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Obama and Perdue lead in North Carolina Primaries

Raleigh, N.C. – With native son John Edwards out of the race, Barack Obama has taken a 42-40 lead over Hillary Clinton in North Carolina.

Edwards' former supporters are going to the Democratic contenders in remarkably equal numbers. Of the respondents who said they supported Edwards before he dropped out, 41% support Clinton and 41% support Obama.

“North Carolina is completely up for grabs,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “With the increasing likelihood that the state’s May primary will play a role in the Democratic nomination, we’ll probably be seeing a lot of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton here this spring.”

In the race for Governor, Bev Perdue leads Richard Moore 45-31. The percentage of undecideds in the race has dropped markedly since the candidates began running television ads, although there hasn’t been much movement in the actual margin between the candidates.

In the primary for US Senate Kay Hagan leads with 21%. Jim Neal has 7%, John Ross Hendrix is at 6%, Duskin Lassiter has 5%, and Ted Staley is at 1%. For Lieutenant Governor Pat Smathers holds a small lead with 11% followed by Dan Besse with 10%, Walter Dalton at 9%, and Hampton Dellinger with 6%.

The race for Treasurer shows Janet Cowell at 14%, David Young at 13%, and Michael Weisel with 8%. June Atkinson leads challenger Eddie Davis 36-15 in her bid for reelection as Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Beth Wood leads Fred Aikens 25-18 for state Auditor.

PPP surveyed 553 likely Democratic primary voters on February 6th. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 4.2\%$. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com. These include issue priorities, and crosstabs breaking down the results by gender, race, age and region.

For more discussion of the poll visit the Public Policy Polling blog at publicpolicypolling.blogspot.com. If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.





Democratic Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Democrats still running for President are Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Hillary Clinton, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Clinton.....40% Undecided.....18%
Obama.....42%

Q2 In the US Senate race the candidates are Kay Hagan, John Ross Hendrix, Duskin Lassiter, Jim Neal, and Howard Staley. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Kay Hagan, press 1. If John Ross Hendrix, press 2. If Duskin Lassiter, press 3. If Jim Neal, press 4. If Howard Staley, press 5. If you are undecided, press 6.

Hagan.....21%
Hendrix.....6%
Lassiter.....5%
Neal.....7%
Staley.....1%
Undecided.....61%

Q3 There will be a Democratic primary for Governor. The candidates are Richard Moore, Dennis Nielsen, and Beverly Perdue. If the primary election were today which of these candidates would you vote for? If you would vote for Richard Moore, press 1. If for Dennis Nielsen, press 2. If for Beverly Perdue, press 3. If undecided, press 4.

Moore.....31% Perdue.....45%
Nielsen.....4% Undecided.....20%

Q4 In the Lieutenant Governor's race the candidates are Dan Besse, Walter Dalton, Hampton Dellinger, and Pat Smathers. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Dan Besse, press 1. If Walter Dalton, press 2. If Hampton Dellinger, press 3. If Pat Smathers, press 4. If you are undecided press 5.

Besse.....10% Smathers.....11%
Dalton.....9% Undecided.....64%
Dellinger.....6%

Q5 In the State Treasurer's race the candidates are Janet Cowell, Michael Weisel and David Young. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If Janet Cowell, press 1. If Michael Weisel, press 2. If David Young, press 3. If you are undecided, press 4.

Cowell.....14% Young.....13%
Weisel.....8% Undecided.....64%

Q6 In the State Superintendent's race the candidates are June Atkinson and Eddie Davis. If the election were held today who would you vote for? If June Atkinson, press 1. If Eddie Davis, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Atkinson.....36% Undecided.....49%
Davis.....15%

Q7 The Democratic candidates for State Auditor are Fred Aikens and Beth Wood. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Fred Aikens, press 1. If Beth Wood, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Aikens.....18%
Wood.....25%
Undecided.....57%





Q8 Did you support John Edwards before he dropped out of the race for President? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 48%
No 52%

Q9 The UNC-Duke basketball game is tonight. Who are you rooting for? If Duke, press 1. If UNC, press 2. If you don't care, press 3.

