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North Carolinians support stimulus, oppose bailouts

Raleigh, N.C. – A majority of North Carolina voters support the stimulus package Barack Obama has been pushing in Congress- but when it comes to the bailouts for the financial and auto industries, they're strongly opposed, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

50% of respondents said they support the stimulus, with 39% opposed and 11% unsure. The divide falls largely along party lines, with 80% of Democrats but only 16% of Republicans in support. Independents oppose it by a 53-33 margin.

Reaction to the stimulus seems to be more of a referendum on whether people like Barack Obama than anything else. Voter blocs that he did well with in November- women, African Americans, young voters- are all in strong support. Ones that he did not do as well with- whites, men- are more opposed.

“The economic stimulus package is very complicated, and it seems a safe bet that most voters don't really understand it,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “What that means for public opinion is folks are forming their positions by taking cues from people they trust, leading Democrats who respect Barack Obama to be largely supportive, and Republicans to follow their Senate leadership in opposition.”

Two issues that there is not a lot of division among North Carolinians about are the bailouts of the financial and auto industries. Only 28% support the financial bailout and just 27% are in favor of the one for the car industry. In those cases Democrats, Republicans, and independents are all opposed although Democrats are somewhat more supportive than the other two groups.

PPP surveyed 1,105 North Carolina voters from February 6th to 8th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.0%. 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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North Carolina Survey Results

- Q1** Do you support or oppose President Obama's economic stimulus package? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.
- Support* 50%
 - Oppose* 39%
 - Not Sure*..... 11%
- Q2** Do you support or oppose the Congressional bailout of the auto industry? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.
- Support* 27%
 - Oppose* 60%
 - Not Sure*..... 13%
- Q3** Do you support or oppose the Congressional bailout for the financial industry? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.
- Support* 28% *Not Sure*..... 13%
 - Oppose* 59%
- Q4** Would you be more or less likely to vote for a US Senator who supported President Obama's economic stimulus package. If you would be more likely to vote for a Senator in that case, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it wouldn't make a difference, press 3.
- More Likely* 50%
 - Less Likely*..... 41%
 - No Difference*..... 9%
- Q5** Would you be more or less likely to vote for a US Senator who supported the Congressional bailout of the auto industry? If you would be more likely to vote for a Senator in that case, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it wouldn't make a difference, press 3.
- More Likely*..... 26% *No Difference*..... 15%
 - Less Likely* 59%
- Q6** Would you be more or less likely to vote for a US Senator who supported the Congressional bailout for the financial industry? If you would be more likely to vote for a Senator in that case, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it wouldn't make a difference, press 3.
- More Likely* 26% *No Difference*..... 15%
 - Less Likely* 59%
- 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 you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
- Democrat* 48%
 - Republican*..... 35%
 - Independent/Other*..... 17%
- Q9** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.
- White* 75%
 - African-American* 22%
 - Other*..... 3%
- 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 65, press 3. If older, press 4.
- 18 to 29*..... 12%
 - 30 to 45*..... 26%
 - 46 to 65*..... 40%
 - Older than 65*..... 22%





