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McAuliffe leads by 7 on final Virginia poll

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's final Virginia poll finds Democrats leading in all three statewide races. In the Governor's race Terry McAuliffe has the advantage with 50% to 43% for Ken Cuccinelli and 4% for Libertarian Robert Sarvis. In the Lieutenant Governor's race Ralph Northam is headed for a blowout win, getting 52% to 39% for E.W. Jackson. The intrigue will be in the Attorney General contest where Mark Herring is only up 47/45.

McAuliffe is likely to win on Tuesday because voters see him as the lesser of two evils. Both candidates are deeply unpopular with Cuccinelli posting a 39/52 favorability rating, and McAuliffe's coming in at 36/52. But among voters who dislike both candidates- and they account for 15% of the electorate- McAuliffe leads Cuccinelli 61/16. Those voters who don't like either major party standard bearer are responsible for McAuliffe's entire lead in this poll.

Beyond that McAuliffe leads because he has a 47/39 advantage with independents and because he has a more unified party, with 82% of Democrats saying they'll support him to 79% of Republicans for Cuccinelli. Moderate voters prefer McAuliffe 66/24.

Whether Republicans will learn any lessons if they lose on Tuesday is unclear. Overall voters in the state think the GOP would have been better off nominating Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling than Cuccinelli by a 49/22 margin. But among Republican voters, they still think Cuccinelli was the right candidate to put forth by a 40/36 margin.

From the 'what might have been' department we asked people how they would vote if they did have the option of supporting Bolling as an independent candidate, and he pulls 22%. McAuliffe would still lead Cuccinelli if he had been in the race but by a considerably tighter spread of 34/32.

"It looks like Democrats have a pretty good chance of pulling off the sweep in Virginia Tuesday," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "It will just come down to whether they can pull out the race for Attorney General."

PPP surveyed 870 likely voters on November 2^{nd} and 3rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.3%. PPP's surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Virginia Survey Results

Q1	The candidates for Governor are Republican Ken Cuccinelli, Democrat Terry McAuliffe, and Libertarian Robert Sarvis. If the election was today, who would you vote for?	Q6	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Bill Bolling? Favorable)
	Ken Cuccinelli		Unfavorable13%)
			Not sure60%)
	Terry McAuliffe50%	Q7	If Bill Bolling had run for Governor as an	
	Robert Sarvis	٠.	independent, and the candidates had been	
	Undecided		Republican Ken Cuccinelli, Democrat Terry	
Q2	The candidates for Attorney General are Republican Mark Obenshain and Democrat		McAuliffe, and independent Bill Bolling, who would you vote have voted for?	
	Mark Herring. If the election was today, who		Ken Cuccinelli32%)
	would you vote for?		Terry McAuliffe34%)
	Mark Obenshain45%		Bill Bolling22%	
	Mark Herring47%			
	Not sure 8%	00	Not sure 13%)
Q3	The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Republican E.W. Jackson and Democrat Ralph	Q8	Do you think Republicans would have been better off nominating Bill Bolling or Ken Cuccinelli for Governor?	
	Northam. If the election was today, who would you vote for?		Bill Bolling49%	
	E.W. Jackson39%		Ken Cuccinelli22%	
	Ralph Northam52%		Not sure29%)
	Not sure	Q9	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.	
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion		Woman56%)
Q4	of Ken Cuccinelli?		Man44%)
	Favorable39%	Q10	If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2.	
			If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.	
	Unfavorable52%		Hispanic7%	
	Not sure9%		White73%	
Q5	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Terry McAuliffe?		African-American	
	Favorable36%		Other 5%	
	Unfavorable52%			
	Not sure 11%			
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Q11	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 a 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	to
	18 to 29	12%
	30 to 45	22%
	46 to 65	39%
	Older than 65	27%
Q12	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republi press 2. If you are an independent or identified with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	37%
	Republican	34%
	Independent/Other	29%
Q13	In the last presidential election, did you vote Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?	e for
	Barack Obama	50%
	Mitt Romney	45%

Someone else/Don't remember 5%

Q14	Would you describe yourself as very liberal.
	somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat
	conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal	11%
Somewhat liberal	17%
Moderate	31%
Somewhat conservative	21%
Very conservative	19%



		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Sarvis			
Ken Cuccinelli	43%	40%	46%
Terry McAuliffe	50%	51%	47%
Robert Sarvis	4%	4%	5%
Undecided	3%	5%	2%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obenshain/Herring		-	
Mark Obenshain	45%	42%	48%
Mark Herring	47%	48%	47%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Jackson/Northam		-	
EW. Jackson	39%	36%	43%
Ralph Northam	52%	54%	49%
Not sure	9%	10%	7%

