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**VIRGINIA BLUE FOR WARNER, CLINTON,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
BUT OBAMA IS IN THE RED, ESPECIALLY ON FOREIGN POLICY**

Virginia, considered a swing state, is swinging blue for U.S. Sen. Mark Warner in his reelection drive this year and for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton if she runs for the White House in 2016, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Sen. Warner tops former White House aide Ed Gillespie, a possible Republican challenger, 46 – 31 percent, with 6 percent for Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Virginia voters say 49 – 36 percent that Warner deserves reelection. They approve 55 – 33 percent of the job he is doing and have a 49 – 30 percent favorable opinion of him. For the other candidates, 64 percent don't know enough about Gillespie to form an opinion and 80 percent don't know enough about Sarvis.

Secretary Clinton squeaks by New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie 45 – 41 percent and tops other possible Republican contenders in the 2016 presidential race:

- 47 – 39 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 48 – 42 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 49 – 41 over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

“U.S. Sen. Mark Warner passes for the closest thing to a household name in Virginia politics. He has a strong job approval rating and is flirting with the magic 50 percent threshold that generally marks an incumbent as a heavy favorite for re-election,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Ed Gillespie is no stranger to politics – but not in the Old Dominion. His extensive background in national politics will help him raise money but he's going to need a lot of it to introduce himself to Virginia voters.”

“Interestingly, Virginian voters say 33 – 15 percent they would be less likely rather than more likely to vote for Warner if President Barack Obama campaigns for him,” Brown added.

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“Secretary Hillary Clinton’s lead over New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie, top-seeded among Republicans, is only four points, smaller than in other recent Quinnipiac University surveys. Whether that means the ‘bridgagate’ impact on Gov. Christie is fading in the rear-view mirror, only time will tell.”

Virginia voters give Clinton a 52 – 44 percent favorability rating, compared to 39 – 35 percent for Huckabee and split decisions for the other Republicans:

- 38 – 38 percent for Christie;
- 35 – 36 percent for Bush;
- 36 – 35 percent for Paul.

### **President Obama’s Approval**

Virginia voters disapprove 52 – 44 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, with a 55 – 41 percent disapproval of the way he is handling the economy and a similar 55 – 40 percent disapproval for his handling of foreign policy.

Voters oppose the 2010 Affordable Care Act 52 – 44 percent and say 45 – 31 percent that they are less likely rather than more likely to vote for a U.S. Senate candidate who supports the health care law. Voters say 42 – 25 percent they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports a minimum wage hike and say 40 – 27 they are less likely to vote for a Senate candidate who supports a path to citizenship for illegal aliens.

“President Obama’s support in Virginia, which he narrowly carried in his re-election, remains stuck in negative territory, with his 58 – 36 percent disapproval among independent voters the big reason why,” Brown said.

“The president gets the same negative ratings for his handling of the economy and foreign policy. His economy numbers have been in the dumpster for some time, but nationally his foreign policy numbers have remained good. It would be reasonable to assume that the current crisis involving Russia and the Ukraine may well be responsible for the low foreign policy grade.”

From March 19 – 24, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,288 voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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, Colorado, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Warner the Democrat, Ed Gillespie the Republican, and Robert Sarvis the Libertarian, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Warner	46%	11%	84%	39%	41%	50%	33%	50%	48%	47%
Gillespie	31	73	1	30	37	27	27	31	32	34
Sarvis	6	2	3	11	8	6	11	8	6	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	2	2	5	2	2	1
DK/NA	15	13	10	18	12	17	24	11	13	15

2. Is your opinion of Mark Warner favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	49%	24%	76%	44%	44%	53%	31%	50%	51%	56%
Unfavorable	30	52	4	35	36	24	28	30	30	29
Hvn't hrd enough	19	21	18	17	18	19	38	17	15	12
REFUSED	3	3	2	4	2	4	3	3	5	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Mark Warner favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Mar 27 2014	Nov 14 2012
Favorable	49	58
Unfavorable	30	20
Hvn't hrd enough	19	20
REFUSED	3	2