Duke 24%
UNC 43%
Don't care 34%

Q10 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

War in Iraq 27%	Moral or Family values..... 5%
Education 9%	Health care..... 11%
Economy and jobs. 41%	Immigration 3%
Taxes 2%	Other 1%

Q11 Are you registered as a Democrat, or are you registered as unaffiliated? If you are a registered Democrat, press 1. If you are registered unaffiliated, press 2.

Democrat 88%
Unaffiliated..... 12%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women57% Men.....43%

Q13 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White69% Other..... 5%
Black.....26%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18-29..... 5% 46-65.....44%
30-45.....19% Older Than 65.....32%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
President			
Clinton	40%	41%	39%
Obama	42%	41%	43%
Undecided	18%	18%	17%

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
Senate			
Hagan	21%	25%	17%
Hendrix	6%	5%	6%
Lassiter	5%	6%	4%
Neal	7%	8%	6%
Staley	1%	1%	1%
Undecided	61%	55%	66%

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
Governor			
Moore	31%	30%	31%
Nielsen	4%	5%	4%
Perdue	45%	45%	44%
Undecided	20%	20%	21%

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
Lt. Governor			
Besse	10%	10%	9%
Dalton	9%	11%	8%
Dellinger	6%	6%	7%
Smathers	11%	12%	9%
Undecided	64%	60%	68%

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
Treasurer			
Cowell	14%	15%	14%
Weisel	8%	8%	8%
Young	13%	16%	11%
Undecided	64%	61%	67%

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
Superintendent			
Atkinson	36%	39%	32%
Davis	15%	12%	18%
Undecided	49%	48%	50%

	Base	Edwards Support?	
		Yes	No
Auditor			
Aikens	18%	23%	14%
Wood	25%	22%	27%
Undecided	57%	55%	59%

	Base	Duke/UNC		
		Duke	UNC	Don't care
President				
Clinton	40%	44%	41%	36%
Obama	42%	35%	47%	42%
Undecided	18%	21%	12%	23%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Duke/UNC		
		Duke	UNC	Don't care
Senate				
Hagan	21%	30%	22%	13%
Hendrix	6%	5%	7%	5%
Lassiter	5%	4%	6%	4%
Neal	7%	7%	8%	5%
Staley	1%	3%	-	1%
Undecided	61%	51%	57%	72%

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		Duke	UNC	Don't care
Governor				
Moore	31%	32%	32%	28%
Nielsen	4%	4%	5%	4%
Perdue	45%	46%	46%	42%
Undecided	20%	18%	17%	26%

	Base	Duke/UNC		
		Duke	UNC	Don't care
Lt. Governor				
Besse	10%	14%	12%	4%
Dalton	9%	11%	11%	7%
Dellinger	6%	5%	9%	4%
Smathers	11%	14%	10%	8%
Undecided	64%	56%	58%	77%

	Base	Duke/UNC		
		Duke	UNC	Don't care
Treasurer				
Cowell	14%	18%	18%	8%
Weisel	8%	9%	11%	4%
Young	13%	13%	14%	13%
Undecided	64%	61%	58%	75%

	Base	Duke/UNC		
		Duke	UNC	Don't care
Superintendent				
Atkinson	36%	37%	40%	29%
Davis	15%	20%	17%	10%
Undecided	49%	43%	43%	61%

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		Duke	UNC	Don't care
Auditor				
Aikens	18%	24%	22%	11%
Wood	25%	23%	30%	19%
Undecided	57%	53%	49%	70%

	Base	Party	
		Democrat	Unaffiliated
President			
Clinton	40%	42%	25%
Obama	42%	40%	62%
Undecided	18%	18%	14%

	Base	Party	
		Democrat	Unaffiliated
Senate			
Hagan	21%	21%	22%
Hendrix	6%	5%	8%
Lassiter	5%	4%	12%
Neal	7%	7%	4%
Staley	1%	1%	-
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Governor			
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Perdue	45%	45%	37%
Undecided	20%	22%	9%

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		Democrat	Unaffiliated
Lt. Governor			
Besse	10%	10%	9%
Dalton	9%	9%	14%
Dellinger	6%	6%	9%
Smathers	11%	11%	12%
Undecided	64%	65%	55%

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		Democrat	Unaffiliated
Treasurer			
Cowell	14%	14%	16%
Weisel	8%	7%	17%
Young	13%	13%	15%
Undecided	64%	66%	51%

