely disagree | 11.5 |
| No response | 0.2 |

Out of every 1 million $(1,000,000)$ votes cast in a typical election in the United States, which of the following do you think is closest to the true number of votes that are cast illegally?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less than 1 illegal vote | 12.5 |
| 1 illegal vote | 8.1 |
| 10 illegal votes | 17.8 |
| 100 illegal votes | 15.3 |
| 1,000 illegal votes | 12.2 |
| 10,000 illegal votes | 10.0 |
| 100,000 illegal votes | 3.1 |
| More than 100,000 illegal votes | 5.2 |
| I don't know | 15.7 |
| No response | 0.1 |

## Political Knowledge

Note: Correct answers (when the survey was fielded) are marked with an asterisk (*).

Who is the current Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| *Nancy Pelosi | 93.2 |
| Harry Reid | 1.2 |
| Marco Rubio | 0.3 |
| Paul Ryan | 0.4 |
| I don't know | 4.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How long is the term of office for a US Senator?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2 years | 12.2 |
| 4 years | 20.1 |
| * years | 58.7 |
| 8 years | 2.8 |
| I don't know | 5.4 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What job or political office is now held by John Roberts?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Chair of the Democratic National Committee | 0.5 |
| Senate Majority Leader | 0.8 |
| *Chief Justice of the Supreme Court | 76.6 |
| Chair of the Republican National Committee | 0.7 |
| I don't know | 20.5 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What job or political office is now held by Emmanuel Macron?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Prime Minister of the United Kingdom | 1.2 |
| *President of France | 74.5 |
| Prime Minister of Australia | 0.3 |
| Secretary of the Treasury | 2.0 |
| I don't know | 21.2 |
| No response | 0.1 |

Who is the current Vice President of the United States?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Elizabeth Warren | 0.1 |
| *Kamala Harris | 98.6 |
| Chuck Schumer | 0.1 |
| Mitch McConnell | 0.1 |
| I don't know | 0.3 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Who is the current Governor of North Carolina?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| *Roy Cooper | 96.0 |
| Pat McCrory | 1.0 |
| Terry McAuliffe | 0.1 |
| Richard Burr | 0.1 |
| I don't know | 2.1 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Which party currently controls the North Carolina State House of Representatives?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Democratic Party | 14.7 |
| *Republican Party | 72.9 |
| Neither | 1.0 |
| I don't know | 10.6 |
| No response | 0.1 |

Which party currently controls the North Carolina State Senate?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Democratic Party | 13.3 |
| *Republican Party | 68.6 |
| Neither | 1.1 |
| I don't know | 16.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What job or political office is now held by Tim Moore?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| North Carolina State Attorney General | 3.3 |
| *Speaker of the North Carolina State House of | 40.6 |
| Representatives |  |
| Mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina | 0.5 |
| US Senator from North Carolina | 1.5 |
| I don't know | 53.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How long is the term of office for a Chatham County Commissioner?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2 years | 21.1 |
| *4 years | 29.0 |
| 6 years | 0.9 |
| 8 years | 0.1 |
| I don't know | 48.1 |
| No response | 0.0 |

## Wave 2 Survey

Wave 2 Sample Characteristics

Which of the following best describes your gender?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Male | 46.3 |
| Female | 53.3 |
| Something else | 0.4 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What race or ethnic group best describes you? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Asian, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Is- | 6.0 |
| lander |  |
| Black or African-American | 5.7 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 4.0 |
| Middle Eastern | 2.0 |
| Native American or Alaska Native | 0.6 |
| White or European American | 86.3 |
| Multi-race or something else | 2.3 |
| No response | 0.3 |

What is your age?

| Coarsened Response Options | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 18 to 35 | 12.0 |
| 36 to 55 | 36.2 |
| 56 to 69 | 26.1 |
| $70+$ | 25.7 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Party Identification:

| Branched Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strong Democrat | 30.3 |
| Democrat | 5.9 |
| Independent (lean Democrat) | 21.4 |
| Independent (no lean) | 8.8 |
| Independent (lean Republican) | 10.7 |
| Republican | 7.4 |
| Strong Republican | 15.3 |

