

{audio}files/preroll.mp3;files/Shows/2015/People In Politics/PNP 2015 FEBRUARY 28 FINAL SHOW 4650.mp3{/audio} Hillary Clinton takes North Carolina. That's what would occur if the election for president were held today, according to the latest Elon University Poll. Host Donna Martinez talks with Poll Director, Dr. Kenneth Fernandez, about the data that shows Clinton handily beating Jeb Bush in our state, and they discuss which candidates are catching on with their respective parties. The two also discuss North Carolinians' views on gay marriage, abortion, and the energy extraction process known as hydraulic fracturing. Then Martinez talks with Democratic political consultant Thomas Mills about a new national report from Democrats, which says the party must reach out beyond its core constituencies if it hopes to rebound from devastating 2014 midterm losses. Mills talks specifically about the need for Democrats to appeal to white voters in the South. That's followed by more perspective on the Elon Poll from Rick Henderson of Carolina Journal, who focuses on the data that shows Gov. Pat McCrory with a 4-point increase in job approval since October. The two also discuss debate among state Republicans about the best date to hold North Carolina's 2016 presidential primary, and a possible primary challenge for 3rd District Republican Rep. Walter Jones.