



February 2012 Virginia Political Poll
Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

Frequencies

1. 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	47% (278)
Wrong track	40% (237)
Unsure/mixed	14% (83)

2. 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	25% (148)
Wrong track	67% (400)
Unsure/mixed	9% (54)

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

Approve	60% (312)
Disapprove	26% (137)
Mixed/unsure	14% (71)

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Warner is handling his job as Senator of Virginia?

Approve	62% (306)
Disapprove	25% (123)
Mixed/unsure	14% (69)

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President of the United States?

Approve	41% (245)
Disapprove	48% (285)
Mixed/unsure	11% (67)

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

Approve	11% (66)
Disapprove	76% (442)
Mixed/unsure	12% (71)

7. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

Economy	43% (259)
Unemployment/jobs	24% (141)
Budget deficit	9% (52)
All others	24% (144)

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.

8. President Barack Obama

Favorable	44% (262)
Unfavorable	44% (262)
Mixed/unsure	11% (67)

9. Governor Bob McDonnell

Favorable	57% (284)
Unfavorable	26% (129)
Mixed/unsure	18% (87)

10. Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling

Favorable	45% (117)
Unfavorable	28% (73)
Mixed/unsure	28% (72)

11. Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli

Favorable	48% (176)
Unfavorable	33% (121)
Mixed/unsure	19% (68)

12. Mitt Romney

Favorable	28% (146)
Unfavorable	48% (247)
Mixed/unsure	24% (124)

13. Newt Gingrich

Favorable	21% (111)
Unfavorable	64% (337)
Mixed/unsure	15% (81)

14. Ron Paul

Favorable	26% (124)
Unfavorable	54% (255)
Mixed/unsure	19% (90)

15. Rick Santorum

Favorable	35% (167)
Unfavorable	47% (223)
Mixed/unsure	18% (86)

16. Who do you think is MOST responsible for the current economic conditions in the United States? [ROTATE] President Obama., former President George W. Bush, Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or financial institutions?

President Obama	19% (114)
Former President George W. Bush	23% (135)
Republicans in Congress	11% (64)
Democrats in Congress	9% (53)
Financial institutions	22% (131)
Unsure/Someone else	17% (100)

17. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

Yes	89% (537)
No	12% (70)

18. If the election for United States Senate were held today and the two candidates were [ROTATE] George Allen and Tim Kaine, would you vote for

George Allen	45% (261)
Tim Kaine	37% (217)
Uncertain	19% (108)

19. And if the election for President were held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, would you vote for [ROTATE] Barack Obama, the Democrat or Mitt Romney, the Republican?

Obama	42% (249)
Romney	43% (255)
Uncertain	16% (93)

20. Suppose the Republican Party nominated Newt Gingrich for President. Would you vote for [ROTATE] Obama or Gingrich?

Obama	48% (287)
Gingrich	37% (217)
Uncertain	15% (90)

21. If Ron Paul was the Republican candidate, would you vote for [ROTATE] Obama or Paul?

Obama	45% (269)
Paul	35% (209)
Uncertain	20% (115)

22. If Rick Santorum was the Republican candidate, would you vote for [ROTATE] Obama or Santorum?

Obama	45% (267)
Santorum	39% (233)
Uncertain	16% (96)

23. Now, I'd like to ask some questions about you. How old are you?

18-29	10% (61)
30-49	34% (209)
50-64	37% (224)
65 or older	19% (113)

24. Code respondent's sex

Male	48% (292)
Female	52% (315)

25. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	4% (26)
High School	20% (119)
Some college/tech school	20% (119)
Associate's degree	8% (46)
Bachelor's degree	32% (191)
Advanced degree	17% (101)

26. 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	10% (52)
\$20,001-\$35,000	12% (65)
\$35,001-\$50,000	16% (83)
\$50,001-\$75,000	18% (94)
\$75,001-\$100,000	17% (87)
More than \$100,000	28% (144)

27. What is your race?

White	78% (472)
African-American	16% (95)
Other	7% (40)

28. In what county do you live? [IF NOT IN COUNTY, THEN WHICH CITY. IF THERE IS A CITY AND COUNTY WITH THE SAME NAME, ASK IF THEY LIVE IN CITY OR COUNTY.] RECODED TO REGION

Southwest Virginia	19% (116)
Shenandoah Valley	15% (92)
Southside	7% (40)
Central VA/Richmond	20% (121)
Northern VA	22% (131)
Tidewater	18% (106)

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

Liberal	17% (100)
Moderate	35% (199)
Conservative	43% (249)
Other	5% (28)

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

Democrat	28% (154)
Republican	30% (161)
Independent	31% (168)
Other/None	10% (62)

31. From what you have heard about the Tea Party movement, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with their views or don't you know enough to have an opinion either way?

Strongly agree	12% (50)
Agree	26% (108)
Neutral	14% (58)
Disagree	25% (104)
Strongly disagree	23% (98)

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.