

# Survey of North Carolina Adults March 3-11, 2025

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Target population: North Carolina adults, age 18 and older

Sample size: 800

Margin of error: +/-4.04 % (adjusted for weights)

Survey mode: Online, web-based survey, self-administered with online panels

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non-partisan public resource

#### Methodology

YouGov interviewed 1,050 respondents from North Carolina who were then matched down to a sample of 800 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of North Carolina adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and home ownership. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 and 2024 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (2-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

**Data Quality checks:** The survey included three attention checks, one open end, one grid item and one multiple select. All three were used in combination when cleaning the data removing anyone who failed two or more attention checks. The top 2% of speeders and skippers were also removed from the data.

**Critical Mass for Crosstabs:** All crosstabs must have at least 60 unweighted respondents per column in order to report their results. Every crosstab result reported in the release appears in the crosstabs.

**Transparency:** The Elon University Poll is a charter member of the Transparency Initiative, a program created by the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) in 2014 to educate polling firms on ways to better share how they collect and interpret their information. The Elon Poll's voluntary participation in this initiative signifies a willingness to clearly state in its reports how questions were asked, in what order, who funded the poll and then conducted it, and a definition of the population under study, among other details.

#### **Executive Summary**

North Carolinians do not favor elimination or major cutbacks at 14 federal agencies targeted for reduction by President Donald Trump's administration and its Department of Government Efficiency, based on findings from the latest survey by the Elon University Poll.

The survey conducted March 3-11, 2025, gathered opinions from a representative sample of 800 North Carolina adults and has a margin of error of +/- 4.04%.

#### Federal agency cuts

When asked about funding for 14 specific federal agencies, a plurality of North Carolinians said they favor only minor reductions or no change at **all of them**. For half the agencies, poll respondents said they would support **increased funding**, rather than reductions or elimination.

For the **U.S. Department of Education**, 33% favored increased funding, compared with 25% who favor elimination or major reductions at the department. Similarly, 35% backed more funding for the **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**, compared with only 10% who favor major reductions.

There was also little support (less than 20%) for major reductions or elimination of NOAA (National Weather Service), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Defense Department, Department of Justice, Centers for Disease Control, Department of the Interior, National Institutes of Health and the FBI.

Federal agency	Eliminate or major reduction	Minor reduction or no change	Increase in funding
Internal Revenue Service	31%	40%	13%
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)	30%	36%	15%
U.S. Department of Education	25%	30%	33%
Public Broadcasting (PBS, NPR)	24%	39%	18%
Environmental Protection Agency	23%	38%	23%
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	19%	51%	13%
National Institutes of Health	19%	35%	29%
Centers for Disease Control	17%	38%	29%
U.S. Department of the Interior	19%	44%	10%
U.S. Department of Justice	16%	52%	12%
U.S. Department of Defense/Pentagon	13%	48%	22%
U.S. Department of Agriculture	13%	47%	23%
NOAA (National Weather Service)	13%	52%	19%
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	10%	42%	35%

In general, Republicans were more in favor of major cutbacks, with 41% of Republicans favoring the elimination of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), compared with only 2% of Democrats. Similarly, 38% of Republicans favored elimination of the U.S. Department of Education and 30% favored elimination of public broadcasting (PBS and NPR), compared with 2% of Democrats favoring elimination of either of those agencies.

Democrats were more likely to favor no change in agencies, or even an increase in funding, with 51% favoring an increase in U.S. Department of Education funding (compared with 16% of Republicans favoring increased funding), and 51% favoring increased funding for the Centers for Disease Control (compared with 10% of Republicans favoring increased funding).

Both Democrats and Republicans favored increased funding for the Department of Veterans affairs, including 43% of Democrats and 30% of Republicans.

In assessing the impact of a reduction in federal spending and federal employees and the elimination of research grants, 44% said there will be a very or somewhat **negative impact in North Carolina**, compared with 34% who expect a positive impact. A large majority of Democrats (76%) expect a negative impact from federal spending cuts, compared with 64% of Republicans who expect a positive impact.

