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Amendment One still up 14 points in N.C.

Raleigh, N.C. – There has been no movement on North Carolina’s proposed marriage amendment since PPP last released a poll a week ago. Likely primary voters are still planning to vote for the amendment by a 14-point margin, this time 55-41, rather than 54-40.

Opposition is rising slightly with Republicans, independents, and African Americans, from 17% to 21% with the GOP, from 43% to 46% with independents, and from 39% to 43% with black voters. Democrats on the whole are opposed by a 54-42 spread. Reports of strong youth turnout in parts of the state could be a good sign for opponents; voters under the age of 30 oppose the amendment by 26 points, while the elder age brackets all support it by spreads of nine to 24 points—though that is down from margins of 16 to 32 points last week.

The good news for the amendment’s opponents is that more voters are now aware of the amendment’s consequences, and if all voters were informed of those consequences, the amendment would fail by a 38-46 margin, the same as last week. A 40% plurality now knows that the amendment would ban both same-sex marriage and civil unions, versus 36% in the previous survey. Those who know what the amendment would do are against it by 22 points, but they are outweighed by the strong support from the uneducated.

As part of the overall 22-point shift, Democrats move 21 points, Republicans 24 points, and independents 16 points against the amendment when told it would ban both marriage and civil unions for gay couples.

The reason this message has an impact is that 55% of these primary voters want same-sex couples to at least have the same legal rights as married heterosexual couples, if not full marriage equality. That includes 67% of Democrats, 60% of independents, and even 35% of Republicans.

“Voters who understand what the amendment does are opposed to it,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But there’s a lot of education left to be done in this final week of the campaign.”

PPP surveyed 982 likely North Carolina primary voters from April 27th to 29th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization.



North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you think you will vote in the Democratic or Republican primary election next month, or will you not vote in a primary?

Democratic primary..... 52%
Republican primary..... 39%
Not sure..... 9%

Q2 Would you vote for or against a constitutional amendment to provide that marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State?

Would vote for it..... 55%
Would vote against it..... 41%
Not sure..... 4%

Q3 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry..... 27%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry..... 28%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship..... 41%
Not sure..... 4%

Q4 Do you think that a 'yes' vote on Amendment One bans just gay marriage, bans both gay marriage and civil unions, legalizes gay marriage, or are you not sure?

Bans just gay marriage..... 27%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions..... 40%
Legalizes gay marriage..... 7%
Not sure..... 26%

Q5 If you knew that Amendment One banned both gay marriage and civil unions, would you vote 'yes' or 'no'?

Would vote 'yes'..... 38%
Would vote 'no'..... 46%
Not sure..... 16%

Q6 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal..... 16%
Moderate..... 26%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative..... 24%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman..... 53%
Man..... 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 48%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 19%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White..... 74%
African-American..... 18%
Other..... 8%



Q10 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29.....	12%
30 to 45.....	24%
46 to 65.....	36%
Older than 65.....	28%

Q11 Area Code

252.....	11%
336.....	20%
704.....	20%
828.....	13%
910.....	12%
919.....	25%



Crosstabs

	Base	Consequences of Amendment			
		Bans just gay marriage	Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	Legalizes gay marriage	Not sure
Marriage Amendment					
Would vote for it	55%	72%	38%	64%	59%
Would vote against it	41%	27%	60%	28%	31%
Not sure	4%	1%	2%	8%	10%

	Base	Consequences of Amendment			
		Bans just gay marriage	Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	Legalizes gay marriage	Not sure
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	21%	42%	17%	13%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	33%	25%	29%	27%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	45%	32%	55%	48%
Not sure	4%	2%	1%	-	12%

	Base	Consequences of Amendment			
		Bans just gay marriage	Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	Legalizes gay marriage	Not sure
Consequences of Amendment					
Bans just gay marriage	27%	100%	-	-	-
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	-	100%	-	-
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	-	-	100%	-
Not sure	26%	-	-	-	100%

