

2022 North Carolina Energy Poll





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Methodology

This poll of 600 registered voters living in North Carolina was conducted via telephone by professional interviewers over the course of May 21st,22nd, &23rd. The survey included 50% landline interviews and 50% cell phone interviews. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. These units were structured to correlate with actual voter participation from past midterm/Presidential General Election cycles.

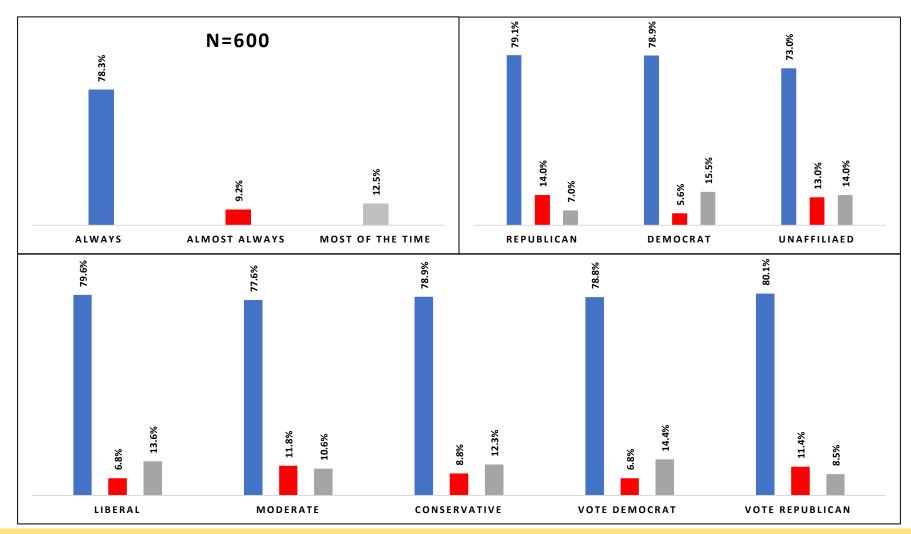
The poll of 600 likely general election voters has an accuracy of +/- 4% at a 95% confidence interval.

Paul Shumaker served as project manager and Hays Shumaker was the research coordinator.





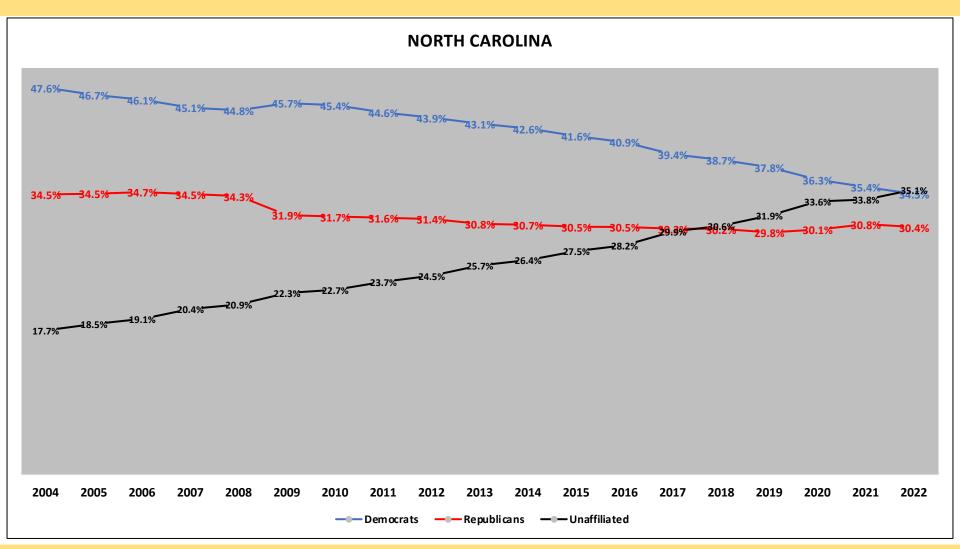
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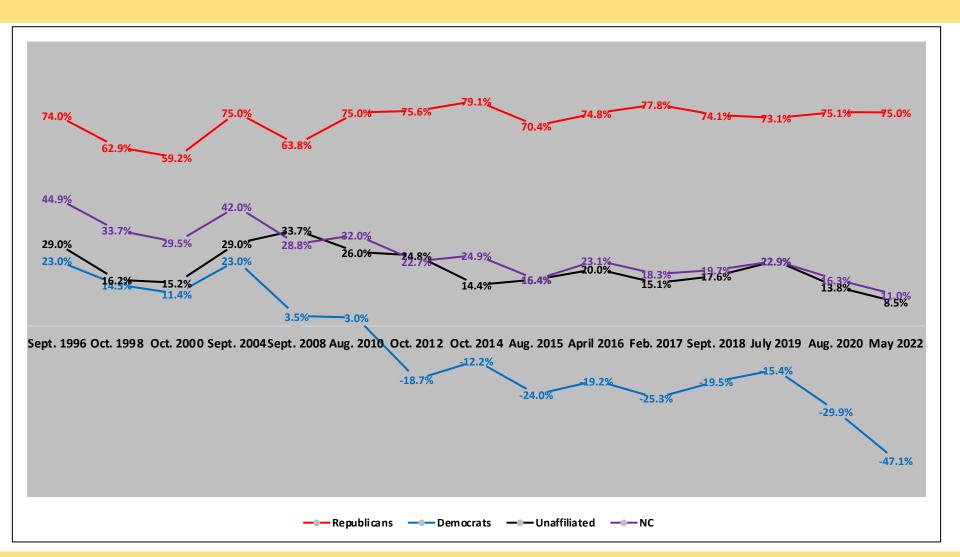
NC Voter Registration Trends