Assessing the work of **DOGE and Elon Musk**, 51% said they distrust that he is working in the best interests of the public in leading efforts to promote government efficiency, compared with 40% who expressed trust in his efforts. Among Democrats, 85% said

they completely or somewhat **distrust** Musk, compared with 76% of Republicans who completely or somewhat **trust** him.

Only 34% of poll respondents said that there will be a major reduction in overall spending within a few years; 45% expect no change or a minor reduction in overall spending, with 21% expecting that government spending will increase within a few years.

Half of North Carolinians support Attorney General Jeff Jackson's decision to join attorneys general from 18 other states in filing a lawsuit to stop DOGE from accessing U.S. Treasury Department records that contain personal information on millions of Americans, with 28% opposing Jackson's decision and 22% unsure.

#### **Immigration**

North Carolinians are evenly split about the impact of the Trump administration's actions to deport immigrants who are in the United State illegally. Roughly equal numbers expect positive and negative impacts on the nation's economy, their own community's economy and their local workforce resulting from the deportations.

For instance, 38% of state residents said the impact of the Trump administration's plan to deport undocumented immigrants will have a very or somewhat positive impact on the local workforce where they live, while 37% said the impact would be negative; 9% said there would be no impact and 15% said they were unsure.

Poll respondents were split on whether state, county and local law enforcement agencies and officers should assist federal immigration and customs enforcement (ICE) officers in enforcing federal immigration laws in churches, schools and hospitals. Opposing local assistance were 41% of poll respondents, with 40% favoring local assistance and 19% unsure.

This poll found that 63% would support a program to provide undocumented immigrants living in the United States with a **pathway to become citizens** if they meet certain requirements, such as a background check and paying any fines and taxes. That's a reduction in support from a 2013 Elon University Poll when 80% supported providing undocumented immigrants with a pathway to citizenship.

In comparing attitudes toward immigrants between an Elon University 2013 poll and today, the findings are very similar. In both polls, 51% said immigrants are a benefit to North Carolina because of their hard work and job skills. In 2013, 37% said immigrants are a burden in the state because they use public services, but that percentage has dropped to 31% in the 2025 Elon University Poll.

#### Trump job approval

In the Elon University Poll's first measure of Trump's job approval ratings for his second term in office, 45% of North Carolinians disapproved of his job performance with 42% approving. Trump's disapproval ratings were highest among Democrats (87%), Blacks (74%), women (51%) and those with four-year college degrees (51%). Trump's approval ratings were highest among Republicans (83%), whites (52%) and men (51%).

Trump's approval numbers are the same as they were in the Elon University Poll's <u>first survey after he took office in 2017</u>, but his disapproval numbers are slightly better for him now. In that April 2017 poll, 51% of North Carolinians disapproved of Trump's job performance; 42% approved of his performance at that time.

#### **About the Elon University Poll**

The Elon University Poll is an academic, non-partisan survey research organization and does not engage or work with any political candidates or parties. The Elon Poll conducts statewide, regional and national surveys on issues of importance to North Carolinians as well as other states. Information from these polls is shared with media, citizens and public officials to facilitate informed public policy-making through the better understanding of citizens' opinions and attitudes.

The Elon University Poll is directed by Dr. Jason Husser, assistant provost for academic excellence and integrity and professor of political science and public policy. He has worked with the Elon Poll since 2012. Husser holds a doctorate in political science from Vanderbilt University and researches American political behavior and survey methodology.

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#### 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President of the United States?

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Approve	42%	51%	34%	37%	46%	43%	39%	
Disapprove	45%	38%	51%	47%	44%	42%	51%	
Unsure	13%	11%	15%	17%	10%	15%	9%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Approve	42%	52%	13%	38%	38%	45%	45%	6%	83%	27%
Disapprove	45%	38%	74%	33%	46%	44%	46%	87%	6%	45%
Unsure	13%	10%	13%	29%	16%	11%	10%	6%	11%	28%





#### 3. What will be the impact on our nation's economy from the Trump administration's actions to deport immigrants who are in the United States illegally?

