

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone October 12-17, 2020, among a random sample of 795 adults in North Carolina, including subsamples of registered voters and likely voters. Overall, 75 percent of respondents were reached on cellphones and 25 on landlines. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

|                                  | Unweighted<br>sample size | Error margin* |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| North Carolina registered voters | 706                       | +/-4.5        |
| North Carolina likely voters     | 646                       | 4.5           |

\*All error margins calculated including design effects due to weighting.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How closely are you following the 2020 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

|             | ----- Closely ----- |      |          | ---- Not closely ---- |        |        | No<br>opinion |
|-------------|---------------------|------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------------|
|             | NET                 | Very | Somewhat | NET                   | Not so | At all |               |
| 10/17/20 NC | 92                  | 66   | 27       | 8                     | 5      | 3      | *             |

2. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election this fall: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

|             | Certain<br>to vote | Probably<br>vote | Chances<br>50/50 | Less than<br>that | Don't think<br>will vote<br>(vol.) | Already<br>voted<br>(vol.) | No<br>op. |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 10/17/20 NC | 82                 | 4                | 4                | 3                 | *                                  | 8                          | 0         |

3. (ASK IF CERTAIN OR PROBABLY VOTE) Do you think you'll (vote in person at a polling place ON Election Day), or (vote early either by mail or in person BEFORE Election Day)?

|             | Vote on<br>Election Day | Vote<br>early | Already<br>voted (vol.) | No<br>opinion |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 10/17/20 NC | 29                      | 56            | 10                      | 6             |

4. (ASK IF VOTE EARLY OR ALREADY VOTED) How do you think you will/did you vote - (in person at an early voting location), (by dropping off a ballot at a designated drop-box), or (by mail)?

|             | In person | Drop off<br>ballot | Mail | No<br>opinion |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|------|---------------|
| 10/17/20 NC | 72        | 6                  | 21   | 1             |

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|             | Vote on<br>Election Day | NET | In<br>person | Vote early<br>Drop off<br>ballot | Mail | No<br>op. | No<br>opinion |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----|--------------|----------------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|
| 10/17/20 NC | 29                      | 65  | 47           | 4                                | 14   | 1         | 6             |

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [(Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), (Joe Biden and

Kamala Harris, the Democrats)], [(Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen of the Libertarian Party) or (Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

|                |  | Trump | Biden | Jorgensen | Hawkins | Other (vol.) | None of these (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No op |
|----------------|--|-------|-------|-----------|---------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 10/17/20 NC LV |  | 48    | 49    | 1         | 0       | *            | *                    | *                     | 1     |
| 10/17/20 NC RV |  | 46    | 48    | 2         | 1       | *            | 1                    | 1                     | 2     |

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

|             |     | --- Enthusiastic --- |          |     | --- Not enthusiastic --- |            |   | No opinion |
|-------------|-----|----------------------|----------|-----|--------------------------|------------|---|------------|
|             | NET | Very                 | Somewhat | NET | Not so                   | Not at all |   |            |
| 10/17/20 NC | 92  | 74                   | 18       | 6   | 4                        | 2          | 2 |            |

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

|             |     | --- Enthusiastic --- |          |     | --- Not enthusiastic --- |            |   | No opinion |
|-------------|-----|----------------------|----------|-----|--------------------------|------------|---|------------|
|             | NET | Very                 | Somewhat | NET | Not so                   | Not at all |   |            |
| 10/17/20 NC | 91  | 59                   | 32       | 9   | 6                        | 3          | * |            |

8. (ASK IF NOT NAMED TRUMP OR BIDEN AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) If the only candidates were (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or (Biden and Harris)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

|                |  | Trump | Biden | Other (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--|-------|-------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 10/17/20 NC LV |  | 48    | 50    | *            | *              | *                     | 1          |
| 10/17/20 NC RV |  | 47    | 50    | *            | 1              | 1                     | 1          |

9. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Thinking now about the U.S. Senate race in North Carolina, if the election were today would you vote for (Cal Cunningham, the Democrat) or (Thom Tillis, the Republican)? Would you lean toward (Cunningham) or (Tillis)? Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...

|                |  | Cunningham | Tillis | Other (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | Would not vote (vol.) | No opinion |
|----------------|--|------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 10/17/20 NC LV |  | 49         | 47     | *            | 1              | *                     | 3          |
| 10/17/20 NC RV |  | 49         | 46     | 1            | 2              | *                     | 3          |

10. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Thinking about [ITEM] - how important is this in your vote for U.S. Senate - extremely important, very important, somewhat important or not so important?