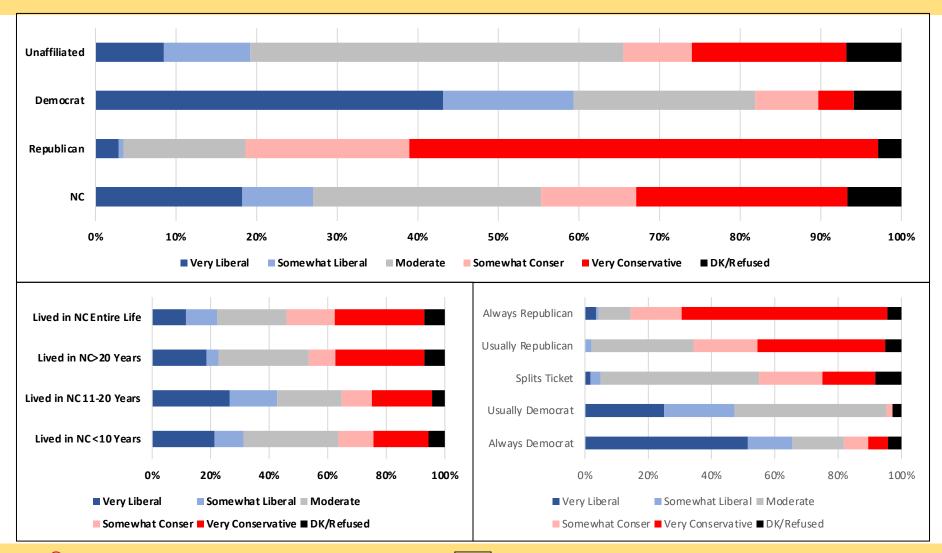
NC Ideological Trends







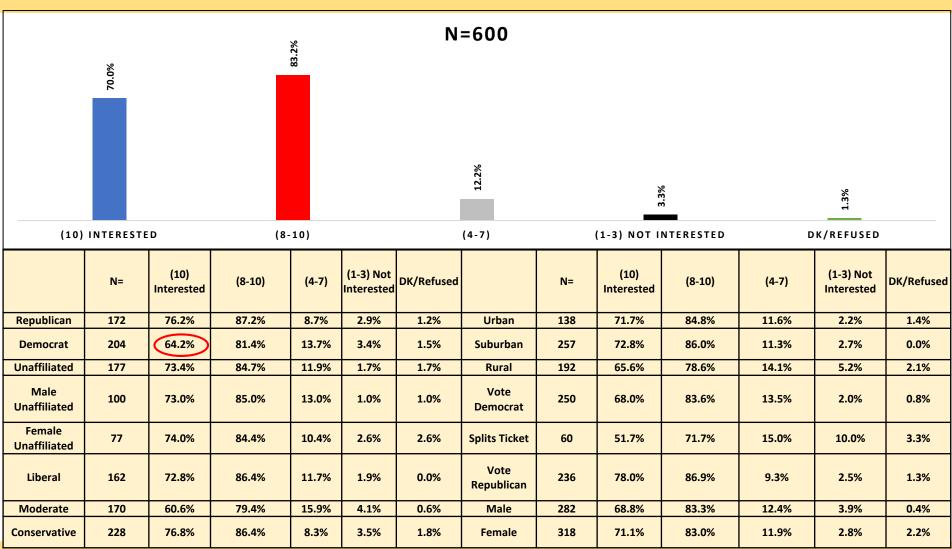
Ideological Intensity Profile







Voter Interest

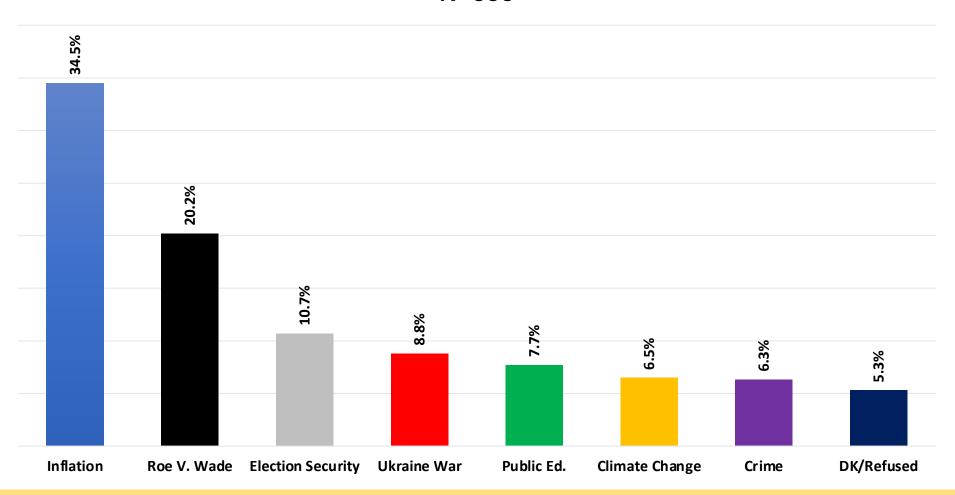






Top Concern

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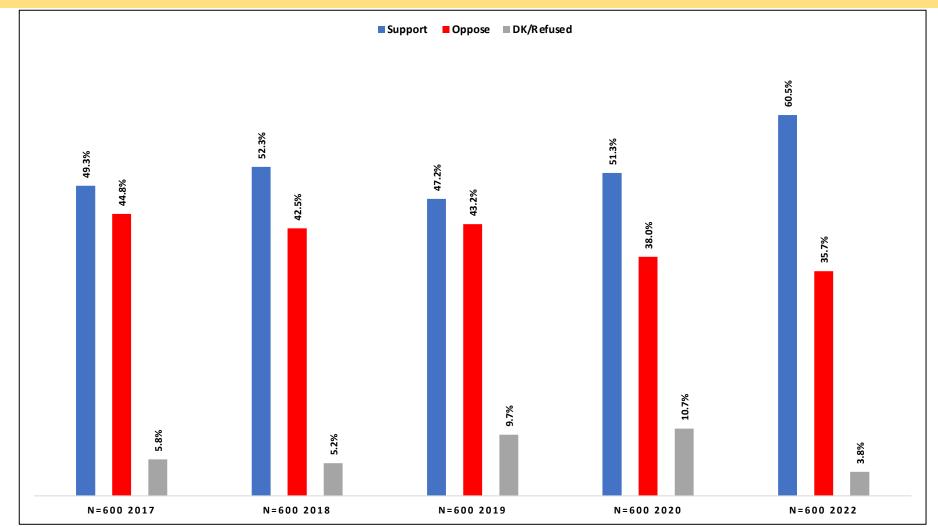
	N=	Inflation	Roe V. Wade	Election Security	Ukraine War	Public Ed.	Climate Change	Crime	DK/Refused
Republican	172	48.8%	9.3%	15.7%	11.6%	2.3%	0.0%	7.0%	5.2%
Democrat	204	22.5%	30.4%	8.8%	7.8%	9.3%	10.8%	5.4%	4.9%
Unaffiliated	177	36.7%	20.3%	6.8%	7.9%	9.6%	7.9%	6.2%	4.5%
Male Unaffiliated	100	41.0%	18.0%	6.0%	5.0%	11.0%	8.0%	7.0%	4.0%
Female Unaffiliated	77	31.2%	23.4%	7.8%	11.7%	7.8%	7.8%	5.2%	5.2%
Liberal	162	16.0%	42.6%	8.6%	6.8%	7.4%	9.9%	9.9%	3.7%
Moderate	170	37.6%	16.5%	7.1%	10.0%	8.8%	10.0%	7.6%	2.4%
Conservative	228	45.2%	10.1%	15.8%	8.8%	6.6%	2.2%	6.1%	5.3%
(10) Interested	420	36.4%	19.3%	11.9%	6.2%	6.7%	6.9%	6.9%	5.7%
Urban	138	32.6%	22.5%	8.7%	5.8%	10.9%	11.6%	5.1%	2.9%
Suburban	257	35.0%	22.2%	10.1%	10.1%	7.0%	4.3%	7.8%	3.5%
Rural	192	37.0%	16.1%	13.0%	8.3%	6.3%	6.3%	5.2%	7.8%
Vote Democrat	250	22.8%	33.6%	7.2%	6.4%	10.0%	12.4%	4.0%	3.6%
Splits Ticket	60	38.3%	18.3%	5.0%	8.3%	11.7%	5.0%	10.0%	3.3%
Vote Republican	236	44.9%	8.5%	16.1%	11.9%	3.8%	1.7%	6.8%	6.4%
Male	282	41.8%	15.6%	9.9%	7.8%	6.0%	6.4%	7.1%	5.3%
Female	318	28.0%	24.2%	11.3%	9.7%	9.1%	6.6%	5.7%	5.3%