3. Is your opinion of Ed Gillespie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	20%	38%	3%	21%	25%	16%	12%	23%	21%	19%
Unfavorable	14	4	28	10	17	12	16	15	13	13
Hvn't hrd enough	64	57	66	67	57	70	68	59	65	67
REFUSED	2	-	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	2

4. Is your opinion of Robert Sarvis favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	8%	5%	6%	11%	11%	5%	10%	10%	7%	5%
Unfavorable	11	10	9	11	12	10	12	11	11	8
Hvn't hrd enough	80	84	84	76	76	83	76	77	81	85
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	45%	5%	90%	34%	42%	47%	54%	43%	46%	41%
Christie	41	84	4	48	43	40	35	41	40	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	4	1	2	4	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	2	7	5	5	5	6	6	3
DK/NA	6	5	4	9	6	6	4	6	6	7

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Clinton	45	42	46	45
Christie	41	41	37	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	4	3
DK/NA	6	10	8	9

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	47%	5%	90%	41%	43%	51%	55%	46%	49%	43%
Bush	39	86	3	42	43	36	33	39	39	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	2	2	3	2	2	4	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	1	5	4	5	6	4	4	3
DK/NA	7	4	3	11	7	6	4	8	5	7

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	48%	6%	91%	41%	42%	52%	51%	48%	50%	44%
Paul	42	86	3	45	47	37	38	41	41	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	1	4	3	3	5	3	3	3
DK/NA	6	4	3	8	5	6	4	5	6	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Jul 17 2013
Clinton	48	49	51
Paul	42	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2
DK/NA	6	7	7

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	49%	4%	91%	44%	45%	52%	55%	49%	50%	43%
Huckabee	41	89	3	42	44	39	34	39	42	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	2	2	5	5	3	8	4	3	3
DK/NA	5	4	3	7	5	5	2	7	4	5

9. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	52%	11%	94%	47%	46%	57%	51%	52%	55%	49%
Unfavorable	44	84	5	49	50	39	44	45	42	47
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	1	2	3	2	4	1	2	3
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Favorable	52	53	57	58
Unfavorable	44	42	38	37
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	3	4
REFUSED	1	1	1	1

10. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	38%	57%	22%	42%	39%	37%	26%	41%	37%	44%
Unfavorable	38	22	52	34	40	36	35	40	40	32
Hvn't hrd enough	22	19	24	21	19	25	38	17	20	22
REFUSED	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Favorable	38	55	56	55
Unfavorable	38	19	18	17
Hvn't hrd enough	22	24	24	26
REFUSED	2	2	2	2

11. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	35%	66%	14%	36%	39%	32%	21%	33%	37%	45%
Unfavorable	36	9	63	28	33	38	30	44	37	27
Hvn't hrd enough	28	24	22	33	26	29	48	22	25	26
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	2

12. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	36%	68%	6%	41%	44%	29%	27%	37%	37%	37%
Unfavorable	35	6	62	30	32	37	25	38	37	34
Hvn't hrd enough	28	25	30	28	23	33	47	24	26	27
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Jul 17 2013
Favorable	36	38	36
Unfavorable	35	33	32
Hvn't hrd enough	28	27	31
REFUSED	1	1	1

13. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	39%	77%	9%	41%	42%	37%	26%	39%	41%	47%
Unfavorable	35	7	59	34	37	34	34	40	33	33
Hvn't hrd enough	25	16	32	24	20	29	41	21	25	20
REFUSED	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	55%	33%	80%	52%	48%	61%	42%	57%	57%	60%
Disapprove	33	55	7	37	41	26	39	31	32	31
DK/NA	12	12	13	11	11	14	19	12	11	10

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

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 09 2012*	Low Mar 27 2014
Approve	55	61	61	61	59	64	55
Disapprove	33	22	25	23	22	22	33
DK/NA	12	16	14	16	18	14	12

