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This Washington Post-Schar School poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 27-30, 2016, among a random sample of 1,300 adults in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including landline and cell phone respondents. Results among the sample of 1,024 likely voters have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York.

*= less than 0.5 percent

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

RV=Registered voters LV=Likely voters

1. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely are you following the 2016 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely -----			---- Not closely -----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
10/30/16	LV	94	69	25	6	3	3	*
10/26/12	LV	95	65	30	5	3	1	*
10/26/12	RV	92	61	31	8	4	3	*
9/16/12	LV	92	55	37	8	6	3	0
9/16/12	RV	89	50	39	11	7	4	*
10/25/08	RV	92	62	30	7	5	2	1
9/21/08	RV	93	58	35	7	6	1	*

2. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: 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.
10/30/16	RV	82	6	4	3	1	4	*
8/14/16	RV	80	9	6	3	1	NA	1
10/26/12	RV	88	4	2	1	1	3	*
9/16/12	RV	89	4	4	3	-	NA	*
10/25/08	RV	88	4	2	1	1	5	-
9/21/08	RV	88	6	5	2	*	NA	*

3. If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [(Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats), (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans)], [(Gary Johnson and Bill Weld of the Libertarian Party) and (Jill Stein and Ajamu Baraka of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward [(Clinton and Kaine), (Trump and Pence)], [(Johnson and Weld) or (Stein and Baraka)]? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

		Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Gary Johnson	Jill Stein	Other (vol.)	None of these (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	48	42	6	2	1	1	0	1
8/14/16	LV	46	39	9	3	1	1	-	1

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REGISTERED VOTERS

10/30/16	RV	47	39	6	3	1	2	*	2
8/14/16	RV	45	34	11	4	1	3	1	1

4. (IF NOT CLINTON OR TRUMP) If the only candidates were (Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Clinton and Kaine) or toward (Trump and Pence)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - BASED ON ALL LIKELY VOTERS

		Clinton	Trump	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	51	45	1	1	2	1
8/14/16**	LV	51	43	1	4	-	1

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

10/30/16	RV	51	43	1	1	3	1
8/14/16**	RV	52	38	1	5	2	1

Results based on total sample. Respondents who named Clinton or Trump in Q3 assigned to initial preference

*8/14/16 "If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Clinton and Kaine) or toward (Trump and Pence)?"

5. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE

		Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	47	46	1	1	*	5

6. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

10/30/16 - Summary Table

LIKELY VOTERS

		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
a.	Hillary Clinton	40	22	18	57	9	47	3
b.	Donald Trump	35	19	16	60	11	49	5
c.	Tim Kaine	51	32	19	42	12	30	7
d.	Mike Pence	50	32	18	36	15	22	13

Items e-i held for release.

Trend:

a. Hillary Clinton

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/16	LV	40	22	18	57	9	47	3
8/14/16	LV	44	25	19	54	9	45	2

b. Donald Trump

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/16	LV	35	19	16	60	11	49	5
8/14/16	LV	36	19	17	62	7	55	2

c. Tim Kaine

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/16	LV	51	32	19	42	12	30	7
8/14/16	LV	53	32	21	40	16	24	7
8/14/16	RV	54	30	24	37	16	20	9
10/26/12	RV	55	26	30	33	16	16	12
9/16/12	RV	54	22	32	34	16	18	11
5/2/12		41	15	26	39	21	18	20
5/4/11		56	17	38	28	16	12	17
10/12/06	LV	67	NA	NA	23	NA	NA	10
10/26/05	LV	58	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	8
9/9/05	RV	55	NA	NA	25	NA	NA	21

d. Mike Pence

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/16	LV	50	32	18	36	15	22	13
8/14/16	LV	40	22	19	33	15	19	26

7. (AMONG TRUMP LIKELY VOTERS) Would you say the most important reason you support Trump is (you agree with his policy positions), (that he is a political outsider who can fix Washington) or (that he is better than Hillary Clinton)?

	Agree with his policy positions	Political outsider/ can fix Washington	Better than Clinton	Other (VOL)	No opinion
10/30/16 LV	26	39	27	7	1

8. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think Donald Trump is a (different kind of Republican) or do you think he is a (typical Republican)?

