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McCrory maintains small lead

Raleigh, N.C. – Pat McCrory is continuing to hold on to a small lead in the Republican race for Governor, according to the newest survey by Public Policy Polling.

He leads Fred Smith 26%-23%, with Bill Graham, Bob Orr, and Elbie Powers further back at 14, 6, and 1% respectively.

“Pat McCrory’s lead over Fred Smith has been in the 2-4% range in our last three polls,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “It appears this will remain a close race all the way through the primary.”

In the Republican race for President, John McCain has opened up a dominating 56-33 lead on Mike Huckabee, who does not seem likely to still be in the race when the North Carolina primary rolls around in June.

Elizabeth Dole doesn’t need to break a sweat over her primary challenger. She leads Pete DiLauro 82-12 in the poll.

In the Republican race for Lieutenant Governor, Greg Dority has the lead with 15%. Robert Pittenger and Jim Snyder are tied for second with 12%, and Timothy Cook is further behind at 5%.

PPP also did its first survey of GOP voters on the primary for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Former House speaker Richard Morgan has the slight edge in that contest with 16%. Challengers Joe Johnson and Eric Smith are further back with 12 and 8% respectively.

PPP surveyed 778 likely Republican primary voters on March 3rd. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.5%. 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.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Republican Primary Survey Results

Q1 The Republicans still running for President are Mike Huckabee, John McCain, and Ron Paul. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Mike Huckabee, press 1. If John McCain, press 2. If Ron Paul, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Huckabee.....33% *Paul* 5%
McCain.....56% *Undecided*..... 5%

Q2 The Republican candidates for Governor are Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Bob Orr, Elbie Powers, and Fred Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Bill Graham, press 1. If Pat McCrory, press 2. If Bob Orr, press 3. If Elbie Powers, press 4. If Fred Smith, press 5. If you're undecided, press 6.

Graham..... 14% *Powers*..... 1%
McCrory 26% *Smith*..... 23%
Orr..... 6% *Undecided*..... 29%

Q3 The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, and Jim Snyder. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Timothy Cook, press 1. If Greg Dority, press 2. If Robert Pittenger, press 3. If Jim Snyder, press 4. If you're undecided, press 5.

Cook 5%
Dority 15%
Pittenger 12%
Snyder 12%
Undecided.....56%

Q4 The candidates for State Superintendent are Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, and Eric Smith. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Joe Johnson, press 1. If Richard Morgan, press 2. If Eric Smith, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

Johnson..... 12%
Morgan..... 16%
Smith 8%
Undecided..... 64%

Q5 The candidates for US Senate are Pete DiLauro and Elizabeth Dole. If the primary was today, who would you vote for? If Pete DiLauro, press 1. If Elizabeth Dole, press 2. If undecided, press 3.

DiLauro 12%
Dole 82%
Undecided..... 7%

Q6 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 20% *Moral or Family values*..... 20%
Education 2% *Health care*..... 5%
Economy and jobs. 27% *Immigration* 14%
Taxes 11% *Other*..... 1%





Q7 Are you registered as a Republican, or are you registered as unaffiliated? If you are a registered Republican, press 1. If you are registered unaffiliated, press 2.

Republican..... 88%

Unaffiliated..... 12%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women50% *Men*.....50%

Q9 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White96% *Other*..... 3%

Black..... 1%

Q10 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

18-29..... 5% *46-60*.....41%

30-45.....18% *Older than 60*.....36%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
President			
Huckabee	33%	33%	33%
McCain	56%	57%	53%
Paul	5%	5%	8%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Governor			
Graham	14%	14%	15%
McCrary	26%	27%	23%
Orr	6%	6%	10%
Powers	1%	1%	4%
Smith	23%	24%	17%
Undecided	29%	29%	32%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	5%	5%	6%
Dority	15%	14%	17%
Pittenger	12%	13%	10%
Snyder	12%	11%	13%
Undecided	56%	57%	54%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Superintendent			
Johnson	12%	12%	11%
Morgan	16%	17%	13%
Smith	8%	8%	10%
Undecided	64%	64%	66%

	Base	Party	
		Republican	Unaffiliated
Senate			
DiLauro	12%	10%	26%
Dole	82%	84%	67%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
President			
Huckabee	33%	32%	34%
McCain	56%	58%	54%
Paul	5%	4%	7%
Undecided	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Governor			
Graham	14%	11%	16%
McCrary	26%	25%	28%
Orr	6%	5%	8%
Powers	1%	1%	1%
Smith	23%	23%	24%
Undecided	29%	36%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Lieutenant Governor			
Cook	5%	5%	5%
Dority	15%	12%	17%
Pittenger	12%	9%	16%
Snyder	12%	10%	13%
Undecided	56%	64%	48%





