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**DEMS HOLD DOUBLE-DIGIT LEAD IN VIRGINIA GOV RACE,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
KAINE HAS BIG LEAD IN EARLY LOOK AT 2018 SENATE RACE**

Virginia Democrats are locked in a tight primary in this year's governor's race, but either contender tops the lead Republican, former GOP National Committee Chair Ed Gillespie, by double digits, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

In the Democratic primary for governor, former U.S. Rep. Tom Perriello has 25 percent to Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam's 20 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Another 51 percent are undecided.

Gillespie leads the Republican primary with 28 percent, followed by Prince William County Supervisors Chair Corey Stewart at 12 percent, State Sen. Frank Wagner with 7 percent and 51 percent undecided.

In possible general election matchups:

- Perriello tops Gillespie 46 – 33 percent;
- Northam leads Gillespie 44 – 33 percent.

Margins are similar in other possible matchups.

None of the candidates is well known, as the number of Virginia voters who don't know enough about the candidates to form an opinion of them ranges from 49 percent for Gillespie to 77 percent for Wagner.

"Two months before Virginia Democrats and Republicans pick their candidates for governor, the heavy front-runner in each primary is 'undecided,'" said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"Although the race for the Republican nomination is far from over, former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie is solidly ahead among those who name a candidate.

"Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam originally had been expected to coast to the nomination, but former Congressman Tom Perriello is inching ahead."

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“Seven months before the November election, the early signs are very positive for the Democrats. Both Democrats have double-digit leads over any GOP candidate,” Brown added.

In the Virginia governor’s race between Perriello and Gillespie, women back the Democrat 52 – 27 percent. Men are divided, with 40 percent for Gillespie and 39 percent for Perriello. White voters go 42 percent for Gillespie and 39 percent for Perriello, while non-white voters go Democratic 64 – 14 percent. Independent voters back the Democrat 39 – 27 percent.

In the Northam-Gillespie face-off, women go Democratic 49 – 28 percent, while men go 39 percent for the Republican and 38 percent for the Democrat. White voters go 41 percent for Gillespie and 38 percent for Northam. Non-white voters go Democratic 58 – 16 percent.

### **Trump, McAuliffe Approval Ratings**

Virginia voters disapprove 57 – 36 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing. Republicans, white voters with no college degree and white men are the only listed party, gender, educational, age or racial groups to approve.

Voters approve 52 – 32 percent of the job Gov. Terry McAuliffe is doing.

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner gets a 62 – 27 percent approval rating.

### **2018 U.S. Senate Race**

In an early look at the 2018 U.S. Senate race in Virginia, Democratic incumbent Sen. Tim Kaine has strong leads over two possible Republican challengers:

- 56 – 35 percent over Laura Ingraham;
- 57 – 33 percent over Carly Fiorina.

Kaine has a 58 – 34 percent job approval and a 57 – 36 percent favorability rating. Fiorina gets a negative 26 – 36 percent favorability rating, with 37 percent who don’t know enough about her to form an opinion of her. For Ingraham, 52 percent don’t know enough to form an opinion.

From April 6 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,115 Virginia voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. The survey includes 435 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 4.7 percentage points and 483 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 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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1. (If Republican or Republican Leaner) If the Republican primary for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ed Gillespie, Corey Stewart, and Frank Wagner, for whom would you vote?

	REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN LEANERS.....								
	Tot	Wht	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY			Men		WHITE.....	
		BrnAgn	CONSERVATIVE	Mod/	Very	Smwht	Lib	Wom	COLLEGE DEG
Gillespie	28%	22%	27%	30%	29%	33%	22%	31%	22%
Stewart	12	15	19	7	8	11	12	13	10
Wagner	7	5	4	8	8	9	4	8	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	2	4	2	2	2	1
DK/NA	51	57	50	50	51	44	60	45	60

2. (If Democrat or Democratic Leaner) If the Democratic primary for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Perriello and Ralph Northam, for whom would you vote?