	Base	Party	
		Democrat	Unaffiliated
Superintendent			
Atkinson	36%	36%	34%
Davis	15%	15%	21%
Undecided	49%	49%	45%

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		Democrat	Unaffiliated
Auditor			
Aikens	18%	18%	23%
Wood	25%	24%	29%
Undecided	57%	58%	48%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Clinton	40%	43%	36%
Obama	42%	40%	45%
Undecided	18%	17%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Senate			
Hagan	21%	23%	17%
Hendrix	6%	5%	7%
Lassiter	5%	4%	6%
Neal	7%	4%	11%
Staley	1%	1%	1%
Undecided	61%	62%	58%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Governor			
Moore	31%	29%	34%
Nielsen	4%	3%	7%
Perdue	45%	46%	43%
Undecided	20%	23%	17%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Lt. Governor			
Besse	10%	8%	12%
Dalton	9%	8%	11%
Dellinger	6%	6%	7%
Smathers	11%	11%	11%
Undecided	64%	68%	59%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Treasurer			
Cowell	14%	16%	13%
Weisel	8%	6%	11%
Young	13%	11%	17%
Undecided	64%	68%	59%

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		Women	Men
Superintendent			
Atkinson	36%	37%	35%
Davis	15%	11%	21%
Undecided	49%	52%	45%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Auditor			
Aikens	18%	14%	24%
Wood	25%	27%	22%
Undecided	57%	60%	54%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
President				
Clinton	40%	48%	19%	33%
Obama	42%	31%	67%	67%
Undecided	18%	20%	14%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Senate				
Hagan	21%	22%	17%	20%
Hendrix	6%	7%	5%	-
Lassiter	5%	5%	5%	7%
Neal	7%	8%	6%	-
Staley	1%	1%	-	7%
Undecided	61%	58%	67%	67%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Governor				
Moore	31%	35%	19%	40%
Nielsen	4%	5%	4%	-
Perdue	45%	42%	56%	27%
Undecided	20%	19%	21%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Lt. Governor				
Besse	10%	11%	7%	7%
Dalton	9%	11%	8%	-
Dellinger	6%	7%	4%	13%
Smathers	11%	12%	11%	-
Undecided	64%	60%	70%	80%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Treasurer				
Cowell	14%	14%	17%	13%
Weisel	8%	9%	6%	7%
Young	13%	14%	10%	20%
Undecided	64%	64%	67%	60%

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		White	Black	Other
Superintendent				
Atkinson	36%	40%	25%	33%
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Undecided	49%	46%	56%	53%

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		White	Black	Other
Auditor				
Aikens	18%	18%	16%	27%
Wood	25%	28%	17%	20%
Undecided	57%	54%	67%	53%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
President					
Clinton	40%	38%	35%	36%	48%
Obama	42%	49%	40%	49%	33%
Undecided	18%	12%	24%	15%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Senate					
Hagan	21%	26%	18%	23%	19%
Hendrix	6%	16%	3%	4%	8%
Lassiter	5%	9%	5%	4%	5%
Neal	7%	7%	6%	7%	7%
Staley	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%
Undecided	61%	39%	65%	61%	61%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Governor					
Moore	31%	46%	21%	28%	38%
Nielsen	4%	19%	7%	3%	3%
Perdue	45%	19%	46%	51%	39%
Undecided	20%	16%	27%	18%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Lt. Governor					
Besse	10%	29%	10%	8%	9%
Dalton	9%	9%	11%	7%	11%
Dellinger	6%	9%	8%	5%	6%
Smathers	11%	15%	9%	14%	7%
Undecided	64%	39%	61%	66%	67%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Treasurer					
Cowell	14%	31%	13%	15%	12%
Weisel	8%	32%	5%	7%	7%
Young	13%	6%	16%	12%	15%
Undecided	64%	31%	66%	66%	67%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Superintendent					
Atkinson	36%	34%	33%	39%	33%
Davis	15%	31%	20%	13%	13%
Undecided	49%	35%	46%	48%	54%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Auditor					
Aikens	18%	47%	13%	16%	20%
Wood	25%	21%	23%	29%	20%
Undecided	57%	31%	64%	55%	60%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
President							
Clinton	40%	30%	47%	44%	46%	41%	37%
Obama	42%	52%	34%	44%	36%	39%	47%
Undecided	18%	18%	20%	13%	17%	20%	17%

