

North Carolina Republican Attorneys Association

March 2011 Statewide Survey

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All things being equal, are you likely to vote for a Democratic candidate or Republican candidate for state legislature?

		Ideology						
		Total	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Democratic	Republican	Undecided
When it comes to federal elections like President, would you say you are very likely to vote, somewhat likely to vote, or don't plan to vote at all?	Very Likely	976	175	395	406	398	425	153
		97.6%	98.3%	97.1%	97.8%	98.3%	97.7%	95.6%
	Somewhat Likely	24	3	12	9	7	10	7
		2.4%	1.7%	2.9%	2.2%	1.7%	2.3%	4.4%
In general, do you believe that North Carolina is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?	Right Direction	290	73	131	86	161	86	43
		29.0%	41.0%	32.2%	20.7%	39.8%	19.8%	26.9%
	Wrong Direction	481	58	181	242	143	271	67
		48.1%	32.6%	44.5%	58.3%	35.3%	62.3%	41.9%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Republican Party?	Favorable	477	33	132	312	44	386	47
		47.7%	18.5%	32.4%	75.2%	10.9%	88.7%	29.4%
	Unfavorable	396	129	208	59	319	30	47
		39.6%	72.5%	51.1%	14.2%	78.8%	6.9%	29.4%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Democratic Party?	Favorable	127	16	67	44	42	19	66
		12.7%	9.0%	16.5%	10.6%	10.4%	4.4%	41.3%
	Unfavorable	496	32	149	315	52	389	55
		49.6%	18.0%	36.6%	75.9%	12.8%	89.4%	34.4%
Currently, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering numerous tort reform bills to address medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Do you think we need tort reform in North Carolina or do you believe our current system is adequate?	Need Reform	154	15	92	47	47	32	75
		15.4%	8.4%	22.6%	11.3%	11.6%	7.4%	46.9%
	Current System Adequate	546	74	218	254	172	288	86
		54.6%	41.6%	53.6%	61.2%	42.5%	66.2%	53.8%
Do you think we need tort reform in North Carolina or do you believe our current system is adequate?	Not Sure	197	44	93	60	107	60	30
		19.7%	24.7%	22.9%	14.5%	26.4%	13.8%	18.8%
	Not Sure	257	60	96	101	126	87	44
		25.7%	33.7%	23.6%	24.3%	31.1%	20.0%	27.5%

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		Gender			Party Registration		
		Total	Female	Male	Democrat	Republican	Unaffiliated
When it comes to federal elections like President, would you say you are very likely to vote, somewhat likely to vote, or don't plan to vote at all?	Very Likely	976	516	460	453	325	198
		97.6%	98.1%	97.0%	98.1%	97.0%	97.5%
	Somewhat Likely	24	10	14	9	10	5
		2.4%	1.9%	3.0%	1.9%	3.0%	2.5%
In general, do you believe that North Carolina is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?	Right Direction	290	141	149	178	63	49
		29.0%	26.8%	31.4%	38.5%	18.8%	24.1%
	Wrong Direction	481	235	246	169	204	108
		48.1%	44.7%	51.9%	36.6%	60.9%	53.2%
	Not Sure	229	150	79	115	68	46
		22.9%	28.5%	16.7%	24.9%	20.3%	22.7%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Republican Party?	Favorable	477	214	263	100	284	93
		47.7%	40.7%	55.5%	21.6%	84.8%	45.8%
	Unfavorable	396	231	165	294	29	73
		39.6%	43.9%	34.8%	63.6%	8.7%	36.0%
	Don't Know	127	81	46	68	22	37
		12.7%	15.4%	9.7%	14.7%	6.6%	18.2%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Democratic Party?	Favorable	350	219	131	292	19	39
		35.0%	41.6%	27.6%	63.2%	5.7%	19.2%
	Unfavorable	496	211	285	112	272	112
		49.6%	40.1%	60.1%	24.2%	81.2%	55.2%
	Don't Know	154	96	58	58	44	52
		15.4%	18.3%	12.2%	12.6%	13.1%	25.6%
Currently, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering numerous tort reform bills to address medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Do you think we need tort reform in North Carolina or do you believe our current system is adequate?	Need Reform	546	250	296	216	209	121
		54.6%	47.5%	62.4%	46.8%	62.4%	59.6%
	Current System Adequate	197	94	103	105	52	40
		19.7%	17.9%	21.7%	22.7%	15.5%	19.7%
	Not Sure	257	182	75	141	74	42
		25.7%	34.6%	15.8%	30.5%	22.1%	20.7%

