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## ***Voters back Amazon deal, sports betting, ERA and independent redistricting commission***

### Summary of Key Findings

1. Virginia voters strongly approve of the deal that will bring part of Amazon's east coast headquarters to Virginia.
2. Voters support legalizing sports betting and casinos and want any related tax revenue to support education and the general fund. But they worry legalization will promote gambling addiction.
3. Across party lines and demographic groups, voters very strongly support ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment in the 2019 General Assembly.
4. Voters very strongly support amending Virginia's constitution to transfer redistricting from the General Assembly to an independent commission.
5. Voters are divided about what to do with an expected state windfall from federal tax reform, slightly favoring a general tax cut over a tax credit for low-income to moderate-income Virginians.

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## Analysis

**State of things: Virginians are very optimistic.** Optimism about the direction of the Commonwealth (Q1) is as high as it has been since the Wason Center began polling in 2007, with 64% of registered voters saying things in Virginia are moving in the right direction. By contrast, 35% say things in the country are heading in the right direction (Q2), almost exactly where it was in January 2018. Voters give Governor Ralph Northam high marks after nearly 11 months in office (Q4), with 59% saying they approve of the job he is doing, including 32% of Republicans, while 24% overall say they disapprove. Voters feel roughly the opposite about the job Donald Trump is doing as president (Q3), with 57% saying they disapprove and 35% saying they approve. Attorney General Mark Herring (Q5) has a 42% to 17% approval vs. disapproval among Virginia voters, and Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax (Q6) has a 35% to 13% approval vs. disapproval.

**Amazon deal: Voters strongly approve.** By more than a two-to-one margin, voters say they approve of the recently announced deal to bring part of Amazon's east coast headquarters to Virginia (Q7), with 68% saying they approve and 30% saying they disapprove. Support is high across all regions of the state, but stands at 90% in South/Southwest, the most economically challenged region of the state. In Northern Virginia, where the Amazon development will be located, support stands at 72%. Approval is lowest in the Richmond region at 62% and stands at 82% in Hampton Roads

**Voters very strongly back passage of the ERA.** The Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution will come before the General Assembly in the upcoming session, and 81% of voters support its ratification, while 12% oppose it. Support for ratification is extremely high across the board. Support tops 60-70% even where it lags slightly among men, voters in the Richmond region, voters 45 and older, and voters in House and Senate districts held by Republicans. Virginia would be the 38<sup>th</sup> state to approve the amendment, reaching the threshold for making it part of the U.S. Constitution. However, ERA opponents argue the deadline for ratification expired in 1982.

“The legal standing of ratification may be murky, but Virginia voters are very clear that they want the 2019 General Assembly to pass the ERA,” said Dr. Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy.

**Voters favor tax cut over tax credit with revenue windfall.** Among the most contentious issues facing the General Assembly this session might be what to do with a state tax revenue windfall of as much as \$600 million resulting from the recent changes to federal tax laws. Republicans in the General Assembly generally support an across the board tax cut to Virginians who pay income taxes, while Democrats in the General Assembly and Governor Northam generally support a tax credit to low-income and moderate-income Virginians regardless of how much they pay in state income taxes.

Asked to weigh the two options independent of one another, 75% of registered voters say they strongly support or support an across the board tax cut (Q8a), while 62% say they strongly support or support a tax credit (Q8b). Support for the tax cut runs about 20% higher in House and Senate districts held by Republicans than in House and Senate

districts held by Democrats. However, there is almost no variation in support for the tax credit across House and Senate districts held by Republicans or Democrats. When the two policy options are pitted against each other (Q10), voters side with the tax cut slightly over the tax credit, 49% to 46%.

**Redistricting reform: Voters favor independent commission.** Familiarity with the current process of redistricting in Virginia has hit 58%, a five-year high (Q12). Advocates of reform have proposed a state constitutional amendment that would take the process of drawing legislative districts away from the General Assembly and give it to an independent commission. Voters support changing the way redistricting is done in Virginia by a very wide margin, 71% to 19%, and support the proposed constitutional amendment by an even wider margin, 78% to 17%. Support for the independent commission amendment is 75% or higher across House and Senate districts held by either Republicans or Democrats.

