



Frequency Table

Code respondent's sex

	Frequency	Percent
Male	294	49.0
Female	307	51.0
Total	601	100.0

In general, do you think that you can trust Virginia's state government to do what is right all of the time, some of time, not much of the time, or not at all?

	Frequency	Percent
All of the time	34	5.7
Some of the time	454	76.8
Not much of the time	81	13.7
Not at all	22	3.8
Total	591	100.0
Missing DK/NA	10	
Total	601	

The state legislature in Virginia is in session for 45 days in odd-numbered years like 2011 and 60 days in even-numbered years like 2010. Some people think these sessions are too short, while others think they are too long. Some think they are about the right length of time. Which is closer to your view?

	Frequency	Percent
Too short	276	46.0
Too long	54	8.9
About right	204	34.0
Unsure	67	11.1
Total	601	100.0

As you may know, members of the Virginia Senate and the House of Delegates receive salaries of about \$18,000 per year plus expenses. Do you think that their compensation is too high, too low, or about right?

	Frequency	Percent
Too high	132	21.9
Too low	107	17.9
About right	337	56.1
Unsure	25	4.2
Total	601	100.0

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?

	Frequency	Percent
Right direction	271	45.4
Wrong track	259	43.3
Unsure	67	11.2
Total	597	100.0
Missing No answer	4	
Total	601	

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?

	Frequency	Percent
Right direction	128	21.3
Wrong track	433	72.4
Unsure	38	6.3
Total	598	100.0
Missing No answer	3	
Total	601	

In general, do think that you can trust the government in Washington D.C. to do what is right all of the time, some of time, not much of the time, or not at all?

	Frequency	Percent
All of the time	15	2.6
Some of the time	288	48.2
Not much of the time	220	36.9
Not at all	74	12.3
Total	597	100.0
Missing DK/NA	4	
Total	601	

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

	Frequency	Percent
Approve	303	57.4
Disapprove	137	25.9
Mixed	88	16.7
Total	528	100.0
Missing No answer/Don't Know	73	
Total	601	

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President of the United States?

	Frequency	Percent
Approve	216	36.3
Disapprove	310	52.2
Mixed	68	11.5
Total	593	100.0
Missing No answer/Don't Know	8	
Total	601	

Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your view?

	Frequency	Percent
Government doing too much	336	57.1
Government should do more	198	33.6
Unsure	55	9.3
Total	589	100.0
Missing NA	12	
Total	601	

In general, would you prefer a government that provides more services with higher taxes or a government that provides fewer services with lower taxes?

	Frequency	Percent
More services and taxes	171	31.9
Fewer services and taxes	364	68.1
Total	535	100.0
Missing DK/NA	66	
Total	601	

The next several questions deal with issues that are likely to be important in the 2011 Virginia General Assembly session. As you know, ABC stores owned and operated by the state are currently in charge of all sales of hard liquor. Some people think that the state government should not be in the business of selling alcohol. Others think it is better for the state to control alcohol sales to help reduce the problems of alcohol consumption. Others think the state should allow private businesses to sell alcohol only if the state can replace the revenue it will lose by not operating the stores. Which is closer to your view?

	Frequency	Percent
State should not sell alcohol	110	18.2
State should continue ABC store sales	244	40.5
Private business if revenue replaced	199	33.1
Unsure	49	8.1
Total	601	100.0

Because of the census, all states will have to redraw legislative districts this year. Some people think that the legislature and governor should redraw these districts because they reflect the will of the people. Other people think that a non-partisan commission should draw the districts to prevent either political party from creating districts to its advantage. Which is closer to your view?

	Frequency	Percent
Legislature should draw	104	17.3
Commission should draw	415	69.0
Unsure	82	13.7
Total	601	100.0

In general, would you support or oppose laws that do the following: - Allow police to check a person's immigration status during routine traffic stops?

	Frequency	Percent
Support	457	76.0
Oppose	133	22.2
DK/NA	11	1.8
Total	601	100.0

Require governments to electronically verify the legal status of workers?

		Frequency	Percent
	Favor	485	84.1
	Oppose	92	15.9
	Total	577	100.0
Missing	DK/NA	24	
Total		601	

Require school officials to collect information on students who cannot prove they are in the country legally?

		Frequency	Percent
	Favor	392	68.2
	Oppose	183	31.8
	Total	575	100.0
Missing	DK/NA	26	
Total		601	

Increase penalties for anyone who hires an illegal immigrant, knowingly or unknowingly?

