

**PACK POLL**  
**Spring 2018 NCSU STUDENT BIG POLL**  
**FINAL TOPLINE REPORT**  
**N= 802; Response rate = 19%; Sampling error = +/-3.4%**

This Spring 2018 Big Poll was conducted over six days, April 16-21, 2018. The poll was conducted over the internet, drawing on a random sample of NCSU undergraduates. Post-stratification weights for gender and race were applied to the results. For more information about the survey, contact Celeste @ cbchapm3@ncsu.edu. For inquiries about the Pack Poll, contact Dr. Michael Cobb @ mike\_cobb@ncsu.edu

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

Strongly approve:	6%
Approve:	18%
Disapprove:	24%
Strongly disapprove:	43%
No opinion:	8%

Q2a: All in all, do you think things in the United States are:

Generally headed in the right direction:	38%
Generally headed in the wrong direction:	62%

Q2b: All in all, do you think things at NC State are:

Generally headed in the right direction:	90%
Generally headed in the wrong direction:	10%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of two versions of this question. The first asked students about the direction of the country, and the second version asked students about the direction of NC State.

Q3: Generally speaking, do you consider the (student body/faculty) at NC State to be liberal, conservative, or something in between?

<u>Student Body</u>		<u>Faculty</u>	
Very conservative:	2%	Very conservative:	0%
Slightly conservative:	19%	Slightly conservative:	7%
Moderate:	41%	Moderate:	41%
Slightly liberal:	33%	Slightly liberal:	42%
Very liberal:	5%	Very liberal:	11%

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 \*\* Respondents were asked both versions of this question

Q4: How often do you engage with news media through the following social media platforms? (This includes reading/sharing articles, watching videos, etc.)

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Twitter	46%	12%	15%	18%	9%
Snapchat	42%	17%	17%	16%	7%
Facebook	33%	18%	21%	22%	6%
Instagram	42%	16%	20%	17%	6%
Reddit	66%	10%	8%	11%	6%
LinkedIn	68%	16%	9%	5%	2%

Q5: If you had to choose one of the following options, which is more important for colleges to do?

Create a positive learning environment for all students by prohibiting certain speech or expression of viewpoints that are offensive or biased against certain groups of people: 26%

Create an open learning environment where students are exposed to all types of speech and viewpoints, even if it means allowing speech that is offensive or biased against certain groups of people: 74%

Q6: Does the First Amendment protect “hate speech”?

Yes: 54%  
 No: 46%

Q7a: A student group opposed to a speaker uses violence to prevent the speaker from delivering his presentation at a university. Do you think the student group's actions are acceptable or unacceptable?

Acceptable:	5%
Unacceptable:	95%

Q7b: A student group opposed to a speaker disrupts the speech by loudly and repeatedly shouting so that the audience cannot hear the presentation. Do you think the student group's actions are acceptable or unacceptable?

Acceptable:	13%
Unacceptable:	87%

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Q8: Say, for example, a (far-right/far-left) speaker with a history of promoting violence against minorities is scheduled to speak at NC State. Several student groups oppose the speaker, saying they will protest the speech; some even threaten to use violence. Does the university have the right to cancel the speaker's appearance?

<u>Far-right</u>		<u>Far-left</u>	
Yes:	57%	Yes:	51%
No:	22%	No:	20%
Unsure:	21%	Unsure:	29%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of three different versions of this question. The first asked students if the university had the right to cancel a speech from a far-right speaker, and the second version asked if the university had the right to cancel a speech from a far-left speaker.

Q9: Do you support or oppose the following policy options?

	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Support	Strongly support	No opinion
A nationwide ban on semi-automatic weapons that fire a high number of rounds	19%	16%	22%	39%	6%
Criminal background checks for all gun sales	1%	2%	17%	79%	2%
More police or armed security guards in public places like schools, movie theaters, and malls	8%	29%	36%	17%	11%
Stiffer penalties for people convicted of violating existing gun laws	1%	5%	34%	52%	8%

Q10a: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the high school students leading protests against gun violence across the country?

Favorable: 62%  
 Unfavorable: 25%  
 Not sure: 13%

Q10b: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the National Rifle Association (NRA)?

Favorable: 24%  
 Unfavorable: 47%  
 Not sure: 29%

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 \*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of two different versions of this question. The first asked students about their opinions towards high school students protesting gun violence, and the second version asked students' opinions about the NRA.

Q11: How much confidence do you have in the following institutions?

	None at all	A little	A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	5%	16%	43%	26%	10%
The media	37%	39%	18%	5%	1%
The executive branch	24%	34%	30%	10%	2%
Congress	20%	38%	33%	8%	2%
The Supreme Court	5%	19%	40%	28%	9%
Law enforcement	10%	20%	38%	25%	8%

Q12a: Consider two men born into families from the bottom 20% of income in America – one is black, and one is white. Who do you think is more likely to work his way up to the top 20% of income?

The white man is more likely to work his way up:	56%
The black man is more likely to work his way up:	5%
Both are equally likely to work their way up:	35%
Not sure:	5%

Q12b: Consider two adults born into families from the bottom 20% of income in America – one is white, and one is Hispanic. Who do you think is more likely to work their way up to the top 20% of income?

The white American is more likely to work their way up:	50%
The Hispanic man is more likely to work their way up:	5%
Both are equally likely to work their way up:	36%
Not sure:	9%

Q12c: Consider two women born into families from the bottom 20% of income in America – one is black, and one is white. Who do you think is more likely to work her way up to the top 20% of income?

The white woman is more likely to work her way up:	52%
The black woman is more likely to work her way up:	4%
Both are equally likely to work their way up:	36%
Not sure:	7%

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judgements except the subjects in the second version were a white adult and a Hispanic adult, and the subjects in the third version were a white woman and a black woman.