Would you be more likely to support or oppose a lawmaker or candidate who supports policies that encourage the development of more fossil fuel energy from coal and natural gas?

5 Year Trend Data







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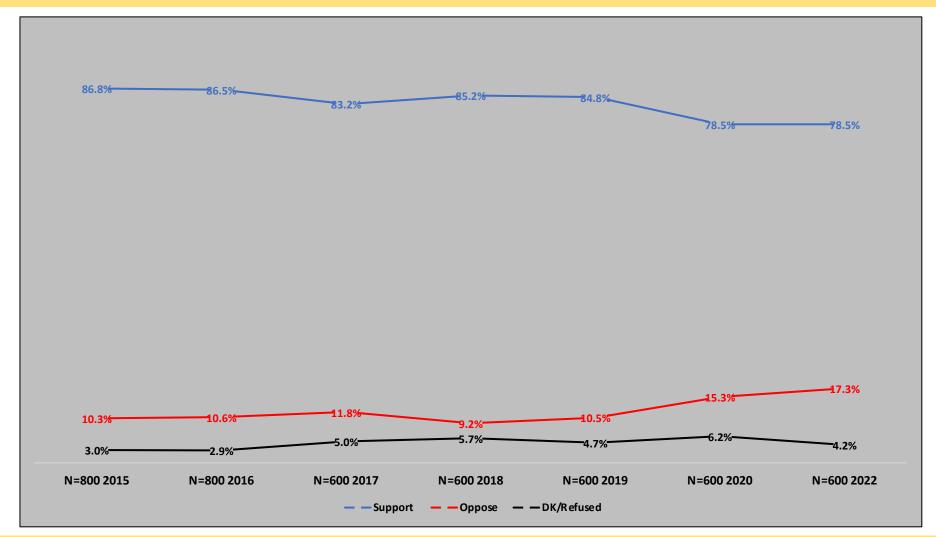
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N=	600	60.5%	43.7%	16.8%	35.7%	12.0%	23.7%	3.8%	Lived in NC < 10 Years	160	50.6%	36.9%	13.8%	45.6%	16.9%	28.8%	3.8%
Republican	172	81.4%	64.5%	16.9%	12.2%	5.2%	7.0%	6.4%	11-20 Years	68	51.5%	39.7%	11.8%	47.1%	20.6%	26.5%	1.5%
Democrat	204	40.2%	28.4%	11.8%	57.8%	19.6%	38.2%	2.0%	Lived in NC>20 Years	212	66.5%	51.9%	14.6%	30.7%	7.5%	23.1%	2.8%
Unaffiliated	177	62.1%	40.1%	22.0%	35.6%	10.7%	24.9%	2.3%	Lived in NC Entire Life	157	67.5%	42.0%	25.5%	27.4%	9.6%	17.8%	5.1%
Male Unaffiliated	100	60.0%	37.0%	23.0%	37.0%	14.0%	23.0%	3.0%	Vote Democrat	250	34.0%	21.6%	12.4%	64.0%	20.0%	44.0%	2.0%
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Moderate	170	51.2%	31.8%	19.4%	45.3%	18.8%	26.5%	3.5%	Male Less College Grad.	77	64.9%	45.5%	19.5%	31.2%	15.6%	15.6%	3.9%
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Would you be more likely to support or oppose a lawmaker or candidate who supports policies that encourage renewable energy options such as wind, solar, and waste to energy technologies?

