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Q5. Would you say that things in Virginia are going in the right direction or in the wrong direction?	Right direction	37%
	Wrong direction	41%
	[VOL] Mixed	17%
	[VOL] Don't Know	5%

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Q6. Which of the following do you feel is the most important issue that the next Governor and state legislature should make a top priority?	Education and schools	21%
	Taxes	9%
	Crime and public safety	6%
	The COVID-19 pandemic	13%
	Jobs and the economy	22%
	Abortion	3%
	Health care	7%
	Immigration	4%
	Infrastructure like roads and bridges	10%
	[VOL] Other	4%
[VOL] Don't Know	1%	

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Q7. Here are some people and organizations active in politics. Please indicate whether you have a very favorable opinion, a somewhat favorable opinion, a somewhat unfavorable opinion, or a very unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't recognize them, just indicate that.

Q7A. Joe Biden	Very fav	26%
	Somewhat fav	18%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>43%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	7%
	Very unfav	48%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>54%</b>
	Name ID	98%
Can't Rate	2%	
Q7B. Terry McAuliffe	Very fav	17%
	Somewhat fav	22%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>38%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	11%
	Very unfav	46%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>57%</b>
	Name ID	96%
Can't Rate	4%	
Q7C. Glenn Youngkin	Very fav	36%
	Somewhat fav	16%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>52%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	13%
	Very unfav	23%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>36%</b>
	Name ID	88%
Can't Rate	12%	
Q7D. Donald Trump	Very fav	25%
	Somewhat fav	19%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>44%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	7%
	Very unfav	46%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>54%</b>
	Name ID	98%
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Q7E. Barack Obama	Very fav	38%
	Somewhat fav	15%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>53%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	11%
	Very unfav	35%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>45%</b>
	Name ID	99%
	Can't Rate	1%
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Q7F. Virginia public schools	Very fav	23%
	Somewhat fav	29%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>52%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	21%
	Very unfav	18%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>39%</b>
	Name ID	91%
	Can't Rate	9%
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Q7G. Virginia charter schools	Very fav	21%
	Somewhat fav	23%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>44%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	13%
	Very unfav	10%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>23%</b>
	Name ID	67%
	Can't Rate	33%
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Q7H. Virginia teachers unions	Very fav	17%
	Somewhat fav	22%
	<b>Total fav</b>	<b>39%</b>
	Somewhat unfav	14%
	Very unfav	29%
	<b>Total unfav</b>	<b>43%</b>
	Name ID	82%
	Can't Rate	18%

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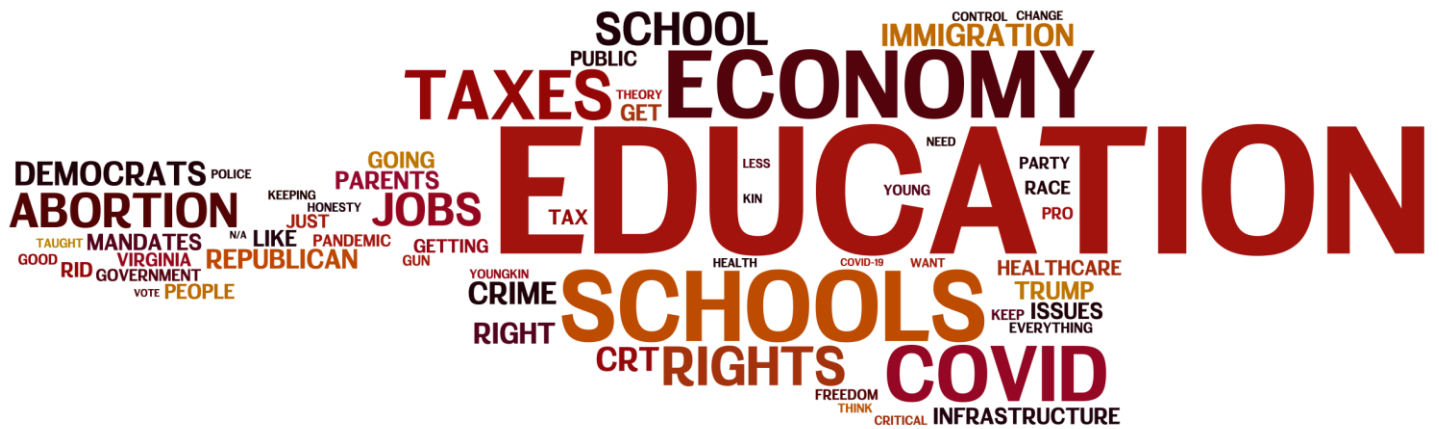
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Q8. Which candidate did you vote for in the November election for Governor?	Democrat Terry McAuliffe	47%
	Republican Glenn Youngkin	48%
	[VOL] Someone else	1%
	[VOL] Did not vote / Skipped	0%
	[VOL] Don't remember / Refuse to say	5%

