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## **Kaine and Allen still neck-and-neck**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – The two candidates expected to face off for Jim Webb’s Senate seat, former Governor Tim Kaine and the seat’s previous occupant George Allen, remain deadlocked at this early stage of their likely general election battle next year. Either would be more strongly favored against alternative nominees from the other party.

Kaine just edges Allen, 46-44, after the two were tied at 47% in PPP’s previous poll of the race in February. Essentially the only difference is that independents have moved from 50-41 in Allen’s favor to 45-40 in Kaine’s. Neither candidate has fared well in public opinion in the last three months, Kaine falling from a 46-38 favorability margin to only 42-41, and Allen from 39-40 to 36-42.

Kaine would beat Allen’s main announced primary opponent, Tea Party activist Jamie Radtke, by a 49-33 margin, while Allen would oust Rep. Bobby Scott, who has yet to express serious interest in a challenge to Kaine, by a narrower 44-39. And in the unlikely event Scott and Radtke are nominated, Scott would prevail, 39-34.

Yesterday, PPP released numbers showing President Obama favored by at least eight points over any Republican in the state.

“It’s hard to imagine the Virginia Senate race ever being anything other than highly competitive,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “When you have two highly polarizing candidates that voters have known for years it’s unlikely either of them will break away from the pack. There’s going to be a low number of undecideds and it’s just going to come down to who does a better job of getting their people out and who can win over the very small number of swing voters there are.”

PPP surveyed 547 Virginia voters from May 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.

Complete results are attached, and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).





## Virginia Survey Results

- Q1** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of George Allen?
- Favorable*..... 36%
  - Unfavorable* ..... 42%
  - Not sure* ..... 22%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Kaine?
- Favorable*..... 42%
  - Unfavorable* ..... 41%
  - Not sure* ..... 17%
- Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jamie Radtke?
- Favorable*..... 4%
  - Unfavorable* ..... 23%
  - Not sure* ..... 73%
- Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bobby Scott?
- Favorable*..... 17%
  - Unfavorable* ..... 24%
  - Not sure* ..... 59%
- Q5** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican George Allen, who would you vote for?
- Tim Kaine*..... 46%
  - George Allen*..... 44%
  - Undecided*..... 10%
- Q6** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Jamie Radtke, who would you vote for?
- Tim Kaine*..... 49%
  - Jamie Radtke*..... 33%
  - Undecided*..... 18%
- Q7** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Bobby Scott and Republican George Allen, who would you vote for?
- Bobby Scott* ..... 39%
  - George Allen*..... 44%
  - Undecided*..... 17%
- Q8** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Bobby Scott and Republican Jamie Radtke, who would you vote for?
- Bobby Scott* ..... 39%
  - Jamie Radtke*..... 34%
  - Undecided*..... 27%
- Q9** Who did you vote for President in 2008?
- John McCain*..... 44%
  - Barack Obama*..... 50%
  - Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 6%
- Q10** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
- Very liberal*..... 8%
  - Somewhat liberal* ..... 18%
  - Moderate*..... 31%
  - Somewhat conservative*..... 22%
  - Very conservative* ..... 21%
- Q11** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
- Woman* ..... 51%
  - Man*..... 49%
- Q12** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
- Democrat* ..... 37%
  - Republican*..... 34%
  - Independent/Other*..... 29%



**Q13** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i> .....	76%
<i>African-American</i> .....	19%
<i>Other</i> .....	5%

**Q14** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	12%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	24%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	44%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	20%