	DEMOCRATS/DEMOCRATIC LEANERS.....						
	Tot	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				Men	
		Very	Smwht	Cons	Mod/	Wom	
Perriello	25%	33%	25%	24%	31%	22%	
Northam	20	18	23	20	17	22	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	2	3	2	3	
DK/NA	51	48	50	52	49	53	

3. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ralph Northam the Democrat and Ed Gillespie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Northam	44%	2%	83%	39%	38%	49%	44%	31%
Gillespie	33	83	5	30	39	28	36	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	2
DK/NA	19	13	10	28	19	20	18	18

	AGE IN YRS.....	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Non-Wht
						Men	Wom	
Northam	53%	45%	43%	39%	33%	43%	38%	58%
Gillespie	24	33	36	39	46	37	41	16
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2	2	3	-	2	4
DK/NA	18	18	18	19	17	19	18	20

4. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ralph Northam the Democrat and Corey Stewart the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	43%	3%	85%	36%	37%	49%	43%	30%
Stewart	30	82	1	24	36	24	34	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	3	3	3	1
DK/NA	23	13	10	34	22	23	20	26
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	49%	45%	45%	39%	33%	41%	37%	60%
Stewart	21	29	31	37	42	34	38	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	2	2	2	3	1	2	4
DK/NA	23	22	20	21	21	24	23	21

5. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ralph Northam the Democrat and Frank Wagner the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	43%	3%	85%	33%	35%	49%	44%	29%
Wagner	30	76	3	25	36	24	31	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	2	4	4	2	2	1
DK/NA	24	20	10	36	24	23	22	26
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	45%	45%	44%	40%	32%	43%	37%	57%
Wagner	27	27	32	32	43	31	36	15
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	1	1	2	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	3	2	3	1	2	5
DK/NA	23	24	19	25	21	26	23	22

6. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Perriello the Democrat and Ed Gillespie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Perriello	46%	2%	89%	39%	39%	52%	44%	34%
Gillespie	33	85	3	27	40	27	37	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	2	1	1	2
DK/NA	18	11	8	29	17	19	18	16
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Perriello	55%	47%	46%	42%	34%	44%	39%	64%
Gillespie	23	32	37	38	47	36	42	14
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	19	19	15	17	16	18	17	20

7. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Perriello the Democrat and Corey Stewart the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Perriello	45%	3%	87%	38%	40%	51%	43%	33%
Stewart	31	84	2	26	38	25	35	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	4	3	2	2	2
DK/NA	20	12	11	31	18	22	20	20
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Perriello	55%	42%	47%	41%	34%	42%	38%	64%
Stewart	24	32	33	37	45	34	40	14
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	1	3	1	2	2
DK/NA	18	22	17	20	18	22	20	19

8. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Perriello the Democrat and Frank Wagner the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Perriello	43%	3%	86%	34%	36%	50%	41%	33%
Wagner	32	82	3	27	39	26	35	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	-	4	4	2	2	1
DK/NA	21	14	10	33	21	21	21	18

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Non- Wht
					Men	Wom		
Perriello	45%	44%	47%	41%	32%	42%	37%	59%
Wagner	31	28	33	37	46	35	40	15
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	3	1	2	1	2	4
DK/NA	20	23	17	19	19	21	20	21

9. Is your opinion of Ralph Northam favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	24%	8%	44%	20%	23%	25%	28%	19%
Unfavorable	8	14	3	10	11	6	10	9
Hvn't hrd enough	66	77	51	69	64	68	61	71
REFUSED	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Non- Wht
					Men	Wom		
Favorable	21%	27%	27%	24%	25%	23%	24%	27%
Unfavorable	5	12	10	7	12	7	10	6
Hvn't hrd enough	72	60	62	69	63	69	66	65
REFUSED	2	1	1	-	1	1	1	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	24%	5%	43%	19%	25%	24%	27%	18%
Unfavorable	11	23	4	11	12	11	15	13
Hvn't hrd enough	63	71	51	69	61	65	58	68
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1

	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Non- Wht
					Men	Wom		
Favorable	25%	24%	25%	23%	24%	21%	22%	29%
Unfavorable	5	15	12	14	15	13	14	5
Hvn't hrd enough	68	60	61	62	60	65	62	63
REFUSED	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	3

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Favorable	23%	44%	8%	26%	28%	19%	26%	24%
Unfavorable	26	8	46	23	24	27	30	19
Hvn't hrd enough	49	48	45	50	46	53	42	55
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	20%	20%	26%	27%	30%	21%	25%	19%
Unfavorable	29	29	26	21	24	25	25	28
Hvn't hrd enough	49	50	47	50	44	52	48	51
REFUSED	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Favorable	12%	26%	3%	12%	15%	10%	13%	14%
Unfavorable	12	1	19	14	13	10	16	6
Hvn't hrd enough	75	72	78	73	70	80	71	79
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	7%	16%	14%	13%	15%	12%	13%	11%
Unfavorable	15	12	12	8	12	10	11	13
Hvn't hrd enough	78	72	72	78	72	78	75	76
REFUSED	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Favorable	11%	19%	4%	13%	16%	7%	11%	14%
Unfavorable	10	3	17	8	8	12	11	6
Hvn't hrd enough	77	77	77	78	74	80	77	79
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	9%	8%	15%	13%	17%	7%	12%	9%
Unfavorable	12	11	9	8	7	11	9	12
Hvn't hrd enough	76	77	75	78	74	81	78	76
REFUSED	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	3

