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**BIG GENDER GAP AS DEM HOLDS LEAD IN VIRGINIA GOV RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS BACK SAME-SEX MARRIAGE 50 – 43 PERCENT**

A yawning gender gap in the Virginia governor's race leaves Democrat Terry McAuliffe with a slight 43 – 39 percent lead over Republican State Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to the results of a May 16 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-u-h-pe-ack) University, showing McAuliffe at 43 percent to Cuccinelli's 38 percent.

The Republican wins the barbecue poll by a rib as 38 percent say they would prefer to chat with Cuccinelli at a barbecue, while 34 percent would rather talk to McAuliffe. Women are divided 37 – 36 percent, while men prefer Cuccinelli 40 – 33 percent.

"Democrat Terry McAuliffe is ahead by a nose in this tight race, but half the electorate doesn't know enough about him to decide whether they view him favorably or unfavorably. Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli is somewhat better known with only a third of voters having no opinion about him," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"With such a large segment of the electorate unfamiliar with either candidate, there is a lot of movement possible, in either direction, before Election Day. Solid or shaky, McAuliffe's lead is built on women voters."

McAuliffe has a 30 – 19 favorability rating, with 50 percent of voters saying they don't know enough about him to form an opinion. Virginia voters give Cuccinelli a split 31 – 30 percent favorability rating, with 36 percent offering no opinion. Voters approve 47 – 34 percent of the job Cuccinelli is doing as state attorney general.

Since May 16, McAuliffe's net favorability has improved 6 percentage points while Cuccinelli's net favorability has dropped 6 points.

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In the matchup, Cuccinelli carries Republicans 83 – 3 percent, while McAuliffe takes Democrats 87 – 3 percent. Independent voters are divided with 40 percent for the Democrat and 38 percent for the Republican. McAuliffe leads 48 – 32 percent among women and 73 – 7 percent among black voters. Cuccinelli leads 46 – 38 percent among men and 48 – 36 percent among white voters.

The controversy surrounding Gov. Bob McDonnell will not affect their vote for governor, 70 percent say, while 14 percent say it makes them less likely to vote for Cuccinelli and 10 percent say it would make them more likely to vote for him.

Same-Sex Marriage

Virginia voters support 50 – 43 percent allowing same-sex couples to marry in the state. Support is 68 – 26 percent among Democrats and 52 – 39 percent among independent voters. Republicans are opposed 68 – 26 percent. Women back same-sex marriage 55 – 39 percent while men are opposed 49 – 43 percent. White voters support it 51 – 43 percent while black voters are opposed 48 – 42 percent.

The candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney are virtually unknown as 81 to 90 percent of the voters do not know enough about lieutenant governor candidates Ralph Northam, the Democrat or E.W. Jackson, the Republican, or attorney general candidates Mark Herring, the Democrat, or Mark Obenshain, the Republican, to form an opinion.

“Unknown doesn’t come close to describing just how anonymous the candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general are to the citizenry that will elect two of them in three and a half months,” said Brown.

Virginia voters disapprove 51 – 46 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, down from a split 49 – 47 percent approval May 15. Disapproval is 87 – 10 percent among Republicans and 55 – 41 percent among independent voters. Democrats approve 84 – 12 percent. Women approve 50 – 45 percent while men disapprove 57 – 40 percent.

From July 11 – 15, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,030 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 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 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%	87%	40%	38%	48%	36%	73%	
Cuccinelli	39	83	3	38	46	32	48	7	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	
DK/NA	16	13	9	20	14	17	14	18	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
McAuliffe	48%	40%	45%	38%	49%	39%	40%	46%	45%
Cuccinelli	40	38	32	44	39	39	36	40	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	1
DK/NA	10	19	19	15	10	19	20	12	17

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?

	Jul 18 2013	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012
McAuliffe	43	43	38	38	40	41
Cuccinelli	39	38	40	38	39	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	2	2	1	1
DK/NA	16	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	30%	9%	53%	28%	28%	32%	27%	45%
Unfavorable	19	32	2	21	23	14	23	2
Hvn't hrd enough	50	57	45	49	48	51	48	53
REFUSED	2	2	-	2	1	2	2	1

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

	Jul 18 2013	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012
Favorable	30	22	20	23	23	17
Unfavorable	19	17	16	16	16	13
Hvn't hrd enough	50	60	63	60	61	68
REFUSED	2	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%	6%	29%	37%	26%	38%	11%
Unfavorable	30	5	53	30	26	33	29	33
Hvn't hrd enough	36	28	38	39	34	38	31	52
REFUSED	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	4

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

	Jul 18 2013	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	Jan 09 2013	Nov 14 2012
Favorable	31	31	30	30	33	29
Unfavorable	30	24	24	25	25	24
Hvn't hrd enough	36	42	44	44	41	45
REFUSED	3	2	2	1	2	2

