

# Spring, 2017 NCSU Pack Poll: 2017 Big Poll Toplines

## February 14-18, 2017

N= 876

Completed Response Rate = 19.5%

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" which took a look at a variety of issues, particularly key political issues that have been at the forefront of the national conversation as of late. The survey was administered over the internet to a random sample of 4,500 NCSU undergraduates, generating a 19.5% 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 no post-stratification sample weights for any demographics.

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

Strongly Approve:	10%	Approve:	26%
Approve:	16%	Disapprove:	68%
Disapprove:	15%		
Strongly Disapprove:	53%		
No Opinion:	6%		

**Q2.** Which of these comes closest to your view of President Donald Trump?

I am a strong Trump supporter, period:	7%
I am a Trump supporter, but to keep my support, he has to deliver what I want:	23%
I am against Trump now, but could reconsider him if he does a good job:	31%
I am strongly against Trump, period:	39%

**Q3.** 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:	58%	Agree:	92%
Agree:	26%	Neither Agree/Disagree:	4%
Somewhat agree:	8%	Disagree:	4%
Neither agree nor disagree:	4%		
Somewhat disagree:	2%		
Disagree:	1%		
Strongly Disagree:	1%		

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

Strongly agree:	14%	
Agree:	13%	
Somewhat agree:	15%	Agree: 42%
Neither agree nor disagree:	8%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 8%
Somewhat disagree:	10%	Disagree: 50%
Disagree:	18%	
Strongly Disagree:	22%	

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

Strongly agree:	18%	
Agree:	21%	
Somewhat agree:	14%	Agree: 54%
Neither agree nor disagree:	11%	Nether Agree/Disagree: 13%
Somewhat disagree:	10%	Disagree: 35%
Disagree:	12%	
Strongly Disagree:	13%	

- ***Are sexually explicit:***

Strongly agree:	11%	
Agree:	15%	
Somewhat agree:	13%	Agree: 39%
Neither agree nor disagree:	11%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 11%
Somewhat disagree:	11%	Disagree: 51%
Disagree:	23%	
Strongly Disagree:	17%	

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

Strongly agree:	4%	
Agree:	3%	
Somewhat agree:	9%	Agree: 16%
Neither agree nor disagree:	9%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 9%
Somewhat disagree:	12%	Disagree: 75%
Disagree:	28%	
Strongly Disagree:	35%	

**Q4.** In its coverage of Donald Trump and his administration so far, do you think the news media has been too tough, about right or not tough enough?

Too tough:	29%
About right:	42%
Not tough enough:	29%

**Q5.** Turning towards your school studies, do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- ***In class, I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day:***

Strongly agree:	19%	
Agree:	36%	
Somewhat agree:	23%	Agree: 78%
Neither agree nor disagree:	9%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 9%
Somewhat disagree:	7%	Disagree: 13%
Disagree:	5%	
Strongly Disagree:	1%	

- ***My professors or classmates care about me as a person:***

Strongly agree:	15%	
Agree:	33%	
Somewhat agree:	28%	Agree: 76%
Neither agree nor disagree:	13%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 13%
Somewhat disagree:	7%	Disagree: 12%
Disagree:	3%	
Strongly Disagree:	2%	

- ***My professors make me feel my studies are important:***

Strongly agree:	21%	
Agree:	45%	
Somewhat agree:	23%	Agree: 89%
Neither agree nor disagree:	6%	Nether Agree/Disagree: 6%
Somewhat disagree:	3%	Disagree: 6%
Disagree:	2%	
Strongly Disagree:	1%	

- ***My classmates are committed to quality work:***

Strongly agree:	12%	
Agree:	35%	
Somewhat agree:	29%	Agree: 76%
Neither agree nor disagree:	14%	Neither Agree/Disagree: 14%
Somewhat disagree:	6%	Disagree: 10%
Disagree:	3%	
Strongly Disagree:	1%	

**Q6.** All in all, do you think things in the United States are:

	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2013</u>
Generally headed in the right direction:	36%	32%	37%	32%
Generally headed in the wrong direction:	64%	68%	63%	68%

**Q7.** All in all, do you think things at NC State are:

	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2013</u>
Generally headed in the right direction:	90%	79%	87%	85%
Generally headed in the wrong direction:	10%	21%	13%	15%

**Q8.** On a scale from 1 to 5, 1 being least confident 5 being most confident, how confident are you in being able to secure a job within 6 months of graduation?