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	26%	72%	46%	45%	50%	48%	49%	47%	48%
Disapprove	37	58	12	40	41	33	34	36	39	37
DK/NA	15	16	15	14	14	17	18	15	14	16

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

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Aug 22 2013	Low May 15 2013
Approve	48	53	55	51	46	55	46
Disapprove	37	34	32	30	33	32	33
DK/NA	15	13	14	19	21	14	21

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	44%	4%	87%	36%	42%	45%	51%	43%	45%	39%
Disapprove	52	94	11	58	56	49	45	53	51	57
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	3	5	4	4	3	4

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

	Mar 27 2014	Sep 19 2013	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Jan 10 2013*	Low Sep 15 2011
Approve	44	44	48	46	49	52	40
Disapprove	52	52	48	51	47	44	54
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	4	3	6

19. Do you feel that Mark Warner deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Deserves	49%	27%	77%	44%	45%	53%	40%	48%	53%	53%
No/Does not	36	62	10	39	43	30	39	36	37	34
DK/NA	15	11	13	17	12	17	21	16	10	13

42. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very satisfied	2%	-	5%	1%	2%	3%	6%	2%	2%	2%
Smwht satisfied	27	6	49	24	28	27	28	32	27	20
Smwht dissatisfied	31	29	31	33	30	31	43	28	29	29
Very dissatisfied	39	66	14	41	40	38	24	37	42	48
DK/NA	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Mar 27 2014	Oct 12 2011
Very satisfied	2	2
Smwht satisfied	27	17
Smwht dissatisfied	31	33
Very dissatisfied	39	49
DK/NA	1	1

43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	41%	4%	80%	34%	40%	41%	45%	39%	44%	36%
Disapprove	55	95	14	62	56	54	50	57	53	58
DK/NA	4	2	6	5	4	5	5	4	3	6

44. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Approve	40%	6%	77%	33%	41%	39%	43%	43%	41%	33%
Disapprove	55	90	18	64	57	53	51	53	55	61
DK/NA	5	4	5	3	2	7	6	4	3	6



45. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Excellent	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%
Good	26	7	45	25	28	25	21	30	29	21
Not so good	43	46	46	40	39	45	52	42	39	44
Poor	29	46	7	33	31	28	25	26	31	33
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	-	2	2	1	-	1

46. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Better	31%	6%	51%	31%	34%	29%	34%	36%	29%	24%
Worse	30	46	13	30	27	32	27	30	28	32
The same	38	47	35	38	39	38	37	34	43	43
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1

47. Do you support or oppose the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	44%	5%	83%	38%	44%	43%	45%	45%	46%	39%
Oppose	52	92	12	59	53	51	51	52	51	54
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	3	6	4	3	3	7

48. If a candidate for United States Senator supports - raising the national minimum wage, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	42%	15%	73%	32%	39%	44%	41%	41%	42%	43%
Less likely	25	45	2	29	32	19	25	25	25	25
No difference	32	38	25	36	29	35	34	33	31	29
DK/NA	2	3	-	2	1	2	-	1	1	3

49. If a candidate for United States Senator supports - the 2010 health care law passed by President Obama and Congress, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	31%	3%	64%	23%	30%	32%	26%	31%	33%	32%
Less likely	45	86	5	51	50	40	40	44	44	49
No difference	23	9	30	25	20	25	32	24	21	17
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	2

50. If a candidate for United States Senator supports - a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, would you be more likely to vote for a candidate who held this position, less likely, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	27%	8%	47%	23%	26%	28%	33%	26%	26%	27%
Less likely	40	65	19	41	42	39	38	40	39	44
No difference	28	21	31	32	29	28	28	30	31	23
DK/NA	4	6	3	4	3	5	2	4	4	6

51. If President Obama campaigns for Mark Warner in his Senate race, would that make you more likely to vote for Warner, less likely to vote for Warner, or wouldn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	15%	-	35%	9%	16%	15%	24%	15%	12%	14%
Less likely	33	68	3	35	37	30	32	32	31	39
No difference	50	31	61	55	46	54	43	53	55	46
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1