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## **NC not keen on Sotomayor**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – North Carolina voters do not appear to be particularly enthusiastic about Barack Obama’s nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court. Just 39% say that the Senate should confirm her appointment, with 43% saying it should not and 18% unsure.

Sotomayor’s problem is that Republicans in the state are more opposed to her confirmation than Democrats are in support of it. While 72% of Republicans are against it only 59% of Democrats favor it. Independents are pretty much split with 33% favoring confirmation and 37% opposed.

57% of African Americans think she should be approved but whites are against by a 47/33 split. There is a gender gap in the numbers but it’s not all that pronounced- 47% of men are opposed to her confirmation while 40% of women say they are.

“North Carolinians are pretty split about this nomination so Kay Hagan and Richard Burr really don’t have a lot to gain or lose no matter how they vote on confirmation,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Still it’s interesting that the state doesn’t fit the overall conventional wisdom that this was a good pick by Obama. Of course North Carolina’s voting Hispanic population is still pretty small so that could be a factor.”

Only about 1% of registered voters in North Carolina are Hispanic, although that number is on the rise.

Most national surveys have shown voters approving of Obama’s selection of Sotomayor.

PPP surveyed 609 North Carolina voters from May 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.0%. 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](http://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 think the Senate should confirm Sonia Sotomayor's nomination to the Supreme Court? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes ..... 39%  
 No ..... 43%  
 Not Sure..... 18%

**Q2** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

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

**Q3** 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 ..... 49%  
 Republican..... 36%  
 Independent/Other..... 15%

**Q4** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White ..... 75%  
 African-American ..... 21%  
 Other..... 3%

**Q5** 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..... 11%  
 30 to 45..... 25%  
 46 to 65..... 45%  
 Older than 65..... 19%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Sotomayor Confirmation</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>39%</b>	38%	39%
<b>No</b>	<b>43%</b>	40%	47%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	22%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Sotomayor Confirmation</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>39%</b>	59%	13%	33%
<b>No</b>	<b>43%</b>	24%	72%	37%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	17%	15%	30%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Sotomayor Confirmation</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>39%</b>	33%	57%	40%
<b>No</b>	<b>43%</b>	47%	27%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	19%	16%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Sotomayor Confirmation</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	<b>39%</b>	25%	37%	42%	40%
<b>No</b>	<b>43%</b>	50%	43%	43%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>18%</b>	25%	20%	15%	21%

