**Roanoke College Poll Topline**

**State and National Politics**

**February 24, 2020**

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 Fair amount Not very much None at all Refused

Jan. 2020 8% 27% 32% 28% 4%

Nov. 2019 7% 29% 34% 26% 4%

Aug. 2019 10% 30% 31% 27% 3%

Feb. 2017 11% 31% 30% 26% 3%

2. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

Yes 93%

No 7%

Refused 0%

2.a. [IF NOT REGISTERED] How likely is it that you will register between now and the November election? Is it very likely, somewhat likely or not very likely?

Very likely 62%

Somewhat likely 38%

Not very likely 0%

Refused 0%

3. How likely is it that you will vote in the presidential election in November? Is it very likely, somewhat likely or not very likely?

Very likely 89%

Somewhat likely 11%

Not very likely 0%

Refused 0%

4. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you have been very interested, somewhat interested or not very interested in the presidential campaigns so far this year?

Very interested 47%

Somewhat interested 34%

Not very interested 19%

Refused 0%

5.a. The 2020 election is far away, but if the election for president were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ FIRST TWO CHOICES ONLY] [ROTATED]:

Joe Biden, the Democrat 48%

Donald Trump, the Republican 40%

Undecided/Unsure 8%

Refused 4%

5.b. The 2020 election is far away, but if the election for president were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ FIRST TWO CHOICES ONLY] [ROTATED]:

Bernie Sanders, the Democrat 49%

Donald Trump, the Republican 40%

Undecided/Unsure 8%

Refused 3%

5.c. The 2020 election is far away, but if the election for president were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ FIRST TWO CHOICES ONLY] [ROTATED]: Elizabeth Warren, the Democrat 48%

Donald Trump, the Republican 41%

Undecided/Unsure 7%

Refused 4%

5.d. The 2020 election is far away, but if the election for president were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ FIRST TWO CHOICES ONLY] [ROTATED]:

Pete Buttigieg, the Democrat 47%

Donald Trump, the Republican 40%

Undecided/Unsure 9%

Refused 4%

5.e. The 2020 election is far away, but if the election for president were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ FIRST TWO CHOICES ONLY] [ROTATED]: Michael Bloomberg, the Democrat 46%

Donald Trump, the Republican 40%

Undecided/Unsure 9%

Refused 5%

5.f. The 2020 election is far away, but if the election for president were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [READ FIRST TWO CHOICES ONLY] [ROTATED]: Amy Klobuchar, the Democrat 46%

Donald Trump, the Republican 39%

Undecided/Unsure 13%

Refused 3%

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.

[ROTATED]:

6. Donald Trump

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 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%

7. Ralph Northam

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 2020 27% 34% 14% 25%

Sept. 2017 32% 25% 9% 34%

Aug. 2017 25% 15% 8% 53%

Jan. 2017 8% 5% 3% 84%

8. Joe Biden

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 2020 37% 37% 18% 8%

9. Bernie Sanders

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 2020 35% 40% 16% 9%

10. Elizabeth Warren

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 2020 29% 41% 16% 14%

11. Pete Buttigieg

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/ Refused

Jan. 2020 31% 26% 10% 32%

12. Michael Bloomberg

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 2020 26% 39% 15% 20%

13. Amy Klobuchar

Favorable Unfavorable Mixed/Unsure DK/Refused

Jan. 2020 27% 20% 14% 39%

14. 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

Jan. 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%

15. 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

Jan. 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%

16. 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

Jan. 2020 36% 52% 11% 1%

Nov. 2019 32% 51% 14% 3%

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%

Sept. 2017 36% 56% 8% 1%

Aug. 2017 27% 58% 13% 2%

Feb. 2017 32% 50% 11% 7%

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

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

Jan. 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%

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

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

Jan. 2020 20% 60% 16% 4%

Oct. 2017 10% 80% 8% 3%

Sept. 2017 11% 76% 10% 3%

Aug. 2017 7% 79% 10% 4%

Feb. 2017 20% 62% 12% 6%

Jan. 2017 19% 64% 12% 6%

19. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Virginia state legislature, the General Assembly, is handling its job?

Approve 41%

Disapprove 38%

Mixed 10%

Refused/Don't Know 12%

20. It has been suggested that many rural counties in Virginia should break away from Virginia and become part of West Virginia. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this idea?

Strongly support 7%

Somewhat support 13%

Neutral [VOL] 10%

Somewhat oppose 11%

Strongly oppose 51%

Refused 8%

21. Do you agree with the Senate’s decision to acquit President Trump and not remove him from office, or do you think he should have been removed from office?

Agree not to remove 45%

Should have been removed 45%

Unsure 6%

Refused 4%

22. Which do you think is more important - to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

Protect owners Control guns Unsure/Refused

Jan. 2020 48% 41% 11%

Nov. 2019 47% 43% 10%

Feb. 2019 44% 47% 9%

Nov. 2018 44% 46% 10%

Aug. 2018 44% 48% 8%

May 2018 46% 44% 9%

Jan. 2016 50% 41% 9%

Jan. 2015 50% 42% 7%

23. Do you think it is more likely that a gun in the possession of a law-abiding citizen would be used for self-defense purposes or that it would somehow accidentally injure or kill another person?

Self-defense Accidental shooting Unsure/Refused

Jan. 2020 63% 24% 12%

Jan. 2013 59% 26% 15%

24. Do you think that stricter gun control laws would make you personally more safe, less safe, or would they make no difference?

More safe Less safe No difference Unsure/Refused

Jan. 2020 34% 25% 37% 5%

Jan. 2013 34% 12% 50% 4%

25. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male 47%

Female 53%

26. Region

Southwest Virginia 8%

Southside 8%

Shenandoah Valley 6%

Central Virginia/Richmond 19%

Northern Virginia 35%

Tidewater 25%

27. 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 54%

Living with partner 7%

Divorced 10%

Separated 3%

Widowed 5%

Never married 20%

Refused 1%

28. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school 1%

High School 14%

Some college/technical school 24%

Associate's Degree 12%

Bachelor's Degree 29%

Advanced Degree 21%

Refused 0%

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

18-29 18%

30-44 25%

45-64 41%

65 or older 16%

Refused 0%

30. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic 8%

No, not Hispanic 91%

No answer 1%

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

White / Hispanic / Latino 70%

African-American 20%

Other/multi-racial 6%

Refused 4%

32. 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 7%

$35,000-$50,000 14%

$50,000-$75,000 17%

$75,000-$100,000 13%

More than $100,000 35%

Refused 9%

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

Liberal 22%

Moderate 33%

Conservative 35%

Other/Unsure 4%

Refused 7%

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

Democrat 38%

Republican 31%

Independent 14%

Other/None 12%

Refused 6%

34. 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. 34]

Democrat 46%

Republican 40%

Independent/Neither/Refused 14%

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