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Majority Disapprove of Obama

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s monthly survey looking at Barack Obama’s approval rating in North Carolina finds him matching his highest level of disapproval in the state to date. He’s at 51%, compared to 45% of voters approving of him, just as he was back in September.

Obama’s still not seeing too much erosion with the party base- 77% of Democrats like the job he’s doing compared to 19% who disapprove. But he has virtually no support from Republicans- just 9% approval- and a majority of independents now disapprove of him as well.

While 88% of African Americans like how Obama’s doing only 33% of whites do. There are large imbalances along gender and age lines as well. 50% of women but just 39% of men give him good marks, and 49% of voters under 30 but only 43% over 65 do so.

The Democratic health care plan continues to be unpopular with North Carolinians. 53% oppose it with only 38% supportive. The voters, however, support allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military. 50% say yes to that compared to 40% in opposition.

“Barack Obama’s popularity in North Carolina is starting to slip a little from where it was a year ago,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Independents are getting antsy about the economy and taking it out on the man in charge.”

PPP will release numbers next week looking at the favorite sports of North Carolinians and how they view former Governor Mike Easley.

PPP surveyed 788 North Carolina voters from February 12th to 15th. 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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North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not Sure..... 4%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support..... 38%
Oppose..... 53%
No Opinion..... 9%

Q3 Do you think gay men and women should be able to serve openly in the military? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes50% *Not Sure*.....10%
No.....40%

Q4 If there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote Democratic or Republican? If Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Democratic..... 41%
Republican..... 44%
Undecided..... 15%

Q5 If there was an election for Congress today, would you vote Democratic or Republican? If Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Democratic..... 41%
Republican..... 44%
Undecided..... 15%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 51%
Not Sure..... 11%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 32%
Unfavorable 48%
Not Sure..... 20%

Q8 Generally speaking when you vote this fall do you plan to support incumbents or vote for challengers? If you will mostly vote for incumbents, press 1. If you will mostly vote for challengers, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Incumbents 13%
Challengers..... 31%
Not Sure..... 56%

Q9 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 48%
Obama..... 48%
Someone else/Don't remember 4%

Q10 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 39%
Conservative..... 44%





Q11 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.

<i>War in Iraq</i>	5%
<i>Education</i>	8%
<i>Economy and Jobs</i>	56%
<i>Taxes</i>	6%
<i>Moral and family values</i>	12%
<i>Health care</i>	10%
<i>Immigration</i>	2%
<i>Other</i>	1%

Q12 Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town? If urban, press 1. If suburban, press 2. If rural, press 3. If a small town, press 4.

<i>Urban</i>	16%
<i>Suburban</i>	29%
<i>Rural</i>	27%
<i>Small Town</i>	28%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q14 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.

<i>Democrat</i>	44%
<i>Republican</i>	38%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	18%

Q15 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	77%
<i>African-American</i>	20%
<i>Other</i>	3%

Q16 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	25%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	21%

Q17

<i>252</i>	9%
<i>336</i>	21%
<i>704</i>	19%
<i>828</i>	16%
<i>910</i>	14%
<i>919</i>	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	5%	87%	38%
Disapprove	51%	92%	9%	54%
Not Sure	4%	4%	4%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Health Care				
Support	38%	3%	74%	29%
Oppose	53%	92%	13%	57%
No Opinion	9%	5%	13%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gays in the Military				
Yes	50%	26%	75%	41%
No	40%	62%	17%	42%
Not Sure	10%	12%	8%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	41%	4%	79%	33%
Republican	44%	83%	6%	25%
Undecided	15%	12%	15%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Congressional Ballot				
Democratic	41%	4%	79%	28%
Republican	44%	83%	7%	32%
Undecided	15%	13%	14%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Democratic Party Favorability				
Favorable	38%	5%	73%	35%
Unfavorable	51%	88%	14%	43%
Not Sure	11%	7%	14%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Republican Party Favorability				
Favorable	32%	61%	5%	15%
Unfavorable	48%	18%	78%	46%
Not Sure	20%	21%	17%	39%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Incumbents/Challengers				
Incumbents	13%	8%	19%	12%
Challengers	31%	41%	20%	27%
Not Sure	56%	51%	61%	61%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	83%	61%	15%
Disapprove	51%	14%	33%	82%
Not Sure	4%	3%	6%	3%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	38%	75%	52%	11%
Oppose	53%	16%	36%	84%
No Opinion	9%	9%	12%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gays in the Military				
Yes	50%	88%	65%	22%
No	40%	9%	27%	63%
Not Sure	10%	3%	8%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	41%	84%	53%	13%
Republican	44%	10%	27%	72%
Undecided	15%	6%	20%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Congressional Ballot				
Democratic	41%	86%	53%	12%
Republican	44%	9%	29%	72%
Undecided	15%	5%	18%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic Party Favorability				
Favorable	38%	79%	50%	12%
Unfavorable	51%	15%	36%	78%
Not Sure	11%	6%	14%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republican Party Favorability				
Favorable	32%	9%	21%	52%
Unfavorable	48%	81%	61%	23%
Not Sure	20%	10%	18%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Incumbents/Challengers				
Incumbents	13%	26%	12%	9%
Challengers	31%	21%	27%	38%
Not Sure	56%	53%	61%	53%