Republican Primary Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Superintendent			
Johnson	12%	10%	14%
Morgan	16%	14%	19%
Smith	8%	7%	10%
Undecided	64%	70%	58%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Senate			
DiLauro	12%	7%	16%
Dole	82%	86%	78%
Undecided	7%	7%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
President				
Huckabee	33%	33%	59%	28%
McCain	56%	57%	20%	53%
Paul	5%	5%	20%	13%
Undecided	5%	5%	-	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Governor				
Graham	14%	14%	31%	11%
McCroy	26%	27%	-	19%
Orr	6%	6%	-	17%
Powers	1%	1%	10%	-
Smith	23%	24%	39%	14%
Undecided	29%	29%	20%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Lieutenant Governor				
Cook	5%	5%	10%	3%
Dority	15%	15%	-	12%
Pittenger	12%	12%	20%	12%
Snyder	12%	11%	20%	23%
Undecided	56%	57%	49%	50%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Superintendent				
Johnson	12%	12%	10%	9%
Morgan	16%	16%	10%	20%
Smith	8%	8%	20%	9%
Undecided	64%	64%	59%	62%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Senate				
DiLauro	12%	11%	49%	9%
Dole	82%	82%	41%	85%
Undecided	7%	6%	10%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
President					
Huckabee	33%	37%	45%	37%	22%
McCain	56%	50%	43%	51%	69%
Paul	5%	6%	7%	6%	4%
Undecided	5%	8%	5%	5%	5%





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		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Governor					
Graham	14%	28%	12%	12%	15%
McCrary	26%	28%	20%	29%	25%
Orr	6%	4%	5%	7%	6%
Powers	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Smith	23%	15%	19%	26%	24%
Undecided	29%	23%	43%	25%	28%

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Lieutenant Governor					
Cook	5%	8%	7%	5%	4%
Dority	15%	19%	9%	13%	18%
Pittenger	12%	17%	10%	14%	11%
Snyder	12%	19%	12%	12%	11%
Undecided	56%	37%	63%	56%	56%

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Superintendent					
Johnson	12%	14%	13%	11%	12%
Morgan	16%	23%	13%	16%	18%
Smith	8%	17%	9%	8%	7%
Undecided	64%	46%	66%	65%	64%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Senate					
DiLauro	12%	12%	13%	12%	11%
Dole	82%	77%	80%	82%	84%
Undecided	7%	11%	7%	7%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
President							
Huckabee	33%	30%	41%	28%	35%	25%	35%
McCain	56%	65%	49%	58%	50%	69%	52%
Paul	5%	1%	4%	9%	7%	2%	8%
Undecided	5%	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%	5%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Governor							
Graham	14%	11%	12%	11%	12%	25%	14%
McCrary	26%	10%	18%	67%	21%	11%	15%
Orr	6%	4%	6%	4%	7%	8%	9%
Powers	1%	4%	2%	-	2%	-	1%
Smith	23%	38%	25%	7%	24%	27%	28%
Undecided	29%	34%	38%	12%	33%	29%	33%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Lieutenant Governor							
Cook	5%	8%	8%	2%	4%	7%	3%
Dority	15%	31%	10%	9%	14%	20%	14%
Pittenger	12%	7%	3%	43%	4%	6%	3%
Snyder	12%	10%	19%	5%	7%	16%	10%
Undecided	56%	44%	60%	41%	71%	52%	69%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Superintendent							
Johnson	12%	21%	10%	11%	10%	14%	8%
Morgan	16%	17%	16%	15%	9%	19%	23%
Smith	8%	6%	6%	12%	9%	10%	4%
Undecided	64%	55%	68%	62%	72%	56%	65%



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Senate							
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Dole	82%	88%	78%	81%	83%	77%	90%
Undecided	7%	3%	7%	9%	9%	6%	3%



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	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and jobs	Taxes	Moral or Family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
President									
Huckabee	33%	17%	35%	30%	29%	58%	11%	37%	10%
McCain	56%	72%	57%	63%	47%	36%	76%	49%	63%
Paul	5%	8%	-	2%	12%	3%	4%	7%	17%
Undecided	5%	3%	8%	5%	12%	3%	9%	7%	10%

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Orr	6%	7%	-	5%	12%	8%	-	4%	-
Powers	1%	1%	-	1%	-	2%	-	3%	-
Smith	23%	25%	24%	21%	27%	24%	15%	25%	17%
Undecided	29%	29%	21%	30%	22%	35%	49%	19%	63%

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Lieutenant Governor									
Cook	5%	4%	12%	3%	10%	6%	2%	6%	12%
Dority	15%	14%	24%	15%	10%	16%	17%	14%	-
Pittenger	12%	19%	20%	9%	15%	8%	6%	17%	-
Snyder	12%	9%	-	14%	9%	13%	23%	10%	12%
Undecided	56%	54%	45%	59%	57%	58%	51%	53%	77%





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Superintendent									
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Morgan	16%	17%	40%	20%	15%	9%	15%	19%	-
Smith	8%	8%	12%	6%	10%	10%	2%	9%	15%
Undecided	64%	63%	29%	64%	58%	70%	70%	64%	85%

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Dole	82%	79%	92%	80%	81%	87%	75%	83%	100%
Undecided	7%	10%	-	6%	5%	6%	11%	6%	-

