

University of Mary Washington Center for Leadership and Media Studies Virginia Survey -- March 2013

Topline Results

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The Virginia Survey March 2013, sponsored by University of Mary Washington's Center for Leadership and Media Studies, obtained telephone interviews with a representative sample of 1,004 adults living in Virginia. Telephone interviews were conducted by landline (502) and cell phone (502, including 245 without a landline phone). The survey was conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI). Interviews were done in English by Princeton Data Source from March 20 to 24, 2013. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies. The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is ± 3.5 percentage points.

[NOTE: Some questions are being withheld for subsequent release.]

[NOTE: With rounding, not all percentages will equal 100]

[* Less than 0.5 percent]

Q1. Overall, would you say that things in the U.S. are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	Percent
Right	35
(VOL.) Mixed	8
Wrong	50
(VOL.) Don't know	5
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q2. Overall, would you say that things in the Commonwealth of Virginia are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	Percent
Right	47
(VOL.) Mixed	6
Wrong	37
(VOL.) Don't know	9
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Percent
Approve	52
Disapprove	42
(VOL.) Unsure/Don't know	4
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as governor?

	Percent
Approve	52
Disapprove	26
(VOL.) Unsure/Don't know	20
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bolling is handling his job as lieutenant governor?

	Percent
Approve	36
Disapprove	17
(VOL.) Unsure/Don't know	44
(VOL.) Refused	3

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as attorney general?

	Percent
Approve	41
Disapprove	27
(VOL.) Unsure/Don't know	30
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q7. How much of the time do you think you can trust the FEDERAL government to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	Percent
Just about always	4
Most of the time	25
Some of the time	59
(VOL.) Never	10
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q8. How much of the time do you think you can trust the STATE government to do what is right - just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	Percent
Just about always	5
Most of the time	40
Some of the time	49
(VOL.) Never	4
(VOL.) Don't know	2
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q9. ...people differ in how much faith & confidence they have in various levels of gov't in this country... Do you have the most faith & confidence in [RANDOMIZE: (the national gov't), (the gov't of this state), or in (the local gov't around here)]?

	Percent
National	22
State	24
Local (city or county)	39
(VOL.) None	9
(VOL.) All	1
(VOL.) Don't know	3
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q10. In which of those levels of government do you have the LEAST faith and confidence? [IF NECESSARY, RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q9: (the national gov't), (the gov't of this state), or in (the local gov't around here)]?

	Percent
National	57
State	18
Local (city or county)	17
(VOL.) None	2
(VOL.) All	2
(VOL.) Don't know	4
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q11. Thinking about the 2013 election for Governor in Virginia... If the election were held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican,) and (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat,)] for whom would you vote?

	Percent
Cuccinelli	37
McAuliffe	38
(VOL.) Neither/Other	7
(VOL.) Don't know	16
(VOL.) Refused	2

[NOTE: No Question 12]

Q13. How about for U.S. Senate? If the 2014 U.S. Senate election were held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Mark Warner, the Democrat,) and (Bob McDonnell, the Republican,)] for whom would you vote?

	Percent
Warner	51
McDonnell	35
(VOL.) Other	*
(VOL.) None	4
(VOL.) Don't know	9
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q14a. Turning now to the potential candidates for PRESIDENT in 2016... If the VA Democratic primary were today & the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Hillary Clinton), (Joe Biden), (Martin O'Malley), (Andrew Cuomo), and (Mark Warner)], for whom would you vote?

	Percent
Clinton	38
Biden	10
O'Malley	3
Cuomo	3
Warner	18
(VOL.) Other	1
(VOL.) None	12
(VOL.) Would not vote in that primary	4
(VOL.) Don't know	11
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q14b. Who would be your second choice? [only asked if an answer was given for a first choice]

	Percent
Clinton	15
Biden	19
O'Malley	5
Cuomo	4
Warner	16
(VOL.) Other	1
(VOL.) None	6
(VOL.) Don't know	7
(VOL.) Refused	*

Q15a. ...If the 2016 Republican presidential primary were today & the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Jeb Bush), (Marco Rubio), (Chris Christie), (Paul Ryan), (Bob McDonnell) and (Rand Paul)], for whom would you vote?

	Percent
Bush	8
Rubio	9
Christie	18
Ryan	11
McDonnell	12
Rand Paul	11
(VOL.) Other	1
(VOL.) None	10
(VOL.) Would not vote in that primary	4
(VOL.) Don't know	16
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q15b. Who would be your second choice? [only asked if an answer was given for a first choice]

	Percent
Bush	8
Rubio	11
Christie	8
Ryan	12
McDonnell	10
Rand Paul	6
(VOL.) Other	1
(VOL.) None	7
(VOL.) Don't know	6
(VOL.) Refused	*

Q16. Would you say that, over the past 12 months, the U.S. economy has [RANDOMIZE BLOCKS: (gotten worse, stayed the same or gotten better) / (gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse)]?

	Percent
Much worse	7
Somewhat worse	28
Stay the same	31
Somewhat better	17
Much better	16
(VOL.) Don't know	2
(VOL.) Refused	*

Q17. Would you say that government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or is it run for the benefit of all the people?

	Percent
Big interests	72
All the people	20
(VOL.) Don't know	4
(VOL.) Refused	3

Q18a. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree: People like me don't have any say in what the government does.

	Percent
Strongly agree	33
Somewhat agree	25
Neither agree nor disagree	6
Somewhat disagree	22
Strongly disagree	13
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q18b. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree: Public officials don't care much about what people like me think.