Crosstabs

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	59%	49%	36%	41%
Disapprove	51%	37%	47%	60%	55%
Not Sure	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Health Care					
Support	38%	53%	42%	28%	35%
Oppose	53%	39%	50%	61%	57%
No Opinion	9%	7%	8%	11%	8%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Gays in the Military					
Yes	50%	63%	60%	36%	45%
No	40%	28%	29%	53%	45%
Not Sure	10%	9%	11%	11%	9%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Generic Legislative Ballot					
Democratic	41%	53%	41%	36%	39%
Republican	44%	34%	43%	49%	46%
Undecided	15%	12%	16%	15%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Generic Congressional Ballot					
Democratic	41%	56%	43%	31%	38%
Republican	44%	36%	43%	51%	45%
Undecided	15%	8%	14%	18%	17%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Democratic Party Favorability					
Favorable	38%	45%	42%	31%	38%
Unfavorable	51%	43%	49%	55%	52%
Not Sure	11%	12%	9%	14%	9%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Republican Party Favorability					
Favorable	32%	17%	34%	38%	34%
Unfavorable	48%	65%	52%	37%	44%
Not Sure	20%	18%	14%	25%	22%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Incumbents/Challengers					
Incumbents	13%	19%	14%	12%	11%
Challengers	31%	32%	29%	33%	29%
Not Sure	56%	49%	57%	55%	60%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	50%	39%
Disapprove	51%	45%	58%
Not Sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	38%	41%	35%
Oppose	53%	49%	58%
No Opinion	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gays in the Military			
Yes	50%	54%	45%
No	40%	34%	46%
Not Sure	10%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Legislative Ballot			
Democratic	41%	47%	35%
Republican	44%	38%	51%
Undecided	15%	15%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Congressional Ballot			
Democratic	41%	45%	36%
Republican	44%	39%	51%
Undecided	15%	16%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Democratic Party Favorability			
Favorable	38%	44%	32%
Unfavorable	51%	42%	60%
Not Sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Republican Party Favorability			
Favorable	32%	31%	34%
Unfavorable	48%	48%	48%
Not Sure	20%	21%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Incumbents/Challengers			
Incumbents	13%	11%	15%
Challengers	31%	25%	37%
Not Sure	56%	64%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	77%	9%	40%
Disapprove	51%	19%	87%	53%
Not Sure	4%	4%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Health Care				
Support	38%	68%	5%	33%
Oppose	53%	21%	90%	55%
No Opinion	9%	11%	5%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gays in the Military				
Yes	50%	67%	26%	59%
No	40%	24%	63%	30%
Not Sure	10%	10%	11%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	41%	78%	5%	26%
Republican	44%	13%	87%	32%
Undecided	15%	10%	9%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Congressional Ballot				
Democratic	41%	76%	5%	29%
Republican	44%	13%	83%	40%
Undecided	15%	11%	12%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Democratic Party Favorability				
Favorable	38%	70%	7%	26%
Unfavorable	51%	19%	86%	55%
Not Sure	11%	11%	7%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Republican Party Favorability				
Favorable	32%	12%	62%	21%
Unfavorable	48%	72%	17%	52%
Not Sure	20%	15%	21%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Incumbents/Challengers				
Incumbents	13%	21%	7%	7%
Challengers	31%	21%	42%	32%
Not Sure	56%	58%	51%	61%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	33%	88%	61%
Disapprove	51%	63%	8%	34%
Not Sure	4%	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Health Care				
Support	38%	27%	79%	59%
Oppose	53%	65%	11%	32%
