

Roanoke College Poll Topline and Select Party Crosstabs
2021 Virginia Election
October 30, 2021

May I speak with <fname> <lname>?

Hello, this is _____ calling on behalf of the Roanoke College Poll. We're speaking briefly today to voters in your area. No one will try to sell you anything. Your responses are confidential.

1. How likely is it that you will vote in the Virginia Governor's election in November? Is it almost certain, very likely, somewhat likely or not very likely or did you already vote?

Almost certain	58%
Very likely	24%
Already voted	18%
Somewhat likely	[TERMINATE]
Not very likely	[TERMINATE]
Refused	[TERMINATE]

2. If the election for Governor of Virginia were held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for... [IF ALREADY VOTED] Please tell me who you voted for Governor of Virginia. Did you vote for... [ROTATE FIRST THREE]

Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat	47%
Glenn Youngkin, the Republican	46%
Princess Blanding, the Liberation Party candidate	1%
Some other candidate	0%
Undecided	6%

2. a. [IF UNDECIDED] Are you leaning towards voting for [ROTATE] [COMBINED WITH Q.2]:

Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat	48%
Glenn Youngkin, the Republican	47%
Princess Blanding, the Liberation Party candidate	1%
Some other candidate	0%
Undecided	4%

2. b. [IF MCAULIFFE, YOUNGKIN, OR BLANDING] When did you decide you would vote for ___? Was it in the last week, the last month or earlier? IF ALREADY VOTED] How soon before you voted did you decide on_____?

Last week	6%
Last month	13%
Earlier	73%
Don't recall/Refused	8%

3. If the election for Lieutenant Governor were held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for... [IF ALREADY VOTED] Please tell me who you voted for Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Did you vote for... [ROTATE FIRST TWO]

Hala Ayala, the Democrat	46%
Winsome Sears, the Republican	44%
Some other candidate	0%
Undecided/Refused	10%

4. If the election for Attorney General were held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for... [IF ALREADY VOTED] Please tell me who you voted for Attorney General of Virginia. Did you vote for... [ROTATE FIRST TWO]

Mark Herring, the Democrat	46%
Jason Miyares, the Republican	45%
Some other candidate	0%
Undecided/Refused	9%

5. What of the following issues is the *most* important to you in this election? [ROTATE]

Economy/Jobs/Unemployment	38%
Education	22%
COVID	13%
Healthcare	11%
Race relations/Social justice	7%
Unsure/Refused	9%

6. How enthusiastic are you about voting in the 2021 Virginia statewide election? Extremely, very, somewhat, not very, or not at all enthusiastic?

Extremely enthusiastic	38%
Very enthusiastic	32%
Somewhat enthusiastic	20%
Not very enthusiastic	6%
Not at all enthusiastic	3%
Refused	2%

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Mixed	Refused
Oct. 2021	44%	50%	4%	2%
Sept. 2021	50%	45%	3%	2%
Aug. 2021	48%	43%	7%	2%
May 2021	47%	39%	9%	5%
Feb. 2021	47%	30%	8%	15%

Please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable impression of the following people and organizations or if you don't know enough about them to have formed an opinion. [ROTATE]

8. Terry McAuliffe

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Oct. 2021	44%	43%	11%	2%
Sept. 2021	50%	37%	11%	2%
Aug. 2021	44%	32%	3%	21%
Feb. 2021	21%	21%	14%	45%

9. Glenn Youngkin

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Oct. 2021	45%	37%	16%	1%
Sept. 2021	40%	41%	17%	3%
Aug. 2021	27%	21%	3%	50%

10. Donald Trump

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Oct. 2021	37%	54%	6%	3%
Feb. 2021	24%	58%	14%	4%
Nov. 2020	33%	53%	10%	5%
Oct. 2020	41%	56%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	37%	55%	7%	2%
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%

The next question deals with public education. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much control you think they should have over what is taught in public schools—a great deal, some, not very much, or no control at all. [ROTATE]

11. Teachers

Great deal	43%
Some	44%
Not very much	7%
No control	4%
Unsure/Refused	3%

12. Parents	
Great deal	41%
Some	41%
Not very much	13%
No control	4%
Unsure/Refused	2%
13. The local school board	
Great deal	27%
Some	54%
Not very much	9%
No control	7%
Unsure/Refused	3%
14. Principals and school superintendents	
Great deal	29%
Some	51%
Not very much	10%
No control	7%
Unsure/Refused	3%
15. Federal government	
Great deal	6%
Some	44%
Not very much	20%
No control	27%
Unsure/Refused	3%
16. State government	
Great deal	15%
Some	56%
Not very much	16%
No control	11%
Unsure/Refused	2%
17. Local government	
Great deal	12%
Some	54%
Not very much	19%
No control	12%
Unsure/Refused	3%

18. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]	
Male	51%
Female	49%

19. Region	
Southwest Virginia	11%
Southside	8%
Shenandoah Valley	7%
Central Virginia/Richmond	20%
Northern Virginia	31%
Tidewater	24%

20. Thanks so much for your patience. I have a few questions about you for statistical purposes. How much education have you completed?

High School or less	12%
Some college/tech/Associate's	30%
Bachelor's Degree	34%
Advanced Degree	23%
Refused	1%

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

18-29	14%
30-44	24%
45-64	42%
65 or older	20%
Refused	0%

22. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

Yes, Hispanic	4%
No, not Hispanic	94%
Refused	3%

23. Would you consider yourself Caucasian or white, African-American or Black, Asian or some other race?

White / Hispanic / Latino	71%
African-American	19%
Asian/Other/multi-racial	7%
Refused	3%

24. 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	4%
\$20,000-\$35,000	7%
\$35,000-\$50,000	10%
\$50,000-\$75,000	15%
\$75,000-\$100,000	13%
More than \$100,000	38%
Refused	13%

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

Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	39%
Other/Unsure	4%
Refused	4%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent/Other	34%
Refused	1%

26. 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. 26]

Democrat	47%
Republican	45%
Independent/Neither/Refused	8%

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

Party Crosstabs

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Independent</i>
Politics			
Almost certain + already voted	77%	76%	74%
Extremely enthusiastic about voting	32%	49%	36%
Very enthusiastic about voting	35%	32%	32%
Vote for McAuliffe	94%	3%	40%
Vote for Youngkin	3%	95%	51%
Approve Biden	86%	4%	41%
Favorable McAuliffe	85%	5%	40%
Favorable Youngkin	6%	88%	48%
Favorable Trump	5%	79%	31%
Curriculum control—Great deal			
Teachers	56%	29%	36%
Principals/Superintendents	35%	19%	28%
School boards	31%	19%	27%
Parents	14%	66%	43%
Local government	17%	8%	6%
State government	25%	9%	11%
Federal government	12%	2%	2%