

Pack Poll
Fall 2013 NCSU Undergraduate Survey
Final Topline Report
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These are the results of this semester's Pack Poll, conducted through the internet, of a random sample of NCSU undergraduates, producing a 23% response rate. The full sample has a margin of error of +/- 2.97%. Demographics of the respondents were as followed:

<u>Sex-</u>	<u>Race-</u>	<u>Year in school:</u>
Female: 49%	White: 83%	Freshman: 24%
Male: 51%	Black: 5%	Sophomore: 21%
		Junior: 25%
		Seniors: 30%

For more information about the survey or questions about the Pack Poll, contact Dr. Cobb at: mike_cobb@ncsu.edu

****Split-Ballot (respondents randomly assigned to version A or B of presidential approval: "A" includes "no opinion" as an answer option)**

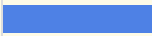

(A) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Approve	139	28%
2	Disapprove	246	49%
3	No opinion	116	23%
	Total	501	100%



(B) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Approve	198	41%
2	Disapprove	280	59%
	Total	478	100%

All in all, do you think things in our country are:

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Generally headed in the right direction		305	32%
2	Generally headed in the wrong direction		657	68%
	Total		962	100%

Do you think things at NC State are:

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Generally headed in the right direction		814	85%
2	Generally headed in the wrong direction		148	15%
	Total		962	100%

**Split ballot—“A” adds the word, “recreational” before marijuana to estimate its impact.

(A) Do you think the recreational use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Legal	242	49%
2	Not legal	151	30%
3	No opinion	105	21%
	Total	498	100%

(B) Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, not?



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Legal	237	51%
2	Not legal	135	29%
3	No opinion	94	20%
	Total	466	100%

Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, how often do you use marijuana?

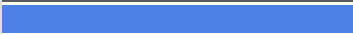

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Never	598	62%
2	I've tried it once or twice	181	19%
3	Once a month or every few months	110	11%
4	Once a week	36	4%
5	Almost daily or more	34	4%
	Total	959	100%

**Split Ballot: “A” version is about “marriage” will (B) version is about civil unions




(A) Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Favor		356	74%
2	Oppose		127	26%
	Total		483	100%

(B) Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to legally form civil unions?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Favor		350	74%
2	Oppose		126	26%
	Total		476	100%

Are we spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on Welfare?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Too little		85	18%
2	About Right		135	28%
3	Too Much		257	54%
	Total		477	100%

Some people think that Blacks/African-Americans have been discriminated against for so long that the government has a special obligation to help improve their living standards. Others believe that the government should not be giving special treatment to (Blacks/African-Americans). Where would you place yourself on the following scale?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	I STRONGLY AGREE THE GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGATED TO HELP BLACKS	17	4%
2	I AGREE THE GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGATED TO HELP BLACKS	41	9%
3	I AGREE WITH BOTH STATEMENTS	127	27%
4	I AGREE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES	164	34%
5	I STRONGLY AGREE THAT PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES	127	27%
	Total	476	100%

What do you think the chances are these days that a white person won't get a job or promotion while an equally or less qualified black person gets one instead? Is this very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely to happen these days?



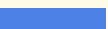

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Very Likely	48	10%
2	Somewhat Likely	215	45%
3	Somewhat Unlikely	159	34%
4	Very Unlikely	51	11%
	Total	473	100%

**Split ballot—"A" refers to the ACA while "B" refers to "Obamacare"

(A) As you may know, a health reform bill called the Affordable Care Act was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the Affordable Care Act, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of it?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Very favorable	45	10%
2	Somewhat favorable	147	32%
3	Somewhat unfavorable	132	29%
4	Very unfavorable	134	29%
	Total	458	100%

(B) As you may know, Obamacare was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about Obamacare, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of it?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Very favorable		55	11%
2	Somewhat favorable		155	32%
3	Somewhat unfavorable		109	23%
4	Very unfavorable		161	34%
	Total		480	100%

This summer, changes were made to how North Carolina will conduct its elections. What changes were made to voting laws? Check all that apply.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Elimination of same-day voting	306	37%
2	Elimination of student ID as a form of valid voter ID	446	53%
3	Reduced number of early voting days	580	69%
4	Parents can no longer claim their children as dependents on taxes if their child is a student who registered to vote outside of their hometown	226	27%
5	High school students can now pre-register to vote before they turn 18 so they can immediately vote on their 18th birthday	202	24%
6	If you do not have a photo ID, you will have to buy and pay for one at the DMV	440	53%

**3 versions: “A” provides no context, “B” provides context, “C” provides justifications plus context

(A) Do you favor or oppose requiring people to present a government issued photo ID every time they attempt to vote in person?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Favor	134	46%
2	Favor	101	34%
3	Oppose	43	15%
4	Strongly Oppose	15	5%
	Total	293	100%

