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Host Donna Martinez is joined by Mileah Kromer of the Elon University Poll to discuss the latest polling data on President Obama, Gov. Beverly Perdue, and the same-sex marriage constitutional amendment that will appear on the May 2012 ballot. Kromer analyzes what the dropping numbers might mean for the president and the governor, both of whom will battle for re-election next year. Then we turn to the New Yorker profile of former N.C. Republican state legislator Art Pope and hear comments from two people who were interviewed for the piece. Bob Hall of Democracy North Carolina and John Hood of the John Locke Foundation react to the New Yorker with talk show host Bill LuMaye of NewsRadio 680 WPTF in Raleigh. Then we delve into campaign spending during the 2010 election cycle for state legislative candidates – specifically money donated by political action committees. Jonathan Kappler of the N.C. Free Enterprise Foundation discusses the amounts given to candidates and political parties and reveals the most influential PACs. That's followed by comments from leading North Carolina progressive Chris Fitzsimon of N.C. Policy Watch. Fitzsimon talks about President Obama's re-election prospects and the views of the Democratic base, and he also weighs in on the impact of the grassroots tea party movement's role in the Republican Party.