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VIRGINIA: MOST PARENTS SUPPORT SCHOOL MASK MANDATE

Majority of voters back UVA unvaxxed student disenrollment

West Long Branch, NJ – Two-thirds of Virginia voters, including parents of school-age children, support the state’s school mask mandate and many support Covid vaccinations for age-eligible children. The ***Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll*** also finds that a majority of voters back the University of Virginia’s decision to disenroll students who did not report their vaccination status. Gov. Ralph Northam gets solid marks for his handling of the pandemic, but his overall job rating is somewhat lower.

Virginia voters are divided on whether the commonwealth’s schools should be fully open for in-person instruction this year (43%) or should offer a mix of in-person and remote instruction (41%). However, just 12% say they should be fully remote. Among parents of children under 18 years old, 49% say schools should be fully in person, 38% prefer a hybrid model, and 12% want fully remote instruction.

About two-thirds of registered voters (67%) – and parents specifically (64%) – support the requirement that students, teachers, and staff in Virginia schools wear face masks this year. In terms of a possible vaccine mandate, a majority of voters (58%) would approve of requiring children age 12 and older to be vaccinated in order to attend school in person. Just over half (52%) support the same requirement for school children under 12 years old if a vaccine is authorized for that age group in the coming months. Parents of school-age children are slightly less supportive – 49% approve of requiring vaccines for the middle to high school-age group and 43% would support that requirement for younger children – but there is still a measurable amount of support for vaccine mandates for school attendance.

“If you watch the news coverage you may think that the vast majority of Virginia parents want no masks and no remote learning options, when that is clearly not the case. These are just the most vocal folks. In fact, nearly half of all parents would support a vaccine mandate for school children,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

A majority (53%) of registered voters approve of the University of Virginia’s decision to disenroll students who refused to report whether they got a Covid vaccine or did not apply for an exemption. Another 43% disapprove.

Looking at efforts to control the pandemic in Virginia in general, 46% of voters say state government measures to slow the virus have been appropriate, while 27% say they have not gone far enough and 24% say these measures have gone too far. A clear majority (64%) support reinstating general face mask and social distancing guidelines in the commonwealth, while 32% are opposed. Support for reinstating these measures comes from majorities of Democrats (89%) and independents (60%), but only 37% of Republicans.

Four in ten (40%) voters are very concerned about a family member becoming seriously ill from Covid. Still, significantly more (42%) say Virginia has been doing better than other states in handling the pandemic than say it has done worse (11%). Another 42% say it has been doing about the same.

Northam’s overall job rating stands at 48% approve and 42% disapprove, but he gets better marks on the pandemic specifically. Nearly 6 in 10 (59%) Virginia voters say Northam has done a good job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak while just 27% say he has done a bad job.

Currently, 77% of Virginia voters report receiving at least one Covid vaccine dose. Another 1% plan to get it as soon as possible and 6% are still waiting for other people to get vaccinated and see how it goes. Just over 1 in 10 voters (12%) say they will never get the vaccine if they can avoid it. Republicans (21%) and independents (14%) are more likely than Democrats (2%) to fall into the anti-vax group. Regionally, the highest anti-vax sentiment is in the western part of the commonwealth (22%).

The *Monmouth University Poll* also finds that President Joe Biden earns a slightly negative job rating from Virginia voters – 46% approve and 49% disapprove.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from August 24 to 29, 2021 with 802 Virginia registered voters. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1-18 previously released.]

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ralph Northam is doing as governor?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Aug. 2021
Approve	48%
Disapprove	42%
(VOL) No opinion	9%
(n)	(802)

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Approve	46%
Disapprove	49%
(VOL) No opinion	5%
(n)	(802)

21. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Very concerned	40%
Somewhat concerned	31%
Not too concerned	18%
Not at all concerned	9%
(VOL) Has already happened	1%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(802)

22. Has Governor Northam done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Good job	59%
Bad job	27%
(VOL) Mixed, depends	8%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(802)

23. Do you think Virginia is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Better	42%
Worse	11%
About the same	42%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(802)

24. Have the measures taken by the Virginia state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Appropriate	46%
Gone too far	24%
Not gone far enough	27%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(802)

25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in Virginia at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Strongly support	49%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	21%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(802)

26. Based on where we stand right now, do you think Virginia schools should be fully open for in-person instruction, have a mixture of remote and in-person instruction, or should they be fully remote?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Fully in person	43%
Mixture remote and in person	41%
Fully remote	12%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(802)

27. The state is requiring that students, teachers, and staff in all Virginia schools wear face masks this year. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Approve	67%
Disapprove	30%
(VOL) Depends	2%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(802)

28. Would you approve or disapprove of requiring children who are age 12 and older to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Approve	58%
Disapprove	36%
(VOL) Depends	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(802)

29. The vaccine may also be authorized for children under age 12 in the coming months. If that happens, would you approve or disapprove of requiring children under age 12 to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Approve	52%
Disapprove	41%
(VOL) Depends	4%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(802)

