

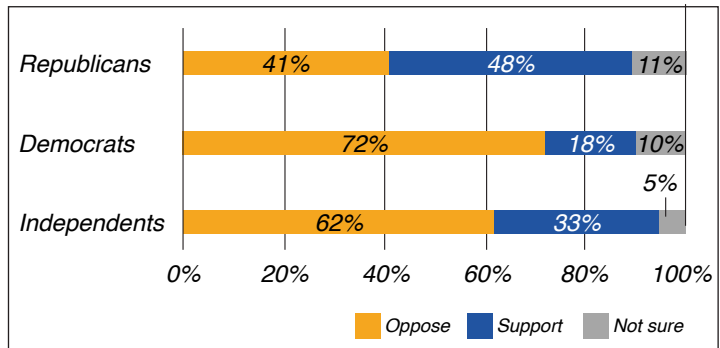
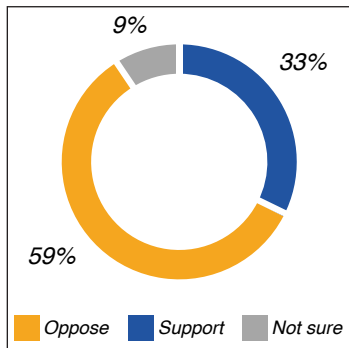
Poll finds most north carolina voters oppose school vouchers and want private schools that receive taxpayer funds to make test scores public

Summary of a CREED / Public Policy Polling Poll of NC Voters | May 26-27, 2023

Overview:

Most North Carolina voters in a new statewide poll oppose using tax dollars for private school vouchers and believe private schools that receive taxpayer funding should be required to share test score data publicly. A majority of voters surveyed favored investing additional resources to improve public schools instead of funding private school vouchers, and two-thirds of voters polled are unfamiliar with the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship program that lawmakers seek to expand. The Center for Racial Equity in Education and Public Policy Polling surveyed 716 North Carolina voters about private school vouchers and proposed legislation to expand the NC Opportunity Scholarship program. The poll was conducted May 26-27, 2023. The margin of error for the poll is +/- 3.7%. The poll data was weighted for age, race, education, and 2020 presidential vote to represent the North Carolina registered voter population

Generally speaking, do you support or oppose giving state tax dollars to parents so they can send their children to a private or religious school of their own choosing instead of their local public school?



➔ Most NC voters in our poll opposed using taxpayer funds to pay for private school vouchers. Republicans were less likely to oppose school vouchers than were Democrats and Independents. Black voters {72%} were much more likely to oppose school vouchers than were white voters {56%}, Hispanic/Latino voters {42%}, or other races of voters {56%}.

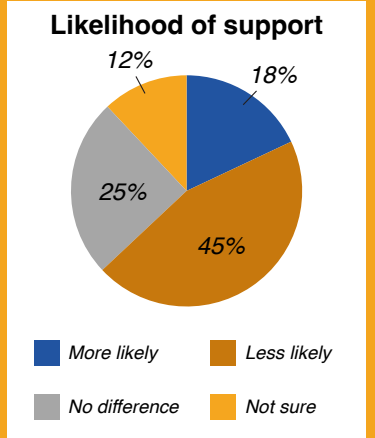
Beliefs about vouchers by the numbers

- 59%** of NC voters in our poll preferred giving struggling schools additional funding and resources to increase the supports available to their students. {29%} of participants supported giving students in struggling schools vouchers so they can attend a different school. Another {12%} of voters were unsure.
- 68%** of the NC voters we polled were not familiar with the NC Opportunity Scholarship program. Just {8%} of participants were very familiar with the program and {24%} were somewhat familiar.
- 83%** of NC voters in our poll said that private schools that receive taxpayer funds should be required to share test score data with the public. Only 11% of voters disagreed, and {6%} were unsure.

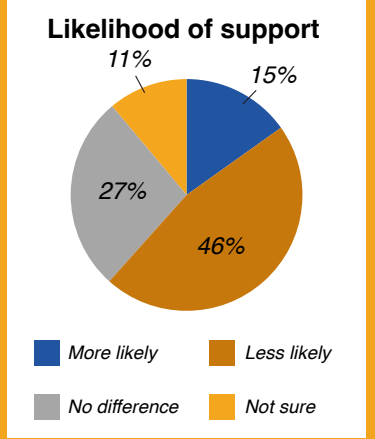
The impact of learning more about vouchers

The more voters learn about research on vouchers from other states, the less likely they are to support voucher expansion.

Some private schools discriminate against students with disabilities and students of different faiths



Expanding school voucher programs takes needed money away from public schools



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