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## VIRGINIA VOTERS DIVIDED ON URANIUM MINING, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SUPPORT FOR CAMPUS GUN BAN ALMOST 4-1

Virginia voters are split like an atom on the issue of uranium mining as 43 percent say mining should be allowed because of economic benefits while 41 percent are opposed because of environmental concerns, according to Quinnipiac University poll release today.

Voters also say 48-42 percent that the state’s projected $\$ 1$ billion budget deficit should be eliminated only by spending cuts with no tax increases, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Voters back 63 - 25 percent the state's policy of using tax incentives to attract new business to Virginia.

And they oppose 58 - 32 percent a legislative proposal that would define life as beginning at conception, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Virginia voters say $50-45$ percent that protecting gun rights is more important than controlling gun ownership, but they oppose 62 - 32 percent lifting the state’s law limiting handgun purchases to one a month.

Voters say $75-20$ percent that guns should be banned on college campuses.
Whether to lift the state's ban on mining uranium is expected to be a major fight in the legislative session which begins next month in Richmond. A June 29 Quinnipiac University poll showed voters divided 41-41 percent on the question,
"There is a large gender gap on the issue of removing the uranium ban," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "Men want to lift it $53-33$ percent while women want to keep the restriction $47-34$ percent. Education also seems to affect attitude, with college graduates opposed to mining 47-40 percent, while those without a degree in favor of mining 45 - 37 percent."
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Support for uranium mining is $62-24$ percent among Republicans while independent voters split $42-43$ percent. Democrats oppose mining $54-29$ percent.

When it comes to the state's projected budget deficit, the split is along party lines. Republicans say cuts only 65-27 percent while Democrats want a mix of service cuts and tax hikes 51 - 39 percent, with independent voters close to the Democrats' position 49 - 41 percent.

Virginians continue to say the existing cuts made by lawmakers have been fair to folks like them $52-36$ percent, a key measurement of satisfaction with how the state is being run.

Gov. Bob McDonnell gets a 53 - 29 percent thumbs up from voters on his handling of the state budget and a $57-21$ percent overall job approval, compared to $62-22$ percent approval in Quinnipiac University's October 12 survey.

Also getting thumbs up on job approval from the voters are:

- U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, 62 - 23 percent;
- U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, 48-29 percent;
- Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, $35-18$ percent, with 46 percent undecided;
- State Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, 47 - 27 percent;
- The State Legislature, 46 - 36 percent.
"Virginia retains its unusual status as a state where all the statewide elected officials, and the State Legislature, are popular with voters. Of the seven states where Quinnipiac University conducts surveys, Virginia seems to have the greatest contentment with its politicians, both Republican and Democratic," said Brown.

The bill defining life as beginning at conception is similar to a constitutional amendment voted down last month by Mississippi voters. It gets strong opposition from Democrats, 74 - 16 percent and independent voters, 59 - 31 percent, while Republicans back it $51-40$ percent.

About half of Virginia voters, 49 percent, say someone in their household owns a gun. But there is support among all parties, income, age and education groups to keep guns off college campuses. Women want guns off campus $85-11$ percent and men back a campus ban $63-31$ percent. Even people with carry permits should not be allowed to bring guns on campus, voters say $65-32$ percent.

From December 13 - 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,135 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

For more data or RSS feed- http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling.xml, call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on Twitter.
12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | $57 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 21 | 8 | 37 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 21 | 25 |
|  | 22 | 12 | 30 | 18 | 18 | 25 | 15 | 36 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 62\% | 65\% | 69\% | 69\% | 72\% | 64\% | 52\% | 56\% | 61\% |
| Disapprove | 26 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 23 | 17 | 24 | 21 |
| DK/NA | 12 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 30 | 20 | 18 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Approve | 60\% | 56\% | 47\% | 61\% | 64\% | 63\% |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 27 | 18 | 21 | 23 | 20 | 24 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 13 | 26 | 32 | 16 | 16 | 14 |  |  |  |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor?

