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# In VA Allen cruising for Sen., Bachmann/Perry strong for pres

**Raleigh, N.C.** – While many politicians viewed as safe were ousted in Republican primaries last year, taking down George Allen appears to be too far a reach for the Tea Party. Against a generic more conservative challenger, Allen leads 58-23. Even very conservative voters prefer Allen 54-31. Against actual opponents, Allen's lead is even starker. Allen takes 68% of the vote to 6% for Jamie Radtke, 2% for Tim Donner, 2% for EW. Jackson, and 0% for David McCormick. Allen benefits from a strong 63-18 favorability rating while Radtke is unknown and underwater at 7-16.

On the other hand, the race for Governor in 2013 could be fertile ground for a candidate of the far right. In a primary contest between Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling and Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, Cuccinelli leads 45-21. Cuccinelli is strongest with very conservatives with whom he leads Bolling 56-15. However, even moderates give Cuccinelli the edge, 40-22. While both politicians are well liked, Cuccinelli is much better known than Bolling, rating 56-15 compared to Bolling's 28-13.

The Presidential primary in Virginia depends greatly on whether or not Sarah Palin enters the race. Without Palin, Michele Bachmann leads with 21% of the vote to Rick Perry and Mitt Romney's 18%, Herman Cain's 10%, Newt Gingrich's 8%, Ron Paul's 7%, Tim Pawlenty's 3%, and Jon Huntsman's 2%. On the other hand, if Palin throws her hat into the ring, Perry leads with 20% to 16% for Romney, 15% for Bachmann, 10% for Cain, 6% for Gingrich and Paul, 2% for Pawlenty, and just 1% for Huntsman.

Perry's Virginia showing is particularly strong, and his best performance aside from his home state of Texas. Perry is in direct competition with Bachmann as they both achieve their greatest strength with very conservative voters. In a field without Palin, Bachmann leads Perry with very conservatives just 27-24, with Romney way back at 13%. On the other hand, among moderates Romney dominates with 29% with Bachmann at 18% and Perry all the way back at 9%. However, moderates are just 19% of the GOP electorate.

PPP surveyed 400 Virginia Republican primary voters from July 21<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.9%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.

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# **Virginia Survey Results**

Q1	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?	Q7	Do you have a favorable or unfav of Jamie Radtke?	orable opinion			
	Favorable46%		Favorable	7%			
	Unfavorable34%		Unfavorable	16%			
	Not sure		Not sure	77%			
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Herman Cain?	Q8	Do you have a favorable or unfav of Bill Bolling?	orable opinion			
	Favorable44%		Favorable	28%			
	Unfavorable20%		Unfavorable	13%			
	Not sure		Not sure	59%			
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?	Q9	Do you have a favorable or unfavor fKen Cuccinelli?	orable opinion			
	Favorable61%		Favorable	56%			
	Unfavorable28%		Unfavorable	15%			
	Not sure		Not sure	30%			
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?	Q10	Q10 The announced Republican candidates for Senate are George Allen, Tim Donner, E.W.				
	Favorable44%		Jackson, David McCormick, and Jamie Radtke. If the primary was today, who would you vote				
	Unfavorable		for?				
	Not sure		George Allen	68%			
Q5	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?		Tim Donner				
	Favorable50%		E.W. Jackson				
	Unfavorable 32%		David McCormick				
	Not sure		Jamie Radtke	6%			
Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of George Allen?		Undecided	22%			
	Favorable63%						
	Unfavorable18%						
	Not sure						