## News Consumption

Politics can be fast-paced, and many people do not follow every new story. How often do you pay attention to what's going on in national politics?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 27.7 |
| Most of the time | 39.4 |
| About half the time | 20.2 |
| Sometimes | 11.8 |
| Not at all | 0.9 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in politics in your home state?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 9.4 |
| Most of the time | 36.2 |
| About half the time | 30.0 |
| Sometimes | 23.2 |
| Not at all | 1.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How often do you pay attention to what's going on in politics in your home town?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Always | 7.5 |
| Most of the time | 41.0 |
| About half the time | 20.5 |
| Sometimes | 23.9 |
| Not at all | 6.6 |
| No response | 0.5 |

Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns, while others follow campaigns closely. How about you? Generally speaking, how interested are you in national political campaigns?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not at all interested | 3.1 |
| Slightly interested | 21.1 |
| Moderately interested | 23.0 |
| Very interested | 32.2 |
| Extremely interested | 20.6 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Generally speaking, how interested are you in political campaigns in your home state?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not at all interested | 2.7 |
| Slightly interested | 23.1 |
| Moderately interested | 29.1 |
| Very interested | 33.3 |
| Extremely interested | 11.8 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Generally speaking, how interested are you in political campaigns in your home town?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Not at all interested | 6.9 |
| Slightly interested | 35.0 |
| Moderately interested | 30.2 |
| Very interested | 20.7 |
| Extremely interested | 7.1 |
| No response | 0.1 |

During a typical week, how many days, if any, do you watch, read, or listen to news, not including sports news?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 0 days | 3.0 |
| 1 day | 3.0 |
| 2 days | 3.5 |
| 3 days | 8.1 |
| 4 days | 4.8 |
| 5 days | 13.8 |
| 6 days | 10.4 |
| 7 days | 53.5 |
| No response | 0.0 |

In the past week, have you... (please check all that apply)

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Watched news on television | 69.3 |
| Used social media (such as Facebook or | 63.1 |
| YouTube) |  |
| Read a newspaper (in print or online) | 62.0 |
| Listened to a radio news program, talk radio, | 51.7 |
| or news podcast  <br> None of these  <br> No response 1.2 | 0.0 |

In the past week, did you watch local news, national news, or both on television?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Local newscast | 8.2 |
| National newscast | 15.5 |
| Both | 45.5 |
| Not applicable/no response | 30.8 |

Which of these networks did you watch on television? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| NBC | 34.1 |
| ABC | 27.6 |
| CNN | 22.4 |
| CBS | 26.0 |
| PBS | 23.4 |
| MSNBC | 18.7 |
| Fox News | 18.3 |
| NewsMax | 4.2 |
| OAN | 1.6 |
| Something else | 8.0 |
| Not applicable/no response | 30.8 |

In the past week, did you do any of the following on social media? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Read a story or watched a video about politics | 38.5 |
| Forwarded a story, photo, video, or link about <br> politics to friends | 10.5 |
| Posted a comment about politics | 6.4 |
| Followed a political event live | 4.1 |
| Posted a story, photo, video, or link about pol- | 3.0 |
| itics |  |
| None of these | 22.1 |
| Not applicable/no response | 36.9 |

Which of these social media sites did you use in the past week? Please check all that apply.

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Facebook | 48.3 |
| YouTube | 40.3 |
| Instagram | 28.4 |
| Twitter | 20.5 |
| TikTok | 10.2 |
| Truth Social | 1.5 |
| Parler | 0.9 |
| Gab | 0.0 |
| Something else | 4.7 |
| Not applicable/no response | 36.9 |

In the past week, did you read a print newspaper, an online newspaper, or both?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Print newspaper | 7.4 |
| Online newspaper | 42.7 |
| Both | 12.0 |
| Not applicable/no response | 38.0 |

