**Roanoke College Poll Topline**

**State and National Politics**

**May 19, 2020**

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

May 2020 10% 37% 32% 20% 2%

Feb. 2020 8% 27% 32% 28% 4%

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

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

Feb. 2017 11% 31% 30% 26% 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

May 2020 33% 61% 6% 0%

Feb. 2020 39% 53% 8% 0%

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%

Sept. 2017 30% 63% 7% 1%

Aug. 2017 29% 63% 8% 1%

Feb. 2017 31% 57% 10% 1%

Jan. 2017 32% 52% 16% 1%

3. 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 2020 57% 37% 6% 0%

Feb. 2020 49% 44% 6% 2%

Aug. 2018 58% 30% 10% 2%

Oct. 2017 48% 40% 12% 1%

Sept. 2017 52% 37% 11% 1%

Aug. 2017 46% 41% 11% 2%

Jan. 2017 52% 29% 18% 1%

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

May 2020 59% 29% 6% 6%

Feb. 2020 40% 41% 11% 9%

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%

Aug. 2017 49% 30% 15% 6%

Jan. 2017 52% 20% 15% 13%

5. 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 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%

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

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

May 2020 20% 63% 13% 5%

Feb. 2020 20% 60% 16% 4%

Oct. 2017 10% 80% 8% 3%

Sept. 2017 11% 76% 10% 3%

Aug. 2017 7% 79% 10% 4%

Feb. 2017 20% 62% 12% 6%

Jan. 2017 19% 64% 12% 6%

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.

7. Donald Trump

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

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%

8. Ralph Northam

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

May 2020 46% 31% 11% 12%

Feb. 2020 27% 34% 14% 25%

Sept. 2017 32% 25% 9% 34%

Aug. 2017 25% 15% 8% 53%

Jan. 2017 8% 5% 3% 84%

9. Joe Biden

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

May 2020 36% 39% 15% 10%

Feb. 2020 37% 37% 18% 8%

10. Mark Warner

Favorable 37%

Unfavorable 21%

Mixed 12%

Don’t know/Refused 30%

11. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo

Favorable 43%

Unfavorable 24%

Mixed 9%

Don’t know/Refused 24%

12. 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 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%

13. 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 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%

14. 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 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%

15. 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 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%

16. 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 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%

17. 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 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%

18. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

Yes 95%

No 4%

Refused 1%

18.a. [IF NOT REGISTERED] How likely is it that you will register between now and the November election? Is it very likely, somewhat likely or not very likely? (N=29)

Very likely 18%

Somewhat likely 5%

Not very likely 57%

Refused 21%

19. Generally speaking, would you say that you personally care a great deal who wins the presidential election this fall or that you don’t care very much who wins?

Care great deal 91%

Don’t care very much 9%

Refused 0%

20. How likely is it that you will vote in the presidential election in November? Is it very likely, somewhat likely or not very likely?

Very likely 94%

Somewhat likely 3%

Not very likely 2% [SKIP TO DEMOGRAPHICS]

Refused 1% [SKIP TO DEMOGRAPHICS]

21. If the election was held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for [ROTATE FIRST THREE]

Donald Trump, the Republican 39%

Joe Biden, the Democrat 51%

Some other candidate 8%

Unsure [VOLUNTERED ONLY] 2%

Refused [VOLUNTERED ONLY] 1%

22. And if the election for U.S. Senator was held today, would you vote for [ROTATE FIRST THREE]

The Republican candidate 31%

Mark Warner, the Democrat 48%

Some other candidate 10%

Unsure [VOLUNTERED ONLY] 11%

Refused [VOLUNTERED ONLY] 0%

23. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male 47%

Female 53%

24. Region

Southwest Virginia 12%

Southside 6%

Shenandoah Valley 5%

Central Virginia/Richmond 17%

Northern Virginia 36%

Tidewater 24%

25. 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 51%

Living with partner 6%

Divorced 9%

Separated 1%

Widowed 7%

Never married 24%

Refused 2%

26. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school 3%

High School 11%

Some college/technical school 27%

Associate's Degree 5%

Bachelor's Degree 29%

Advanced Degree 24%

Refused 1%

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

18-29 18%

30-44 25%

45-64 41%

65 or older 16%

Refused 1%

28. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic 5%

No, not Hispanic 93%

No answer 2%

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

White / Hispanic / Latino 71%

African-American 21%

Other/multi-racial 6%

Refused 3%

30. 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 9%

$35,000-$50,000 9%

$50,000-$75,000 18%

$75,000-$100,000 15%

More than $100,000 35%

Refused 9%

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

Liberal 20%

Moderate 41%

Conservative 32%

Other/Unsure 2%

Refused 4%

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

Democrat 38%

Republican 31%

Independent 14%

Other/None 12%

Refused 5%

32. 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. 32]

Democrat 50%

Republican 40%

Independent/Neither/Refused 10%

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