

MORE THAN 1 IN 3 NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS SUPPORT SECESSION

If Joe Biden assumes the Presidency, more than a third of registered Republicans in North Carolina support seceding from the United States. NC Republicans also believe in widespread voter fraud and support the Trump campaign's litigation efforts.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 7th – the day the Associated Press and other news outlets called the Presidential race in Joe Biden’s favor – Victory Insights collected detailed poll results from a group of more than five hundred and fifty registered Republicans throughout the state of North Carolina. The following report is an overview of our research.

North Carolina has become one of the most talked-about battleground states this election cycle. With approximately 99% of results in, neither the Presidential nor Senatorial races have been called by any major media outlets, though both are currently leaning red.

It is likely, though uncertain, that President Donald Trump will win North Carolina and its 15 electoral votes. However, a consensus has been reached by all major media outlets that Joe Biden will win the Electoral College, regardless of what happens in North Carolina. The Trump campaign has since launched a legal crusade against the battleground states he narrowly lost, alleging widespread voter fraud and election irregularities. But what do Republicans in North Carolina think of all this?

In short, they’re on Trump’s side – overwhelmingly. A whopping 75% of North Carolina Republicans believe that voter fraud played a role in Joe Biden’s projected victory (**Section A**). Accordingly, 74% also believe that President Trump should not concede the election or engage in a peaceful transition of power (**Section B**). Instead, they believe that the Trump campaign should pursue any and all legal actions that might allow him to remain in office. Nearly 90% of those who support Trump’s litigation efforts believe that widespread voter fraud occurred (**Section C**), signaling that if the Trump campaign wants voters to support its long-shot attempt to retain the Presidency, it’s crucial that they demonstrate instances of voter fraud.

To test just how far North Carolina Republicans would go in their support for President Trump, we posed a hypothetical situation: Would you support the state of North Carolina seceding from the rest of the nation if a Biden-Harris presidency is unavoidable?

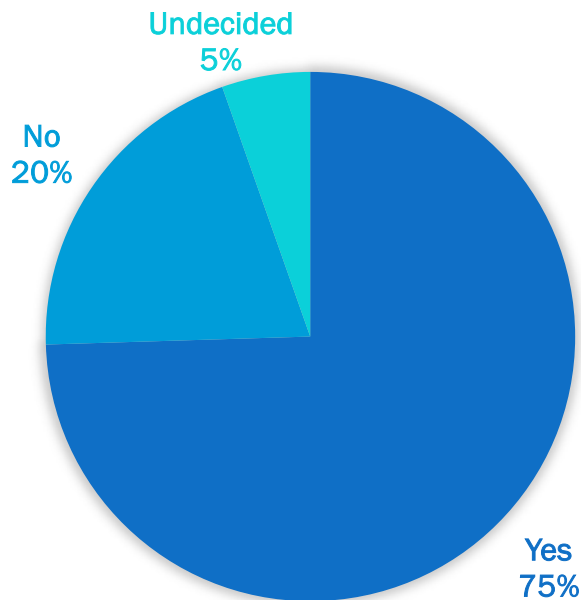
Section D shows that for only 40% of respondents, the answer is no. Conversely, 36% of respondents support secession outright if Biden and Harris take office, and 24% of voters are undecided on the matter. That means that the majority (approximately 60%) of North Carolina Republicans are at least open to the idea of secession.

An identical poll conducted by Victory Insights in Florida’s 19th Congressional District on the same day yielded similar results, suggesting that this trend may not be unique to North Carolina. The Trump campaign has many factors to consider when deciding how to move forward, and while secession may only be a far-fetched hypothetical action, the fact that voters would support such an extreme measure speaks volumes to the party’s loyalty to President Trump.



(A) Voter Fraud Played Role in Joe Biden Victory

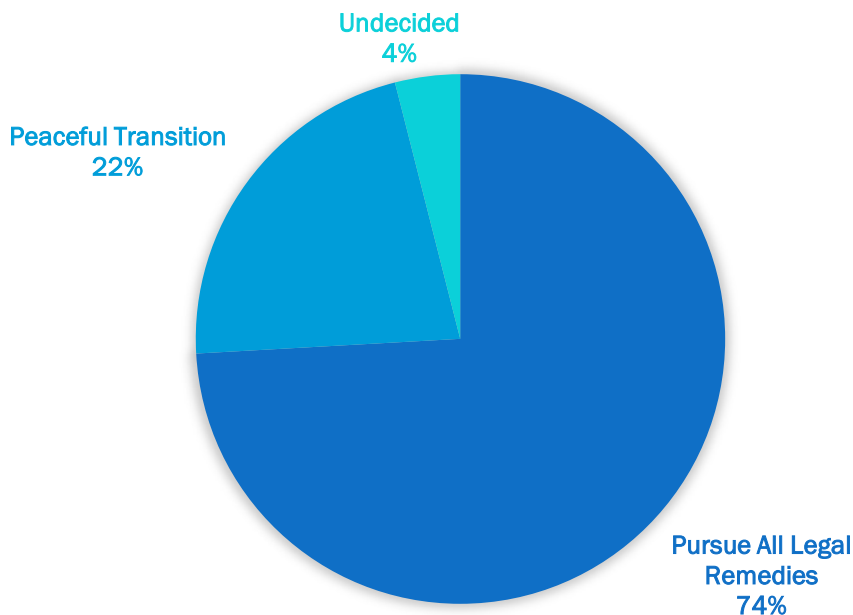
Q: Do you believe that voter fraud played a role in Joe Biden's projected victory in the 2020 Presidential Election?