		Frequency	Percent
	Favor	388	70.7
	Oppose	161	29.3
	Total	549	100.0
Missing	DK/NA	52	
Total		601	

Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment that would allow states to overrule a federal law or regulation if 2/3 of the states passed resolutions to overrule it?

		Frequency	Percent
	Support	326	54.2
	Oppose	199	33.1
	Unsure	76	12.7
	Total	601	100.0

Some people think that health care is a right for all citizens and should be provided by the government. Others think that government should provide health care only for the elderly and the poor. Some people think it is an individual responsibility. Which is closer to your view?

		Frequency	Percent
	Government should provide	193	33.7
	Elderly and poor only	165	28.9
	Individual responsibility	215	37.5
	Total	573	100.0
Missing	DK/NA	28	
Total		601	

Are you personally willing to pay higher taxes to provide health care for everyone?

		Frequency	Percent
	Yes	236	40.9
	No	342	59.1
	Total	578	100.0
Missing	DK/NA	23	
Total		601	

What should happen to people who get sick and do not have health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid?

Should the government pay for their health care and pass the costs along to taxpayers; should doctors and hospitals be required to provide care for free or at a greatly reduced price, or should these people obtain and pay for health care on their own?

		Frequency	Percent
	Government pays	146	27.9
	Doctors and hospitals pay	223	42.6
	On their own	155	29.5
	Total	524	100.0
Missing	DK/NA	77	
Total		601	

As you know, balancing the state budget is likely to be an important issue in next year's General Assembly session. In general, would you prefer to see the governor and legislature balance the budget through budget cuts alone, tax increases alone, or a combination of budget cuts and tax increases?

		Frequency	Percent
	Budget cuts	145	25.0
	Tax increases	17	2.9
	Both	418	72.2
	Total	579	100.0
Missing	-9998.00	5	
	DK/NA	17	
	Total	22	
Total		601	

Would you still support budget cuts if they included programs that benefit you or your family?

		Frequency	Percent
	Yes	453	81.8
	No	58	10.5
	Unsure	43	7.8
	Total	554	100.0
Missing	-9998.00	41	
	NA	5	
	Total	47	
Total		601	

Would you still support tax increases if they included taxes paid by you or your family?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	339	79.0
No	65	15.1
Unsure	26	6.0
Total	429	100.0
Missing -9998.00	169	
NA	3	
Total	172	
Total	601	

If there are to be budget cuts would you support cutting the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Education, which comprises about 46% of the state budget.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	156	27.1
No	419	72.9
Total	575	100.0
Missing -9998.00	13	
NA	13	
Total	26	
Total	601	

If there are to be budget cuts would you support cutting the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Health and Human Resources, which comprises about 24% of the budget and includes Medicaid, health care programs for poor children, and Social Services.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	221	38.5
No	353	61.5
Total	574	100.0
Missing -9998.00	13	
NA	14	
Total	27	
Total	601	

If there are to be budget cuts would you support cutting the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Public Safety, which comprises about 11% of the budget and includes state police, courts, and prisons.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	168	29.4
No	403	70.6
Total	571	100.0
Missing -9998.00	13	
NA	17	
Total	30	
Total	601	

If there are to be budget cuts would you support cutting the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - All other items, which comprise about 19% of the budget.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	439	83.1
No	89	16.9
Total	528	100.0
Missing -9998.00	13	
NA	60	
Total	73	
Total	601	

If there are to be budget cuts would you support cutting the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Across the board cuts, that is the same percentage from every program.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	287	52.2
No	263	47.8
Total	550	100.0
Missing -9998.00	13	
NA	38	
Total	51	
Total	601	

[IF no to all of the above] If you had to pick one of these areas for budget cuts, which would you choose?

	Frequency	Percent
Education	2	2.8
Health and Human Resources	2	2.8
Public Safety	4	6.3
All other items	28	47.1
Across the board cuts	25	41.0
Total	60	100.0
Missing -9998.00	541	
Total	601	

If there are to be tax increases, would you support a tax increase in the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Sales Tax.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	328	57.8
No	240	42.2
Total	568	100.0
Missing -9998.00	16	
NA	17	
Total	33	
Total	601	

If there are to be tax increases, would you support a tax increase in the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Personal Income Tax.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	235	41.3
No	334	58.7
Total	570	100.0
Missing -9998.00	16	
NA	15	
Total	31	
Total	601	

If there are to be tax increases, would you support a tax increase in the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Business Income Tax.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	308	54.8
No	254	45.2
Total	562	100.0
Missing -9998.00	16	
NA	23	
Total	39	
Total	601	

If there are to be tax increases, would you support a tax increase in the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Personal Property Tax Reimbursement (state currently subsidizes the car tax and other personal property taxes).

