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VIRGINIANS HAVE A DREAM FOR THEIR CHILDREN, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BIG RACIAL DIVIDE ON WHETHER KING'S DREAM IS REALIZED

As the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech approaches, Virginians say 60 – 30 percent their children will live in a nation where people are mainly judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Virginia residents are divided 45 – 44 percent, however, on whether people today are judged mainly by the color of their skin or the content of their character, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

There are pronounced racial divisions looking at the nation today and looking at the future. Whites say 53 – 37 percent that people today are judged on the content of their character and that outlook jumps to 66 – 23 percent when looking at the future.

Blacks say 71 – 19 percent that people today are judged by the color of their skin, and say 54 – 41 percent that still will be true for their children.

Men and women and adults in all age groups are optimistic for the future.

"Black and white Virginians are strongly divided on whether we have overcome and whether we shall overcome," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

From August 14 – 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,589 Virginia adults with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 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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38. As you may know, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech at a civil rights march in Washington in 1963. In that speech he said "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Do you believe you live in a nation where people are mainly judged by the color of their skin or mainly by the content of their character?

	ALL ADULTS.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Color of skin	45%	41%	49%	37%	71%
Content of character	44	49	40	53	19
DK/NA	11	11	11	10	10

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Color of skin	42%	47%	43%	48%	47%	41%
Content of character	49	42	48	40	43	49
DK/NA	9	11	8	12	10	10

39. Do you believe your children will live in a nation where people are mainly judged by the color of their skin or mainly by the content of their character?

	ALL ADULTS.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Color of skin	30%	29%	31%	23%	54%
Content of character	60	60	60	66	41
NO CHILDREN (VOL)	2	2	3	3	1
DK/NA	7	9	6	8	4

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Color of skin	25%	33%	27%	33%	34%	24%
Content of character	67	57	65	59	58	62
NO CHILDREN (VOL)	2	3	2	2	3	3
DK/NA	6	8	7	7	6	11