

Roanoke College Poll Topline
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Politics (Consumer Sentiment will be released separately)

Where Democrat and Republican responses are reported they include those who identified as partisans and those who said they leaned toward one party or the other.

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.] RECODED TO REGION

Southwest Virginia	11%
Southside	9%
Shenandoah Valley	6%
Central Virginia/Richmond	20%
Northern Virginia	30%
Tidewater	25%

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?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Right direction	31%	6%	68%
Wrong track	57%	86%	24%
Unsure	10%	9%	7%
Refused	1%	0%	2%

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President of the United States?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Approve	32%	8%	73%
Disapprove	50%	83%	7%
Mixed	11%	7%	15%
Don't Know/Refused	7%	2%	5%

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

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Approve	20%	10%	36%
Disapprove	62%	80%	43%
Mixed	12%	8%	15%
Don't Know/Refused	6%	2%	6%

5. Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Trump or don't you know enough about him to have formed an opinion?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Favorable	29%	5%	68%
Unfavorable	49%	83%	9%
Mixed	13%	6%	18%
Don't know/Refused	9%	7%	6%

6. 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?

Just about always	2%
Most of the time	17%
Only some of the time	62%
Never	18%
Unsure	2%
Refused	0%

7. Do you think Donald Trump is moving too fast, moving about right, or not moving fast enough in addressing the major problems facing the country today?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Too fast	46%	70%	17%
About right	35%	8%	73%
Not fast enough	12%	17%	6%
Refused	8%	5%	4%

8. 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?

CAN influence government	65%
Can NOT influence government	32%
Unsure	4%
Refused	0%

9. 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?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Winning more	29%	17%	49%
Losing more	51%	71%	32%
Win/lose some/equal [VOL]	11%	8%	11%
Unsure	8%	4%	6%
Refused	1%	0%	2%

10. In general, would you say life in America today is better, worse, or about the same as it was fifty years ago for people like you?

Better	54%
Worse	32%
About the same	8%
Unsure	6%
Refused	0%

11. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will be a victim of a violent crime: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not too worried	36%
Not worried at all	23%
Unsure	0%
Refused	0%

12. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will be a victim of terrorism: very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not too worried	37%
Not worried at all	29%
Unsure	0%
Refused	0%

13. 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 years ahead	56%
Best years behind	34%
Same/Unsure	10%
Refused	1%

14. When children today in the U.S. grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off than people are now?

Better off	45%
Worse off	43%
Same/Unsure	12%
Refused	0%
Don't know/Refused	0%

15. Now thinking specifically about relations between blacks and whites, do you think that relations between blacks and whites will always be a problem for the United States, or that a solution will eventually be worked out?

Always a problem	38%
Solution will be found	54%
Unsure	6%
Not a problem [VOL]	1%
Refused	1%

16. 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?

Nation United	13%
Nation Divided	84%
Unsure	3%
Refused	0%

17. As you may know, Donald Trump signed an executive order which prohibits travel to the U.S. for the next three months by citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries, and suspends the U.S. refugee program for four months while reducing the total number of refugees the U.S. will accept this year. Overall, do you favor or oppose this executive order?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Favor	40%	10%	81%
Oppose	54%	87%	13%
Unsure/Refused	7%	3%	6%

18. Would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Favor	29%	7%	64%
Oppose	61%	88%	26%
Unsure/Refused	10%	5%	10%

19. Would you favor or oppose reducing the number of LEGAL immigrants to the United States?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Favor	30%	19%	47%
Oppose	59%	72%	45%
Unsure/Refused	11%	9%	9%

20. Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should allow them to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements; allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens; or identify and deport them.

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Become citizens	57%	68%	41%
Legal residents	23%	23%	24%
Deport them	15%	5%	28%
Unsure/Refused	5%	4%	7%

21. In general, do you think that those people immigrating to the U.S. today share the values of most Americans or do you think they have a different set of values?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Share values	44%	61%	23%
Different values	41%	30%	58%
Unsure/Refused	15%	9%	19%

22. Which comes closer to your view? Immigrants today burden the country by taking jobs, housing, and health care OR they strengthen the country because of their hard work and talents?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Burden country	23%	11%	39%
Strengthen country	58%	80%	29%
Unsure/Refused	20%	9%	32%

23. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 represents completely closing our borders to all immigrants and 5 represents having open borders so that anyone who wishes to come to the U.S. can do so, where do your views fall?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
1	5%	1%	9%
2	16%	9%	29%
3	48%	47%	46%
4	19%	28%	8%
5	8%	12%	3%
Unsure/Refused	4%	2%	6%

24. 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?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Great deal	11%	20%	3%
Fair amount	31%	47%	10%
Not very much	30%	21%	40%
None at all	26%	9%	44%
Unsure/Refused	3%	4%	2%

25. In its coverage of Donald Trump and his administration, do you think the news media has been too tough, about right or not tough enough?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Too tough	35%	9%	73%
About right	34%	48%	18%
Not tough enough	23%	38%	3%
Unsure/Refused	8%	5%	7%

26. And thinking back to how the media treated former President Obama, do you think it was too tough, about right or not tough enough?

	All	Democrats	Republicans
Too tough	15%	19%	9%
About right	41%	60%	20%
Not tough enough	37%	15%	69%
Unsure/Refused	7%	6%	3%

27. And where do you get the majority of your information about what is happening in the country? [DO NOT READ CHOICES]

	All	Democrats	Republicans
CNN	19%	27%	7%
Fox News	11%	4%	24%
Network news (ABC, CBS, NBC)	13%		
Facebook/Twitter	4%		
Friends/family	5%		
New York Times/Washington Post	8%		
Other newspaper	5%		
Other TV	6%		
Radio	8%		
Other internet	14%		
Other	6%		
Refused	3%		

28. We're almost finished. Thanks so much for your patience. I have just a few more questions about you for statistical purposes. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	55%
Living with partner	5%
Divorced	7%
Separated	2%
Widowed	6%
Never married	25%
Refused	1%

29. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	3%
High School	17%
Some college/technical school	24%
Associate's Degree	10%
Bachelor's Degree	28%
Advanced Degree	20%
Refused	0%

30. CODE RESPONDENT'S SEX [DO NOT ASK]

Male	49%
Female	51%

31. And in what year were you born?

[RECODED INTO AGE GROUPS]

31. 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?

18-29	22%
30-44	27%
45-64	35%
65 or older	16%
Refused	0%

32. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

Yes	9%
No	89%
Refused	2%

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

White / Hispanic / Latino	75%
African-American	18%
Other/multi-racial	5%
Refused	2%

34. 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	7%
\$20,001-\$35,000	12%
\$35,001-\$50,000	14%
\$50,001-\$75,000	19%
\$75,001-\$100,000	15%
More than \$100,000	26%
Refused	9%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	35%
Other	4%
Refused	6%

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

Democrat	36%
Republican	25%
Independent	22%
Other	9%
Refused	9%

37. [IF NOT DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democrat party or toward the Republican party?

Democrat	32%
Republican	28%
Neither	34%
Refused	7%

Thank you for your time and have a nice day/evening. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, you may contact Dr. Harry Wilson at (540)375 -2415. You may also contact the Roanoke College Institutional Review Board at (540) 375-5249.