

Roanoke College Poll Topline
U.S. Senate Election
June 5, 2018

Hi, I'm _____ and I'm calling from Roanoke College. How are you today/this evening? We're conducting a survey of Virginia residents regarding important issues and your opinion is very important to us. Your responses are confidential.

1. Are you registered to vote in Virginia?

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| Yes | 100% |
| No [TERMINATE] | 0% |

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 | 37% |
| Wrong track | 53% |
| Unsure | 9% |
| Refused | 1% |

3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President of the United States?

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| Approve | 36% |
| Disapprove | 49% |
| Mixed | 13% |
| Don't Know/Refused | 2% |

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?

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| Approve | 44% |
| Disapprove | 15% |
| Mixed | 16% |
| Don't Know/Refused | 26% |

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:

5. Tim Kaine

| | |
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| Favorable | 44% |
| Unfavorable | 29% |
| Mixed | 9% |
| Don't know/Refused | 17% |

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| 6. Nick Freitas | | |
| Favorable | | 4% |
| Unfavorable | | 1% |
| Mixed | | 2% |
| Don't know/Refused | | 93% |

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| 7. Corey Stewart | | |
| Favorable | | 11% |
| Unfavorable | | 8% |
| Mixed | | 4% |
| Don't know/Refused | | 77% |

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| 8. E. W. Jackson | | |
| Favorable | | 4% |
| Unfavorable | | 4% |
| Mixed | | 2% |
| Don't know/Refused | | 91% |

9. a. The 2018 election for senator is a few months away, but if the election for senator were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [ROTATE FIRST TWO; READ FIRST TWO ONLY]

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-----|
| Tim Kaine, the Democrat | | 45% |
| Nick Freitas, the Republican | | 30% |
| Undecided/NA [VOLUNTERED ONLY] | | 25% |

9. b. The 2018 election for senator is a few months away, but if the election for senator were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [ROTATE FIRST TWO; READ FIRST TWO ONLY]

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|--------------------------------|--|-----|
| Tim Kaine, the Democrat | | 45% |
| E. W. Jackson, the Republican | | 30% |
| Undecided/NA [VOLUNTERED ONLY] | | 26% |

9. c. The 2018 election for senator is a few months away, but if the election for senator were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: [ROTATE FIRST TWO; READ FIRST TWO ONLY]

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|--------------------------------|--|-----|
| Tim Kaine, the Democrat | | 44% |
| Corey Stewart, the Republican | | 33% |
| Undecided/NA [VOLUNTERED ONLY] | | 23% |

10. What is the most important issue to you in this election?

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| Economy--jobs, unemployment, debt, etc. | 26% |
| Health care/ Obamacare | 12% |
| Education | 9% |
| Gun control | 5% |
| Immigration | 5% |
| Stopping Donald Trump/elect Democrats | 4% |
| Taxes | 3% |
| Honesty/character/corruption | 3% |
| Gun rights/Second Amendment | 2% |
| Terrorism/national security | 2% |
| Abortion | 2% |
| Transportation/infrastructure | 2% |
| Support Trump/elect Republicans | 2% |
| Race relations | 1% |
| Leadership | 1% |
| Pipelines/climate change/environment | 1% |
| Other | 10% |
| Refused | 10% |

11. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Just about always | 3% |
| Most of the time | 11% |
| Only some of the time | 63% |
| Never | 22% |
| Unsure | 1% |
| Refused | 1% |

12. Which of the following statements is closer to your view: Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort OR There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington?

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| Citizens CAN influence government | 60% |
| Citizens can NOT influence government | 37% |
| Unsure | 2% |
| Refused | 1% |

13. Thinking about the way things are going in politics today ... on the issues that matter to you would you say your side has been winning more often than it's been losing, or losing more often than it's been winning?

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| Winning more | 29% |
| Losing more | 47% |
| Wins some, lose some/Equal/Unsure [VOL] | 12% |
| Unsure | 10% |
| Refused | 2% |

14. When you think about the future of the United States, which do you agree with more: the country's best years are ahead of us or the country's best years are behind us?

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| Best years ahead | 59% |
| Best years behind | 33% |
| Same/Unsure | 8% |
| Refused | 1% |

15. Looking broadly at the important issues facing the United States, do you think that Americans are united in facing those challenges or is the nation divided?

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| United | 11% |
| Divided | 85% |
| Both/Unsure | 3% |
| Refused | 1% |

16. Which comes closest to your feelings about how the federal government is working? Are you enthusiastic, satisfied, dissatisfied, or angry?

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| Enthusiastic | 3% |
| Satisfied | 24% |
| Dissatisfied | 50% |
| Angry | 17% |
| Unsure | 5% |
| Refused | 1% |

17. Finally, what do you think is more important - to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

| | Protect owners | Control guns | Unsure/Refused |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| May 2018 | 46% | 44% | 9% |
| Jan. 2016 | 50% | 41% | 9% |
| Jan. 2015 | 50% | 42% | 7% |

18. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

| | |
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| Male | 49% |
| Female | 51% |

19. Region

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Southwest Virginia | 10% |
| Southside | 10% |
| Shenandoah Valley | 5% |
| Central Virginia/Richmond | 20% |
| Northern Virginia | 30% |
| Tidewater | 25% |

20. Thanks so much for your patience. I have a few questions about you for statistical purposes. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

| | |
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| Married | 59% |
| Living with partner | 3% |
| Divorced | 9% |
| Separated | 4% |
| Widowed | 8% |
| Never married | 18% |
| Refused | 1% |

21. How much education have you completed?

| | |
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| Less than high school | 2% |
| High School | 17% |
| Some college/technical school | 20% |
| Associate's Degree | 11% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 30% |
| Advanced Degree | 21% |
| Refused | 0% |

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

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|-------------|-----|
| 18-29 | 12% |
| 30-44 | 23% |
| 45-64 | 46% |
| 65 or older | 19% |
| Refused | 1% |

23. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

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|------------------|-----|
| Yes, Hispanic | 3% |
| No, not Hispanic | 94% |
| No answer | 3% |

24. What is your race? Are you White, African-American, or some other race?

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| White / Hispanic / Latino | 70% |
| African-American | 19% |
| Other/multi-racial | 10% |
| Refused | 2% |

25. 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 | 5% |
| \$20,000-\$35,000 | 10% |
| \$35,000-\$50,000 | 13% |
| \$50,000-\$75,000 | 18% |
| \$75,000-\$100,000 | 16% |
| More than \$100,000 | 30% |
| Refused | 8% |

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

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|--------------|-----|
| Liberal | 19% |
| Moderate | 36% |
| Conservative | 36% |
| Other/Unsure | 5% |
| Refused | 5% |

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

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|-------------|-----|
| Democrat | 28% |
| Republican | 27% |
| Independent | 24% |
| Other/None | 13% |
| Refused | 9% |

27. a. [IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER OR REFUSED] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or toward the Republican party? [RESULTS ARE COMBINED WITH THOSE IN Q. 27]

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|-----------------|-----|
| Democrat | 42% |
| Republican | 42% |
| Neither/Refused | 16% |

Thank you for your time and have a nice <HOUR1>. If you have any questions or comments about this survey, you may contact Dr. Harry Wilson at (540) 375-2415. You may also contact the Roanoke College Institutional Review Board at (540) 375-24xx.