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Democrats Lead Republicans in Upcoming Virginia Races

Raleigh, N.C. – Looking forward to the 2014 and 2016 elections with respect to the Senate and Presidential races, Virginia voters prefer Democrats over Republicans.

When asked about the approval of their current elected leaders, Virginia voters approve of the job performance of Democrats, President Obama (53-43), Senator Mark Warner (52-31), and Senator Tim Kaine (42-36, with 22% of voters undecided), while also approving of Republican Governor Bob McDonnell (48-35). Even though Republican Governor McDonnell is approved, Virginians have an unfavorable opinion of Republican Majority Leader, Congressman Eric Cantor (VA-7), who is currently sitting at 44% unfavorable and 27% favorable.

Democrat Mark Warner comes out on top of every pairing with potential Republican candidates for the Senate next year. Warner leads current Lt. Governor Bill Bolling (53-35), Congressman Eric Cantor (56-37), Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (57-36), and Governor Bob McDonnell (52-42).

Of the Virginia voters polled in this survey, 49% voted for Barack Obama, 45% for Mitt Romney, and 5% voted for someone else or they couldn't remember. When asked about whom they would vote for President in 2016, Virginians selected Democrat Hillary Clinton over Republican Governor Bob McDonnell (49-44).

Although Virginians favor Democrats over Republicans locally, with 45% saying they would vote for a Democrat and 41% saying they would vote for a Republican candidate for their state legislature, Virginians do not want their leaders running for President. According to the poll, Virginians suggested neither Gov. Bob McDonnell nor Senator Mark Warner should run for President in 2016 with results of (47-31) and (46-32), respectively.

“Mark Warner would start out with a substantial advantage no matter who his opponent is next year,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He continues to be one of the most popular Senators in the country.”

PPP surveyed 602 Virginia voters from January 4th to 6th. The margin of error 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.





Virginia Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 43%
Not sure 3%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mark Warner's job performance?

Approve 52%
Disapprove..... 31%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Bob McDonnell's job performance

Approve 48%
Disapprove..... 35%
Not sure 16%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Eric Cantor?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 44%
Not sure 29%

Q5 If the candidates for Senate next year were Democrat Mark Warner and Republican Bill Bolling, who would you vote for?

Mark Warner..... 53%
Bill Bolling 35%
Undecided..... 12%

Q6 If the candidates for Senate next year were Democrat Mark Warner and Republican Eric Cantor, who would you vote for?

Mark Warner 56%
Eric Cantor..... 37%
Undecided..... 7%

Q7 If the candidates for Senate next year were Democrat Mark Warner and Republican Ken Cuccinelli, who would you vote for?

Mark Warner..... 57%
Ken Cuccinelli..... 36%
Undecided..... 6%

Q8 If the candidates for Senate next year were Democrat Mark Warner and Republican Bob McDonnell, who would you vote for?

Mark Warner..... 52%
Bob McDonnell 42%
Undecided..... 7%

Q9 If the candidates for President in 2016 were Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Bob McDonnell, who would you vote for?

Hillary Clinton..... 49%
Bob McDonnell 44%
Not sure 7%

Q10 Do you think Bob McDonnell should run for President in 2016, or not?

He should run 31%
He should not..... 47%
Not sure 22%

Q11 Do you think Mark Warner should run for President in 2016, or not?

He should run 32%
He should not..... 46%
Not sure 22%

Q12 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Tim Kaine's job performance?

Approve 42%
Disapprove..... 36%
Not sure 22%





Q13 Generally speaking, if there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

Democrat 45%
Republican..... 41%
Not sure 15%

Q14 Who did you vote for President in 2012?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 45%
Someone else/Don't remember 5%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 10%
Somewhat liberal 17%
Moderate..... 32%
Somewhat conservative..... 24%
Very conservative 17%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

Q17 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 35%
Republican..... 32%
Independent/Other..... 32%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 73%
African-American 18%
Other..... 9%

