Roanoke College Poll |Nov. 11-16, 2024
Topline and Select Party Crosstabs

Hi, I'm_____ and I'm calling from Roanoke College. How are you? We're conducting a survey of Virginia residents regarding important issues and your opinion is very important to us; we're not selling anything and won't ask for any money. Your responses are anonymous and confidential. Are you 18 or older and a resident of Virginia?

Direction of US/VA and Approval Ratings
1. 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	Wrong track	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	24%	73%	3%
Oct. 2024	25%	64%	10%
Aug. 2024	27%	71%	2%
May 2024	27%	70%	3%
Feb. 2024	24%	73%	3%
Nov. 2023	23%	74%	3%
Aug. 2023	24%	73%	3%
May 2023	25%	71%	4%
Feb. 2023	27%	69%	2%
Nov. 2022	28%	68%	5%
Aug. 2022	25%	72%	3%
May 2022	21%	77%	3%
Feb. 2022	29%	67%	4%
Nov. 2021	31%	66%	4%
Sept. 2021	35%	58%	8%
Aug. 2021	33%	58%	9%
May 2021	42%	53%	6%
Feb. 2021	39%	53%	9%
Nov. 2020	28%	62%	10%
Oct. 2020	30%	63%	7%
Aug. 2020	16%	79%	5%
May 2020	33%	61%	6%
Feb. 2020	39%	53%	8%
Nov. 2019	26%	65%	10%
Aug. 2019	31%	61%	8%
Feb. 2019	37%	56%	7%
Nov. 2018	34%	58%	8%
Aug. 2018	37%	56%	8%
June 2018	30%	64%	7%
Feb. 2018	31%	57%	11%
Nov. 2017	24%	69%	7%
Oct. 2017	30%	64%	7%
Sept. 2017	30%	63%	8%
Aug. 2017	29%	63%	9%

Feb. 2017	31%	57%	11%
Jan. 2017	32%	52%	17%

2. 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	Wrong track	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	52%	43%	5%
Oct. 2024	46%	35%	20%
Aug. 2024	51%	46%	4%
May 2024	53%	42%	6%
Feb. 2024	53%	42%	5%
Nov. 2023	50%	43%	7%
Aug. 2023	49%	44%	7%
May 2023	48%	45%	7%
Feb. 2023	55%	39%	5%
Nov. 2022	47%	48%	5%
Aug. 2022	51%	45%	4%
May 2022	50%	44%	7%
Feb. 2022	47%	47%	6%
Sept. 2021	52%	43%	6%
Aug. 2021	52%	43%	5%
May 2021	50%	40%	10%
Feb. 2021	52%	40%	9%
Nov. 2020	53%	37%	10%
Aug. 2020	45%	49%	6%
May 2020	57%	37%	6%
Feb. 2020	49%	44%	8%
Aug. 2018	58%	30%	12%
Oct. 2017	48%	40%	13%
Sept. 2017	52%	37%	12%
Aug. 2017	46%	41%	13%
Jan. 2017	52%	29%	19%

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Mixed	Refused
Nov. 2024	52%	39%	1%	8%
Aug. 2024	59%	36%	1%	4%
May 2024	52%	40%	3%	5%
Feb. 2024	53%	38%	3%	6%
Nov. 2023	52%	39%	3%	6%
Aug. 2023	51%	40%	3%	6%
May 2023	51%	40%	4%	5%
Feb. 2023	57%	35%	2%	4%
Nov. 2022	52%	41%	2%	5%
Aug. 2022	55%	35%	2%	7%
May 2022	53%	35%	2%	10%
Feb. 2022	50%	41%	3%	7%

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President of the United States?

	Approve	Disapprove	Mixed	Refused
Nov. 2024	41%	55%	1%	4%
Oct. 2024	38%	52%	9%	1%
Aug. 2024	35%	62%	1%	2%
May 2024	35%	61%	2%	2%
Feb. 2024	33%	61%	2%	4%
Nov. 2023	37%	58%	2%	3%
Aug. 2023	40%	57%	1%	2%
May 2023	42%	55%	2%	2%
Feb. 2023	38%	56%	2%	1%
Nov. 2022	41%	55%	3%	2%
Aug. 2022	39%	57%	3%	1%
May 2022	37%	57%	4%	2%
Feb. 2022	41%	53%	4%	3%
Oct. 2021	44%	50%	4%	2%
Sept. 2021	50%	45%	3%	2%
Aug. 2021	48%	43%	7%	2%
May 2021	47%	39%	9%	5%
Feb. 2021	47%	30%	8%	15%