30. The University of Virginia recently disenrolled some students who refused to report whether they got a Covid vaccine and did not apply for an exemption. Do you approve or disapprove of the university's decision to disenroll these students?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Aug. 2021
Approve	53%
Disapprove	43%
(VOL) Depends	1%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(802)

31. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? [If NOT:] Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avoid it?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Aug. 2021
Already received vaccine	77%
As soon as possible	1%
See how it goes	6%
Likely will never get vaccine	12%
(VOL.) Don't know	4%
(n)	(802)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from August 24 to 29, 2021 with a statewide random sample of 802 Virginia voters drawn from a list of registered voters. This includes 227 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 575 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for party primary voting history, age, gender, race, education, and region based on state voter registration list information and U.S. Census information (CPS 2018 supplement). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Aristotle (voter sample). For results based on the full voter sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

VA Regions:

NoVa – Loudon, Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties and included cities.

Tidewater – counties and cities along the Chesapeake Bay and tributary rivers (James, York, Rappahannock), including Hampton Roads, Virginia Beach, Newport News and Norfolk.

Richmond/I-95 – Counties and cities that straddle either side of I-95, including Richmond.

West – the area west of a north-south line from Clarke/Fauquier to Mecklenburg counties.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted) REGISTERED VOTERS
Self-Reported Party ID
29% Republican
37% Independent
34% Democrat
48% Male
52% Female
21% 18-34
34% 35-54
45% 55+
67% White, non-Hispanic
19% Black
6% Hispanic
8% Asian/Other
59% No degree
41% 4 year degree

		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
MARGIN OF ERROR			
REGISTERED VOTERS		802	3.5%
SELF-REPORTED	<i>Republican</i>	225	6.5%
PARTY ID	<i>Independent</i>	320	5.5%
	<i>Democrat</i>	247	6.2%
GENDER	<i>Male</i>	394	4.9%
	<i>Female</i>	408	4.9%
AGE	<i>18-34</i>	109	9.4%
	<i>35-54</i>	250	6.2%
	<i>55+</i>	425	4.8%
RACE	<i>White</i>	560	4.2%
	<i>Black</i>	133	8.5%
	<i>Hispanic, Asian, other</i>	72	11.6%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	<i>No degree</i>	375	5.1%
	<i>4 year degree</i>	419	4.8%
REGION	<i>NoVa</i>	228	6.5%
	<i>Tidewater</i>	162	7.7%
	<i>Richmond/I-95</i>	152	8.0%
	<i>West</i>	260	6.1%
CHILDREN IN HOME	<i>Yes</i>	213	6.7%
	<i>No</i>	585	4.1%

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Monmouth University Poll -- VIRGINIA VOTERS -- 9/08/21

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
19. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ralph Northam is doing as governor?	Approve	48%	13%	43%	84%	45%	51%	44%	50%	50%
	Disapprove	42%	81%	45%	7%	47%	38%	47%	40%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	6%	12%	9%	8%	11%	9%	10%	9%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
19. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ralph Northam is doing as governor?	Approve	39%	71%	63%	42%	58%	64%	57%	45%	29%
	Disapprove	53%	15%	28%	49%	33%	28%	33%	45%	62%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	15%	9%	9%	9%	8%	10%	11%	9%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
19. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Ralph Northam is doing as governor?	Approve	49%	48%
	Disapprove	41%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	9%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	46%	5%	36%	92%	40%	51%	45%	44%	48%
	Disapprove	49%	94%	55%	6%	55%	44%	52%	49%	48%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	1%	10%	2%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	35%	78%	54%	41%	54%	57%	54%	49%	26%
	Disapprove	62%	15%	38%	57%	39%	35%	40%	49%	70%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	7%	8%	3%	8%	8%	6%	2%	4%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	44%	46%
	Disapprove	50%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	4%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
21. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	40%	20%	39%	57%	34%	45%	36%	35%	45%
	Somewhat concerned	31%	40%	28%	28%	32%	31%	28%	36%	30%
	Not too concerned	18%	25%	19%	9%	20%	16%	23%	14%	16%
	Not at all concerned	9%	12%	11%	5%	13%	6%	11%	13%	6%
	[VOL] Has already happened	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
21. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	34%	66%	41%	41%	38%	38%	51%	37%	35%
	Somewhat concerned	33%	19%	36%	29%	35%	33%	28%	36%	29%
	Not too concerned	22%	10%	10%	18%	17%	17%	12%	19%	22%
	Not at all concerned	10%	5%	12%	10%	8%	11%	7%	7%	11%
	[VOL] Has already happened	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
21. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	38%	41%
	Somewhat concerned	29%	32%
	Not too concerned	16%	18%
	Not at all concerned	15%	7%
	[VOL] Has already happened	2%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
22. Has Governor Northam done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	59%	25%	57%	92%	55%	63%	59%	61%	59%
	Bad job	27%	54%	28%	3%	32%	23%	27%	28%	26%
	[VOL] Mixed, depends	8%	11%	10%	3%	8%	8%	11%	7%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	9%	5%	2%	5%	6%	2%	5%	7%

