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**VIRGINIA'S KAINE HAS BIG EARLY LEAD IN SENATE RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
TRUMP DEEP IN A JOB APPROVAL HOLE**

Two well-known Republican women who might challenge Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine for reelection in 2018 get no help from their sisters, as Kaine leads among women by 23 percentage points in either race, leaving him with a comfortable overall lead, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Sen. Kaine leads Republican talk show host Laura Ingraham 56 – 36 percent among all voters and tops businesswoman Carly Fiorina 57 – 36 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

In the Kaine-Ingraham matchup, the Democrat leads 57 – 34 percent among women and 54 – 39 percent among men. He takes Democrats 98 – 1 percent and independent voters 54 – 32 percent. Republicans back Ingraham 86 – 8 percent.

White voters are divided with 48 percent for Kaine and 45 percent for Ingraham. Non-white voters go to Kaine 74 – 15 percent.

Kaine leads Fiorina 57 – 34 percent among women and 56 – 39 percent among men, 98 – 1 percent among Democrats and 55 – 32 percent among independent voters. Republicans back Fiorina 86 – 8 percent. He gets 49 percent of white voters to 45 percent for Fiorina. Non-white voters back Kaine 75 – 16 percent.

“There is a certain similarity to how Virginia voters see Republican officials and potential GOP candidates these days. As was evident in the Quinnipiac University poll earlier this week that showed the Democratic candidates for governor were running better than their Republican counterparts, the same pattern holds true for President Donald Trump's job approval and for an early look at Sen. Tim Kaine's reelection prospects,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“Both the Trump job approval and the Senate race numbers show the Democratic situation roughly 20 points better off than the GOP,” Brown added.

“But it would be foolish to see these numbers at this very early point in the Trump administration as anything but a bad start that may or may not remain the case in the months/years to come.”

Virginia voters approve 57 – 37 percent of the job Kaine is doing as a U.S. Senator and approve of fellow Democratic Sen. Mark Warner 58 – 26 percent.

Kaine gets a 58 – 34 percent favorability rating, compared to 27 – 22 percent for Ingraham, with 50 percent who don’t know enough about her to form an opinion of her, and a negative 32 – 36 percent for Fiorina, with 31 percent who don’t know enough about her to form an opinion of her.

President Trump’s Approval

President Donald Trump gets a negative 38 – 56 percent job approval rating in the Old Dominion. Republicans approve 81 – 11 percent, but Democrats disapprove 95 – 3 percent and independent voters disapprove 57 – 37 percent. Disapproval is 52 – 41 percent among men, 60 – 35 percent among women and 76 – 20 percent among non-white voters. White voters are divided as 46 percent approve and 48 percent disapprove.

Virginia voters disapprove 55 – 42 percent of President Trump’s order banning people from seven countries from entering the U.S.

Voters say 49 – 31 percent that the U.S. Senate should confirm Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sports for Home-Schooled Students

Virginia voters say 71 – 23 percent that home-schooled students should be allowed to play on public school sports teams. Support is strong among every party, gender, education, age and racial group measured.

“There is one thing upon which Virginians of both parties agree: home-schooled students should be able to play sports with their local schools,” Brown said.

From February 10 – 15, Quinnipiac University surveyed 989 Virginia voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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18. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Tim Kaine the Democrat and Laura Ingraham the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Kaine	56%	8%	98%	54%	54%	57%	58%	39%
Ingraham	36	86	1	32	39	34	37	53
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	1	2	-	2
DK/NA	7	5	1	11	6	7	5	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Kaine	68%	57%	51%	52%	47%	50%	48%	74%
Ingraham	24	35	41	43	48	43	45	15
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	3
DK/NA	6	6	5	4	5	7	6	8

19. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Tim Kaine the Democrat and Carly Fiorina the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Kaine	57%	8%	98%	55%	56%	57%	59%	40%
Fiorina	36	86	1	32	39	34	38	52
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	2	2	-	2
DK/NA	5	5	1	8	3	7	3	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Kaine	68%	59%	52%	52%	48%	50%	49%	75%
Fiorina	29	34	41	41	48	42	45	16
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	4
DK/NA	2	5	4	4	3	7	5	5