**Voters support legalizing sports betting and casinos in Virginia.** Following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that overturned a federal law that generally banned sports betting, legislation will be introduced in Virginia to legalize sports betting and casinos. A majority of Virginia voters (63%) agree that sports betting should be allowed (Q15a). A strong majority (77%) say that sports betting will provide tax revenue to the state (Q12c). Voters are split on whether legalizing sports betting will keep criminals out of the business, with 51% agreeing that it will and 43% disagreeing (Q12b).

Interest in allowing legal casino gambling has grown since the Pamunkey Indians announced plans to build a casino in Virginia. A majority of Virginia voters (64%) say the tribe should be allowed to open a casino in Virginia, and 58% say that if a tribal casino is allowed, other casinos should also be allowed (Q18b). Support for allowing other casinos to open is strongest among men (64%), African Americans (74%), and voters in Northern Virginia (66%) and Hampton Roads (70%). Support is lowest among women (52%) and voters in South/Southwest (39%). Voters agree (57%-38%) that casinos in economically distressed areas could help by creating jobs and generating tax revenue for those areas (Q18c).

If sports betting and casinos are allowed, voters say, tax revenue collected should fund education or the general fund before transportation, health care or other things (Q21).

“Virginia voters are ready for legalized sports betting and casinos, just like they were ready for the lottery 30 years ago,” said Rachel Bitecofer, assistant director of the Wason Center. “And just as education funding was a justification to open the door to gambling then, directing gambling taxes to education seems to appeal to voters today.”

Asked to say which would be their top arguments for and against allowing sports betting and casinos in Virginia, voters are generally mixed in their arguments in favor (Q22), with 32% saying sports betting and casinos will produce more tax revenue; 25% saying people already do it so it should be regulated and taxed; and 29% saying regulating it will make it safer. When it comes to arguments against sports betting and casinos (Q23), nearly half (43%) say they will promote gambling addiction; 28% say they will promote the wrong values; and 17% say they will promote crime.

Field Dates: November 14-30, 2018  
 841 Registered Virginia Voters  
 Overall Toplines Margin of Error = +/- 3.7%

Q1: Overall, would you say things in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA are heading more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HOd - R	HOd - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Right	64	59	69	61	68	67	54	71	61	72	59	48	85	58	71	57	72
Mixed (vol)	11	11	12	12	9	10	7	15	13	11	12	12	6	14	8	12	10
Wrong	20	26	15	23	14	21	25	11	25	13	25	38	8	23	17	24	16
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	4	3	4	8	2	14	3	1	4	4	2	1	5	3	6	2

<b>Trends:</b>	<u>Jan. 2018</u>	<u>Jan. 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>Sept. 2015</u>	<u>Jan. 2015</u>
Right	56	53	40	46	51
Mixed (vol)	11	12	15	15	14
Wrong	28	30	41	35	32
Dk/ref (vol)	5	6	4	4	3

Q2: And how about the country...overall, would you say things in the UNITED STATES are heading more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HOd - R	HOd - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Right	35	43	27	43	6	30	46	29	37	31	37	75	8	38	30	38	31
Mixed (vol)	15	15	14	16	5	10	9	20	24	18	13	12	11	15	15	15	14
Wrong	49	41	56	39	89	57	44	51	38	50	48	12	79	47	52	46	51
Dk/Ref (vol)	1	1	3	2		3	1			1	2	1	2		3	1	3

<b>Trends:</b>	<u>Jan. 2018</u>	<u>Jan. 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>Sept. 2015</u>	<u>Jan. 2015</u>
Right	36	37	24	28	34
Mixed (vol)	11	7	9	9	11
Wrong	48	52	66	61	54
Dk/ref (vol)	5	4	1	2	2

Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE (“DON’T KNOW”, “DEPENDS”, “NOT SURE”, ETC.) PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HOd - R	HOd - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Approve	35	40	29	44	4	25	44	35	40	24	41	81	3	42	25	41	27
Disapprove	57	51	64	50	87	68	46	53	57	67	52	10	93	53	64	49	67
Dk/Ref (vol)	8	8	7	6	9	7	10	13	3	9	7	9	5	6	11	10	6

