

VIRGINIA STATEWIDE VA QUESTIONNAIRE
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
TOPLINE 2 REPORT
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NOTE: Some survey questions are being held for subsequent release

The University of Mary Washington's Virginia Survey Fall 2022 was conducted by Research America Inc. during September 6 to 12, 2022. The total sample included 1,000 Virginia residents, including 819 registered voters and 705 likely voters. Part of the sample (630) was contacted by phone (72 percent cell and 28 percent landline), and part of the sample (370) was contacted online. All interviews were in English. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies, including age, gender and race/ethnicity. The margin of error on the total sample is +/- 3.1%. The margin of error on the Likely Voters portion of the sample is +/- 4.1%."

IDENT2 – REGION (from sample FIPS)

- 12% = Northwest
- 25% = Northern Virginia
- 22% = West
- 17% = South Central
- 23% = Tidewater

LOCATION SCREENER (LANDLINE AND CELL)

[ASK ALL:]

RSTATE. And for background purposes... What state do you live in?

[IF DK/REFUSED, YOU MUST PROBE ONCE: This question helps us to accurately determine what part of the country people who complete the survey live in and is used only for classification purposes. You cannot be contacted based on this information. Can you please tell me what state you live in?]

- 01 Virginia
- 02 Other state
- 99 Don't know/Refused

[PN: IF RSTATE=01, CONTINUE]

[PN: IF RSTATE=02, THANK AND TERMINATE – SHOW RSTATE TERM TEXT – RECORD AS ‘RSTATE-NOT A VIRGINIA RESIDENT’]

[PN: IF RSTATE=99, THANK AND TERMINATE – SHOW RSTATE TERM TEXT – RECORD AS ‘RSTATE-SCREENING REFUSAL’]

[PN: RSTATE TERMINATION TEXT: Thank you very much for your time. We are only talking to those who currently live in Virginia. Have a good (day/evening).]

END SECTION TIMER

MAIN INTERVIEW**START SECTION TIMER****[ASK ALL:]**

SEX. RECORD RESPONDENT SEX **[DO NOT ASK]**

49% Male
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?

15% Right
29% **(DO NOT READ)** Mixed
51% Wrong
4% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
(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?

31% Right
37% **(DO NOT READ)** Mixed
25% Wrong
7% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
(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]**

40% Approve
49% Disapprove
11% **(DO NOT READ)** Unsure/Don't know
1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

GOV. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Glenn Youngkin [YOUNG-KIN] 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 Glen Youngkin is handling his job as governor?" IF STILL DEPENDS OR UNSURE ENTER AS UNSURE/DK]**

45% Approve

- 30% Disapprove
- 25% **(DO NOT READ)** Unsure/Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

END SECTION TIMER

START SECTION TIMER

[READ TO ALL:] On a different subject...

[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?

- 6% Just about always
- 23% Most of the time
- 49% Some of the time
- 17% **(DO NOT READ)** Never
- 4% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(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.]**

- 67% Big interests
- 20% All the people
- 12% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[READ TO ALL:] Next, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today.

[ASK ALL:]

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]

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)?]

- 40% Much worse
- 25% Somewhat worse
- 11% Stayed the same
- 15% Somewhat better
- 3% Much better
- 4% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

START SECTION TIMER

[READ TO ALL:] On a different subject...

[ASK ALL:]

THOUGHT. How much thought have you given to the coming 2022 midterm congressional elections...
Quite a lot or only a little?

- 44% Quite a lot
- 25% **(DO NOT READ)** Some
- 20% Little
- 10% **(DO NOT READ)** None
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

REG. Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER]

[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: BE SURE TO CLARIFY WHETHER RESPONDENT IS 'ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY ARE REGISTERED' OR 'ONLY PROBABLY REGISTERED']

- 82% Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address, OR
- 7% Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed, OR
- 8% Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address?
- 3% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):] Just in general...

[ASK IF REG=1; REGISTERED VOTERS]:

OFTVOTE. How often would you say you vote... [READ]

- 52% Always
- 34% Nearly always
- 10% Part of the time, OR
- 2% Seldom?
- 2% **(DO NOT READ)** Never vote
- (DO NOT READ)** Other response
- (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[READ TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):] Thinking about the elections this November...

