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VIRGINIA VOTERS TELL NYC'S BLOOMBERG TO (GUN) BUTT OUT, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS DIVIDED ON WHETHER GOVERNOR IS HONEST

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg should keep his nose out of Virginia issues, 52 percent of Old Dominion voters say, while 43 percent say the State Legislature should try to address Mayor Bloomberg's claim that many guns used in New York City crimes come from Virginia, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

There is wide partisan, gender and racial divisions on the gun question, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Democrats say 67 – 29 percent that the State Legislature should address the issue, while Republicans say 74 – 22 percent that Bloomberg should not be involved in Virginia issues, with independent voters agreeing 57 – 38 percent. Against Bloomberg are men, 57 – 37 percent, and white voters, 56 – 40 percent. Women are divided 48 – 48 percent and black voters back the New York City mayor 55 – 38 percent.

“The sizable splits on this question across political, racial and gender lines largely reflect the division of opinion in Virginia and the country on gun control matters,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

Virginia voters are divided 42 – 41 percent on whether Gov. Bob McDonnell is honest and trustworthy, compared to a July 17 survey when voters said 44 – 36 percent he was honest. There is a large partisan split as Republicans vouch for the governor 69 – 18 percent while Democrats say he is not honest 55 – 25 percent. Independent voters are divided 44 – 40 percent.

Voters still approve 47 – 39 percent of the job Gov. Bob McDonnell is doing, little changed from his all-time low 46 – 37 percent score July 17. The governor gets a split 34 – 35 percent favorability rating.

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“Virginia voters are not giving Gov. Bob McDonnell a ringing vote of confidence for his honesty and integrity,” Brown added. “His approval rating and favorable/unfavorable ratio are a far cry from when the governor was admired for his job performance and liked by voters. McDonnell’s favorability numbers were slightly positive 36 – 33 percent in July, and back in May it was almost two-to-one favorable, 40 – 23 percent.

“The fact that he gets a thumbs up for his job performance but a split on favorability indicates that to some degree voters seem able to separate their views of him personally and their evaluation of his ability to run the state. But as the questions about his and his family’s relationship with a prominent campaign donor continue to swirl he will have a difficult time pushing his numbers up.”

Looking ahead to the 2016 presidential campaign, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton continues to be the apple of Virginia voters’ eyes, leading New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie 46 – 37 percent, compared to 45 – 40 percent when Quinnipiac University asked that question in July.

Christie continues to lead Vice President Joseph Biden, 44 – 37 percent today compared to 46 – 38 percent last month.

Clinton crushes Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas 53 – 34 percent. Biden tops Cruz 47 – 37 percent.

Virginia voters give President Barack Obama a split 48 – 48 percent job approval rating, compared to a negative 46 – 51 percent score last month.

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner gets a 61 – 25 percent job approval rating, with a 55 – 32 percent score for Sen. Tim Kaine.

From August 14 – 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,374 registered voters with a margin of error of +/-2.6 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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4. Is your opinion of Bob McDonnell favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	34%	54%	16%	38%	36%	32%	38%	23%
Unfavorable	35	13	54	34	38	33	34	49
Hvn't hrd enough	28	30	29	25	24	31	25	27
REFUSED	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	1

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

	FAVORABLE.....							
	Aug 22	Jul 17	May 15	Mar 27	Feb 20	High	Low	
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	Jan 09	Aug 22	
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	
Favorable	34	36	40	42	41	45	34	
Unfavorable	35	33	23	22	24	23	35	
Hvn't hrd enough	28	28	35	33	33	30	28	
REFUSED	3	4	2	4	3	2	3	

9. (INTRO Q9-16: Thinking far ahead to the 2016 election for President...) 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	Wht	Blk
Clinton	46%	6%	90%	36%	40%	53%	38%	77%
Christie	37	84	2	41	42	33	46	11
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	2	-	6	6	2	4	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	1	7	6	3	5	-
DK/NA	8	3	6	10	7	9	7	11

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	COLLEGE DEG		RELIGION.....			Men	Wom
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	None		
Clinton	40%	37%	31%	35%	58%	30%	45%
Christie	43	47	54	50	22	50	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	3	2	4	7	5	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	6	4	4	8	2
DK/NA	7	8	7	6	8	6	9

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No			<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49
Clinton	46%	46%	53%	38%	47%	49%	47%	46%	44%
Christie	37	38	29	44	42	33	38	39	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	4	5	4	2	7	4	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	4	7	3	5	5	3	4
DK/NA	8	8	9	7	6	6	6	10	10

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?