Q9. Thinking about the election for Governor, when did you decide who you were going to vote for?	More than a month before I voted	83%
	Two to three weeks before I voted	8%
	One week before I voted	2%
	A few days before I voted	2%
	On the day I voted	3%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%

Q10. What issue or issues would you say was the most important to your vote in the election for Governor in Virginia this year? [OPEN-ENDED] [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]



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Q11. If you had to choose, which of the following do you trust more to handle issues related to schools and education?	Democrats	40%
	Republicans	49%
	[VOL] Don't know	11%
Q12. If you had to choose, which of the following do you trust more to handle issues related to schools and education?	Terry McAuliffe	40%
	Glenn Youngkin	52%
	[VOL] Don't know	8%
Q13. In a few words, why do you say that? <b>[OPEN-ENDED] [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]</b>		
Youngkin supports Trump / is backed by Trump / Trump lackey		5%
Youngkin is racist / a bigot / using race to win an election		1%
Youngkin is a Republican / don't trust Republicans		14%
Youngkin doesn't support public schools / opposes teachers union		5%
McAuliffe positive (smart / honest / good track record)		7%
Democrats are bad / don't trust Democrats		9%
Parents rights / parents should be involved / give parents input on education		14%
Youngkin will ban critical race theory		7%
McAuliffe does whatever teachers unions want / Youngkin will oppose them		3%
Youngkin positive (he is grounded / prepared / means well / smart / trustworthy)		6%
McAuliffe negative (screwed up / politician / sucks / lied / follows party line)		5%
Other		25%
Don't know		3%
N / A / No Reply		2%

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Q14. Here are some statements that you may have heard during the election. Regardless of who you voted for in the election for Governor, for each one please indicate whether you find that statement very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing as a reason to have voted for Glenn Youngkin or oppose Terry McAuliffe.

Q14A. [SCHOOL CHOICE] Glenn Youngkin says he will launch 20 new innovative charter schools to give parents more choices in their kids' education. He says McAuliffe would block any school option other than any public school because he believes government officials know better than parents how to educate their children.	Very convincing	34%
	Somewhat convincing	18%
	Not too convincing	12%
	Not at all convincing	31%
	[VOL] Don't Know	4%
Q14B. [STANDARDS/REWARD TEACHERS] Youngkin says we have to go to work for our kids. He'll invest more in schools, raise teacher pay, and demand better performance from our schools.	Very convincing	40%
	Somewhat convincing	26%
	Not too convincing	12%
	Not at all convincing	21%
	[VOL] Don't Know	2%
Q14C. [PARENTS - MCAULIFFE] As Governor, McAuliffe pushed left liberal activists into Virginia schools while shutting parents out of the conversation on school curricula, saying "I don't think parents should be telling schools what to teach."	Very convincing	41%
	Somewhat convincing	11%
	Not too convincing	10%
	Not at all convincing	34%
	[VOL] Don't Know	4%
Q14D. [CRT] Glenn Youngkin says our school curricula have gone haywire. He'll ban dangerous education programs that teach kids the only thing that matters is their skin color and that all white people are racists, while Terry McAuliffe would support the activists and bureaucrats pushing them.	Very convincing	38%
	Somewhat convincing	10%
	Not too convincing	9%
	Not at all convincing	39%
	[VOL] Don't Know	4%

