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**NORTHAM UP 8 POINTS IN VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
ECONOMY, HEALTH CARE ARE TOP ISSUES FOR VOTERS**

Wide gender and racial gaps mark the first post-primary survey of the Virginia governor's race, as Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam leads Republican Ed Gillespie 47 – 39 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

The Democrat leads 54 – 33 percent among women, while the Republican leads 47 – 39 percent among men, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. White voters back Gillespie 48 – 40 percent, while non-white voters back Northam 65 – 20 percent.

Gillespie leads 91 – 4 percent among Republicans while Northam takes Democrats 94 – 1 percent. Independent voters are divided with 40 percent for Gillespie and 38 percent for Northam.

Northam gets a 36 – 24 percent favorability rating, with 39 percent who haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion of him. Gillespie gets a split 29 – 29 percent favorability rating, with 39 percent who haven't heard enough to form an opinion.

In another boost for Democrats, Virginia voters say 48 – 41 percent that they would like to see the Democrats in control of the State Legislature.

The economy is the most important issue in deciding their vote for governor, 31 percent of voters say, while 30 percent list health care; 15 percent list education, with 10 percent each for taxes and immigration.

“Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam begins the general election as the favorite to become the Old Dominion's next governor. But not an overwhelming one,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“The Democrat's margin over Republican Ed Gillespie is a product of national and Virginia factors.”

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“Northam is certainly benefiting from the unpopularity of President Donald Trump. He also is getting a bump from his ties to fellow Democrat, Gov. Terry McAuliffe,” Brown added.

“Although Northam’s lead is just 47 – 39 percent, other data indicates the difficulty of the job facing Gillespie. Voters have a mixed view of Gillespie. By a three-two margin, they see Northam favorably. And, voters say they would prefer that the Democrats control the State Legislature.”

By a narrow 42 – 38 percent, Virginia voters say Gillespie would do a better job handling the economy. Looking at how candidates handle other issues:

- Northam tops Gillespie on handling health care, 46 – 33 percent;
- The Democrat leads on handling education 45 – 32 percent;
- 40 percent say Gillespie is better on taxes, while 37 percent pick Northam;
- Northam is better handling immigration, 40 percent say, while 37 percent pick Gillespie.

Only 25 percent of Virginia voters are more likely to vote for a candidate for governor who supports President Donald Trump, while 46 percent are less likely to vote for a Trump supporter and 28 percent say Trump support will have no impact on their vote for governor.

Gov. McAuliffe, U.S. Senators Approval Ratings

Gov. Terry McAuliffe gets a 47 – 37 percent job approval rating, compared to a 52 – 32 percent approval rating April 11.

Virginia voters approve 52 – 38 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine is doing and say 47 – 38 percent that he deserves reelection next year.

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner gets a 55 – 31 percent approval rating.

From June 15 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,145 Virginia voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points, including design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys nationwide and in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa and Colorado 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 Ralph Northam the Democrat and Ed Gillespie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	47%	4%	94%	38%	39%	54%	50%	30%
Gillespie	39	91	1	40	47	33	40	57
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	1	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	1	5	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	9	4	4	13	9	10	8	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	47%	51%	46%	49%	32%	47%	40%	65%
Gillespie	35	40	41	41	56	42	48	20
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	2	2	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6	1	2	-	1	1	1	4
DK/NA	10	5	11	8	9	8	9	11

2. 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	36%	9%	68%	30%	31%	41%	46%	22%
Unfavorable	24	43	4	27	28	20	24	33
Hvn't hrd enough	39	48	28	42	40	38	29	45
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	26%	41%	37%	43%	28%	39%	34%	42%
Unfavorable	16	24	29	21	33	25	29	12
Hvn't hrd enough	58	34	33	35	39	36	37	44
REFUSED	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	2

3. 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	No
Favorable	29%	61%	5%	29%	34%	25%	34%	36%
Unfavorable	29	9	49	27	26	32	37	23
Hvn't hrd enough	39	28	44	42	37	40	27	39
REFUSED	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Favorable	14%	35%	33%	34%	40%	30%	35%	18%
Unfavorable	26	33	32	28	26	33	30	28
Hvn't hrd enough	59	30	32	34	32	34	33	53
REFUSED	1	2	3	4	2	3	3	2

7. 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	52%	18%	85%	50%	47%	57%	59%	37%
Disapprove	38	71	9	41	44	32	36	49
DK/NA	10	11	6	10	9	11	4	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Approve	48%	56%	54%	54%	42%	54%	48%	62%
Disapprove	36	36	39	38	50	36	43	26
DK/NA	16	8	7	8	8	10	9	12

9. Do you feel that Tim Kaine deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Yes/Deserves	47%	12%	84%	43%	42%	52%	55%	31%
No/Does not	38	74	6	42	46	32	38	54
DK/NA	14	14	10	15	12	17	7	15
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Deserves	48%	49%	48%	50%	35%	49%	43%	58%
No/Does not	32	39	41	42	55	38	46	22
DK/NA	21	13	11	8	9	13	11	20

10. Would you like to see the Democrats or the Republicans control the Virginia state legislature?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Democrats	48%	2%	98%	39%	39%	55%	51%	29%
Republicans	41	94	-	43	50	34	41	61
DK/NA	11	4	2	18	11	11	8	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non-
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Democrats	49%	51%	46%	49%	31%	48%	40%	67%
Republicans	39	39	43	42	59	44	51	20
DK/NA	12	10	11	9	10	8	9	13