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| Approve | 57 | 62 | 61 | 55 |
| Disapprove | 21 | 22 | 21 | 26 |
| DK/NA | 22 | 16 | 18 | 19 |

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | $46 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 36 | 20 | 51 | 36 | 38 | 35 | 34 | 48 |
|  | 18 | 16 | 22 | 16 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 22 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 49\% | 51\% | 53\% | 59\% | 55\% | 51\% | 49\% | 44\% | 46\% |
| Disapprove | 39 | 30 | 30 | 25 | 29 | 32 | 33 | 41 | 32 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 22 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Approve | 47\% | 45\% | 38\% | 48\% | 54\% | 49\% |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 39 | 35 | 39 | 36 | 33 | 38 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 14 | 20 | 24 | 16 | 13 | 13 |  |  |  |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

|  | Dec 22 <br> 2011 | Oct 12 <br> 2011 | Sep 14 <br> 2011 | Jun 29 |
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| Approve | 46 | 47 | 48 | 48 |
| Disapprove | 36 | 35 | 34 | 33 |
| DK/NA | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 |

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Warner is handling his job as United States Senator?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | $62 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 23 | 35 | 13 | 19 | 29 | 17 | 25 | 14 |
|  | 16 | 14 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 25 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN$18-34$ | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No |  | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 63\% | 63\% | 60\% | 66\% | 55\% | 66\% | 65\% | 58\% | 64\% |
| Disapprove | 27 | 23 | 28 | 20 | 33 | 21 | 17 | 26 | 22 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 19 | 16 | 14 |


|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | $<30 \mathrm{~K}$ | $30-50$ | $50-100>100 \mathrm{~K}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $64 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Approve | 25 | 21 | 18 | 24 | 23 | 26 |
| Disapprove | 11 | 18 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 8 |
| DK/NA |  |  |  |  |  |  |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Warner is handling his job as United States Senator?

|  | Dec 22 | Oct 12 | Sep 14 | Jun 30 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 62 | 61 | 64 | 57 |
| Disapprove | 23 | 24 | 22 | 29 |
| DK/NA | 16 | 15 | 13 | 14 |

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jim Webb is handling his job as United States Senator?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | $48 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 29 | 41 | 17 | 26 | 33 | 25 | 31 | 21 |
|  | 23 | 21 | 26 | 21 | 19 | 27 | 20 | 36 |


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|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AGE IN } \\ & 18-34 \end{aligned}$ | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 54\% | 47\% | 45\% | 54\% | 40\% | 53\% | 51\% | 48\% | 47\% |
| Disapprove | 32 | 29 | 33 | 27 | 37 | 28 | 26 | 32 | 26 |
| DK/NA | 14 | 24 | 22 | 19 | 23 | 20 | 23 | 20 | 27 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL <br> <30K | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No |  | 30-50 | 50-1 | >100 |  |  |  |
| Approve | 55\% | 44\% | 39\% | 52\% | 54\% | 54\% |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 31 | 27 | 22 | 31 | 28 | 31 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 14 | 29 | 39 | 17 | 17 | 15 |  |  |  |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jim Webb is handling his job as United States Senator?

|  | Dec 22 <br> 2011 | Oct 12 <br> 2011 | Sep 14 <br> 2011 | Jun 30 <br> 2011 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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| Approve | 48 | 51 | 51 | 50 |
| Disapprove | 29 | 27 | 30 | 31 |
| DK/NA | 23 | 22 | 19 | 18 |

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bolling is handling his job as Lieutenant Governor?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | $35 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 18 | 8 | 26 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 21 |
| (13 | 46 | 43 | 53 | 43 | 41 | 51 | 46 | 51 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 35\% | 39\% | 41\% | 36\% | 42\% | 36\% | 37\% | 33\% | 36\% |
| Disapprove | 16 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 24 | 18 | 15 |
| DK/NA | 48 | 43 | 45 | 50 | 43 | 49 | 39 | 48 | 49 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNU | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-100 > 100K |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 34\% | 36\% | 34\% | 37\% | 36\% | 36\% |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 18 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 19 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 48 | 46 | 49 | 43 | 43 | 45 |  |  |  |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bolling is handling his job as Lieutenant Governor?