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Clinton	46	45
Christie	37	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3
DK/NA	8	9

10. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Biden	37%	3%	79%	28%	34%	40%	28%	66%
Christie	44	88	9	47	47	42	54	14
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	2	1	7	7	3	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	1	6	5	3	4	1
DK/NA	10	3	10	12	8	12	9	16

WHITE.....

COLLEGE DEG RELIGION.....

	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	None	Men	Wom
Biden	32%	26%	22%	27%	43%	26%	30%
Christie	50	56	60	54	38	56	51
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	4	4	4	7	6	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	4	5	5	5	6	3
DK/NA	7	11	9	9	7	5	13

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....

	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Biden	37%	37%	41%	31%	37%	40%	37%	35%	38%
Christie	45	43	36	51	49	41	45	46	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	5	6	6	2	8	5	4	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	3	3
DK/NA	8	11	12	8	8	7	9	12	12

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Biden	37	38
Christie	44	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4
DK/NA	10	10

11. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Clinton	53%	11%	92%	46%	48%	57%	45%	83%	
Cruz	34	80	-	35	37	30	43	4	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	-	-	4	4	1	2	1	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	
DK/NA	8	5	7	11	7	9	8	10	
WHITE.....									
		COLLEGE DEG		RELIGION.....					
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	None	Men	Wom		
Clinton	48%	42%	36%	43%	65%	37%	51%		
Cruz	41	45	51	50	21	50	38		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	4	3	1		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2	2	3	3	1		
DK/NA	7	9	11	3	6	7	9		
		COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Clinton	54%	52%	58%	46%	57%	53%	58%	52%	47%
Cruz	34	33	26	41	37	33	30	36	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	4	2	1	4	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	3	3	2	1	3	3	2	2
DK/NA	8	9	10	8	4	7	7	8	12

12. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Ted Cruz the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Biden	47%	5%	90%	40%	45%	49%	37%	80%	
Cruz	37	83	1	38	38	35	47	5	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	3	1	4	5	3	3	2	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	1	6	4	3	4	2	
DK/NA	9	5	6	12	7	10	9	10	
WHITE.....									
		COLLEGE DEG		RELIGION.....					
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	None	Men	Wom		
Biden	42%	34%	29%	37%	56%	34%	40%		
Cruz	44	49	57	49	26	51	44		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	2	6	4	1		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	4	3	4	5	4	4		
DK/NA	7	10	10	8	6	7	11		
		COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Biden	48%	46%	50%	43%	48%	46%	49%	44%	47%
Cruz	38	36	31	43	39	38	35	39	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	5	5	2	3	6	4	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	4	2	3	3	5	4	1
DK/NA	8	9	10	9	6	6	8	10	12

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	57%	19%	95%	50%	52%	62%	49%	87%
Unfavorable	38	76	2	45	44	32	47	5
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	3	2	2	4	2	8
REFUSED	1	1	-	2	1	2	2	-

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Favorable	57	58
Unfavorable	38	37
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4
REFUSED	1	1

14. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	48%	11%	87%	43%	48%	48%	38%	81%
Unfavorable	44	84	5	49	45	43	55	6
Hvn't hrd enough	7	5	7	7	6	8	6	13
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	Jun 07 2012
Favorable	48	47	39
Unfavorable	44	44	38
Hvn't hrd enough	7	8	20
REFUSED	1	1	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	56%	69%	47%	59%	60%	52%	59%	49%
Unfavorable	18	13	21	18	20	17	18	21
Hvn't hrd enough	24	16	30	21	19	29	21	29
REFUSED	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Favorable	56	55
Unfavorable	18	17
Hvn't hrd enough	24	26
REFUSED	2	2

16. Is your opinion of Ted Cruz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	21%	43%	2%	23%	26%	16%	25%	4%
Unfavorable	19	2	36	17	21	17	16	32
Hvn't hrd enough	60	55	62	59	52	66	58	63
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	47%	75%	25%	49%	50%	45%	52%	28%
Disapprove	39	16	59	36	38	39	36	52
DK/NA	14	9	17	16	12	17	11	20

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as Governor?