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	253	45.5
No	303	54.5
Total	556	100.0
Missing -9998.00	16	
NA	29	
Total	45	
Total	601	

If there are to be tax increases, would you support a tax increase in the following areas? Please answer yes or no to each. - Gas Tax.

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	241	41.5
No	340	58.5
Total	581	100.0
Missing -9998.00	16	
NA	5	
Total	20	
Total	601	

[IF no to all of the above] If you had to pick one of these areas for tax increases, which would you choose?

	Frequency	Percent
Sales tax	37	42.4
Personal income tax	6	6.8
Business income tax	18	21.0
Personal property reimbursement	9	10.7
Gas tax	17	19.2
Total	86	100.0
Missing -9998.00	515	
Total	601	

Road improvement is a major issue in the Commonwealth. Which of the following proposals is closest to your view? We should not raise taxes and improve roads as current funds allow. We should raise taxes and designate those funds for road improvements. We should pay for road improvements through the use of tolls. Or we should shift funds from other areas in the budget to pay for road improvements.

	Frequency	Percent
No taxes, status quo	117	20.0
Raise taxes designated for roads	100	17.1
Toll roads	158	27.1
Move funds from other areas	165	28.3
Unsure	44	7.6
Total	583	100.0
Missing -9998.00	18	
Total	601	

Now, I'd like to ask some questions about you. How old are you?

	Frequency	Percent
18-34	62	11.0
35-49	153	27.1
50-64	191	33.7
65 or older	159	28.1
Total	566	100.0
Missing System	35	
Total	601	

How much education have you completed?

	Frequency	Percent
Less than high school	20	3.4
High School	116	20.0
Some college/technical school	121	21.0
Associate's Degree	54	9.3
Bachelor's Degree	152	26.2
Advanced Degree	116	20.1
Total	578	100.0
Missing -9998.00	18	
DK/NA	6	
Total	23	
Total	601	

I'm going to read several income groups. When I come to the group that includes your annual family income, please stop me.

	Frequency	Percent
Less than \$20,000	45	8.8
\$20,000-\$35,000	71	13.9
\$35,000-\$50,000	87	17.0
\$50,000-\$75,000	100	19.5
\$75,000-\$100,000	62	12.1
More than \$100,000	146	28.6
Total	510	100.0
Missing -9998.00	18	
No answer	74	
Total	91	
Total	601	

What is your race?

	Frequency	Percent
White	472	83.8
African-American	64	11.5
Hispanic/Latino	11	2.0
Asian-American	5	.9
Other/multi-racial	10	1.9
Total	563	100.0
Missing -9998.00	18	
No answer	21	
Total	38	
Total	601	

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 into regions*

	Frequency	Percent
Southwest VA	108	18.6
Southside	66	11.3
Central VA	51	8.8
Shen. Valley	115	19.7
Northern VA	126	21.6
Tidewater	116	19.9
Total	582	100.0
Missing System	19	
Total	601	

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

	Frequency	Percent
Liberal	92	16.6
Moderate	194	34.9
Conservative	250	45.0
Other	19	3.5
Total	555	100.0
Missing -9998.00	19	
DK/NA	27	
Total	46	
Total	601	

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

	Frequency	Percent
Democrat	160	30.6
Republican	177	33.7
Independent	145	27.6
Tea party	6	1.1
Other	37	7.0
Total	525	100.0
Missing -9998.00	19	
DK/NA	57	
Total	76	
Total	601	

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?

	Frequency	Percent
Strong agree	46	8.0
Agree	147	25.3
Disagree	84	14.5
Strong disagree	101	17.4
DK	203	34.9
Total	582	100.0
Missing -9998.00	19	
Total	601	

Do you recall in the Presidential election of 2008 if you voted for Barack Obama, John McCain, someone else, or if you didn't have a chance to vote in that election?

	Frequency	Percent
Obama	228	41.1
McCain	245	44.2
Someone else	22	4.0
Don't recall	5	1.0
Didn't vote	54	9.7
Total	554	100.0
Missing -9998.00	19	
DK/NA	28	
Total	47	
Total	601	

Do you recall in the 2009 election for Governor if you voted for Bob McDonnell or Cree Deeds, or if you didn't have a chance to vote in that election?

	Frequency	Percent
McDonnell	273	51.7
Deeds	126	23.7
Didn't vote	130	24.5
Total	529	100.0
Missing -9998.00	19	
DK/NA	54	
Total	72	
Total	601	