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North Carolinians on Guns, Voting Rights Act, and more

Raleigh, N.C.- The last part of PPP's monthly North Carolina poll revealed some useful, though rather expected, information on the views of NC voters. First, the poll found that nearly half of the state, 49%, supports the Voting Rights Act, compared to just 23% who oppose it. Furthermore, 52% of the state opposes the Supreme Court's recent decision to overturn parts of the act, while only 22% support. These opinions seem to be spread across party lines; 62% of Democrats, 42% of Republicans, and 48% of independents oppose the decision, while 14%, 25%, and 34% of the respective groups approve.

Opinions on background checks for all gun purchases in the Tar Heel State are largely unchanged from when the question was last asked in May, with support suffering a minor drop from 81% to 78%, though opposition remained at 16%. While support for expanded background checks dropped both among Democrats (94% to 88%) and Republicans (65% to 61%), it rose among independent and third party voters, from 75% in May to 84%.

"We've rarely found North Carolinians in as much agreement on an issue as expanded background checks for gun purchases," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Richard Burr would help his standing in the state by switching his vote when this comes back to the Senate."

Though Eliot Spitzer and Anthony Weiner have been having some success reentering politics after scandals, the poll shows that such a comeback is not as likely for former Senator and Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards. Only 15% of voters have a favorable opinion of Edwards, including just 21% of Democrats and 12% of independents. What's more, only 19% of voters would consider voting for him again under any circumstances, including only 24% of his own party.

The poll also found that North Carolinians are divided on the New York Times, with 35% viewing it favorably, compared to 33% with an unfavorable opinion. Unsurprisingly, more liberal voters have a higher regard for the paper, with 58% of very liberal and 44% of somewhat liberal supporting the Times, with a measly 12% of somewhat conservative and 6% of very conservative voters sharing the opinion.

PPP surveyed 600 registered voters between July 12-14, 2013. The margin of error was +/- 4.0%. This poll was not authorized or paid for by any campaign or political organization. PPP's surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you support or oppose the Voting Rights Act?

Support 49%
Oppose 23%
Not sure 28%

Q2 Do you support or oppose the Supreme Court's decision to overturn parts of the Voting Rights Act?

Support 22%
Oppose 52%
Not sure 26%

Q3 Would you support or oppose requiring background checks for all gun sales, including gun shows and the Internet?

Support 78%
Oppose 16%
Not sure 6%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the New York Times?

Favorable 35%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 32%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Edwards?

Favorable 15%
Unfavorable 67%
Not sure 19%

Q6 Would you ever consider voting for John Edwards for any political office ever again, under any circumstances?

Yes 19%
No 67%
Not sure 14%

Q7 Would you support or oppose \$50 million of federal aid for California to recover from the Sharknado?

Support 11%
Oppose 55%
Not sure 34%

Q8 Would you support or oppose \$50 million for federal research into whether tornadoes can be dissipated by throwing bombs into them?

Support 13%
Oppose 66%
Not sure 21%

Q9 Would you support or oppose changing the national anthem to Miley Cyrus' "Party in the USA"?

Support 3%
Oppose 92%
Not sure 4%

Q10 In the last presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama 48%
Mitt Romney 48%
Someone else/Don't remember 4%

Q11 Who did you vote for Governor last year: Walter Dalton or Pat McCrory?

Walter Dalton 41%
Pat McCrory 52%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	20%
<i>Moderate</i>	26%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	22%
<i>Very conservative</i>	21%

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

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	45%
<i>Republican</i>	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	20%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	77%
<i>African-American</i>	17%
<i>Other</i>	5%

Q16 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 29</i>	15%
<i>30 to 45</i>	21%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%

Q17 Area Code

<i>252</i>	11%
<i>336</i>	22%
<i>704</i>	18%
<i>828</i>	15%
<i>910</i>	14%
<i>919</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose VRA				
Support	49%	47%	50%	53%
Oppose	23%	31%	16%	10%
Not sure	28%	22%	34%	38%

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA				
Support	22%	14%	30%	24%
Oppose	52%	65%	38%	50%
Not sure	26%	20%	32%	26%

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales				
Support	78%	91%	65%	68%
Oppose	16%	5%	27%	19%
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	12%

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
NYT Favorability				
Favorable	35%	54%	15%	24%
Unfavorable	33%	10%	55%	61%
Not sure	32%	37%	30%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Edwards Favorability				
Favorable	15%	21%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	67%	52%	82%	78%
Not sure	19%	27%	10%	12%

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/				
Yes	19%	28%	10%	17%
No	67%	54%	81%	83%
Not sure	14%	19%	9%	-

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery				
Support	11%	16%	5%	17%
Oppose	55%	38%	72%	68%
Not sure	34%	45%	23%	15%

