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Governors should be able to run for reelection, Virginia voters says

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling finds that a majority of Virginia voters think the state’s Governors should be allowed to run for reelection, but that Tim Kaine might not win if he was availed of that opportunity.

57% of respondents think Governors should be allowed to run for a second consecutive term, while 35% are opposed. 87% of Democrats but only 47% of independents and 44% of Republicans support making that shift.

Asked how they would vote in a match up between Kaine and Republican nominee Bob McDonnell though, the incumbent Governor trails 51-43. It’s not a perfect comparison to Creigh Deeds’ numbers since there is some possibility that Kaine would be able to better engage the Democratic electorate and get them out to the polls but it certainly shows the party would be having difficulty in this environment no matter who their candidate was.

Kaine still has a respectable 46% approval rating with likely voters for this fall, but the survey finds 16% of people who supported him in 2005 would not give their votes to McDonnell.

“Frustrated Democrats have pinned much of the blame for their party’s difficulties this year on Creigh Deeds,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But it looks like they’d be having a pretty tough year even with Tim Kaine at the top of the ticket.”

Mark Warner’s approval rating with likely voters is 53%, while Jim Webb’s is 42% and Barack Obama’s is 41%.

PPP surveyed 666 likely Virginia voters from October 16th to 19th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Tom Jensen at 919-744-6312.

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Virginia Poll

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 52%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q2 If Tim Kaine was allowed to run for reelection would you vote for Democrat Tim Kaine or Republican Bob McDonnell? If Tim Kaine, press 1. If Bob McDonnell, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Kaine 43%
McDonnell..... 51%
Undecided..... 5%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tim Kaine's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 46%
Disapprove..... 39%
Not Sure..... 15%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Mark Warner's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 53%
Disapprove..... 31%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Jim Webb's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 42%
Disapprove..... 40%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q6 Do you think that Virginia Governors should be allowed to run for reelection? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 57%
No..... 35%
Not Sure..... 8%

Q7 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 51%
Obama..... 45%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 4%

Q8 In the 2005 race for Governor did you vote for Democrat Tim Kaine or Republican Jerry Kilgore, or do you not remember? If you voted for Tim Kaine, press 1. If you voted for Jerry Kilgore, press 2. If you don't remember, press 3.

Kaine 49%
Kilgore..... 39%
Don't Remember..... 13%

Q9 Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town? If urban, press 1. If suburban, press 2. If rural, press 3. If a small town, press 4.

Urban..... 21%
Suburban 44%
Rural 22%
Small Town..... 13%





Q10 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 16%
Moderate..... 44%
Conservative..... 41%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 51%
Man..... 49%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

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

Q13 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 5%
White 73%
African American 16%
Other..... 7%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 11%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 21%

Q15

276..... 6%
434..... 9%
540..... 22%
703..... 24%
757..... 20%
804..... 18%





	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	6%	83%	20%
Disapprove	52%	86%	11%	54%
Not Sure	8%	8%	6%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Kaine/McDonnell				
Kaine	43%	8%	85%	31%
McDonnell	51%	86%	11%	51%
Undecided	5%	6%	4%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	17%	80%	29%
Disapprove	39%	62%	12%	55%
Not Sure	15%	21%	8%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	27%	82%	53%
Disapprove	31%	51%	9%	14%
Not Sure	16%	22%	8%	33%





	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Webb Approval				
Approve	42%	14%	75%	29%
Disapprove	40%	66%	10%	34%
Not Sure	18%	19%	15%	37%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Virginia Governors Reelection				
Yes	57%	45%	75%	35%
No	35%	44%	22%	42%
Not Sure	8%	11%	3%	23%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	72%	5%	29%
Disapprove	52%	20%	89%	58%
Not Sure	8%	7%	6%	13%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Kaine/McDonnell				
Kaine	43%	80%	4%	22%
McDonnell	51%	16%	93%	60%
Undecided	5%	4%	3%	18%





	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	78%	11%	26%
Disapprove	39%	12%	73%	40%
Not Sure	15%	10%	16%	34%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	81%	22%	36%
Disapprove	31%	9%	60%	27%
Not Sure	16%	10%	18%	37%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Webb Approval				
Approve	42%	71%	10%	22%
Disapprove	40%	12%	75%	44%
Not Sure	18%	16%	15%	33%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Kaine	Kilgore	Don't Remember
Virginia Governors Reelection				
Yes	57%	74%	42%	43%
No	35%	20%	49%	45%
Not Sure	8%	6%	9%	12%





	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	52%	41%	29%	40%
Disapprove	52%	40%	53%	63%	47%
Not Sure	8%	8%	6%	7%	12%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Kaine/McDonnell					
Kaine	43%	56%	44%	33%	39%
McDonnell	51%	39%	52%	61%	53%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Kaine Approval					
Approve	46%	59%	49%	29%	39%
Disapprove	39%	28%	39%	50%	39%
Not Sure	15%	13%	12%	21%	22%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Warner Approval					
Approve	53%	65%	53%	40%	55%
Disapprove	31%	21%	32%	35%	36%
Not Sure	16%	14%	16%	24%	9%





	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Webb Approval					
Approve	42%	50%	42%	31%	47%
Disapprove	40%	35%	42%	41%	40%
Not Sure	18%	14%	16%	28%	13%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
Virginia Governors Reelection					
Yes	57%	66%	54%	55%	59%
No	35%	27%	37%	35%	37%
Not Sure	8%	7%	9%	10%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	85%	52%	12%
Disapprove	52%	9%	38%	84%
Not Sure	8%	6%	10%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kaine/McDonnell				
Kaine	43%	97%	55%	10%
McDonnell	51%	3%	36%	86%
Undecided	5%	-	8%	4%





