

Roanoke College Poll
November 17, 2015

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 anonymous and confidential.

1. First, to be sure that we get a representative sample of Virginians, would you please tell me 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.

*CL REGION [CODED AUTOMATICALLY, NOT ASKED]

Southwest Virginia	12%
Southside	9%
Shenandoah Valley	7%
Central Virginia/Richmond	22%
Northern Virginia	28%
Tidewater	23%

Questions 2-4, 5-31 [TO BE RELEASED LATER]

4. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male	47%
Female	53%

32. 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	56%
Living with partner	5%
Divorced	8%
Separated	3%
Widowed	5%
Never married	24%
Refused	0%

33. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	2%
High School	18%
Some college/technical school	24%
Associate's Degree	9%
Bachelor's Degree	29%
Advanced Degree	17%
Refused	0%

34. [If refused, remind them that all their information is anonymous and confidential and ask them to please reconsider. We use this only to classify people correctly into broad age groups.] And in what year were you born?

34. a. [IF REFUSED] This information is really important to us only for statistical purposes. Would you feel comfortable telling which of the following age groups includes you: 18-29, 30-44, 45-64, or 65 or older? [RECODED INTO AGE CATEGORIES]

18-29	19%
30-44	27%
45-64	41%
65 or older	14%
Refused	0%

35. [IF THEY HESITATE OR REFUSE, REMIND THEM THIS IS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY. THEIR RESPONSES ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET THIS INFORMATION SO THEY CAN BE CLASSIFIED CORRECTLY.] Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic	4%
No, not Hispanic	90%
Refused	7%

36. [NOTE THAT SOME HISPANICS OR LATINOS MAY IDENTIFY AS WHITE OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN, SO BE SURE TO ASK THIS QUESTION] What is your race? Are you White, African-American, or some other race?

White / Hispanic / Latino	74%
African-American	20%
Other/multi-racial	5%
Refused	2%

37. 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	8%
\$20,000-\$35,000	13%
\$35,000-\$50,000	14%
\$50,000-\$75,000	16%
\$75,000-\$100,000	13%
More than \$100,000	27%
Refused	9%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	33%
Other/Unsure	6%
Refused	6%

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

Democrat	36%
Republican	29%
Independent	16%
Other	11%
No party/Refused	8%

40. Thanks for your patience. I have a few final questions related to other important issues. 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	26%
Wrong track	63%
Unsure	9%
Refused	1%

41. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Terry McAuliffe is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

Approve	38%
Disapprove	25%
Mixed/Unsure	15%
Refused	23%

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

Approve	43%
Disapprove	43%
Mixed/Unsure	11%
Refused	3%

43. Next, I have some questions about drug policy. How would you describe the problem of drug abuse across the country? Would you say it is a serious problem, a minor problem, or not a problem?

Serious problem	81%
Minor problem	17%
Not a problem	1%
Don't know/Refused	1%

44. How would you describe the problem of drug abuse in your neighborhood, including the local schools? Would you say it is a serious problem, a minor problem, or not a problem?

Serious problem	37%
Minor problem	33%
Not a problem	19%
Don't know/Refused	11%

45. In dealing with drug policy, should government focus more on [RANDOMIZE: prosecuting/providing treatment for] people who use illegal drugs such as heroin and cocaine, or do you think it should focus more on [RANDOMIZE: prosecuting/providing treatment for] people who use these types of drugs?

Prosecuting those who use illegal drugs	24%
Providing treatment for those who use illegal drugs	68%
Don't know/Refused	9%

46. Should people who are convicted of possessing drugs such as heroin and cocaine in larger amounts typically associated with selling drugs be imprisoned?

Yes	83%
No	11%
Don't know/Refused	5%

47. Should people who are caught using any type of drug while on probation for a criminal offense be imprisoned?

Yes	59%
No	31%
Don't know/Refused	11%

48. Some states have moved AWAY from the idea of mandatory prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

Good thing	57%
Bad thing	27%
Good and bad [VOL]	12%
Don't know/Refused	4%

49. Do you think people convicted of possessing small amounts of marijuana should serve time in jail, or not?

Yes, serve time	17%
No	79%
Don't know/Refused	4%

50. Should people convicted of possessing larger amounts of marijuana typically associated with selling be imprisoned?

Yes	66%
No	28%
Don't know/Refused	7%

51. On a related matter, in 1994, the Commonwealth of Virginia reformed its criminal sentencing laws to abolish parole and force those sentenced to prison to serve about 85 percent of the time they received at sentencing. Virginia is now considering reinstating parole, in which those convicted of certain crimes could serve less of their sentence but have to report periodically to a parole officer who would monitor them. Do you think that Virginia should reinstate parole or leave the system as it is?

Reinstate parole	60%
Leave as is	32%
Don't know/Refused	8%

52. The crime rate in Virginia and the U.S. has declined significantly in the past 20 years. Some people think that we have imprisoned too many people for crimes that do not deserve prison sentences. Others think that incarcerating more offenders has taken dangerous people of the streets and helped lower the crime rate. Which is closer to your view?

Imprisoned too many	42%
Incarcerating has taken criminals off the street	43%
Both [Volunteered only]	7%
Don't know/Refused	8%

51. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

Yes	86%
No	14%
Refused	1%

52. [IF NOT REGISTERED] How likely is it that you will register and vote in the Presidential election for in 2016? Would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely?

Very likely	37%
Somewhat likely	10%
Not very likely	13%
Not likely	38%
Refused	2%

[QUESTIONS 53-66 ASKED ONLY IF REGISTERED VOTER OR NOT REGISTERED BUT VERY OR SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN 2016; N=555] 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:

53. Hillary Clinton

Favorable	34%
Unfavorable	47%
Mixed	13%
Don't know/Refused	5%

54. Donald Trump

Favorable	23%
Unfavorable	55%
Mixed	13%
Don't know/Refused	9%

55. Ben Carson

Favorable	35%
Unfavorable	32%
Mixed	12%
Don't know/Refused	21%

56. Marco Rubio

Favorable	29%
Unfavorable	26%
Mixed	12%
Don't know/Refused	34%

57. Jeb Bush

Favorable	20%
Unfavorable	46%
Mixed	16%
Don't know/Refused	18%

58. Carly Fiorina	
Favorable	19%
Unfavorable	33%
Mixed	11%
Don't know/Refused	37%

59. Bernie Sanders	
Favorable	29%
Unfavorable	34%
Mixed	12%
Don't know/Refused	26%

60. Ted Cruz	
Favorable	18%
Unfavorable	38%
Mixed	12%
Don't know/Refused	32%

61. [IF REGISTERED OR VERY OR SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO REGISTER AND VOTE]
The 2016 presidential election is far away, but if the election for president were today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ LIST] [IF NEEDED: "If you had to decide today?"]

Hilary Clinton, the Democrat	50%
Donald Trump, the Republican	36%
Unsure/Refused	14%

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Hilary Clinton, the Democrat	46%
Jeb Bush, the Republican	39%
Unsure/Refused	15%

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Hilary Clinton, the Democrat	46%
Carly Fiorina, the Republican	39%
Unsure/Refused	15%

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The 2016 presidential election is far away, but if the election for president were today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ LIST] [IF NEEDED: "If you had to decide today?"]

Hilary Clinton, the Democrat	45%
Marco Rubio, the Republican	41%
Unsure/Refused	14%

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Hilary Clinton, the Democrat	44%
Ben Carson, the Republican	44%
Unsure/Refused	12%

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Hilary Clinton, the Democrat	47%
Ted Cruz, the Republican	39%
Unsure/Refused	13%

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