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Senate							
Hagan	21%	11%	41%	18%	16%	14%	22%
Hendrix	6%	4%	7%	6%	5%	8%	5%
Lassiter	5%	2%	3%	5%	5%	4%	9%
Neal	7%	5%	6%	6%	14%	7%	5%
Staley	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	-
Undecided	61%	77%	41%	63%	60%	65%	59%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Governor							
Moore	31%	23%	31%	36%	28%	29%	37%
Nielsen	4%	3%	5%	10%	6%	4%	2%
Perdue	45%	59%	47%	33%	33%	44%	44%
Undecided	20%	16%	17%	21%	33%	22%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Lt. Governor							
Besse	10%	2%	17%	11%	7%	9%	10%
Dalton	9%	8%	8%	15%	14%	8%	7%
Dellinger	6%	4%	7%	6%	5%	5%	10%
Smathers	11%	4%	11%	10%	22%	11%	10%
Undecided	64%	82%	56%	58%	52%	67%	63%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Treasurer							
Cowell	14%	8%	18%	11%	11%	11%	23%
Weisel	8%	8%	10%	11%	11%	4%	5%
Young	13%	7%	16%	17%	23%	15%	9%
Undecided	64%	78%	56%	60%	55%	71%	62%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
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Atkinson	36%	34%	39%	29%	36%	33%	40%
Davis	15%	10%	17%	25%	8%	16%	17%
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Democratic Primary Crosstabs

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Auditor								
	Aikens	18%	13%	26%	21%	16%	18%	16%
	Wood	25%	23%	25%	27%	30%	20%	23%
	Undecided	57%	63%	48%	53%	54%	62%	60%



Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Clinton	40%	45%	30%	41%	35%	29%	45%	14%	59%
Obama	42%	39%	54%	43%	43%	43%	42%	39%	27%
Undecided	18%	16%	16%	16%	22%	27%	14%	47%	14%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Senate									
Hagan	21%	18%	34%	20%	38%	13%	25%	10%	14%
Hendrix	6%	4%	7%	6%	-	-	10%	5%	14%
Lassiter	5%	2%	12%	4%	16%	6%	4%	14%	-
Neal	7%	8%	3%	7%	-	19%	4%	5%	-
Staley	1%	2%	-	0%	-	7%	-	-	-
Undecided	61%	67%	44%	62%	46%	54%	57%	67%	71%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Governor									
Moore	31%	30%	30%	32%	51%	30%	26%	29%	45%
Nielsen	4%	4%	3%	4%	-	3%	7%	10%	-
Perdue	45%	48%	58%	44%	34%	24%	48%	24%	27%
Undecided	20%	18%	10%	20%	15%	44%	19%	38%	29%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Lt. Governor									
Besse	10%	11%	5%	8%	22%	18%	11%	14%	-
Dalton	9%	10%	14%	10%	7%	-	8%	10%	-
Dellinger	6%	4%	5%	7%	-	9%	10%	10%	-
Smathers	11%	12%	12%	11%	28%	3%	10%	5%	-
Undecided	64%	64%	64%	65%	43%	70%	62%	62%	100%





Democratic Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Treasurer									
Cowell	14%	14%	15%	16%	-	-	23%	5%	27%
Weisel	8%	9%	8%	8%	22%	3%	4%	14%	-
Young	13%	11%	13%	12%	21%	32%	14%	14%	-
Undecided	64%	67%	64%	64%	57%	64%	59%	67%	73%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Superintendent									
Atkinson	36%	34%	40%	40%	21%	12%	36%	29%	30%
Davis	15%	17%	22%	12%	22%	24%	14%	19%	-
Undecided	49%	49%	39%	47%	57%	64%	50%	52%	70%

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		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Auditor									
Aikens	18%	18%	23%	19%	15%	30%	9%	19%	-
Wood	25%	23%	26%	23%	22%	15%	36%	34%	-
Undecided	57%	59%	51%	58%	64%	55%	55%	47%	100%