5. Is your opinion of E.W. Jackson favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	7%	10%	4%	7%	9%	5%	6%	8%
Unfavorable	12	7	20	10	13	11	13	8
Hvn't hrd enough	81	83	76	82	77	84	80	84
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	7%	2%	13%	5%	7%	7%	6%	13%
Unfavorable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Hvn't hrd enough	90	94	83	91	89	90	91	83
REFUSED	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	9%	7%	14%	8%	9%	9%	9%	7%
Unfavorable	3	3	2	1	3	3	3	3
Hvn't hrd enough	88	90	83	90	88	88	88	90
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	9%	14%	6%	8%	11%	8%	10%	6%
Unfavorable	5	3	6	7	7	4	5	7
Hvn't hrd enough	85	83	87	85	81	88	85	87
REFUSED	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bolling is handling his job as Lieutenant Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	42%	50%	35%	43%	47%	37%	42%	51%
Disapprove	16	8	24	15	15	17	15	14
DK/NA	42	42	41	42	38	46	44	35
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64 65+
Approve	41%	43%	45%	47%	40%	49%	38%	42% 40%
Disapprove	16	16	17	14	17	15	14	20 12
DK/NA	43	42	38	39	43	37	48	38 48

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Bolling is handling his job as Lieutenant Governor? (*Low also 35% Oct 2011)

	Jul 18	May 15	Mar 27	Feb 20	Jan 09	APPROVE.....	High	Low
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	Jul 18	Dec 22	
						2013	2011*	
Approve	42	37	37	36	40	42	35	
Disapprove	16	17	15	18	16	16	18	
DK/NA	42	46	48	45	44	42	46	

23. 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%	79%	21%	47%	51%	44%	51%	37%
Disapprove	34	6	60	34	30	37	32	41
DK/NA	19	15	20	18	18	19	17	22
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64 65+
Approve	42%	50%	45%	51%	47%	53%	44%	47% 46%
Disapprove	47	26	30	33	40	22	33	37 39
DK/NA	11	24	26	16	13	25	24	15 15

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

	Jul 18	May 16	Mar 27	Feb 20	Jan 09	APPROVE.....	High	Low
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	Jun 29	Feb 20	
						2011	2013	
Approve	47	47	45	41	48	49	41	
Disapprove	34	30	27	32	27	31	32	
DK/NA	19	23	28	26	25	20	26	

25. 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	37%	25%	53%	35%	35%	39%	38%	40%	
No	27	37	15	29	33	21	28	14	
DK/NA	36	38	32	36	31	40	33	45	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	47%	31%	33%	41%	43%	33%	31%	44%	34%
No	29	26	26	29	26	22	24	29	29
DK/NA	24	43	41	30	31	44	45	27	37

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

	Jul 18 2013	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013
Yes	37	31	28
No	27	26	23
DK/NA	36	43	49

26. 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	49%	74%	31%	48%	55%	44%	55%	31%	
No	27	6	46	28	25	29	25	33	
DK/NA	24	20	23	24	20	27	20	35	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	51%	48%	42%	50%	56%	51%	44%	51%	46%
No	35	23	27	28	29	16	28	31	30
DK/NA	14	30	31	23	15	34	28	17	24

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

	Jul 18 2013	May 16 2013	Mar 27 2013
Yes	49	45	44
No	27	25	22
DK/NA	24	30	35

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Liberal	26%	48%	4%	27%	35%	18%	31%	6%	
Conservative	4	1	4	5	4	3	4	1	
About right	36	14	60	35	33	38	33	52	
DK/NA	35	37	32	34	29	40	33	41	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Liberal	31%	22%	20%	29%	29%	20%	23%	29%	27%
Conservative	2	5	5	5	2	7	2	4	2
About right	44	31	32	36	43	32	31	40	35
DK/NA	23	42	43	30	27	41	44	27	36

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

	Jul 18	May 16	Mar 27
	2013	2013	2013
Liberal	26	22	21
Conservative	4	4	4
About right	36	33	29
DK/NA	35	41	45

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Liberal	5%	3%	8%	4%	5%	6%	4%	9%	
Conservative	33	10	49	38	32	33	33	31	
About right	37	68	15	34	42	32	41	25	
DK/NA	25	19	28	24	21	29	22	34	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Liberal	2%	7%	10%	3%	2%	4%	3%	7%	6%
Conservative	54	20	21	32	48	24	32	37	33
About right	30	40	35	42	33	38	35	37	36
DK/NA	13	33	34	22	16	34	29	19	25

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

	Jul 18	May 16	Mar 27
	2013	2013	2013
Liberal	5	6	5
Conservative	33	28	29
About right	37	38	32
DK/NA	25	28	33

29. Who would you rather chat with at a barbecue, Terry McAuliffe or Ken Cuccinelli?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
McAuliffe	34%	11%	58%	34%	33%	36%	32%	43%
Cuccinelli	38	66	14	37	40	37	43	22
BOTH (VOL)	7	5	7	7	8	6	6	6
NEITHER (VOL)	10	7	11	11	9	11	9	17
DK/NA	10	11	10	11	10	10	10	12