10/17/20 - Summary Table among North Carolina registered voters

|  | --- More important --- |           |      | --- Less important --- |          |        | No op. |
|--|------------------------|-----------|------|------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
|  | NET                    | Extremely | Very | NET                    | Somewhat | Not so |        |

|   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| a. Cunningham's extramarital affair                                     | 26 | 14 | 12 | 71 | 21 | 50 | 3 |
| b. Tillis's support for Donald Trump                                    | 56 | 30 | 27 | 41 | 18 | 23 | 3 |
| c. whether the (Democrats) or the (Republicans) control the U.S. Senate | 81 | 47 | 33 | 18 | 13 | 6  | 1 |

Now thinking about the presidential election,

11. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

10/17/20 - Summary Table among North Carolina registered voters

|                             | Trump | Biden | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| a. the economy              | 51    | 45    | *           | 2              | 1          |
| b. the coronavirus outbreak | 43    | 51    | 1           | 4              | 1          |

12. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|             | ----- Approve ----- |          |          | ----- Disapprove ----- |          |          | No opinion |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
|             | NET                 | Strongly | Somewhat | NET                    | Somewhat | Strongly |            |
| 10/17/20 NC | 47                  | 37       | 10       | 51                     | 6        | 44       | 3          |

13. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|             | ----- Approve ----- |          |          | ----- Disapprove ----- |          |          | No opinion |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
|             | NET                 | Strongly | Somewhat | NET                    | Somewhat | Strongly |            |
| 10/17/20 NC | 53                  | 42       | 11       | 44                     | 10       | 34       | 2          |

14. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|             | ----- Approve ----- |          |          | ----- Disapprove ----- |          |          | No opinion |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
|             | NET                 | Strongly | Somewhat | NET                    | Somewhat | Strongly |            |
| 10/17/20 NC | 45                  | 33       | 12       | 53                     | 6        | 47       | 2          |

15. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

|             | ---- Worried ---- |      |       | ----- Not worried ----- |         |            | Already caught | No op. |
|-------------|-------------------|------|-------|-------------------------|---------|------------|----------------|--------|
|             | NET               | Very | Smwht | NET                     | Not too | Not at all | it (vol.)      |        |
| 10/17/20 NC | 61                | 25   | 36    | 31                      | 19      | 12         | 9              | *      |

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

|               | Democrat | Republican | Independent | Other (vol.) | No opinion |
|---------------|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 9/26/20 NC RV | 33       | 32         | 30          | 4            | 1          |

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Demographics of weighted sample

|                      | % of North Carolina registered voters |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Men                  | 48                                    |
| Women                | 52                                    |
|                      |                                       |
| Age 18-39            | 33                                    |
| Age 40-64            | 45                                    |
| Age 65+              | 22                                    |
|                      |                                       |
| High school or less  | 31                                    |
| Some college         | 36                                    |
| College graduates    | 32                                    |
|                      |                                       |
| Whites, non-Hispanic | 70                                    |
| Blacks, non-Hispanic | 20                                    |
| Hispanics            | 5                                     |
| Other/Multiple       | 6                                     |

METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

The Washington Post-ABC News 2020 battleground state surveys are based on random-sample telephone interviews with adults, registered voters and likely voters in selected states. The poll was jointly funded by The Post and ABC News. Sampling, fieldwork and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

To sample, phone numbers were drawn randomly from cellphone area codes and exchanges in the state, a database of out-of-state cellphone numbers whose users are billed within the state along with landlines with in-state area codes and exchanges. The cell/landline allocation is proportional to the share of residents who mostly or exclusively use cellphones, per the most recent state estimates from the federal National Health Interview Survey. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

Sample frames were sorted by geopolitical regions of each state. The final sample was weighted to account for differential chance of selection among adults who are cellphone-only, landline-only and dual users. Data were then weighted to U.S. Census Bureau's one-year 2018 American Community Survey benchmarks using the following variables: gender, geopolitical region, educational attainment, age, race/ethnicity and race by education.

Up to its final disposition, each sampled phone number received a minimum of five dialings, at different times of day on different days. Interviews were carried out by professional live interviewers employed by Abt Associates. Cell respondents were screened for being 18 or older and their state of voter registration and/or residence was confirmed. Landline respondents were selected by randomly asking for the youngest male or female resident at home over 18.