<b>Trends:</b>	<u>Sept. 2017</u>	<u>March 2017</u>
Approve	35	37
Disapprove	58	59
Dk/ref (vol)	6	4

Q4: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as Governor of Virginia?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE (“DON’T KNOW”, “DEPENDS”, “NOT SURE”, ETC.)  
 PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Ralph Northam is handling his job as Governor? IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HoD - R	HoD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Approve	59	58	60	55	75	65	52	61	53	55	61	32	84	57	62	55	63
Disapprove	24	25	22	26	13	20	36	21	19	24	24	47	8	24	23	27	20
Dk/Ref (vol)	17	17	18	19	12	15	11	17	28	21	15	20	9	19	15	18	17

**Past:** Feb. 2018  
 Optimistic 63  
 Mixed (vol) 5  
 Pessimistic 27  
 Dk/ref (vol) 5

Q5: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Herring is handling his job as Attorney General of Virginia?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE (“DON’T KNOW”, “DEPENDS”, “NOT SURE”, ETC.)  
 PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Herring is handling his job as Attorney General? IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HoD - R	HoD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Approve	42	46	38	44	48	44	50	37	37	37	45	30	55	40	45	39	46
Disapprove	17	20	15	18	11	19	26	17	7	20	16	31	9	16	20	19	16
Dk/Ref (vol)	41	35	57	39	41	37	24	47	56	44	39	40	36	45	35	42	39

Q6: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Justin Fairfax is handling his job as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE (“DON’T KNOW”, “DEPENDS”, “NOT SURE”, ETC.)  
 PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Justin Fairfax is handling his job as Lieutenant Governor? IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HoD - R	HoD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Approve	35	34	35	35	40	40	24	42	28	34	35	24	50	31	40	30	41
Disapprove	13	12	15	11	9	9	23	17	7	22	8	20	12	10	19	16	11
Dk/Ref (vol)	52	54	50	54	51	51	53	41	65	43	57	55	38	59	42	55	49

Q7: Amazon and state leaders recently made a major economic development announcement that will bring part of Amazon’s east-coast headquarters to Virginia. The state is going to provide up to \$573 million in incentives for this, and it is expected to create up to 25,000 jobs. Do you approve or disapprove of this announcement? **[IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE (“DON’T KNOW”, “DEPENDS”, “NOT SURE”, ETC.) PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of this announcement? IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Approve	68	66	69	64	82	72	62	82	90	64	71	61	71	74	60	70	65
Disapprove	30	32	28	33	16	24	37	14	8	33	27	38	26	23	38	27	32
Dk/Ref (vol)	2	2	3	3	3	4	1	4	2	4	2	2	3	4	2	3	3

Q8: Virginia is expected to receive as much as \$600 million in additional tax revenue as a result of the recent federal tax reform. There are several ideas about what to do with this additional money. I’m going to read two of them and I’d like you to tell me if you support it or oppose each one. **[INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR ‘STRONGLY’ OR ‘SOMEWHAT’] [ROTATE A & B]**

A. Provide an across-the-board tax cut to all Virginians who pay state income taxes.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg support	26	18	33	26	24	15	27	38	28	35	20	37	17	29	21	28	23
Support	49	48	50	46	65	52	51	48	44	39	54	51	42	55	41	54	44
Oppose	15	22	8	20	3	25	9	9	13	17	15	9	26	9	25	10	21
Strg Oppose	6	8	5	7	5	7	7	1	12	4	8	2	12	6	6	4	9
Dk/Ref (vol)	4	4	4	2	3	2	6	5	3	5	3	1	3	2	7	4	4

B. Provide a fully refundable tax credit to low and moderate-income Virginians regardless of how much they pay in state income taxes.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg support	15	16	14	14	24	13	8	23	16	19	13	14	20	17	13	11	20
Support	47	48	46	44	58	50	36	50	51	49	46	35	61	47	48	51	43
Oppose	25	35	25	28	13	29	36	17	15	18	29	38	13	22	29	24	26
Strg Oppose	8	4	12	10	3	2	10	7	16	8	8	11	3	12	3	9	7
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	7	3	4	2	6	10	3	1	6	4	3	4	3	8	5	4