Q13: How satisfied are you with the opportunity for a person in this nation to get ahead by working hard?

Very satisfied: 30%  
 Somewhat satisfied: 32%  
 Somewhat dissatisfied: 23%  
 Very dissatisfied: 14%  
 No opinion: 2%

Q14: Which comes closer to your view about sex education in schools?

Teenagers should be taught about various methods of birth control: 89%  
 Teenagers should only be taught about abstinence: 3%  
 Sex education shouldn't be taught in schools at all: 3%  
 Not sure: 6%

Q15: Based on your high school experience, to what degree do you feel you were educated on the following topics?

	Not at all	Very little	A moderate amount	A great deal
Birth control	25%	39%	27%	10%
STD/STI prevention	12%	35%	37%	17%
Abstinence	8%	16%	36%	39%
Sexual misconduct/consent	26%	34%	26%	15%

Q16a: How satisfied are you with the way income and wealth are distributed in the U.S.?

Very satisfied: 9%  
 Somewhat satisfied: 18%  
 Somewhat dissatisfied: 37%  
 Very dissatisfied: 29%  
 No opinion: 8%

Q16b: The graph above shows the overall distribution of annual household income in the U.S. How satisfied are you with the way income and wealth are distributed in the U.S.?

Very satisfied:	7%
Somewhat satisfied:	29%
Somewhat dissatisfied:	31%
Very dissatisfied:	25%
No opinion:	8%

Q16c: The graph above shows the median household income of different racial groups in the U.S. How satisfied are you with the way income and wealth are distributed in the U.S.?

Very satisfied:	4%
Somewhat satisfied:	14%
Somewhat dissatisfied:	31%
Very dissatisfied:	34%
No opinion:	16%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of three versions of this question. All three versions asked students to rate how satisfied they were with the income and wealth distributions in the US. The second version presented a graph of the distribution of annual household income, and the third version presented a graph of the median incomes by racial group. The first version did not include a graph and served as a control group.

Q17: Do you believe it is plausible or implausible that President Trump and adult film star Stormy Daniels had a sexual affair before Trump became president?

Very plausible:	46%
Plausible:	25%
Implausible:	2%
Very implausible:	1%
Don't know/No opinion:	26%

Q18: If Donald Trump had had an extra-marital affair with Stormy Daniels, do you think such an act would have been immoral?

Yes, it would have been gravely immoral:	41%
Yes, but it would not have been gravely immoral:	37%
It depends on the circumstances:	17%
No, it would not have been immoral:	5%

Q19: Would you support or oppose the United States taking efforts to remove Syrian President Bashar al-Assad from power?

Strongly support:	10%
Support:	24%
Oppose:	15%
Strongly oppose:	7%
Don't know/No Opinion:	45%

Q20: If (President Trump/the government) were to implement a program that offered total student loan forgiveness for those who volunteer to help build a Mexico border wall how likely would you be to participate?

<u>President Trump</u>		<u>The Government</u>	
Extremely likely:	14%	Extremely likely:	10%
Somewhat likely:	13%	Somewhat likely:	11%
Somewhat unlikely:	12%	Somewhat unlikely:	11%
Extremely unlikely:	52%	Extremely unlikely:	59%
Don't know/No opinion:	10%	Don't know/No opinion:	9%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of two versions of this question. The first asked students if they would agree to a hypothetical offer from President Donald Trump that granted student loan forgiveness in exchange for assisting with the construction of a wall on the Mexican border. The second version presented the same scenario except the hypothetical deal was presented as being offered by the government instead of President Trump.

Q21: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Democrat:	35%
Republican:	21%
Independent:	43%

Q21-follow-up-a: (If respondent answered "Independent" for previous question) As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or Democratic Party?

Democratic:	36%
Republican:	27%
Neither:	36%



Q21-follow-up-b: (If respondent answered “Democrat” or “Republican” for previous question) Do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

Strongly:	61%
Not so strongly:	39%

Q22: When it comes to (SOCIAL/ECONOMIC) issues in politics, do you think of yourself as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

<u>Social</u>		<u>Economic</u>	
Very conservative:	4%	Very conservative:	14%
Conservative:	18%	Conservative:	30%
Neither conservative nor liberal:	23%	Neither conservative nor liberal:	28%
Liberal:	35%	Liberal:	19%
Very liberal:	20%	Very liberal:	8%

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Q23: What is your gender?

Male:	54%
Female:	46%
Non-binary/third option:	0%

Q24: What is your preferred racial identity?

White/Caucasian:	72%
Black/African-American:	6%
Hispanic:	5%
Asian-American:	6%
Native American:	0%
Other:	11%

Q25: What year in school are you considered?

Freshman:	18%
Sophomore:	25%
Junior:	27%
Senior:	29%

Q26: 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:	3%
College of Engineering:	26%
College of Humanities and Social Sciences:	20%
College of Natural Resources:	8%
Poole College of Management:	11%
College of Sciences:	14%
College of Textiles:	3%
University College:	5%

## Post Stratification Weights (Race/Gender)

Race & Gender	Population	Sample	Weight
White male	.40	.39	1.06
White female	.32	.42	.76
Black male	.03	.012	2.5
Black female	.03	.036	.83
Hispanic male	.02	.01	2
Hispanic female	.03	.004	7.5
Asian male	.03	.027	1.11
Asian female	.03	.033	.91
Native American male	.002	.00	N/A
Native American female	.001	.003	.33
Multi-racial male	.02	.012	1.67
Multi-racial female	.02	.007	2.86
Other male	.037	.012	3.08
Other female	.03	.012	2.5