Favorability Ratings of Political Figures

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

5. Glenn Youngkin

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Nov. 2024	48%	38%	3%	11%
Aug. 2024	54%	40%	1%	5%
May 2024	49%	40%	3%	8%
Feb. 2024	48%	41%	3%	9%
Nov. 2023	50%	39%	3%	8%
Aug. 2023	48%	41%	3%	9%
May 2023	46%	42%	2%	10%
Feb. 2023	52%	35%	2%	9%
Nov. 2022	50%	40%	1%	9%
Aug. 2022	51%	37%	3%	10%
May 2022	46%	37%	3%	15%
Feb. 2022	46%	42%	1%	12%
Oct. 2021	45%	37%	16%	1%
Sept. 2021	40%	41%	17%	3%
Aug. 2021	27%	21%	3%	50%

6. Joe Biden

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Nov. 2024	41%	54%	2%	3%
Oct. 2024	37%	50%	12%	1%
Aug. 2024	37%	61%	1%	1%
May 2024	36%	58%	3%	3%
Feb. 2024	35%	61%	1%	3%
Nov. 2023	39%	55%	3%	3%
Aug. 2023	43%	53%	1%	3%
May 2023	43%	52%	2%	3%
Feb. 2023	40%	55%	1%	2%
Nov. 2022	44%	51%	2%	3%
Aug. 2022	41%	55%	3%	2%
May 2022	38%	56%	3%	3%
Feb. 2022	43%	52%	2%	3%
Sept. 2021	51%	46%	2%	1%
Aug. 2021	48%	43%	5%	4%
Feb. 2021	47%	29%	14%	10%
Nov. 2020	46%	36%	9%	9%
Oct. 2020	53%	43%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	51%	38%	7%	4%
May 2020	36%	39%	15%	10%
Feb. 2020	37%	37%	18%	8%

7. Donald Trump

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Nov. 2024	41%	55%	2%	3%
Oct. 2024	38%	54%	6%	2%
Aug. 2024	40%	57%	1%	1%
May 2024	36%	57%	3%	4%
Feb. 2024	34%	59%	2%	4%
Nov. 2023	33%	58%	5%	4%
Aug. 2023	30%	65%	3%	3%
May 2023	31%	63%	3%	3%
Feb. 2023	33%	58%	3%	4%
Nov. 2022	33%	60%	3%	3%
Aug. 2022	37%	58%	3%	3%
May 2022	34%	59%	4%	3%
Feb. 2022	37%	56%	3%	4%
Oct. 2021	37%	54%	6%	3%
Feb. 2021	24%	58%	14%	4%
Nov. 2020	33%	53%	10%	5%
Oct. 2020	41%	56%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	37%	55%	7%	2%
May 2020	36%	49%	12%	4%
Feb. 2020	32%	54%	10%	4%
Sept. 2017	35%	54%	8%	3%
Aug. 2017	31%	53%	13%	3%
Feb. 2017	29%	49%	13%	9%
Jan. 2017	30%	48%	18%	4%
Jan. 2016	22%	63%	13%	2%
Nov. 2015	23%	55%	13%	9%

Political Anxiety

8. 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?

	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Never	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	3%	18%	60%	17%	2%
May 2024	2%	18%	57%	22%	1%
Nov. 2023	2%	15%	60%	22%	1%
May 2023	5%	14%	59%	20%	2%
Nov. 2022	4%	18%	56%	22%	1%
May 2022	2%	17%	56%	24%	1%
Nov. 2021	3%	18%	52%	27%	1%
Aug. 2021	1%	18%	63%	17%	2%
Feb. 2021	2%	16%	63%	16%	3%
Nov. 2020	1%	17%	60%	18%	4%
May 2020	0%	16%	64%	17%	2%
Nov. 2019	3%	13%	61%	20%	4%
Feb. 2019	1%	11%	70%	16%	2%
Nov. 2018	1%	13%	61%	22%	2%
May 2018	1%	11%	70%	18%	0%
Feb. 2018	2%	17%	62%	18%	2%
Nov. 2017	2%	14%	60%	24%	1%
Oct. 2017	1%	11%	72%	17%	0%
Aug. 2017	1%	14%	61%	23%	2%