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Very positive	27%	30%	24%	19%	33%	30%	22%	
Somewhat positive	17%	19%	15%	19%	15%	16%	18%	
Somewhat negative	14%	15%	12%	16%	12%	14%	13%	
Very negative	28%	24%	33%	28%	29%	26%	34%	
No impact	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	
Unsure	11%	8%	13%	13%	9%	11%	10%	

		Ra	ce		Income				Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent	
Very positive	27%	34%	7%	27%	27%	27%	30%	3%	55%	16%	
Somewhat positive	17%	20%	13%	10%	16%	16%	24%	8%	26%	17%	
Somewhat negative	14%	11%	19%	16%	13%	14%	13%	24%	5%	11%	
Very negative	28%	23%	45%	28%	29%	32%	25%	56%	4%	26%	
No impact	3%	2%	4%	6%	4%	2%	3%	1%	3%	7%	
Unsure	11%	10%	12%	14%	12%	9%	5%	7%	7%	24%	

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## 4. What will be the impact on your community's economy from the Trump administration's actions to deport immigrants who are in the United States illegally?

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Very positive	24%	26%	23%	17%	31%	26%	20%	
Somewhat positive	15%	20%	11%	18%	12%	14%	17%	
Somewhat negative	17%	20%	15%	19%	15%	16%	19%	
Very negative	21%	17%	25%	23%	20%	20%	24%	
No impact	8%	7%	8%	10%	6%	7%	9%	
Unsure	15%	11%	18%	14%	16%	17%	11%	

		Ra	Race		Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very positive	24%	31%	10%	17%	23%	25%	29%	4%	49%	13%
Somewhat positive	15%	17%	11%	13%	14%	17%	19%	7%	23%	12%
Somewhat negative	17%	17%	19%	13%	18%	17%	15%	30%	7%	14%
Very negative	21%	15%	35%	27%	20%	22%	21%	41%	3%	20%
No impact	8%	7%	7%	12%	8%	6%	9%	4%	9%	13%
Unsure	15%	13%	17%	18%	18%	14%	7%	14%	8%	28%

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#### 5. What will be the impact on your local workforce from the Trump administration's actions to deport immigrants who are in the United States illegally?

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Very positive	23%	27%	19%	16%	29%	26%	17%	
Somewhat positive	15%	17%	13%	18%	12%	14%	15%	
Somewhat negative	15%	16%	14%	16%	14%	12%	20%	
Very negative	22%	18%	26%	23%	22%	21%	25%	
No impact	9%	11%	8%	11%	8%	9%	9%	
Unsure	15%	11%	20%	16%	15%	17%	13%	

		Race			Income				Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent	
Very positive	23%	29%	9%	19%	22%	25%	23%	5%	45%	15%	
Somewhat positive	15%	16%	10%	13%	12%	14%	22%	6%	23%	14%	
Somewhat negative	15%	16%	15%	12%	12%	16%	19%	23%	9%	13%	
Very negative	22%	18%	33%	27%	24%	24%	18%	44%	3%	20%	
No impact	9%	8%	12%	10%	11%	10%	8%	8%	9%	15%	
Unsure	15%	13%	20%	19%	18%	11%	10%	14%	10%	23%	

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#### 6. Please indicate which of these statements comes closest to your own view, even if neither is exactly right:

		Ge	nder	Ag	ge	Educa	ation
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree
Immigrants are a benefit to North Carolina Immigrants are a burden to North	51%	52%	49%	54%	47%	46%	61%
Carolina Unsure	31% 18%	33% 14%	29% 22%	22% 23%	38% 14%	34% 20%	25% 14%

		Ra	ce			Income		Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Immigrants are a benefit to North Carolina	51%	47%	63%	50%	46%	54%	56%	81%	25%	45%
Immigrants are a burden to North	/0	,•		22,0			22,0		-570	,0
Carolina	31%	38%	14%	23%	33%	33%	29%	8%	57%	27%
Unsure	18%	15%	23%	27%	21%	13%	14%	10%	18%	28%

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## 7. Would you support or oppose a program that provided undocumented immigrants living in the United States a pathway to become citizens if they meet certain requirements, such as a background check and paying any fines and taxes?