(B) Current law in North Carolina requires first time voters to verify their identity, and then sign an oath affirming their identity in future elections. Utility bills and student ID were acceptable forms of ID. A recently passed law will require all voters in 2016 to verify their identity by, with a few exceptions, showing government issued photo identification. Student ID and utility bills will no longer be valid forms of ID. Do you favor or oppose requiring people to present a government issued photo ID every time they attempt to vote in person?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Favor	98	31%
2	Favor	106	34%
3	Oppose	79	25%
4	Strongly Oppose	33	10%
	Total	316	100%

(C) Current law in North Carolina requires first time voters to verify their identity, and then sign an oath affirming their identity in future elections. Utility bills and student ID were acceptable forms of ID. A recently passed law will require all voters in 2016 to verify their identity by, with a few exceptions, showing government issued photo identification. Student ID and utility bills will no longer be valid forms of ID. Opponents of the bill say the real reason for passing the law is that Republicans, who voted for it, are trying to make it harder for some groups like student to vote because these groups tend to vote for Democrats. Proponents say the new rules are necessary to prevent voter fraud and to ensure the integrity of the system. Do you favor or oppose requiring people to present a government issued photo ID every time they attempt to vote in person?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly Favor	96	30%
2	Favor	107	34%
3	Oppose	63	20%
4	Strongly Oppose	49	16%
	Total	315	100%

Do you currently have an unexpired US passport or a NC drivers license/NC ID?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	779	84%
2	No	150	16%
	Total	929	100%

Do you favor or oppose allowing 16 and 17 year-olds to "pre-register" to vote, so they are eligible to vote on the day they turn 18?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Favor	827	89%
2	Oppose	99	11%
	Total	926	100%

**Split Ballot—"A" refers to "caught" and "B" refers to "not caught".

(A) In a typical election, what percentage of voters do you think are caught impersonating someone else to steal their vote?

Statistic	Value
Min Value	<1%
Max Value	50% or more
Mean	6.7
Median	3
Total Responses	437

(B) In a typical election, what percentage of voters do you think impersonate someone else to steal their vote, but don't get caught?

Statistic	Value
Min Value	<1%
Max Value	More than 50%
Mean	7.6
Median	4.0
Total Responses	480

Do you favor or oppose allowing people to register to vote and cast their ballot on the same day?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Favor	362	75%
2	Oppose	122	25%
	Total	484	100%

Do you favor or oppose requiring people to already be registered to vote 30 days prior to an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Favor	166	38%
2	Oppose	268	62%
	Total	434	100%

What is your sex?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Male	469	51%
2	Female	451	49%
	Total	920	100%

What year in school are you considered?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Freshman	223	24%
2	Sophomore	194	21%
3	Junior	227	25%
4	Senior	276	30%
	Total	920	100%

What college is your planned degree in?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	CALS	131	14%
2	CNR	42	5%
3	CHASS	166	18%
4	DESIGN	17	2%
5	PAMS	38	4%
6	ENGINEERING	314	34%
7	POOLE COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT	89	10%
8	TEXTILES	29	3%
9	EDUCATION	29	3%
10	PRESENTLY IN THE FIRST YEAR COLLEGE	20	2%
11	OTHER	45	5%
	Total	920	100%

Generally speaking, do you consider yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an independent?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Republican	292	32%
2	Democrat	228	25%
3	Independent	312	34%
4	Other	85	9%
	Total	917	100%

**Asked if respondent said “Independent” or “Other”

As of today do you lean more towards the Republican Party or more towards the Democratic Party?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Republican	94	24%
2	Democratic	124	31%
3	Neither	179	45%
	Total	397	100%

**Asked if respondent identified with a political party

Do you feel that way strongly, or not that strongly?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Strongly	302	58%
2	Not Strongly	216	42%
	Total	518	100%

When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Very Liberal	59	6%
2	Liberal	209	23%
3	Moderate	365	40%
4	Conservative	218	24%
5	Very Conservative	62	7%
	Total	913	100%

What is your preferred racial identity?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	White	759	83%
2	Black or African American	45	5%
3	American Indian or Alaska Native	5	1%
4	Asian Indian	18	2%
5	Chinese	12	1%
6	Filipino	3	0%
7	Japanese	0	0%
8	Korean	7	1%
9	Vietnamese	7	1%
10	Other Asian	6	1%
11	Native Hawaiian	0	0%
12	Guamanian or Chamorro	0	0%
13	Samoan	0	0%
14	Other Pacific Islander	0	0%
15	Some other race	51	6%
	Total	913	100%