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?

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