In the past month, which of the following news organizations have you received email newsletters from, if any?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| New York Times | 27.6 |
| Raleigh News \& Observer | 26.8 |
| Chatham News \& Record | 18.0 |
| Washington Post | 16.8 |
| NPR (WUNC, WFAE, etc.) | 13.0 |
| Wall Street Journal | 11.6 |
| Politico | 5.5 |
| INDY Week | 4.1 |
| Axios | 4.0 |
| The Hill | 2.6 |
| Charlotte Observer | 0.8 |
| Cardinal \& Pine | 0.6 |
| None of these | 43.2 |
| No response | 0.0 |

## Media Attitudes

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
"I can count on the news media to be accurate."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 4.7 |
| Moderately agree | 30.6 |
| Slightly agree | 20.7 |
| Slightly disagree | 9.1 |
| Moderately disagree | 15.1 |
| Completely disagree | 19.5 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"I consider the news media to be trustworthy."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 3.7 |
| Moderately agree | 30.7 |
| Slightly agree | 21.0 |
| Slightly disagree | 9.1 |
| Moderately disagree | 15.2 |
| Completely disagree | 20.0 |
| No response | 0.3 |

"I find that the news media are informative."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 16.1 |
| Moderately agree | 40.2 |
| Slightly agree | 23.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 6.1 |
| Moderately disagree | 5.7 |
| Completely disagree | 8.4 |
| No response | 0.2 |

## Vote Preferences

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Regarding the General Election that took place on November $8^{\text {th }}, 2022$, which of the following statements best describes you?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| I did NOT vote. | 3.1 |
| I thought about voting this time, but didn't. | 0.9 |
| I usually vote, but didn't this time. | 3.1 |
| I attempted to vote, but did not or could not. | 2.1 |
| I am sure that I voted. | 90.7 |
| No response | 0.1 |

In the race for US Senator for North Carolina, for whom did you vote?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Cheri Beasley | 61.9 |
| Ted Budd | 27.3 |
| Someone else | 0.7 |
| I did not vote in this race | 0.0 |
| I'm not sure | 0.6 |
| Not applicable/no response | 9.6 |

In the race for US House Representative for District 9, for whom did you vote?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Ben Clark | 52.9 |
| Richard Hudson | 25.9 |
| Someone else | 0.1 |
| I did not vote in this race | 5.9 |
| I'm not sure | 5.7 |
| Not applicable/no response | 9.5 |

In the race for North Carolina State Senate District 20, for whom did you vote?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Natalie Murdock | 46.6 |
| Alvin Reed | 21.3 |
| Someone else | 0.0 |
| I did not vote in this race | 9.8 |
| I'm not sure | 12.9 |
| Not applicable/no response | 9.5 |

In the race for North Carolina State House Representative for District 54, for whom did you vote?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Robert Reives | 56.4 |
| Walter Petty | 26.1 |
| Someone else | 0.0 |
| I did not vote in this race | 2.5 |
| I'm not sure | 5.6 |
| Not applicable/no response | 9.5 |

Civic Engagement

During the past year, did you... (please check all that apply):

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Donate money to a candidate, campaign, or <br> political organization | 27.0 |
| Contact a public official <br> Attend a local political meeting, such as school | 22.4 |
| board or city council | 12.6 |
| Donate blood <br> Put up a political sign, such as a lawn sign or | 11.1 |
| bumper sticker |  |

## Policy Issues

Which of the following policy issues are the most important to you? Please rank up to 3 issues.

| Response Option | Percent in Top 3 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Abortion | 46.9 |
| Environmental regulation | 43.6 |
| Health insurance | 36.9 |
| Tax rates | 35.8 |
| Immigration | 33.4 |
| Parental rights in education | 17.6 |
| NC Medicaid expansion | 16.1 |
| The minimum wage | 12.7 |
| Same-sex marriage | 11.9 |
| Affirmative Action | 6.5 |
| School choice | 6.5 |
| Something else | 20.8 |

There has been a lot of talk recently about whether gay and lesbian couples should have the legal right to marry. How much do you support or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 9.0 |
| Moderately support | 0.0 |
| Slightly support | 0.0 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.4 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.5 |
| Strongly oppose | 2.1 |
| Not asked/no response | 88.1 |

