VIRGINIA SURVEY FALL 2021
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
WEIGHTED TOPLINE – ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE
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NOTE: Some questions are being held for subsequent release.

Pretest: None
Interviewing dates: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Monday, September 13, 2021
Interviewing language: English only

Total Sample: N=1,000; Likely Voters [LVS] n=528
N=600 phone (80 percent cell; 20 percent landline), N=400 web
Age, gender and race/ethnicity were weighted.

The margin of error on the total sample is +/- 3.1%. The margin of error on "Likely Voters" is +/- 4.1%.

Less than 0.5% is rounded to zero.

MAIN INTERVIEW

[ASK ALL:]
SEX.   RECORD RESPONDENT SEX

LVS	ALL	
54%	49%	Male
46%	51%	Female

[ASK ALL:]
USDIRECT.   Overall, would you say that things in the U.S. are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

LVS	ALL	
25%	23%	Right
19%	24%	**(DO NOT READ)** Mixed
54%	49%	Wrong
2%	4%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
0%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
VADIRECT.   Overall, would you say that things in the Commonwealth of Virginia are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

LVS	ALL	
35%	32%	Right
17%	22%	**(DO NOT READ)** Mixed
46%	39%	Wrong
2%	6%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

0%   1%   **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

BIDEN.   Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president?" **IF STILL DEPENDS OR UNSURE ENTER AS UNSURE/DK]**

LVS	ALL	
44%	44%	Approve
53%	48%	Disapprove
4%	8%	**(DO NOT READ)** Unsure/Don't know
0%	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]**

LVS	ALL	
44%	42%	Approve
50%	42%	Disapprove
6%	15%	**(DO NOT READ)** Unsure/Don't know
0%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

THOUGHT.   How much thought have you given to the coming gubernatorial elections in Virginia... Quite a lot or only a little?

LVS	ALL	
54%	36%	Quite a lot
25%	28%	**(DO NOT READ)** Some
15%	20%	Little
6%	12%	**(DO NOT READ)** None
1%	3%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
0%	0%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL]

ELECT1.   Thinking about the 2021 gubernatorial elections in Virginia... If the election were held today, which candidate would you support **[RANDOMIZE first two:** (Glenn Youngkin, the Republican) (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat)]** or Princess Blanding, of the Liberation Party?

LVS	ALL	
48%	38%	Youngkin
43%	43%	McAuliffe
2%	2%	Blanding
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Other choice/write-in
1%	5%	**(DO NOT READ)** None / Would not vote
5%	10%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

		(DO NOT READ) Refused
1%	1%	(DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

LG.   Thinking about the 2021 election for lieutenant governor of Virginia… If the election were held today and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE:** (Winsome Sears, the Republican,) and (Hala Ayala, the Democrat,)**]**, for whom would you vote?

LVS	ALL	
47%	38%	Sears
41%	38%	Ayala
1%	2%	(VOL.) Other candidate
1%	4%	(VOL.) None / Would not vote
9%	17%	(VOL.) Don't know
1%	1%	(VOL.) Refused

ASK ALL:

AG.   Thinking about the 2021 attorney general of Virginia… If the election were held today and the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE** (Jason Miyares, the Republican,) and (Mark Herring, the Democrat,)**]**, for whom would you vote?

LVS	ALL	
46%	37%	Miyares
42%	40%	Herring
2%	2%	(VOL.) Other candidate
0%	4%	(VOL.) None / Would not vote
8%	15%	(VOL.) Don't know
2%	2%	(VOL.) Refused

ASK ALL:

LEG.   Would you like to see the Democrats or the Republicans control the Virginia House of Delegates after the November elections?

LVS	ALL	
43%	43%	Democrats
50%	43%	Republicans
3%	6%	(VOL.) Neither / None
3%	7%	(VOL.) Don't know
1%	1%	(VOL.) Refused

[ASK ALL:]

ISSUES.   In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?
[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS] [If respondent picks more than one ask: "Which one of those would be the MOST important problem facing the nation?"

LVS	ALL	
28%	31%	Health Care and COVID
20%	19%	The economy and jobs
15%	12%	Immigration
8%	8%	Morality
8%	8%	The environment
6%	5%	Terrorism
4%	5%	Crime

3%	3%	Gun policy
5%	5%	**(DO NOT READ)** Other
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** None
3%	5%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know / Respondent won't pick a single option
0%	0%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
COVID_VAC Have you been vaccinated to protect you from COVID-19?

