

Roanoke College Poll Topline
U.S. Senate Election
August 22, 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?

Yes	100%
No [TERMINATE]	0%

2. How likely is it that you will vote in the election for senator in November? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

Very likely	86%
Somewhat likely	14%
Not very likely [TERMINATE]	0%
Not likely at all [TERMINATE]	0%

3. 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	37%
Wrong track	56%
Unsure	7%
Refused	1%

4. Do you think things in the Commonwealth of Virginia re generally going in the right direction or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	58%
Wrong track	30%
Unsure	10%
Refused	2%

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

Approve	32%
Disapprove	53%
Mixed	12%
Don't Know/Refused	3%

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

Approve	54%
Disapprove	18%
Mixed	13%
Don't Know/Refused	15%

7. 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 THREE; READ FIRST THREE ONLY]

Tim Kaine, the Democrat	49%
Corey Stewart, the Republican	33%
Matt Waters, the Libertarian	4%
Undecided [VOLUNTERED ONLY]	14%

7. a. [IF UNDECIDED] Are you leaning toward voting for a particular candidate?

Tim Kaine, the Democrat	11%
Corey Stewart, the Republican	10%
Matt Waters, the Libertarian	1%
Undecided [VOLUNTERED ONLY]	79%

7. b. [COMBINED 7 AND 7.A.—VOTE TOTALS INCLUDING “LEANERS”--NOT ASKED]

Tim Kaine, the Democrat	51%
Corey Stewart, the Republican	34%
Matt Waters, the Libertarian	4%
Undecided	11%

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

Economy--jobs, unemployment, debt, taxes, etc.	25%
Health care/ Obamacare	11%
Education	6%
Immigration	6%
Honesty/character/corruption	6%
Stopping Donald Trump/elect Democrats	5%
Race relations	4%
Taxes	3%
Economic inequality/poverty	3%
Pipelines/climate change/environment	2%
Gun control	1%
Abortion	1%
Transportation/infrastructure	1%
Support Trump/elect Republicans	1%
Illegal drugs/drug abuse/opioid crisis	1%
Leadership	1%
Crime/Police/Violence	1%
Other	13%
Refused	10%

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:

9. Donald Trump

Favorable	33%
Unfavorable	53%
Mixed	11%
Don't know/Refused	2%

10. Ralph Northam

Favorable	43%
Unfavorable	17%
Mixed	16%
Don't know/Refused	25%

11. Tim Kaine

Favorable	50%
Unfavorable	33%
Mixed	8%
Don't know/Refused	10%

12. Corey Stewart

Favorable	23%
Unfavorable	23%
Mixed	12%
Don't know/Refused	43%

13. Regardless of your vote for Senate, would you prefer that Congress be controlled by Democrats or Republicans?

Democrats	46%
Republicans	35%
Unsure	17%
Refused	3%

14. In general, do you think that Tim Kaine's positions are too liberal for Virginia, too conservative for Virginia or just about right for Virginia?

Too liberal	35%
Too conservative	4%
About right	46%
Unsure	14%
Refused	1%

15. In general, do you think Corey Stewart's positions are too extreme for Virginia, about right, or not extreme enough?

Too extreme	27%
About right	24%
Not extreme enough	5%
Unsure	42%
Refused	2%

16. [IF DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP] Earlier you said that you disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President. Which do you disapprove of the most -- what he says or what he does?

What he says	27%
What he does	23%
Both [VOLUNTEERED]	48%
Unsure	1%
Refused	0%

17. [IF APPROVE OF TRUMP] Earlier you said that you approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as President. Which do you approve of the most -- what he says or what he does?

What he says	2%
What he does	86%
Both [VOLUNTEERED]	10%
Unsure	1%
Refused	1%

18. 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
August 2018	44%	48%	8%
May 2018	46%	44%	9%
Jan. 2016	50%	41%	9%
Jan. 2015	50%	42%	7%

19. Code respondent's sex [NOT ASKED]

Male	49%
Female	51%

20. Region

Southwest Virginia	11%
Southside	8%
Shenandoah Valley	5%
Central Virginia/Richmond	21%
Northern Virginia	31%
Tidewater	24%

21. 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?

Married	58%
Living with partner	4%
Divorced	13%
Separated	2%
Widowed	6%
Never married	17%
Refused	1%

22. How much education have you completed?

Less than high school	2%
High School	13%
Some college/technical school	24%
Associate's Degree	8%
Bachelor's Degree	25%
Advanced Degree	28%
Refused	0%

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

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

24. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes, Hispanic	5%
No, not Hispanic	93%
No answer	2%

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

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

26. I'm going to read several income groups. When I come to the group that includes your annual family income, please stop me.

Less than \$20,000	6%
\$20,000-\$35,000	9%
\$35,000-\$50,000	11%
\$50,000-\$75,000	21%
\$75,000-\$100,000	15%
More than \$100,000	30%
Refused	8%

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

Liberal	22%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	37%
Other/Unsure	4%
Refused	5%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	25%
Other/None	9%
Refused	8%

28. 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]

Democrat	34%
Republican	33%
Neither/Refused	32%

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.