Roanoke College Poll Topline and Select Party Crosstabs
2021 Election and Politics
September 29, 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	71%
Very likely	26%
Already voted	4%
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	48%
Glenn Youngkin, the Republican	41%
Princess Blanding, the Liberation Party candidate	1%
Some other candidate	1%
Undecided	9%

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	45%
Winsome Sears, the Republican	40%
Some other candidate	1%
Undecided	14%

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	47%
Jason Miyares, the Republican	37%
Some other candidate	0%
Undecided	16%

5. What is the most important issue to you in this election?

Economy/Jobs/Unemployment	21%
COVID	19%
Race relations/Social justice	6%
Healthcare	6%
Education	4%
Abortion/Morality	4%
Environment/Climate change	3%
Voting rights	3%
Gun Control/Second Amendment	3%
Police	2%
Crime	2%
Transportation/Infrastructure	1%
Marijuana	1%
Afghanistan	1%
Unsure/Refused	9%
Other	15%

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	34%
Very enthusiastic	30%
Somewhat enthusiastic	28%
Not very enthusiastic	7%
Not at all enthusiastic	2%
Refused	1%

7. Thinking back to 2017, do you recall if you voted in the November election for Governor of Virginia?

Yes	77%
No	17%
Don't recall/Refused	6%

8. [IF YES] And who did you vote for in 2017 for Governor of Virginia? Was it [ROTATE FIRST TWO]

Northam	55%
Gillespie	38%
Someone else/Don't recall/Refused	7%

9. As you may know, the Commonwealth has a current budget surplus of $2.6 billion. Please tell me which of the following you think is the most important use of that money. [ROTATE] Tax cuts, salary increases for state employees, education funding, increased funding for social programs?

Tax cuts	29%
Salary increases for state employees	6%
Education funding	42%
Increased funding for social programs	20%
Unsure/Refused	4%

10. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

	Approve	Disapprove	Mixed	Refused
Sept. 2021	55%	40%	3%	2%
Aug. 2021	52%	38%	6%	5%
May 2021	47%	35%	6%	12%
Feb. 2021	49%	33%	10%	8%
Nov. 2020	53%	33%	9%	5%
Aug. 2020	53%	41%	5%	2%
May 2020	59%	29%	6%	6%
Feb. 2020	40%	41%	11%	9%
Nov. 2019	35%	28%	23%	13%
Aug. 2019	37%	29%	21%	14%
Feb. 2019	32%	39%	16%	13%
Aug. 2018	54%	18%	13%	15%
June 2018	43%	36%	14%	7%
Feb. 2018	32%	50%	11%	7%

Last measurement for Gov. Terry McAuliffe:

Oct. 2017	43%	36%	14%	7%
Oct. 2017	48%	35%	11%	6%
Aug. 2017	49%	30%	15%	6%
Jan. 2017	52%	20%	15%	13%

11. 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
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.

12. Ralph Northam

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Sept. 2021	54%	39%	5%	1%
Aug. 2021	48%	37%	4%	11%
Feb. 2021	41%	31%	13%	15%
Nov. 2020	43%	31%	9%	17%
Aug. 2020	45%	38%	10%	8%
May 2020	46%	31%	11%	12%
Feb. 2020	27%	34%	14%	25%
Sept. 2017	32%	25%	9%	34%
Aug. 2017	25%	15%	8%	53%
Jan. 2017	8%	5%	3%	84%

13. Joe Biden

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Sept. 2021	51%	46%	2%	1%
Aug. 2021	48%	43%	5%	4%
Feb. 2021	47%	29%	14%	10%
Nov. 2020	46%	36%	9%	9%
Oct. 2020	53%	43%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	51%	38%	7%	4%
May 2020	36%	39%	15%	10%
Feb. 2020	37%	37%	18%	8%

14. Terry McAuliffe

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

15. Glenn Youngkin

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Sept. 2021	40%	41%	17%	3%
Aug. 2021	27%	21%	3%	50%

