

Roanoke College Poll |Feb. 17-20, 2025
Topline and Select Party Crosstabs

Hi, I'm _____ and I'm calling from Roanoke College. How are you? We're conducting a survey of Virginia residents regarding important issues and your opinion is very important to us; we're not selling anything and won't ask for any money. Your responses are anonymous and confidential. Are you 18 or older and a resident of Virginia?

Direction of US/VA and Approval Ratings

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. 2025	31%	67%	1%
Nov. 2024	24%	73%	3%
Oct. 2024	25%	64%	10%
Aug. 2024	27%	71%	2%
May 2024	27%	70%	3%
Feb. 2024	24%	73%	3%
Nov. 2023	23%	74%	3%
Aug. 2023	24%	73%	3%
May 2023	25%	71%	4%
Feb. 2023	27%	69%	2%
Nov. 2022	28%	68%	5%
Aug. 2022	25%	72%	3%
May 2022	21%	77%	3%
Feb. 2022	29%	67%	4%
Nov. 2021	31%	66%	4%
Sept. 2021	35%	58%	8%
Aug. 2021	33%	58%	9%
May 2021	42%	53%	6%
Feb. 2021	39%	53%	9%
Nov. 2020	28%	62%	10%
Oct. 2020	30%	63%	7%
Aug. 2020	16%	79%	5%
May 2020	33%	61%	6%
Feb. 2020	39%	53%	8%
Nov. 2019	26%	65%	10%
Aug. 2019	31%	61%	8%
Feb. 2019	37%	56%	7%
Nov. 2018	34%	58%	8%
Aug. 2018	37%	56%	8%
June 2018	30%	64%	7%
Feb. 2018	31%	57%	11%
Nov. 2017	24%	69%	7%
Oct. 2017	30%	64%	7%
Sept. 2017	30%	63%	8%

Aug. 2017	29%	63%	9%
Feb. 2017	31%	57%	11%
Jan. 2017	32%	52%	17%

2. 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
Feb. 2025	51%	47%	2%
Nov. 2024	52%	43%	5%
Oct. 2024	46%	35%	20%
Aug. 2024	51%	46%	4%
May 2024	53%	42%	6%
Feb. 2024	53%	42%	5%
Nov. 2023	50%	43%	7%
Aug. 2023	49%	44%	7%
May 2023	48%	45%	7%
Feb. 2023	55%	39%	5%
Nov. 2022	47%	48%	5%
Aug. 2022	51%	45%	4%
May 2022	50%	44%	7%
Feb. 2022	47%	47%	6%
Sept. 2021	52%	43%	6%
Aug. 2021	52%	43%	5%
May 2021	50%	40%	10%
Feb. 2021	52%	40%	9%
Nov. 2020	53%	37%	10%
Aug. 2020	45%	49%	6%
May 2020	57%	37%	6%
Feb. 2020	49%	44%	8%
Aug. 2018	58%	30%	12%
Oct. 2017	48%	40%	13%
Sept. 2017	52%	37%	12%
Aug. 2017	46%	41%	13%
Jan. 2017	52%	29%	19%

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Mixed	Refused
Feb. 2025	53%	39%	3%	5%
Nov. 2024	52%	39%	1%	8%
Aug. 2024	59%	36%	1%	4%
May 2024	52%	40%	3%	5%
Feb. 2024	53%	38%	3%	6%
Nov. 2023	52%	39%	3%	6%
Aug. 2023	51%	40%	3%	6%
May 2023	51%	40%	4%	5%
Feb. 2023	57%	35%	2%	4%
Nov. 2022	52%	41%	2%	5%
Aug. 2022	55%	35%	2%	7%
May 2022	53%	35%	2%	10%
Feb. 2022	50%	41%	3%	7%

4. 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. 2025	37%	59%	2%	2%
Oct. 2020	41%	56%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	37%	58%	4%	1%
May 2020	36%	54%	8%	2%
Feb. 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%

Favorability Ratings of Political Figures

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.