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		Race						Age Category				
		Total	White	African-American	Hispanic	Asian	Other	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 55	56 to 65	Over 65
When it comes to federal elections like President, would you say you are very likely to vote, somewhat likely to vote, or don't plan to vote at all?	Very Likely	976	728	205	6	5	32	67	215	305	188	201
		97.6%	97.7%	97.6%	100.0%	100.0%	94.1%	93.1%	98.2%	97.4%	98.4%	98.0%
	Somewhat Likely	24	17	5	0	0	2	5	4	8	3	4
		2.4%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	6.9%	1.8%	2.6%	1.6%	2.0%
In general, do you believe that North Carolina is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?	Right Direction	290	180	96	1	2	11	18	51	81	64	76
		29.0%	24.2%	45.7%	16.7%	40.0%	32.4%	25.0%	23.3%	25.9%	33.5%	37.1%
	Wrong Direction	481	400	59	4	1	17	32	124	169	89	67
		48.1%	53.7%	28.1%	66.7%	20.0%	50.0%	44.4%	56.6%	54.0%	46.6%	32.7%
	Not Sure	229	165	55	1	2	6	22	44	63	38	62
		22.9%	22.1%	26.2%	16.7%	40.0%	17.6%	30.6%	20.1%	20.1%	19.9%	30.2%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Republican Party?	Favorable	477	422	36	4	0	15	31	114	164	77	91
		47.7%	56.6%	17.1%	66.7%	0.0%	44.1%	43.1%	52.1%	52.4%	40.3%	44.4%
	Unfavorable	396	239	142	2	3	10	31	74	115	96	80
		39.6%	32.1%	67.6%	33.3%	60.0%	29.4%	43.1%	33.8%	36.7%	50.3%	39.0%
	Don't Know	127	84	32	0	2	9	10	31	34	18	34
		12.7%	11.3%	15.2%	0.0%	40.0%	26.5%	13.9%	14.2%	10.9%	9.4%	16.6%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Democratic Party?	Favorable	350	188	149	1	2	10	25	58	89	90	88
		35.0%	25.2%	71.0%	16.7%	40.0%	29.4%	34.7%	26.5%	28.4%	47.1%	42.9%
	Unfavorable	496	437	37	4	0	18	33	121	173	83	86
		49.6%	58.7%	17.6%	66.7%	0.0%	52.9%	45.8%	55.3%	55.3%	43.5%	42.0%
	Don't Know	154	120	24	1	3	6	14	40	51	18	31
		15.4%	16.1%	11.4%	16.7%	60.0%	17.6%	19.4%	18.3%	16.3%	9.4%	15.1%
Currently, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering numerous tort reform bills to address medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Do you think we need tort reform in North Carolina or do you believe our current system is adequate?	Need Reform	546	416	102	4	3	21	36	111	178	116	105
		54.6%	55.8%	48.6%	66.7%	60.0%	61.8%	50.0%	50.7%	56.9%	60.7%	51.2%
	Current System Adequate	197	149	40	1	1	6	17	45	57	39	39
		19.7%	20.0%	19.0%	16.7%	20.0%	17.6%	23.6%	20.5%	18.2%	20.4%	19.0%
	Not Sure	257	180	68	1	1	7	19	63	78	36	61
		25.7%	24.2%	32.4%	16.7%	20.0%	20.6%	26.4%	28.8%	24.9%	18.8%	29.8%

