



February 2012 Virginia Political Poll
Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

Frequencies

1. 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?

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| Right direction | 47% (278) |
| Wrong track | 40% (237) |
| Unsure/mixed | 14% (83) |

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?

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| Right direction | 25% (148) |
| Wrong track | 67% (400) |
| Unsure/mixed | 9% (54) |

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

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| Approve | 60% (312) |
| Disapprove | 26% (137) |
| Mixed/unsure | 14% (71) |

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Warner is handling his job as Senator of Virginia?

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| Approve | 62% (306) |
| Disapprove | 25% (123) |
| Mixed/unsure | 14% (69) |

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President of the United States?

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| Approve | 41% (245) |
| Disapprove | 48% (285) |
| Mixed/unsure | 11% (67) |

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

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| Approve | 11% (66) |
| Disapprove | 76% (442) |
| Mixed/unsure | 12% (71) |

7. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

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| Economy | 43% (259) |
| Unemployment/jobs | 24% (141) |
| Budget deficit | 9% (52) |
| All others | 24% (144) |

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.

8. President Barack Obama

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| Favorable | 44% (262) |
| Unfavorable | 44% (262) |
| Mixed/unsure | 11% (67) |

9. Governor Bob McDonnell

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| Favorable | 57% (284) |
| Unfavorable | 26% (129) |
| Mixed/unsure | 18% (87) |

10. Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling

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| Favorable | 45% (117) |
| Unfavorable | 28% (73) |
| Mixed/unsure | 28% (72) |

11. Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli

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| Favorable | 48% (176) |
| Unfavorable | 33% (121) |
| Mixed/unsure | 19% (68) |

12. Mitt Romney

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| Favorable | 28% (146) |
| Unfavorable | 48% (247) |
| Mixed/unsure | 24% (124) |

13. Newt Gingrich

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| Favorable | 21% (111) |
| Unfavorable | 64% (337) |
| Mixed/unsure | 15% (81) |

14. Ron Paul

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| Favorable | 26% (124) |
| Unfavorable | 54% (255) |
| Mixed/unsure | 19% (90) |

15. Rick Santorum

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| Favorable | 35% (167) |
| Unfavorable | 47% (223) |
| Mixed/unsure | 18% (86) |

16. Who do you think is MOST responsible for the current economic conditions in the United States? [ROTATE] President Obama., former President George W. Bush, Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or financial institutions?

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| President Obama | 19% (114) |
| Former President George W. Bush | 23% (135) |
| Republicans in Congress | 11% (64) |
| Democrats in Congress | 9% (53) |
| Financial institutions | 22% (131) |
| Unsure/Someone else | 17% (100) |

17. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

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| Yes | 89% (537) |
| No | 12% (70) |

18. If the election for United States Senate were held today and the two candidates were [ROTATE] George Allen and Tim Kaine, would you vote for

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| George Allen | 45% (261) |
| Tim Kaine | 37% (217) |
| Uncertain | 19% (108) |

19. And if the election for President were held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, would you vote for [ROTATE] Barack Obama, the Democrat or Mitt Romney, the Republican?

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| Obama | 42% (249) |
| Romney | 43% (255) |
| Uncertain | 16% (93) |

20. Suppose the Republican Party nominated Newt Gingrich for President. Would you vote for [ROTATE] Obama or Gingrich?

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| Obama | 48% (287) |
| Gingrich | 37% (217) |
| Uncertain | 15% (90) |

21. If Ron Paul was the Republican candidate, would you vote for [ROTATE] Obama or Paul?

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| Obama | 45% (269) |
| Paul | 35% (209) |
| Uncertain | 20% (115) |

22. If Rick Santorum was the Republican candidate, would you vote for [ROTATE] Obama or Santorum?

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| Obama | 45% (267) |
| Santorum | 39% (233) |
| Uncertain | 16% (96) |

23. Now, I'd like to ask some questions about you. How old are you?

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| 18-29 | 10% (61) |
| 30-49 | 34% (209) |
| 50-64 | 37% (224) |
| 65 or older | 19% (113) |

24. Code respondent's sex

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| Male | 48% (292) |
| Female | 52% (315) |

25. How much education have you completed?

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| Less than high school | 4% (26) |
| High School | 20% (119) |
| Some college/tech school | 20% (119) |
| Associate's degree | 8% (46) |
| Bachelor's degree | 32% (191) |
| Advanced degree | 17% (101) |

26. I'm going to read several income groups. When I come to the group that includes your annual family income, please stop me.

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| Less than \$20,000 | 10% (52) |
| \$20,001-\$35,000 | 12% (65) |
| \$35,001-\$50,000 | 16% (83) |
| \$50,001-\$75,000 | 18% (94) |
| \$75,001-\$100,000 | 17% (87) |
| More than \$100,000 | 28% (144) |

27. What is your race?

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| White | 78% (472) |
| African-American | 16% (95) |
| Other | 7% (40) |

28. In what county do you live? [IF NOT IN COUNTY, THEN WHICH CITY. IF THERE IS A CITY AND COUNTY WITH THE SAME NAME, ASK IF THEY LIVE IN CITY OR COUNTY.] RECODED TO REGION

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| Southwest Virginia | 19% (116) |
| Shenandoah Valley | 15% (92) |
| Southside | 7% (40) |
| Central VA/Richmond | 20% (121) |
| Northern VA | 22% (131) |
| Tidewater | 18% (106) |

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

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| Liberal | 17% (100) |
| Moderate | 35% (199) |
| Conservative | 43% (249) |
| Other | 5% (28) |

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

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| Democrat | 28% (154) |
| Republican | 30% (161) |
| Independent | 31% (168) |
| Other/None | 10% (62) |

31. From what you have heard about the Tea Party movement, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with their views or don't you know enough to have an opinion either way?

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| Strongly agree | 12% (50) |
| Agree | 26% (108) |
| Neutral | 14% (58) |
| Disagree | 25% (104) |
| Strongly disagree | 23% (98) |

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.