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**North Carolina voters have their say on
illegal immigration, gas prices, and Speaker Jim Black**

Raleigh, N.C. - According to a Public Policy Polling survey released today, North Carolina voters want candidates to be tough on illegal immigration, they want the government to invest in alternative energy sources and they are less likely to support candidates backing House Speaker Jim Black.

Eighty-one percent of likely voters in North Carolina are more likely to vote for a candidate who favors tighter controls on immigration into the country. Voters are split on a program to allow employed illegal immigrants remain in the country legally. Forty-eight percent are more likely to support a candidate who supports such a program, while 47% are less likely.

A majority of voters see a potential compromise. Fifty-two percent are more likely to support allowing illegal immigrants to remain legally, if border control is tightened to reduce the amount of illegal immigrants entering the country each year.

Gas prices are having an effect on most North Carolinians. Seventy percent say they have cut down on driving as a result of the increase in gas prices. In the minds of the vast majority (77%) gas companies are to blame for the rising costs, while only 16% blame a limited supply of oil.

North Carolina voters have their preferred solution: 61% think the government's priority should be investing in alternative energy sources and energy saving technology. Only 32% said the government's priority should be increasing the production of petroleum, coal and natural gas.

Tar Heel State voters also had their say about House Speaker Jim Black. Fifty-percent think Speaker Black should resign, and 15% think he should not resign. The rest were undecided.

The controversy may find its way into the ballot box as well. Fifty-percent of voters and 48% of Democratic voters are less likely to vote for a candidate that wants Jim Black to remain as Speaker. Thirty-seven percent said it wouldn't make a difference.

“Policy-makers would be wise to listen to the voters. Compromise is popular on the issue of illegal immigration, and the voters clearly want more done about gas prices and

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investment in alternative energy,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “The Speaker Black controversy appears as if it might be more than just inside baseball. It could have electoral consequences.”

Since 2001, Public Policy Polling (PPP) has provided an alternative to expensive and time-consuming traditional telephone surveys. PPP, based in Raleigh, has a track record of accurately predicting election outcomes and providing quality consultation to its clients based on its survey research. Examples of PPP’s previous research can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

PPP surveyed 900 likely North Carolina voters on April 19. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 3.21\%$. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify. Results broken down by gender, party, race and age can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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North Carolina Statewide Survey: April 19, 2006

Q1 Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office that favored tighter controls on immigration into this country? If more likely, press 1 on your keypad now. If less likely, press 2. If it makes no difference, press 3.

More likely.....81% *No difference* 7%
Less likely12%

Q2 Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office that favored a program allowing illegal immigrants to remain in the country legally if they had a job and met certain requirements? If more likely, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it makes no difference, press 3.

More likely.....48% *No difference* 5%
Less likely47%

Q3 Would you be more likely to support allowing illegal immigrants to remain in the United States legally, if we tighten border controls to reduce the amount of illegal immigrants that enter the country every year? If more likely, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

More likely.....52% *Don't know* 9%
Less likely39%

Q4 Given the campaign finance allegations, do you think Jim Black should resign as Speaker of the North Carolina House? If he should resign, press 1. If he should not resign, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Should resign.....50% *Don't know*35%
Should not resign...15%

Q5 Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who wants to keep Jim Black as Speaker of the House? If more likely, press 1. If less likely, press 2. If it makes no difference, press 3.

More likely.....14% *No difference*37%
Less likely50%

Q6 As a result of the recent increase in gas prices, have you cut down on the amount of driving you do? If you have reduced your amount of driving, press 1. If you have not reduced driving, press 2.

Yes70% *No*.....30%

Q7 Which do you think should be a higher priority for government: increasing the production of petroleum, coal and natural gas, or heavy investment in alternative energy sources and in energy saving technology? If increasing production of oil and gas, press 1. If investment in alternative energy sources, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Increase production of oil and gas32% *Invest in alternative energy*.....61%
Don't know 6%

Q8 Just your best guess: Do you think the recent increase in gasoline prices is due more to gas companies charging higher prices than is warranted by the existing market conditions or due more to existing market conditions such as a limited supply of oil in the world? If the increase has to do with companies charging more, press 1. If it has to do with a limited supply, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Companies charging more77% *Limited Supply*16%
Don't know 7%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women58% *Men*.....42%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. A Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat45% *Other*.....14%
Republican.....41%

Q11 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White76% *Other*..... 3%
Black.....21%





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Q12 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 60, press 3. If older, press 4.