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes				
Support	13%	17%	9%	17%
Oppose	66%	56%	74%	78%
Not sure	21%	27%	16%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Pres Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem				
Support	3%	6%	1%	-
Oppose	92%	89%	96%	90%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	10%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose VRA				
Support	49%	51%	48%	37%
Oppose	23%	29%	19%	14%
Not sure	28%	21%	32%	49%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA				
Support	22%	14%	31%	3%
Oppose	52%	72%	38%	35%
Not sure	26%	14%	32%	61%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales				
Support	78%	88%	72%	61%
Oppose	16%	7%	23%	17%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
NYT Favorability				
Favorable	35%	55%	18%	30%
Unfavorable	33%	13%	50%	32%
Not sure	32%	32%	32%	38%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Edwards Favorability				
Favorable	15%	22%	8%	17%
Unfavorable	67%	55%	80%	40%
Not sure	19%	23%	11%	44%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/				
Yes	19%	27%	14%	2%
No	67%	56%	79%	55%
Not sure	14%	17%	7%	43%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery				
Support	11%	14%	7%	27%
Oppose	55%	43%	66%	53%
Not sure	34%	43%	27%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes				
Support	13%	12%	13%	27%
Oppose	66%	63%	70%	45%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%	28%

	Base	2012 Gov Vote		
		Walter Dalton	Pat McCrory	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem				
Support	3%	5%	3%	-
Oppose	92%	91%	95%	83%
Not sure	4%	4%	2%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose VRA						
Support	49%	47%	51%	57%	34%	50%
Oppose	23%	38%	23%	22%	20%	19%
Not sure	28%	15%	26%	21%	46%	30%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA						
Support	22%	13%	14%	23%	23%	33%
Oppose	52%	75%	60%	58%	37%	38%
Not sure	26%	13%	26%	19%	41%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales						
Support	78%	86%	87%	86%	75%	57%
Oppose	16%	7%	6%	9%	18%	37%
Not sure	6%	7%	7%	5%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
NYT Favorability						
Favorable	35%	58%	44%	56%	12%	6%
Unfavorable	33%	14%	11%	21%	51%	66%
Not sure	32%	28%	46%	24%	36%	28%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Edwards Favorability						
Favorable	15%	32%	16%	20%	7%	4%
Unfavorable	67%	52%	56%	62%	82%	78%
Not sure	19%	16%	27%	18%	11%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/						
Yes	19%	38%	25%	22%	10%	6%
No	67%	46%	59%	67%	77%	80%
Not sure	14%	16%	17%	10%	13%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery						
Support	11%	26%	9%	18%	4%	4%
Oppose	55%	34%	51%	46%	70%	68%
Not sure	34%	40%	40%	36%	26%	28%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes						
Support	13%	15%	13%	22%	6%	8%
Oppose	66%	56%	57%	60%	73%	81%
Not sure	21%	29%	30%	17%	21%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem						
Support	3%	5%	8%	4%	-	1%
Oppose	92%	85%	89%	94%	94%	97%
Not sure	4%	10%	3%	3%	6%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose VRA			
Support	49%	40%	58%
Oppose	23%	22%	24%
Not sure	28%	38%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA			
Support	22%	21%	22%
Oppose	52%	48%	56%
Not sure	26%	30%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales			
Support	78%	88%	68%
Oppose	16%	7%	25%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
NYT Favorability			
Favorable	35%	37%	32%
Unfavorable	33%	24%	42%
Not sure	32%	39%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Edwards Favorability			
Favorable	15%	16%	13%
Unfavorable	67%	65%	68%
Not sure	19%	18%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/			
Yes	19%	20%	18%
No	67%	65%	70%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery			
Support	11%	9%	14%
Oppose	55%	50%	60%
Not sure	34%	41%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes			
Support	13%	10%	17%
Oppose	66%	65%	66%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem			
Support	3%	2%	5%
Oppose	92%	92%	93%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose VRA				
Support	49%	51%	51%	40%
Oppose	23%	26%	16%	28%
Not sure	28%	23%	33%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA				
Support	22%	14%	25%	34%
Oppose	52%	62%	42%	48%
Not sure	26%	24%	34%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales				
Support	78%	88%	61%	84%
Oppose	16%	8%	28%	11%
Not sure	6%	4%	11%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
NYT Favorability				
Favorable	35%	51%	13%	38%
Unfavorable	33%	13%	57%	35%
Not sure	32%	36%	30%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Edwards Favorability				
Favorable	15%	21%	9%	12%
Unfavorable	67%	55%	80%	69%