9. 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 govt.	Cannot	Unsure /Refused
Nov. 2024	59%	39%	1%
May 2024	51%	48%	1%
Nov. 2023	50%	49%	2%
May 2023	52%	46%	3%
Nov. 2022	58%	40%	3%
May 2022	52%	46%	2%
Nov. 2021	60%	38%	2%
Aug. 2021	55%	41%	4%
Feb. 2021	52%	45%	3%
Nov. 2020	61%	35%	4%
May 2020	47%	49%	4%
Nov. 2019	58%	38%	5%
Feb. 2019	56%	38%	6%
Nov. 2018	63%	30%	8%
May 2018	57%	41%	2%
Feb. 2018	65%	32%	4%
Nov. 2017	63%	34%	3%
Oct. 2017	57%	41%	2%
Aug. 2017	60%	37%	4%

10. 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	Losing	Both	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	32%	63%	1%	4%
May 2024	27%	61%	3%	9%
Nov. 2023	30%	60%	3%	6%
May 2023	28%	61%	3%	7%
Nov. 2022	32%	58%	3%	7%
May 2022	22%	65%	3%	9%
Nov. 2021	29%	58%	4%	9%
Aug. 2021	30%	49%	7%	14%
Feb. 2021	26%	50%	11%	14%
Nov. 2020	33%	42%	10%	15%
May 2020	29%	50%	11%	10%
Nov. 2019	28%	43%	12%	18%
Feb. 2019	27%	44%	16%	14%
Nov. 2018	34%	42%	14%	10%
May 2018	23%	60%	11%	7%
Feb. 2018	29%	51%	11%	9%
Nov. 2017	27%	53%	10%	10%
Oct. 2017	23%	61%	10%	6%
Aug. 2017	22%	57%	13%	8%

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

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Angry	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	5%	24%	50%	18%	3%
May 2024	4%	21%	50%	21%	4%
Nov. 2023	3%	19%	57%	19%	2%
May 2023	3%	24%	50%	19%	2%
Nov. 2022	6%	24%	51%	17%	1%
May 2022	3%	21%	52%	21%	3%
Nov. 2021	3%	26%	47%	20%	3%
Aug. 2021	2%	28%	45%	21%	5%
Feb. 2021	6%	32%	41%	14%	8%
Nov. 2020	2%	24%	49%	19%	6%
May 2020	3%	25%	49%	19%	5%
Nov. 2019	3%	21%	50%	19%	8%
Feb. 2019	1%	21%	49%	20%	8%
Nov. 2018	2%	25%	49%	18%	7%
May 2018	3%	15%	54%	26%	3%
Feb. 2018	3%	23%	45%	21%	8%
Nov. 2017	2%	19%	60%	14%	5%
Oct. 2017	3%	15%	55%	24%	3%
Aug. 2017	1%	15%	57%	22%	5%

12. 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 ahead	Best behind	Same/Unsure	Refused
Nov. 2024	50%	47%	2%	2%
May 2024	45%	50%	3%	1%
Nov. 2023	41%	55%	3%	1%
May 2023	41%	55%	3%	1%
Nov. 2022	50%	46%	3%	1%
May 2022	44%	52%	4%	1%
Nov. 2021	49%	45%	5%	1%
Aug. 2021	54%	40%	5%	2%
Feb. 2021	59%	30%	9%	2%
Nov. 2020	62%	29%	8%	2%
May 2020	60%	31%	7%	1%
Nov. 2019	55%	32%	10%	3%
Feb. 2019	55%	35%	10%	0%
Nov. 2018	57%	33%	8%	2%
May 2018	56%	37%	7%	1%
Feb. 2018	56%	34%	10%	1%
Nov. 2017	57%	37%	6%	1%
Oct. 2017	57%	37%	6%	1%
Aug. 2017	56%	32%	11%	1%

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

	United	Divided	Both/Unsure	Refused
Nov. 2024	15%	84%	0%	1%
May 2024	14%	86%	1%	0%
Nov. 2023	10%	90%	1%	0%
May 2023	14%	84%	2%	1%
Nov. 2022	16%	82%	1%	1%
May 2022	13%	85%	2%	0%
Nov. 2021	14%	84%	2%	0%
Aug. 2021	8%	89%	3%	1%
Feb. 2021	5%	91%	3%	1%
Nov. 2020	8%	88%	3%	1%
May 2020	10%	86%	4%	0%
Nov. 2019	7%	90%	4%	0%
Feb. 2019	8%	88%	4%	0%
Nov. 2018	6%	89%	3%	2%
May 2018	11%	87%	2%	0%
Feb. 2018	13%	84%	3%	0%
Nov. 2017	10%	86%	3%	1%
Oct. 2017	11%	88%	2%	0%
Aug. 2017	8%	88%	4%	0%

Politics

14. Overall, do you think the federal government makes your life better or do you think it makes your life worse?

	Better	Worse	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	48%	46%	7%
Oct. 2024	40%	44%	16%

15. Which of the following best describes your rection to the presidential election? Are you happy it's over; are you numb; or are you shocked?