	<u>Feb 2017</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
1:	3%	3%
2:	8%	8%
3:	26%	19%
4:	33%	39%
5:	29%	31%

**Q9.** How concerned are you about being able to pay off your student loans once you graduate?

	<u>Feb 2017</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
Very concerned:	16%	18%
Somewhat concerned:	17%	20%
Slightly concerned :	20%	18%
Not at all concerned:	11%	12%
I do not receive loans:	35%	32%

**[Respondents were presented with one of the two questions below at random.]**

**Q10a.** Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump’s executive order which temporarily bans refugees from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen from entering the US?

Strongly disapprove:	54%		
Disapprove:	15%	Disapprove:	69%
No opinion:	4%		
Approve:	15%	Approve:	27%
Strongly approve:	12%		

**Q10b.** Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump’s executive order which temporarily bans citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen from entering the US in order to keep out potential terrorist threats?

Strongly disapprove:	51%		
Disapprove:	16%	Disapprove:	67%
No opinion:	6%		
Approve:	14%	Approve:	28%
Strongly approve:	14%		

**For Q11 – Q16: a series of three statements were offered, with participants requested to indicate their level of support for each. The statements were chosen at random with an equal distribution across all questions for approximately 390 responses per question.**

**Q11.** Federal funding of Planned Parenthood

Support:	66%
Oppose:	21%
Unsure:	13%

**Q12.** Whether abortion should be legal in most cases

Illegal in most:	23%
Legal in most:	69%
Unsure:	8%

**Q13.** Choice to attend private school at public expense

Favor:	12%
Oppose:	64%
Unsure:	25%

**Q14.** Effect of illegal immigrants on American jobs

Take jobs away:	22%
Take jobs Americans don't want:	61%
Unsure:	17%

**Q15.** Limits on carbon emissions from U.S. power plants aimed at reducing future global warming

Favor:	82%
Oppose:	7%
Unsure:	11%

**Q16.** Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, from \$7.25

Favor:	30%
Oppose:	47%
Unsure:	23%

**Q17.** Without getting into the specifics, in general how likely would you be to pay for a membership in a bike share program if one were started on campus?

Very unlikely:	47%	Unlikely:	66%
Somewhat unlikely:	19%	Likely:	24%
Unsure:	10%		
Somewhat likely:	20%		
Very likely:	4%		

**[Respondents were presented with one of the two questions below at random.]**

**Q18a.** If the Affordable Care Act were to be repealed, do you think that will be good for you or bad for you?

Good for me:	27%
Bad for me:	38%
Unsure:	35%

**Q18b.** If Obamacare were to be repealed, do you think that will be good for you, or bad for you?

Good for me:	31%
Bad for me:	33%
Unsure:	36%

**Q19.** Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Democrat: 34%  
 Republican: 24%  
 Independent: 33%  
 Other: 8%

**If “Independent”:**

**Q19b.** As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Democratic: 52%  
 Republican: 23%  
 Neither: 25%

**If “Democrat”, “Republican”, or “Other”**

**Q19c.** Do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

Strongly: 70%  
 Not so strongly: 30%

**Q19 x Q19c**

	Strongly	Not so Strongly
Democrat	69%	31%
Republican	67%	33%
Other	82%	18%

**Party ID Total**

Democrat	34%	Democrat	51%
Leans Dem	17%	Independent/Other	17%
Ind/Other	17%	Republican	32%
Leans Rep	8%		
Republican	24%		

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

Very conservative: 5%  
 Conservative: 26%  
 Neither conservative nor liberal: 23%  
 Liberal: 31%  
 Very liberal: 15%

**Q29.** Are you male or female?

Male:	49%
Female:	49%
I do not identify with either gender:	2%

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

White/Caucasian:	77%
Black/African American:	5%
Hispanic:	4%
Asian American:	7%
Native American:	0%
Other:	6%

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

Freshman:	21%
Sophomore:	23%
Junior:	26%
Senior:	30%

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

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:	9%
College of Design:	2%
College of Education:	2%
College of Engineering:	32%
College of Humanities and Social Sciences:	23%
College of Natural Resources:	8%
Poole College of Management:	14%
College of Sciences:	18%
College of Textiles:	4%