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Virginians cool on possibility of McDonnell White House run

Raleigh, N.C.- PPP's newest Virginia survey finds that voters aren't too keen on a 2016 Bob McDonnell Presidential bid. Only 17% think he should make a run for the White House to 57% who are opposed to the idea. Even among Republicans just 30% think he should go for it to 37% who think he should not.

The lack of enthusiasm from Republicans about a McDonnell campaign shows through in numbers that find he is only the fourth choice of primary voters in the state to be their next national standard bearer. 17% support Marco Rubio with Chris Christie at 15% and Jeb Bush at 14% also coming in ahead of McDonnell's 12%. After that it's Rand Paul at 10%, Ted Cruz and Paul Ryan at 8%, Bobby Jindal at 3%, and Rick Santorum at 2%.

McDonnell would start out at a deficit in a general election match up with Hillary Clinton in his home state as well. Clnton leads him 48/42, a larger margin of victory than Barack Obama achieved over Mitt Romney in the state last November. Clinton also leads 46/42 over Marco Rubio.

Despite Mark Warner's immense popularity with voters in Virginia, he still runs a very distant third to Clinton when it comes to who Democrats would like to see as their 2016 candidate. 56% pick Clinton to 14% for Joe Biden, 11% for Warner, 3% each for Andrew Cuomo and Elizabeth Warren, 1% each for Kirsten Gillibrand and Martin O'Malley, and less than 1% each for Deval Patrick and Brian Schweitzer. Clinton has majority support from liberals, moderates, men, women, whites, African Americans, and voters within every age group.

"Hillary Clinton continues to be a juggernaut most everywhere we poll," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Even in the home states of other potential Democratic candidates she is way up on the rest of the field."

PPP surveyed 672 Virginia voters including oversamples of 421 Democratic primary voters and 500 Republican primary voters from May 24-26, 2013. The overall margin of error was +/- 3.8%. The margin of error for the Democratic primary poll was +/-4.8% and for the Republicans it's +/-4.4%. This poll was not authorized or paid for by any campaign or political organization. PPP's surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.

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Virginia Survey Results

Q1	If the candidates for President in 2016 were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican BomcDonnell, who would you vote for?	b	Q6	Would you describe yourself as very liberal somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	,
	Hillary Clinton	48%		Very liberal	.12%
	Bob McDonnell	42%		Somewhat liberal	.17%
	Not sure	10%		Moderate	.31%
Q2	If the candidates for President in 2016 were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Marco Rubio, who would you vote for?			Somewhat conservativeVery conservative	
	Hillary Clinton	46%	Q7	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pres	
	Marco Rubio			Woman	.54%
	Not sure			Man	.46%
Q3	Do you think Bob McDonnell should run for President in 2016, or not?		Q8	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republi press 2. If you are an independent or identi with another party, press 3.	
	He should run	17%		Democrat	34%
	He should not	57%		Republican	
	Not sure	27%		Independent/Other	
Q4	Do you think Mark Warner should run for President in 2016, or not?		Q9	If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.	
	He should run	29%		White	74%
	He should not	49%		African-American	
	Not sure	22%		Other	
Q5	Who did you vote for President in 2012?		Q10	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30	
	Barack Obama	49%		45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are	
	Mitt Romney			older than 65, press 4.	10%
	Someone else/Don't remember	6%		18 to 29	
				30 to 45	
				46 to 65	.50%



Older than 65......22%



		2012 Vo	2012 Vote				
	Base	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember			
Clinton/McDonnell							
Hillary Clinton	48%	87%	5%	19%			
Bob McDonnell	42%	4%	88%	20%			
Not sure	10%	8%	7%	61%			

		2012 Vo	2012 Vote				
	Base	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember			
Clinton/Rubio							
Hillary Clinton	46%	85%	5%	9%			
Marco Rubio	42%	4%	84%	46%			
Not sure	12%	10%	11%	45%			

		2012 Vo	2012 Vote				
	Base	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember			
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?		•	•				
He should run	17%	7%	29%	6%			
He should not	57%	73%	39%	48%			
Not sure	27%	20%	32%	46%			

