

the top level of the political participation scale (belonging to political groups or holding public office) that the librarians appear to outdistance the Southern whites three to one.

The results of the study suggest that the political participation of North Carolina librarians closely resembles the level of political activity of the Southern white sample reported by Matthews and Prothro. An exception is that the librarians are considerably more active than the Southern whites in belonging to political groups or holding office. However, the librarians are significantly less active in politics beyond voting than the college educated Southern whites.

Although many librarians are scaled as political activists, few of them indicate that they hold strong opinions about participating in politics. The majority are divided between being undecided or in mild agreement that they should take part in the political life of their communities.

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