14. 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%	5%	98%	51%	48%	63%	54%	40%
Ingraham	35	88	1	33	43	27	39	49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	3	1	1	1
DK/NA	7	6	1	12	6	9	5	10
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Kaine	64%	59%	55%	52%	42%	53%	48%	76%
Ingraham	24	33	38	41	49	38	44	15
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	-	1	2	-	1	2
DK/NA	10	4	6	6	6	8	7	7

15. 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%	4%	98%	54%	50%	63%	55%	40%
Fiorina	33	88	-	29	41	26	39	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	3
DK/NA	7	6	1	11	6	8	5	10
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Kaine	64%	59%	57%	50%	43%	53%	48%	77%
Fiorina	23	32	36	40	49	36	42	13
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	3	2	1	2	2	2	5
DK/NA	7	5	6	8	6	9	7	5

16. 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	57%	9%	97%	53%	51%	62%	57%	41%
Unfavorable	36	88	-	37	43	29	40	51
Hvn't hrd enough	7	3	3	9	4	9	3	6
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	58%	60%	58%	53%	44%	54%	49%	73%
Unfavorable	28	35	38	40	51	40	45	15
Hvn't hrd enough	12	4	4	6	3	6	5	11
REFUSED	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	-



17. 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	No
Favorable	26%	59%	2%	29%	33%	21%	31%	33%
Unfavorable	21	3	37	21	17	24	27	14
Hvn't hrd enough	52	38	61	50	49	55	42	53
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	15%	32%	27%	32%	35%	28%	32%	14%
Unfavorable	15	24	26	18	18	23	21	21
Hvn't hrd enough	70	43	46	49	46	48	47	63
REFUSED	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

18. 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	No
Favorable	26%	56%	4%	29%	30%	22%	34%	28%
Unfavorable	36	12	64	31	32	39	45	27
Hvn't hrd enough	37	31	31	39	36	37	21	42
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	15%	28%	30%	31%	35%	28%	31%	14%
Unfavorable	37	37	38	31	33	40	36	35
Hvn't hrd enough	45	35	31	36	31	30	31	51
REFUSED	3	-	1	1	1	2	2	-

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Terry McAuliffe is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	52%	20%	83%	47%	46%	58%	53%	42%
Disapprove	32	67	7	32	38	26	36	37
DK/NA	16	13	10	21	16	16	11	21
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	54%	52%	56%	49%	44%	52%	48%	63%
Disapprove	24	32	33	39	39	34	36	22
DK/NA	22	17	11	13	16	15	15	15

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	38%	47%	30%	40%	42%	34%	40%	37%
Disapprove	41	29	50	42	41	42	45	35
DK/NA	21	24	20	18	17	24	15	28
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	44%	34%	37%	36%	45%	32%	39%	37%
Disapprove	37	46	46	39	38	42	40	45
DK/NA	19	20	17	25	17	25	21	18

21. 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	No
Approve	62%	32%	87%	63%	59%	65%	65%	55%
Disapprove	27	55	6	27	31	24	28	29
DK/NA	11	13	6	10	11	11	7	16
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	56%	63%	68%	61%	56%	64%	60%	68%
Disapprove	27	22	26	32	32	25	28	23
DK/NA	16	14	6	6	12	11	11	9

22. 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	58%	11%	96%	57%	52%	63%	55%	44%
Disapprove	34	84	-	34	41	29	40	47
DK/NA	7	5	4	10	7	8	5	9
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	64%	58%	60%	53%	45%	55%	50%	77%
Disapprove	24	34	36	42	47	40	43	16
DK/NA	11	8	4	5	8	6	7	7

23. 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
Approve	36%	88%	3%	30%	42%	30%	38%	53%
Disapprove	57	6	95	59	48	65	56	40
DK/NA	7	6	2	10	10	5	6	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	25%	32%	39%	44%	50%	40%	45%	16%
Disapprove	67	62	55	49	43	54	49	77
DK/NA	8	6	5	8	7	6	7	7