(B) Accepting the Results of the Election

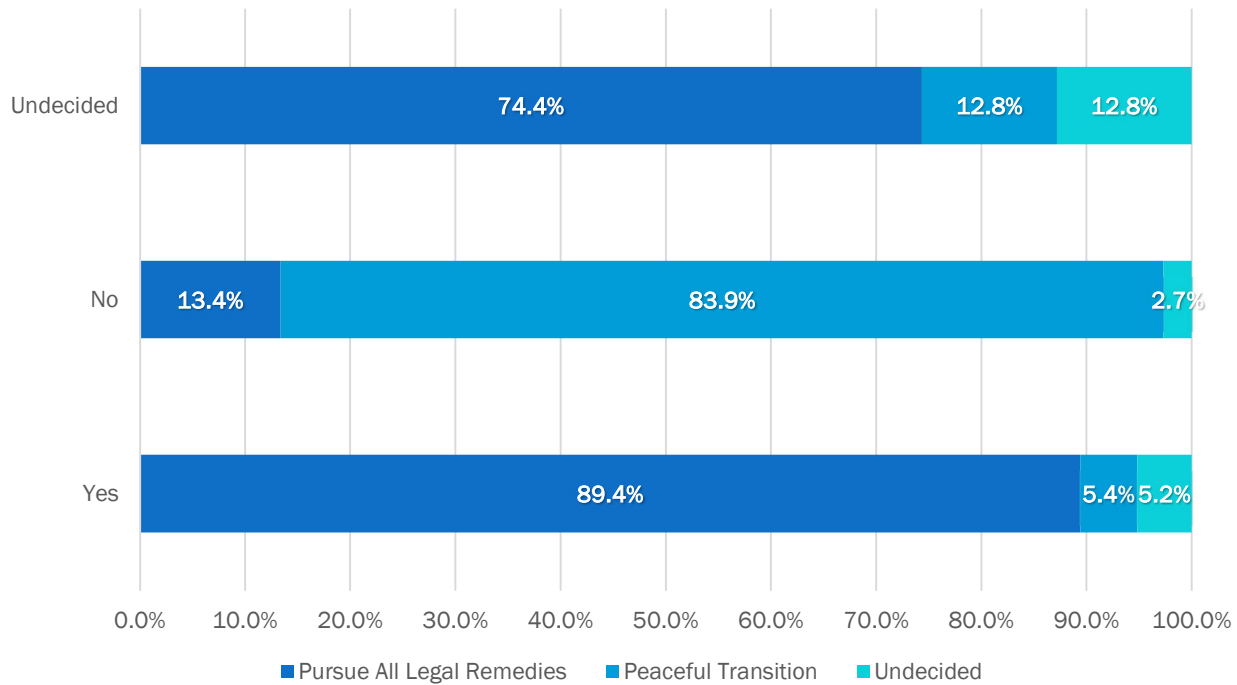
Q: Which of the following statements best describes your position on accepting the results of the 2020 Presidential election?

- **Peaceful Transition:** "President Trump should concede the election to Joe Biden and proceed with a peaceful transition of power."
- **Pursue All Legal Remedies:** "President Trump should pursue any and all legal remedies available to maintain his position as President."
- **Undecided:** "Undecided."



