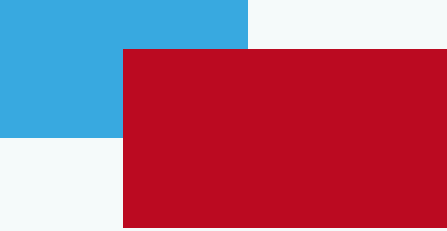


WELCOME TO THE WAKE *Democratic Forum*

May Meeting
5/7/26
6:00-8:00 PM



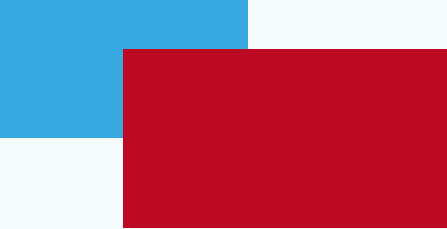
Pete Buttegieg speaks at
NC Senate Dems Fundraiser



Welcome!

Who is in the Room?
Raise your hand if...



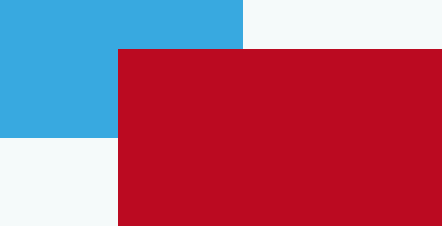


Reflection & Pledge



**The Buffet
is OPEN**





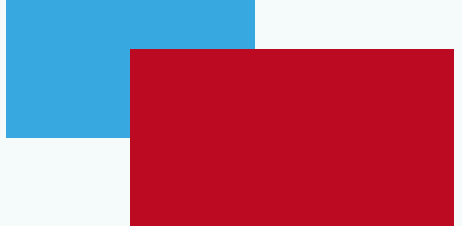
Thank you,

to our Wake Dem Forum Members

- Kenneth James Nichols
- Lou Fabrizio



Become a Forum Member!



Dem Forum Elections

Nominating Chair Nomination: **Noreen Elnady**

- **President:** Eddie Sheehy
 - **1st Vice President:** Ken Romley
 - **2nd VP** Clarence Green
 - **3rd VP:** Kenneth James Nichols
 - **Treasurer:** Robert Lockard
 - **Secretary:** Steven Hill
- **Board Members:**
 - Sherita Walton
 - Kayla Cornett
 - Henry Jarrett
 - Lyndsay Yandell

wake up

kit

FROM NORTH CAROLINA

SOME OF NC'S COOLEST CONTRIBUTIONS!



Pokémon Cards: Nearly all United States Pokémon trading cards are printed at the Millennium Print Group in Morrisville!



Krispy Kreme Doughnuts: The original Krispy Kreme was founded in Winston-Salem, NC, in 1937.



America's Oldest Amusement Park: Pullen Park in Raleigh, opened in 1887, is the oldest amusement park in the U.S. still operating at its original location.



Mt. Olive Pickles: Born in 1926 in Mt. Olive, NC — it's now one of the largest pickle brands in the country!



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NO KINGS.
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A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

1776

THE HALIFAX RESOLVES
North Carolina became the first colony to officially call for independence from the British King and crown, months before the Declaration of Independence.

1960

THE GREENSBORO FOUR
Four Black college students sat down at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter — and sparked a nationwide movement.

2023

ANDERSON CLAYTON MAKES HISTORY
At just 25 years old, Anderson Clayton became the youngest state party chair in the nation — Leading the Democratic Party right here in North Carolina.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

It doesn't matter if you're still trying to find your voice or you're ready to lead. There's a place for you in the fight for a better North Carolina.

Come to a Wake Democratic Forum event next month!

Meet other people who care about the same future you do, and find your role in a movement that stretches from Halifax in 1776 to us, 250 years later.

First in freedom, and still fighting for it!

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OUR MISSION

In 1776, North Carolina led the call for independence with the Halifax Resolves — declaring boldly that no king should control our future.

Today, young North Carolinians are standing up to extremist politicians who want to control our lives. We're organizing for freedom, opportunity, and a future where everyone has a voice.

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WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

FREEDOM TO EARN A FAIR WAGE FOR A HARD DAY'S WORK

AN ECONOMY THAT VALUES WORKERS — NOT JUST BILLIONAIRES

A DEMOCRACY WHERE YOUR VOTE COUNTS

ACCESS TO EDUCATION, NOT CENSORSHIP AND CONTROL

A N.C. WHERE EVERY FAMILY CAN AFFORD A SAFE, STABLE HOME.