Some people say that because of past discrimination, Black people should be given preference in hiring and promotion. Others say that such preference in hiring and promotion of Black people is wrong because it gives Black people advantages they haven't earned. How much do you support or oppose preferential hiring of Black people?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 3.9 |
| Moderately support | 1.7 |
| Slightly support | 0.2 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.0 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.3 |
| Strongly oppose | 0.4 |
| Not asked/no response | 93.5 |

In general, do you think of yourself as supporting or opposing legal abortion access?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 38.7 |
| Moderately support | 2.0 |
| Slightly support | 0.7 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.1 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.5 |
| Strongly oppose | 4.9 |
| Not asked/no response | 53.1 |

How much do you support or oppose allowing the children of immigrants, who came to the United States illegally, to remain in the United States and eventually apply for citizenship?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 12.7 |
| Moderately support | 3.7 |
| Slightly support | 3.6 |
| Slightly oppose | 3.4 |
| Moderately oppose | 4.9 |
| Strongly oppose | 5.2 |
| Not asked/no response | 66.6 |

Some people feel that there should be a government insurance plan, which would cover all medical and hospital expenses for everyone. Others feel that all medical expenses should be paid by individuals through private insurance plans. How much do you support or oppose a government insurance plan?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 18.3 |
| Moderately support | 7.2 |
| Slightly support | 3.7 |
| Slightly oppose | 2.5 |
| Moderately oppose | 1.9 |
| Strongly oppose | 3.3 |
| Not asked/no response | 63.1 |

The current federally mandated minimum wage is $\$ 7.25$ per hour. Recently, Congress has been considering whether to increase the federal minimum wage. How much do you support or oppose increasing the federal minimum wage?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 10.8 |
| Moderately support | 1.8 |
| Slightly support | 0.1 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.0 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.0 |
| Strongly oppose | 0.0 |
| Not asked/no response | 87.3 |

How much do you support or oppose increasing the tax rate for wealthy Americans?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 6.3 |
| Moderately support | 7.5 |
| Slightly support | 7.8 |
| Slightly oppose | 3.3 |
| Moderately oppose | 5.2 |
| Strongly oppose | 5.8 |
| Not asked/no response | 64.2 |

Some people say that we should greatly increase federal environmental protections to preserve the natural environment. Others say that such measures are a burden for businesses and limit economic growth. How much do you support or oppose increasing federal environmental protections?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 36.5 |
| Moderately support | 5.2 |
| Slightly support | 0.5 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.2 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.6 |
| Strongly oppose | 0.6 |
| Not asked/no response | 56.4 |

North Carolina is one of several states that have chosen not to expand Medicaid, which would allow more low-income uninsured adults to have health insurance. Recently, the North Carolina legislature has debated whether to expand Medicaid in the state. How much do you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in North Carolina?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 14.2 |
| Moderately support | 0.6 |
| Slightly support | 0.8 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.0 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.0 |
| Strongly oppose | 0.5 |
| Not asked/no response | 83.9 |

The North Carolina legislature recently made changes that make it easier for families to obtain a school voucher, allowing them to use taxpayer dollars to send their child to a private school if they so choose. How much do you support or oppose this decision by the North Carolina legislature?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 4.4 |
| Moderately support | 0.9 |
| Slightly support | 0.3 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.6 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.3 |
| Strongly oppose | 0.0 |
| Not asked/no response | 93.5 |

Some people believe that parents should have a say in what gets taught in their children's schools. Other people believe that school teachers and administrators should determine what subjects are taught in the classroom. How much do you support or oppose parents in North Carolina being able to prevent schools from teaching subjects that they do not approve of?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | 12.6 |
| Moderately support | 2.4 |
| Slightly support | 0.9 |
| Slightly oppose | 0.1 |
| Moderately oppose | 0.3 |
| Strongly oppose | 1.3 |
| Not asked/no response | 82.4 |