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Support	63%	60%	65%	67%	59%	57%	73%	
Oppose	19%	25%	13%	13%	24%	20%	15%	
Don't know	10%	8%	11%	8%	11%	11%	7%	
No opinion	9%	7%	11%	12%	7%	11%	5%	

		Ra	Race		Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Support	63%	64%	65%	53%	56%	71%	68%	81%	48%	59%
Oppose	19%	21%	14%	16%	18%	16%	25%	8%	32%	13%
Don't know	10%	11%	7%	6%	13%	8%	6%	6%	12%	11%
No opinion	9%	4%	14%	26%	13%	5%	2%	5%	8%	17%

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## 8. Should state, county and local law enforcement agencies and officers assist federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers in enforcing federal immigration laws in churches, schools and hospitals?

		Ge	nder	Ag	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Yes	40%	48%	32%	33%	46%	40%	39%	
No	41%	37%	45%	46%	37%	38%	48%	
Unsure	19%	15%	23%	21%	18%	22%	13%	

		Race				Income		Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	40%	50%	18%	24%	33%	47%	45%	12%	72%	31%
No	41%	35%	53%	54%	41%	40%	44%	72%	16%	33%
Unsure	19%	15%	30%	22%	26%	13%	12%	15%	12%	36%

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16. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

		Ge	nder	Αç	je	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	21%	27%	16%	11%	30%	20%	22%	
Major reduction	9%	9%	10%	8%	10%	8%	11%	
Minor reduction	13%	15%	11%	14%	12%	14%	11%	
No change	23%	21%	25%	25%	22%	22%	26%	
Increase in funding	15%	15%	14%	17%	13%	12%	20%	
Unsure	19%	14%	24%	27%	13%	24%	11%	

		Ra	ce			Income			Leaned Party I	D
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	21%	27%	6%	15%	18%	21%	29%	2%	41%	19%
Major reduction	9%	11%	5%	8%	9%	10%	9%	3%	16%	9%
Minor reduction	13%	15%	10%	8%	12%	15%	13%	11%	16%	10%
No change	23%	21%	32%	22%	23%	25%	26%	40%	9%	19%
Increase in funding	15%	13%	24%	12%	12%	14%	14%	30%	4%	7%
Unsure	19%	15%	23%	35%	26%	15%	9%	14%	15%	36%

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17. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Department of Education

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	18%	21%	15%	10%	25%	16%	22%	
Major reduction	7%	8%	6%	4%	10%	6%	9%	
Minor reduction	11%	14%	7%	11%	10%	11%	11%	
No change	19%	18%	19%	17%	20%	19%	18%	
Increase in funding	33%	28%	37%	40%	27%	32%	34%	
Unsure	12%	11%	14%	18%	8%	16%	6%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	18%	23%	2%	15%	14%	19%	26%	2%	38%	9%
Major reduction	7%	9%	4%	5%	5%	8%	11%	2%	13%	4%
Minor reduction	11%	11%	10%	8%	11%	13%	10%	8%	12%	11%
No change	19%	19%	24%	11%	20%	16%	20%	30%	10%	17%
Increase in funding	33%	30%	43%	34%	32%	39%	30%	51%	16%	33%
Unsure	12%	8%	17%	27%	19%	6%	3%	6%	10%	24%

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18. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Department of Defense / Pentagon

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	
Major reduction	11%	14%	9%	9%	13%	11%	12%	
Minor reduction	21%	24%	18%	18%	24%	16%	32%	
No change	27%	21%	31%	28%	26%	26%	28%	
Increase in funding	22%	26%	19%	19%	25%	24%	18%	
Unsure	17%	12%	21%	23%	12%	21%	10%	