Q10: If only one of these options could be done, which one would you most prefer to see done, an across-the-board tax cut to all Virginians who pay state income taxes or a fully refundable tax credit to low and moderate-income Virginians regardless of how much they pay in state income taxes?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Tax cut	49	52	46	53	39	37	54	57	52	45	51	69	28	54	42	53	44
Tax credit	46	42	50	45	59	62	38	32	45	44	48	29	66	44	49	39	55
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	6	4	2	2	2	8	10	3	11	2	2	5	2	10	8	2

Q11: The Equal Rights Amendment is a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would guarantee equal legal rights for all American regardless of sex. Currently 37 states have approved the amendment, but it takes 38 states before it can be ratified. Supporters of the amendment want the Virginia General Assembly to approve it during their upcoming session. What is your view, would you [RANDOMIZE: “support” or “oppose”] approving this amendment?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HOD - R	HOD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Support	81	72	90	79	88	84	61	90	87	88	77	69	99	77	86	74	89
No view (vol)	3	3	3	4	1	1	6	1	3	1	4	6		4	1	4	1
Oppose	12	21	3	12	11	9	25	7	9	9	14	13	1	14	10	15	9
Dk/Ref (vol)	4	5	4	6	1	6	9	2	1	2	6	11		5	3	7	1

Q12: Legislative election district boundaries are drawn for the Virginia General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives every ten years after the census to reflect changes in population. Drawing the new political maps is known as redistricting. How familiar are you with the redistricting process in Virginia, would you say...

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HOD - R	HOD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Familiar	58	68	47	59	64	64	55	58	50	52	61	53	65	56	60	52	64
Not sure	5	4	6	4	1	3	3	12	1	6	4	3	9	2	9	5	4
Unfamiliar	37	28	46	37	35	33	42	29	46	42	34	43	26	41	30	42	31
Dk/Ref (vol)			1								1			1		1	

<b>Trends:</b>	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Jan. 2017</u>	<u>Jan. 2016</u>	<u>Jan. 2015</u>
Familiar	55	54	52	47
Not sure (vol)	3	2	1	2
Unfamiliar	41	43	47	51
Dk/ref (vol)	1	1	-	1

Q13: Virginia’s constitution gives the General Assembly the sole power to do redistricting. Some people say the way we redistrict should be changed because politicians shouldn’t have the power to draw the district boundaries to favor themselves or their political party. Other people say the way we redistrict is ok because partisan politics has always been a part of redistricting. What is your view...[OPTIONS ROTATED]

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HOD - R	HOD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Change the way we do it	71	69	74	70	84	68	71	76	73	72	71	65	81	69	75	68	76
Leave it the way it is	19	23	16	21	14	18	25	14	23	13	23	24	7	25	12	23	15
Dk/Ref (vol)	9	8	10	9	1	14	4	10	5	15	6	10	13	6	13	9	9

Q14: There is a proposal to amend Virginia’s constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission made up of qualified citizen volunteers, including Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. This commission, not legislators, would be responsible for drawing new district boundaries. Would you [RANDOMIZE: “support” or “oppose”] this proposal?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Support	78	74	82	80	83	75	77	80	81	81	76	73	88	77	77	75	81
No view (vol)	4	3	5	4	2	5	4	3	3	3	5	6	2	5	2	5	3
Oppose	17	21	12	16	13	19	18	15	15	13	18	20	10	17	16	18	15
Dk/Ref (vol)	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	3	1		1	1	3	1	2

Shifting topics...earlier this year the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a federal law that generally banned legal sports betting in the United States. Individual states can now decide whether or not to allow sports betting in their states, and several states are already regulating sports betting in an effort to drive out the illegal market and protect consumers from fraud and abuse.