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	APPROVE..... High Oct 12 2011	Low Jul 17 2013
Approve	47	46	49	53	53	62	46
Disapprove	39	37	28	26	28	22	37
DK/NA	14	17	23	21	19	16	17

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	40%	61%	25%	41%	45%	36%	45%	25%
Disapprove	46	26	61	44	44	47	41	57
DK/NA	14	13	14	16	11	17	14	18

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?
(*High also 48% Jun 2011, **Low also 38% Mar 2012, Feb 2013)

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	APPROVE..... High Sep 14 2011*	Low May 15 2013**
Approve	40	41	38	40	38	48	38
Disapprove	46	42	42	40	46	34	42
DK/NA	14	18	20	20	16	18	20

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	61%	49%	76%	58%	61%	61%	59%	71%
Disapprove	25	40	10	26	25	24	27	14
DK/NA	14	11	14	16	14	15	14	15

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Feb 09 2012*	Low Mar 27 2013
Approve	61	61	59	56	58	64	56
Disapprove	25	23	22	26	28	22	26
DK/NA	14	16	18	18	14	14	18

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	55%	35%	80%	48%	54%	55%	49%	78%
Disapprove	32	54	9	35	35	29	38	6
DK/NA	14	11	12	16	12	16	13	15

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013	Jan 09 2013
Approve	55	51	46	47	50	48
Disapprove	32	30	33	33	33	30
DK/NA	14	19	21	20	17	22

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	48%	8%	90%	42%	46%	50%	39%	85%
Disapprove	48	90	6	55	50	46	58	10
DK/NA	4	2	4	3	3	4	3	5

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 28 2013	Feb 21 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Jan 10 2013*	Low Sep 15 2011
Approve	48	46	49	45	51	52	40
Disapprove	48	51	47	49	46	44	54
DK/NA	4	4	4	6	4	3	6

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	43%	58%	34%	43%	44%	42%	44%	40%
Disapprove	17	12	26	14	18	17	15	24
DK/NA	40	30	40	43	38	42	41	36

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

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 18 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Aug 22 2013	Low Dec 22 2011*
Approve	43	42	37	37	36	43	35
Disapprove	17	16	17	15	18	17	18
DK/NA	40	42	46	48	45	40	46

24. 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	Wht	Blk
Very satisfied	8%	13%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	6%
Smwht satisfied	52	66	41	54	56	48	53	49
Smwht dissatisfied	29	17	40	27	27	30	28	32
Very dissatisfied	11	3	12	12	8	14	10	13
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-

TREND: 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? (*High also 68% Jun 2011)

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013	May 15 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 20 2013	VERY+SMWHT SAT	
						High Sep 14 2011*	Low Feb 20 2013
Very satisfied	8	8	8	7	8	13	8
Smwht satisfied	52	54	54	57	50	55	50
Smwht dissatisfied	29	26	26	25	29	24	29
Very dissatisfied	11	11	11	10	12	7	12
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

34. Would you say that Bob McDonnell is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	42%	69%	25%	40%	43%	41%	46%	27%
No	41	18	55	44	43	39	39	54
DK/NA	17	14	20	16	14	20	15	19

TREND: Would you say that Bob McDonnell is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Aug 22 2013	Jul 17 2013
Yes	42	44
No	41	36
DK/NA	17	21

37. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg claims that many of the guns used in crimes in New York City come from Virginia. Which comes closer to your point of view, the Virginia legislature should try to address this issue or Mayor Bloomberg should not get involved in Virginia issues?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
VA leg. shld address	43%	22%	67%	38%	37%	48%	40%	55%
Bloombrg not invlved	52	74	29	57	57	48	56	38
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	6

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VA leg. shld address	33%
Bloombrg not invlved	64
DK/NA	3