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Virginians still leery about Obama and Health Care

Raleigh, N.C. – More Virginians planning to vote for Governor this fall disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing so far as President than think he's doing well.

45% of likely voters approve of Obama's work while 49% do not. He gets good marks from 86% of Democrats, 35% of independents, and 7% of Republicans.

51% of voters in the state say they're opposed to Obama's plans on health care with 41% in support. Those numbers are pretty similar to a month ago when 49% were opposed with 38% in favor.

You might look at Obama's numbers and question the utility of his campaigning for Creigh Deeds but Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling, says "There's very little persuasion going on in the Virginia race for Governor. Obama voters are going for Deeds and McCain voters are going for McDonnell. The importance of Obama's presence then is to bring out his supporters to vote for Deeds when they might otherwise stay at home."

Mark Warner remains the state's most popular politician by a good margin, with 53% of voters approving of his work in the Senate and 29% disapproving. Tim Kaine's approval spread, at 46/38, is also not bad for a big state Governor in this political climate. Jim Webb's numbers come down at 47% approving and 39% disapproving.

PPP will finish its Virginia poll tomorrow with a release looking at who the state's voters list as their favorite and least favorite Governors over the last twenty years.

PPP surveyed 576 likely Virginia voters from September 25th to 28th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Virginia Poll

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 45%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion? If you support it, press 1. If you oppose it, press 2. If you don't have an opinion, press 3.

Support..... 41%
Oppose..... 51%
No Opinion..... 8%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tim Kaine's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 38%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Mark Warner's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 29%
Not Sure..... 17%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Jim Webb's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not Sure..... 14%

Q6 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 45%
Obama..... 48%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 6%

Q7 In the 2005 race for Governor did you vote for Democrat Tim Kaine or Republican Jerry Kilgore, or do you not remember? If you voted for Tim Kaine, press 1. If you voted for Jerry Kilgore, press 2. If you don't remember, press 3.

Kaine 51%
Kilgore..... 39%
Don't Remember..... 10%

Q8 Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town? If urban, press 1. If suburban, press 2. If rural, press 3. If a small town, press 4.

Urban..... 15%
Suburban..... 41%
Rural..... 25%
Small Town..... 19%

Q9 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 39%

Q10 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%





Q11 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat 37%
Republican 29%
Other 34%

Q12 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic 5%
White 72%
African American 18%
Other 5%

Q13 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29 11%
30 to 45 24%
46 to 65 44%
Older than 65 21%

Q14

276 6%
434 10%
540 24%
703 21%
757 17%
804 22%





	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	5%	87%	15%
Disapprove	49%	89%	7%	80%
Not Sure	6%	6%	5%	5%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Health Care				
Support	41%	3%	81%	8%
Oppose	51%	91%	10%	80%
No Opinion	8%	6%	9%	11%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	15%	78%	24%
Disapprove	38%	66%	9%	62%
Not Sure	16%	19%	13%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	26%	82%	29%
Disapprove	29%	50%	5%	66%
Not Sure	17%	24%	13%	5%





	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Webb Approval				
Approve	47%	12%	83%	21%
Disapprove	39%	70%	7%	70%
Not Sure	14%	18%	10%	9%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	79%	4%	37%
Disapprove	49%	14%	93%	53%
Not Sure	6%	7%	3%	10%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Health Care				
Support	41%	73%	1%	33%
Oppose	51%	17%	94%	56%
No Opinion	8%	10%	5%	11%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	76%	8%	42%
Disapprove	38%	11%	76%	27%
Not Sure	16%	12%	16%	32%





	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	80%	19%	53%
Disapprove	29%	7%	61%	17%
Not Sure	17%	13%	21%	30%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Webb Approval				
Approve	47%	79%	9%	33%
Disapprove	39%	10%	78%	35%
Not Sure	14%	11%	13%	32%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	47%	50%	32%	51%
Disapprove	49%	49%	43%	60%	46%
Not Sure	6%	4%	6%	8%	2%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Health Care					
Support	41%	42%	47%	28%	45%
Oppose	51%	54%	46%	60%	47%
No Opinion	8%	4%	6%	12%	8%





	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Kaine Approval					
Approve	46%	41%	57%	26%	52%
Disapprove	38%	47%	30%	52%	31%
Not Sure	16%	12%	13%	21%	17%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Warner Approval					
Approve	53%	56%	57%	45%	55%
Disapprove	29%	32%	24%	37%	27%
Not Sure	17%	12%	19%	17%	18%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Webb Approval					
Approve	47%	44%	51%	39%	52%
Disapprove	39%	45%	34%	48%	35%
Not Sure	14%	11%	15%	13%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	94%	58%	10%
Disapprove	49%	5%	34%	84%
Not Sure	6%	1%	7%	6%