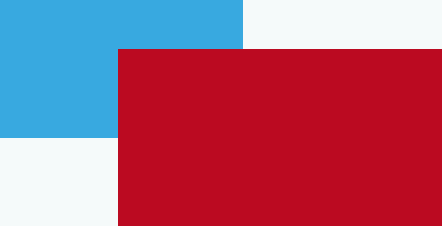
You don't have to wait to lead, and you don't have to do it alone. You have a role to play in protecting our democracy and shaping NC's future.

● Start or grow your campus club — We'll connect you to resources, guest speakers, and organizing support.

▶ Lead an issue campaign — Take action with your friends in your community.

♥ Build your network — Meet other young leaders at Wake Dem Forums.

Wherever you are, there's a way to help with the Wake Democratic Forum.



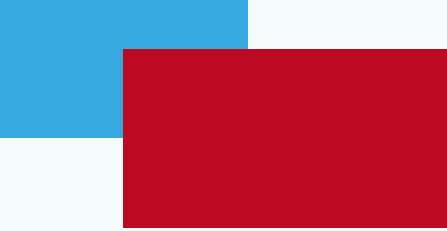
The Dem Forum State of the State

Opportunity, Risk, and What Comes Next

What we are looking at:

- **Cook Political Report Battleground District Poll**
 - 36 most competitive House districts
 - Voters Trump won by ~2 points in 2024
 - Conducted April 7-14, 2026
 - Margin of error: $\pm 3\%$





The Headline Numbers

Generic ballot:

Democrats: **50%**

Republicans: **44%**

D+6 advantage

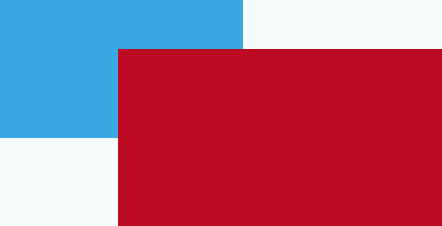
This Is NOT a Pro-Democratic Wave

Democrats: **-23** net favorability

Republicans: **-16** net favorability

1 in 5 Dems say party is “out of touch”





What is Driving Dems Advantage?

Trump approval:

42% approve / 58% disapprove

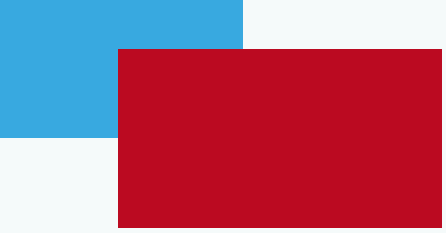
70% of Independents disapprove of Trump
(+25 dem advantage)

The Driving Issues:

50% high costs

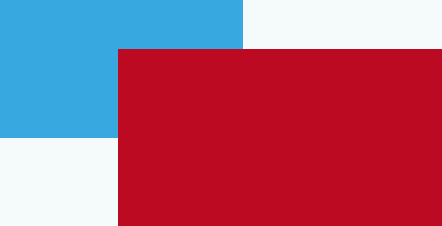
Democrats lead on:





42% plan to vote Dem
41% vote Republican
17% undecided.





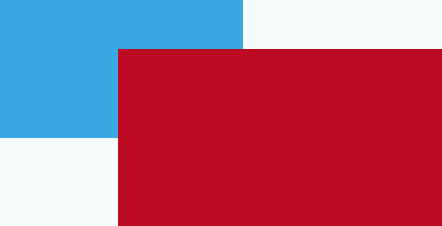
57% of Dem voters are motivated by opposing Republicans

60% of GOP voters are motivated by a belief in their own party and mission

~80% of all voters say cost of living will determine their vote

Base turnout advantage: 70% Dem vs 56% GOP





The Major Lesson

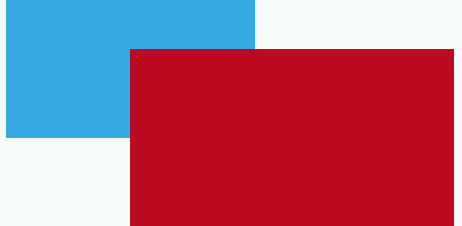
Remember The 3 C's

Cuts

Costs

(tax)Cuts





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Election Day is November 3, 2026

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89 : 18 : 23 : 35

DAYS

HOURS

MINUTES

SECONDS



Messaging with Travis Fain

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THANK YOU & NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting: June 4, 2026
 - Speaker: *Coming Soon*

Questions? Email:
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