7 Year Trend Data







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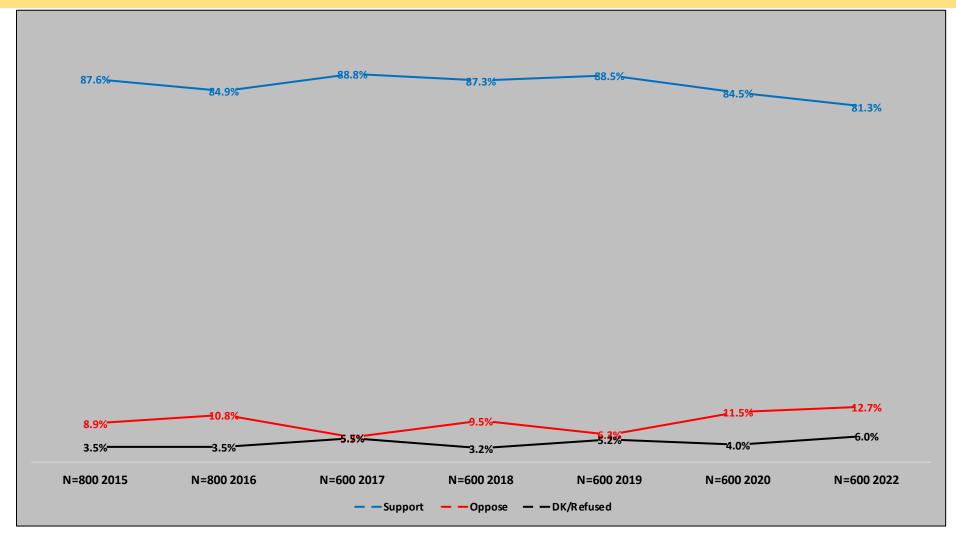
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Republican	172	56.4%	27.3%	29.1%	37.8%	15.1%	22.7%	5.8%	11-20 Years	68	86.8%	57.4%	29.4%	13.2%	7.4%	5.9%	0.0%
Democrat	204	96.6%	75.0%	21.6%	2.5%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%	Lived in NC>20 Years	212	80.2%	52.8%	27.4%	17.0%	4.7%	12.3%	2.8%
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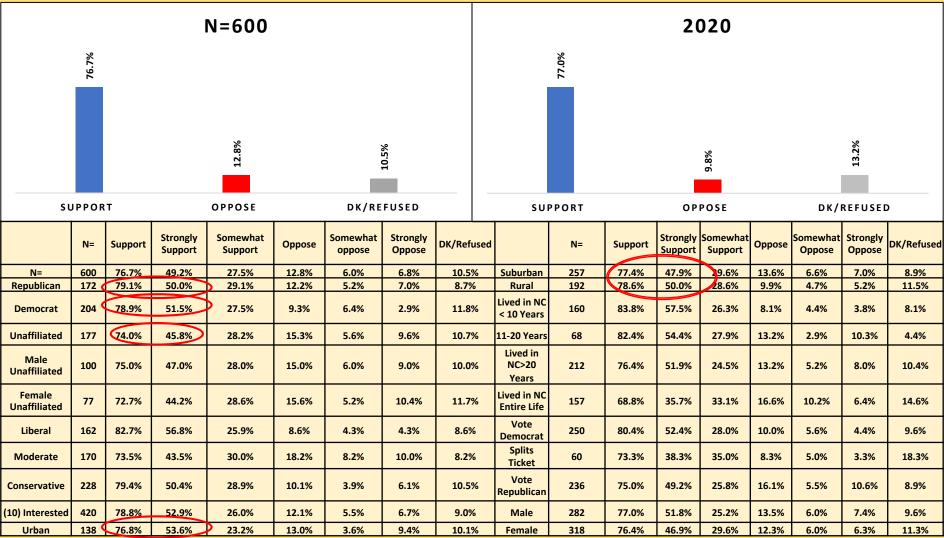
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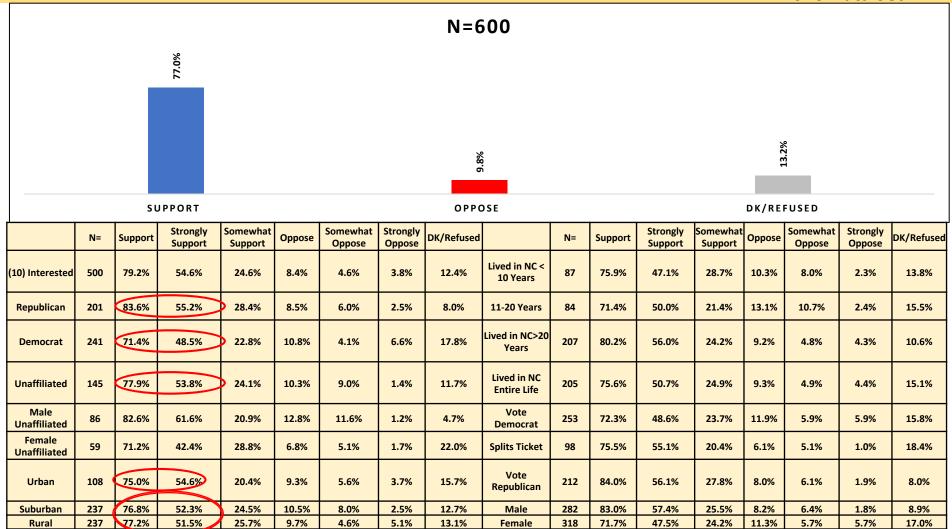
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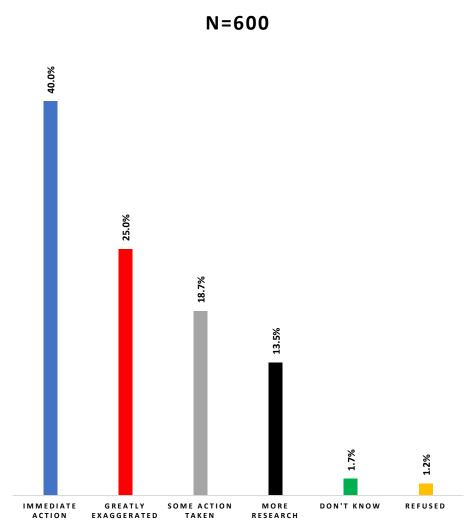