16. 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	Wrong track	Unsure	Refused
Sept. 2021	35%	58%	7%	1%
Aug. 2021	33%	58%	7%	2%
May 2021	42%	53%	5%	1%
Feb. 2021	39%	53%	8%	1%
Nov. 2020	28%	62%	9%	1%
Oct. 2020	30%	63%	6%	1%
Aug. 2020	16%	79%	4%	1%
May 2020	33%	61%	6%	0%
Feb. 2020	39%	53%	8%	0%
Nov. 2019	26%	65%	10%	0%
Aug. 2019	31%	61%	7%	1%
Feb. 2019	37%	56%	6%	1%
Nov. 2018	34%	58%	6%	2%
Aug. 2018	37%	56%	7%	1%
June 2018	30%	64%	6%	1%
Feb. 2018	31%	57%	10%	1%
Nov. 2017	24%	69%	7%	0%
Oct. 2017	30%	64%	6%	1%
Sept. 2017	30%	63%	7%	1%
Aug. 2017	29%	63%	8%	1%
Feb. 2017	31%	57%	10%	1%
Jan. 2017	32%	52%	16%	1%

17. 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	Wrong track	Unsure	Refused
Sept. 2021	52%	43%	5%	1%
Aug. 2021	52%	43%	4%	1%
May 2021	50%	40%	8%	2%
Feb. 2021	52%	40%	8%	1%
Nov. 2020	53%	37%	8%	2%
Aug. 2020	45%	49%	6%	0%
May 2020	57%	37%	6%	0%
Feb. 2020	49%	44%	6%	2%
Aug. 2018	58%	30%	10%	2%
Oct. 2017	48%	40%	12%	1%
Sept. 2017	52%	37%	11%	1%
Aug. 2017	46%	41%	11%	2%
Jan. 2017	52%	29%	18%	1%

18. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, and the response to the virus. First, have you or anyone you know gotten the coronavirus?

	Yes	No	Refused
Sept. 2021	74%	26%	0%
Feb. 2021	77%	23%	0%
Nov. 2020	61%	38%	1%
Aug. 2020	42%	58%	0%
May 2020	31%	70%	0%

18.a. [IF YES] How do you know this person? [TOTALS MORE THAN 100% SINCE NOVEMBER 2020 DUE TO ALLOWING MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE]

	R Had It	Family Member	Friend/ Relative	Co-worker	Other	Refused
Sept. 2021	18%	51%	51%	23%	9%	0%
Feb. 2021	10%	40%	43%	15%	6%	0%
Nov. 2020	7%	38%	56%	22%	5%	0%
Aug. 2020	4%	31%	42%	18%	4%	0%
May 2020	3%	25%	48%	11%	14%	0%

19. How concerned are you about you or someone in your household catching the coronavirus?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	Refused
Sept. 2021	34%	32%	23%	11%	0%
Nov. 2020	38%	30%	19%	12%	1%
Aug. 2020	39%	32%	19%	10%	0%
May 2020	34%	33%	25%	8%	0%

20. a. [IF R HAS NOT HAD THE VIRUS] If you personally were infected with the virus, do you think you would have no symptoms, be slightly ill, be very ill, or be extremely sick and perhaps die?

	Asymptomatic ill	Slightly ill	Very ill	Extremely ill	Unsure/ Refused
Sept. 2021	10%	61%	8%	7%	14%
Nov. 2020	10%	49%	16%	11%	16%
Aug. 2020	10%	46%	14%	12%	17%
May 2020	10%	49%	14%	14%	13%

20.b. [IF R HAD THE VIRUS] I hope that you are feeling better now. How sick were you? Did you have no symptoms, were you slightly ill, very ill, or extremely sick? (N=79)

	Asymptomatic ill	Slightly ill	Very ill	Extremely ill	Unsure/ Refused
Sept. 2021	12%	43%	38%	7%	0%
Nov. 2020	2%	65%	23%	10%	0%
Aug. 2020	0%	70%	20%	0%	10%
May 2020	0%	20%	80%	0%	0%

