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**DEM INCHES AHEAD IN VIRGINIAN GOVERNOR'S RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
HILLARY CLINTON, SEN. WARNER RUN WELL IN 2016 PRES RACE**

Democrat Terry McAuliffe has opened up a slight 43 – 38 percent lead over Republican Ken Cuccinelli in the race to become Virginia's next governor, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

While Virginia may be considered a "swing state" in presidential elections, trial heats for 2016 find that both Hillary Clinton and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner would carry the Old Dominion by comfortable double-digits margins if the White House voting were today, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

The McAuliffe-Cuccinelli race has been a tossup since Quinnipiac University began surveying the contest late last year, with a March 27 survey showing Cuccinelli at 40 percent to McAuliffe's 38 percent, a statistical tie.

"The governor's race remains tight and could well go all the way to November as a close contest," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling institute. "The 17 percent of voters who say they are undecided will determine the Commonwealth's next governor. At this point neither man seems to have much of an edge. "

Independent voters, who tend to be later deciders and generally go to the winner, are split right down the middle in the governor's race, 38 percent for Cuccinelli and 37 percent for McAuliffe. Cuccinelli has an 85 – 3 percent lead among Republicans, while Democrats go to McAuliffe 83 – 5 percent. Cuccinelli carries men 44 – 38 percent, while McAuliffe wins women 47 – 33 percent. White voters go 48 – 35 percent for the Republican, as black voters back the Democrat 70 – 5 percent.

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Neither candidate is well-known. McAuliffe is viewed favorably by 22 percent of the electorate and unfavorably by 17 percent, while 60 percent don't know enough about him to have an opinion. McAuliffe has made no progress in reaching the electorate this year. His favorable/unfavorable ratio in Quinnipiac University's January poll was 23 – 16 percent favorable, about the same as today.

Cuccinelli, the state attorney general, is better known, with a 31 – 24 favorability rating.

“At this point, neither candidate sets the electorate's heart atwitter,” said Brown. “But we are starting to see the beginning of the television advertising campaign by the two candidates, and presumably those ads will begin to introduce the candidates to the voters.”

Cuccinelli gets a healthy 47 – 30 percent job approval rating as attorney general and voters say 45 – 25 percent that he has the right experience to be governor.

McAuliffe has the right experience, voters say 31 – 26 percent.

McAuliffe is too liberal, 22 percent of voters say, while 4 percent say he is too conservative and 33 percent say he is about right.

Cuccinelli is too conservative, 28 percent of voters say, with 6 percent saying he is too liberal and 38 percent saying he is about right.

Jobs are the most important issue in their vote for governor, 22 percent of voters say, followed by 16 percent who list government spending, 15 percent who list health care, 12 percent who cite schools and 11 percent who list taxes.

“It does not appear that the governor's race will be driven by one overarching issue,” said Brown.

In trial heats for 2016, former Secretary of State Clinton would defeat U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida 51 – 38 percent, and U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, the 2012 GOP vice presidential candidate, 50 – 40 percent.

Sen. Warner would defeat Rubio 51 – 33 percent and Ryan 50 – 37 percent.

From May 8 – 13, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,286 registered 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Terry McAuliffe the Democrat and Ken Cuccinelli the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
McAuliffe	43%	3%	83%	37%	38%	47%	35%	70%
Cuccinelli	38	85	5	38	44	33	48	5
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	3
DK/NA	17	10	11	22	14	19	15	22

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
McAuliffe	48%	39%	47%	41%	45%	43%	44%	44%	37%
Cuccinelli	40	37	33	42	43	35	37	37	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	-
DK/NA	11	20	17	17	9	20	17	15	17

	North	East/ SthEst	West/ Rchmnd	Shndh
McAuliffe	52%	45%	39%	32%
Cuccinelli	37	34	41	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	2	2
DK/NA	9	16	17	25

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Terry McAuliffe the Democrat and Ken Cuccinelli the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012
McAuliffe	43	38	38	40	41
Cuccinelli	38	40	38	39	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	17	18	21	18	21

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	22%	8%	38%	20%	23%	22%	22%	23%
Unfavorable	17	35	2	16	23	11	21	1
Hvn't hrd enough	60	57	58	62	53	66	56	73
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

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

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012
Favorable	22	20	23	23	17
Unfavorable	17	16	16	16	13
Hvn't hrd enough	60	63	60	61	68
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	31%	64%	7%	32%	38%	26%	39%	8%
Unfavorable	24	5	42	25	25	24	25	24
Hvn't hrd enough	42	31	48	42	35	49	36	65
REFUSED	2	-	3	1	2	2	1	3

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

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012
Favorable	31	30	30	33	29
Unfavorable	24	24	25	25	24
Hvn't hrd enough	42	44	44	41	45
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Clinton	51%	8%	94%	43%	42%	58%	40%	87%
Rubio	38	86	2	40	46	32	48	6
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	3	-	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	8	4	3	13	8	9	8	5