| Dec 22 | Oct 12 | Sep 14 | Jun 29 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 35 | 35 | 39 | 39 |
| 18 | 17 | 15 | 20 |
| 46 | 48 | 45 | 42 |

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as Virginia Attorney General?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | $47 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 27 | 7 | 43 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 25 | 34 |
|  | 26 | 23 | 32 | 22 | 21 | 31 | 24 | 34 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 45\% | 55\% | 56\% | 57\% | 63\% | 49\% | 46\% | 46\% | 47\% |
| Disapprove | 37 | 17 | 21 | 25 | 11 | 31 | 27 | 26 | 28 |
| DK/NA | 18 | 27 | 23 | 18 | 26 | 20 | 27 | 27 | 25 |

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18. (cont'd) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as Virginia Attorney General?

|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL |  | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Yes | No | $<30 \mathrm{~K}$ | $30-50$ | $50-100$ | $>100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | $43 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Disapprove | 39 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 34 |
| DK/NA | 18 | 31 | 38 | 20 | 25 | 16 |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as Virginia Attorney General?

|  | Dec 22 <br> 2011 | Oct 12 <br> 2011 | Sep 14 <br> 2011 | Jun 29 <br> 2011 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 47 | 46 | 47 | 49 |
| Disapprove | 27 | 30 | 29 | 31 |
| DK/NA | 26 | 24 | 24 | 20 |

27. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Virginia today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Very satisfied | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Smwht satisfied | 53 | 54 | 51 | 53 | 52 | 54 | 52 | 61 |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 23 | 17 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 21 |
| Very dissatisfied | 11 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 |
| DK/NA | 2 | - | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Very satisfied | 14\% | 13\% | 15\% | 15\% | 16\% | 14\% | 10\% | 10\% | 14\% |
| Smwht satisfied | 55 | 50 | 49 | 64 | 47 | 55 | 57 | 52 | 52 |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 23 | 22 | 24 | 14 | 25 | 21 | 18 | 27 | 22 |
| Very dissatisfied | 7 | 13 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 10 |
| DK/NA | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Very satisfied | 13\% | 11\% | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 17\% |  |  |  |
| Smwht satisfied | 55 | 52 | 50 | 52 | 56 | 57 |  |  |  |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 24 | 22 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 18 |  |  |  |
| Very dissatisfied | 7 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 7 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Virginia today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

|  | Dec 22  <br>  2011 | Oct 12 <br> 2011 | Sep 14 <br> 2011 | Jun 29 <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> Very satisfied |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 11 | 10 | 13 | 11 |  |
| Smwht satisfied | 53 | 56 | 55 | 57 |
| Smwht dissatisfied | 23 | 24 | 24 | 23 |
| Very dissatisfied | 11 | 9 | 7 | 8 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling the state budget?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve | 53\% | 74\% | 32\% | 57\% | 59\% | 47\% | 57\% | 35\% |  |
| Disapprove | 29 | 12 | 47 | 26 | 25 | 33 | 25 | 46 |  |
| DK/NA | 18 | 14 | 22 | 17 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 19 |  |
|  | WHIT | COLLEGE DEG |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Approve | 58\% | 56\% | 61\% | 63\% | 65\% | 55\% | 45\% | 51\% | 58\% |
| Disapprove | 28 | 23 | 23 | 19 | 21 | 26 | 34 | 35 | 22 |
| DK/NA | 14 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 14 | 19 | 21 | 15 | 20 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNU | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Approve | 55\% | 52\% | 40\% | 56\% | 59\% | 61\% |  |  |  |
| Disapprove | 31 | 28 | 37 | 26 | 27 | 26 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 14 | 20 | 23 | 18 | 14 | 14 |  |  |  |

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling the state budget?
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| Approve | 53 | 54 | 53 | 50 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Disapprove | 29 | 27 | 29 | 34 |
| DK/NA | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 |

