**Roanoke College Poll Topline**

**State and National Politics**

**August 26, 2019**

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 confidential.

1. 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?

 Great deal 10%

 Fair amount 30%

 Not very much 31%

 None at all 27%

 Refused 3%

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?

Right direction Wrong track Unsure Refused

Aug. 2019 31% 61% 7% 1%

Feb. 2019 37% 56% 6% 1%

Aug. 2018 37% 56% 7% 1%

June 2018 30% 64% 6% 1%

Feb. 2018 31% 57% 10% 1%

Oct. 2017 30% 64% 6% 1%

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

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

Aug. 2019 27% 53% 17% 3%

Feb. 2019 38% 48% 11% 3%

Aug. 2018 32% 53% 12% 3%

June 2018 36% 53% 9% 2%

Feb. 2018 32% 50% 11% 7%

Oct. 2017 36% 53% 9% 2%

Oct. 2017 35% 58% 6% 2%

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

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

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%

5. In general, do you agree with President Trump’s policies always, almost always, most of the time, some of the time, almost never, or never?

 Always 3%

 Almost always 8%

 Most of the time 19%

 Some of the time 21%

 Almost never 28%

 Never 19%

 Refused 2%

6. In general, do you agree with President Trump’s language and tone always, almost always, most of the time, some of the time, almost never, or never?

 Always 2%

 Almost always 3%

 Most of the time 6%

 Some of the time 21%

 Almost never 22%

 Never 43%

 Refused 3%

7. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

 Yes 96%

 No 4%

8. As you may know, all seats in the Virginia state legislature are up for election this November. How likely are you to vote in these elections in 2019? Very likely, somewhat, likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

 Very likely 84%

 Somewhat, likely 12%

 Not very likely 4%

9. If the election for your district’s state senator was held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or someone else [CHOICES ROTATED]

 Democrat 36%

 Republican 31%

 Someone else 8%

 Unsure/Refused 25%

10. If the election for your representative in the House of Delegates was held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or someone else [CHOICES ROTATED]

 Democrat 38%

 Republican 30%

 Someone else 6%

 Unsure/Refused 26%

11. Do you think it is better for the state to have a governor who comes from the same party that controls the General Assembly, does it make no difference, or do you think it is better to have a governor from one party and the General Assembly controlled by the other party?

 One party control 28%

 Divided government 24%

 No difference 42%

 Refused 7%

12. When you vote in statewide elections such as those for state senator or delegate, how important are each of the following issues in determining how you will vote on a 1 to 10 scale where 1 is not important at all and 10 is extremely important? [MEAN SCORES REPORTED; ISSUES ROTATED]

 The economy, including jobs and taxes 8.93

 Education 8.51

 Health care 8.49

 Gun control 7.91

 Discrimination and inequality 7.61

 Abortion policy 7.53

 Climate change 7.32

 Transportation 6.73

13. In general, do you think that stricter gun control laws are more likely to reduce crime and suicides, more likely to prevent law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves, or do you think they will make no difference?

 Reduce crime and suicides 40%

 Prevent self-defense 23%

 Both [VOLUNTEERED] 5%

 No difference 31%

 Refused 1%

14. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male 49%

Female 51%

15. Region

Southwest Virginia 10%

Southside 6%

Shenandoah Valley 5%

Central Virginia/Richmond 23%

Northern Virginia 33%

Tidewater 24%

16. 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 48%

Living with partner 5%

Divorced 9%

Separated 2%

Widowed 6%

Never married 30%

Refused 1%

17. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school 0%

High School 19%

Some college/technical school 24%

Associate's Degree 9%

Bachelor's Degree 26%

Advanced Degree 21%

Refused 0%

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

18-29 22%

30-44 27%

45-64 35%

65 or older 16%

Refused 1%

19. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

 Yes, Hispanic 8%

 No, not Hispanic 90%

 No answer 2%

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

White / Hispanic / Latino 74%

African-American 18%

Other/multi-racial 5%

Refused 3%

21. 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 9%

$35,000-$50,000 13%

$50,000-$75,000 18%

$75,000-$100,000 16%

More than $100,000 31%

Refused 9%

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

 Liberal 15%

 Moderate 39%

 Conservative 32%

 Other/Unsure 8%

 Refused 5%

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

Democrat 27%

Republican 24%

Independent 26%

Other/None 17%

Refused 8%

23. 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. 22]

Democrat 45%

Republican 37%

Neither/Refused 18%

Thank you for your time and have a nice <HOUR1>. 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) 375-24xx.