**Roanoke College Poll Topline**

**State and National Politics**

**February 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. 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

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%

2. 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

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%

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

Approve Disapprove Mixed Refused

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%

4. As you may know, in the past weeks, Governor Northam has admitted to wearing blackface once to a party. Also, a photo of a man dressed in blackface and another in a KKK robe were found on his page in his medical school yearbook. Given what you know right now, should Ralph Northam resign as governor of Virginia?

Yes, resign 41%

No 44%

Unsure/depends/Refused 16%

5. Attorney General Mark Herring has also admitted that he had dressed in blackface at a party. Given what you know right now, should Mark Herring resign as attorney general of Virginia?

Yes, resign 33%

No 49%

Unsure/depends/Refused 19%

6. In general, do you think that having dressed in blackface at any time disqualifies a person from serving as an elected official?

Yes, disqualifies 30%

No, does not disqualify 54%

Unsure/depends/ Refused 16%

7. As you may also know, Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax has been accused of sexual assault in encounters with two different women. He claims that the encounters were consensual. Given what you know right now, should Justin Fairfax resign as lieutenant governor of Virginia?

Yes, resign 31%

No 40%

Unsure/depends/ Refused 29%

8. In cases in which there has been an allegation of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, and it cannot be proven which version of events is more accurate, are you more likely to believe the woman or the man?

Believe woman 32%

Believe man 6%

Unsure/depends/Refused 61%

9. Regarding the Justin Fairfax situation, are you more likely to believe the women who have accused him of sexual misconduct or his statement that the encounters were consensual?

Believe women 36%

Believe Fairfax 10%

Unsure/depends/ Refused 54%

10. Regarding the similar situation involving Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, are you more likely to believe the woman who has accused him of sexual misconduct or his statement that it did not happen?

Believe woman 35%

Believe Kavanaugh 36%

Unsure/depends/Refused 29%

11. Now I'm going to read you the names of a couple of terms, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know, please just say so. Capitalism [ROTATED]

Very positive 31%

Somewhat positive 25%

Neutral 20%

Somewhat negative 7%

Very negative 8%

Refused 8%

11. a. Socialism [ROTATED]

Very positive 4%

Somewhat positive 12%

Neutral 24%

Somewhat negative 15%

Very negative 36%

Refused 9%

12. As you know, there are continuing debates in the United States regarding our immigration system. Should the immigration system be based more on keeping families together, or admitting immigrants with job skills that can benefit them and the nation?

Keep families together 40%

Admit those with skills 36%

Unsure /Refused 24%

13. Do you favor or oppose building a physical barrier along the border with Mexico?

Favor 46%

Oppose 46%

Unsure /Refused 9%

14. Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally: the immigration system should allow them to become citizens, provided they meet certain requirements, OR allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens, OR identify and deport them?

Become citizens 55%

Permanent legal residents 21%

Deport them 15%

Unsure /Refused 10%

15. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

Just about always 1%

Most of the time 11%

Only some of the time 70%

Never 16%

Unsure 2%

Refused 0%

16. Which of the following statements is closer to your view: Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort OR There’s not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington?

Citizens CAN influence government 56%

Citizens can NOT influence government 38%

Unsure 6%

Refused 0%

17. Thinking about the way things are going in politics today … on the issues that matter to you would you say your side has been winning more often than it’s been losing, or losing more often than it’s been winning?

Winning more 27%

Losing more 44%

Wins some, lose some/Equal/Unsure [VOL] 16%

Unsure 12%

Refused 2%

18. Which comes closest to your feelings about how the federal government is working? Are you enthusiastic, satisfied, dissatisfied, or angry?

Enthusiastic 1%

Satisfied 21%

Dissatisfied 49%

Angry 20%

Unsure 8%

Refused 0%

19. When you think about the future of the United States, which do you agree with more: the country’s best years are ahead of us or the country’s best years are behind us?

Best years ahead 55%

Best years behind 35%

Same/Unsure 10%

Refused 0%

20. Looking broadly at the important issues facing the United States, do you think that Americans are united in facing those challenges or is the nation divided?

United 8%

Divided 88%

Both/Unsure 4%

Refused 0%

21. Finally, what 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

Feb. 2019 44% 47% 9%

May 2018 46% 44% 9%

Jan. 2016 50% 41% 9%

Jan. 2015 50% 42% 7%

22. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male 49%

Female 51%

23. Region

Southwest Virginia 10%

Southside 9%

Shenandoah Valley 7%

Central Virginia/Richmond 21%

Northern Virginia 27%

Tidewater 25%

24. 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 51%

Living with partner 3%

Divorced 7%

Separated 1%

Widowed 7%

Never married 29%

Refused 1%

25. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school 1%

High School 22%

Some college/technical school 24%

Associate's Degree 9%

Bachelor's Degree 25%

Advanced Degree 20%

Refused 0%

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

18-29 25%

30-44 19%

45-64 30%

65 or older 26%

Refused 0%

27. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic 13%

No, not Hispanic 85%

No answer 2%

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

White / Hispanic / Latino 74%

African-American 16%

Other/multi-racial 6%

Refused 4%

29. 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 12%

$35,000-$50,000 14%

$50,000-$75,000 12%

$75,000-$100,000 16%

More than $100,000 28%

Refused 11%

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

Liberal 18%

Moderate 32%

Conservative 40%

Other/Unsure 3%

Refused 8%

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

Democrat 30%

Republican 29%

Independent 24%

Other/None 10%

Refused 8%

31. 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. 31]

Democrat 43%

Republican 42%

Neither/Refused 15%

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.