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	Base	Woman	Man
Cuccinelli Favorability			
Favorable	39%	36%	42%
Unfavorable	52%	54%	51%
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McAuliffe Favorability			
Favorable	36%	39%	34%
Unfavorable	52%	48%	57%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Bolling Favorability		•	
Favorable	27%	23%	31%
Unfavorable	13%	9%	17%
Not sure	60%	68%	52%

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	Base	Woman	Man
Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Bolling			
Ken Cuccinelli	32%	27%	37%
Terry McAuliffe	34%	39%	28%
Bill Bolling	22%	20%	24%
Not sure	13%	14%	10%

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GOP Better Off w/ Bolling or Cucc?			
Bill Bolling	49%	48%	50%
Ken Cuccinelli	22%	20%	24%
Not sure	29%	32%	26%





		Race			
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other
Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Sarvis					
Ken Cuccinelli	43%	39%	52%	11%	15%
Terry McAuliffe	50%	39%	42%	86%	65%
Robert Sarvis	4%	13%	4%	-	9%
Undecided	3%	9%	2%	3%	12%

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other	
Obenshain/Herring		•				
Mark Obenshain	45%	45%	53%	13%	17%	
Mark Herring	47%	51%	41%	73%	59%	
Not sure	8%	3%	6%	14%	24%	

		Race				
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other	
Jackson/Northam						
EW. Jackson	39%	39%	46%	12%	18%	
Ralph Northam	52%	59%	45%	81%	63%	
Not sure	9%	3%	9%	7%	19%	

		Race					
	Base	Hispanic	White	African- American	Other		
Cuccinelli Favorability							
Favorable	39%	53%	45%	10%	13%		
Unfavorable	52%	37%	49%	72%	64%		
Not sure	9%	11%	6%	18%	23%		





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Not sure	11%	5%	10%	18%	25%

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Bolling Favorability		=		-		
Favorable	27%	36%	30%	9%	12%	
Unfavorable	13%	13%	13%	13%	14%	
Not sure	60%	51%	57%	79%	75%	

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Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Bolling			•		•		
Ken Cuccinelli	32%	30%	38%	5%	13%		
Terry McAuliffe	34%	33%	27%	76%	25%		
Bill Bolling	22%	33%	22%	9%	34%		
Not sure	13%	4%	13%	10%	28%		

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Ken Cuccinelli	22%	26%	25%	8%	7%	
Not sure	29%	18%	23%	58%	54%	





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	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Sarvis					
Ken Cuccinelli	43%	42%	40%	44%	45%
Terry McAuliffe	50%	42%	52%	51%	49%
Robert Sarvis	4%	6%	6%	3%	3%
Undecided	3%	10%	2%	2%	3%

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Unfavorable	52%	41%	55%	56%	50%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%	7%	11%





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Bill Bolling	22%	29%	25%	21%	18%
Not sure	13%	9%	11%	14%	14%

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Ken Cuccinelli	22%	29%	27%	19%	20%	
Not sure	29%	21%	33%	30%	29%	





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Sarvis		-	•			
Ken Cuccinelli	43%	13%	79%	39%		
Terry McAuliffe	50%	82%	16%	47%		
Robert Sarvis	4%	1%	3%	9%		
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	5%		

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Obenshain/Herring					
Mark Obenshain	45%	15%	82%	40%	
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Not sure	8%	7%	4%	14%	

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Not sure	9%	7%	8%	12%			

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Favorable	39%	15%	72%	33%		
Unfavorable	52%	75%	23%	56%		
Not sure	9%	10%	5%	11%		





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Unfavorable	52%	23%	80%	58%		
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Unfavorable	13%	10%	17%	12%	
Not sure	60%	67%	52%	61%	

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		2012 Vote			
	Base	Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember	
Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Sarvis					
Ken Cuccinelli	43%	9%	86%	5%	
Terry McAuliffe	50%	87%	9%	31%	
Robert Sarvis	4%	1%	3%	38%	
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	25%	

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Not sure	8%	8%	4%	48%		

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Not sure	60%	67%	52%	67%	

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Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Bolling					
Ken Cuccinelli	32%	6%	65%	-	
Terry McAuliffe	34%	63%	2%	16%	
Bill Bolling	22%	20%	21%	49%	
Not sure	13%	11%	12%	35%	

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GOP Better Off w/ Bolling or Cucc?		•						
Bill Bolling	49%	62%	32%	49%				
Ken Cuccinelli	22%	6%	43%	-				
Not sure	29%	32%	24%	51%				





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Cuccinelli/McAuliffe/- Sarvis		•	•			
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Not sure	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	9%		





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Ken Cuccinelli	32%	12%	9%	15%	51%	70%	
Terry McAuliffe	34%	72%	66%	40%	7%	4%	
Bill Bolling	22%	14%	16%	31%	27%	11%	
Not sure	13%	3%	9%	14%	15%	16%	

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