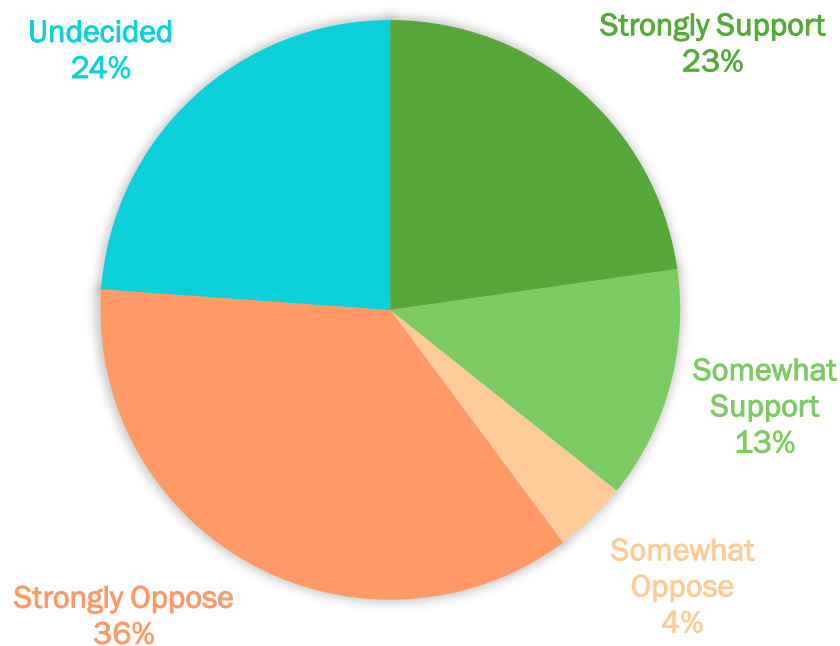


(C) Voter Fraud vs. Accepting Results



(D) Support for Secession

Q: Would you support the North Carolina state legislature pursuing acts of secession from the United States if a Biden/Harris Presidency is otherwise unavoidable?





RELEVANT CROSSTABS

Q: Do you believe that voter fraud played a role in Joe Biden's projected victory in the 2020 Presidential Election?

Gender

	Female	Male
No	17.83%	21.37%
Undecided	6.69%	6.87%
Yes	75.48%	71.76%
Total	100%	100%

Age

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
No	15.38%	22.50%	21.15%	23.68%	16.99%
Undecided	0.00%	2.50%	7.69%	5.26%	8.50%
Yes	84.62%	75.00%	71.15%	71.05%	74.51%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Transition

	Legal Remedies	Peaceful Transition	Undecided
No	3.54%	77.05%	10.00%
Undecided	6.84%	4.10%	16.67%
Yes	89.62%	18.85%	73.33%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Secession

	Somewhat Oppose	Somewhat Support	Strongly Oppose	Strongly Support	Undecided
No	14.29%	12.20%	32.26%	11.01%	11.43%
Undecided	7.14%	3.66%	6.45%	0.00%	14.29%
Yes	78.57%	84.15%	61.29%	88.99%	74.29%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Q: Which of the following statements best describes your position on accepting the results of the 2020 Presidential election?

- **Peaceful Transition:** “President Trump should concede the election to Joe Biden and proceed with a peaceful transition of power.”
- **Pursue All Legal Remedies:** “President Trump should pursue any and all legal remedies available to maintain his position as President.”
- **Undecided:** “Undecided.”

Gender

	Female	Male
Legal Remedies	74.52%	72.52%
Peaceful Transition	18.15%	24.81%
Undecided	7.32%	2.67%
Total	100%	100%

Age

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Legal Remedies	80.77%	77.50%	75.00%	68.42%	74.84%
Peaceful Transition	15.38%	22.50%	25.00%	26.97%	17.97%
Undecided	3.85%	0.00%	0.00%	4.61%	7.19%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Voter Fraud

	No	Undecided	Yes
Legal Remedies	13.39%	74.36%	89.41%
Peaceful Transition	83.93%	12.82%	5.41%
Undecided	2.68%	12.82%	5.18%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Secession

	Somewhat Oppose	Somewhat Support	Strongly Oppose	Strongly Support	Undecided
Legal Remedies	78.57%	82.93%	60.83%	82.57%	80.00%
Peaceful Transition	17.86%	13.41%	33.18%	14.68%	12.86%
Undecided	3.57%	3.66%	5.99%	2.75%	7.14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Q: Would you support the North Carolina state legislature pursuing acts of secession from the United States if a Biden/Harris Presidency is otherwise unavoidable?

Gender

	Female	Male
Somewhat Oppose	4.78%	4.96%
Somewhat Support	13.06%	15.65%
Strongly Oppose	37.26%	38.17%
Strongly Support	18.47%	19.47%
Undecided	26.43%	21.76%
Total	100%	100%

Age

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-64	65+
Somewhat Oppose	0.00%	0.00%	5.77%	5.92%	5.23%
Somewhat Support	11.54%	15.00%	3.85%	14.47%	16.01%
Strongly Oppose	30.77%	40.00%	40.38%	31.58%	40.52%
Strongly Support	30.77%	32.50%	15.38%	28.29%	12.09%
Undecided	26.92%	12.50%	34.62%	19.74%	26.14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Voter Fraud

	No	Undecided	Yes
Somewhat Oppose	3.57%	5.13%	5.18%
Somewhat Support	8.93%	7.69%	16.24%
Strongly Oppose	62.50%	35.90%	31.29%
Strongly Support	10.71%	0.00%	22.82%
Undecided	14.29%	51.28%	24.47%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Transition

	Legal Remedies	Peaceful Transition	Undecided
Somewhat Oppose	5.19%	4.10%	3.33%
Somewhat Support	16.04%	9.02%	10.00%
Strongly Oppose	31.13%	59.02%	43.33%
Strongly Support	21.23%	13.11%	10.00%
Undecided	26.42%	14.75%	33.33%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Note: Topline results are age-weighted in order to obtain a more accurate representation of the voter universe. Crosstab results are not weighted.