LVS	ALL	
75%	73%	Yes
17%	21%	No
1%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
7%	5%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
COVID_ORDER Do you [rotate: support or oppose] a nationwide policy that would require everyone to get a COVID vaccine?

LVS	ALL	
48%	45%	Support a vaccine requirement
46%	45%	Oppose a vaccine requirement
5%	9%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
2%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]
COIVD_VA How would you describe Virginia's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic compared to other states? Has Virginia has handled the COVID-19 pandemic [rotate first two options] (better) (worse) than other states] or was the state's performance about the same as other states?

LVS	ALL	
40%	39%	Better than other states
17%	15%	Worse than other states
37%	39%	About the same as other states
5%	6%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
COIVD_ED1 Thinking of your local public-school district, how would you assess how well your district has handled Covid so far? On the A to F scale, where A is excellent, C is adequate and F is a failure, what grade would give your local school district's handling of Covid?

LVS	ALL	
14%	12%	A
22%	22%	B
25%	27%	C
13%	11%	D
13%	11%	F

12%	16%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL]
COIVD_ED2 Would you say that your local public school district's response to Covid has been [rotate first two options: too strict/too lenient] or just about right?

LVS	ALL	
24%	18%	Too strict
17%	20%	Too lenient
41%	40%	Just about right
17%	20%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
2%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
PVOTE20A.   In the 2020 presidential election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

LVS	ALL	
99%	86%	Voted
1%	10%	Did not vote (includes too young to vote)
1%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't remember if voted
0%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK IF PVOTE20A=1; VOTED IN 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]
PVOTE20B.   Did you vote for Trump, Biden or someone else?

LVS	ALL	
45%	42%	Trump
46%	49%	Biden
3%	4%	Someone else/Other candidate
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't remember which candidate
5%	4%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
GVOTE17A.   In the 2017 election for governor between Ralph Northam, Ed Gillespie, and Cliff Hyra, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

LVS	ALL	
89%	67%	Voted
7%	22%	Did not vote (includes too young to vote)
2%	7%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't remember if voted
2%	3%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK IF GVOTE17A=1; VOTED IN 2017 ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR]
GVOTE17B.   Did you vote for Northam, Gillespie, Hyra or someone else?

LVS	ALL

47%	51%	Northam
40%	36%	Gillespie
1%	2%	Hyra
4%	4%	Someone else/Other candidate
5%	5%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't remember which candidate
3%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

[ASK ALL:]
EDUC2.   What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [DO NOT READ] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS grad if R completed training that did NOT count toward a degree]

[MAKE FULL NOTE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWERS: Enter code 3-HS graduate if R completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)**]**

LVS	ALL	
2%	2%	Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
1%	3%	High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
12%	17%	High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
20%	22%	Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
10%	10%	Two-year associate degree from a college or university
25%	21%	Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
7%	6%	Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
23%	18%	Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
0%	1%	Don't know
0%	1%	Refused

[ASK ALL:]
HISP.   Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

LVS	ALL	
7%	10%	Yes
90%	87%	No
1%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
2%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
RACE.   What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE:** Do you consider yourself a white (Hispanic/Latino) or a black (Hispanic/Latino)? **IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY WHITE, BLACK OR ONE OF THE RACE CATEGORIES LISTED, RECORD AS 'OTHER']**

LVS	ALL	
73%	69%	White
16%	19%	Black or African-American
1%	2%	Asian or Pacific Islander
4%	4%	Mixed race
1%	2%	Native American/American Indian
1%	2%	Other (SPECIFY)
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
3%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
[PN: RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]
PARTY.   Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (a Democrat), (a Republican), or an independent?

LVS	ALL	
35%	33%	Democrat
34%	29%	Republican
24%	26%	Independent
2%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Other (SPECIFY)
4%	7%	**(DO NOT READ)** None/No party/No preference
0%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
1%	1%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]
IDEO.   In general, would you describe your political views as very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

LVS	ALL	
9%	9%	Very Liberal
15%	15%	Liberal
30%	36%	Moderate
27%	23%	Conservative
14%	11%	Very Conservative
2%	6%	**(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
3%	2%	**(DO NOT READ)** Refused