**Roanoke College Poll Topline**

**State and National Politics**

**November 26, 2019**

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 confidential.

1. 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 Fair amount Not very much None at all Refused

Nov. 2019 7% 29% 34% 26% 4%

Aug. 2019 10% 30% 31% 27% 3%

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 Wrong track Unsure Refused

Nov. 2019 26% 65% 10% 0%

Aug. 2019 31% 61% 7% 1%

Feb. 2019 37% 56% 6% 1%

Nov. 2018 34% 58% 6% 2%

Aug. 2018 37% 56% 7% 1%

June 2018 30% 64% 6% 1%

Feb. 2018 31% 57% 10% 1%

Nov. 2017 24% 69% 7% 0%

Oct. 2017 30% 64% 6% 1%

3. 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

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%

Aug. 2017 27% 58% 13% 2%

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

Nov. 2019 35% 28% 23% 13%

Aug. 2019 37% 29% 21% 14%

Feb. 2019 32% 39% 16% 13%

Aug. 2018 54% 18% 13% 15%

June 2018 43% 36% 14% 7%

Feb. 2018 32% 50% 11% 7%

Last measurement for Gov. Terry McAuliffe:

Oct. 2017 43% 36% 14% 7%

Oct. 2017 48% 35% 11% 6%

In general, do you favor or oppose the following:

5. Requiring background checks for all firearms sales, including those between two private citizens?

 Favor 84%

 Oppose 10%

 Unsure 4%

 Refused 2%

6. Banning the sale of assault rifles?

 Favor 57%

 Oppose 30%

 Unsure 11%

 Refused 3%

7. Allowing a family member to seek a court order to temporarily take away guns if they feel a gun owner may harm themselves or others?

 Favor 76%

 Oppose 14%

 Unsure 8%

 Refused 2%

8. Raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour over several years?

 Favor 66%

 Oppose 24%

 Unsure 9%

 Refused 1%

9. Passing the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?

 Favor 73%

 Oppose 10%

 Unsure 10%

 Refused 7%

10. Laws that would require workers to pay dues to a union if they work in a unionized workplace?

 Favor 38%

 Oppose 43%

 Unsure 14%

 Refused 5%

11. Regulations that may help slow the effects of climate change?

 Favor 68%

 Oppose 15%

 Unsure 12%

 Refused 5%

12. Laws that would reduce the prison population and reduce prison racial disparities?

 Favor 59%

 Oppose 16%

 Unsure 20%

 Refused 5%

13. Laws that would make it easier for a woman to obtain an abortion?

 Favor 53%

 Oppose 30%

 Unsure 14%

 Refused 3%

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?

 Always Most time Sometimes Never Unsure/Refused

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%

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 govt. Cannot Unsure /Refused

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%

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 Losing Both Unsure/Refused

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%

17. 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. 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%

18. 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. 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%

19. 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. 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%

20. Finally, which do you think is more important - to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

Protect owners Control guns Unsure/Refused

Nov. 2019 47% 43% 10%

Feb. 2019 44% 47% 9%

Nov. 2018 44% 46% 10%

Aug. 2018 44% 48% 8%

May 2018 46% 44% 9%

Jan. 2016 50% 41% 9%

Jan. 2015 50% 42% 7%

21. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male 49%

Female 51%

22. Region

Southwest Virginia 12%

Southside 8%

Shenandoah Valley 9%

Central Virginia/Richmond 23%

Northern Virginia 27%

Tidewater 21%

23. 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 47%

Living with partner 6%

Divorced 7%

Separated 2%

Widowed 5%

Never married 33%

Refused 1%

24. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school 3%

High School 14%

Some college/technical school 28%

Associate's Degree 10%

Bachelor's Degree 25%

Advanced Degree 20%

Refused 0%

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

18-29 22%

30-44 27%

45-64 34%

65 or older 15%

Refused 1%

26. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

 Yes, Hispanic 10%

 No, not Hispanic 88%

 No answer 2%

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

White / Hispanic / Latino 74%

African-American 18%

Other/multi-racial 5%

Refused 4%

28. 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 5%

$20,000-$35,000 12%

$35,000-$50,000 13%

$50,000-$75,000 20%

$75,000-$100,000 18%

More than $100,000 21%

Refused 11%

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

 Liberal 26%

 Moderate 28%

 Conservative 35%

 Other/Unsure 7%

 Refused 4%

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

Democrat 30%

Republican 24%

Independent 19%

Other/None 21%

Refused 6%

30. a. [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. 22]

Democrat 46%

Republican 35%

Neither/Refused 19%

Thank you for your time and have a nice <HOUR1>.