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## **VA GOP favors Allen for Sen., narrowly Huckabee for Pres.**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – There is no question who Virginia’s Republicans want to represent them in the 2012 U.S. Senate campaign. George Allen should get enough support to clear the field in a bid to return to the office he vacated only four years ago, with 46% of his party’s faithful currently preferring him to anyone else. Eric Cantor, extremely unlikely to be in the running after rising to Majority Leader in the U.S. House come January, is way behind at 18%, with Ken Cuccinelli, maybe cashing in on his quick rise in socially conservative circles, at 16%. No one else gets more than 4%.

The field for President, however, is much more wide-open. Mike Huckabee now prevails with 21%, but Newt Gingrich, the currently leader also in southern neighbor North Carolina, is right on his heels at 20%, with Sarah Palin’s 17% and Mitt Romney’s 15% also within the margin of error of the lead. Way behind are Ron Paul at 7%, Tim Pawlenty at 5%, Mitch Daniels at 3%, and John Thune at 2%. 11% are undecided or prefer someone not named.

Gingrich does so well based on his strength with the conservative supermajority, and Huckabee with women. Conservatives are 72% of the electorate, and Gingrich has a narrow 22-21 lead with them over Huckabee, with Palin at 17% and Romney at 13%. But with the 26% share of moderates, Huckabee and Palin are tied at 20% to Romney’s 18% and Gingrich at only 14%. With men, Huckabee is in third at 17% to Gingrich’s 20%, Palin’s 19%, and Romney’s 14%, but he leads with 24% among women to Gingrich’s 20%, Romney’s 16%, and Palin’s 15%. All four are very well liked, with anywhere from almost 3:1 to exactly 4:1 favorability margins.

“Virginia Republicans clearly want George Allen as their nominee,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “With these kinds of numbers if he gets into the race he’s probably a field clearer.”

PPP surveyed 400 usual Virginia Republican primary voters from November 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 4.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.





## Virginia Survey Results

**Q1** Between George Allen, Bill Bolling, Eric Cantor, Ken Cuccinelli, Tom Davis, and Bob Marshall who would you most like to see as the Republican Senate nominee in 2012?

<i>George Allen</i> .....	46%
<i>Bill Bolling</i> .....	4%
<i>Eric Cantor</i> .....	18%
<i>Ken Cuccinelli</i> .....	16%
<i>Tom Davis</i> .....	4%
<i>Bob Marshall</i> .....	2%
<i>Someone else</i> .....	1%
<i>Not sure</i> .....	8%

**Q2** If the Republican candidates for President in 2012 were Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, and John Thune who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i> .....	3%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i> .....	20%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i> .....	21%
<i>Sarah Palin</i> .....	17%
<i>Ron Paul</i> .....	7%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i> .....	5%
<i>Mitt Romney</i> .....	15%
<i>John Thune</i> .....	2%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i> .....	11%

**Q3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

<i>Favorable</i> .....	64%	<i>Not sure</i> .....	16%
<i>Unfavorable</i> .....	20%		

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

<i>Favorable</i> .....	72%	<i>Not sure</i> .....	11%
<i>Unfavorable</i> .....	18%		

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

<i>Favorable</i> .....	70%	<i>Not sure</i> .....	6%
<i>Unfavorable</i> .....	24%		

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

<i>Favorable</i> .....	63%	<i>Not sure</i> .....	15%
<i>Unfavorable</i> .....	22%		

