

## February 2008 DecisionMaker Poll

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The DecisionMaker Poll was conducted on February 19-22 with live telephone interviews with 800 registered voters, who voted in the 2002 and 2004 general elections, were first time voters in the 2006 general election, or voted in 2004 and 2006 as newly registered voters. It has a margin of error of +/-3.7 percent.

### 1. AFFILIATION

	#	%
1. DEMOCRAT	400	50
2. REPUBLICAN	296	37
3. OTHER	104	13

### 2. DO YOU FEEL THINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA ARE GENERALLY HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR HAVE GOTTEN OFF ON THE WRONG TRACK?

	#	%
1. RIGHT DIRECTION	347	44
2. WRONG TRACK	314	39
--- NOT SURE	134	17
--- REFUSED	5	

### 3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OR PROGRAMS NEEDS THE MOST ATTENTION FROM STATE GOVERNMENT:

	#	%
1. LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS	170	21
2. IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION	144	18
3. CREATE JOBS	139	17
4. HOLD DOWN TAXES	80	10
5. IMPROVE ROADS/HIGHWAYS	52	7
6. GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION	50	6
7. CONTROL IMMIGRATION	128	16
--- NOT SURE	35	4
--- REFUSED	3	

### 4. IF THE ELECTION FOR STATE LEGISLATURE WERE HELD TODAY, WOULD YOU BE VOTING:

	#	%
1. DEMOCRATIC	331	41
2. REPUBLICAN	277	35
3. NEITHER	34	4
--- NOT SURE	158	20

### 5. THINKING ABOUT NATIONAL ISSUES, DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB GEORGE W. BUSH IS DOING AS PRESIDENT?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY APPROVE	113	14
2. SOMEWHAT APPROVE	189	24
3. SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	164	21
4. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	292	37
--- NOT SURE	41	5

### 6. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB CONGRESS IS DOING?

	#	%
1. STRONGLY APPROVE	15	2
2. SOMEWHAT APPROVE	170	21
3. SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	267	33
4. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	276	35
--- NOT SURE	72	9

### 7. IF THE 2008 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT WERE HELD TODAY, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DEMOCRATS WOULD YOU VOTE FOR:

	#	%
1. HILLARY CLINTON	121	24
2. BARACK OBAMA	193	38
--- NOT SURE	190	38

### 8. IF THE 2008 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT WERE HELD TODAY, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING REPUBLICANS WOULD YOU VOTE FOR:

	#	%
1. JOHN MCCAIN	200	50
2. MIKE HUCKABEE	92	23
3. RON PAUL	23	6
--- NOT SURE	85	21

### 9. IF THE ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT WERE HELD TODAY AND THE CANDIDATES WERE HILLARY CLINTON AND JOHN MCCAIN, FOR WHOM WOULD YOU BE VOTING?

	#	%
1. HILLARY CLINTON	286	36
2. JOHN MCCAIN	381	48
--- NOT SURE	133	17

10. IF THE ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT WERE HELD TODAY AND THE CANDIDATES WERE BARACK OBAMA AND JOHN MCCAIN, FOR WHOM WOULD YOU BE VOTING?

	#	%
1. BARACK OBAMA	286	36
2. JOHN MCCAIN	368	46
--- NOT SURE	146	18

11. DO YOU THINK THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE BETTER, WORSE OR ABOUT THE SAME ONE YEAR FROM NOW?

	#	%
1. BETTER	190	24
2. WORSE	113	14
3. ABOUT THE SAME	427	53
--- NOT SURE	70	9

12. DO YOU BELIEVE THE RECENTLY APPROVED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE THAT GIVES \$600 REBATE CHECKS TO MOST TAXPAYERS AND TARGETED TAX BREAKS TO SMALL BUSINES

	#	%
1. YES	260	33
2. NO	463	58
--- NOT SURE	77	10

13. AS PART OF THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE, MOST TAXPAYERS WILL RECEIVE A REBATE CHECK OF \$600 PER PERSON AND AN EXTRA \$300 PER CHILD IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD.

	#	%
1. PAY OFF BILLS/DEBTS	260	32
2. SPEND IT	166	21
3. SAVE IT	237	30
--- NOT SURE	138	17

14. TURNING YOUR ATTENTION TO STATE ISSUES, IF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR WERE HELD TODAY, WOULD YOU BE VOTING FOR:

	#	%
1. RICHARD MOORE	115	23
2. BEVERLY PERDUE	143	28
--- NOT SURE	246	49

15. TURNING YOUR ATTENTION TO STATE ISSUES, IF THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR WERE HELD TODAY, WOULD YOU BE VOTING FOR:

	#	%
1. PAT MCCRORY	71	18
2. FRED SMITH	68	17
3. BOB ORR	15	4
4. BILL GRAHAM	21	5
--- NOT SURE	225	56

16. IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR, WHO WOULD BE YOUR SECOND CHOICE?

	#	%
1. PAT MCCRORY	16	9
2. FRED SMITH	18	10
3. BOB ORR	23	13
4. BILL GRAHAM	23	13
--- NOT SURE	94	54

17. DO YOU BELIEVE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENROLL IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA?

