

This Washington Post-Schar School poll was conducted by telephone May 9-14, 2017, among a random sample of 1,602 adults in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including landline and cell phone respondents with a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 points. The error margin is six points among the sample of 351 likely Democratic voters in the Democratic primary for governor, and seven points among the sample of 264 likely Republican primary voters. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt Associates of Cambridge, Mass.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details and sampling error margins for subgroups appended at the end.)

RV=Registered voters LV=Likely voters

Question 1 held for release.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/14/17	36	20	16	59	8	52	5

Compare to national:

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
4/20/17*	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

\*Washington Post-ABC News

3. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely are you following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No opinion
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	
5/14/17	RV	56	15	40	44	20	24	*
10/27/13	RV	79	33	46	21	10	10	*
9/22/13	RV	68	25	44	31	19	12	*
5/2/13	RV	48	10	38	52	27	25	*
10/25/09	LV	89	39	50	11	9	2	*
10/7/09	LV	87	33	54	13	11	2	*
9/17/09	LV	84	34	51	15	12	4	*
8/14/09	LV	67	25	42	32	23	9	1
8/14/09	RV	48	17	32	51	30	21	*
10/26/05	LV	87	31	56	13	10	2	*
9/9/05	LV	73	20	53	27	20	7	*
9/9/05	RV	59	15	44	41	26	15	*

8/23/01	RV	60	16	44	39	26	13	1
8/27/00	RV	61	21	40	38	25	13	*
6/23/94	RV	74	27	47	27	18	9	*
2/3/94		73	27	46	27	18	9	*
9/93	RV	68	21	47	31	21	10	*

\*2009 and earlier: Would you say you are following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

4. (AMONG DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances you will vote in the Democratic primary election for governor in June - are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
5/14/17 RV	53	24	15	6	1	*	1

5. (AMONG REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances you will vote in the Republican primary election for governor in June - are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
5/14/17 RV	46	22	20	9	3	0	*

6. (AMONG DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS) If the Democratic primary election were held today and the candidates for governor were (Ralph Northam) and (Tom Perriello), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

	Ralph Northam	Tom Perriello	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
5/14/17 RV	29	35	1	7	2	27
5/14/17 LV	38	40	1	3	0	18

7. (AMONG REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS) If the Republican primary election were held today and the candidates for governor were (Ed Gillespie), (Corey Stewart) and (Frank Wagner), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

	Ed Gillespie	Corey Stewart	Frank Wagner	Other (vol.)	None (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
5/14/17 RV	37	12	13	1	7	4	26
5/14/17 LV	38	18	15	*	5	0	24

Questions 8-9 held for release.

10. (AMONG LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS) Thinking about Democratic primary candidates (Ralph Northam) and (Tom Perriello), who do you think (ITEM)?

5/14/17 - Summary Table among Democratic likely voters

	Ralph Northam	Tom Perriello	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Has the best chance of winning against a Republican					

in the general election	36	36	3	1	25
b. Has higher personal and ethical standards	31	32	6	1	30
c. Would do more to stand up against Donald Trump	30	38	10	2	21
d. Would do a better job working with Republicans in the state legislature	38	31	2	2	27
e. Would do a better job handling the state economy	33	36	1	1	29
f. Better reflects the core values of the Democratic Party	32	35	6	1	26

11. (AMONG LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS) Thinking about Republican primary candidates (Ed Gillespie), (Corey Stewart) and (Frank Wagner), who do you think (ITEM)?

5/14/17 - Summary Table among Republican likely voters

	Ed Gillespie	Corey Stewart	Frank Wagner	All (vol.)	None (vol.)	No op.
a. Has the best chance winning against a Democrat in the general election	60	7	9	1	1	22
b. Would do the most to support Donald Trump	37	14	12	1	3	34
c. Best represents your views on whether Virginia should keep statues honoring Confederate Civil War leaders	26	11	8	*	1	54

[Order of questions 12 and 13 randomly rotated]

12. (AMONG LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS) As you may know, Vermont and Massachusetts Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have endorsed Tom Perriello, for governor. Does this make you more likely or less likely to support Perriello?

	More likely	Less likely	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
5/14/17 LV	57	15	23	5

13. (AMONG LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS) Governor Terry McAuliffe and nearly all Virginia Democrats in Congress and the state legislature have endorsed Ralph Northam for governor. Does this make you more likely or less likely to support Northam?

	More likely	Less likely	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
5/14/17 LV	50	17	27	5

Questions 14-17 held for release.

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
5/14/17	34	24	33	5	3
10/30/16	30	24	36	6	5

8/14/16	31	21	37	7	3
10/27/13	32	24	31	6	7
9/22/13	33	24	33	6	5
5/2/13	28	26	33	8	4
10/26/12	31	23	36	6	3
9/16/12	32	24	35	5	4
5/2/12	31	25	36	5	2

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and the George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government. The poll includes interviews in English and Spanish and is a random sample of Virginia adult residents.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Voter registration, demographics, religious identity questions and religious attendance are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked.

Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents. Results preceded by "RV" indicate results among registered voters, with "LV" indicating likely voters and other results are among adults overall.

A dual frame landline and cellular phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures. Interviewers called landline and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 641 interviews completed on landlines and 961 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 530 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users according to National Health Interview Survey commonwealth-level estimates for Virginia. Results are also weighted match the demographic makeup of the population according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement by age, race/ethnicity, sex, education and region of the commonwealth.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.3 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample, and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Unweighted sample size</u>	<u>Error margin</u>
All adults	1,602	+/- 3 points
Registered voters	1,395	3
Registered Democrats/Lean Dem	654	4.5
Registered Republicans/Lean Rep	567	4.5
Likely Dem primary voters	351	6
Likely Rep primary voters	264	7

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