		Ra	Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent	
Eliminate this agency	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
Major reduction	11%	14%	5%	6%	11%	12%	12%	8%	15%	12%	
Minor reduction	21%	25%	11%	16%	17%	20%	32%	21%	26%	13%	
No change	27%	26%	30%	26%	25%	28%	32%	35%	19%	27%	
Increase in funding	22%	22%	29%	14%	22%	27%	17%	23%	24%	17%	
Unsure	17%	12%	20%	37%	23%	12%	5%	11%	15%	29%	

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19. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	10%	12%	8%	6%	14%	11%	8%	
Major reduction	13%	17%	9%	11%	15%	12%	16%	
Minor reduction	16%	18%	13%	13%	18%	16%	16%	
No change	22%	18%	25%	19%	24%	21%	22%	
Increase in funding	23%	23%	24%	30%	18%	20%	29%	
Unsure	16%	12%	21%	22%	12%	20%	9%	

		Ra	се	Income			Leaned Party ID			
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	10%	11%	4%	14%	7%	11%	14%	3%	19%	6%
Major reduction	13%	17%	6%	6%	10%	13%	19%	3%	26%	7%
Minor reduction	16%	19%	8%	14%	18%	17%	13%	8%	24%	16%
No change	22%	21%	27%	16%	23%	23%	19%	32%	11%	26%
Increase in funding	23%	21%	30%	23%	19%	26%	27%	45%	7%	12%
Unsure	16%	12%	25%	27%	23%	9%	7%	10%	13%	33%

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20. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – Centers for Disease Control

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	
Major reduction	13%	14%	13%	12%	14%	12%	17%	
Minor reduction	14%	18%	11%	9%	19%	14%	15%	
No change	24%	23%	25%	23%	25%	23%	26%	
Increase in funding	29%	29%	29%	31%	27%	27%	32%	
Unsure	15%	12%	18%	22%	10%	19%	8%	

		Ra	ce			Income			Leaned Party I	D
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	5%	2%	7%	4%
Major reduction	13%	16%	6%	13%	8%	17%	21%	4%	27%	5%
Minor reduction	14%	18%	6%	11%	12%	18%	14%	6%	22%	17%
No change	24%	25%	26%	17%	23%	22%	29%	30%	19%	25%
Increase in funding	29%	26%	41%	26%	30%	30%	25%	51%	10%	22%
Unsure	15%	11%	17%	31%	22%	10%	7%	7%	16%	26%

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21. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Department of Justice

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	
Major reduction	13%	16%	12%	11%	16%	13%	15%	
Minor reduction	20%	26%	15%	18%	22%	19%	22%	
No change	32%	29%	35%	31%	34%	30%	38%	
Increase in funding	12%	13%	10%	14%	10%	12%	11%	
Unsure	20%	12%	26%	24%	16%	23%	13%	

		Ra	ce			Income			Leaned Party I	ID
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%	3%
Major reduction	13%	16%	7%	12%	11%	14%	16%	4%	25%	7%
Minor reduction	20%	22%	18%	13%	17%	24%	23%	13%	28%	20%
No change	32%	33%	35%	22%	29%	33%	40%	49%	19%	29%
Increase in funding	12%	9%	18%	14%	13%	13%	9%	21%	6%	6%
Unsure	20%	17%	20%	34%	28%	14%	8%	11%	18%	35%

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22. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	5%	7%	3%	6%	4%	6%	3%	
Major reduction	14%	16%	13%	10%	18%	14%	15%	
Minor reduction	19%	23%	16%	17%	21%	19%	20%	
No change	32%	28%	36%	30%	34%	28%	41%	
Increase in funding	13%	13%	13%	12%	13%	14%	10%	
Unsure	16%	13%	19%	24%	10%	19%	11%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	7%	5%	2%	9%	5%
Major reduction	14%	18%	4%	11%	12%	16%	15%	3%	25%	16%
Minor reduction	19%	21%	16%	14%	19%	16%	28%	12%	30%	13%
No change	32%	33%	34%	24%	31%	36%	34%	52%	16%	28%
Increase in funding	13%	10%	23%	9%	13%	12%	12%	19%	9%	7%
Unsure	16%	11%	19%	37%	21%	13%	6%	12%	12%	29%