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
McAuliffe	47%	26%	36%	28%	43%	31%	36%	35%	33%
Cuccinelli	33	41	32	44	38	40	35	40	36
BOTH (VOL)	5	8	9	8	5	13	6	7	5
NEITHER (VOL)	8	12	10	10	9	5	11	12	11
DK/NA	6	13	13	10	6	11	12	7	15

35. How much have you heard or read about Governor McDonnell's relationship with a certain donor who provided multiple gifts, including large financial contributions, to the governor and his family; a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
A lot	42%	39%	47%	38%	44%	40%	46%	30%
A little	34	38	28	38	35	33	35	32
Nothing at all	22	21	23	22	20	24	18	36
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	1	3	1	2

	COLLEGE Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN 18-29	YRS..... 30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	55%	34%	37%	40%	48%	23%	31%	49%	56%
A little	32	35	29	39	37	33	34	37	29
Nothing at all	12	29	31	20	14	43	31	12	12
DK/NA	2	2	3	1	2	1	4	2	2

36. Do you think Governor McDonnell was involved in any wrong-doing or not, or haven't you heard enough about this? IF YES: Do you think this is serious or not serious?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Yes/Serious	27%	11%	43%	26%	23%	31%	28%	23%	
Yes/Not serious	5	3	5	5	6	4	5	6	
No, not involved	16	31	4	14	20	12	19	4	
Hvn't hrd enough	49	52	46	51	48	50	45	63	
REFUSED	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes/Serious	38%	21%	24%	29%	32%	15%	23%	34%	33%
Yes/Not serious	8	3	2	5	7	3	8	5	3
No, not involved	12	18	14	15	17	17	9	17	18
Hvn't hrd enough	38	56	57	49	42	63	58	40	42
REFUSED	4	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	5

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Yes/Serious	35%
Yes/Not serious	6
No, not involved	20
Hvn't hrd enough	35
REFUSED	3

TREND: Do you think Governor McDonnell was involved in any wrong-doing or not, or haven't you heard enough about this? IF YES: Do you think this is serious or not serious?

	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013
Yes/Serious	27	12
Yes/Not serious	5	6
No, not involved	16	16
Hvn't hrd enough	49	63
REFUSED	3	2

37. Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the way Governor McDonnell is handling this matter?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Satisfied	30%	52%	15%	28%	34%	26%	33%	24%	
Not satisfied	41	21	57	44	39	42	42	38	
DK/NA	30	28	28	28	27	32	26	37	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Satisfied	27%	32%	30%	34%	29%	27%	25%	31%	34%
Not satisfied	52	34	38	41	48	34	38	46	41
DK/NA	21	35	32	26	23	39	36	23	25

Heard/
ReadQ35

Satisfied	32%
Not satisfied	50
DK/NA	18

38. Do you think Governor McDonnell should resign over this matter or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Yes/Resign	16%	4%	29%	13%	12%	19%	15%	17%	
No/Not	61	75	45	65	69	53	62	57	
DK/NA	24	21	26	23	19	28	22	26	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes/Resign	18%	15%	14%	17%	16%	8%	13%	18%	20%
No/Not	62	60	60	62	64	66	57	62	58
DK/NA	20	26	26	21	19	26	30	20	22
	Heard/ ReadQ35								
Yes/Resign	18%								
No/Not	67								
DK/NA	15								

39. Does this matter make you more likely to vote for Ken Cuccinelli for governor, less likely to vote for Ken Cuccinelli for governor, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
More likely	10%	15%	5%	11%	9%	11%	10%	8%	
Less likely	14	6	22	13	12	15	13	16	
No difference	70	75	66	69	74	66	73	63	
DK/NA	6	4	7	6	5	8	5	13	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
More likely	8%	12%	11%	10%	9%	9%	11%	12%	8%
Less likely	17	12	13	15	14	9	11	16	19
No difference	71	69	69	72	72	78	70	68	64
DK/NA	4	8	7	4	5	5	8	5	9
	Heard/ ReadQ35								
More likely	11%								
Less likely	16								
No difference	70								
DK/NA	3								

40. Do you support or oppose allowing same sex couples to get married in Virginia?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		
Support	50%	26%	68%	52%	43%	55%	51%	42%		
Oppose	43	68	26	39	49	39	43	48		
DK/NA	7	6	6	9	8	6	6	10		
WHITE.....										
	COLLEGE	DEG	RELIGION.....					BornAgnEv		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	None	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support	60%	45%	36%	56%	82%	43%	58%	22%	56%	
Oppose	34	49	57	40	16	51	36	74	37	
DK/NA	6	6	8	4	2	6	6	4	7	
	COLLEGE	DEG	ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE	IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Support	57%	45%	49%	49%	57%	74%	52%	43%	37%	
Oppose	35	48	45	44	37	22	36	51	54	
DK/NA	8	7	7	7	6	4	11	6	9	