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**VIRGINIA VOTERS BACK PHOTO ID FOR VOTING 3-1,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
LET HOME-SCHOOL KIDS PLAY ON SCHOOL TEAMS, VOTERS SAY**

Virginia voters say 75 – 23 percent that voters should be required to bring photo ID to cast their ballot on Election Day, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters also say 68 – 25 percent that home-schooled children should be able to play athletics on public school teams, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University survey finds.

Voters also support 71 – 23 percent the restoration of voting rights for non-violent felons who have served out their prison sentence.

Support for the photo ID requirement is 95 – 4 percent among Republicans, 57 – 41 percent among Democrats, 78 – 20 percent among independent voters, 79 – 19 percent among white voters and 66 – 34 percent among black voters.

There is no gender gap as 77 percent of men and 74 percent of women support the idea.

“There appears to be overwhelming support among Virginia voters for a number of measures that went through the legislative process,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “The voter photo ID bill is similar to ones that have been passed – and are being challenged in court – in a number of states. Generally, polls show similar high support levels for such requirements in a number of states in which the issue has been raised.

“Although the measure enjoys broad public support – including 57 percent of Democrats – it has been controversial, with Democratic and African-American leaders opposing the legislation,” said Brown. “The measure has majority support from all demographic groups surveyed, including black voters by 66 – 34 percent.”

[Click here to link to a downloadable video of Quinnipiac University Polling Institute Assistant Director Tim Malloy discussing photo ID requirements for voting, home schooling, and Presidential and Senate approval.](#)

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The legislation that would allow home-schooled kids to play on the athletic teams fielded by their local public schools scored almost as well with the voting public and just as uniformly. Like the photo ID measure, majorities of every demographic group support the idea: 72 percent of Republicans, 65 percent of independent voters, 64 percent of Democrats, 68 percent of women, 67 percent of men, 68 percent of white voters, 64 percent of black voters and 70 percent of voters with children in public schools.

The idea of restoring felons' voting rights once prison time is served follows much the same model, but its support is a bit less even across the spectrum. Only 58 percent of Republicans back it, but 83 percent of Democrats and 73 percent of independent voters do. There is no gender gap, as 69 percent of men and 73 percent of women back the measure. There is a racial gap as 67 percent of white voters and 90 percent of black voters back the measure.

President, Senate Approvals

The racial gap also is evident, as has been the case since his first inauguration, when it comes to President Barack Obama, who has an overall 51 – 46 percent job approval rating. He gets a negative 40 – 57 percent approval from white voters and a positive 89 – 8 percent approval from black voters.

The same is true of gender, with women giving him a thumbs-up 57 – 40 percent, while men give him a negative 44 – 53 percent.

Virginia's two U.S. Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, both enjoy solid public support. Warner, the state's most popular politician, gets a 58 – 28 percent approval rating while freshman Kaine gets a 50 – 33 percent score.

From February 14 – 18, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,112 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.

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9. 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	58%	45%	73%	57%	59%	57%	57%	64%
Disapprove	28	42	17	27	29	27	30	22
DK/NA	14	13	11	16	12	16	14	14

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No					Yes	No
Approve	59%	55%	52%	60%	59%	55%	50%	57%
Disapprove	31	29	35	28	31	28	36	29
DK/NA	11	16	13	12	10	17	14	15

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
 Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Approve	61%	56%	59%	59%	55%	64%	53%	57%
Disapprove	28	28	21	32	33	19	34	29
DK/NA	11	16	19	9	12	17	13	14

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mark Warner is handling his job as United States Senator? (*High also 64% Sep 2011, **Low also 57% Jun 2011)

APPROVE.....

	Feb 21 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012	Jul 18 2012	Jun 06 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 09 2012*	Low Jul 18 2012**
Approve	58	59	60	57	60	64	57
Disapprove	28	27	25	24	21	22	24
DK/NA	14	13	16	19	19	14	19

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	50%	25%	78%	50%	48%	52%	46%	68%
Disapprove	33	56	12	29	37	29	36	21
DK/NA	17	20	10	21	15	18	18	12

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No					Yes	No
Approve	51%	44%	38%	52%	44%	49%	33%	49%
Disapprove	33	38	44	36	41	32	47	36
DK/NA	16	19	17	12	15	20	20	16

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
 Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Approve	54%	48%	53%	55%	48%	58%	46%	49%
Disapprove	30	34	30	29	39	32	35	33
DK/NA	16	18	18	16	13	10	19	18

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

	Feb 21 2013	Jan 09 2013
Approve	50	48
Disapprove	33	30
DK/NA	17	22

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	51%	7%	94%	45%	44%	57%	40%	89%
Disapprove	46	91	4	50	53	40	57	8
DK/NA	4	2	2	5	3	4	3	4

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No					Yes	No
Approve	45%	37%	32%	40%	33%	46%	23%	41%
Disapprove	52	60	65	58	66	50	75	56
DK/NA	3	3	3	2	1	4	3	2

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-34 35-54 55+

Approve	53%	49%	58%	52%	42%	56%	49%	50%
Disapprove	44	47	38	45	56	40	49	46
DK/NA	3	4	4	2	3	4	2	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (*High also 52% Nov 2012)

	Feb 21 2013	Jan 10 2013	Nov 14 2012	Jul 19 2012	Jun 07 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Jan 10 2013*	Low Sep 15 2011
Approve	51	52	52	45	48	52	40
Disapprove	46	44	44	51	47	44	54
DK/NA	4	3	4	4	5	3	6

17. Do you think voters should or should not be required to show a photo identification before they are allowed to vote on Election Day in Virginia?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	75%	95%	57%	78%	77%	74%	79%	66%
No	23	4	41	20	22	24	19	34
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	1	2	1

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No					Yes	No
Yes	71%	85%	85%	84%	80%	79%	90%	80%
No	27	14	13	15	19	19	9	19
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	66%	81%	78%	75%	74%	76%	79%	72%
No	32	18	21	23	26	23	21	26
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	-	1	1	2

18. 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	Wht	Blk
Allowed to play	68%	72%	64%	65%	67%	68%	68%	64%
Not allowed	25	21	28	27	27	23	24	32
DK/NA	7	7	7	8	6	8	7	4

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No					Yes	No
Allowed to play	66%	70%	67%	81%	68%	69%	70%	71%
Not allowed	27	22	26	15	25	24	23	24
DK/NA	7	8	7	4	7	8	6	6

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Allowed to play	64%	70%	74%	64%	65%	73%	74%	60%
Not allowed	30	22	19	29	30	25	23	28
DK/NA	6	8	7	8	6	2	3	12

HAVE KIDS.....

	<18	InPubSch
Allowed to play	73%	70%
Not allowed	24	27
DK/NA	3	3

19. Do you think people who are convicted of non-violent felonies in Virginia should or should not be automatically allowed to vote after they've served their sentences?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Allowed to vote	71%	58%	83%	73%	69%	73%	67%	90%
Not allowed	23	35	12	22	28	19	27	8
DK/NA	6	7	5	5	3	8	6	1

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG		Prot		Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No						Yes	No
Allowed to vote	66%	68%	61%	70%	63%	70%	65%	62%	
Not allowed	28	26	31	25	33	22	29	31	
DK/NA	7	6	7	5	4	9	5	7	

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Allowed to vote	69%	73%	76%	76%	67%	78%	71%	70%
Not allowed	25	22	21	21	26	17	25	24
DK/NA	7	5	3	4	7	5	4	6