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv	
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Clinton	44%	38%	32%	33%	33%	48%	26%	38%
Rubio	47	49	56	58	55	41	65	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	2	1	-	2	1	1	1
DK/NA	7	9	9	6	7	10	6	9

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Clinton	50%	51%	61%	44%	47%	55%	52%	52%	41%
Rubio	41	37	29	44	43	32	36	38	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
DK/NA	7	9	7	10	6	9	9	6	12

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Warner the Democrat and Marco Rubio the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Warner	51%	13%	91%	43%	46%	55%	43%	81%
Rubio	33	74	2	35	39	28	41	5
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	2	4	1	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
DK/NA	11	10	4	17	10	13	12	7
WHITE.....								
COLLEGE DEG								
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
							Yes	No
Warner	48%	40%	32%	39%	39%	47%	28%	41%
Rubio	41	41	50	51	47	35	58	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	2	-	1	2	1	2
DK/NA	9	14	14	7	10	14	13	11
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64 65+
Warner	52%	50%	56%	50%	48%	56%	54%	51% 42%
Rubio	36	31	26	37	39	29	29	33 41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2 1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	3	3	1	2	1	3	2 1
DK/NA	9	13	13	9	8	11	11	11 14

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Clinton	50%	8%	94%	43%	43%	57%	40%	87%
Ryan	40	87	2	45	48	33	51	5
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	-	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	6	3	4	8	5	8	6	5
WHITE.....								
COLLEGE DEG								
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	
							Yes	No
Clinton	46%	36%	31%	34%	32%	47%	24%	39%
Ryan	47	53	59	60	58	44	71	51
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	-	2	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	3	1	3	3	1	-	2
DK/NA	5	7	8	3	5	7	4	6
COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64 65+
Clinton	52%	49%	59%	45%	48%	57%	53%	51% 40%
Ryan	40	40	33	47	44	34	38	40 49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	- 1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2 -
DK/NA	5	7	7	5	5	5	5	7 9

8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Mark Warner the Democrat and Paul Ryan the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Warner	50%	10%	88%	45%	45%	55%	41%	82%
Ryan	37	82	3	38	43	31	46	6
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	1	2	3	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2
DK/NA	10	6	6	13	7	12	10	9

WHITE.....
COLLEGE DEG BornAgnEv
Yes No Prot Cath Men Wom Yes No

Warner	48%	37%	31%	32%	37%	46%	23%	40%
Ryan	41	48	54	56	52	39	66	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	2
DK/NA	8	11	12	9	7	13	10	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Warner	53%	48%	57%	47%	48%	48%	55%	52%	42%
Ryan	36	37	30	43	42	36	33	36	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	8	11	9	8	7	10	8	10	11

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as Virginia Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	47%	75%	25%	48%	52%	42%	50%	32%
Disapprove	30	11	48	31	29	31	29	37
DK/NA	23	14	28	21	19	27	21	31

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	44%	48%	48%	47%	45%	47%	42%	46%	56%
Disapprove	42	23	26	33	40	26	28	36	26
DK/NA	15	28	26	20	16	27	30	18	19

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Approve	42%	47%	49%	48%
Disapprove	35	33	29	22
DK/NA	23	20	22	30

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ken Cuccinelli is handling his job as Virginia Attorney General?

APPROVE.....

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012	High Jun 29 2011	Low Feb 20 2013
Approve	47	45	41	48	43	49	41
Disapprove	30	27	32	27	29	31	32
DK/NA	23	28	26	25	28	20	26

17. Which of the following issues is the most important to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: jobs, schools, taxes, government spending, gun policy, health care, transportation, or something else?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Jobs	22%	19%	25%	22%	23%	22%	19%	32%
Schools	12	6	16	15	12	13	11	13
Taxes	11	17	8	10	12	9	11	11
Government spending	16	19	9	19	19	13	18	10
Gun policy	10	13	10	8	11	9	11	8
Health care	15	18	17	11	9	20	16	12
Transportation	6	4	6	9	8	5	5	7
Something else	7	5	9	6	6	7	7	5
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Jobs	19%	24%	27%	21%	20%	15%	22%	26%	23%
Schools	15	11	13	14	11	13	17	12	8
Taxes	10	11	8	10	14	12	11	10	9
Government spending	19	14	11	17	19	17	18	13	16
Gun policy	6	12	14	10	5	15	10	9	10
Health care	14	15	17	11	12	11	9	16	23
Transportation	10	4	5	8	10	7	7	6	6
Something else	6	7	6	7	7	10	6	7	5
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	2	1

	North	SthEst	East/ Rchmnd	West/ Shndh
Jobs	18%	24%	24%	24%
Schools	12	13	13	11
Taxes	11	11	10	11
Government spending	17	15	18	11
Gun policy	9	7	10	15
Health care	16	11	14	18
Transportation	9	12	3	4
Something else	8	6	9	3
DK/NA	-	1	-	2

18. (If had most important issue Q17) And which is the next most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: jobs, schools, taxes, government spending, gun policy, health care, transportation, or something else?