Q15: I’m going to read three statements about sports betting and for each one please tell me if you agree or disagree with it. [INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR ‘STRONGLY’ OR ‘SOMEWHAT’]

A. Sports betting that is regulated by the Commonwealth should be allowed in Virginia.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg agree	13	17	8	14	11	12	16	17	6	14	13	18	9	12	14	13	13
Agree	50	49	50	48	68	51	44	55	46	51	49	39	59	54	44	49	51
Disagree	23	17	29	21	18	30	24	16	17	24	22	29	24	16	32	22	24
Strg disagree	9	11	8	12	1	5	10	8	19	6	12	11	3	14	3	10	9
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	6	5	5	2	3	6	3	11	6	6	3	5	5	7	7	4

B. Regulating sports betting will help keep criminals out of the business.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg agree	12	12	12	14	10	9	18	14	8	15	11	15	15	7	19	9	15
Agree	39	39	39	39	43	42	31	41	41	36	41	41	36	45	31	44	34
Disagree	32	35	29	31	37	38	31	26	31	33	31	36	34	29	37	29	35
Strg disagree	11	11	12	12	1	6	18	13	10	13	10	7	8	12	10	11	11
Dk/Ref (vol)	6	3	9	5	8	5	2	6	10	3	8	1	7	8	3	7	4

C. Allowing sports betting in Virginia will provide tax revenue to the state.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg agree	25	28	22	26	21	21	25	29	27	32	21	26	30	21	31	24	27
Agree	52	49	56	53	59	57	54	55	40	51	53	48	52	54	49	55	49
Disagree	11	11	10	10	11	15	5	6	14	5	13	19	10	10	11	9	13
Strg disagree	8	10	5	8	1	4	14	3	14	9	7	6	3	9	6	8	7
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	2	7	2	8	3	3	7	5	3	6	1	5	5	3	5	5



Several states surrounding Virginia, including Maryland and West Virginia, have legal casino gambling. Recently a federally recognized Indian tribe in Virginia announced that it was planning on opening a casino. This announcement caused some to argue that the state should consider legalizing casino gambling generally.

Q18: I'm going to read three statements about casino gambling and for each one please tell me if you agree or disagree with it. [INTERVIEWER: PROMPT FOR 'STRONGLY' OR 'SOMEWHAT']

A. A tribal casino should be allowed to open in Virginia

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HoD - R	HoD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg agree	19	21	18	19	25	16	19	24	18	22	18	17	26	20	18	19	19
Agree	45	46	44	44	50	47	46	56	27	53	40	44	42	38	54	36	54
Disagree	21	18	24	19	21	25	25	10	23	18	23	20	22	20	22	27	14
Strg disagree	12	13	11	16	2	8	9	8	26	6	15	18	6	18	3	14	10
Dk/Ref (vol)	3	3	3	2	2	4	1	2	6	2	4	1	5	4	1	3	3

B. If a tribal casino is allowed to open in Virginia, other casinos should also be allowed to operate in Virginia.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HoD - R	HoD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg agree	14	19	9	15	13	12	12	17	16	17	13	22	10	16	12	15	13
Agree	44	45	43	42	61	54	39	53	23	45	44	42	50	40	50	37	52
Disagree	25	20	31	24	21	17	35	21	33	28	24	24	25	25	26	31	18
Strg disagree	12	12	12	15	2	10	12	7	20	9	14	9	11	14	10	11	14
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	4	5	4	3	7	1	2	8	2	6	4	5	6	3	6	3

C. Allowing casinos in economically distressed areas could help by creating jobs and tax revenue in those areas.

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	HoD - R	HoD - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Strg agree	16	18	15	15	26	17	20	18	11	18	15	14	19	15	18	15	18
Agree	41	38	45	39	47	41	45	46	31	49	37	43	35	41	41	41	42
Disagree	25	25	26	27	25	31	24	16	28	18	29	30	26	24	28	26	25
Strg disagree	13	14	11	14	2	7	10	15	22	13	12	12	12	15	10	14	11
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	6	3	5	1	4	1	5	9	2	6	1	8	5	4	5	5

Q21: Allowing legalized sports betting and casinos could produce millions of dollars in tax revenue for Virginia. If that happens, where would you like to see the additional revenue spent...[OPTIONS ROTATED]

