

Roanoke College Poll | May 12-19, 2025
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
May 2025	33%	66%	2%
Feb. 2025	31%	67%	1%
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
May 2025	45%	51%	4%
Feb. 2025	51%	47%	2%
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
May 2025	46%	48%	1%	4%
Feb. 2025	53%	39%	3%	5%
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 Donald Trump is handling his job as President of the United States?

	Approve	Disapprove	Mixed	Refused
May 2025	31%	65%	1%	3%
Feb. 2025	37%	59%	2%	2%
Oct. 2020	41%	56%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	37%	58%	4%	1%
May 2020	36%	54%	8%	2%
Feb. 2020	36%	52%	11%	1%
Nov. 2019	32%	51%	14%	3%
Aug. 2019	27%	53%	17%	3%
Feb. 2019	38%	48%	11%	3%
Aug. 2018	32%	53%	12%	3%
June 2018	36%	53%	9%	2%
Feb. 2018	32%	50%	11%	7%
Oct. 2017	36%	53%	9%	2%
Oct. 2017	35%	58%	6%	2%
Sept. 2017	36%	56%	8%	1%
Aug. 2017	27%	58%	13%	2%
Feb. 2017	32%	50%	11%	7%

Favorability Ratings of Political Figures and Organizations

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
May 2025	44%	50%	0%	6%
Feb. 2025	48%	42%	1%	8%
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. Donald Trump

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
May 2025	33%	64%	1%	2%
Feb. 2025	37%	58%	2%	4%
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%

7. Abigail Spanberger

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
May 2025	41%	40%	0%	19%
Feb. 2025	37%	37%	1%	26%

8. Winsome Earle-Sears

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
May 2025	32%	48%	1%	19%
Feb. 2025	34%	39%	1%	27%

9. Mark Warner

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
May 2025	51%	41%	1%	7%
Oct. 2020	53%	33%	13%	2%
Aug. 2020	51%	26%	17%	6%
May 2020	37%	21%	12%	30%

10. The Republican Party

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
May 2025	32%	63%	2%	3%
Aug. 2021	29%	50%	10%	11%

11. The Democratic Party

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
May 2025	43%	51%	3%	3%
Oct. 2020	41%	47%	7%	6%

12. Are you registered to vote in Virginia

Yes	93%
No	8%

12. a. [IF REGISTERED] As you know, Virginia will elect a new governor in November. If the election were held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for [ROTATE FIRST TWO] [N=609]

Abigail Spanberger, the Democrat	43%
Winsome Earle-Sears, the Republican	26%
Some other candidate	3%
Undecided	28%
Refused	0%

Political Anxiety

13. 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
May 2025	2%	11%	62%	24%	2%
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%

14. 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
May 2025	52%	46%	2%
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%

15. 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
May 2025	32%	62%	1%	5%
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%

16. 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
May 2025	6%	18%	43%	31%	3%
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%

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 ahead	Best behind	Same/Unsure	Refused
May 2025	48%	50%	1%	0%
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%

Politics

18. 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
May 2025	14%	84%	0%	1%
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%

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

	Better	Worse	Unsure/Refused
May 2025	40%	56%	5%
Nov. 2024	48%	46%	7%
Oct. 2024	40%	44%	16%

The next several questions deal with the deficit and national debt. As you may know, the total national debt is just under \$37 trillion. That is more than \$100,000 for each U.S. citizen. The annual deficit is now over \$1.5 trillion. For context, the total net worth of all billionaires in the U.S. combined is just over \$5 trillion.

