

**#241065 ANNUAL FALL STATEWIDE VA QUESTIONNAIRE (PHONE/WEB)**  
**2023 ANNUAL FALL STATEWIDE VA QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON**

**Topline 1 – For AM Release FRI 9/20**

NOTE: Some questions are being held for subsequent release.

The University of Mary Washington's Fall 2023 Virginia Survey was conducted by Research America Inc. during September 3 – 9, 2024. The total sample included 1,000 Virginia residents, including 850 registered voters and 756 likely voters. Part of the sample (589) was contacted by phone (80 percent cell and 20 percent landline), and part of the sample (411) was contacted online. All interviews were in English. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies, including age, gender, educational level, race/ethnicity and region of residence within Virginia. The margin of error on the total sample is +/- 3.0%. The margin of error on the Likely Voters portion of the sample is +/- 3.5%.

Interviewing dates: Starting Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Monday, September 9, 2024  
Interviewing language: English only

**RAI Job #241065**

**MAIN SURVEY INTERVIEW (PHONE/WEB)**

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**[ASK ALL:]**

**SEX.**

49% Male  
51% Female

**[ASK ALL:]**

**USDIRECT** Overall, would you say that things in the U.S. are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

16% Right  
30% Mixed  
51% Wrong  
3% Don't know  
Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**VADIRECT** Overall, would you say that things in the Commonwealth of Virginia are headed more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

24% Right  
43% Mixed  
26% Wrong  
7% Don't know

Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**BIDEN** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

37% Approve  
 53% Disapprove  
 10% Unsure/Don't know  
 <1% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**GOV** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Glenn Youngkin [YOUNG-KIN] is handling his job as governor?

46% Approve  
 34% Disapprove  
 20% Unsure/Don't know  
 1% Refused

**END SECTION TIMER**

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**[ASK ALL:]**

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

**ELECT24A** Thinking about the 2024 election for U.S. president... If the election were held today and the candidates were [**RANDOMIZE first two**: (Donald Trump, the Republican,), (Kamala Harris, the Democrat,)] [(Green Party nominee, Jill Stein), and (Chase Oliver, Libertarian)]

...for whom would you vote?

44% Donald Trump  
 44% Kamala Harris  
 2% *Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. (RFK, Jr. option was removed 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the field)*  
 <1% Jill Stein  
 <1% Chase Oliver  
 2% Other candidate  
 2% None / Would not vote  
 5% Don't know  
 1% Refused

**For Likely Voters n= 756**

<b>Donald Trump</b>	<b>46%</b>	
<b>Kamala Harris</b>	<b>47%</b>	
<b>Robert F. Kennedy</b>	<b>2%</b>	
<b>Jill Stein</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>Chase Oliver</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<b>Other candidate</b>	<b>2%</b>	
<b>None / Would not vote</b>		<b>0%</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>3%</b>	
<b>Refused</b>	<b>1%</b>	

[ASK ALL:]

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

**ELECT24AA** If the election were held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE first two: (Donald Trump, the Republican,) and (Kamala Harris, the Democrat,)]

...for whom would you vote?

45% Donald Trump  
 45% Kamala Harris  
 3% Other candidate  
 2% None / Would not vote  
 4% Don't know  
 1% Refused

**For Likely Voters (n=756)**

**Donald Trump 46%**  
**Kamala Harris 48%**  
**Other candidate 3%**  
**None / Would not vote 0%**  
**Don't know 3%**  
**Refused 1%**

[ASK ALL:]

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]

**ELECT24B** Thinking about the 2024 election for the U.S. Senate from Virginia... If the election were held today and the candidates were [RANDOMIZE: (Hung Cao, the Republican,) (Tim Kaine, the Democrat,)]

...for whom would you vote?

