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Warner most popular Governor last 20 years

Raleigh, N.C. – It's no surprise, but Virginia voters say Mark Warner is their favorite Governor of the last 20 years.

Almost all respondents picked either Warner or Allen. Warner's at 40%, followed by Allen at 31%, then Doug Wilder at 11%, and Tim Kaine and Jim Gilmore at 9%.

Predictably Warner is the overwhelming favorite of Democrats and Allen is likewise among Republicans. Warner was the choice for 60% of his party and Allen was for 59% in his party. Independents are pretty much a toss up with 40% picking Warner and 38% Allen.

Interestingly despite Doug Wilder's status as the state's first black Governor, African Americans picked Warner over him by a margin of 44-31.

Jim Gilmore is the narrow winner of honors as the state's least favorite Governor. 30% picked him followed by 26% for Tim Kaine, 20% for George Allen, 17% for Doug Wilder, and 7% for Mark Warner.

47% of Democrats picked Gilmore to 32% for Allen. Among Republicans 45% picked Kaine to 25% for Wilder and 15% for Gilmore.

"There's no doubt Mark Warner is Virginia's most well liked politician," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "His popularity helped Tim Kaine into office four years ago, and it will be interesting to see whether he can help Creigh Deeds pull it off this time around."

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 Of the last five Governors, who do you have the highest opinion of: Tim Kaine, Mark Warner, Jim Gilmore, George Allen, or Doug Wilder? If Tim Kaine, press 1. If Mark Warner, press 2. If Jim Gilmore, press 3. If George Allen, press 4. If Doug Wilder, press 5.

<i>Kaine</i>	9%
<i>Warner</i>	40%
<i>Gilmore</i>	9%
<i>Allen</i>	31%
<i>Wilder</i>	11%

Q2 Of the last five Governors, who do you have the lowest opinion of: Tim Kaine, Mark Warner, Jim Gilmore, George Allen, or Doug Wilder? If Tim Kaine, press 1. If Mark Warner, press 2. If Jim Gilmore, press 3. If George Allen, press 4. If Doug Wilder, press 5.

<i>Kaine</i>	26%
<i>Warner</i>	7%
<i>Gilmore</i>	30%
<i>Allen</i>	20%
<i>Wilder</i>	17%

Q3 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.

<i>McCain</i>	45%
<i>Obama</i>	48%
<i>Someone Else/Don't Remember</i>	6%

Q4 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.

<i>Kaine</i>	51%
<i>Kilgore</i>	39%
<i>Don't Remember</i>	10%

Q5 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.

<i>Urban</i>	15%
<i>Suburban</i>	41%
<i>Rural</i>	25%
<i>Small Town</i>	19%

Q6 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.

<i>Liberal</i>	17%
<i>Moderate</i>	44%
<i>Conservative</i>	39%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	54%
<i>Man</i>	46%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	37%
<i>Republican</i>	29%
<i>Other</i>	34%





Q9 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%

Q10 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%

Q11

276..... 6%

434..... 10%

540..... 24%

703..... 21%

757..... 17%

804..... 22%





	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Favorite Governor				
Kaine	9%	1%	17%	12%
Warner	40%	17%	64%	21%
Gilmore	9%	13%	2%	27%
Allen	31%	62%	3%	23%
Wilder	11%	7%	14%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Least Favorite Governor				
Kaine	26%	41%	8%	49%
Warner	7%	10%	2%	17%
Gilmore	30%	15%	47%	14%
Allen	20%	5%	37%	-
Wilder	17%	28%	6%	21%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Favorite Governor				
Kaine	9%	15%	-	15%
Warner	40%	62%	10%	41%
Gilmore	9%	4%	15%	8%
Allen	31%	6%	66%	24%
Wilder	11%	13%	9%	11%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Least Favorite Governor				
Kaine	26%	9%	48%	23%
Warner	7%	3%	14%	3%
Gilmore	30%	48%	10%	21%
Allen	20%	33%	5%	16%
Wilder	17%	8%	23%	37%





	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Favorite Governor					
Kaine	9%	12%	14%	2%	8%
Warner	40%	42%	43%	36%	37%
Gilmore	9%	11%	7%	11%	8%
Allen	31%	25%	26%	43%	28%
Wilder	11%	10%	10%	8%	19%

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Least Favorite Governor					
Kaine	26%	26%	23%	34%	19%
Warner	7%	7%	6%	7%	9%
Gilmore	30%	35%	34%	23%	28%
Allen	20%	15%	21%	18%	26%
Wilder	17%	17%	16%	19%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorite Governor				
Kaine	9%	35%	7%	1%
Warner	40%	53%	57%	15%
Gilmore	9%	2%	6%	15%
Allen	31%	1%	16%	60%
Wilder	11%	9%	14%	8%

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Kaine	26%	8%	17%	43%
Warner	7%	2%	6%	10%
Gilmore	30%	52%	37%	14%
Allen	20%	32%	26%	9%
Wilder	17%	5%	15%	24%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Favorite Governor			
Kaine	9%	12%	6%
Warner	40%	42%	38%
Gilmore	9%	9%	8%
Allen	31%	25%	37%
Wilder	11%	12%	10%

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		Woman	Man
Least Favorite Governor			
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Warner	7%	7%	7%
Gilmore	30%	32%	28%
Allen	20%	21%	20%
Wilder	17%	16%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Favorite Governor				
Kaine	9%	21%	1%	4%
Warner	40%	60%	16%	40%
Gilmore	9%	4%	15%	8%
Allen	31%	2%	59%	38%
Wilder	11%	14%	9%	10%

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Gilmore	30%	47%	15%	25%
Allen	20%	32%	6%	20%
Wilder	17%	9%	25%	18%





	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Favorite Governor					
Kaine	9%	22%	7%	15%	11%
Warner	40%	26%	40%	44%	45%
Gilmore	9%	17%	10%	3%	7%
Allen	31%	18%	38%	8%	26%
Wilder	11%	17%	6%	31%	11%

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Wilder	17%	27%	15%	17%	14%





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		276	434	540	703	757	804
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Gilmore	9%	16%	10%	12%	10%	4%	5%
Allen	31%	51%	36%	34%	23%	25%	31%
Wilder	11%	10%	11%	13%	6%	11%	15%

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Allen	20%	22%	24%	12%	18%	27%	24%
Wilder	17%	21%	16%	21%	11%	17%	17%