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23. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	
Major reduction	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%	7%	9%	
Minor reduction	11%	13%	8%	11%	11%	10%	12%	
No change	31%	29%	33%	27%	34%	30%	32%	
Increase in funding	35%	37%	34%	33%	37%	35%	36%	
Unsure	13%	10%	16%	20%	8%	15%	10%	

		Race				Income		Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%
Major reduction	8%	10%	4%	6%	5%	8%	14%	2%	16%	2%
Minor reduction	11%	11%	10%	10%	9%	12%	15%	7%	16%	9%
No change	31%	31%	33%	26%	28%	28%	36%	38%	26%	28%
Increase in funding	35%	37%	34%	31%	38%	39%	29%	43%	30%	32%
Unsure	13%	10%	16%	27%	19%	10%	5%	8%	10%	27%

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24. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Department of the Interior

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	3%	
Major reduction	12%	15%	10%	10%	15%	11%	15%	
Minor reduction	20%	25%	15%	14%	25%	19%	21%	
No change	24%	24%	24%	26%	23%	22%	28%	
Increase in funding	10%	11%	8%	12%	8%	9%	12%	
Unsure	29%	19%	37%	33%	25%	33%	20%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	5%	4%	2%	11%	4%	4%	6%	1%	8%	5%
Major reduction	12%	15%	7%	7%	8%	16%	17%	5%	21%	12%
Minor reduction	20%	22%	13%	22%	20%	19%	22%	11%	29%	18%
No change	24%	24%	32%	12%	22%	29%	24%	46%	9%	16%
Increase in funding	10%	8%	16%	10%	9%	8%	13%	17%	5%	5%
Unsure	29%	27%	30%	38%	37%	23%	17%	20%	28%	44%

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25. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – U.S. Department of Agriculture

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	
Major reduction	10%	12%	7%	8%	11%	9%	12%	
Minor reduction	17%	20%	14%	13%	21%	15%	21%	
No change	30%	27%	32%	27%	31%	27%	36%	
Increase in funding	23%	23%	23%	26%	20%	24%	20%	
Unsure	18%	14%	22%	24%	14%	22%	11%	

		Ra	Race		Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	5%	1%	5%	2%
Major reduction	10%	12%	6%	6%	8%	11%	15%	3%	19%	3%
Minor reduction	17%	19%	13%	15%	17%	14%	23%	11%	24%	15%
No change	30%	32%	25%	24%	26%	33%	35%	40%	21%	28%
Increase in funding	23%	20%	33%	20%	24%	24%	14%	32%	14%	21%
Unsure	18%	15%	21%	31%	23%	15%	7%	12%	17%	29%

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26. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – Internal Revenue Service

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	15%	18%	13%	11%	19%	17%	13%	
Major reduction	16%	15%	17%	10%	21%	13%	22%	
Minor reduction	15%	16%	13%	17%	13%	16%	13%	
No change	25%	22%	27%	22%	27%	24%	27%	
Increase in funding	13%	14%	11%	15%	10%	11%	16%	
Unsure	17%	14%	20%	24%	10%	21%	9%	

		Ra	ce		Income				Leaned Party I	D
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	15%	19%	5%	14%	14%	21%	12%	4%	26%	17%
Major reduction	16%	21%	8%	4%	13%	13%	24%	5%	28%	13%
Minor reduction	15%	15%	15%	13%	12%	14%	21%	14%	19%	10%
No change	25%	23%	33%	23%	26%	25%	22%	41%	9%	27%
Increase in funding	13%	11%	18%	9%	11%	16%	14%	23%	6%	6%
Unsure	17%	11%	22%	37%	24%	12%	6%	14%	12%	28%

