

# North Carolina Republican Attorneys Association

## March 2011 Statewide Survey

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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?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Likely	976	97.6	97.6	97.6
	Somewhat Likely	24	2.4	2.4	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**In general, do you believe that North Carolina is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Right Direction	290	29.0	29.0	29.0
	Wrong Direction	481	48.1	48.1	77.1
	Not Sure	229	22.9	22.9	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Republican Party?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	477	47.7	47.7	47.7
	Unfavorable	396	39.6	39.6	87.3
	Don't Know	127	12.7	12.7	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of The Democratic Party?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Favorable	350	35.0	35.0	35.0
	Unfavorable	496	49.6	49.6	84.6
	Don't Know	154	15.4	15.4	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**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?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Need Reform	546	54.6	54.6	54.6
	Current System Adequate	197	19.7	19.7	74.3
	Not Sure	257	25.7	25.7	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

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**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?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	About Right	253	25.3	25.3	25.3
	Goes Too Far	593	59.3	59.3	84.6
	Not Sure	154	15.4	15.4	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**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?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	About Right	562	56.2	56.2	56.2
	Goes Too Far	308	30.8	30.8	87.0
	Not Sure	130	13.0	13.0	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**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?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	About Right	289	28.9	28.9	28.9
	Goes Too Far	405	40.5	40.5	69.4
	Not Sure	306	30.6	30.6	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

**Do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate or conservative in your political beliefs?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Liberal	178	17.8	17.8	17.8
	Moderate	407	40.7	40.7	58.5
	Conservative	415	41.5	41.5	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

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

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democratic	405	40.5	40.5	40.5
	Republican	435	43.5	43.5	84.0
	Undecided	160	16.0	16.0	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

### Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	526	52.6	52.6	52.6
	Male	474	47.4	47.4	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

### Party Registration

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	462	46.2	46.2	46.2
	Republican	335	33.5	33.5	79.7
	Unaffiliated	203	20.3	20.3	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

### Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White	745	74.5	74.5	74.5
	African-American	210	21.0	21.0	95.5
	Hispanic	6	.6	.6	96.1
	Asian	5	.5	.5	96.6
	Other	34	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

### Age Category

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18 to 25	72	7.2	7.2	7.2
	26 to 40	219	21.9	21.9	29.1
	41 to 55	313	31.3	31.3	60.4
	56 to 65	191	19.1	19.1	79.5
	Over 65	205	20.5	20.5	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	

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### Media Market

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Atlanta	1	.1	.1	.1
	Charlotte	271	27.1	27.1	27.2
	Chattanooga	3	.3	.3	27.5
	Greensboro-H.Point-W.Salem	187	18.7	18.7	46.2
	Greenville-N.Bern-Washington	71	7.1	7.1	53.3
	Greenville-Spartanburg-Asheville	81	8.1	8.1	61.4
	Myrtle Beach-Florence	15	1.5	1.5	62.9
	Norfolk-Portsmouth-NewportNews	18	1.8	1.8	64.7
	Raleigh-Durham	305	30.5	30.5	95.2
	Wilmington	48	4.8	4.8	100.0
	Total	1000	100.0	100.0	