		2012 Vo	2012 Vote				
	Base	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember			
Should Warner Run for Pres.?		•					
He should run	29%	36%	20%	37%			
He should not	49%	40%	60%	39%			
Not sure	22%	23%	20%	24%			





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Clinton/McDonnell		-	3	_		
Hillary Clinton	48%	93%	80%	55%	17%	11%
Bob McDonnell	42%	7%	9%	29%	75%	83%
Not sure	10%	-	11%	17%	8%	6%

		Ideolog	ЭУ			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Clinton/Rubio						
Hillary Clinton	46%	95%	82%	53%	13%	8%
Marco Rubio	42%	4%	7%	28%	79%	79%
Not sure	12%	1%	11%	19%	8%	14%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?		=	•	-	•	
He should run	17%	7%	12%	12%	21%	30%
He should not	57%	73%	65%	58%	46%	51%
Not sure	27%	20%	23%	30%	33%	19%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Should Warner Run for Pres.?		=				
He should run	29%	38%	34%	33%	26%	15%
He should not	49%	36%	44%	40%	56%	71%
Not sure	22%	26%	23%	27%	18%	14%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Clinton/McDonnell		-	
Hillary Clinton	48%	52%	42%
Bob McDonnell	42%	41%	44%
Not sure	10%	7%	13%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Clinton/Rubio			
Hillary Clinton	46%	51%	41%
Marco Rubio	42%	38%	46%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?			
He should run	17%	11%	23%
He should not	57%	58%	56%
Not sure	27%	31%	21%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Should Warner Run for Pres.?				
He should run	29%	26%	33%	
He should not	49%	46%	52%	
Not sure	22%	28%	15%	





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Clinton/McDonnell		='		•		
Hillary Clinton	48%	91%	6%	43%		
Bob McDonnell	42%	5%	90%	37%		
Not sure	10%	4%	4%	20%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Clinton/Rubio						
Hillary Clinton	46%	92%	2%	42%		
Marco Rubio	42%	2%	93%	35%		
Not sure	12%	6%	4%	23%		

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?							
He should run	17%	6%	30%	15%			
He should not	57%	74%	37%	58%			
Not sure	27%	19%	34%	27%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Should Warner Run for Pres.?							
He should run	29%	36%	18%	32%			
He should not	49%	38%	61%	48%			
Not sure	22%	25%	20%	20%			





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Clinton/McDonnell				
Hillary Clinton	48%	40%	86%	46%
Bob McDonnell	42%	51%	8%	34%
Not sure	10%	10%	7%	20%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Clinton/Rubio				
Hillary Clinton	46%	39%	87%	41%
Marco Rubio	42%	49%	5%	43%
Not sure	12%	12%	8%	16%

		Race				
	Base	White	African- American	Other		
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?		•				
He should run	17%	19%	6%	16%		
He should not	57%	57%	59%	49%		
Not sure	27%	24%	35%	35%		

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Should Warner Run for Pres.?		-	•		
He should run	29%	28%	39%	23%	
He should not	49%	52%	33%	49%	
Not sure	22%	20%	29%	28%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Clinton/McDonnell					
Hillary Clinton	48%	48%	54%	48%	42%
Bob McDonnell	42%	26%	34%	44%	53%
Not sure	10%	26%	11%	8%	5%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65	
Clinton/Rubio						
Hillary Clinton	46%	50%	54%	45%	42%	
Marco Rubio	42%	27%	34%	45%	47%	
Not sure	12%	23%	11%	11%	11%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?						
He should run	17%	19%	20%	14%	18%	
He should not	57%	48%	60%	57%	57%	
Not sure	27%	33%	20%	28%	24%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Should Warner Run for Pres.?		•			
He should run	29%	33%	40%	27%	26%
He should not	49%	38%	46%	49%	56%
Not sure	22%	29%	14%	24%	18%





