



**VIRGINIA SURVEY FALL 2019
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
WEIGHTED TOPLINE – ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE**

**TOPLINE 1
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NOTE: Some questions are being held for subsequent release

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Pretest: None

Interviewing dates: September 3-15, 2019

Interviewing language: English only

Total Sample n=1009;

Registered Voters n=882

SURVEY INFORMATION

The University of Mary Washington's Virginia Survey Fall 2019 obtained telephone interviews with a representative sample of 1009 adults, ages 18 or older, living in Virginia. Telephone interviews were conducted by landline (293) and cell phone (716). The survey was conducted by Research America Inc. Interviews were done in English from September 3 to 15, 2019. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies. The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is ± 3.1 percentage points (N=1009) and ± 3.3 percentage points for the subsample of registered voters (N=882).

Note: Because of rounding, results may not equal 100 percent.

[ASK ALL:]

USDIRECT. Overall, do you feel things in the *United States* are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

33% Right

7% **(DO NOT READ)** Mixed

57% Wrong

3% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

00% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

VADIRECT. Overall, do you feel things in the *Commonwealth of Virginia* are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

- 48% Right
- 11% **(DO NOT READ)** Mixed
- 36% Wrong
- 4% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 0% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

TRUMP. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? **[IF DEPENDS OR IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE, PROBE ONCE WITH: "Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?" IF STILL DEPENDS OR UNSURE ENTER AS UNSURE/DK]**

- 39% Approve
- 54% Disapprove
- 7% **(DO NOT READ)** Unsure/Don't know
- 0% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

NORTHAM. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as governor? **[IF DEPENDS OR IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE, PROBE ONCE WITH: "Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as governor?" IF STILL DEPENDS OR UNSURE ENTER AS UNSURE/DK]**

- 47% Approve
- 35% Disapprove
- 18% **(DO NOT READ)** Unsure/Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

TRUSTUS. How much of the time do you think you can trust the FEDERAL government to do what is right – just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

- 5% Just about always
- 24% Most of the time
- 59% Some of the time
- 10% **(DO NOT READ)** Never
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 0% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

BIGINT. Would you say that government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or is it run for the benefit of all the people? **[IF R ASKS WHAT IS MEANT BY "GOVERNMENT," READ: Please think about the national government.]**

- 73% Big interests
- 19% All the people
- 7% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

[ASK ALL:]

ECONUS. Would you say that, over the past 12 months, the U.S. economy has (gotten worse), stayed the same, or (gotten better)?

[IF BETTER/WORSE, PROBE: Would you say MUCH or SOMEWHAT (worse / better)?]

- 8% Much worse
- 20% Somewhat worse
- 27% Stayed the same
- 21% Somewhat better
- 21% Much better
- 3% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 0% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

RACE1. Do you think race relations in the US are: **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

- 36% Generally good
- 55% Generally bad
- 8% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

RACE2. Do you think race relations in the US are: **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 and 2]**

- 15% Getting better
- 50% Getting worse
- 31% Staying about the same
- 3% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 0% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[RANDOMIZE Q2020f – Q2020i]

[ASK ALL:]

Q2020f. Thinking about the 2020 election for US president... If the election were held today and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE: (Donald Trump, the Republican,) and (Joe Biden, the Democrat,)]** for whom would you vote?

- 37% Trump
- 55% Biden
- 1% (VOL.) Other candidate
- 3% (VOL.) None / Would not vote
- 4% (VOL.) Don't know
- 1% (VOL.) Refused

[ASK ALL:]

Q2020g. What if the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Donald Trump, the Republican,) and (Elizabeth Warren, the Democrat,)] for whom would you vote?

38% Trump
53% Warren
1% (VOL.) Other candidate
2% (VOL.) None / Would not vote
5% (VOL.) Don't know
1% (VOL.) Refused

[ASK ALL:]

Q2020h. How about if the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Donald Trump, the Republican,) and (Bernie Sanders, the Democrat,)] for whom would you vote?

38% Trump
53% Sanders
2% (VOL.) Other candidate
3% (VOL.) None / Would not vote
4% (VOL.) Don't know
1% (VOL.) Refused

[ASK ALL:]

Q2020i. How about if the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Donald Trump, the Republican,) and (Kamala Harris, the Democrat,)] for whom would you vote?

38% Trump
50% Harris
2% (VOL.) Other candidate
4% (VOL.) None / Would not vote
5% (VOL.) Don't know
1% (VOL.) Refused