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Q14E. [CLOSURES W/ UNIONS] Despite CDC guidelines about safe school re-openings, Terry McAuliffe and other Democrats sided with teacher’s unions instead of scientists and kept schools closed for in-person learning for too long. Glenn Youngkin will follow the science and oppose unnecessary shutdowns. <b>[SPLIT A]</b>	Very convincing	42%
	Somewhat convincing	18%
	Not too convincing	10%
	Not at all convincing	27%
	[VOL] Don't Know	4%
Q14F. [CLOSURES W/ LIBERALS] Despite CDC guidelines about safe school re-openings, Terry McAuliffe and other Democrats sided with liberal activists instead of scientists and kept schools closed for in-person learning for too long. Glenn Youngkin will follow the science and oppose unnecessary shutdowns. <b>[SPLIT B]</b>	Very convincing	37%
	Somewhat convincing	14%
	Not too convincing	11%
	Not at all convincing	36%
	[VOL] Don't Know	3%
Q14G. [PARENTS - CHOICE] Youngkin says parents have a right to make decisions about their children's education, and he will always stand up for Virginia parents.	Very convincing	47%
	Somewhat convincing	15%
	Not too convincing	8%
	Not at all convincing	28%
	[VOL] Don't Know	2%
Q15. And regardless of who you voted for, if you had to choose one, which of the statements you just heard was the most convincing reason to have voted for Glenn Youngkin or oppose Terry McAuliffe?	McAuliffe would have pushed a radical, dangerous curriculum into our schools that teaches kids race is the only thing that matters, while Youngkin opposes them	15%
	Youngkin will stand up for parents while McAuliffe said parents should not have a say in what schools teach our kids	23%
	McAuliffe would have forced schools to maintain mask and vaccine mandates and possibly even shutdowns longer than health guidelines required	11%
	Youngkin would give parents and students more options to choose from for kids' education, which McAuliffe opposes	13%
	McAuliffe is beholden to teachers unions and other special interests and will do what they want, not what is best for Virginia students and parents	11%
	[VOL] Don't know	28%

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## QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES

Q16. What is your gender?	Man	46%
	Woman	54%
Q17. Age	18-34	18%
	35-49	18%
	50-64	32%
	65+	31%
	[VOL] Refused	1%
Q18. And just to make sure we have a representative sample, which of the following ethnic groups describes you best?	White or Caucasian	70%
	Black or African American	15%
	Hispanic or Latino	5%
	Asian American or Pacific Islander	1%
	[VOL] Mixed Race	4%
	[VOL] Other	2%
Q4. What was the last year of education you completed?	[VOL] Don't Know	3%
	1st-11th grade	0%
	High school graduate	10%
	Vocational or technical school	4%
	Some college, but no degree	17%
	Associate degree	20%
	4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	28%
Graduate school or advanced degree	19%	
Q19-22. Party Self-ID	[VOL] Refuse to say	2%
	Strong Democrat	22%
	Not so strong Democrat	7%
	Indep / lean Democrat	9%
	Strong Republican	24%
	Not so strong Republican	7%
	Indep / lean Republican	16%
	Independent	8%
[VOL] Other	6%	
[VOL] Don't Know	2%	



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Q40. Do you have any children eighteen years of age or younger currently living in your household?	Yes	29%
	No	67%
	[VOL] Refuse to say	4%
Q23. Voting is by secret ballot, and you can be assured this survey is confidential. Your individual answers will not be seen by anyone. In the November 2020 election for President, did you vote for...?	Joe Biden	45%
	Donald Trump	44%
	Another candidate	5%
	[VOL] Refuse to say	4%
	[VOL] Did not vote	2%
Q38. Congressional District	1	11%
	2	7%
	3	10%
	4	9%
	5	9%
	6	10%
	7	9%
	8	9%
	9	7%
	10	11%
	11	9%
Q39. Media Market	Bluefield Berkley Oak Hill WV VA	1%
	Charlottesville VA	3%
	Greensboro H. Point W. Salem VA	1%
	Harrisonburg VA	3%
	Norfolk Portsmouth Newport News VA	20%
	Raleigh Durham NC	1%
	Richmond Petersburg VA	20%
	Roanoke Lynchburg VA	12%
	Tri Cities TN VA	2%
	Washington DC (VA Outer)	19%
Washington DC (VA Inner)	18%	

**\*\*Due to rounding, "totals" of the individual components may differ by +/-1.**

**\*\*\*Q4 has been moved to the demographics section.**