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27. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – NOAA (National Weather Service)

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	
Major reduction	10%	12%	8%	8%	11%	8%	13%	
Minor reduction	18%	20%	17%	14%	22%	17%	20%	
No change	34%	29%	38%	29%	38%	33%	35%	
Increase in funding	19%	25%	14%	24%	14%	18%	21%	
Unsure	16%	11%	21%	22%	11%	20%	9%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	3%	3%	2%	8%	3%	3%	3%	1%	6%	4%
Major reduction	10%	12%	4%	10%	7%	12%	14%	2%	18%	8%
Minor reduction	18%	20%	12%	18%	22%	13%	22%	10%	25%	22%
No change	34%	37%	34%	17%	31%	36%	38%	47%	25%	27%
Increase in funding	19%	17%	25%	16%	17%	24%	14%	31%	12%	8%
Unsure	16%	11%	22%	31%	21%	11%	9%	9%	13%	31%

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28. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – National Institutes of Health

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Eliminate this agency	7%	9%	5%	6%	8%	7%	6%	
Major reduction	12%	14%	11%	8%	16%	12%	13%	
Minor reduction	12%	17%	8%	9%	14%	11%	14%	
No change	23%	21%	25%	24%	22%	23%	23%	
Increase in funding	29%	28%	29%	32%	26%	27%	33%	
Unsure	17%	12%	21%	21%	14%	20%	11%	

		Ra	ce		Income				Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent	
Eliminate this agency	7%	8%	2%	7%	6%	6%	10%	1%	14%	4%	
Major reduction	12%	16%	4%	10%	10%	15%	12%	4%	23%	8%	
Minor reduction	12%	14%	9%	10%	11%	13%	14%	5%	21%	10%	
No change	23%	23%	31%	14%	20%	23%	29%	32%	14%	27%	
Increase in funding	29%	26%	35%	31%	31%	29%	25%	49%	12%	21%	
Unsure	17%	14%	19%	30%	21%	14%	10%	10%	16%	31%	

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29. Elon Musk and others in the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) created by President Trump are proposing major employee cuts or even the elimination of several government agencies. Which actions do you favor for the following agencies and organizations? – Public broadcasting (PBS, NPR)

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Educa	ition
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree
Eliminate this agency	15%	18%	12%	9%	20%	13%	19%
Major reduction	9%	9%	9%	7%	11%	8%	10%
Minor reduction	15%	18%	13%	18%	13%	15%	16%
No change	24%	24%	24%	25%	24%	24%	25%
Increase in funding	18%	17%	19%	19%	18%	17%	21%
Unsure	18%	14%	22%	22%	15%	23%	10%

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Eliminate this agency	15%	18%	5%	14%	10%	15%	24%	2%	30%	9%
Major reduction	9%	11%	2%	8%	8%	11%	9%	2%	18%	4%
Minor reduction	15%	17%	14%	11%	14%	15%	19%	12%	20%	11%
No change	24%	25%	33%	9%	24%	25%	25%	39%	11%	22%
Increase in funding	18%	18%	19%	18%	18%	21%	15%	32%	8%	15%
Unsure	18%	11%	27%	41%	25%	13%	6%	13%	13%	39%

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#### 30. How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Just about always	5%	7%	4%	8%	3%	7%	3%	
Most of the time	15%	18%	13%	19%	13%	15%	16%	
Only some of the time	57%	54%	59%	51%	61%	54%	62%	
Never	23%	21%	24%	23%	23%	24%	19%	

		Ra	ce			Income			Leaned Party	ID
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Just about always	5%	4%	9%	7%	6%	4%	7%	5%	7%	2%
Most of the time	15%	15%	17%	17%	16%	17%	14%	14%	20%	8%
Only some of the time	57%	60%	42%	62%	51%	56%	61%	55%	58%	58%
Never	23%	21%	32%	14%	27%	23%	18%	26%	15%	32%

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31. Do you agree or disagree with North Carolina Attorney General Jeff Jackson's decision to join attorneys general from 18 other states in filing a lawsuit to stop the Department of Government Efficiency from accessing U.S. Treasury Department records that contain personal information on millions of Americans?