29. Do you think the state budget is fair or unfair to people like you?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fair | $52 \%$ | $74 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Unfair | 36 | 20 | 52 | 32 | 32 | 40 | 31 | 60 |
| DK/NA | 11 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 12 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Fair | 67\% | 55\% | 61\% | 71\% | 60\% | 64\% | 44\% | 53\% | 56\% |
| Unfair | 25 | 34 | 29 | 22 | 30 | 27 | 43 | 37 | 32 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 11 |


|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL |  | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | $<30 \mathrm{~K}$ | $30-50$ | $50-100$ | $>100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fair | $62 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| Unfair | 29 | 40 | 50 | 40 | 35 | 24 |
| DK/NA | 9 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 8 |

TREND: Do you think the state budget is fair or unfair to people like you? (*Jun 2011 'new state budget')

|  | Dec 22 <br> 2011 | Oct 12 <br> 2011 | Sep 14 <br> 2011 | Jun 29 <br> $2011 *$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fair |  |  |  |  |
| Unfair | 52 | 55 | 55 | 43 |
| DK/NA | 36 | 31 | 31 | 32 |
|  | 11 | 14 | 14 | 25 |

30. What do you think about the cuts in state spending in the budget? Do you think the cuts in state spending go too far, not far enough or are they about right?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Too far |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not far enough | $30 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| About right | 22 | 30 | 18 | 16 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 22 |
| DK/NA | 36 | 49 | 22 | 43 | 42 | 30 | 41 | 16 |
|  | 12 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 9 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Too far | 23\% | 26\% | 23\% | 18\% | 22\% | 24\% | 30\% | 31\% | 29\% |
| Not far enough | 17 | 25 | 26 | 19 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 19 |
| About right | 49 | 36 | 41 | 50 | 41 | 41 | 34 | 36 | 37 |
| DK/NA | 11 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 14 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Too far | 27\% | 32\% | 40\% | 36\% | 24\% | 23\% |  |  |  |
| Not far enough | 18 | 25 | 26 | 20 | 19 | 23 |  |  |  |
| About right | 44 | 31 | 21 | 36 | 46 | 44 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 11 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 12 | 10 |  |  |  |

TREND: What do you think about the cuts in state spending in the budget? Do you think the cuts in state spending go too far, not far enough or are they about right?
(*Jun 2011 'new budget')

|  | Dec 22 <br> 2011 | Oct 12 <br> 2011 | Sep 14 <br> 2011 | Jun 29 <br> $2011 *$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Too far | 30 | 28 | 25 | 29 |
| Not far enough | 22 | 21 | 20 | 24 |
| About right | 36 | 38 | 40 | 29 |
| DK/NA | 12 | 13 | 15 | 18 |

31. The state budget is projected to face about a one billion dollar deficit over the next two year budgeting cycle. Do you think any plan to balance the state budget should include only spending cuts or should it also include an increase in taxes?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Only cuts | $48 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Increase taxes | 42 | 27 | 51 | 49 | 45 | 39 | 43 | 39 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 9 | 12 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Only cuts | 35\% | 56\% | 51\% | 47\% | 60\% | 44\% | 49\% | 50\% | 46\% |
| Increase taxes | 59 | 32 | 39 | 44 | 31 | 47 | 42 | 43 | 41 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 13 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNU | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50- | >100 |  |  |  |
| Only cuts | 35\% | 55\% | 50\% | 59\% | 50\% | 36\% |  |  |  |
| Increase taxes | 58 | 33 | 33 | 35 | 42 | 60 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 7 | 12 | 17 | 6 | 9 | 5 |  |  |  |

32. The state of Virginia has sought to convince businesses to move to the commonwealth by offering them tax credits or subsidies. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Good idea | $63 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Bad idea | 25 | 15 | 33 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 21 | 36 |
| DK/NA | 12 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 12 | 13 |


