



Virginia Republican Primary Poll
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Frequencies

1. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?
Yes 100% (377)

2. [IF YES TO 1] How likely is it that you will vote in the Republican Presidential primary election on March 6? Would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, or not likely?
Very likely 72% (273)
Somewhat likely 28% (104)

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 52% (196)
Wrong track 35% (131)
Unsure/mixed 13% (48)

4. 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 17% (65)
Wrong track 77% (291)
Unsure/mixed 5% (20)

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?
Approve 70% (239)
Disapprove 19% (63)
Mixed/unsure 11% (38)

6. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Warner is handling his job as Senator of Virginia?

Approve	53% (172)
Disapprove	29% (96)
Mixed/unsure	18% (59)

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

Approve	25% (91)
Disapprove	68% (252)
Mixed/unsure	8% (30)

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

Approve	10% (38)
Disapprove	77% (284)
Mixed/unsure	12% (45)

9. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

Economy	45% (168)
Unemployment/jobs	21% (77)
Budget deficit	11% (42)
All others	23% (84)

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.

10. President Barack Obama

Favorable	27% (101)
Unfavorable	64% (237)
Mixed/unsure	8% (31)

11. Governor Bob McDonnell

Favorable	67% (223)
Unfavorable	18% (59)
Mixed/unsure	15% (51)

12. Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling

Favorable	57% (104)
Unfavorable	16% (29)
Mixed/unsure	27% (50)

13. Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli
Favorable 62% (159)
Unfavorable 24% (61)
Mixed/unsure 14% (36)

14. Mitt Romney
Favorable 36% (120)
Unfavorable 37% (124)
Mixed/unsure 27% (88)

15. Newt Gingrich
Favorable 25% (84)
Unfavorable 56% (190)
Mixed/unsure 20% (68)

16. Ron Paul
Favorable 29% (91)
Unfavorable 53% (165)
Mixed/unsure 18% (56)

17. Rick Santorum
Favorable 47% (149)
Unfavorable 36% (115)
Mixed/unsure 17% (54)

18. Who do you think is MOST responsible for the current economic conditions in the United States? [ROTATE] President Obama., former President George W. Bush, Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or financial institutions?

President Obama	27% (100)
Former President George W. Bush	14% (52)
Republicans in Congress	8% (28)
Democrats in Congress	17% (63)
Financial institutions	20% (73)
Unsure/Someone else	15% (56)

19. If the primary election was held today, would you vote for Mitt Romney or Ron Paul?

Romney	56% (189)
Paul	21% (71)
Undecided	23% (76)

20. If you could vote for any of the Republicans who are still running for the Presidential nomination, would you vote for [ROTATE]

Mitt Romney	31% (110)
Ron Paul	12% (44)
Newt Gingrich	13% (45)
Rick Santorum	27% (97)
Uncertain	17% (62)

21. As you may know, both Lt. Governor Bolling and Attorney General Cuccinelli have announced they will run for the Republican nomination for governor in 2013. If those two candidates run in a primary, would you vote for Bolling or Cuccinelli? [ROTATE]

Bolling	18% (61)
Cuccinelli	37% (123)
Uncertain	44% (147)

22. If the election for United States Senate were held today and the two candidates were George Allen and Tim Kaine, would you vote for [ROTATE]

George Allen	61% (228)
Tim Kaine	23% (86)
Uncertain	15% (57)

23. And if the election for President were held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, would you vote for Barack Obama, the Democrat or Mitt Romney, the Republican? [ROTATE]

Obama	24% (90)
Romney	65% (244)
Uncertain	11% (40)

24. Suppose the Republican Party nominated Newt Gingrich for President. Would you vote for Obama or Gingrich? [ROTATE]

Obama	31% (115)
Gingrich	57% (212)
Uncertain	12% (44)

25. If Ron Paul was the Republican candidate, would you vote for Obama or Paul? [ROTATE]

Obama	30% (112)
Paul	55% (205)
Uncertain	15% (55)

26. If Rick Santorum was the Republican candidate, would you vote for Obama or Santorum? [ROTATE]

Obama	27% (102)
Santorum	62% (232)
Uncertain	11% (41)

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

18-29	9% (33)
30-49	26% (94)
50-64	37% (136)
65 or older	28% (101)

28. Code respondent's sex

Male	55% (207)
Female	45% (170)

29. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	5% (17)
High school	17% (64)
Some college/tech school	20% (73)
Associate's Degree	9% (33)
Bachelor's Degree	33% (121)
Advanced Degree	17% (62)

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	7% (24)
\$20,001-\$35,000	9% (30)
\$35,001-\$50,000	16% (52)
\$50,001-\$75,000	21% (66)
\$75,001-\$100,000	17% (55)
More than \$100,000	30% (95)

31. What is your race?

White	88% (323)
African-American	8% (29)
Other	5% (18)

32. 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	19% (70)
Southside	14% (53)
Shenandoah Valley	7% (26)
Central VA/Richmond	21% (79)
Northern VA	23% (85)
Tidewater	17% (65)

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

Liberal	11% (41)
Moderate	30% (108)
Conservative	57% (206)
Other/uncertain	3% (9)

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

Democrat	13% (44)
Republican	50% (176)
Independent	28% (98)
Other	9% (32)

35. 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?

Strongly agree	16% (46)
Agree	37% (105)
Neutral	17% (48)
Disagree	20% (57)
Strongly disagree	10% (29)

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.