	#	%
1. YES	199	25
2. NO	540	68
--- NOT SURE	61	8

18. REGARDLESS OF YOUR ANSWER ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, IF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WERE ALLOWED TO ENROLL IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES OR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, SHOULD T

	#	%
1. IN-STATE	107	13
2. OUT-OF-STATE	612	76
--- NOT SURE	81	10

19. DO YOU THINK THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE YOU RECEIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA IS:

	#	%
1. EXCELLENT	148	19
2. GOOD	370	46
3. ONLY FAIR	184	23
4. POOR	78	10
--- NOT SURE	20	3

20. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE:

	#	%
1. THRU YOUR/SPOUSE EMPLOYER	309	39
2. MEDICARE/MEDICAID	285	36
3. PURCHASE INS ON YOUR OWN	75	9
4. EMPLOYER AND PRIVATE	99	12
5. UNINSURED	12	1
--- NOT SURE	20	3

21. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HEALTH CARE, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS YOUR MAJOR CONCERN:

#	%
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1.	COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE	315	39
2.	ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE	62	8
3.	QUALITY AVAILABLE TO YOU	96	12
4.	INABILITY TO QUALIFY	24	3
5.	NUMBER OF POOR W/O INS	259	32
---	NOT SURE	43	5

22. HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS [HSAS]?

		#	%
1.	VERY/ENROLLED IN ONE	37	5
2.	FAMILIAR/NOT ENROLLED	148	18
3.	HEARD/DON'T KNOW MUCH	205	26
4.	NOT FAMILIAR AT ALL	392	49
---	NOT SURE	18	2

23. WHICH APPROACH DO YOU THINK IS BEST TO HELP THE WORKING POOR AND UNINSURED GAIN ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:

		#	%
1.	HELP W/TAX CREDITS/ASSIST	120	15
2.	EXPAND GOVT PROGRAMS	164	20
3.	LOWER COST/REFORM REG.	325	41
4.	STATE REQUIRE/BUY INS	65	8
---	NOT SURE	126	16

24. CURRENT TAX LAW ALLOWS FOR BUSINESSES TO DEDUCT THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES FROM THEIR TAXES. SHOULD INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE INSURANCE...

		#	%
1.	YES	703	88
2.	NO	45	6
---	NOT SURE	51	6

25. NORTH CAROLINA LAW MANDATES THAT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES IN THE STATE PAY FOR ITEMS LIKE PASTORAL COUNSELING, DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT...

		#	%
1.	YES	626	78
2.	NO	90	11
---	NOT SURE	84	11

26. PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: HEALTH INSURANCE IS GETTING SO EXPENSIVE THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD RAISE TAXES...

		#	%
1.	STRONGLY AGREE	94	12
2.	SOMEWHAT AGREE	107	13
3.	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	188	23
4.	STRONGLY DISAGREE	358	45
---	NOT SURE	53	7

27. ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS HEALTH INSURANCE IS GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE IS THAT THE PATIENT DOESN'T CARE WHAT HIS INSURANCE COMPANY OR THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO DO...

		#	%
1.	STRONGLY AGREE	139	17
2.	SOMEWHAT AGREE	169	21
3.	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	172	21
4.	STRONGLY DISAGREE	264	33
---	NOT SURE	56	7

28. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD HAVE DONE MORE TO PREVENT THE WATER SHORTAGES WE ARE NOW HAVING.

		#	%
1.	STRONGLY AGREE	260	32
2.	SOMEWHAT AGREE	168	21
3.	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	163	20
4.	STRONGLY DISAGREE	134	17
---	NOT SURE	75	9

29. THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS EFFICIENTLY MANAGING ROAD BUILDING AND REPAIR IN THE STATE.

		#	%
1.	STRONGLY AGREE	105	13
2.	SOMEWHAT AGREE	189	24
3.	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	168	21
4.	STRONGLY DISAGREE	293	37
---	NOT SURE	46	6

30. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS AND DOT BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RAISE POLITICAL FUNDS.

		#	%
1.	STRONGLY AGREE	381	48
2.	SOMEWHAT AGREE	193	24
3.	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	61	8
4.	STRONGLY DISAGREE	50	6
---	NOT SURE	115	14

31. IN YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS, ARE YOU:

		#	%
1.	SELF-EMPLOYED	86	11
2.	WORKING FOR A PRIVATE CO	202	25
3.	WORK FOR GOVERNMENT	78	10
4.	SPOUSE [HOUSEWIFE]	52	7

5 .	RETIRED	349	44
6 .	UNEMPLOYED	29	4
--	REFUSED	4	

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