

**Roanoke College Poll Topline**  
**Gubernatorial Election**  
**August 2017**

Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling from Roanoke College. How are you today/this evening? We're conducting a survey of Virginia residents regarding important issues and your opinion is very important to us. Your responses are anonymous and confidential.

1. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

Yes	100%
No [TERMINATE]	0%

Please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable impression of the following people or if you don't know enough about them to have formed an opinion:

2. Donald Trump

Favorable	31%
Unfavorable	53%
Mixed	13%
Don't know/Refused	3%

3. Terry McAuliffe

Favorable	41%
Unfavorable	30%
Mixed	12%
Don't know/Refused	17%

4. Ed Gillespie

Favorable	28%
Unfavorable	19%
Mixed	15%
Don't know/Refused	39%

5. Ralph Northam

Favorable	25%
Unfavorable	15%
Mixed	8%
Don't know/Refused	53%

6. How likely is it that you will vote in the election for governor in November? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

Very likely	83%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely [TERMINATE]	0%
Not likely at all [TERMINATE]	0%

7. If the election for governor was held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for [ROTATE FIRST THREE; READ FIRST THREE ONLY]

Ed Gillespie, the Republican	35%
Ralph Northam, the Democrat	41%
Cliff Hyra, the Libertarian	4%
Undecided [VOLUNTERED ONLY]	21%
Refused [TERMINATE]	0%

7a. [IF UNSURE] Are you leaning toward voting for a particular candidate—Gillespie, Northam, or Hyra?

Gillespie	7%
Northam	12%
Hyra	0%
Undecided	81%

7b. TOTALS INCLUDING “LEANERS” [CALCULATED]

Gillespie	36%
Northam	43%
Hyra	4%
Undecided	17%

8. What is the most important issue to you in this election?

Economy--jobs, unemployment, debt, etc.	28%
Taxes	5%
Immigration	2%
Terrorism	1%
Economic inequality	3%
Race relations/Confederate statutes	5%
Abortion	1%
Gun control/gun rights	1%
Pipelines	1%
Budget deficit/ debt	1%
Education	6%
Health care/ Obamacare	14%
Climate change/environment	2%
Honesty/character/corruption	4%
Leadership	3%
Stopping Donald Trump	3%
Transportation/infrastructure	2%
LGBT rights	1%
Other	11%
Refused	8%

9. Do you think things in the COUNTRY are generally going in the right direction or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	29%
Wrong track	63%
Unsure	8%
Refused	1%

10. Do you think things in the Commonwealth of Virginia are generally going in the right direction or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	46%
Wrong track	41%
Unsure	11%
No answer	2%

11. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President of the United States?

Approve	28%
Disapprove	57%
Mixed	14%
Don't Know/Refused	2%

12. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Terry McAuliffe is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

Approve	49%
Disapprove	30%
Mixed	15%
Don't Know/Refused	6%

13. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

Approve	7%
Disapprove	79%
Mixed	10%
Refused/Don't Know	4%

14. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

Just about always	1%
Most of the time	14%
Only some of the time	60%
Never	23%
Unsure	2%
Refused	0%

15. Which of the following statements is closer to your view: Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort OR There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington?

Citizens CAN influence government	60%
Citizens can NOT influence government	36%
Unsure	4%
Refused	0%

16. Thinking about the way things are going in politics today ... on the issues that matter to you would you say your side has been winning more often than it's been losing, or losing more often than it's been winning?

Winning more	21%
Losing more	57%
Wins some, lose some/Equal [VOL]	14%
Unsure	7%
Refused	1%

17. When you think about the future of the United States, which do you agree with more: the country's best years are ahead of us or the country's best years are behind us?

Best years ahead	55%
Best years behind	32%
Same/Unsure	12%
Refused	2%

18. Looking broadly at the important issues facing the United States, do you think that Americans are united in facing these challenges or is the nation divided?

United	8%
Divided	88%
Unsure/both	4%
Refused	0%

19. Which comes closest to your feelings about how the federal government is working? Are you enthusiastic, satisfied, dissatisfied, or angry?

Enthusiastic	1%
Satisfied	14%
Dissatisfied	58%
Angry	22%
Unsure	5%
Refused	1%

20. All things considered, today do you feel proud of the United States, are you ashamed of the country, or are you between proud and ashamed?

Proud	47%
Ashamed	14%
Between	37%
Unsure	1%
Refused	1%

20a. [IF BETWEEN] Are you closer to feeling proud or feeling ashamed?

Proud	25%
Ashamed	35%
Between	36%
Unsure	3%
Refused	1%

21. Do you think the next governor of Virginia should work with President Trump regularly to get as much as he can for Virginia, work with Trump only when a core interest is at stake for Virginia, or oppose Trump at every opportunity?

Work w/ Trump regularly	57%
Only when core interest at stake	28%
Always oppose	10%
Unsure	5%
Refused	1%

22. Do you see the election for governor as a referendum on Trump, a decision for the future of Virginia, or both?

Trump referendum	5%
Future of VA	43%
Both	45%
Unsure	6%
Refused	1%

23. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male	49%
Female	51%

24. Region

Southwest Virginia	11%
Southside	8%
Shenandoah Valley	7%
Central Virginia/Richmond	20%
Northern Virginia	31%
Tidewater	24%

25. Thanks so much for your patience. I have a few questions about you for statistical purposes. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	60%
Living with partner	5%
Divorced	8%
Separated	1%
Widowed	6%
Never married	19%
Refused	1%

26. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	2%
High School	14%
Some college/technical school	23%
Associate's Degree	9%
Bachelor's Degree	27%
Advanced Degree	25%
Refused	1%

27. In what year were you born? [CODED INTO CATEGORIES]

18-29	13%
30-44	23%
45-64	45%
65 or older	18%
Refused	2%

28. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic	7%
No, not Hispanic	90%
No answer	4%

29. What is your race? Are you White, African-American, or some other race?

White / Hispanic / Latino	74%
African-American	20%
Other/multi-racial	4%
Refused	2%

30. I'm going to read several income groups. When I come to the group that includes your annual family income, please stop me.

Less than \$20,000	7%
\$20,000-\$35,000	11%
\$35,000-\$50,000	11%
\$50,000-\$75,000	17%
\$75,000-\$100,000	15%
More than \$100,000	30%
Refused	10%

31. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	21%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	36%
Other/Unsure	5%
Refused	3%

32. And would you describe your political party affiliation as Democrat, Republican, Independent, some other party or no affiliation?

Democrat	35%
Republican	31%
Independent	22%
Other	7%
Refused	5%

32a. [IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER OR REFUSED] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or toward the Republican party? [RESULTS ARE COMBINED WITH THOSE IN Q. 40]

Democrat	35%
Republican	23%
Neither/Refused	42%

Thank you for your time and have a nice <HOUR1>. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, you may contact Dr. Harry Wilson at (540) 375-2415. You may also contact the Roanoke College Institutional Review Board at (540) 375-24--.