

# Fall, 2016 NCSU Pack Poll: 2016 Election Toplines Report

**October 3-6, 2016**

N= 895

Completed Response Rate = 22%

Margin of sampling error for completed response rate and questions asked of the full sample = +/- 3%

These are the results for this semester's "Big Poll" with an emphasis on the 2016 Election. The survey was administered over the internet to a random sample of 4,000 NCSU undergraduates, generating a 22% response rate. In addition to sampling error, other forms of error occur in surveys, such as confusion about question wording or the order of questions, but these are not precisely quantifiable. We have applied post-stratification sample weights for demographic imbalances in gender, which had minor but noticeable effects on the results.

**Q1.** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

			<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2013</u>
Strongly Approve:	19%				
Approve:	42%	Approve:	60%	41%	28%
Disapprove:	19%	Disapprove:	31%	39%	49%
Strongly Disapprove:	12%	No Opinion:	9%	20%	23%
No Opinion:	9%				

**Q2.** All in all, do you think things in the United States are:

			<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2013</u>
Generally headed in the right direction:	32%		32%	37%	32%
Generally headed in the wrong direction:	68%		68%	63%	68%

**Q3.** All in all, do you think things at NC State are:

			<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2013</u>
Generally headed in the right direction:	79%		79%	87%	85%
Generally headed in the wrong direction:	21%		21%	13%	15%

**Q4a.** How big of a threat do you think terrorism is to the national security of the United States?

Major threat:	43%
Minor threat:	41%
Not a major threat:	14%
Not a threat at all:	2%

**Q4b.** How worried are you that you or someone in your family will become a victim of terrorism?

Not worried at all:	25%
Not that worried:	47%
Somewhat worried:	26%
Very worried:	2%

**Q5.** Do you agree or disagree with the following statements: People should be able to publicly make statements that...

- ***Criticize the government's policies:***

Strongly agree:	50%	
Agree:	34%	Agree: 95%
Somewhat agree:	11%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 3%
Neither agree nor disagree:	3%	Disagree: 3%
Somewhat disagree:	1%	
Disagree:	1%	
Strongly Disagree:	1%	

- ***Are offensive to minority groups:***

Strongly agree:	15%	
Agree:	11%	Agree: 42%
Somewhat agree:	16%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 10%
Neither agree nor disagree:	10%	Disagree: 48%
Somewhat disagree:	10%	
Disagree:	18%	
Strongly Disagree:	20%	

- ***Are offensive to your religious beliefs:***

Strongly agree:	20%	
Agree:	17%	
Somewhat agree:	17%	Agree: 54%
Neither agree nor disagree:	13%	Nether Agree/Disagree: 13%
Somewhat disagree:	8%	Disagree: 35%
Disagree:	15%	
Strongly Disagree:	11%	

- ***Are sexually explicit:***

Strongly agree:	13%	
Agree:	15%	
Somewhat agree:	17%	Agree: 45%
Neither agree nor disagree:	15%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 15%
Somewhat disagree:	12%	Disagree: 42%
Disagree:	16%	
Strongly Disagree:	14%	

- ***Call for violent protest:***

Strongly agree:	5%	
Agree:	3%	
Somewhat agree:	8%	Agree: 16%
Neither agree nor disagree:	8%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 8%
Somewhat disagree:	14%	Disagree: 75%
Disagree:	28%	
Strongly Disagree:	33%	

**Q6/Q10.** How closely are you following the news about racism and race relations:

**“In the US?”**

Very closely:	24%
Fairly closely:	57%
Not too closely:	18%
Not at all closely:	2%

**“At NC State?”**

Very closely:	19%
Fairly closely:	42%
Not too closely:	33%
Not at all closely:	6%

**Q7.** Do you think the police are generally tougher on whites than on blacks, tougher on blacks than on whites, or do you feel that the police treat them both the same?

Generally tougher on whites than blacks:	2%
Generally tougher on blacks than whites:	68%
Police treat them both the same:	30%

**Q8/Q9.** Do you think the police shooting [Q8 = “of **Keith Scott**, an African American man in Charlotte” / Q9 = “**across the country**”] raises important issues about race in the US or is the issue of race getting more attention than it deserves?

	<b>Q8</b>	<b>Q9</b>
Raises important issues:	54%	59%
More attention than it deserves:	46%	41%

**Q11.** Do you think that recent issues here at NC State raise important concerns about race relations or do you think the issue of race is getting more attention than it deserves?

Raises important issues:	58%
More attention than it deserves:	42%

**Q12.** Do you think colleges should or should not be able to establish policies restricting the usage of slurs or other language intentionally used to offend certain groups?

Should be able to:	55%
Should not:	45%

**Q13.** Do you think private institutions should or should not be able to establish policies restricting the usage of slurs or other language intentionally used to offend certain groups?

Should be able to:	62%
Should not:	38%

**[Q14 a,b,c randomly assigned]**

**Q14a.** Do you approve or disapprove of House Bill 2?

Strongly disapprove:	45%	Disapprove:	68%
Disapprove:	16%	Neither approve or disapprove:	14%
Somewhat disapprove:	7%	Approve:	17%
Neither approve or disapprove:	14%		
Somewhat approve:	6%		
Approve:	6%		
Strongly approve:	5%		

**Q14b.** Some people disapprove of HB2 because they say it has hurt the state economically. For example, the NBA all star game and NCAA tournaments were moved out of the state. Do you approve or disapprove of HB2?