**Q7** If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

<i>Liberal</i> .....	2%
<i>Moderate</i> .....	26%
<i>Conservative</i> .....	72%

**Q8** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i> .....	49%
<i>Man</i> .....	51%

**Q9** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i> .....	8%
<i>30 to 45</i> .....	28%
<i>46 to 65</i> .....	40%
<i>Older than 65</i> .....	24%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>2012 GOP Sen Nom Preference</b>				
George Allen	46%	46%	43%	47%
Bill Bolling	4%	10%	4%	5%
Eric Cantor	18%	-	20%	18%
Ken Cuccinelli	16%	17%	12%	17%
Tom Davis	4%	27%	9%	2%
Bob Marshall	2%	-	4%	1%
Someone else	1%	-	2%	1%
Not sure	8%	-	5%	9%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary</b>				
Mitch Daniels	3%	-	3%	3%
Newt Gingrich	20%	29%	14%	22%
Mike Huckabee	21%	17%	20%	21%
Sarah Palin	17%	7%	20%	17%
Ron Paul	7%	-	9%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	-	3%	6%
Mitt Romney	15%	46%	18%	13%
John Thune	2%	-	2%	2%
Someone else/Undecided	11%	-	12%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>				
Favorable	64%	71%	56%	66%
Unfavorable	20%	20%	27%	17%
Not sure	16%	10%	16%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>				
Favorable	72%	46%	62%	76%
Unfavorable	18%	27%	26%	14%
Not sure	11%	26%	12%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Palin Favorability</b>				
Favorable	70%	63%	45%	79%
Unfavorable	24%	29%	49%	15%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Romney Favorability</b>				
Favorable	63%	93%	60%	63%
Unfavorable	22%	7%	27%	21%
Not sure	15%	-	14%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>2012 GOP Sen Nom Preference</b>			
George Allen	46%	44%	48%
Bill Bolling	4%	4%	4%
Eric Cantor	18%	18%	19%
Ken Cuccinelli	16%	14%	17%
Tom Davis	4%	5%	3%
Bob Marshall	2%	0%	3%
Someone else	1%	2%	1%
Not sure	8%	12%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary</b>			
Mitch Daniels	3%	3%	2%
Newt Gingrich	20%	20%	20%
Mike Huckabee	21%	24%	17%
Sarah Palin	17%	15%	19%
Ron Paul	7%	3%	10%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	4%	6%
Mitt Romney	15%	16%	14%
John Thune	2%	0%	3%
Someone else/Undecided	11%	14%	8%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	64%	59%	69%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	20%	20%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	16%	21%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	72%	71%	73%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	15%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	11%	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Palin Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	70%	68%	72%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	24%	28%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	6%	4%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Romney Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	63%	64%	62%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	19%	25%
<b>Not sure</b>	15%	17%	13%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2012 GOP Sen Nom Preference</b>					
George Allen	46%	75%	50%	39%	45%
Bill Bolling	4%	-	2%	5%	8%
Eric Cantor	18%	8%	21%	18%	18%
Ken Cuccinelli	16%	17%	8%	22%	15%
Tom Davis	4%	-	6%	4%	4%
Bob Marshall	2%	-	5%	1%	-
Someone else	1%	-	-	3%	1%
Not sure	8%	-	8%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>2012 GOP Pres Primary</b>					
Mitch Daniels	3%	8%	-	3%	4%
Newt Gingrich	20%	17%	23%	18%	22%
Mike Huckabee	21%	17%	18%	23%	21%
Sarah Palin	17%	33%	19%	15%	13%
Ron Paul	7%	17%	8%	4%	5%
Tim Pawlenty	5%	-	3%	6%	7%
Mitt Romney	15%	8%	18%	15%	15%
John Thune	2%	-	-	3%	1%
Someone else/Undecided	11%	-	11%	12%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Gingrich Favorability</b>					
Favorable	64%	67%	56%	65%	70%
Unfavorable	20%	17%	24%	22%	13%
Not sure	16%	17%	19%	13%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Huckabee Favorability</b>					
Favorable	72%	83%	58%	75%	79%
Unfavorable	18%	17%	26%	17%	9%
Not sure	11%	-	16%	8%	12%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Palin Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>70%</b>	75%	63%	69%	78%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>24%</b>	25%	34%	22%	15%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>6%</b>	-	3%	9%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Romney Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>63%</b>	75%	61%	61%	65%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>22%</b>	25%	24%	22%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	-	15%	17%	16%