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When it comes to federal elections like President, would you say you are very likely to vote, somewhat likely to vote, or don't plan to vote at all?	Very Likely	976	1	262	3	177	70	80	15	18	302	48
		97.6%	100.0%	96.7%	100.0%	94.7%	98.6%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	99.0%	100.0%
	Somewhat Likely	24	0	9	0	10	1	1	0	0	3	0
		2.4%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	5.3%	1.4%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%
In general, do you believe that North Carolina is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?	Right Direction	290	0	78	1	51	25	22	4	5	94	10
		29.0%	0.0%	28.8%	33.3%	27.3%	35.2%	27.2%	26.7%	27.8%	30.8%	20.8%
	Wrong Direction	481	0	149	1	92	32	38	5	7	135	22
		48.1%	0.0%	55.0%	33.3%	49.2%	45.1%	46.9%	33.3%	38.9%	44.3%	45.8%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Republican Party?	Not Sure	229	1	44	1	44	14	21	6	6	76	16
		22.9%	100.0%	16.2%	33.3%	23.5%	19.7%	25.9%	40.0%	33.3%	24.9%	33.3%
	Favorable	477	0	143	3	93	32	36	10	7	133	20
		47.7%	0.0%	52.8%	100.0%	49.7%	45.1%	44.4%	66.7%	38.9%	43.6%	41.7%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Democratic Party?	Unfavorable	396	1	93	0	66	29	37	4	6	137	23
		39.6%	100.0%	34.3%	0.0%	35.3%	40.8%	45.7%	26.7%	33.3%	44.9%	47.9%
	Don't Know	127	0	35	0	28	10	8	1	5	35	5
		12.7%	0.0%	12.9%	0.0%	15.0%	14.1%	9.9%	6.7%	27.8%	11.5%	10.4%
Currently, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering numerous tort reform bills to address medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Do you think we need tort reform in North Carolina or do you believe our current system is adequate?	Favorable	350	0	75	1	59	32	33	5	6	120	19
		35.0%	0.0%	27.7%	33.3%	31.6%	45.1%	40.7%	33.3%	33.3%	39.3%	39.6%
	Unfavorable	496	0	151	1	94	30	37	7	9	141	26
		49.6%	0.0%	55.7%	33.3%	50.3%	42.3%	45.7%	46.7%	50.0%	46.2%	54.2%
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		15.4%	100.0%	16.6%	33.3%	18.2%	12.7%	13.6%	20.0%	16.7%	14.4%	6.3%
	Need Reform	546	0	151	0	104	41	40	7	9	167	27
		54.6%	0.0%	55.7%	0.0%	55.6%	57.7%	49.4%	46.7%	50.0%	54.8%	56.3%
Currently, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering numerous tort reform bills to address medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Do you think we need tort reform in North Carolina or do you believe our current system is adequate?	Current System Adequate	197	0	52	1	35	10	20	2	4	68	5
		19.7%	0.0%	19.2%	33.3%	18.7%	14.1%	24.7%	13.3%	22.2%	22.3%	10.4%
	Not Sure	257	1	68	2	48	20	21	6	5	70	16
		25.7%	100.0%	25.1%	66.7%	25.7%	28.2%	25.9%	40.0%	27.8%	23.0%	33.3%

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<p>Just recently, the North Carolina Senate passed medical malpractice reform that gave immunity from malpractice lawsuits to emergency room doctors in most if not all cases. Do you think giving emergency room doctors immunity from medical malpractice suits even in cases where severe injuries or loss of life has occurred is fair and about right to address the issue or do you think this reform goes too far?</p>	About Right	253	34	103	116	69	154	30	
		25.3%	19.1%	25.3%	28.0%	17.0%	35.4%	18.8%	
	Goes Too Far	593	119	245	229	281	211	101	
		59.3%	66.9%	60.2%	55.2%	69.4%	48.5%	63.1%	
	Not Sure	154	25	59	70	55	70	29	
		15.4%	14.0%	14.5%	16.9%	13.6%	16.1%	18.1%	
	<p>Currently under NC law, if a child is injured in child birth, the child has until about their 21st birthday to file any claim. The legislature is considering a law that would shorten the time frame to within 10 years of the child's birth. Do you think shortening the time frame to bring lawsuits resulting from birth injuries from about age 21 to age 10 is about right or does this go too far?</p>	About Right	562	80	219	263	186	293	83
			56.2%	44.9%	53.8%	63.4%	45.9%	67.4%	51.9%
		Goes Too Far	308	72	134	102	167	87	54
		30.8%	40.4%	32.9%	24.6%	41.2%	20.0%	33.8%	
Not Sure		130	26	54	50	52	55	23	
		13.0%	14.6%	13.3%	12.0%	12.8%	12.6%	14.4%	
<p>Currently in a lawsuit, the defendant cannot get a credit for any health or disability insurance that the injured party may have. The legislature is considering a law that would allow the defendant to take credit for the injured party's insurance thereby reducing the amount of damages that the defendant has to pay. Do you think a law allowing the defendant to take credit for the insurance paid for by the injured person is about right or goes too far?</p>		About Right	289	52	117	120	102	157	30
			28.9%	29.2%	28.7%	28.9%	25.2%	36.1%	18.8%
		Goes Too Far	405	72	172	161	191	148	66
		40.5%	40.4%	42.3%	38.8%	47.2%	34.0%	41.3%	
	Not Sure	306	54	118	134	112	130	64	
		30.6%	30.3%	29.0%	32.3%	27.7%	29.9%	40.0%	