21. Have the measures taken by the federal government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

	Appropriate	Gone too far	Not far enough	Unsure	Refused
Sept. 2021	35%	26%	34%	4%	0%
Feb. 2021	31%	13%	46%	9%	1%
Nov. 2020	32%	11%	52%	4%	1%
Aug. 2020	28%	10%	58%	3%	0%
May 2020	43%	8%	46%	3%	1%

22. Have the measures taken by the government of Virginia to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

	Appropriate	Gone too far	Not far enough	Unsure	Refused
Sept. 2021	47%	22%	29%	2%	0%
Feb. 2021	46%	19%	31%	4%	1%
Nov. 2020	48%	21%	27%	4%	1%
Aug. 2020	49%	20%	26%	4%	0%
May 2020	62%	17%	18%	2%	0%

23. In general, do you think the news media coverage of the coronavirus has been accurate, made things seem better than they really are, or worse than they really are?

	Accurate	Better than things are	Worse than things are	Unsure	Refused
Sept. 2021	38%	10%	42%	9%	1%
Nov. 2020	33%	9%	49%	9%	1%
Aug. 2020	28%	10%	49%	13%	1%
May 2020	28%	10%	49%	12%	0%

24. Regarding the vaccine, have you already been vaccinated, do you have plans to take the vaccine, or do you not plan to take the vaccine?

	Sept. 2021	May 2021	Feb. 2021
Already vaccinated	82%	62%	18%
Will take it	3%	14%	54%
Won't take it	11%	19%	23%
Unsure/Refused	4%	6%	6%

25. Changing topics, do you think the United States' decision to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?

Right decision	59%
Wrong decision	33%
Unsure/Refused	8%

26. Do you think the United States mostly succeeded or failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

Succeeded	21%
Failed	66%
Unsure/Refused	14%

27. How would you rate the job the Biden administration has done handling the situation in Afghanistan? Excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Excellent	5%
Good	19%
Fair	24%
Poor	49%
Unsure/Refused	3%

28. How much of a threat, if any, is Taliban control of Afghanistan to the security of the United States? A major threat, a minor threat, or no threat at all?

Major threat	47%
Minor threat	43%
No threat at all	6%
Unsure/Refused	4%

29. And do you think that abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

Legal in all cases	30%
Legal in most cases	32%
Illegal in most cases	24%
Illegal in all cases	8%
Unsure/Refused	6%

30. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male	51%
Female	49%

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

32. 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	31%
Advanced Degree	27%
Refused	1%

33. In what year were you born? [CODED INTO CATEGORIES]
18-29	14%
30-44	24%
45-64	42%
65 or older	20%
Refused	0%

34. 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	95%
Refused	1%

35. Would you consider yourself Caucasian or white, African-American or Black, Asian or some other race?
White / Hispanic / Latino	71%
African-American	20%
Asian/Other/multi-racial	7%
Refused	2%

36. 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	6%
$20,000-$35,000	9%
$35,000-$50,000	9%
$50,000-$75,000	16%
$75,000-$100,000	17%
More than $100,000	34%
Refused	11%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	35%
Other/Unsure	3%
Refused	2%

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

Democrat	41%
Republican	31%
Independent	17%
Other/None	10%
Refused	1%

38. 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. 38]

Democrat	51%
Republican	41%
Independent/Neither/Refused	7%

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

Party Crosstabs

	Democrat	*Republican*
Politics		
Almost certain to vote	88%	91%
Extremely enthusiastic about voting	35%	43%
Very enthusiastic about voting	31%	28%
Vote for McAuliffe	90%	3%
Vote for Youngkin	2%	92%
Voted for Northam in 2017	92%	11%
Voted for Gillespie in 2017	2%	83%
Country right direction	60%	4%
VA right direction	83%	17%
Approve Biden	89%	5%
Approve Northam	92%	10%
Biden rating Afghanistan—poor	10%	92%
Abortion legal all cases	51%	7%
Abortion illegal in all cases	2%	16%