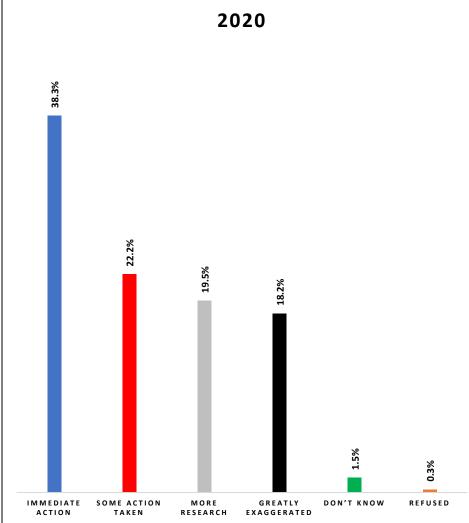




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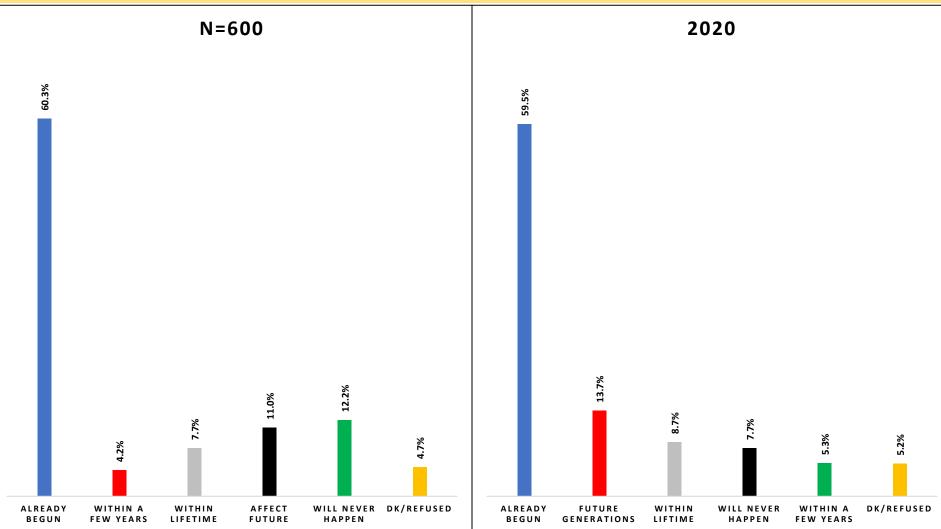
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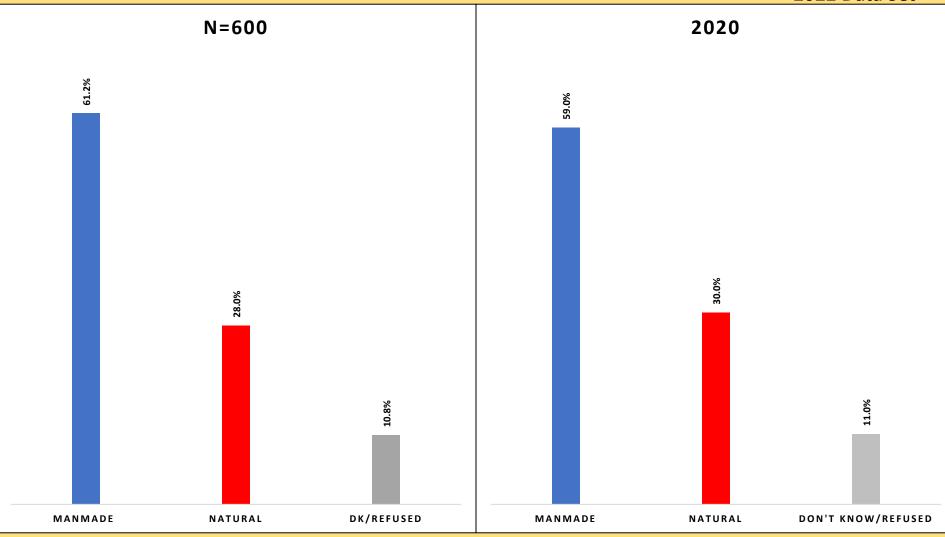
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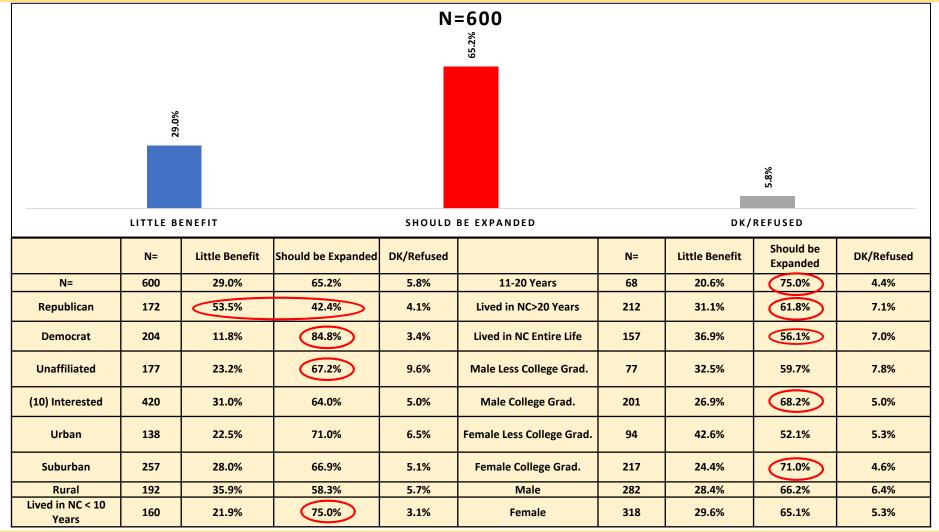
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Which of the following two statements best represents your view on renewable energy sources such as solar and wind?

- 1. Solar and wind bring very little benefit to our energy supply and are just feel good programs promoted by politicians. Or,
- 2. Solar and wind represent new technology and advances in energy production and should be expanded to help meet future energy needs.



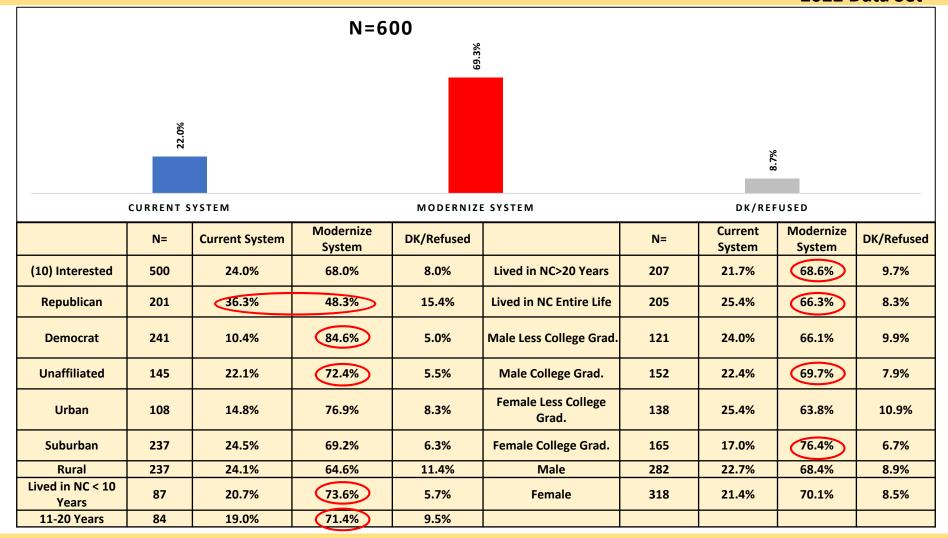




When it comes to developing an America first energy independence policy from foreign gas and oil, which of the following options do you think is the best for the future of our county?