18-29.....	8%	46-60.....	34%
30-45.....	23%	Older than 60.....	35%

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survey of 900
likely North Carolina voters

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NC Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Vote for a candidate the favored tighter controls on immigration			
More likely	81%	79%	83%
Less likely	12%	13%	12%
No difference	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Vote for a candidate that favored allowing illegal immigrants to remain legally			
More likely	48%	51%	43%
Less likely	47%	43%	53%
No difference	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
More likely to support allowing immigrants to stay if we reduce the inflow of immigrants			
More likely	52%	54%	49%
Less likely	39%	35%	44%
Don't know	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Should Jim Black resign?			
Should resign	50%	43%	59%
Should not resign	15%	14%	16%
Don't know	35%	43%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Vote for a candidate the wants Jim Black to remain as Speaker?			
More likely	14%	12%	16%
Less likely	50%	45%	56%
No difference	37%	43%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Have you cut down on driving?			
Yes	70%	72%	66%
No	30%	28%	34%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
What should be our priority? More oil or alternative energy			
Increase production of oil and gas	32%	33%	31%
Invest in alternative energy	61%	60%	64%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
High gas prices due to companies charging more or limited supply?			
Companies charging more	77%	80%	73%
Limited Supply	16%	11%	22%
Don't know	7%	9%	5%



NC Crosstabs

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Vote for a candidate the favored tighter controls on immigration				
More likely	81%	70%	92%	82%
Less likely	12%	20%	5%	10%
No difference	7%	10%	3%	8%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Vote for a candidate that favored allowing illegal immigrants to remain legally				
More likely	48%	54%	42%	45%
Less likely	47%	42%	52%	49%
No difference	5%	4%	6%	5%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
More likely to support allowing immigrants to stay if we reduce the inflow of immigrants				
More likely	52%	50%	53%	53%
Less likely	39%	39%	40%	35%
Don't know	9%	11%	7%	12%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Should Jim Black resign?				
Should resign	50%	49%	51%	46%
Should not resign	15%	17%	13%	15%
Don't know	35%	34%	36%	39%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Vote for a candidate the wants Jim Black to remain as Speaker?				
More likely	14%	17%	10%	12%
Less likely	50%	48%	52%	48%
No difference	37%	34%	38%	40%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Have you cut down on driving?				
Yes	70%	73%	65%	73%
No	30%	27%	35%	27%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
What should be our priority? More oil or alternative energy				
Increase production of oil and gas	32%	33%	38%	15%
Invest in alternative energy	61%	61%	56%	78%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	7%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
High gas prices due to companies charging more or limited supply?				
Companies charging more	77%	80%	74%	78%
Limited Supply	16%	13%	20%	15%
Don't know	7%	8%	6%	7%



NC Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Vote for a candidate the favored tighter controls on immigration				
More likely	81%	86%	65%	67%
Less likely	12%	10%	21%	21%
No difference	7%	5%	14%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Vote for a candidate that favored allowing illegal immigrants to remain legally				
More likely	48%	46%	51%	56%
Less likely	47%	48%	44%	38%
No difference	5%	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
More likely to support allowing immigrants to stay if we reduce the inflow of immigrants				
More likely	52%	52%	49%	59%
Less likely	39%	40%	38%	26%
Don't know	9%	8%	13%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Should Jim Black resign?				
Should resign	50%	51%	44%	44%
Should not resign	15%	13%	21%	18%
Don't know	35%	35%	35%	38%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Vote for a candidate the wants Jim Black to remain as Speaker?				
More likely	14%	12%	22%	10%
Less likely	50%	51%	44%	44%
No difference	37%	37%	33%	46%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Have you cut down on driving?				
Yes	70%	70%	68%	69%
No	30%	30%	32%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
What should be our priority? More oil or alternative energy				
Increase production of oil and gas	32%	30%	41%	33%
Invest in alternative energy	61%	64%	54%	59%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
High gas prices due to companies charging more or limited supply?				
Companies charging more	77%	77%	78%	64%
Limited Supply	16%	17%	13%	26%
Don't know	7%	6%	10%	10%





NC Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Vote for a candidate the favored tighter controls on immigration					
More likely	81%	68%	84%	80%	82%
Less likely	12%	18%	11%	13%	11%
No difference	7%	13%	6%	7%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Vote for a candidate that favored allowing illegal immigrants to remain legally					
More likely	48%	52%	50%	48%	45%
Less likely	47%	45%	44%	46%	50%
No difference	5%	2%	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
More likely to support allowing immigrants to stay if we reduce the inflow of immigrants					
More likely	52%	59%	53%	50%	51%
Less likely	39%	37%	36%	42%	38%
Don't know	9%	5%	10%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Should Jim Black resign?					
Should resign	50%	30%	44%	51%	56%
Should not resign	15%	17%	10%	18%	15%
Don't know	36%	53%	46%	31%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Vote for a candidate the wants Jim Black to remain as Speaker?					
More likely	14%	15%	8%	14%	17%
Less likely	50%	31%	45%	52%	54%
No difference	37%	54%	47%	34%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
Have you cut down on driving?					
Yes	70%	67%	72%	69%	70%
No	30%	33%	28%	31%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
What should be our priority? More oil or alternative energy					
Increase production of oil and gas	32%	31%	33%	30%	34%
Invest in alternative energy	61%	65%	62%	65%	57%
Don't know	6%	4%	6%	5%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
High gas prices due to companies charging more or limited supply?					
Companies charging more	77%	74%	75%	77%	78%
Limited Supply	16%	19%	19%	16%	13%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%	6%	9%