Q11	Do you think George Allen is too liberal, conservative, or about right?	too	Q15 If Sarah Palin didn't end up running for President, and the candidates were Michele					
	Too liberal	7%	Bachmann, Herman Cain, Nev Huntsman, Ron Paul, Tim Paw					
	Too conservative	9%	Perry, and Mitt Romney, who					
	About right	67%	for?					
	Not sure		Michele Bachmann					
Q12	Generally speaking, would you prefer that		Herman Cain					
	Republican nominee for Senate next year George Allen or someone more conservations.		Newt Gingrich					
	than him?	alive	Jon Huntsman	2%				
	George Allen	58%	Ron Paul	7%				
	Someone more conservative		Tim Pawlenty					
	Not sure	19%	Rick Perry	18%				
Q13	If the candidates for Governor in 2013 w	ere Bill	Mitt Romney	18%				
	Bolling and Ken Cuccinelli, who would yo for?	ou vote	Someone else/Not sure	13%				
	Bill Bolling	21%	Q16 Would you describe yourself a					
	Ken Cuccinelli		somewhat liberal, moderate, s conservative, or very conservative.					
			Very liberal					
044	Not sure							
Q14	If the candidates for President next year Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt		Somewhat liberal					
	Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Sarah Palin, Ro	on	Moderate					
	Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Rick Perry, and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?		Somewhat conservative					
	Michele Bachmann	15%	Very conservative					
			Q17 If you are a woman, press 1.	·				
	Herman Cain		Woman					
	Newt Gingrich		Man					
	Jon Huntsman		<b>Q18</b> If you are 18 to 29 years old, p 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press					
	Sarah Palin		older than 65, press 4.	3. Il you ale				
	Ron Paul	6%	18 to 29	8%				
	Tim Pawlenty	2%	30 to 45					
	Rick Perry	20%	46 to 65					
	Mitt Romney		Older than 65					
	Someone else/Not sure	11%	Older than 00	2. /3				





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	
Bachmann Favorability						
Favorable	46%	38%	19%	38%	41%	56%
Unfavorable	34%	62%	60%	43%	31%	29%
Not sure	20%	-	21%	19%	28%	15%

		Ideolog	deology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative			
Cain Favorability					='				
Favorable	44%	22%	6%	43%	31%	59%			
Unfavorable	20%	62%	46%	26%	19%	15%			
Not sure	36%	16%	48%	31%	50%	26%			

		ldeolog	ldeology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative			
Palin Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-			
Favorable	61%	84%	55%	42%	58%	72%		
Unfavorable	28%	16%	41%	48%	28%	20%		
Not sure	10%	-	4%	10%	14%	8%		

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Perry Favorability		-	-	-	-	-		
Favorable	44%	84%	15%	37%	40%	52%		
Unfavorable	18%	16%	56%	23%	14%	15%		
Not sure	38%	-	29%	40%	46%	32%		





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability		-	<u>-</u>	=		
Favorable	50%	16%	28%	52%	60%	45%
Unfavorable	32%	84%	54%	33%	18%	40%
Not sure	17%	-	19%	15%	22%	15%

		Ideolog	ЭУ			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Allen Favorability						
Favorable	63%	31%	57%	53%	60%	70%
Unfavorable	18%	46%	37%	27%	17%	14%
Not sure	19%	22%	6%	20%	24%	16%

		ldeology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative		
Radtke Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	_	-			
Favorable	7%	-	-	5%	4%	10%		
Unfavorable	16%	62%	56%	16%	15%	12%		
Not sure	77%	38%	44%	79%	81%	78%		

		Ideolo	ldeology						
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative			
Bolling Favorability		_	_		-				
Favorable	28%	-	4%	17%	28%	37%			
Unfavorable	13%	46%	49%	14%	9%	11%			
Not sure	59%	54%	46%	68%	63%	53%			





		Ideology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Cuccinelli Favorability							
Favorable	56%	38%	27%	43%	55%	65%	
Unfavorable	15%	46%	49%	21%	10%	11%	
Not sure	30%	16%	23%	36%	35%	24%	

		Ideolog	ду			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary			•	-	•	
George Allen	68%	31%	58%	65%	65%	74%
Tim Donner	2%	46%	25%	-	1%	-
EW. Jackson	2%	-	-	1%	1%	3%
David McCormick	0%	-	-	-	-	1%
Jamie Radtke	6%	-	-	8%	4%	8%
Undecided	22%	22%	16%	25%	29%	16%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Allen Ideology			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
Too liberal	7%	-	-	3%	2%	14%
Too conservative	9%	46%	37%	17%	8%	3%
About right	67%	54%	63%	60%	69%	70%
Not sure	16%	-	-	20%	21%	12%