Happy it's over	57%
Numb	15%
Shocked	26%
Unsure/Refused	3%

16. Which of the following best describes how you approach the next four years. Are you hopeful, cautiously optimistic, pessimistic, or fearful?

Hopeful	32%
Cautiously optimistic	28%
Pessimistic	13%
Fearful	25%
Unsure/Refused	1%

17. Looking ahead to the election of 2028, regardless of the candidates, do you think the country will be more unified, as divided as it is now, or do you think the divisions will be even greater?

More united	34%
Same as now	32%
More divided	32%
Unsure/Refused	3%

18. How much do you trust the polling industry? A great deal, some, not very much, or not at all?

Great deal	13%
Some	37%
Not very much	30%
None at all	19%
Unsure/Refused	2%

19. In general, do you think pollsters try to measure opinions accurately or do you think they try to slant the results to fit their views?

Measure accurately	41%
Slant results	52%
Unsure/Refused	7%

20. In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media -- such as newspapers, TV, and radio -- when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately, and fairly -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

Great deal	7%
Fair amount	33%
Not very much	39%
None at all	21%
Refused	1%

21. Which word do you think best describes Donald Trump? Disruptor, leader, fascist, visionary, or criminal?

Disruptor	17%
Leader	29%
Fascist	15%
Visionary	10%
Criminal	26%
Unsure/Refused	4%

22. Do you think Donald Trump understands and cares about people like you?

	Yes	No	Unsure/Refused
Nov. 2024	40%	58%	2%
Oct. 2024	37%	59%	4%

Demographics

23. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%
Other/No answer	1%

24. Region

Central Virginia/Richmond	17%
Northern Virginia	33%
Shenandoah Valley	6%
Southside	8%
Southwest Virginia	11%
Tidewater	24%

25. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	40%
Living with partner	9%
Divorced	10%
Separated	4%
Widowed	6%
Never married	30%
Refused	1%

26. How much education have you completed?

Less than High school	2%
High School	19%
Some College/Technical School	24%
Associate's Degree	10%
Bachelor's Degree	27%
Advanced Degree	19%
Refused	1%

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

18-29	20%
30-44	26%
45-64	32%
65 or older	21%
Refused	1%

28. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

Yes, Hispanic	7%
No, not Hispanic	92%
Refused	0%

29. Would you consider yourself Caucasian or white, African-American or Black, Asian or some other race?

White / Caucasian	62%
African-American	18%
Asian/Other/multi-racial	19%
Refused	1%

30. What income group includes your annual family income?

Less than $20,000	10%
$20,000-$35,000	10%
$35,000-$50,000	12%
$50,000-$75,000	19%
$75,000-$100,000	15%
More than $100,000	31%
Refused	4%

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

Liberal	31%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	28%
Other/Unsure	5%
Don't know/Refused	4%

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

Democrat	35%
Republican	28%
Independent	21%
Other/None	13%
Don't know/No answer	3%

32.a. [IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER OR REFUSED] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or toward the Republican party?

Democratic Party	27%
Republican Party	34%
Independent/Neither	35%
Don't know/No answer	3%

Select Party Crosstabs

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
USA Right Direction	24%	32%	22%
VA Right Direction	49%	61%	53%
Job Approval Youngkin	30%	82%	53%
Job Approval Biden	75%	7%	38%
Favorability Youngkin	24%	81%	53%
Favorability Biden	76%	7%	38%
Favorability Trump	7%	91%	39%
Trust Washington sometimes/never	70%	79%	88%
Citizens can influence government	60%	63%	61%
Winning more than losing	15%	61%	25%
Dissatisfied/angry how govt. working	64%	66%	77%
Best years ahead	34%	73%	51%
Americans divided	92%	69%	88%
Federal govt. makes life better	60%	37%	45%
Shocked by election outcome	50%	4%	11%
Hopeful/optimistic about next four years	27%	94%	77%
Trust polls great deal/some	58%	52%	38%
Pollsters slant results	40%	59%	55%
Trust media great deal/some	57%	25%	35%
Trump seen as leader	6%	67%	23%
Trump seen as fascist	29%	3%	13%
Trump seen as criminal	45%	1%	26%
Trump seen as visionary	0%	21%	15%
Trump seen as disruptor	18%	9%	20%
Trump understands/cares about people like you	8%	88%	39%