Strongly disapprove:	42%	Disapprove:	63%
Disapprove:	15%	Neither approve or disapprove:	15%
Somewhat disapprove:	6%	Approve:	23%
Neither approve or disapprove:	15%		
Somewhat approve:	6%		
Approve:	8%		
Strongly approve:	9%		

**Q14c.** Some people approve of HB2 because they say it is necessary to protect the privacy and safety of women and children in public restrooms. For example, supporters say that without HB2, men can dress as women and spy or worse on women and children in public bathrooms. Do you approve or disapprove of HB2?

Strongly disapprove:	43%	Disapprove:	61%
Disapprove:	13%	Neither approve or disapprove:	10%
Somewhat disapprove:	5%	Approve:	30%
Neither approve or disapprove:	10%		
Somewhat approve:	9%		
Approve:	9%		
Strongly approve:	12%		

**Q15.** Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes:	93%
No:	6%
Don't know:	2%

**Q16.** Do you plan to vote in the election this November, or not?

Yes: 86%  
 No: 4%  
 Don't know: 8%  
 Not eligible: 2%

**Q17.** How would you be most likely to vote, or how have you already voted?

Talley Student Center: 28%  
 Via absentee (mail-in) ballot: 19%  
 At a prior address (e.g. parent's house,  
 own house outside of Wake County): 24%  
 Local Wake County precinct: 21%  
 Next to McKimmon Center: 2%  
 Other: 6%

**Q18.** Regarding the 2016 US Presidential Election, have you definitely decided who you will vote for, are you leaning toward someone, or are you still trying to decide?

Definitely decided: 61%  
 Leaning toward a candidate: 26%  
 Haven't decided: 14%

**Q19.** If the election were held today, would you vote for Hillary Clinton (D), Gary Johnson (L), or Donald Trump (R)?

Hillary Clinton (D): 50%  
 Donald Trump (R): 27%  
 Gary Johnson (L): 16%  
 Other: 7%

**Q18 X Q19**

	<b>Hillary Clinton (D)</b>	<b>Donald Trump (R)</b>	<b>Gary Johnson (L)</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Definitely decided</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Leaning toward a candidate</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Haven't decided</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>24%</b>

**Q20.** What is the first word that comes to mind when you think about Democratic Candidate, Hillary Clinton?



**Q21.** What is the first word that comes to mind when you think about Republican Candidate, Donald Trump?





**Q22.** Regarding the 2016 NC Governor Election between Lon Cecil (L), Roy Cooper (D), and Pat McCrory (R), have you definitely decided who you will vote for, or are you leaning toward someone, or are you still trying to decide?

Definitely decided: 36%  
 Leaning toward a candidate: 21%  
 Haven't decided: 43%

**Q23.** If the election were held today, would you vote for the Libertarian Candidate Lon Cecil, Democratic Candidate Roy Cooper, or Republican Candidate Pat McCrory

Lon Cecil (L): 10%  
 Roy Cooper (D): 59%  
 Pat McCrory (R): 32%

**Q22 X Q23**

	<b>Roy Cooper (D)</b>	<b>Pat McCrory (R)</b>	<b>Lon Cecil (L)</b>
<b>Definitely Decided</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Leaning toward a candidate</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Haven't Decided</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>20%</b>

**Q24.** Regarding the 2016 US Senate Election between Richard Burr (R), Deborah Ross (D), and Sean Haugh (L), have you definitely decided who you will vote for, are you leaning toward someone, or are you still trying to decide?

Definitely decided: 27%  
 Leaning toward a candidate: 16%  
 Haven't decided: 58%

**Q25.** If the election were held today, would you vote for the Republican Candidate Richard Burr, Libertarian Candidate Sean Haugh, or Democratic Candidate Deborah Ross?

Richard Burr (R): 39%  
 Sean Haugh (L): 12%  
 Deborah Ross (D): 49%

**Q24 X Q25**

	<b>Deborah Ross (D)</b>	<b>Richard Burr (R)</b>	<b>Sean Haugh (L)</b>
<b>Definitely Decided</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Leaning toward a candidate</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Haven't Decided</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>17%</b>

**Q26a.** Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Democrat: 32%  
 Republican: 28%  
 Independent: 40%

**If “Independent”:**

**Q26b.** As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Democratic: 41%  
 Republican: 23%  
 Neither: 37%

**Party ID Total**

Democrat	32%	Democrat	49%
Leans Dem	16%	Independent/Other	15%
Ind/Other	15%	Republican	38%
Leans Rep	9%		
Republican	28%		

**Q28.** How would you describe your political views?

Very conservative: 5%  
 Conservative: 23%  
 Neither conservative nor liberal: 29%  
 Liberal: 31%  
 Very liberal: 12%

**Q29.** What is your gender?

Male:	53%
Female:	45%
Other:	2%

**Q30.** What is your preferred racial identity?

White/Caucasian:	76%
Black/African American:	6%
Hispanic:	5%
Asian American:	7%
Native American:	1%
Other:	6%

**Q31.** What year in school are you considered?

Freshman:	26%
Sophomore:	19%
Junior:	25%
Senior:	30%

**Q32.** Which college do you study under at NC State (pick all that apply, majors only):

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:	13%
College of Design:	3%
College of Education:	3%
College of Engineering:	31%
College of Humanities and Social Sciences:	23%
College of Natural Resources:	7%
Poole College of Management:	11%
College of Sciences:	15%
College of Textiles:	3%
College of Veterinary Medicine:	1%