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%
Smwht satisfied	56	47	72	52	59	54	61	51
Smwht dissatisfied	28	33	17	30	26	29	23	35
Very dissatisfied	11	16	6	12	10	11	10	10
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	3%	3%	4%	6%	5%	3%	4%	4%
Smwht satisfied	60	55	57	55	56	55	56	59
Smwht dissatisfied	26	30	28	26	28	30	29	25
Very dissatisfied	10	11	11	11	11	9	10	11
DK/NA	2	1	-	2	-	2	1	1

12. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding how to vote for governor this year: taxes, the economy, education, health care, or immigration?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Taxes	10%	15%	6%	9%	12%	9%	10%	12%
Economy	31	41	20	33	37	25	30	35
Education	15	4	23	14	13	17	16	9
Health care	30	15	46	29	21	38	33	28
Immigration	10	18	2	11	13	8	8	14
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	2	4	1	2	2	2	3	2
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Taxes	13%	12%	10%	7%	14%	8%	11%	9%
Economy	32	32	29	30	36	29	32	27
Education	25	16	11	10	11	14	12	22
Health care	23	27	35	36	21	38	30	30
Immigration	7	8	11	12	14	8	11	8
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	1	4	2	2	3	1	2	2
DK/NA	-	2	3	3	2	2	2	2

13. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - taxes: Ralph Northam or Ed Gillespie?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	37%	4%	73%	30%	26%	46%	43%	25%
Gillespie	40	81	6	43	48	33	43	50
DK/NA	23	15	22	27	26	21	14	25
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	33%	43%	38%	38%	24%	43%	34%	45%
Gillespie	32	43	44	39	54	39	47	26
DK/NA	36	14	18	22	22	18	20	29

14. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - the economy: Ralph Northam or Ed Gillespie?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	38%	5%	78%	29%	30%	45%	44%	24%
Gillespie	42	84	7	45	51	35	44	54
DK/NA	19	11	15	25	19	20	12	22
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	34%	41%	40%	41%	27%	41%	34%	48%
Gillespie	40	43	45	40	56	42	49	28
DK/NA	26	15	15	19	17	18	17	23

15. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - education: Ralph Northam or Ed Gillespie?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	45%	14%	80%	38%	40%	49%	53%	31%
Gillespie	32	69	3	33	38	26	31	43
DK/NA	23	18	17	29	22	24	16	27
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	45%	49%	45%	45%	39%	44%	42%	54%
Gillespie	22	32	36	34	41	33	37	20
DK/NA	33	19	18	21	20	22	21	26

16. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling
 - health care: Ralph Northam or Ed Gillespie?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	46%	10%	86%	38%	38%	52%	53%	30%
Gillespie	33	71	3	35	38	29	35	45
DK/NA	21	19	11	27	24	18	12	25
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	41%	51%	46%	50%	35%	48%	42%	56%
Gillespie	27	30	39	33	45	35	40	18
DK/NA	32	19	16	16	20	17	18	26

17. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling
 - immigration: Ralph Northam or Ed Gillespie?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Northam	40%	7%	77%	32%	33%	47%	45%	26%
Gillespie	37	75	5	39	44	30	39	51
DK/NA	23	18	18	28	22	23	16	23
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Northam	44%	45%	39%	39%	30%	41%	36%	51%
Gillespie	26	39	43	36	52	39	45	20
DK/NA	29	17	19	25	18	20	19	29

18. If a candidate for governor supports President Trump, does that make you: more likely
 to vote for them, less likely to vote for them, or doesn't it have an impact either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More likely	25%	58%	3%	22%	30%	20%	20%	40%
Less likely	46	5	84	41	38	52	52	26
No impact	28	36	13	36	31	27	27	32
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
More likely	24%	22%	23%	26%	34%	27%	30%	11%
Less likely	49	48	46	42	33	44	39	62
No impact	26	30	30	29	32	28	30	26
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%
Good	59	57	69	55	66	53	71	54
Not so good	28	33	20	30	24	32	20	35
Poor	7	5	5	10	4	9	3	6
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	2%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Good	58	62	62	59	68	57	62	54
Not so good	26	30	26	29	22	33	27	29
Poor	12	3	7	5	4	5	5	11
DK/NA	2	1	-	3	1	2	2	1

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better	24%	18%	29%	25%	26%	22%	28%	22%
Worse	13	14	9	15	9	17	11	15
The same	59	65	59	55	63	56	59	57
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	2	5	2	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Better	24%	23%	29%	19%	27%	24%	25%	22%
Worse	16	12	13	13	11	15	13	15
The same	57	64	55	63	60	56	58	60
DK/NA	3	1	3	5	2	5	4	4

21. Would you describe your financial situation these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Excellent	11%	12%	11%	12%	14%	9%	17%	9%
Good	62	65	64	60	65	60	69	59
Not so good	18	16	15	21	17	19	12	21
Poor	7	5	8	5	5	8	1	9
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	1	3	-	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Non-	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Excellent	7%	13%	13%	12%	15%	12%	13%	8%
Good	57	68	61	61	66	62	64	60
Not so good	25	12	20	18	15	17	16	21
Poor	11	7	4	7	4	7	5	10
DK/NA	-	-	1	2	-	2	1	1