

# Carolina Poll Finds Support For Legalized Abortion

Chapel Hill - Nearly four out of five adult North Carolinians think that, at least under certain circumstances, abortion should be legal, according to the spring Carolina Poll conducted by the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Interviewers telephoned a random sample of 1,209 adults in the state and asked, "Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, should be legal only under certain circumstances, or should never be legal?"

Of those who had an opinion, 19 percent said that abortion should be legal under any circumstances; 60 percent said under certain circum-

stances; and 21 percent said that abortion should never be legal.

Many respondents who said that abortions should be legal under certain circumstances said they approved of abortion only in cases of rape or to save the woman's life.

The poll's margin of error is three percentage points. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples, the results should differ by no more than three percentage points from what would have been obtained if every telephone number in the state had been dialed.

Telephone interviews were conducted from February 17 through March 1 by UNC-CH journalism and political science students.

Professors Philip Meyer and Jane Brown supervised the poll, which is done twice a year by the UNC-CH School of Journalism.

The percentage of North Carolinians supporting legal abortion at least under certain circumstances in the Carolina Poll is comparable to percentages reported in national polls on abortion. A 1980 poll spon-

sored by the National Abortion Rights Action League showed that 83 percent of 1,000 Americans polled supported legal abortion. The poll's respondents were

randomly chosen from voter registration lists and were asked the same question that appeared on the Carolina Poll.

By Carole B. Ricks



## Carole's Corner...

### Guy On My Job Has Wrong Idea About Me?

Dear Carole:

A guy on my job has the wrong idea about me. I think he thinks I like him a certain way but I only like him as a good friend. He says he'll accept me as a friend now but he won't settle for that. He is a nice person. In fact, he is a hunk. But I'm only interested in his friendship. If he keeps trying to make me like him I might not like him as a friend either. Can't a man and woman just be friends?

E.P.

Dear E.P.:

Yes. A man and woman can have a relationship that is a friendship only. If you are unsure of your friend's intentions, ask him. It is also important for you to be sure of your own feelings. Tell him what you want and what you don't want and stick to your opinion.

(Unless you have a change of heart.)

Carole

Dear Carole:

My mother is perfect and she makes me sick! I feel so inadequate around her. She is the perfect cook. Her house looks like it belongs in a magazine. She doesn't let anything get out of place. And she works, too.

My husband is always comparing me to my mother. He's getting on my nerves, too. I told him the other day if he thinks

she's so great he should move my dad out and move in with my mom. He doesn't seem to understand that I have my ways and she has hers. I'm not going to even try to be perfect. But how can I make my husband stop comparing me to my mother?

N.C.

Dear N.C.:

You may not be able to stop your husband from comparing you to your mother. But you can try to become less sensitive about his comments. Don't allow yourself to feel guilty because of your husband's comments. If you admire the way your mother manages chores and time, ask her to share some tips with you.

Unless your husband is willing to share the family chores, his criticism is unfair.

Carole

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### Wachovia To Recognize Top Principals

Wachovia Bank and Trust and the N.C. Department of Public Instruction announced this week a new statewide program to recognize outstanding principals in the state's public high schools. The announcement was made at the State Board of Education meeting here.

The Wachovia High School Principals Awards will be presented annually to two high school prin-

cipals. They will be chosen from eight regional winners, one from each of the state's eight education districts.

The two statewide winners will each receive a

\$1,000 cash award for personal or professional use, and their schools will also receive \$1,000 for academic equipment purchase. The remaining regional winners will earn \$750 for each of their schools to buy academic equipment. All winners will be awarded plaques.

"Much has been done in recent years to recognize outstanding teachers and to encourage academic achievement on the part of students. We at Wachovia felt that more recognition needed to be given to principals, who have devoted many years to education and who are often the leaders and promoters of excellence within a school

system," said John F. McNair, III, vice chairman of Wachovia.

The Department of Public Instruction will administer the program. Each local education agency will nominate a principal, who will prepare a portfolio to be considered by a judging committee in each education district. The eight district winners will be reviewed by a statewide committee in the fall, and winners will be named in November.

Information on the program is available by contacting James T. Burch, Deputy Assitant Superintendent, N.C. Department of Public Instruction, 919-733-2480.

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