Political Attitudes

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
"I can trust the government to do what's right."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 1.4 |
| Moderately agree | 21.4 |
| Slightly agree | 25.6 |
| Slightly disagree | 13.3 |
| Moderately disagree | 21.4 |
| Completely disagree | 16.7 |
| No response | 0.2 |

"The government is responsive to the concerns and interests of the public."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 1.8 |
| Moderately agree | 15.4 |
| Slightly agree | 28.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 15.0 |
| Moderately disagree | 21.1 |
| Completely disagree | 18.2 |
| No response | 0.2 |

"Most elected officials in government care what people like me think."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 0.5 |
| Moderately agree | 11.7 |
| Slightly agree | 23.8 |
| Slightly disagree | 18.3 |
| Moderately disagree | 25.4 |
| Completely disagree | 20.0 |
| No response | 0.2 |

"I feel my voice is heard in government decisions that affect me."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 0.0 |
| Moderately agree | 9.2 |
| Slightly agree | 25.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 18.7 |
| Moderately disagree | 23.3 |
| Completely disagree | 23.1 |
| No response | 0.4 |

"I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues debated today."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 30.0 |
| Moderately agree | 44.9 |
| Slightly agree | 15.7 |
| Slightly disagree | 4.6 |
| Moderately disagree | 4.3 |
| Completely disagree | 0.6 |
| No response | 0.0 |

"Sometimes, political issues seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 1.0 |
| Moderately agree | 11.3 |
| Slightly agree | 22.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 15.5 |
| Moderately disagree | 20.1 |
| Completely disagree | 29.7 |
| No response | 0.1 |

"All adult citizens should have equal opportunity to vote."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 81.7 |
| Moderately agree | 9.8 |
| Slightly agree | 3.6 |
| Slightly disagree | 1.2 |
| Moderately disagree | 2.1 |
| Completely disagree | 1.7 |
| No response | 0.0 |

"It is justified for people to use political violence to pursue their political goals."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 0.2 |
| Moderately agree | 0.5 |
| Slightly agree | 2.4 |
| Slightly disagree | 1.9 |
| Moderately disagree | 8.5 |
| Completely disagree | 86.4 |
| No response | 0.0 |

"Law enforcement investigations of elected officials and their associates should be free from political influence."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 90.8 |
| Moderately agree | 6.0 |
| Slightly agree | 1.5 |
| Slightly disagree | 0.9 |
| Moderately disagree | 0.4 |
| Completely disagree | 0.6 |
| No response | 0.0 |

"Elected officials should obey court rulings, even when they disagree."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 78.3 |
| Moderately agree | 15.7 |
| Slightly agree | 4.1 |
| Slightly disagree | 1.4 |
| Moderately disagree | 0.0 |
| Completely disagree | 0.5 |
| No response | 0.0 |

"Americans should respect the results of a free and fair election, even when they dislike the outcome."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 93.1 |
| Moderately agree | 4.7 |
| Slightly agree | 1.3 |
| Slightly disagree | 0.3 |
| Moderately disagree | 0.0 |
| Completely disagree | 0.5 |
| No response | 0.3 |

Thinking about the current state of the country, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Elections are free and fair."

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Completely agree | 21.6 |
| Moderately agree | 37.6 |
| Slightly agree | 14.7 |
| Slightly disagree | 10.1 |
| Moderately disagree | 10.8 |
| Completely disagree | 4.9 |
| No response | 0.2 |

Out of every 1 million $(1,000,000)$ votes cast in a typical election in the United States, which of the following do you think is closest to the true number of votes that are cast illegally?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less than 1 illegal vote | 15.1 |
| 1 illegal vote | 11.1 |
| 10 illegal votes | 16.9 |
| 100 illegal votes | 13.4 |
| 1,000 illegal votes | 12.1 |
| 10,000 illegal votes | 8.0 |
| 100,000 illegal votes | 3.5 |
| More than 100,000 illegal votes | 4.5 |
| I don't know | 15.3 |
| No response | 0.0 |

We would like to get your feelings towards some groups in the news these days. We will use something we call a feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm towards a group. Ratings between 0 and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable towards a group and don't care too much for that group. You would rate a group at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold towards that group.