- 1. We should lessen environmental regulations to allow more exploration and drilling for oil and natural gas.
- 2. We should continue to invest in technology and innovation to create more available energy sources and empower the private sector to expand solar and wind power.

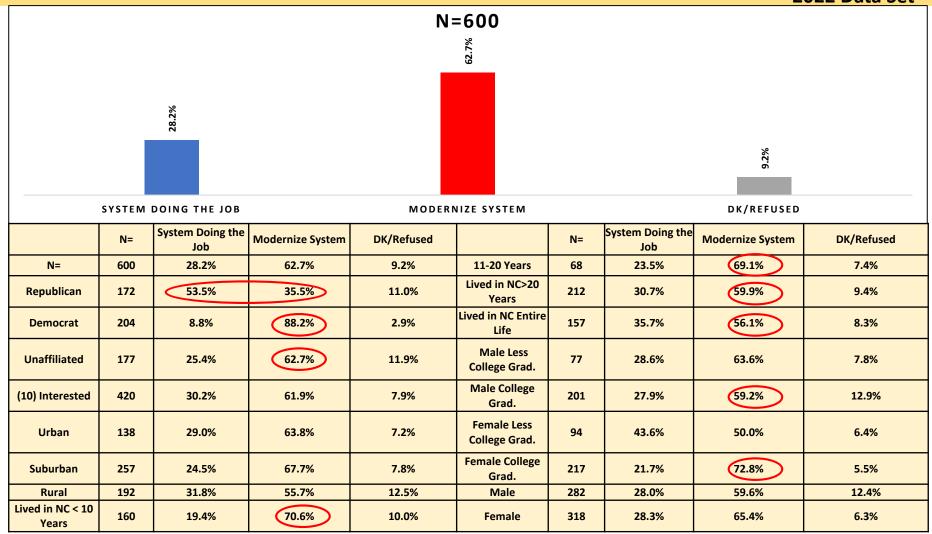
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Which of the following would you think is the best way to ensure a stable supply of electricity to meet all our state's energy needs?

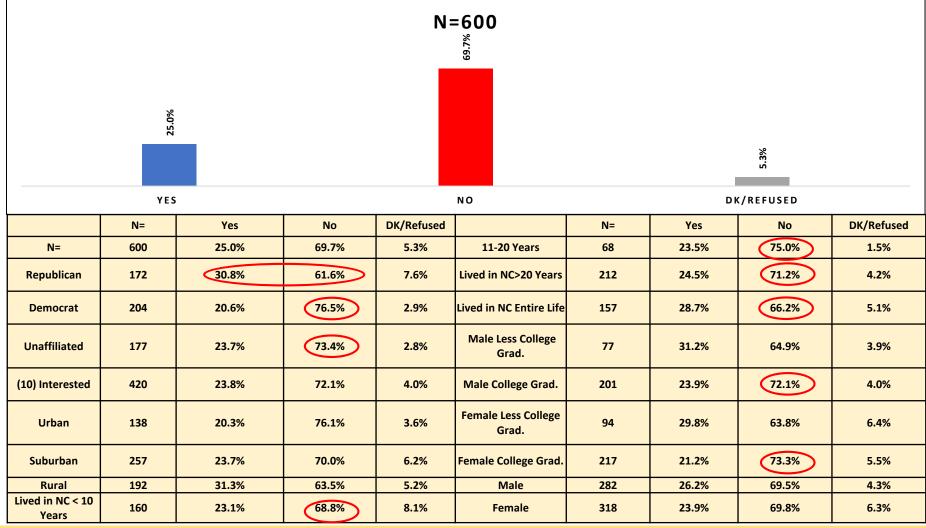
- 1. Our current system is doing the job, we just need to invest more money in our local public utilities, or
- 2. We need to modernize the current system by relying more on energy storage systems and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar 2022 Data Set





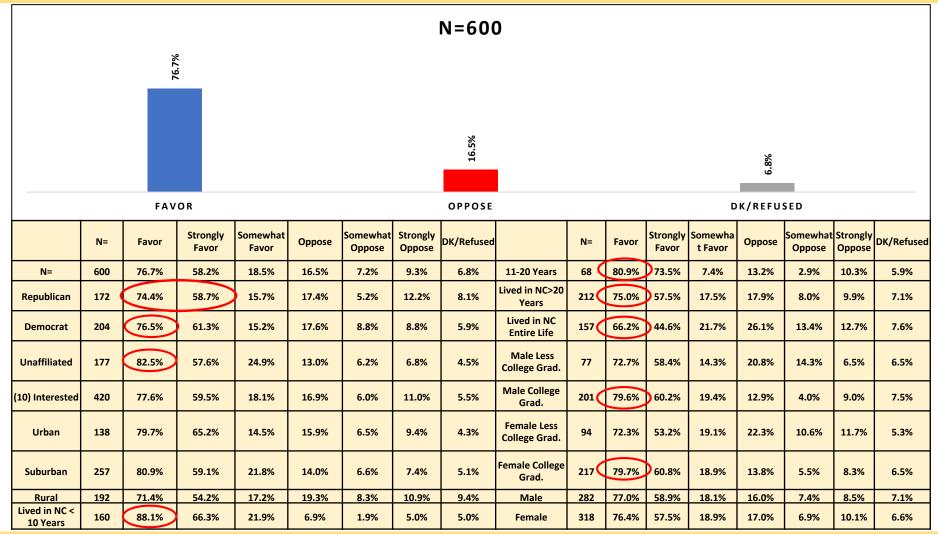


Currently, North Carolina has a government-sanctioned monopoly utility system. When Duke Energy builds a new power plant, they petition the state to raise energy rates, so their costs are recovered from you, the ratepayer. Do you believe Duke Energy should be allowed to own all-new clean energy generation, like solar and wind, if other private energy companies can provide these projects at a cheaper cost?