Q19 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 36%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	96%	7%	52%
Disapprove	43%	2%	91%	24%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	24%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Warner Approval				
Approve	52%	77%	24%	57%
Disapprove	31%	7%	59%	18%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%	25%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
McDonnell Approval				
Approve	48%	20%	78%	58%
Disapprove	35%	56%	13%	31%
Not sure	16%	24%	9%	10%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Cantor Favorability				
Favorable	27%	10%	48%	10%
Unfavorable	44%	67%	18%	49%
Not sure	29%	23%	34%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Warner/Bolling				
Mark Warner	53%	87%	16%	60%
Bill Bolling	35%	3%	72%	9%
Undecided	12%	10%	12%	31%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Warner/Cantor				
Mark Warner	56%	92%	17%	63%
Eric Cantor	37%	3%	77%	9%
Undecided	7%	5%	7%	28%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Warner/Cuccinelli				
Mark Warner	57%	94%	18%	57%
Ken Cuccinelli	36%	2%	75%	21%
Undecided	6%	4%	7%	22%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Warner/McDonnell				
Mark Warner	52%	91%	11%	42%
Bob McDonnell	42%	4%	83%	30%
Undecided	7%	5%	5%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Clinton/McDonnell Pres '16				
Hillary Clinton	49%	87%	7%	60%
Bob McDonnell	44%	6%	87%	21%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	19%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?				
He should run	31%	13%	52%	17%
He should not	47%	71%	22%	47%
Not sure	22%	16%	26%	36%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Should Warner Run for Pres.?				
He should run	32%	45%	17%	44%
He should not	46%	33%	61%	24%
Not sure	22%	21%	22%	32%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Kaine Approval				
Approve	42%	73%	6%	58%
Disapprove	36%	9%	68%	12%
Not sure	22%	18%	26%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic State Leg. Ballot				
Democrat	45%	81%	6%	38%
Republican	41%	5%	81%	23%
Not sure	15%	14%	13%	38%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	53%	90%	92%	68%	21%	11%
Disapprove	43%	6%	7%	28%	76%	85%
Not sure	3%	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warner Approval						
Approve	52%	70%	87%	65%	31%	13%
Disapprove	31%	14%	5%	19%	49%	62%
Not sure	17%	16%	8%	16%	20%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
McDonnell Approval						
Approve	48%	21%	23%	35%	76%	75%
Disapprove	35%	51%	58%	47%	14%	11%
Not sure	16%	27%	19%	18%	10%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cantor Favorability						
Favorable	27%	24%	6%	15%	42%	52%
Unfavorable	44%	54%	77%	57%	16%	19%
Not sure	29%	21%	18%	28%	42%	29%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warner/Bolling						
Mark Warner	53%	85%	89%	71%	23%	8%
Bill Bolling	35%	6%	5%	15%	60%	82%
Undecided	12%	9%	6%	14%	16%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warner/Cantor						
Mark Warner	56%	94%	91%	73%	28%	10%
Eric Cantor	37%	4%	4%	20%	63%	83%
Undecided	7%	2%	5%	7%	10%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warner/Cuccinelli						
Mark Warner	57%	93%	97%	70%	29%	15%
Ken Cuccinelli	36%	6%	2%	23%	61%	79%
Undecided	6%	2%	1%	7%	10%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Warner/McDonnell						
Mark Warner	52%	87%	93%	66%	18%	13%
Bob McDonnell	42%	7%	6%	27%	72%	81%
Undecided	7%	7%	1%	7%	10%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Clinton/McDonnell Pres '16						
Hillary Clinton	49%	78%	88%	66%	17%	11%
Bob McDonnell	44%	18%	8%	24%	76%	83%
Not sure	7%	3%	4%	10%	7%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?						
He should run	31%	7%	14%	25%	48%	49%
He should not	47%	80%	70%	54%	29%	19%
Not sure	22%	12%	16%	21%	23%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Should Warner Run for Pres.?						
He should run	32%	51%	49%	36%	18%	18%
He should not	46%	28%	29%	43%	57%	62%
Not sure	22%	21%	22%	22%	25%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kaine Approval						
Approve	42%	77%	77%	47%	19%	9%
Disapprove	36%	15%	7%	24%	53%	73%
Not sure	22%	8%	16%	29%	27%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic State Leg. Ballot						
Democrat	45%	83%	75%	58%	15%	10%
Republican	41%	9%	9%	26%	71%	74%
Not sure	15%	8%	15%	16%	15%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	53%	57%	48%
Disapprove	43%	40%	48%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner Approval			
Approve	52%	53%	50%
Disapprove	31%	25%	38%
Not sure	17%	21%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McDonnell Approval			
Approve	48%	45%	53%
Disapprove	35%	32%	40%
Not sure	16%	23%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cantor Favorability			
Favorable	27%	23%	32%
Unfavorable	44%	39%	49%
Not sure	29%	37%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner/Bolling			
Mark Warner	53%	54%	52%
Bill Bolling	35%	33%	38%
Undecided	12%	14%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner/Cantor			
Mark Warner	56%	56%	56%
Eric Cantor	37%	36%	38%
Undecided	7%	8%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner/Cuccinelli			
Mark Warner	57%	58%	56%
Ken Cuccinelli	36%	36%	37%
Undecided	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner/McDonnell			
Mark Warner	52%	53%	50%
Bob McDonnell	42%	39%	45%
Undecided	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Clinton/McDonnell Pres '16			
Hillary Clinton	49%	53%	45%
Bob McDonnell	44%	41%	48%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?			
He should run	31%	29%	34%
He should not	47%	45%	50%
Not sure	22%	26%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Warner Run for Pres.?			
He should run	32%	37%	27%
He should not	46%	37%	57%
Not sure	22%	27%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine Approval			
Approve	42%	42%	41%
Disapprove	36%	32%	41%
Not sure	22%	26%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic State Leg. Ballot			
Democrat	45%	50%	39%
Republican	41%	37%	45%
Not sure	15%	13%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	95%	9%	52%
Disapprove	43%	2%	90%	43%
Not sure	3%	3%	1%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warner Approval				
Approve	52%	75%	23%	55%
Disapprove	31%	7%	57%	31%
Not sure	17%	18%	20%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
McDonnell Approval				
Approve	48%	20%	76%	52%
Disapprove	35%	54%	15%	34%
Not sure	16%	25%	10%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cantor Favorability				
Favorable	27%	9%	44%	31%
Unfavorable	44%	66%	20%	43%
Not sure	29%	25%	36%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warner/Bolling				
Mark Warner	53%	90%	15%	51%
Bill Bolling	35%	1%	75%	32%
Undecided	12%	9%	10%	17%