		Ideolog	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative	
Allen or Someone More Conservative?							
George Allen	58%	54%	46%	63%	62%	54%	
Someone more conservative	23%	46%	37%	13%	17%	31%	
Not sure	19%	-	16%	24%	21%	15%	





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
2013 GOP Gov Primary						
Bill Bolling	21%	-	46%	22%	25%	15%
Ken Cuccinelli	45%	69%	34%	40%	34%	56%
Not sure	34%	31%	21%	38%	42%	28%

		Ideolog	ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative	
2012 GOP Pres Primary				-	•		
Michele Bachmann	15%	-	4%	12%	12%	20%	
Herman Cain	10%	46%	25%	15%	7%	8%	
Newt Gingrich	6%	-	10%	5%	9%	5%	
Jon Huntsman	1%	-	4%	1%	3%	-	
Sarah Palin	13%	-	23%	13%	11%	15%	
Ron Paul	6%	-	-	9%	6%	5%	
Tim Pawlenty	2%	-	-	3%	2%	2%	
Rick Perry	20%	38%	6%	10%	16%	28%	
Mitt Romney	16%	-	15%	20%	21%	12%	
Someone else/Not sure	11%	16%	12%	14%	14%	7%	

		Ideolog	gy		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative			
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin			,	•					
Michele Bachmann	21%	22%	17%	18%	16%	27%			
Herman Cain	10%	46%	12%	12%	6%	11%			
Newt Gingrich	8%	-	23%	3%	9%	7%			
Jon Huntsman	2%	-	4%	1%	3%	1%			
Ron Paul	7%	-	-	10%	8%	5%			
Tim Pawlenty	3%	-	6%	3%	4%	2%			
Rick Perry	18%	16%	-	9%	18%	24%			
Mitt Romney	18%	-	31%	29%	18%	13%			
Someone else/Not sure	13%	16%	6%	14%	18%	10%			

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Bachmann Favorability				
Favorable	46%	38%	53%	
Unfavorable	34%	39%	29%	
Not sure	20%	23%	18%	