5. Glenn Youngkin

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Feb. 2025	48%	42%	1%	8%
Nov. 2024	48%	38%	3%	11%
Aug. 2024	54%	40%	1%	5%
May 2024	49%	40%	3%	8%
Feb. 2024	48%	41%	3%	9%
Nov. 2023	50%	39%	3%	8%
Aug. 2023	48%	41%	3%	9%
May 2023	46%	42%	2%	10%
Feb. 2023	52%	35%	2%	9%
Nov. 2022	50%	40%	1%	9%
Aug. 2022	51%	37%	3%	10%
May 2022	46%	37%	3%	15%
Feb. 2022	46%	42%	1%	12%
Oct. 2021	45%	37%	16%	1%
Sept. 2021	40%	41%	17%	3%
Aug. 2021	27%	21%	3%	50%

6. Donald Trump

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Mixed/Unsure	DK/Refused
Feb. 2025	37%	58%	2%	4%
Nov. 2024	41%	55%	2%	3%
Oct. 2024	38%	54%	6%	2%
Aug. 2024	40%	57%	1%	1%
May 2024	36%	57%	3%	4%
Feb. 2024	34%	59%	2%	4%
Nov. 2023	33%	58%	5%	4%
Aug. 2023	30%	65%	3%	3%
May 2023	31%	63%	3%	3%
Feb. 2023	33%	58%	3%	4%
Nov. 2022	33%	60%	3%	3%
Aug. 2022	37%	58%	3%	3%
May 2022	34%	59%	4%	3%
Feb. 2022	37%	56%	3%	4%
Oct. 2021	37%	54%	6%	3%
Feb. 2021	24%	58%	14%	4%
Nov. 2020	33%	53%	10%	5%
Oct. 2020	41%	56%	3%	1%
Aug. 2020	37%	55%	7%	2%
May 2020	36%	49%	12%	4%
Feb. 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. Abigail Spanberger

Favorable	37%
Unfavorable	37%
Mixed/Unsure	1%
DK/Refused	26%

8. Winsome Earle-Sears

Favorable	34%
Unfavorable	39%
Mixed/Unsure	1%
DK/Refused	27%

9. The Centers for Disease Control or CDC

Favorable	62%
Unfavorable	31%
Mixed/Unsure	2%
DK/Refused	5%

10. The Federal Bureau of Investigation or FBI

Favorable	59%
Unfavorable	35%
Mixed/Unsure	1%
DK/Refused	5%

11. The Central Intelligence Agency or CIA

Favorable	55%
Unfavorable	35%
Mixed/Unsure	2%
DK/Refused	8%

12. Are you registered to vote in Virginia

Yes	86%
No	14%

12. a. [IF REGISTERED] As you know, Virginia will elect a new governor in November. If the election were held today and you had to decide right now, would you vote for [ROTATE FIRST TWO]

Abigail Spanberger, the Democrat	39%
Winsome Earle-Sears, the Republican	24%
Some other candidate	4%
Undecided	32%
Refused	0%

The next few questions deal with federal income taxes. Everyone thinks the system should be fair, and we would like to know what you think is fair.

13. Which do you think is more fair? [ROTATE] A system in which everyone pays the same percentage of their income in taxes OR one in which those who make more money pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes?

Same percentage	40%
Progressive tax	59%
Unsure/Refused	2%

How much, if at all, does each of the following bother you about the federal tax system? A lot, some, not too much, or not at all? [ROTATE]

14. The amount you pay in taxes

A lot	34%
Some	36%
Not too much	17%
Not at all	13%
Refused	1%

15. The complexity of the tax system

A lot	51%
Some	31%
Not too much	9%
Not at all	7%
Refused	1%

16. The feeling that some wealthy people don't pay their fair share

A lot	62%
Some	22%
Not too much	8%
Not at all	8%
Refused	1%

17. The feeling that some poor people don't pay their fair share

A lot	14%
Some	16%
Not too much	26%
Not at all	42%
Refused	2%

18. The feeling that some corporations don't pay their fair share

A lot	65%
Some	22%
Not too much	5%
Not at all	6%
Refused	1%

As you may know, the top 1% of earners pay about 26% of their income in federal income tax. The bottom half of earners pay about 3% of their income in federal income tax.