20. How concerned are you about the deficit and national debt? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned	42%
Somewhat concerned	40%
Not too concerned	12%
Not concerned at all	5%
DK/Refused	1%

21. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following to reduce the federal debt. How about -- [ROTATE]

Increasing tax rates for those making more than \$400,000 per year

Favor	74%
Oppose	23%
DK/Refused	2%

Increasing tax rates for everyone

Favor	17%
Oppose	82%
DK/Refused	2%

Cutting spending for all programs

Favor	26%
Oppose	71%
DK/Refused	3%

Cutting programs other than defense, Social Security and Medicare

Favor	41%
Oppose	56%
DK/Refused	4%

Cutting defense spending

Favor	43%
Oppose	55%
DK/Refused	2%

Making significant changes to Social Security and Medicare to save money

Favor	24%
Oppose	73%
DK/Refused	3%

22. If you had to choose between increased taxes for you and cutting some services that you or your family may use, which would you choose? Increased taxes, fewer services, both, or neither because the deficit and debt aren't big problems?

Increased taxes	29%
Fewer services	28%
Both	15%
Neither	27%
DK/Refused	2%

23. Which do you think is more to blame for the federal budget deficit? [ROTATE] spending too much on federal programs that are either not needed or wasteful OR not raising enough money in taxes to pay for needed federal programs?

Spending too much	61%
Not enough taxes	34%
DK/Refused	5%

Demographics

24. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%
Other/No answer	0%

25. Region

Central Virginia/Richmond	18%
Northern Virginia	31%
Shenandoah Valley	7%
Southside	8%
Southwest Virginia	12%
Tidewater	25%

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

Married	47%
Living with partner	9%
Divorced	9%
Separated	2%
Widowed	6%
Never married	27%
Refused	1%

27. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	1%
High School	17%
Some College/Technical School	34%
Associate's Degree	3%
Bachelor's Degree	24%
Advanced Degree	22%
Refused	0%

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

18-29	20%
30-44	27%
45-64	32%
65 or older	22%
Refused	0%

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

Yes, Hispanic	6%
No, not Hispanic	93%
Refused	1%

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

White / Caucasian	61%
African-American	18%
Asian/Other/multi-racial	19%
Refused	1%

31. What income group includes your annual family income?

Less than \$20,000	8%
\$20,000-\$35,000	13%
\$35,000-\$50,000	11%
\$50,000-\$75,000	12%
\$75,000-\$100,000	11%
More than \$100,000	39%
Refused	5%

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

Liberal	26%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	27%
Other/Unsure	9%
Don't know/Refused	2%

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

Democrat	36%
Republican	27%
Other/Independent	36%
Don't know/No answer	1%

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

Democratic Party	32%
Republican Party	28%
Independent/Neither	38%
Don't know/No answer	3%

Select Party Crosstabs

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Independent</i>
USA Right Direction	9%	77%	24%
VA Right Direction	27%	73%	42%
Job Approval Youngkin	23%	80%	47%
Job Approval Trump	3%	78%	25%
Favorability Youngkin	23%	77%	42%
Favorability Trump	4%	80%	28%
Favorability Earle-Sears	17%	60%	26%
Favorability Spanberger	65%	18%	35%
Favorability Warner	84%	18%	41%
Favorability Republican Party	4%	78%	25%
Favorability Democratic Party	84%	10%	28%
Vote for Spanberger	83%	1%	33%
Vote for Earle-Sears	0%	70%	19%
Trust Washington sometimes/never	84%	82%	88%
Citizens can influence government	61%	46%	50%
Winning more than losing	13%	65%	26%
Dissatisfied/angry how govt. working	86%	48%	80%
Best years ahead	33%	71%	48%
Americans divided	89%	78%	85%
Federal govt. makes life better	44%	43%	34%
Very concerned about debt/deficit	37%	75%	37%
Favor increase tax above \$400,000	88%	59%	72%
Cut spending all programs	5%	55%	25%
Cut all but defense, SSI, Medicare	25%	67%	39%
Cut defense	50%	36%	42%
Modify SSI, Medicare	12%	49%	18%
Choice of personal impact			
Increase taxes	43%	10%	28%
Fewer services	10%	53%	27%
Both	13%	19%	27%
Neither/not big problem	33%	16%	30%