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Transportation	12	13	12	14	3	12	11	13	15	15	11	20	8	9	18	11	14
Public safety	3	3	3	3	1	1	5	4	3	4	2	3	3	4	1	3	2
Education	29	23	36	30	37	24	26	46	23	41	23	21	32	29	30	22	38
Health care	15	16	15	17	6	24	12	7	14	14	16	11	20	18	12	19	11
Social services	7	4	9	4	17	10	2	5	8	5	8		15	4	10	3	11
Put into general fund	29	36	21	28	37	25	38	25	29	18	35	41	21	32	24	36	21
Dk/Ref (vol)	5	6	4	4		6	6		9	4	6	3	2	5	6	6	4

[Q22 & Q23 ROTATED]

Q22: If you were making an argument in support of allowing sports gambling and casinos, which of the following would be your top argument?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Produce tax revenue	32	25	40	32	36	26	32	38	35	40	28	34	31	33	31	31	34
People already do it, so it should be regulated and taxed	25	34	15	25	33	29	22	25	22	25	25	24	25	25	25	22	28
Regulating it will make it safer	29	25	38	28	23	24	36	34	27	26	31	31	29	29	30	34	24
Dk/Ref (vol)	14	16	11	14	9	22	11	3	16	9	17	11	16	13	14	13	15

Q23: If you were making an argument against allowing sports gambling and casinos, which of the following would be your top argument?

	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Nova	Rich	HR	S/west	18-44	45 +	Rep	Dem	Hod - R	Hod - D	Sen - R	Sen - D
Will promote gambling addiction	43	38	47	43	51	49	41	36	41	37	37	30	51	43	42	39	46
Will promote crime	17	12	21	16	12	15	13	21	17	15	15	14	22	14	20	18	15
Will promote wrong values	28	33	22	28	27	24	37	25	29	32	32	42	14	30	25	33	22
Dk/Ref (vol)	13	17	10	13	10	12	10	10	13	16	16	14	13	13	14	10	17

## Demographics

### EDUC:

High school or less	14
Some college	20
Vocational or technical training	3
College graduate	40
Graduate study or more	23

### HISPANIC:

Yes	4
No	96

### RACE:

White	72
Black or African American	19
Other	9

### RELIG:

Protestant	25
Christian (non-specific) (vol)	24
Catholic	15
Jewish	2
Other	14
None (vol)	16
Dk/ref (vol)	3

### PARTYID:

Republican	28
Democrat	38
Independent	28
No preference (vol)	2
Other party (vol)	2
Dk/ref (vol)	2

### [IF OTHER THAN REP OR DEM ABOVE]

#### PARTLEAN:

Republican	52
Democratic	32
Independent	10
Dk/ref (vol)	6

### IDEOL:

Strong liberal	7
Liberal	15
Moderate, leaning liberal	20
Moderate, leaning conservative	20
Conservative	20
Strong Conservative	12
Dk/ref (vol)	7

### AGE:

18-24	9
25-34	12
35-44	15
45-54	23
55 & older	41

### INCOME:

Under \$25,000	5
\$25-\$49,999	12
\$50-\$74,999	24
\$75-\$99,999	11
\$100,000-\$149,999	19
Over \$150,000	19
Dk/ref (vol)	11

### REGION:

Northern Virginia	34
Richmond/Central	21
Hampton Roads	24
South/Southwest	21

### SEX:

Male	49
Female	51

### **How the survey was conducted:**

The results of this poll are based on 841 interviews of registered Virginia voters, including 294 on landline and 547 on cell phone, conducted November 14-30, 2018. Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding. The margin of error for the whole survey is +/- 3.7 % at the 95% level of confidence. **This means that if 50% of respondents indicate a topline view on an issue, we can be 95% confident that the population's view on that issue is somewhere between 46.3% and 53.7%.** All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.2 in this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample, and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Sub-samples have a higher margin of error. In addition to sampling error, the other potential sources of error include non-response, question wording, and interviewer error. The response rate (AAPOR RRI Standard Definition) for the survey was 17%. Five callbacks were employed in the fielding process. Live calling was conducted by trained interviewers at the Wason Center for Public Policy Survey Research Lab at Christopher Newport University. The data reported here are weighted using an iterative weighting process on sex, age, race and region of residence to reflect as closely as possible the demographic composition of Virginia registered voters.