	Different	Typical	No opinion
10/30/16 LV	87	10	4

9. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Thinking about Republicans running for office in the future, would you prefer that the Republican Party nominate candidates in the future who are similar to Trump or different from Trump? Is that very similar/different or just somewhat?

		-----Similar-----			-----Different-----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Very	Somewhat	opinion
10/30/16	LV	27	12	15	67	53	14	6

10. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Thinking about Democrats running for office in the future, would you prefer that the Democratic Party nominate candidates in the future who are similar to Clinton or different from Clinton? Is that very similar/different or just somewhat?

	-----Similar-----			-----Different-----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Very	Somewhat	opinion
10/30/16 LV	30	11	19	66	47	19	4

11. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think Clinton is or is not too willing to bend the rules? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

	----- Is too willing -----			--- Is not too willing ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/16 LV	74	55	19	20	8	12	6

Compare to national:

	----- Is too willing -----			--- Is not too willing ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	69	43	26	24	13	11	7
8/4/16	66	43	23	26	13	13	8
7/14/16	72	48	24	21	10	11	7

12. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think Trump is or is not biased against women and minorities? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

	----- Is biased -----			----- Is not biased -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/16 LV	57	47	10	39	10	29	4

Compare to national:

	----- Is biased -----			----- Is not biased -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	60	48	12	36	10	26	4
8/4/16	60	46	14	36	11	25	4
7/14/16	56	44	13	39	12	27	5

13. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the [CANDIDATE] campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not? How about by a representative of the [NEXT CANDIDATE] campaign?

a. Clinton

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/16 LV	24	75	1

b. Trump

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/16 LV	25	75	1

Compare to 2012:

Obama

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/26/12 LV	44	54	2

10/26/12	RV	43	55	2
9/16/12	LV	36	63	2
9/16/12	RV	33	65	1

Romney

		Yes	No	No opinion
10/26/12	LV	41	57	2
10/26/12	RV	40	58	2
9/16/12	LV	32	67	1
9/16/12	RV	31	68	1

Compare to 2008:

Obama

		Yes	No	No opinion
10/25/08	LV	49	50	1
10/25/08	RV	48	52	1

McCain

10/25/08	LV	34	66	1
10/25/08	RV	31	68	1

14. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think there will or will not be attempts by people in Virginia to intimidate or prevent legitimate voters from voting?

		Will	Will not	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	33	56	11

15. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Thinking about voter fraud - like the same person voting multiple times or someone voting who is not eligible - do you think there will or will not be a significant amount of voter fraud in Virginia this election?

		Will	Will not	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	31	62	7

16. (AMONG LEANED REPUBLICAN LIKELY VOTERS) Out of the candidates who ran, who did you want to see win the Republican nomination for president this year? (IF NEEDED) Was it Trump or one of the other candidates?

		Trump	Other	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	38	58	4
8/14/16	RV	40	54	6

17. (AMONG LEANED DEMOCRATIC LIKELY VOTERS) Out of the candidates who ran, who did you want to see win the Democratic nomination for president this year? (IF NEEDED) Was it Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders or someone else?

		Clinton	Sanders	Someone else (vol.)	No opinion
10/30/16	LV	56	35	7	3
8/14/16	RV	54	35	7	5

18. (AMONG NON-REGISTERED VOTERS) Did you attempt to register to vote this year, or not? IF YES: Did you experience difficulty with the Virginia Elections Board website in trying to register, or not?

	Yes, Difficult	Yes, not difficult	No	No opinion
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10/30/16	2	6	91	1
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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.
10/30/16	30	24	36	6	5
10/30/16 LV	30	27	36	6	2
8/14/16	31	21	37	7	3
10/27/13	32	24	31	6	7
10/27/13 RV	33	28	33	4	2
10/27/13 LV	35	27	33	4	*
9/22/13	33	24	33	6	5
9/22/13 RV	33	26	34	6	1
9/22/13 LV	33	26	34	6	*
5/2/13	28	26	33	8	4
5/2/13 RV	30	26	33	8	3
5/2/13 LV	30	28	34	8	*
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 parentheticals 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 585 interviews completed on landlines and 715 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 352 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 1.4 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	1,300	+/- 3 points
Registered voters	1,145	3.5
Likely voters	1,024	3.5
Half sample	500	5

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