38% Hung Cao  
 45% Tim Kaine  
 3% Other candidate  
 5% None / Would not vote  
 9% Don't know  
 <1% Refused

**For Likely Voters (n=756)**

**Hung Cao, the Republican 43%**  
**Tim Kaine, the Democrat 49%**  
**Other candidate 2%**  
**None / Would not vote 0%**  
**Don't know 6%**  
**Refused 0%**

[ASK ALL:]

**ISSUES** In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS]**

**[FOLLOW-UP: If respondent picks more than one, ask: “Which one of those would be the MOST important problem facing the nation?”**

- 20% The economy and jobs
- 4% Health Care
- 13% Immigration
- 4% The Environment and Climate Change
- 4% Crime
- 19% Threats to Democracy
- 5% Gun policy
- 19% Inflation
- 5% Abortion
- 3% Other
- <1% None
- 3% Don't know / Respondent won't pick a single option
- <1% Refused

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**[READ TO ALL:]** On a different subject...

**TRUSTUS** How much of the time do you think you can trust the FEDERAL government to do what is right – just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

- 7% Just about always
- 20% Most of the time
- 45% Some of the time
- 24% Never
- 3% Don't know
- 1% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**BIGINT** Would you say that government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or is it run for the benefit of all the people?

**[IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT IS MEANT BY “GOVERNMENT,” READ:** Please think about the national government.]

- 73% Big interests
- 14% All the people
- 11% Don't know
- 2% Refused

**[READ TO ALL:]** Next, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today.

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS IN PARENTHESES]**

**ECONUS** Would you say that, over the past 12 months, the U.S. economy has (gotten worse), stayed the same, or (gotten better)?

36% Much worse  
 21% Somewhat worse  
 13% Stayed the same  
 18% Somewhat better  
 8% Much better  
 3% Don't know  
 1% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**ABLEGAL** Do you think abortion should be...? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS - 1-4 AND 4-1]**

22% Legal in all cases  
 35% Legal in most cases  
 28% Illegal in most cases  
 9% Illegal in all cases  
 4% Don't know  
 2% Refused

**END SECTION TIMER****DEMOGRAPHICS****START SECTION TIMER**

**[READ TO ALL:]** Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

**[ASK ALL:]**

**HH1** How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household, INCLUDING YOURSELF?

21% 1  
 47% 2  
 13% 3  
 7% 4  
 1% 5  
 3% 6 or greater  
 4% Don't know  
 4% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**EDUCLVL** What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? **[DO NOT READ]**

**[MAKE FULL NOTE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWERS:** Enter code 3-HS graduate if Respondent completed vocational, business, technical, or training courses after high school that did NOT

count toward an associate degree from a college, community college or university (e.g., training for a certificate or an apprenticeship)]

- 1% Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- 4% High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
- 24% High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
- 18% Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
- 8% Two-year associate degree from a college or university
- 23% Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 3% Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
- 19% Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
- <1% Don't know
- <1% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**HISP** Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 6% Yes
- 92% No
- <1% Don't know
- 2% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**RACE** What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**[IF RESPONDENT SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE: Do you consider yourself a white (Hispanic/Latino) or a black (Hispanic/Latino)? IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY WHITE, BLACK OR ONE OF THE RACE CATEGORIES LISTED, RECORD AS 'OTHER']**

- 68% White
- 19% Black or African-American
- 2% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 4% Mixed race
- 2% Native American/American Indian
- 2% Other (**SPECIFY**)
- 1% Don't know
- 2% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**[PN: RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN PARENS]**

**PARTY** Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (a Democrat), (a Republican), or an independent?

- 32% Democrat
- 34% Republican
- 22% Independent
- 2% Other (**SPECIFY**)
- 7% None/No party/No preference
- 2% Don't know
- 1% Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**IDEO** In general, would you describe your political views as very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

10%	Very Liberal
16%	Liberal
34%	Moderate
20%	Conservative
14%	Very Conservative
4%	Don't know
2%	Refused

**[ASK ALL:]**

**INCOME** Last year -- that is, in 2023 -- what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ]**

6%	Less than \$10,000
6%	10 to under \$20,000
8%	20 to under \$30,000
6%	30 to under \$40,000
7%	40 to under \$50,000
14%	50 to under \$75,000
11%	75 to under \$100,000
15%	100 to under \$150,000, OR
19%	\$150,000 or more?
1%	Don't know
7%	Refused

**END SECTION TIMER**

**THANK RESPONDENT:** That concludes our interview. Thanks again for your time. Have a nice (day/evening).

**END SECTION TIMER**