[ASK IF REG=1; REGISTERED VOTERS]:

PLANTO1. Do you plan to vote in the 2022 congressional midterm elections?

- 90% Yes

- 4% No
- 6% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK PLANTO1=1; IF PLAN TO VOTE]:

PLANTO2. How certain are you that you will vote? Are you [READ]

- 80% Absolutely certain
- 19% Fairly certain, OR
Not certain?
- (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]

ELECT1. Thinking about the 2022 midterm congressional elections, do you plan to vote for **[RANDOMIZE (a Republican) or (a Democratic)]** candidate?

- 37% Republican
- 39% Democratic
- 4% **(DO NOT READ)** Other choice/write-in
- 5% **(DO NOT READ)** None / Would not vote
- 11% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 4% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK IF ELECT1=1-7]

ELECT3. How much of a factor will Joe Biden be in deciding your vote in the midterm elections – a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor?

- 44% Major factor
- 24% Minor factor
- 27% Not a factor
- 6% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK IF ELECT1=1-7]

ABVOTE. How much of a factor will the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling regarding abortion be in deciding your vote in the midterm elections – a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor?

- 46% Major factor
- 18% Minor factor
- 29% Not a factor
- 7% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- (DO NOT READ)** 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?"]

- 19% The economy and jobs
- 6% Health Care and COVID
- 7% Immigration
- 5% Climate Change
- 5% Crime
- 15% Threats to Democracy
- 3% The environment
- 5% Gun policy
- 22% Inflation
- 5% **(DO NOT READ)** Other
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** None
- 6% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know / Respondent won't pick a single option
- (DO NOT READ)** Refused

START SECTION TIMER

[ASK ALL:]

EDUC Thinking of your local public-school district, how would you assess how well your district educates children? Using an A to F scale, where A is excellent, C is adequate and F is a failure, what grade would you give your local school district?

- 13% A
- 27% B
- 26% C
- 10% D
- 6% F
- 18% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]

EDUC2. Thinking about K-12 public schools in Virginia, would you prefer to (Give the governor more power to control education) or (Give the governor less power to control education) or keep things where they are?

- 17% More power for the governor
- 41% Less power for the governor
- 25% Keep things where they are
- 16% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

ABLEGAL. Do you think abortion should be...? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS - 1-4 AND 4-1]**

- 26% Legal in all cases
- 34% Legal in most cases
- 24% Illegal in most cases
- 9% Illegal in all cases
- 5% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 2% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

END SECTION TIMER**[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?

- 83% Voted
- 13% Did not vote (includes too young to vote)
- 3% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't remember if voted
- 2% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK IF PVOTE20A=1; VOTED IN 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION]

PVOTE20B. Did you vote for Trump, Biden or someone else?

- 42% Trump
- 47% Biden
- 3% Someone else/Other candidate
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't remember which candidate
- 6% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

END SECTION TIMER**START SECTION TIMER**

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

[ASK ALL:]

EDLEVEL. 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)]

- 1% Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- 2% High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
- 20% High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)

- 18% Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
- 13% Two-year associate degree from a college or university
- 23% Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 3% Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
- 18% Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
- 1% Don't know
- 1% Refused

[ASK ALL:]

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

- 7% Yes
- 90% No
- 2% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 1% **(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']**

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

- 34% Democrat
- 27% Republican
- 28% Independent
- 1% **(DO NOT READ)** Other (SPECIFY)
- 7% **(DO NOT READ)** None/No party/No preference
- 2% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 2% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

IDEO. In general, would you describe your political views as very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

8% Very Liberal
21% Liberal
34% Moderate
20% Conservative
10% Very Conservative
5% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
2% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

[ASK ALL:]

INCOME. Last year -- that is, in 2021 -- what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ]**

5% Less than \$10,000
5% 10 to under \$20,000
11% 20 to under \$30,000
9% 30 to under \$40,000
7% 40 to under \$50,000
16% 50 to under \$75,000
13% 75 to under \$100,000
15% 100 to under \$150,000, OR
12% \$150,000 or more?
4% **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
3% **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

END SECTION TIMER