	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Health Care				
Support	41%	89%	52%	8%
Oppose	51%	5%	37%	87%
No Opinion	8%	6%	11%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	89%	57%	16%
Disapprove	38%	6%	25%	67%
Not Sure	16%	5%	19%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	87%	63%	28%
Disapprove	29%	6%	18%	51%
Not Sure	17%	6%	19%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Webb Approval				
Approve	47%	89%	59%	16%
Disapprove	39%	5%	28%	67%
Not Sure	14%	6%	13%	17%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	45%	52%	38%
Disapprove	49%	41%	58%
Not Sure	6%	7%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Health Care			
Support	41%	47%	34%
Oppose	51%	45%	59%
No Opinion	8%	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine Approval			
Approve	46%	49%	42%
Disapprove	38%	35%	42%
Not Sure	16%	15%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner Approval			
Approve	53%	58%	48%
Disapprove	29%	24%	36%
Not Sure	17%	18%	16%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Webb Approval			
Approve	47%	52%	42%
Disapprove	39%	33%	46%
Not Sure	14%	15%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	45%	86%	7%	35%
Disapprove	49%	9%	91%	56%
Not Sure	6%	5%	3%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Health Care				
Support	41%	82%	3%	30%
Oppose	51%	10%	92%	60%
No Opinion	8%	9%	5%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	81%	12%	37%
Disapprove	38%	9%	69%	43%
Not Sure	16%	10%	19%	20%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	83%	27%	44%
Disapprove	29%	7%	52%	34%
Not Sure	17%	10%	22%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Webb Approval				
Approve	47%	82%	10%	42%
Disapprove	39%	7%	74%	44%
Not Sure	14%	11%	16%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	28%	37%	88%	36%
Disapprove	49%	68%	56%	12%	60%
Not Sure	6%	3%	7%	-	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Health Care					
Support	41%	19%	33%	83%	33%
Oppose	51%	78%	57%	13%	67%
No Opinion	8%	3%	10%	4%	-





	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kaine Approval					
Approve	46%	25%	41%	78%	36%
Disapprove	38%	72%	42%	11%	50%
Not Sure	16%	3%	18%	11%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Warner Approval					
Approve	53%	22%	51%	74%	47%
Disapprove	29%	57%	33%	5%	36%
Not Sure	17%	21%	16%	22%	17%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Webb Approval					
Approve	47%	32%	42%	75%	33%
Disapprove	39%	62%	44%	6%	64%
Not Sure	14%	6%	13%	19%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	45%	47%	47%	46%	41%
Disapprove	49%	53%	49%	48%	49%
Not Sure	6%	-	4%	6%	9%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Health Care					
Support	41%	40%	45%	41%	37%
Oppose	51%	53%	53%	51%	49%
No Opinion	8%	7%	3%	8%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine Approval					
Approve	46%	53%	45%	47%	43%
Disapprove	38%	40%	41%	35%	41%
Not Sure	16%	7%	15%	18%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warner Approval					
Approve	53%	47%	49%	57%	55%
Disapprove	29%	47%	28%	26%	28%
Not Sure	17%	7%	23%	17%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Webb Approval					
Approve	47%	47%	43%	50%	46%
Disapprove	39%	47%	39%	39%	37%
Not Sure	14%	7%	18%	11%	17%





	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Obama Approval							
Approve	45%	13%	44%	34%	46%	56%	60%
Disapprove	49%	66%	53%	62%	49%	35%	39%
Not Sure	6%	21%	3%	4%	5%	9%	1%

	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Health Care							
Support	41%	20%	37%	31%	44%	47%	53%
Oppose	51%	72%	55%	62%	52%	40%	40%
No Opinion	8%	8%	8%	7%	4%	13%	8%

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		276	434	540	703	757	804
Kaine Approval							
Approve	46%	20%	41%	35%	48%	61%	55%
Disapprove	38%	59%	41%	49%	39%	22%	31%
Not Sure	16%	20%	18%	16%	13%	18%	14%

	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Warner Approval							
Approve	53%	42%	47%	43%	53%	67%	60%
Disapprove	29%	51%	26%	41%	29%	14%	23%
Not Sure	17%	7%	27%	16%	18%	19%	17%





	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Webb Approval							
Approve	47%	37%	44%	37%	46%	58%	55%
Disapprove	39%	54%	41%	51%	42%	26%	30%
Not Sure	14%	9%	16%	12%	12%	16%	16%

