NOTE: Some questions are being held for subsequent release.

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*Interviews were conducted in English, and the final dataset was **weighted** to correct for known demographic discrepancies, including age, gender, and race/ethnicity, ensuring that the results are representative of the Virginia population. The **margin of error** for the total sample is **+/- 3.1%**, while the margin of error for likely voters is **+/- 4.1%**.*

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Interviewing language: English only

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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

[ASK ALL:]
LG   Do you approve or disapprove of the way Winsome [WIN-SUM] Earle-Sears is handling her job as lieutenant governor?

       34%   Approve
       19%   Disapprove
       47%   Unsure/Don't know
       <1%   Refused

[ASK ALL:]
AG   Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jason Miyares [ME-YAR-ESS] is handling his job as attorney general?

       [IF DEPENDS OR IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE, PROBE ONCE WITH: "Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Jason Miyares is handling his job as attorney general?" **IF STILL DEPENDS OR UNSURE ENTER AS UNSURE/DK]**

       32%   Approve
       19%   Disapprove
       48%   Unsure/Don't know
       1%   Refused

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

[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

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[READ TO ALL:] Now turning to <u>matters</u> relating to Virginia...

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]
ELECT25A   Thinking about next year's election for governor of Virginia... If the election were held today and the candidates were [**RANDOMIZE**: (Winsome [WIN-SUM] Earle-Sears, the Republican,) (Abigail Spanberger, the Democrat,)]

...for whom would you vote?

39%	Winsome Earle-Sears
39%	Abigail Spanberger
4%	Other candidate
5%	None / Would not vote
12%	Don't know
1%	Refused

[ASK ALL:]
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]
ELECT25B   Thinking about next year's election for governor of Virginia... If the election were held today and the candidates were [**RANDOMIZE** (Jason Miyares [ME-YAR-ESS], the Republican,) (Abigail Spanberger, the Democrat,)]

...for whom would you vote?

39%	Jason Miyares
40%	Abigail Spanberger
4%	Other candidate
4%	None / Would not vote
12%	Don't know
1%	Refused

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[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

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

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