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Kaine takes five-point lead over Allen for VA-Sen.

Raleigh, N.C. – In four polls PPP has conducted this year on the Virginia Senate race, Democratic former Gov. Tim Kaine has gained every time on George Allen, former holder of the state’s other Senate seat and another ex-governor. The two were tied in February, then Kaine inched ahead by two points in May, to three points in July, and he now leads by five (47-42).

Kaine has been at 46% or 47% in each poll, remarkably consistent. While Allen has slipped from 47% to 44% to 43% to 42%, those defectors are falling into the undecided camp, not Kaine’s, indicating this will likely remain a close race and that those waffling former Allen backers may end up back in his camp in the end.

The state is split almost evenly three ways between Democrats, Republicans, and independents, and the two-party vote has been polarized in each poll. But while Kaine trailed with independents in the first poll, he has led in the last three, making this a rare state where independents make a decisive difference.

Part of the reason for the state’s blue trending in the last decade is that it has seen an influx of settlers from other parts of the country, particularly in the D.C. suburbs. 34% of the state’s voters do not consider themselves Southern, and with those non-natives, Kaine has an enormous 61-29 lead over Allen. Allen is saved by posting a 47-41 edge with the two-thirds who do consider themselves part of the region. Both candidates grew up outside the state, but Allen has adopted the Southern heritage to fit in with the state’s largely white, rural Republican Party.

“After receiving strong reviews for his debate performance last week Tim Kaine has expanded his lead in the Virginia Senate race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “This will be a close contest but Barack Obama’s holding up comparatively well in the state should work to Kaine’s advantage.”

PPP surveyed 600 Virginia voters from December 10th to 12th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.0%. 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.



Virginia Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of George Allen?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 39%
Not sure 23%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Kaine?

Favorable..... 40%
Unfavorable 41%
Not sure 18%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jamie Radtke?

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 22%
Not sure 71%

Q4 If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican George Allen, who would you vote for?

Tim Kaine..... 47%
George Allen 42%
Undecided..... 11%

Q5 If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Jamie Radtke, who would you vote for?

Tim Kaine..... 49%
Jamie Radtke..... 33%
Undecided..... 19%

Q6 Do you consider yourself to be a Southerner, or not?

Consider yourself a Southerner.....66% *Do not*.....34%

Q7 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 43%
Barack Obama..... 48%
Someone else/Don't remember 9%

Q8 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 9%
Somewhat liberal 15%
Moderate..... 34%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 18%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 36%
Republican..... 33%
Independent/Other..... 31%

Q11 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 73%
African-American 19%
Other..... 8%



Q12 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	14%
<i>30 to 45</i>	30%
<i>46 to 65</i>	36%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%



Crosstabs

	Base	Consider Yourself a Southerner?	
		Consider yourself a Southerner	Do not
Allen Favorability			
Favorable	38%	43%	26%
Unfavorable	39%	36%	44%
Not sure	24%	21%	29%

	Base	Consider Yourself a Southerner?	
		Consider yourself a Southerner	Do not
Kaine Favorability			
Favorable	40%	37%	46%
Unfavorable	40%	45%	31%
Not sure	20%	18%	23%

	Base	Consider Yourself a Southerner?	
		Consider yourself a Southerner	Do not
Radtke Favorability			
Favorable	7%	7%	7%
Unfavorable	21%	22%	19%
Not sure	72%	71%	74%

	Base	Consider Yourself a Southerner?	
		Consider yourself a Southerner	Do not
Kaine/Allen			
Tim Kaine	48%	41%	61%
George Allen	41%	47%	29%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Consider Yourself a Southerner?	
		Consider yourself a Southerner	Do not
Kaine/Radtke			
Tim Kaine	49%	44%	58%
Jamie Radtke	33%	36%	27%
Undecided	18%	21%	14%

