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## The New York Times / Siena College Battleground Poll: North Carolina

**Biden 48% – Trump 45%    Cunningham 46% – Tillis 43%**

**10/14: Biden 46% – Trump 42%    Cunningham 41% – Tillis 37%**

**9/18: Biden 45% – Trump 44%    Cunningham 42% – Tillis 37%**

### Nearly Two-Thirds of North Carolina Voters Have Cast Their Vote

Loudonville, NY. Former Vice President Joe Biden holds a narrow three-point, 48-45 percent, lead over President Donald Trump, little changed from a 46-42 percent edge for Biden two weeks ago. In the race for the U.S. Senate, Democratic challenger Cal Cunningham continues to have a small 46-43 percent lead over Republican Senator Thom Tillis, little changed from 41-37 percent last month, according to The New York Times/Siena College polls of likely North Carolina voters released today.

NORTH CAROLINA												
If the PRESIDENTIAL election were held today, who would you vote for?												
	October 29				October 14				September 18			
	NC Voters	Dems	Reps	Inds	NC Voters	Dems	Reps	Inds	NC Voters	Dems	Reps	Inds
<b>Joe Biden</b>	48%	94%	5%	51%	46%	94%	6%	37%	45%	90%	5%	42%
<b>Donald Trump</b>	45%	4%	93%	36%	42%	2%	92%	38%	44%	4%	89%	39%
<b>Other/Not Voting/DK</b>	7%	1%	2%	13%	12%	5%	2%	24%	11%	6%	5%	18%


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“As the campaign enters the closing days – with fewer and fewer voters who have yet to cast their ballot – the race for North Carolina’s 15 Electoral College votes continues to be nip and tuck. Biden has maintained a narrow advantage throughout the fall and has the early lead among those who have already voted,” said Don Levy, Director of the Siena College Research Institute. “Among the two-thirds who have already voted, Biden leads 54-40 percent. Trump leads 55-37 percent among the one-third who have not yet voted.

“There remains a narrow gender gap with Biden leading among women 51-44 percent and Trump having a slight 47-45 percent edge with men,” Levy said.

“Both candidates hold at least 93 percent of the voters from their party, and Biden has opened a 15-point lead among independents,” Levy said. “Black voters are with Biden 88-5 percent, and white voters favor Trump 57-38 percent. Trump has a two-to-one lead among white voters without a college degree, while Biden has a narrow four-point edge with college-educated whites.”

Biden has a 50-47 percent favorability rating, down from 52-43 percent two weeks ago. Trump has a *negative* 47-50 percent favorability rating, little changed from 46-49 percent last month.

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If the U.S. SENATE election were held today, who would you vote for?												
	October 29				October 14				September 18			
	NC Voters	Dems	Reps	Inds	NC Voters	Dems	Reps	Inds	NC Voters	Dems	Reps	Inds
<b>Cal Cunningham</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>92%</b>	6%	<b>48%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>84%</b>	6%	<b>33%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>89%</b>	5%	<b>38%</b>
<b>Thom Tillis</b>	<b>43%</b>	4%	<b>89%</b>	34%	37%	2%	<b>81%</b>	<b>33%</b>	37%	4%	<b>80%</b>	30%
<b>Other/Not Voting/DK</b>	11%	4%	4%	17%	23%	15%	13%	35%	21%	8%	15%	32%
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Tillis has a *negative* 43-46 percent favorability rating, little changed from 43-44 percent two weeks ago. Cunningham has a 43-43 percent favorability rating, up slightly from 40-42 percent last month.

“Cunningham continues to maintain a small lead over Tillis, even as the number of undecided voters drops, as both candidates solidify support with voters from their party,” Levy said. “Independent voters – like at the top of the ticket – have shifted a little to the Democratic side, and Cunningham now leads with them 48-34 percent. While independents have an evenly divided view on Cunningham’s favorability, they give Tillis a favorability rating that’s 22 points under water.

“With just six days to round up those voters who have not yet voted, both campaigns have their work cut out for them in the Tar Heel State, where, given how close the race is, every vote really counts,” Levy said.

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This New York Times/Siena College survey of North Carolina was conducted October 23-27, 2020 by telephone calls in English to 1,034 likely voters, with a margin of error of  $\pm 3.7$  percentage points. Calls were made to a stratified weighted sample of voters from the L-2 Voter list via both land and cell phones. The data was weighted by party, age, race/ethnicity, education, region, gender and voter likelihood, a computed score that combines voter history, stated voter likelihood and modeled turnout by respondent. Polling support for this project provided by Reconnaissance Market Research and The Public Opinion Research Lab at the University of North Florida. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social, and cultural research. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Don Levy at 518-944-0482. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: [www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY). For additional methodological information, click [here](#).