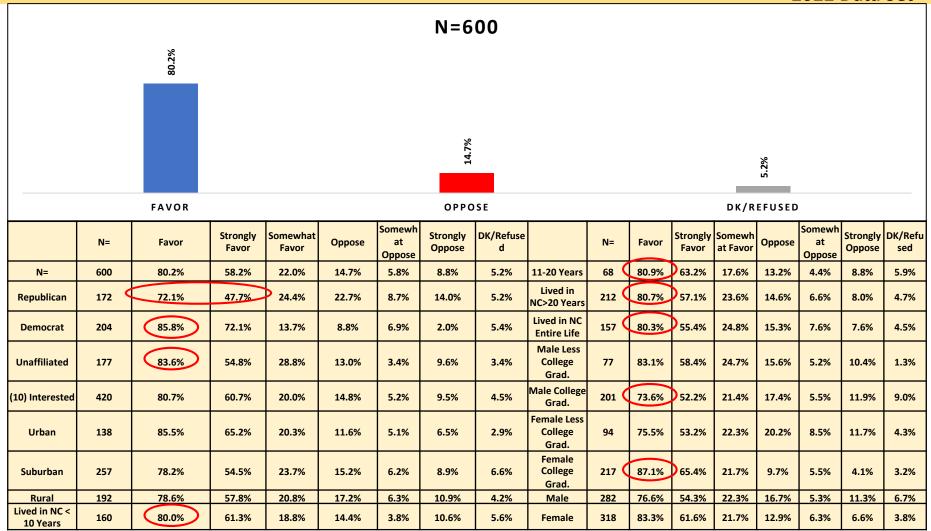
Duke Energy owns both power plants and transmission wires for the delivery of power to your household. They have a state-sanctioned monopoly that allows little to no competition for consumers. Do you favor or oppose legislation that would require the state utilities commission to study options modernizing Duke's monopoly to provide more competition for the electricity consumer?







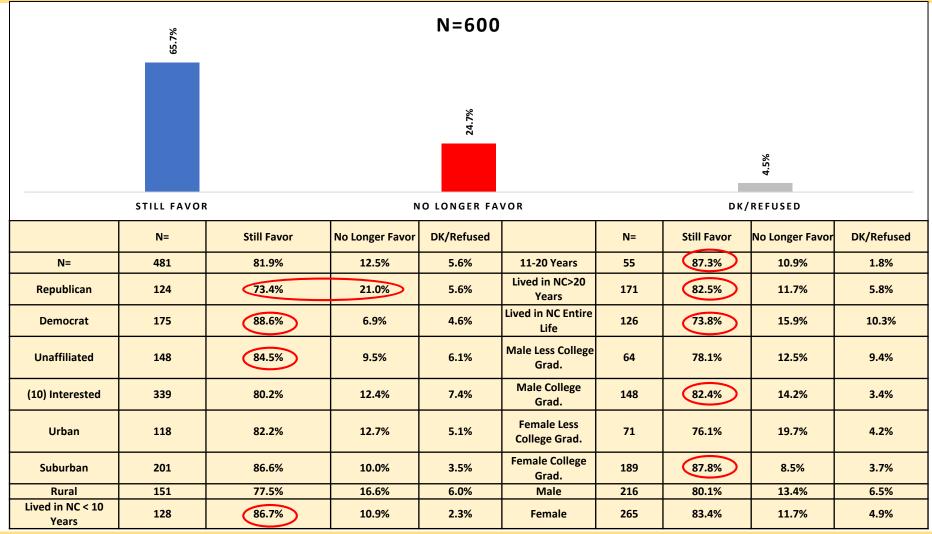
Would you favor or oppose new regulations requiring utility companies to expand weatherization and energy efficiency programs for people struggling to pay their utility bills, including seniors, veterans, and working families?







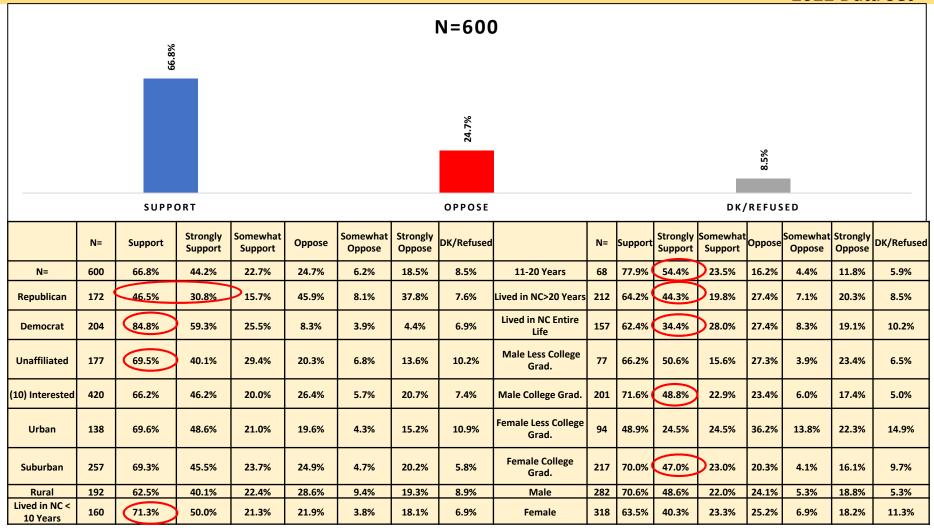
Would you still favor if you knew the additional costs of these improvements would be passed on to other consumers, but they would benefit from long-term savings on their utility bills?







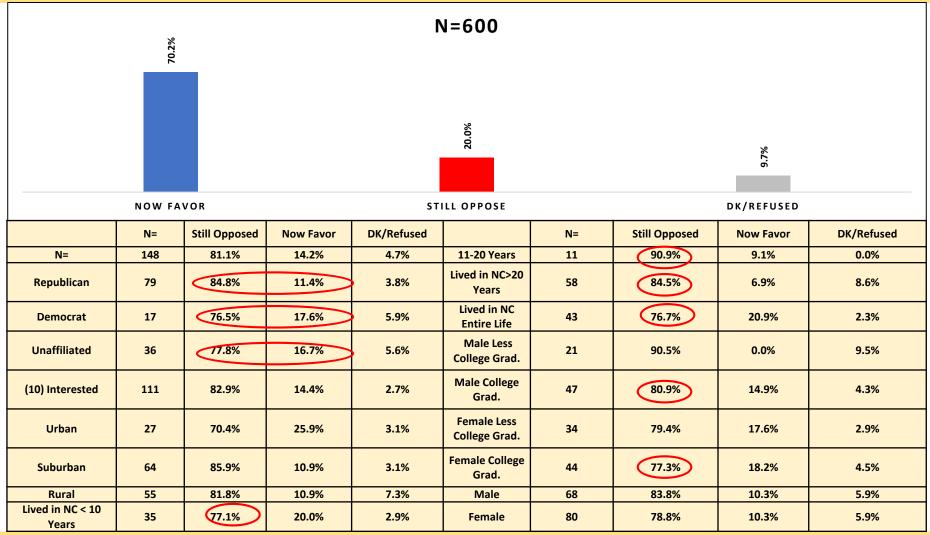
Do you support or oppose building wind energy turbines off the coast of North Carolina?