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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No |
| Good idea | 71\% | 65\% | 68\% | 80\% | 69\% | 73\% |
| Bad idea | 21 | 21 | 19 | 15 | 19 | 18 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 13 | 10 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNU | HOUSEHOLD INCOME.. |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >100K |
| Good idea | 69\% | 61\% | 51\% | 67\% | 69\% | 70\% |
| Bad idea | 23 | 26 | 31 | 23 | 22 | 23 |
| DK/NA | 9 | 14 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 7 |

33. As you may know, there is a ban on mining uranium in Virginia. Some people say there should be mining for uranium because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be mining for uranium because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Shld be mining | $43 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Shld not be mining | 41 | 24 | 54 | 43 | 33 | 47 | 37 | 50 |
| DK/NA | 16 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 18 | 16 | 17 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Shld be mining | 42\% | 51\% | 53\% | 44\% | 59\% | 44\% | 40\% | 42\% | 47\% |
| Shld not be mining | 45 | 32 | 27 | 47 | 23 | 42 | 46 | 43 | 34 |
| DK/NA | 13 | 17 | 20 | 9 | 18 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 18 |


|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL |  | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Yes | No | $<30 \mathrm{~K}$ | $30-50$ | $50-100$ | $>100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $40 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Shld be mining | 47 | 37 | 43 | 33 | 42 | 40 |
| Shld not be mining | 47 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 11 |

TREND: As you may know, there is a ban on mining uranium in Virginia. Some people say there should be mining for uranium because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be mining for uranium because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

|  | Dec 22 <br> 2011 | Jun 29 <br> 2011 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| Shld be mining | 43 | 41 |
| Shld not be mining | 41 | 41 |
| DK/NA | 16 | 18 |

34. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Legal all cases | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Legal most cases | 30 | 24 | 36 | 37 | 33 | 27 | 30 | 37 |
| Illegal most cases | 25 | 37 | 11 | 25 | 26 | 24 | 28 | 15 |
| Illegal all cases | 14 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 14 |
| DK/NA | 8 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 7 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Legal all cases | 28\% | 20\% | 16\% | 23\% | 9\% | 27\% | 31\% | 26\% | 18\% |
| Legal most cases | 36 | 26 | 29 | 27 | 18 | 35 | 27 | 35 | 28 |
| Illegal most cases | 22 | 31 | 31 | 33 | 41 | 24 | 23 | 23 | 28 |
| Illegal all cases | 10 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 26 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 17 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 |


|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL <30K | HOUSEHOLD INCOME. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No |  | 30- | 50- | >10 |
| Legal all cases | 30\% | 21\% | 16\% | 22\% | 27\% | 32\% |
| Legal most cases | 36 | 27 | 27 | 30 | 27 | 38 |
| Illegal most cases | 20 | 28 | 25 | 31 | 28 | 19 |
| Illegal all cases | 10 | 16 | 23 | 12 | 11 | 7 |
| DK/NA | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 4 |

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

|  | Dec 22 | Sep 14 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
|  | 2011 | 2011 |

35. A Virginia lawmaker has introduced a bill that seeks to restrict abortion. The bill would change Virginia law to say that life begins at conception. It is called the Personhood Bill. The bill's sponsor says it would not outlaw abortion, but it sets a path to get there. Do you support or oppose this bill?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Support | $32 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Oppose | 58 | 40 | 74 | 59 | 58 | 57 | 55 | 68 |
| DK/NA | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 11 |


|  | WHITE...... COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AGE IN } \\ & \text { 18-34 } \end{aligned}$ | YRS |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No |  | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Support | 30\% | 38\% | 42\% | 40\% | 59\% | 27\% | 35\% | 29\% | 32\% |
| Oppose | 64 | 50 | 47 | 51 | 29 | 65 | 61 | 62 | 53 |
| DK/NA | 7 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 15 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Support | 30\% | 34\% | 33\% | 34\% | 36\% | 28\% |  |  |  |
| Oppose | 63 | 54 | 55 | 57 | 56 | 66 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 7 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 6 |  |  |  |