How would you rate your feelings towards: Democratic Party leaders?

| Coarsened Response Options | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Warmer than 80 | 17.3 |
| Between 61 and 80 | 25.9 |
| Between 40 and 60 | 22.5 |
| Between 20 and 39 | 12.8 |
| Colder than 20 | 20.3 |
| No response | 1.1 |

How would you rate your feelings towards: Republican Party leaders?

| Coarsened Response Options | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Warmer than 80 | 3.9 |
| Between 61 and 80 | 14.4 |
| Between 40 and 60 | 18.8 |
| Between 20 and 39 | 14.5 |
| Colder than 20 | 47.3 |
| No response | 1.1 |

How would you rate your feelings towards: Democratic Party voters?

| Coarsened Response Options | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Warmer than 80 | 24.6 |
| Between 61 and 80 | 27.1 |
| Between 40 and 60 | 24.3 |
| Between 20 and 39 | 12.0 |
| Colder than 20 | 10.5 |
| No response | 1.5 |

How would you rate your feelings towards: Republican Party voters?

| Coarsened Response Options | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Warmer than 80 | 7.8 |
| Between 61 and 80 | 15.9 |
| Between 40 and 60 | 25.3 |
| Between 20 and 39 | 17.7 |
| Colder than 20 | 31.9 |
| No response | 1.5 |

## Political Knowledge

Note: Correct answers (when the survey was fielded) are marked with an asterisk $\left(^{*}\right)$.

Who is the current Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| *Nancy Pelosi | 92.9 |
| Harry Reid | 1.5 |
| Marco Rubio | 0.0 |
| Paul Ryan | 0.6 |
| I don't know | 2.6 |
| No response | 1.4 |

How long is the term of office for a US Senator?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2 years | 8.7 |
| 4 years | 15.7 |
| * years | 67.9 |
| 8 years | 2.0 |
| I don't know | 4.6 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What job or political office is now held by John Roberts?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Chair of the Democratic National Committee | 0.0 |
| Senate Majority Leader | 0.2 |
| *Chief Justice of the Supreme Court | 83.8 |
| Chair of the Republican National Committee | 2.4 |
| I don't know | 12.6 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What job or political office is now held by Emmanuel Macron?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Prime Minister of the United Kingdom | 0.0 |
| ${ }^{*}$ President of France | 82.1 |
| Prime Minister of Australia | 0.0 |
| Secretary of the Treasury | 0.5 |
| I don't know | 16.3 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Who is the current Vice President of the United States?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Elizabeth Warren | 0.3 |
| *Kamala Harris | 98.5 |
| Chuck Schumer | 0.0 |
| Mitch McConnell | 0.1 |
| I don't know | 0.0 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Who is the current Governor of North Carolina?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| *Roy Cooper | 96.4 |
| Pat McCrory | 0.6 |
| Terry McAuliffe | 0.0 |
| Richard Burr | 0.0 |
| I don't know | 2.0 |
| No response | 0.0 |

Which party currently controls the North Carolina State House of Representatives?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Democratic Party | 11.0 |
| *Republican Party | 77.9 |
| Neither | 0.3 |
| I don't know | 9.6 |
| No response | 0.1 |

Which party currently controls the North Carolina State Senate?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| Democratic Party | 9.8 |
| *Republican Party | 74.3 |
| Neither | 0.0 |
| I don't know | 14.8 |
| No response | 0.0 |

What job or political office is now held by Tim Moore?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| North Carolina State Attorney General | 3.6 |
| *Speaker of the North Carolina State House of | 49.6 |
| Representatives |  |
| Mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina | 1.3 |
| US Senator from North Carolina | 5.0 |
| I don't know | 39.5 |
| No response | 0.0 |

How long is the term of office for a Chatham County Commissioner?

| Response Option | Percent |
| :--- | :---: |
| 2 years | 23.2 |
| *4 years | 30.6 |
| 6 years | 0.4 |
| 8 years | 0.3 |
| I don't know | 44.4 |
| No response | 0.0 |