No Opinion	9%	8%	10%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gays in the Military				
Yes	50%	46%	64%	57%
No	40%	44%	26%	30%
Not Sure	10%	10%	10%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Legislative Ballot				
Democratic	41%	30%	81%	45%
Republican	44%	54%	9%	23%
Undecided	15%	16%	10%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Congressional Ballot				
Democratic	41%	31%	79%	43%
Republican	44%	54%	10%	25%
Undecided	15%	15%	11%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Democratic Party Favorability				
Favorable	38%	29%	75%	48%
Unfavorable	51%	61%	13%	39%
Not Sure	11%	10%	12%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Republican Party Favorability				
Favorable	32%	39%	8%	25%
Unfavorable	48%	42%	70%	55%
Not Sure	20%	19%	22%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Incumbents/Challengers				
Incumbents	13%	12%	19%	7%
Challengers	31%	33%	23%	23%
Not Sure	56%	55%	58%	70%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	49%	47%	44%	43%
Disapprove	51%	47%	47%	53%	54%
Not Sure	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	38%	37%	37%	40%	37%
Oppose	53%	52%	51%	53%	57%
No Opinion	9%	11%	12%	7%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gays in the Military					
Yes	50%	49%	55%	51%	43%
No	40%	41%	36%	41%	41%
Not Sure	10%	10%	8%	9%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Legislative Ballot					
Democratic	41%	45%	40%	41%	39%
Republican	44%	44%	42%	45%	45%
Undecided	15%	10%	18%	14%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Congressional Ballot					
Democratic	41%	48%	40%	42%	36%
Republican	44%	48%	42%	43%	47%
Undecided	15%	4%	18%	15%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Democratic Party Favorability					
Favorable	38%	51%	38%	37%	35%
Unfavorable	51%	41%	50%	51%	56%
Not Sure	11%	8%	11%	12%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Republican Party Favorability					
Favorable	32%	38%	34%	29%	35%
Unfavorable	48%	40%	48%	51%	44%
Not Sure	20%	22%	18%	20%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Incumbents/Challengers					
Incumbents	13%	25%	9%	12%	16%
Challengers	31%	28%	29%	32%	32%
Not Sure	56%	47%	62%	56%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Obama Approval							
Approve	45%	41%	48%	40%	40%	39%	55%
Disapprove	51%	55%	45%	56%	56%	58%	42%
Not Sure	4%	4%	7%	4%	4%	3%	3%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Health Care							
Support	38%	33%	45%	31%	32%	31%	50%
Oppose	53%	57%	48%	62%	57%	60%	41%
No Opinion	9%	11%	7%	7%	11%	9%	9%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Gays in the Military							
Yes	50%	33%	61%	50%	46%	35%	59%
No	40%	54%	32%	35%	49%	53%	29%
Not Sure	10%	12%	7%	15%	5%	12%	12%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Generic Legislative Ballot							
Democratic	41%	36%	47%	33%	38%	36%	50%
Republican	44%	49%	41%	50%	40%	50%	38%
Undecided	15%	15%	13%	16%	21%	14%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Generic Congressional Ballot							
Democratic	41%	36%	45%	33%	38%	34%	51%
Republican	44%	49%	41%	50%	42%	50%	38%
Undecided	15%	15%	14%	16%	20%	15%	10%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Democratic Party Favorability							
Favorable	38%	34%	43%	34%	37%	39%	40%
Unfavorable	51%	52%	45%	59%	51%	53%	47%
Not Sure	11%	14%	12%	7%	12%	8%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Republican Party Favorability							
Favorable	32%	39%	25%	35%	32%	41%	28%
Unfavorable	48%	37%	48%	46%	48%	39%	59%
Not Sure	20%	24%	26%	18%	20%	20%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Incumbents/Challengers							
Incumbents	13%	13%	15%	13%	13%	11%	13%
Challengers	31%	29%	26%	34%	33%	35%	28%
Not Sure	56%	58%	58%	52%	54%	53%	59%