	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	90%	57%	16%
Disapprove	39%	5%	29%	64%
Not Sure	15%	5%	15%	19%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	91%	67%	24%
Disapprove	31%	7%	19%	52%
Not Sure	16%	2%	15%	24%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Webb Approval				
Approve	42%	83%	56%	12%
Disapprove	40%	6%	28%	66%
Not Sure	18%	11%	16%	22%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Virginia Governors Reelection				
Yes	57%	78%	63%	44%
No	35%	18%	31%	45%
Not Sure	8%	4%	7%	11%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	41%	43%	39%
Disapprove	52%	49%	54%
Not Sure	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine/McDonnell			
Kaine	43%	45%	42%
McDonnell	51%	50%	53%
Undecided	5%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kaine Approval			
Approve	46%	45%	46%
Disapprove	39%	37%	41%
Not Sure	15%	18%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Warner Approval			
Approve	53%	54%	52%
Disapprove	31%	28%	33%
Not Sure	16%	18%	15%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Webb Approval			
Approve	42%	42%	42%
Disapprove	40%	38%	42%
Not Sure	18%	20%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Virginia Governors Reelection			
Yes	57%	60%	55%
No	35%	32%	37%
Not Sure	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	41%	88%	5%	32%
Disapprove	52%	7%	88%	57%
Not Sure	8%	5%	7%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Kaine/McDonnell				
Kaine	43%	88%	6%	39%
McDonnell	51%	8%	89%	54%
Undecided	5%	3%	6%	7%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Kaine Approval				
Approve	46%	83%	15%	41%
Disapprove	39%	10%	65%	41%
Not Sure	15%	8%	19%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Warner Approval				
Approve	53%	87%	22%	52%
Disapprove	31%	6%	56%	28%
Not Sure	16%	6%	22%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Webb Approval				
Approve	42%	81%	12%	36%
Disapprove	40%	8%	72%	37%
Not Sure	18%	11%	16%	27%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Virginia Governors Reelection				
Yes	57%	85%	44%	47%
No	35%	12%	45%	44%
Not Sure	8%	3%	12%	8%





	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	38%	33%	80%	44%
Disapprove	52%	54%	58%	17%	54%
Not Sure	8%	9%	9%	2%	2%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kaine/McDonnell					
Kaine	43%	40%	37%	78%	42%
McDonnell	51%	56%	58%	18%	44%
Undecided	5%	4%	5%	4%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Kaine Approval					
Approve	46%	42%	42%	70%	36%
Disapprove	39%	42%	45%	11%	34%
Not Sure	15%	17%	13%	19%	30%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Warner Approval					
Approve	53%	56%	49%	73%	43%
Disapprove	31%	28%	33%	16%	36%
Not Sure	16%	16%	17%	10%	21%





	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Webb Approval					
Approve	42%	52%	39%	59%	39%
Disapprove	40%	31%	46%	15%	35%
Not Sure	18%	17%	16%	26%	27%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Virginia Governors Reelection					
Yes	57%	39%	56%	74%	48%
No	35%	61%	36%	17%	35%
Not Sure	8%	-	7%	9%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	41%	44%	42%	42%	34%
Disapprove	52%	50%	51%	50%	57%
Not Sure	8%	6%	7%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine/McDonnell					
Kaine	43%	50%	46%	45%	34%
McDonnell	51%	44%	51%	48%	61%
Undecided	5%	6%	3%	7%	5%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kaine Approval					
Approve	46%	56%	44%	49%	35%
Disapprove	39%	22%	45%	37%	47%
Not Sure	15%	22%	10%	15%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Warner Approval					
Approve	53%	50%	55%	54%	51%
Disapprove	31%	22%	36%	29%	32%
Not Sure	16%	28%	9%	17%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Webb Approval					
Approve	42%	35%	45%	44%	38%
Disapprove	40%	29%	41%	39%	47%
Not Sure	18%	35%	14%	16%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Virginia Governors Reelection					
Yes	57%	50%	60%	62%	48%
No	35%	38%	33%	31%	41%
Not Sure	8%	13%	7%	6%	10%





	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Obama Approval							
Approve	41%	34%	35%	36%	53%	38%	38%
Disapprove	52%	56%	59%	56%	40%	59%	50%
Not Sure	8%	11%	6%	8%	7%	3%	12%

	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Kaine/McDonnell							
Kaine	43%	32%	33%	41%	54%	40%	44%
McDonnell	51%	55%	61%	54%	43%	52%	51%
Undecided	5%	13%	6%	5%	3%	8%	5%

	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Kaine Approval							
Approve	46%	32%	33%	42%	55%	49%	45%
Disapprove	39%	41%	55%	41%	30%	38%	42%
Not Sure	15%	27%	13%	18%	15%	13%	13%

	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Warner Approval							
Approve	53%	60%	43%	45%	63%	55%	50%
Disapprove	31%	22%	47%	34%	23%	29%	33%
Not Sure	16%	18%	10%	21%	14%	16%	18%





	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Webb Approval							
Approve	42%	33%	41%	36%	51%	50%	34%
Disapprove	40%	39%	52%	45%	34%	36%	42%
Not Sure	18%	28%	7%	20%	16%	14%	24%

	Base	Region					
		276	434	540	703	757	804
Virginia Governors Reelection							
Yes	57%	59%	59%	53%	60%	63%	53%
No	35%	36%	34%	38%	32%	30%	39%
Not Sure	8%	5%	7%	10%	8%	7%	8%