20. Is your opinion of Tim Kaine favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	58%	11%	97%	57%	57%	58%	63%	40%
Unfavorable	34	79	1	31	38	31	33	52
Hvn't hrd enough	7	9	2	10	4	10	3	7
REFUSED	1	1	-	2	1	1	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	69%	63%	53%	52%	49%	53%	51%	73%
Unfavorable	23	29	41	42	47	40	43	13
Hvn't hrd enough	7	7	5	4	3	6	5	13
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

21. Is your opinion of Laura Ingraham favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Favorable	27%	59%	3%	26%	33%	22%	29%	35%
Unfavorable	22	7	41	18	20	24	30	15
Hvn't hrd enough	50	34	55	55	45	53	40	49
REFUSED	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	17%	23%	33%	34%	36%	29%	33%	15%
Unfavorable	21	23	26	20	21	24	23	22
Hvn't hrd enough	61	53	41	46	41	47	44	62
REFUSED	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-

22. Is your opinion of Carly Fiorina favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Favorable	32%	62%	6%	34%	34%	30%	36%	36%
Unfavorable	36	6	66	32	38	35	46	28
Hvn't hrd enough	31	31	28	32	26	35	18	34
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	23%	32%	38%	34%	38%	34%	36%	22%
Unfavorable	40	37	39	31	36	37	37	35
Hvn't hrd enough	34	30	22	35	24	28	26	42
REFUSED	3	-	1	-	2	1	1	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Approve	58%	39%	78%	54%	58%	59%	64%	50%
Disapprove	26	42	10	29	31	22	24	35
DK/NA	16	18	12	16	11	20	11	16
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	53%	57%	61%	66%	53%	60%	57%	63%
Disapprove	21	22	29	29	34	26	30	18
DK/NA	26	21	10	5	12	14	14	19

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tim Kaine is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	57%	13%	94%	55%	56%	58%	63%	39%
Disapprove	37	78	3	37	40	34	33	55
DK/NA	6	8	2	8	4	7	4	6
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	66%	62%	52%	54%	46%	54%	51%	73%
Disapprove	30	30	41	43	49	40	44	20
DK/NA	3	8	7	3	5	6	5	7

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	38%	81%	3%	37%	41%	35%	34%	58%
Disapprove	56	11	95	57	52	60	61	35
DK/NA	6	8	2	6	7	5	6	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	26%	36%	42%	45%	48%	44%	46%	20%
Disapprove	69	60	51	49	44	51	48	76
DK/NA	5	4	7	5	7	6	6	4

29. Do you think home-schooled students in Virginia should or should not be allowed to play on public school sports teams?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG		HvKids InPublic School
							Yes	No	
Allowed to play	71%	75%	65%	73%	70%	71%	68%	69%	73%
Not allowed	23	20	26	23	24	22	26	22	23
DK/NA	6	5	8	4	6	6	6	9	4
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht	
Allowed to play	78%	71%	70%	65%	70%	67%	69%	76%	
Not allowed	17	24	25	24	23	25	24	21	
DK/NA	4	5	4	11	7	7	7	4	

30. As you may know, Donald Trump has issued an executive order that temporarily bans people from entering the U.S. who are from the countries of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	42%	85%	5%	42%	46%	38%	37%	60%
Disapprove	55	12	94	54	50	60	60	37
DK/NA	3	4	1	4	3	3	2	4
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	29%	38%	50%	49%	53%	45%	49%	26%
Disapprove	68	60	49	49	44	52	48	72
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	2

31. From what you've seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Should	49%	78%	23%	55%	56%	44%	56%	56%
No	31	6	59	23	29	32	30	22
DK/NA	20	17	18	22	16	24	13	22
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Should	29%	47%	59%	61%	61%	52%	56%	32%
No	39	34	29	22	23	29	26	41
DK/NA	32	19	12	17	16	19	17	26