19. Assuming the wealthiest 1% are paying about 26% of their income in federal taxes, is that too much, too little, or a fair share of taxes?

Too much	14%
Too little	42%
About right	41%
Unsure/No answer	3%

20. Assuming the bottom 50% are paying about 3% of their income in federal taxes, is that too much, too little, or a fair share of taxes?

Too much	17%
Too little	20%
About right	61%
Unsure/No answer	2%

The next few questions deal with immigration.

Please tell me if you favor or oppose each of the following proposals for dealing with migrants and the Mexican border.

21. Creating more opportunities for people to legally immigrate to the U.S.

Favor	81%
Oppose	19%
Unsure/Refused	1%

22. Increasing deportations of people who are in the country illegally

Favor	59%
Oppose	38%
Unsure/Refused	4%

23. Making it easier for asylum seekers to work legally while waiting for a decision about their application

Favor	72%
Oppose	27%
Unsure/Refused	1%

24. Increasing penalties for businesses who hire people who are not legally allowed to work here

Favor	60%
Oppose	38%
Unsure/Refused	2%

25. Substantially expanding the wall along the border with Mexico

Favor	46%
Oppose	52%
Unsure/Refused	2%

26. Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? (ROTATE) They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally or There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met.

Not be allowed to remain	26%
Allowed w/ conditions	72%
Unsure/Refused	1%

27. Do you think that children born in the U.S. should immediately become U.S. citizens?

Yes	76%
No	23%
Unsure/Refused	2%

Demographics

28. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%
Other/No answer	0%

29. Region

Central Virginia/Richmond	17%
Northern Virginia	36%
Shenandoah Valley	6%
Southside	7%
Southwest Virginia	12%
Tidewater	23%

30. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

Married	43%
Living with partner	6%
Divorced	8%
Separated	3%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Refused	0%

31. How much education have you completed?

Less than High school	2%
High School	16%
Some College/Technical School	24%
Associate's Degree	10%
Bachelor's Degree	27%
Advanced Degree	22%
Refused	0%

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

18-29	21%
30-44	26%
45-64	32%
65 or older	21%
Refused	0%

33. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

Yes, Hispanic	7%
No, not Hispanic	93%
Refused	1%

34. Would you consider yourself Caucasian or white, African-American or Black, Asian or some other race?

White / Caucasian	62%
African-American	19%
Asian/Other/multi-racial	19%
Refused	0%

35. What income group includes your annual family income?

Less than \$20,000	8%
\$20,000-\$35,000	12%
\$35,000-\$50,000	11%
\$50,000-\$75,000	18%
\$75,000-\$100,000	14%
More than \$100,000	34%
Refused	3%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	30%
Other/Unsure	6%
Don't know/Refused	3%

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

Democrat	35%
Republican	27%
Independent	25%
Other/None	12%
Don't know/No answer	1%

37.a. [IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER OR REFUSED] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or toward the Republican party?

Democratic Party	32%
Republican Party	28%
Independent/Neither	38%
Don't know/No answer	3%

Select Party Crosstabs

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Independent</i>
USA Right Direction	11%	73%	21%
VA Right Direction	38%	75%	43%
Job Approval Youngkin	28%	85%	45%
Job Approval Trump	7%	90%	26%
Favorability Youngkin	24%	81%	53%
Favorability Trump	6%	91%	25%
Favorability Earle-Sears	27%	55%	31%
Favorability Spanberger	59%	16%	39%
Favorability FBI	77%	41%	62%
Favorability CDC	90%	35%	61%
Favorability CIA	68%	41%	58%
Increase legal immigration	88%	68%	79%
Increase deportations	41%	89%	54%