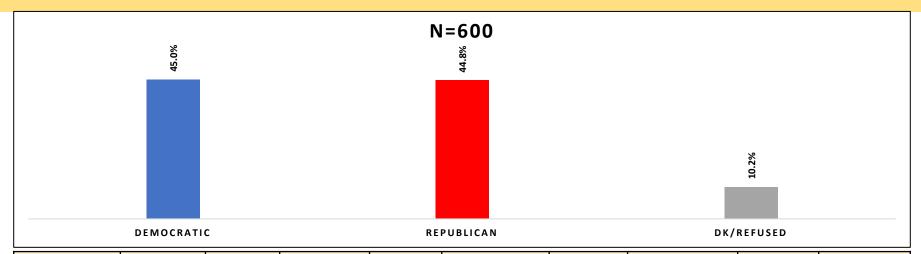
Would you still oppose if you knew the wind turbines would be located more than 20 miles off the coastline and would not be visible from the shoreline?







Turning your attention to this year's elections, all things being equal, if elections were held today, are you more likely to vote for a Democratic candidate or Republican candidate for the North Carolina legislature?



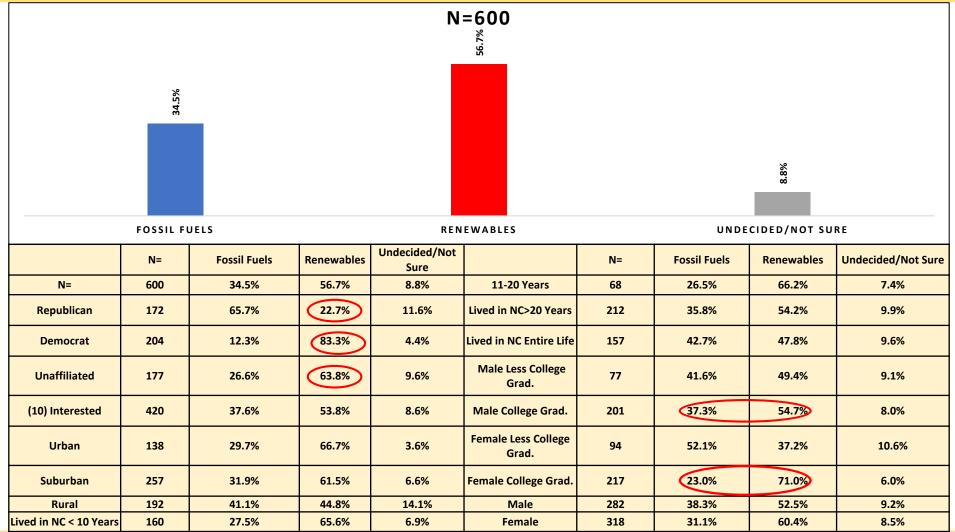
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I'm now going to read you a description of two candidates running for political office. Please tell me which candidate you would be more likely to vote based upon their position on our energy policy?

- 1. Candidate A believes that a continued reliance on traditional fossil fuels is the way to go for the future. Oil, natural gas, and coal energy sources are the best for our economy now and in the the future.
 - 2. Candidate B believes it is time to diversify our energy sources. Traditional fossil fuels have served us well, but continued reliance on them is not good for our economy or national security. It is time to develop more policies that promote renewable energy sources.







Key Findings

- The long-term self-described ideological trends of NC voters demonstrate a path of intense political competition between the two major Parties for many elections to come. Life-impacting issues, without a sharp ideological divide, will determine the outcome for winners and losers on a statewide front. The rural (+37.5), suburban(-1.9) and urban (-10.1) divide represent the political ghosts of the Past, Present and Future.
- Market competition, encouraging diversification of energy sources, and energyefficient upgrades are issues that both Republicans and Democrats agree on.
 Continued reliance on fossil fuels divides the two parties. Support for renewable
 options such as wind and solar remains strong across all key voting groups.
- Republicans and Democrats can both use increased competition in the energy market and encourage the use of alternative energy sources as messaging points to build an issue coalition with Unaffiliated voters.
- Over half of voters believe the effects of climate change are already being seen. 1 out of 3 Republicans, 3 out of 5 Unaffiliated voters, and 4 out of 5 Democrats believe we are experiencing the effects.
- Unaffiliated voters are more closely aligned with Democrats on the cause of climate change and the need to address it. Republicans have difficulty addressing climate change. Failure by Republicans to address climate change allows Democrats the opportunity to build an issue coalition with Unaffiliated voters.





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- North Carolina voters want to change the current regulatory policies to allow for more competition and more choices for consumers.
- Modernization of how we generate and distribute energy resources to consumers, coupled with competition, is a policy position that builds a broad voting coalition with the past, present and future North Carolina voters.
- Republicans hold a 5-point advantage over Democrats regarding interest in the 2022 elections. Unaffiliated voter intensity is 3 points higher than Democrats. With Republican and Unaffiliated intensity high, and a Democrat in the White House, the political environment is similar to the 2014 midterm elections.
- As of now, the wind is at the back of Republicans, all driven by inflation and economic issues. The Republican advantage on the generic ballot with the most interested voters is +4.3, which is very similar to 2014, the last midterm election cycle held with a Democratic President in the White House.



Demographic Overview of Survey (N=600)

23% Urban 42.8% Suburban 32% Rural

50% Cell Phone 50% Landline

26.2% Entire Life 35.3% + 20 Years 11.3% 11-20 Years 26.7% < 10 Years 70% White 18% Black 1.7% Hispanic 1,7% Asian 2% Other 6.7% Refused

30.2% Post-Graduate 39.5% College Degree 17.3% Some College 9.2%High School Degree 2% Some High School

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