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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warner/Cuccinelli				
Mark Warner	57%	95%	17%	56%
Ken Cuccinelli	36%	2%	76%	35%
Undecided	6%	4%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Warner/McDonnell				
Mark Warner	52%	94%	12%	46%
Bob McDonnell	42%	2%	82%	45%
Undecided	7%	5%	6%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Clinton/McDonnell Pres '16				
Hillary Clinton	49%	91%	10%	42%
Bob McDonnell	44%	4%	86%	45%
Not sure	7%	5%	4%	12%





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	Base	Party		
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Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?				
He should run	31%	10%	54%	31%
He should not	47%	72%	22%	44%
Not sure	22%	18%	24%	25%

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Should Warner Run for Pres.?				
He should run	32%	53%	16%	26%
He should not	46%	28%	62%	49%
Not sure	22%	19%	22%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kaine Approval				
Approve	42%	74%	10%	37%
Disapprove	36%	10%	65%	37%
Not sure	22%	16%	25%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic State Leg. Ballot				
Democrat	45%	90%	5%	33%
Republican	41%	4%	82%	41%
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Crosstabs

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		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	44%	78%	75%
Disapprove	43%	52%	22%	18%
Not sure	3%	4%	-	7%

	Base	Race		
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Approve	52%	50%	57%	54%
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		White	African-American	Other
McDonnell Approval				
Approve	48%	52%	37%	39%
Disapprove	35%	35%	35%	39%
Not sure	16%	13%	27%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cantor Favorability				
Favorable	27%	29%	24%	19%
Unfavorable	44%	42%	50%	44%
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Approve	42%	37%	60%	47%
Disapprove	36%	42%	19%	26%
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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
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Democrat	45%	38%	72%	46%
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	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval				
Approve	53%	55%	55%	47%
Disapprove	43%	41%	42%	50%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	2%

	Base	Age		
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Approve	52%	46%	57%	51%
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Not sure	17%	23%	13%	16%

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Undecided	6%	7%	7%	5%





Crosstabs

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Warner/McDonnell				
Mark Warner	52%	49%	56%	47%
Bob McDonnell	42%	44%	37%	47%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	6%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Clinton/McDonnell Pres '16				
Hillary Clinton	49%	46%	56%	43%
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Not sure	7%	9%	5%	8%

	Base	Age		
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Should McDonnell Run for Pres.?				
He should run	31%	41%	24%	28%
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Not sure	22%	22%	19%	26%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Warner Run for Pres.?				
He should run	32%	34%	34%	24%
He should not	46%	45%	44%	52%
Not sure	22%	21%	22%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age		
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Kaine Approval				
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	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic State Leg. Ballot				
Democrat	45%	42%	49%	39%
Republican	41%	39%	38%	49%
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