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Q1	Would you prefer that the Republican Party pick its candidates for offices like Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor through a primary election or a convention?	Q3	If Bob McDonnell was not a candidate for President in 2016, and the choices were just Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Bobby Jindal, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan,				
	Primary62%		and Rick Santorum, who would you mos see as the GOP candidate for President				
	Convention15%		2016?				
	Not sure23%		Jeb Bush	17%			
Q2	Given the choices of Jeb Bush, Chris Christie,		Chris Christie	20%			
	Ted Cruz, Bobby Jindal, Bob McDonnell, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Paul Ryan, and Rick		Ted Cruz				
	Santorum, who would you most like to see as the GOP candidate for President in 2016?		Bobby Jindal	3%			
			Rand Paul	9%			
	Jeb Bush		Marco Rubio	20%			
	Chris Christie		Paul Ryan	10%			
	Ted Cruz		Rick Santorum				
	Bobby Jindal		Someone else/Not sure	10%			
	Bob McDonnell	Q4					
	Rand Paul		somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?				
	Marco Rubio		Very liberal	2%			
	Paul Ryan 8%		Somewhat liberal				
	Rick Santorum		Moderate				
	Someone else/Not sure		Somewhat conservative				
			Very conservative				
		Q5					
			Woman	51%			
			Man	49%			
		Q6					
			18 to 45	30%			
			46 to 65	46%			
			Older than 65	24%			





		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Prefer Primary or Convention?						
Primary	62%	41%	50%	59%	68%	58%
Convention	15%	33%	12%	14%	16%	14%
Not sure	23%	26%	37%	27%	15%	27%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal		Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
2016 GOP Pres Preference					•	
Jeb Bush	14%	5%	15%	17%	14%	13%
Chris Christie	15%	-	45%	32%	13%	3%
Ted Cruz	8%	21%	-	3%	4%	16%
Bobby Jindal	3%	-	-	5%	3%	3%
Bob McDonnell	12%	18%	9%	3%	14%	14%
Rand Paul	10%	13%	6%	6%	12%	11%
Marco Rubio	17%	38%	5%	8%	21%	18%
Paul Ryan	8%	-	9%	8%	8%	8%
Rick Santorum	2%	-	-	1%	2%	4%
Someone else/Not sure	11%	5%	12%	16%	8%	10%

		ldeolog	ЗУ			
	Base	Very	Somewhat	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very
2016 GOP Pres Preference w/o McDonnell	Dase	liberal	liberal	Moderate	conservative	conservative
Jeb Bush	17%	11%	14%	18%	19%	16%
Chris Christie	20%	13%	51%	38%	19%	6%
Ted Cruz	8%	-	-	5%	3%	17%
Bobby Jindal	3%	-	-	4%	2%	4%
Rand Paul	9%	-	3%	4%	12%	12%
Marco Rubio	20%	32%	5%	8%	28%	21%
Paul Ryan	10%	22%	6%	13%	9%	10%
Rick Santorum	2%	-	-	2%	1%	3%
Someone else/Not sure	10%	22%	22%	7%	9%	12%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Prefer Primary or			
Convention?			
Primary	62%	57%	67%
Convention	15%	14%	17%
Not sure	23%	30%	16%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2016 GOP Pres Preference			
Jeb Bush	14%	14%	14%
Chris Christie	15%	15%	15%
Ted Cruz	8%	7%	9%
Bobby Jindal	3%	3%	4%
Bob McDonnell	12%	12%	11%
Rand Paul	10%	7%	13%
Marco Rubio	17%	16%	18%
Paul Ryan	8%	8%	8%
Rick Santorum	2%	4%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	11%	13%	8%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2016 GOP Pres Preference w/o McDonnell			
Jeb Bush	17%	19%	16%
Chris Christie	20%	21%	19%
Ted Cruz	8%	6%	10%
Bobby Jindal	3%	2%	3%
Rand Paul	9%	5%	14%
Marco Rubio	20%	18%	23%
Paul Ryan	10%	12%	8%
Rick Santorum	2%	2%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	10%	14%	7%

		Age		
	Base	18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Prefer Primary or Convention?				
Primary	62%	55%	65%	64%
Convention	15%	17%	14%	16%
Not sure	23%	28%	21%	21%