	Base	Consider Yourself a Southerner?	
		Consider yourself a Southerner	Do not
Consider Yourself a Southerner?			
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	100%	-
Do not	34%	-	100%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Allen Favorability				
Favorable	38%	65%	13%	43%
Unfavorable	39%	18%	60%	25%
Not sure	23%	17%	28%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kaine Favorability				
Favorable	40%	15%	66%	24%
Unfavorable	41%	67%	17%	46%
Not sure	18%	17%	17%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Radtke Favorability				
Favorable	7%	8%	5%	11%
Unfavorable	22%	19%	26%	17%
Not sure	71%	73%	69%	72%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kaine/Allen				
Tim Kaine	47%	12%	80%	37%
George Allen	42%	81%	7%	37%
Undecided	11%	7%	13%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kaine/Radtke				
Tim Kaine	49%	12%	85%	37%
Jamie Radtke	33%	64%	5%	33%
Undecided	19%	25%	11%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Consider Yourself a Southerner?				
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	71%	60%	75%
Do not	34%	29%	40%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Allen Favorability						
Favorable	38%	22%	10%	25%	58%	68%
Unfavorable	39%	59%	62%	49%	20%	13%
Not sure	23%	19%	27%	26%	23%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kaine Favorability						
Favorable	40%	83%	58%	52%	17%	11%
Unfavorable	41%	10%	20%	28%	63%	73%
Not sure	18%	7%	22%	20%	20%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Radtke Favorability						
Favorable	7%	12%	10%	4%	5%	9%
Unfavorable	22%	33%	20%	26%	16%	18%
Not sure	71%	55%	70%	69%	80%	73%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kaine/Allen						
Tim Kaine	47%	84%	71%	67%	16%	9%
George Allen	42%	11%	11%	21%	73%	83%
Undecided	11%	5%	18%	12%	11%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kaine/Radtke						
Tim Kaine	49%	84%	78%	68%	19%	8%
Jamie Radtke	33%	9%	8%	11%	56%	75%
Undecided	19%	6%	14%	20%	25%	17%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Consider Yourself a Southerner?						
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	70%	49%	63%	71%	77%
Do not	34%	30%	51%	37%	29%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Allen Favorability			
Favorable	38%	36%	41%
Unfavorable	39%	37%	40%
Not sure	23%	27%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine Favorability			
Favorable	40%	42%	38%
Unfavorable	41%	36%	48%
Not sure	18%	22%	14%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Radtke Favorability			
Favorable	7%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	22%	19%	26%
Not sure	71%	75%	66%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine/Allen			
Tim Kaine	47%	50%	42%
George Allen	42%	40%	45%
Undecided	11%	10%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine/Radtke			
Tim Kaine	49%	54%	42%
Jamie Radtke	33%	29%	37%
Undecided	19%	17%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Consider Yourself a Southerner?			
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	67%	65%
Do not	34%	33%	35%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Allen Favorability				
Favorable	38%	15%	66%	35%
Unfavorable	39%	56%	17%	41%
Not sure	23%	29%	17%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kaine Favorability				
Favorable	40%	68%	15%	36%
Unfavorable	41%	16%	66%	45%
Not sure	18%	17%	19%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Radtke Favorability				
Favorable	7%	7%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	22%	27%	18%	21%
Not sure	71%	66%	77%	72%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kaine/Allen				
Tim Kaine	47%	85%	8%	43%
George Allen	42%	7%	83%	39%
Undecided	11%	8%	9%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kaine/Radtke				
Tim Kaine	49%	89%	11%	42%
Jamie Radtke	33%	5%	65%	30%
Undecided	19%	7%	24%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Consider Yourself a Southerner?				
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	59%	74%	66%
Do not	34%	41%	26%	34%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Allen Favorability				
Favorable	38%	44%	20%	25%
Unfavorable	39%	36%	44%	47%
Not sure	23%	19%	37%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kaine Favorability				
Favorable	40%	34%	57%	56%
Unfavorable	41%	47%	21%	36%
Not sure	18%	19%	22%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Radtke Favorability				
Favorable	7%	6%	7%	9%
Unfavorable	22%	20%	30%	18%
Not sure	71%	73%	63%	73%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kaine/Allen				
Tim Kaine	47%	38%	78%	53%
George Allen	42%	52%	11%	23%
Undecided	11%	10%	11%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kaine/Radtke				
Tim Kaine	49%	38%	82%	67%
Jamie Radtke	33%	41%	10%	10%
Undecided	19%	21%	8%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Consider Yourself a Southerner?				
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	71%	52%	49%
Do not	34%	29%	48%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Allen Favorability					
Favorable	38%	40%	33%	37%	47%
Unfavorable	39%	30%	42%	41%	34%
Not sure	23%	30%	25%	22%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine Favorability					
Favorable	40%	30%	42%	46%	35%
Unfavorable	41%	43%	37%	43%	45%
Not sure	18%	28%	21%	12%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Radtke Favorability					
Favorable	7%	13%	6%	7%	4%
Unfavorable	22%	28%	23%	19%	21%
Not sure	71%	60%	71%	74%	75%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine/Allen					
Tim Kaine	47%	38%	53%	49%	40%
George Allen	42%	28%	38%	45%	53%
Undecided	11%	35%	9%	6%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine/Radtke					
Tim Kaine	49%	43%	55%	49%	43%
Jamie Radtke	33%	18%	32%	38%	36%
Undecided	19%	40%	14%	13%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Consider Yourself a Southerner?					
Consider yourself a Southerner	66%	71%	60%	67%	70%
Do not	34%	29%	40%	33%	30%