	HAD MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE Q17.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Jobs	19%	17%	22%	20%	21%	18%	19%	21%
Schools	15	11	17	15	16	15	16	16
Taxes	15	19	12	17	16	14	15	14
Government spending	15	22	7	18	15	14	16	9
Gun policy	10	7	12	9	9	11	11	9
Health care	16	14	19	14	12	20	14	24
Transportation	5	6	6	5	7	4	6	5
Something else	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	2
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-

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18. cont'd (If had most important issue Q17) And which is the next most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: jobs, schools, taxes, government spending, gun policy, health care, transportation, or something else?

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Jobs	20%	19%	19%	16%	21%	20%	22%	19%	16%
Schools	15	15	17	19	13	20	22	11	12
Taxes	13	16	14	17	16	14	17	14	15
Government spending	15	14	15	14	16	15	12	16	15
Gun policy	9	11	8	11	10	10	10	11	9
Health care	16	16	21	15	12	15	11	19	18
Transportation	8	4	3	3	11	4	3	6	8
Something else	2	4	3	5	2	1	2	3	5
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2

			East/	West/
	North	SthEst	Rchmnd	Shndh
Jobs	18%	19%	20%	20%
Schools	15	16	15	16
Taxes	16	14	15	14
Government spending	14	14	16	12
Gun policy	10	10	11	11
Health care	16	15	15	21
Transportation	9	7	4	1
Something else	3	4	3	3
DK/NA	-	1	-	2

19. Do you think Terry McAuliffe has the right kind of experience to be Governor of Virginia or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	31%	17%	45%	33%	31%	31%	30%	36%
No	26	45	13	23	31	21	29	15
DK/NA	43	39	43	44	37	49	42	50

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	38%	27%	26%	36%	40%	33%	25%	35%	29%
No	28	24	25	24	30	11	26	29	32
DK/NA	33	49	49	40	30	56	49	36	39

			East/	West/
	North	SthEst	Rchmnd	Shndh
Yes	39%	30%	30%	21%
No	24	27	26	26
DK/NA	37	43	43	54

TREND: Do you think Terry McAuliffe has the right kind of experience to be Governor of Virginia or not?

	May 16	Mar 27
	2013	2013
Yes	31	28
No	26	23
DK/NA	43	49

20. Do you think Ken Cuccinelli has the right kind of experience to be Governor of Virginia or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Yes	45%	72%	24%	50%	51%	40%	50%	28%	
No	25	10	39	24	23	26	23	32	
DK/NA	30	19	37	26	25	34	28	40	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	51%	42%	38%	53%	53%	47%	39%	47%	48%
No	30	22	23	24	29	19	21	31	26
DK/NA	19	36	38	23	18	34	40	22	26
	North	SthEst	East/ Rchmnd	West/ Shndh					
Yes	50%	41%	50%	34%					
No	27	31	22	22					
DK/NA	23	29	27	44					

TREND: Do you think Ken Cuccinelli has the right kind of experience to be Governor of Virginia or not?

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013
Yes	45	44
No	25	22
DK/NA	30	35

21. Do you think Terry McAuliffe is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Liberal	22%	43%	7%	22%	28%	17%	26%	10%	
Conservative	4	2	7	2	4	5	3	7	
About right	33	15	48	36	34	32	31	38	
DK/NA	41	40	38	40	35	46	40	44	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Liberal	28%	19%	18%	21%	31%	10%	21%	25%	29%
Conservative	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	5	2
About right	39	29	31	38	37	35	26	36	33
DK/NA	30	48	46	38	29	51	49	34	37
	North	SthEst	East/ Rchmnd	West/ Shndh					
Liberal	22%	19%	24%	22%					
Conservative	3	3	3	8					
About right	42	33	31	24					
DK/NA	33	45	42	47					

TREND: Do you think Terry McAuliffe is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013
Liberal	22	21
Conservative	4	4
About right	33	29
DK/NA	41	45

22. Do you think Ken Cuccinelli is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Liberal	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%	7%	4%	14%
Conservative	28	8	45	29	31	25	28	29
About right	38	68	17	37	40	36	41	22
DK/NA	28	18	31	28	23	33	27	35

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
Liberal	2%	8%	7%	10%	1%	6%	6%	7%	5%
Conservative	47	17	19	31	46	23	28	33	24
About right	34	40	38	38	38	39	29	38	48
DK/NA	17	35	36	20	15	33	36	22	24

	North	SthEst	East/ Rchmnd	West/ Shndh
Liberal	3%	7%	6%	10%
Conservative	39	26	27	15
About right	38	37	42	30
DK/NA	21	31	24	44

TREND: Do you think Ken Cuccinelli is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013
Liberal	6	5
Conservative	28	29
About right	38	32
DK/NA	28	33