	Base	Consequences of Amendment			
		Bans just gay marriage	Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	Legalizes gay marriage	Not sure
Vote if Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions					
Would vote 'yes'	38%	50%	32%	45%	33%
Would vote 'no'	46%	35%	62%	34%	33%
Not sure	16%	15%	6%	21%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Marriage Amendment						
Would vote for it	55%	24%	21%	42%	77%	85%
Would vote against it	41%	75%	70%	53%	18%	14%
Not sure	4%	1%	9%	5%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	67%	53%	30%	11%	2%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	10%	32%	37%	29%	22%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	22%	10%	30%	55%	71%
Not sure	4%	1%	6%	4%	5%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Consequences of Amendment						
Bans just gay marriage	27%	17%	16%	27%	29%	39%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	61%	52%	41%	30%	30%
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	6%	3%	8%	12%	4%
Not sure	26%	15%	29%	25%	29%	27%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Vote If Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions						
Would vote 'yes'	38%	16%	11%	25%	55%	66%
Would vote 'no'	46%	75%	70%	55%	30%	19%
Not sure	16%	8%	19%	20%	15%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Marriage Amendment			
Would vote for it	55%	52%	58%
Would vote against it	41%	42%	40%
Not sure	4%	6%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	29%	25%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	25%	30%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	40%	43%
Not sure	4%	6%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Consequences of Amendment			
Bans just gay marriage	27%	26%	29%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	36%	45%
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	8%	6%
Not sure	26%	30%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Vote If Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions			
Would vote 'yes'	38%	32%	45%
Would vote 'no'	46%	46%	45%
Not sure	16%	22%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Marriage Amendment				
Would vote for it	55%	42%	76%	48%
Would vote against it	41%	54%	21%	46%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	38%	9%	33%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	29%	26%	27%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	30%	61%	36%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	4%

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Consequences of Amendment				
Bans just gay marriage	27%	22%	34%	27%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	40%	38%	43%
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	7%	6%	7%
Not sure	26%	30%	21%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Vote If Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions				
Would vote 'yes'	38%	25%	58%	35%
Would vote 'no'	46%	58%	27%	49%
Not sure	16%	17%	15%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Marriage Amendment				
Would vote for it	55%	56%	53%	48%
Would vote against it	41%	41%	43%	41%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	29%	24%	19%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	24%	39%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	44%	33%	37%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Consequences of Amendment				
Bans just gay marriage	27%	27%	23%	37%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	44%	30%	27%
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	7%	9%	4%
Not sure	26%	22%	38%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Vote If Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions				
Would vote 'yes'	38%	41%	29%	32%
Would vote 'no'	46%	45%	52%	40%
Not sure	16%	14%	20%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Marriage Amendment					
Would vote for it	55%	33%	53%	59%	60%
Would vote against it	41%	59%	44%	37%	36%
Not sure	4%	7%	3%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	33%	37%	25%	19%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	22%	33%	25%	29%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	33%	30%	47%	46%
Not sure	4%	11%	-	3%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Consequences of Amendment					
Bans just gay marriage	27%	22%	24%	32%	26%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	41%	52%	41%	28%
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%
Not sure	26%	30%	17%	21%	38%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Vote If Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions					
Would vote 'yes'	38%	29%	37%	45%	34%
Would vote 'no'	46%	50%	56%	41%	40%
Not sure	16%	21%	7%	13%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Marriage Amendment							
Would vote for it	55%	56%	55%	54%	55%	72%	46%
Would vote against it	41%	40%	42%	40%	39%	24%	51%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	6%	6%	4%	3%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition							
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	27%	19%	29%	23%	22%	13%	42%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	28%	32%	28%	26%	24%	36%	25%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	41%	45%	41%	46%	44%	49%	31%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	5%	10%	2%	2%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Consequences of Amendment							
Bans just gay marriage	27%	29%	29%	29%	27%	24%	25%
Bans both gay marriage and civil unions	40%	32%	42%	40%	34%	30%	50%
Legalizes gay marriage	7%	5%	10%	5%	3%	8%	9%
Not sure	26%	34%	19%	26%	36%	39%	16%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
Vote If Banned Marriage & Civ. Unions							
Would vote 'yes'	38%	41%	38%	44%	39%	42%	30%
Would vote 'no'	46%	46%	47%	43%	35%	42%	54%
Not sure	16%	13%	15%	13%	26%	15%	16%