		Age		
	Base	18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2016 GOP Pres Preference		-	•	
Jeb Bush	14%	13%	13%	17%
Chris Christie	15%	16%	14%	15%
Ted Cruz	8%	9%	8%	6%
Bobby Jindal	3%	1%	5%	3%
Bob McDonnell	12%	13%	11%	10%
Rand Paul	10%	8%	12%	10%
Marco Rubio	17%	19%	16%	16%
Paul Ryan	8%	9%	8%	6%
Rick Santorum	2%	3%	3%	0%
Someone else/Not sure	11%	8%	9%	17%





		Age		
	Base	18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2016 GOP Pres Preference w/o McDonnell				
Jeb Bush	17%	18%	15%	22%
Chris Christie	20%	22%	20%	18%
Ted Cruz	8%	10%	8%	7%
Bobby Jindal	3%	-	4%	4%
Rand Paul	9%	8%	10%	10%
Marco Rubio	20%	21%	22%	17%
Paul Ryan	10%	14%	9%	8%
Rick Santorum	2%	1%	2%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	10%	7%	11%	13%





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Q1 Given the choices of Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Andrew Cuomo, Kirsten Gillibrand, Martin O'Malley, Deval Patrick, Brian Schweitzer, Mark Warner, and Elizabeth Warren, who would you most like to see as the Democratic candidate for President in 2016?

Joe Biden	14%
Hillary Clinton	56%
Andrew Cuomo	
Kirsten Gillibrand	1%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Deval Patrick	0%
Brian Schweitzer	0%
Mark Warner	
Elizabeth Warren	3%
Someone else/Not sure	

Q2 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

	Very liberal	24%
	Somewhat liberal	32%
	Moderate	
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	2%
Q3		
	Woman	59%
	Man	41%
Q4	If you are white, press 1. If African-Am press 2. If other, press 3.	
	White	68%
	African-American	22%
	Other	
Q5		46 to
	18 to 45	32%
	46 to 65	
	Older than 65	





		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
2016 Dem Pres Preference						
Joe Biden	14%	15%	10%	17%	10%	5%
Hillary Clinton	56%	55%	52%	57%	66%	75%
Andrew Cuomo	3%	-	5%	4%	7%	-
Kirsten Gillibrand	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	-
Martin O'Malley	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	-
Deval Patrick	0%	-	-	0%	-	-
Mark Warner	11%	14%	10%	11%	5%	15%
Elizabeth Warren	3%	4%	5%	2%	-	-
Someone else/Not sure	10%	9%	14%	7%	9%	5%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2016 Dem Pres Preference		-	
Joe Biden	14%	15%	11%
Hillary Clinton	56%	56%	57%
Andrew Cuomo	3%	3%	4%
Kirsten Gillibrand	1%	1%	2%
Martin O'Malley	1%	1%	2%
De val Patrick	0%	-	0%
Mark Warner	11%	9%	14%
Elizabeth Warren	3%	3%	3%
Someone else/Not sure	10%	11%	8%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
2016 Dem Pres Preference				
Joe Biden	14%	9%	27%	15%
Hillary Clinton	56%	54%	62%	55%
Andrew Cuomo	3%	5%	-	-
Kirsten Gillibrand	1%	1%	1%	2%
Martin O'Malley	1%	1%	-	5%
Deval Patrick	0%	-	1%	-
Mark Warner	11%	13%	5%	9%
Bizabeth Warren	3%	3%	-	7%
Someone else/Not sure	10%	12%	5%	7%

		Age		
	Base	18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2016 Dem Pres Preference				
Joe Biden	14%	18%	11%	13%
Hillary Clinton	56%	52%	56%	64%
Andrew Cuomo	3%	3%	5%	1%
Kirsten Gillibrand	1%	-	3%	1%
Martin O'Malley	1%	3%	1%	-
De val Patrick	0%	-	-	1%
Mark Warner	11%	12%	10%	10%
Elizabeth Warren	3%	-	6%	2%
Someone else/Not sure	10%	12%	9%	8%