Q11

252.....	13%
336.....	21%
704.....	20%
828.....	13%
910.....	13%
919.....	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stimulus Support			
Support	50%	54%	45%
Oppose	39%	36%	43%
Not Sure	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Auto Bailout Support			
Support	27%	25%	29%
Oppose	60%	59%	62%
Not Sure	13%	16%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Financial Bailout Support			
Support	28%	31%	25%
Oppose	59%	54%	64%
Not Sure	13%	15%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stimulus Vote Effect			
More Likely	50%	53%	47%
Less Likely	41%	37%	46%
No Difference	9%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Auto Vote Effect			
More Likely	26%	27%	25%
Less Likely	59%	59%	60%
No Difference	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Financial Vote Effect			
More Likely	26%	29%	23%
Less Likely	59%	56%	61%
No Difference	15%	14%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stimulus Support				
Support	50%	80%	16%	33%
Oppose	39%	11%	71%	53%
Not Sure	11%	9%	12%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Auto Bailout Support				
Support	27%	38%	16%	19%
Oppose	60%	47%	75%	68%
Not Sure	13%	16%	9%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Financial Bailout Support				
Support	28%	38%	19%	17%
Oppose	59%	44%	73%	72%
Not Sure	13%	18%	8%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stimulus Vote Effect				
More Likely	50%	81%	15%	35%
Less Likely	41%	12%	75%	53%
No Difference	9%	7%	10%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Auto Vote Effect				
More Likely	26%	37%	14%	21%
Less Likely	59%	45%	74%	67%
No Difference	15%	18%	12%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Financial Vote Effect				
More Likely	26%	40%	15%	13%
Less Likely	59%	41%	76%	73%
No Difference	15%	20%	9%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stimulus Support				
Support	50%	40%	81%	64%
Oppose	39%	48%	11%	25%
Not Sure	11%	12%	8%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Auto Bailout Support				
Support	27%	23%	41%	27%
Oppose	60%	65%	44%	64%
Not Sure	13%	12%	15%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Financial Bailout Support				
Support	28%	24%	42%	32%
Oppose	59%	65%	40%	51%
Not Sure	13%	11%	18%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stimulus Vote Effect				
More Likely	50%	40%	85%	52%
Less Likely	41%	50%	12%	32%
No Difference	9%	10%	3%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Auto Vote Effect				
More Likely	26%	20%	44%	33%
Less Likely	59%	65%	40%	57%
No Difference	15%	15%	16%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Financial Vote Effect				
More Likely	26%	21%	44%	33%
Less Likely	59%	65%	38%	58%
No Difference	15%	14%	18%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stimulus Support					
Support	50%	58%	44%	50%	52%
Oppose	39%	30%	44%	40%	38%
Not Sure	11%	12%	12%	10%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Auto Bailout Support					
Support	27%	36%	20%	28%	28%
Oppose	60%	52%	71%	60%	55%
Not Sure	13%	12%	9%	13%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Financial Bailout Support					
Support	28%	38%	27%	25%	30%
Oppose	59%	40%	65%	63%	55%
Not Sure	13%	22%	8%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stimulus Vote Effect					
More Likely	50%	64%	45%	50%	49%
Less Likely	41%	30%	46%	42%	40%
No Difference	9%	6%	9%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Auto Vote Effect					
More Likely	26%	32%	22%	26%	27%
Less Likely	59%	54%	61%	59%	59%
No Difference	15%	14%	17%	15%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Financial Vote Effect					
More Likely	26%	32%	24%	23%	33%
Less Likely	59%	48%	56%	64%	58%
No Difference	15%	20%	20%	13%	10%





Crosstabs

		Area Code						
		Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Stimulus Support								
	Support	50%	48%	50%	53%	46%	50%	49%
	Oppose	39%	39%	43%	36%	41%	39%	39%
	Not Sure	11%	13%	7%	11%	12%	11%	13%

		Area Code						
		Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Auto Bailout Support								
	Support	27%	33%	22%	26%	23%	25%	33%
	Oppose	60%	54%	64%	61%	62%	60%	60%
	Not Sure	13%	12%	15%	13%	15%	16%	7%

		Area Code						
		Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Financial Bailout Support								
	Support	28%	31%	24%	38%	18%	25%	28%
	Oppose	59%	55%	65%	51%	70%	56%	58%
	Not Sure	13%	14%	11%	11%	12%	19%	14%

		Area Code						
		Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Stimulus Vote Effect								
	More Likely	50%	53%	46%	54%	51%	53%	48%
	Less Likely	41%	40%	42%	38%	43%	40%	43%
	No Difference	9%	7%	12%	8%	6%	7%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Auto Vote Effect							
More Likely	26%	34%	19%	22%	26%	28%	31%
Less Likely	59%	48%	66%	63%	57%	57%	57%
No Difference	15%	18%	15%	15%	17%	15%	12%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Financial Vote Effect							
More Likely	26%	30%	20%	32%	20%	30%	28%
Less Likely	59%	53%	64%	56%	68%	55%	54%
No Difference	15%	17%	16%	11%	13%	15%	18%