	Percent
Strongly agree	34
Somewhat agree	32
Neither agree nor disagree	7
Somewhat disagree	18
Strongly disagree	7
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q18c. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree: Sometimes government and politics seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what is going on.

	Percent
Strongly agree	24
Somewhat agree	28
Neither agree nor disagree	6
Somewhat disagree	19
Strongly disagree	21
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q19. Thinking about ILLEGAL immigration in the United States... Do you support or oppose providing a way for illegal immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines and have jobs?

	Percent
Support	71
Oppose	25
(VOL.) Don't know	3
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q20. Do you support or oppose a plan to increase the age at which working people can retire and receive full Social Security benefits by two years, from 67 to 69, to reduce the federal budget deficit?

	Percent
Support	38
Oppose	59
(VOL.) Don't know	3
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q21. Do you believe the federal government deficit should be lowered by [RANDOMIZE: (tax increases only), (a roughly equal combination of spending cuts and tax increases) or (spending cuts only)]?

	Percent
Tax increases only	7
Equal combination of both	54
Spending cuts only	34
(VOL.) Don't know	5
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q22. Would you [RANDOMIZE: (support) or (oppose)] Congress passing legislation that would raise the minimum wage in this country from \$7.25 per hour to \$9 per hour?

	Percent
Support	72
Oppose	26
(VOL.) Don't know	2
(VOL.) Refused	1

Q23. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally in Virginia?

	Percent
Favor	45
Oppose	46
(VOL.) Don't know	5
(VOL.) Refused	4

Q24. Should Virginia [RANDOMIZE: (get rid of) or (keep)] the death penalty for first-degree murder?

	Percent
Get rid of	27
Keep	65
(VOL.) Don't know	6
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q25. Do you think Virginia's governors should be allowed to serve two consecutive terms, or should the one consecutive term limit be retained?

	Percent
Should be allowed to serve two consecutive terms	58
Should retain the one consecutive term limit	40
(VOL.) Don't know	2
(VOL.) Refused	*

Q26. Should Virginia's Electoral College votes for president be [RANDOMIZE: (winner take all) or (divided up and assigned by congressional district)]?

	Percent
Winner take all	46
Divided up and assigned by congressional district	41
(VOL.) Don't know	12
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q27a. Do you think the Virginia legislature should be permitted to draw the boundaries of legislative and congressional districts or should it be done by an independent board?

	Percent
Legislature	15
Independent Board	74
(VOL.) Don't know	9
(VOL.) Refused	2

Q27b. Should the Virginia legislature be permitted to draw the boundaries of legislative and congressional districts more than once a decade, or not? [asked only if respondent favored legislative line-drawing in the previous question]

	Percent
Yes	7
No	8
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	*

Q28. Currently, there is a ban on mining uranium in Virginia. Do you think uranium mining should be allowed in Virginia or should it not be allowed in Virginia?

	Percent
Should be allowed	40
Should NOT be allowed	40
(VOL.) Don't know	18
(VOL.) Refused	3

Q29. If you had to choose among [RANDOMIZE: (an increase in the sales tax), (an increase in the gas tax) or (tolls on Interstate 95)] to help pay for highway maintenance costs, which would you prefer?

	Percent
Sales Tax	27
Gas Tax	19
Tolls	45
(VOL.) All	*
(VOL.) None	6
(VOL.) Don't know	3
(VOL.) Refused	*

Q30M1. Overall, how do you get MOST of your news - from television, from newspapers, from radio, from magazines or from the internet?

	Percent
Television	46
Newspapers	10
Radio	9
Magazines	1
Internet	33
(VOL.) Other	1
(VOL.) Don't know	*
(VOL.) Refused	*

Race/Ethnicity

	Percent
White Non-Hispanic	65
African-American Non-Hispanic	19
Hispanic	7
Other Non-Hispanic	8
DK/Ref	1

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

	Percent
Protestant	44
Roman Catholic (Catholic)	13
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)	1
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)	1
Jewish (Judaism)	1
Muslim (Islam)	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist (do not believe in God)	4
Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)	3
Something else (SPECIFY)	3
Nothing in particular	13
(VOL.) Christian	13
(VOL.) Unitarian (Universalist)	*
(VOL.) Don't know	*
(VOL.) Refused	2

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	Percent
More than once a week	13
Once a week	24
Once or twice a month	17
A few times a year	19
Seldom	13
Never	12
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	1

REGISTER. Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER]

	Percent
Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address	79
Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed	3
Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address	18
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	*

PARTY. Generally speaking do you consider yourself [RANDOMIZE: (a Democrat), (a Republican)], or an independent?

	Percent
Democrat	35
Republican	27
Independent	33
(VOL.) Other (SPECIFY)	1
(VOL.) None/No party/No preference	3
(VOL.) Don't know	1
(VOL.) Refused	1

IDEO. In general, would you describe your political views as very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

	Percent
Very Liberal	5
Liberal	20
Moderate	37
Conservative	25
Very Conservative	10
(VOL.) Don't know	2
(VOL.) Refused	2

TEA. Do you consider yourself a part of the Tea Party movement?

	Percent
Yes	12
No	83
(VOL.) Never heard of the Tea Party	2
(VOL.) Don't know	3
(VOL.) Refused	1

VA Region of Residence

	Percent
Northwest	14
Northern VA	28
West	18
Richmond/South Central	18
Tidewater	23

Age

	Percent
18-29	23
30-44	25
45-64	34
65 or older	16
DK/Ref	2

Education

	Percent
High school grad or less	39
Some college/Associate degree	29
College degree or more	32
DK/Ref	*

Sex

	Percent
Male	49
Female	51