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		25.3%	19.6%	31.6%	19.9%	30.1%	29.6%
	Goes Too Far	593	329	264	309	174	110
		59.3%	62.5%	55.7%	66.9%	51.9%	54.2%
	Not Sure	154	94	60	61	60	33
		15.4%	17.9%	12.7%	13.2%	17.9%	16.3%
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		56.2%	52.3%	60.5%	49.1%	61.2%	64.0%
	Goes Too Far	308	178	130	178	79	51
		30.8%	33.8%	27.4%	38.5%	23.6%	25.1%
	Not Sure	130	73	57	57	51	22
		13.0%	13.9%	12.0%	12.3%	15.2%	10.8%
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		28.9%	23.8%	34.6%	26.8%	30.1%	31.5%
	Goes Too Far	405	221	184	209	120	76
		40.5%	42.0%	38.8%	45.2%	35.8%	37.4%
	Not Sure	306	180	126	129	114	63
		30.6%	34.2%	26.6%	27.9%	34.0%	31.0%

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		25.3%	27.8%	15.2%	33.3%	20.0%	32.4%	29.2%	25.1%	23.0%	28.3%	24.9%
	Goes Too Far	593	424	149	4	1	15	34	122	205	115	117
		59.3%	56.9%	71.0%	66.7%	20.0%	44.1%	47.2%	55.7%	65.5%	60.2%	57.1%
	Not Sure	154	114	29	0	3	8	17	42	36	22	37
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		56.2%	59.2%	47.6%	66.7%	60.0%	41.2%	44.4%	62.1%	55.3%	59.7%	52.2%
	Goes Too Far	308	207	84	2	1	14	26	57	101	59	65
		30.8%	27.8%	40.0%	33.3%	20.0%	41.2%	36.1%	26.0%	32.3%	30.9%	31.7%
	Not Sure	130	97	26	0	1	6	14	26	39	18	33
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		28.9%	30.1%	23.8%	33.3%	0.0%	38.2%	34.7%	26.0%	27.8%	29.3%	31.2%
	Goes Too Far	405	290	104	1	3	7	24	80	141	81	79
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		25.3%	0.0%	24.7%	33.3%	24.1%	31.0%	34.6%	26.7%	33.3%	22.6%	22.9%
	Goes Too Far	593	1	162	2	113	38	37	8	9	194	29
		59.3%	100.0%	59.8%	66.7%	60.4%	53.5%	45.7%	53.3%	50.0%	63.6%	60.4%
	Not Sure	154	0	42	0	29	11	16	3	3	42	8
		15.4%	0.0%	15.5%	0.0%	15.5%	15.5%	19.8%	20.0%	16.7%	13.8%	16.7%
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		56.2%	100.0%	59.8%	100.0%	53.5%	52.1%	50.6%	53.3%	72.2%	56.1%	54.2%
	Goes Too Far	308	0	69	0	62	27	33	5	3	94	15
		30.8%	0.0%	25.5%	0.0%	33.2%	38.0%	40.7%	33.3%	16.7%	30.8%	31.3%
	Not Sure	130	0	40	0	25	7	7	2	2	40	7
		13.0%	0.0%	14.8%	0.0%	13.4%	9.9%	8.6%	13.3%	11.1%	13.1%	14.6%
Currently in a lawsuit, the defendant cannot get a credit for any health or disability insurance that the injured party may have. The legislature is considering a law that would allow the defendant to take credit for the injured party's insurance thereby reducing the amount of damages that the defendant has to pay. Do you think a law allowing the defendant to take credit for the insurance paid for by the injured person is about right or goes too far?	About Right	289	0	76	0	51	25	24	3	7	96	7
		28.9%	0.0%	28.0%	0.0%	27.3%	35.2%	29.6%	20.0%	38.9%	31.5%	14.6%
	Goes Too Far	405	1	117	0	86	30	24	5	8	116	18
		40.5%	100.0%	43.2%	0.0%	46.0%	42.3%	29.6%	33.3%	44.4%	38.0%	37.5%
	Not Sure	306	0	78	3	50	16	33	7	3	93	23
		30.6%	0.0%	28.8%	100.0%	26.7%	22.5%	40.7%	46.7%	16.7%	30.5%	47.9%