		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Cain Favorability		-		
Favorable	44%	36%	51%	
Unfavorable	20%	20%	21%	
Not sure	36%	44%	28%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Palin Favorability		-	
Favorable	61%	61%	61%
Unfavorable	28%	27%	30%
Not sure	10%	12%	9%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Perry Favorability		-	
Favorable	44%	43%	46%
Unfavorable	18%	14%	21%
Not sure	38%	43%	33%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability		- -	
Favorable	50%	49%	51%
Unfavorable	32%	28%	36%
Notsure	17%	22%	13%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Allen Favorability		-	
Favorable	63%	60%	65%
Unfavorable	18%	17%	20%
Not sure	19%	23%	15%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Radtke Favorability			
Favorable	7%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	16%	15%	17%
Not sure	77%	81%	74%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Bolling Favorability		-	
Favorable	28%	26%	30%
Unfavorable	13%	9%	16%
Not sure	59%	65%	54%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Cuccinelli Favorability			
Favorable	56%	53%	59%
Unfavorable	15%	15%	14%
Not sure	30%	33%	27%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary		_	
George Allen	68%	67%	69%
Tim Donner	2%	3%	1%
EW. Jackson	2%	-	3%
David McCormick	0%	-	0%
Jamie Radtke	6%	4%	8%
Undecided	22%	26%	19%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman Ma		
Allen Ideology		•		
Too liberal	7%	6%	9%	
Too conservative	9%	9%	10%	
About right	67%	70%	65%	
Not sure	16%	15%	17%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Allen or Someone More Conservative?			
George Allen	58%	57%	59%
Someone more conservative	23%	21%	25%
Not sure	19%	21%	16%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2013 GOP Gov Primary			
Bill Bolling	21%	22%	19%
Ken Cuccinelli	45%	44%	46%
Not sure	34%	34%	35%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary		-	
Michele Bachmann	15%	13%	16%
Herman Cain	10%	11%	10%
Newt Gingrich	6%	3%	9%
Jon Huntsman	1%	-	3%
Sarah Palin	13%	17%	11%
Ron Paul	6%	2%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	2%	2%	2%
Rick Perry	20%	21%	19%
Mitt Romney	16%	19%	13%
Someone else/Not sure	11%	12%	10%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin		-	
Michele Bachmann	21%	21%	22%
Herman Cain	10%	9%	10%
Newt Gingrich	8%	6%	9%
Jon Huntsman	2%	0%	3%
Ron Paul	7%	4%	9%
Tim Pawlenty	3%	3%	3%
Rick Perry	18%	17%	20%
Mitt Romney	18%	22%	15%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	18%	10%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Bachmann Favorability		•			
Favorable	46%	20%	36%	55%	47%
Unfavorable	34%	53%	38%	28%	34%
Not sure	20%	27%	27%	17%	18%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Cain Favorability					
Favorable	44%	40%	36%	50%	43%
Unfavorable	20%	20%	18%	19%	23%
Not sure	36%	40%	47%	31%	33%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	61%	80%	56%	59%	64%
Unfavorable	28%	13%	36%	31%	23%
Not sure	10%	7%	9%	9%	13%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Perry Favorability					
Favorable	44%	33%	38%	46%	50%
Unfavorable	18%	40%	16%	16%	16%
Not sure	38%	27%	47%	38%	33%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	50%	27%	62%	47%	53%	
Unfavorable	32%	47%	22%	38%	28%	
Not sure	17%	27%	16%	16%	19%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Allen Favorability						
Favorable	63%	40%	62%	62%	70%	
Unfavorable	18%	33%	18%	19%	13%	
Not sure	19%	27%	20%	19%	16%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Radtke Favorability					
Favorable	7%	-	13%	6%	4%
Unfavorable	16%	33%	11%	17%	14%
Not sure	77%	67%	76%	78%	81%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Bolling Favorability						
Favorable	28%	20%	29%	26%	35%	
Unfavorable	13%	20%	13%	14%	8%	
Not sure	59%	60%	58%	61%	57%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Cuccinelli Favorability						
Favorable	56%	47%	47%	57%	64%	
Unfavorable	15%	13%	22%	17%	5%	
Not sure	30%	40%	31%	26%	31%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary	Dusc	1 23	1 40	00	111011 00
George Allen	68%	56%	60%	68%	78%
Tim Donner	2%	13%	2%	-	1%
EW. Jackson	2%	6%	2%	1%	1%
David McCormick	0%	-	-	1%	-
Jamie Radtke	6%	6%	7%	7%	3%
Undecided	22%	19%	29%	23%	16%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Allen Ideology					
Too liberal	7%	13%	7%	7%	6%
Too conservative	9%	13%	13%	10%	4%
About right	67%	50%	58%	66%	83%
Not sure	16%	25%	22%	17%	7%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Allen or Someone More Conservative?						
George Allen	58%	56%	56%	56%	64%	
Someone more conservative	23%	38%	22%	22%	23%	
Not sure	19%	6%	22%	22%	13%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2013 GOP Gov Primary		•	•	•	
Bill Bolling	21%	13%	20%	23%	20%
Ken Cuccinelli	45%	44%	44%	45%	46%
Not sure	34%	44%	36%	32%	34%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
2012 GOP Pres Primary		-				
Michele Bachmann	15%	13%	18%	13%	15%	
Herman Cain	10%	25%	7%	11%	7%	
Newt Gingrich	6%	-	9%	6%	6%	
Jon Huntsman	1%	-	-	3%	1%	
Sarah Palin	13%	25%	9%	12%	16%	
Ron Paul	6%	13%	7%	6%	4%	
Tim Pawlenty	2%	-	-	3%	2%	
Rick Perry	20%	-	24%	19%	23%	
Mitt Romney	16%	13%	18%	15%	18%	
Someone else/Not sure	11%	13%	9%	12%	9%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Palin		•			
Michele Bachmann	21%	25%	27%	19%	20%
Herman Cain	10%	19%	7%	12%	6%
Newt Gingrich	8%	6%	9%	8%	6%
Jon Huntsman	2%	-	-	3%	1%
Ron Paul	7%	19%	7%	6%	5%
Tim Pawlenty	3%	-	-	5%	3%
Rick Perry	18%	-	24%	16%	23%
Mitt Romney	18%	13%	20%	16%	22%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	19%	7%	16%	14%