**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Allen Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	65%	9%	44%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	15%	69%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	21%	21%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kaine Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	14%	67%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	67%	18%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	19%	14%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Radtke Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	5%	3%	3%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	23%	14%	31%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	73%	81%	66%	76%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Scott Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	5%	29%	11%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	27%	23%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	59%	68%	48%	75%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kaine/Allen</b>				
Tim Kaine	46%	9%	79%	36%
George Allen	44%	86%	7%	47%
Undecided	10%	5%	14%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Kaine/Radtke</b>				
Tim Kaine	49%	12%	84%	29%
Jamie Radtke	33%	65%	5%	36%
Undecided	18%	23%	12%	35%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Scott/Allen</b>				
Bobby Scott	39%	6%	70%	22%
George Allen	44%	83%	10%	48%
Undecided	17%	11%	20%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Scott/Radtke</b>				
Bobby Scott	39%	8%	69%	14%
Jamie Radtke	34%	66%	7%	36%
Undecided	27%	26%	24%	50%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Allen Favorability</b>						
Favorable	36%	2%	8%	23%	60%	64%
Unfavorable	42%	94%	68%	49%	20%	16%
Not sure	22%	4%	24%	28%	20%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kaine Favorability</b>						
Favorable	42%	79%	73%	55%	21%	5%
Unfavorable	41%	18%	10%	25%	61%	78%
Not sure	17%	3%	17%	20%	18%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Radtke Favorability</b>						
Favorable	4%	7%	-	4%	4%	5%
Unfavorable	23%	51%	29%	26%	16%	12%
Not sure	73%	42%	71%	70%	80%	82%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott Favorability</b>						
Favorable	17%	34%	30%	19%	11%	5%
Unfavorable	24%	45%	17%	17%	31%	25%
Not sure	59%	22%	53%	63%	58%	70%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kaine/Allen</b>						
Tim Kaine	46%	91%	82%	61%	19%	4%
George Allen	44%	4%	10%	23%	73%	89%
Undecided	10%	4%	9%	16%	9%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Kaine/Radtke</b>						
Tim Kaine	49%	91%	83%	68%	18%	8%
Jamie Radtke	33%	2%	7%	12%	61%	68%
Undecided	18%	7%	10%	19%	21%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott/Allen</b>						
Bobby Scott	39%	91%	74%	44%	16%	6%
George Allen	44%	5%	9%	26%	72%	87%
Undecided	17%	4%	17%	29%	12%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
<b>Scott/Radtke</b>						
Bobby Scott	39%	89%	73%	46%	15%	6%
Jamie Radtke	34%	1%	8%	12%	62%	72%
Undecided	27%	10%	18%	41%	23%	23%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Allen Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	29%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	40%	44%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	30%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kaine Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	42%	42%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	35%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	24%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Radtke Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	4%	4%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	23%	21%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	73%	76%	70%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Scott Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	21%	14%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	19%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	59%	59%	58%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kaine/Allen</b>			
<b>Tim Kaine</b>	<b>46%</b>	49%	42%
<b>George Allen</b>	<b>44%</b>	39%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Kaine/Radtke</b>			
<b>Tim Kaine</b>	<b>49%</b>	50%	47%
<b>Jamie Radtke</b>	<b>33%</b>	28%	39%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>18%</b>	22%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Scott/Allen</b>			
<b>Bobby Scott</b>	<b>39%</b>	40%	38%
<b>George Allen</b>	<b>44%</b>	40%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>17%</b>	20%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Scott/Radtke</b>			
<b>Bobby Scott</b>	<b>39%</b>	39%	39%
<b>Jamie Radtke</b>	<b>34%</b>	31%	38%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>27%</b>	30%	23%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Allen Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	10%	68%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	42%	69%	9%	47%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	22%	22%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kaine Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	42%	71%	10%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	15%	69%	41%
<b>Not sure</b>	17%	14%	21%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Radtke Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	3%	5%	4%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	23%	31%	16%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	73%	66%	79%	74%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Scott Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	17%	32%	3%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	21%	28%	23%
<b>Not sure</b>	59%	47%	69%	61%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kaine/Allen</b>				
<b>Tim Kaine</b>	46%	82%	6%	45%
<b>George Allen</b>	44%	7%	88%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	6%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Kaine/Radtke</b>				
<b>Tim Kaine</b>	49%	86%	6%	50%
<b>Jamie Radtke</b>	33%	3%	67%	32%
<b>Undecided</b>	18%	10%	26%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Scott/Allen</b>				
<b>Bobby Scott</b>	39%	75%	5%	32%
<b>George Allen</b>	44%	8%	86%	42%
<b>Undecided</b>	17%	17%	9%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Scott/Radtke</b>				
<b>Bobby Scott</b>	39%	77%	5%	29%
<b>Jamie Radtke</b>	34%	4%	71%	30%
<b>Undecided</b>	27%	18%	23%	41%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Allen Favorability</b>				
Favorable	36%	42%	12%	27%
Unfavorable	42%	37%	63%	48%
Not sure	22%	21%	25%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kaine Favorability</b>				
Favorable	42%	36%	66%	43%
Unfavorable	41%	46%	22%	34%
Not sure	17%	18%	13%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Radtke Favorability</b>				
Favorable	4%	3%	8%	-
Unfavorable	23%	22%	26%	24%
Not sure	73%	74%	66%	76%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Scott Favorability</b>				
Favorable	17%	14%	35%	2%
Unfavorable	24%	25%	19%	27%
Not sure	59%	61%	46%	71%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kaine/Allen</b>				
Tim Kaine	46%	38%	74%	51%
George Allen	44%	54%	7%	31%
Undecided	10%	8%	19%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Kaine/Radtke</b>				
Tim Kaine	49%	41%	79%	55%
Jamie Radtke	33%	39%	8%	37%
Undecided	18%	20%	14%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Scott/Allen</b>				
Bobby Scott	39%	32%	66%	44%
George Allen	44%	53%	13%	31%
Undecided	17%	15%	20%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Scott/Radtke</b>				
Bobby Scott	39%	32%	67%	40%
Jamie Radtke	34%	40%	10%	43%
Undecided	27%	28%	23%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Allen Favorability</b>					
Favorable	36%	18%	33%	40%	40%
Unfavorable	42%	54%	38%	42%	40%
Not sure	22%	29%	28%	18%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kaine Favorability</b>					
Favorable	42%	43%	43%	42%	39%
Unfavorable	41%	32%	37%	43%	47%
Not sure	17%	25%	20%	15%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Radtke Favorability</b>					
Favorable	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Unfavorable	23%	36%	15%	23%	25%
Not sure	73%	61%	82%	72%	71%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Scott Favorability</b>					
Favorable	17%	21%	13%	18%	20%
Unfavorable	24%	25%	17%	27%	26%
Not sure	59%	54%	70%	55%	55%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kaine/Allen</b>					
<b>Tim Kaine</b>	<b>46%</b>	50%	45%	46%	43%
<b>George Allen</b>	<b>44%</b>	32%	38%	47%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	18%	17%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Kaine/Radtke</b>					
<b>Tim Kaine</b>	<b>49%</b>	54%	53%	48%	40%
<b>Jamie Radtke</b>	<b>33%</b>	29%	32%	33%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>18%</b>	18%	15%	18%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Scott/Allen</b>					
<b>Bobby Scott</b>	<b>39%</b>	50%	33%	39%	39%
<b>George Allen</b>	<b>44%</b>	36%	42%	47%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>17%</b>	14%	25%	15%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Scott/Radtke</b>					
<b>Bobby Scott</b>	<b>39%</b>	50%	35%	39%	37%
<b>Jamie Radtke</b>	<b>34%</b>	29%	35%	34%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>27%</b>	21%	30%	27%	25%