36. What do you think is more important; to protect the right of Americans to own guns or to control gun ownership?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Protect rights |  | $50 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| Control ownership | 45 | 24 | 72 | 44 | 37 | 53 | 39 | 71 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan |  | AGE IN$18-34$ | YRS |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No |  | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Protect rights | 50\% | 61\% | 61\% | 54\% | 68\% | 51\% | 49\% | 54\% | 47\% |
| Control ownership | 46 | 34 | 33 | 44 | 27 | 45 | 49 | 43 | 46 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 |


|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL <30K | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No |  | 30-50 | 50 | >100K |
| Protect rights | 48\% | 51\% | 43\% | 52\% | 53\% | 53\% |
| Control ownership | 49 | 43 | 50 | 46 | 43 | 46 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

37. Do you or does anyone in your house own a gun, or not?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | $49 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| No | 48 | 37 | 65 | 45 | 39 | 57 | 42 | 69 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 3 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Yes | 45\% | 63\% | 60\% | 39\% | 66\% | 48\% | 47\% | 49\% | 52\% |
| No | 53 | 34 | 37 | 60 | 32 | 51 | 53 | 47 | 46 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | 4 | 2 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Yes | 43\% | 52\% | 47\% | 50\% | 53\% | 47\% |  |  |  |
| No | 54 | 46 | 52 | 47 | 44 | 50 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 3 | 2 | - | 3 | 3 | 3 |  |  |  |

38. Under Virginia law, the number of handguns an individual can purchase is limited to one handgun per month. Do you think this law limiting the number of handguns an individual can purchase to one handgun per month should be kept or repealed?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kept |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Repealed | $62 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| DK/NA | 32 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 32 | 28 | 38 |
|  | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Kept | 71\% | 63\% | 67\% | 66\% | 65\% | 68\% | 63\% | 62\% | 59\% |
| Repealed | 23 | 31 | 28 | 28 | 29 | 26 | 32 | 34 | 33 |
| DK/NA | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Kept | 69\% | 57\% | 50\% | 60\% | 68\% | 67\% |  |  |  |
| Repealed | 25 | 37 | 43 | 32 | 28 | 29 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |

39. Thinking about gun policy at Virginia's state colleges and universities, do you think guns should be allowed on college campuses or don't you think they should be allowed?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allowed | $20 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Not allowed | 75 | 63 | 89 | 74 | 63 | 85 | 73 | 84 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | AGE IN 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Allowed | 21\% | 24\% | 23\% | 22\% | 27\% | 20\% | 24\% | 23\% | 16\% |
| Not allowed | 74 | 72 | 72 | 73 | 67 | 76 | 73 | 73 | 78 |
| DK/NA | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 |


|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNUAL |  | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Yes | No | $<30 \mathrm{~K}$ | $30-50$ | $50-100$ | $>100 \mathrm{~K}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $19 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Allowed | 76 | 74 | 82 | 76 | 71 | 73 |
| Not allowed | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| DK/NA |  |  |  |  |  |  |

40. Do you think those with a permit to carry a concealed weapon should be allowed to bring that gun on college campuses or don't you think they should be allowed to do so?

|  | Tot | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom | Wht | Blk |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allowed | $32 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Not allowed | 65 | 50 | 82 | 63 | 54 | 74 | 61 | 79 |
| DK/NA | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |


|  | WHITE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  |  |  | BornAgnEvan AGE IN YRS. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Prot | Cath | Yes | No | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ |
| Allowed | 36\% | 36\% | 36\% | 36\% | 37\% | 34\% | 38\% | 37\% | 24\% |
| Not allowed | 61 | 61 | 60 | 62 | 58 | 64 | 61 | 62 | 72 |
| DK/NA | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
|  | COLLEGE DEG |  | ANNU | HOUSEHOLD INCOME... |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | <30K | 30-50 | 50-1 | >10 |  |  |  |
| Allowed | 34\% | 31\% | 25\% | 27\% | 36\% | 36\% |  |  |  |
| Not allowed | 64 | 65 | 73 | 69 | 63 | 62 |  |  |  |
| DK/NA | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 |  |  |  |