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Agree	50%	50%	51%	55%	46%	47%	58%	
Disagree	28%	33%	23%	16%	38%	27%	28%	
Unsure	22%	17%	27%	29%	16%	26%	14%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Agree	50%	48%	66%	35%	46%	57%	53%	78%	30%	40%
Disagree	28%	32%	12%	30%	25%	28%	35%	9%	49%	24%
Unsure	22%	19%	22%	35%	30%	15%	12%	13%	21%	36%

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## 32. What will be the level of impact on North Carolina's economy as a result of the reduction in federal spending, number of federal employees, elimination of research grants and other government activities?

		Ge	nder	Αç	је	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Very positive impact Somewhat positive	12%	16%	8%	11%	12%	11%	13%	
impact Somewhat negative	22%	25%	19%	22%	22%	23%	20%	
impact	15%	18%	13%	15%	16%	17%	12%	
Very negative impact Unsure	29% 22%	24% 17%	34% 27%	29% 24%	29% 21%	24% 25%	39% 15%	

	Total	Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
		White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very positive impact Somewhat positive	12%	14%	8%	7%	9%	16%	13%	5%	23%	3%
impact Somewhat negative	22%	25%	14%	18%	22%	20%	27%	7%	41%	11%
impact	15%	14%	22%	10%	18%	12%	19%	18%	12%	21%
Very negative impact	29%	27%	38%	27%	24%	34%	30%	58%	4%	24%
Unsure	22%	20%	18%	38%	27%	18%	10%	12%	20%	41%

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#### 33. To what extent do you trust Elon Musk to act in the best interests of the public in leading efforts to promote government efficiency?

		Ge	nder	Αç	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Completely trust	19%	23%	15%	13%	24%	20%	17%	
Somewhat trust	21%	27%	15%	22%	20%	20%	22%	
Somewhat distrust	9%	8%	9%	11%	6%	10%	7%	
Completely distrust	42%	36%	48%	41%	43%	40%	47%	
Unsure	9%	5%	13%	13%	6%	11%	7%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Completely trust	19%	24%	7%	14%	15%	21%	23%	3%	41%	5%
Somewhat trust	21%	25%	12%	14%	18%	24%	25%	8%	35%	19%
Somewhat distrust	9%	9%	6%	12%	11%	7%	8%	4%	12%	11%
Completely distrust	42%	37%	63%	39%	42%	43%	41%	81%	8%	41%
Unsure	9%	6%	12%	21%	14%	5%	3%	4%	5%	24%





#### 34. Within a few years, what do you believe will be the end result of the work from Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency?

		Gender		A,	ge	Education		
	Total	Man	Woman	18-44	45+	No 4-Yr Degree	4+ Yr Degree	
Major overall spending								
reductions	34%	38%	31%	26%	41%	33%	36%	
Minor overall spending								
reductions	24%	27%	21%	27%	21%	22%	26%	
No overall change in								
spending	21%	21%	22%	26%	18%	25%	15%	
Increase in government								
spending	21%	14%	27%	21%	21%	20%	23%	

		Race			Income			Leaned Party ID		
	Total	White - Non-Hispanic	Black	Other	LT \$50k	\$50-\$100k	\$100k+	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Major overall spending										
reductions	34%	42%	18%	22%	30%	36%	38%	16%	57%	24%
Minor overall spending										
reductions	24%	25%	23%	17%	21%	23%	30%	23%	28%	18%
No overall change in										
spending	21%	16%	26%	39%	28%	17%	15%	24%	11%	35%
Increase in government										
spending	21%	17%	33%	22%	20%	24%	16%	37%	4%	24%