Not sure	19%	24%	12%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/				
Yes	19%	24%	12%	19%
No	67%	56%	82%	67%
Not sure	14%	19%	6%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery				
Support	11%	14%	7%	15%
Oppose	55%	43%	71%	55%
Not sure	34%	43%	23%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes				
Support	13%	12%	12%	20%
Oppose	66%	57%	76%	65%
Not sure	21%	31%	12%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem				
Support	3%	3%	4%	3%
Oppose	92%	91%	93%	93%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose VRA				
Support	49%	47%	59%	47%
Oppose	23%	23%	24%	22%
Not sure	28%	30%	18%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA				
Support	22%	25%	9%	15%
Oppose	52%	47%	72%	65%
Not sure	26%	28%	18%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales				
Support	78%	76%	85%	87%
Oppose	16%	18%	11%	4%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
NYT Favorability				
Favorable	35%	31%	52%	31%
Unfavorable	33%	37%	17%	28%
Not sure	32%	32%	31%	41%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Edwards Favorability				
Favorable	15%	9%	40%	12%
Unfavorable	67%	76%	31%	47%
Not sure	19%	15%	29%	41%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/				
Yes	19%	14%	42%	14%
No	67%	75%	36%	60%
Not sure	14%	11%	21%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery				
Support	11%	8%	20%	24%
Oppose	55%	60%	37%	43%
Not sure	34%	32%	43%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes				
Support	13%	12%	8%	45%
Oppose	66%	67%	67%	38%
Not sure	21%	21%	25%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem				
Support	3%	3%	6%	-
Oppose	92%	94%	89%	85%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose VRA					
Support	49%	44%	46%	53%	47%
Oppose	23%	24%	22%	23%	24%
Not sure	28%	32%	33%	25%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA					
Support	22%	22%	26%	22%	17%
Oppose	52%	39%	39%	60%	58%
Not sure	26%	39%	35%	19%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales					
Support	78%	68%	71%	84%	79%
Oppose	16%	14%	20%	14%	16%
Not sure	6%	18%	9%	3%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
NYT Favorability					
Favorable	35%	36%	29%	37%	34%
Unfavorable	33%	18%	45%	30%	36%
Not sure	32%	45%	26%	33%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Edwards Favorability					
Favorable	15%	9%	21%	14%	14%
Unfavorable	67%	59%	67%	68%	68%
Not sure	19%	32%	12%	18%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/					
Yes	19%	5%	24%	20%	21%
No	67%	86%	68%	64%	62%
Not sure	14%	9%	7%	16%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery					
Support	11%	10%	17%	10%	10%
Oppose	55%	62%	49%	55%	56%
Not sure	34%	29%	34%	35%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes					
Support	13%	19%	20%	9%	13%
Oppose	66%	57%	55%	74%	63%
Not sure	21%	24%	25%	17%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem					
Support	3%	10%	5%	2%	2%
Oppose	92%	86%	90%	95%	94%
Not sure	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose VRA							
Support	49%	50%	53%	52%	44%	44%	48%
Oppose	23%	20%	18%	19%	23%	28%	30%
Not sure	28%	30%	29%	29%	33%	28%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose SC Overturning Part of VRA							
Support	22%	25%	25%	21%	6%	18%	30%
Oppose	52%	56%	41%	49%	65%	47%	57%
Not sure	26%	19%	34%	30%	29%	35%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose B/g Checks for All Gun Sales							
Support	78%	83%	73%	83%	78%	72%	79%
Oppose	16%	8%	17%	11%	16%	19%	19%
Not sure	6%	9%	10%	5%	6%	9%	2%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
NYT Favorability							
Favorable	35%	31%	29%	37%	21%	31%	51%
Unfavorable	33%	32%	40%	26%	35%	28%	34%
Not sure	32%	37%	31%	37%	44%	41%	16%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Edwards Favorability							
Favorable	15%	11%	18%	13%	7%	22%	16%
Unfavorable	67%	74%	68%	69%	72%	57%	62%
Not sure	19%	15%	14%	18%	21%	22%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Consider Voting for Edwards Again/							
Yes	19%	20%	16%	20%	15%	25%	20%
No	67%	68%	69%	73%	65%	64%	65%
Not sure	14%	12%	16%	7%	20%	11%	15%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose Fed Aid for Sharknado Recovery							
Support	11%	16%	11%	10%	9%	8%	14%
Oppose	55%	59%	66%	41%	55%	72%	46%
Not sure	34%	26%	24%	49%	36%	20%	40%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose Fed Research on Bombs Dissipating Tornadoes							
Support	13%	9%	14%	6%	12%	14%	21%
Oppose	66%	69%	69%	70%	66%	60%	60%
Not sure	21%	22%	17%	24%	22%	26%	19%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose Party in the USA as Nat'l Anthem							
Support	3%	-	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Oppose	92%	100%	89%	91%	90%	95%	92%
Not sure	4%	-	8%	4%	6%	-	4%