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		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
22. Has Governor Northam done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	51%	81%	73%	54%	67%	73%	65%	56%	43%
	Bad job	35%	8%	18%	30%	23%	16%	24%	34%	36%
	[VOL] Mixed, depends	9%	5%	8%	10%	5%	6%	6%	5%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	6%	1%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	7%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
22. Has Governor Northam done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	61%	58%
	Bad job	26%	28%
	[VOL] Mixed, depends	9%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	6%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
23. Do you think Virginia is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?	Better	42%	17%	43%	64%	41%	44%	36%	44%	44%
	Worse	11%	19%	11%	4%	11%	10%	10%	12%	10%
	About the same	42%	57%	42%	27%	44%	40%	50%	42%	39%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	7%	5%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%	7%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
23. Do you think Virginia is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?	Better	40%	51%	43%	34%	53%	52%	47%	38%	32%
	Worse	13%	8%	8%	13%	7%	8%	12%	9%	13%
	About the same	42%	37%	43%	45%	37%	34%	32%	51%	50%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	5%	7%	3%	6%	8%	2%	5%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
23. Do you think Virginia is doing better, worse, or about the same as other states in dealing with the pandemic?	Better	44%	41%
	Worse	11%	11%
	About the same	43%	41%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	7%

Monmouth University Poll -- VIRGINIA VOTERS -- 9/08/21

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
24. Have the measures taken by the Virginia state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	46%	30%	47%	59%	45%	47%	36%	49%	48%
	Gone too far	24%	49%	26%	2%	28%	21%	29%	25%	21%
	Not gone far enough	27%	16%	26%	37%	25%	28%	34%	23%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	4%	1%	2%	5%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
24. Have the measures taken by the Virginia state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	39%	57%	64%	40%	55%	59%	47%	37%	37%
	Gone too far	33%	7%	7%	29%	18%	12%	22%	28%	35%
	Not gone far enough	24%	34%	27%	28%	25%	25%	28%	33%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	5%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
24. Have the measures taken by the Virginia state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	47%	46%
	Gone too far	27%	23%
	Not gone far enough	24%	27%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	4%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in Virginia at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	49%	22%	43%	76%	39%	57%	47%	45%	52%
	Somewhat support	15%	15%	17%	13%	18%	12%	13%	18%	13%
	Somewhat oppose	11%	18%	12%	5%	14%	9%	11%	13%	11%
	Strongly oppose	21%	40%	24%	2%	26%	16%	26%	21%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%

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25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in Virginia at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	40%	69%	68%	44%	56%	59%	53%	43%	39%
	Somewhat support	15%	14%	12%	16%	12%	13%	10%	20%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	14%	5%	7%	10%	13%	14%	10%	7%	14%
	Strongly oppose	28%	3%	11%	24%	17%	12%	20%	24%	29%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	10%	1%	5%	2%	2%	7%	5%	3%

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		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in Virginia at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	43%	51%
	Somewhat support	17%	14%
	Somewhat oppose	11%	11%
	Strongly oppose	26%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%

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		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
26. Based on where we stand right now, do you think Virginia schools should be fully open for in-person instruction, have a mixture of remote and in-person instruction, or should they be fully remote?	Fully in person	43%	64%	43%	25%	47%	39%	38%	40%	46%
	Mixture remote and in person	41%	21%	45%	54%	35%	46%	45%	47%	35%
	Fully remote	12%	10%	9%	17%	13%	10%	17%	11%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	1%	2%	9%

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26. Based on where we stand right now, do you think Virginia schools should be fully open for in-person instruction, have a mixture of remote and in-person instruction, or should they be fully remote?	Fully in person	46%	36%	37%	43%	42%	41%	41%	38%	49%
	Mixture remote and in person	40%	41%	45%	38%	46%	43%	40%	46%	36%
	Fully remote	9%	18%	16%	14%	8%	13%	13%	12%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	6%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
26. Based on where we stand right now, do you think Virginia schools should be fully open for in-person instruction, have a mixture of remote and in-person instruction, or should they be fully remote?	Fully in person	49%	40%
	Mixture remote and in person	38%	42%
	Fully remote	12%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	6%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
27. The state is requiring that students, teachers, and staff in all Virginia schools wear face masks this year. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?	Approve	67%	38%	63%	95%	61%	73%	62%	69%	69%
	Disapprove	30%	56%	33%	3%	36%	24%	34%	29%	27%
	[VOL] Depends	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

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		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
27. The state is requiring that students, teachers, and staff in all Virginia schools wear face masks this year. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?	Approve	59%	88%	83%	62%	75%	78%	67%	68%	55%
	Disapprove	38%	8%	17%	34%	23%	20%	29%	28%	41%
	[VOL] Depends	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
27. The state is requiring that students, teachers, and staff in all Virginia schools wear face masks this year. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?	Approve	64%	68%
	Disapprove	33%	28%
	[VOL] Depends	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
28. Would you approve or disapprove of requiring children who are age 12 and older to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?	Approve	58%	29%	53%	88%	56%	59%	53%	52%	65%
	Disapprove	36%	64%	41%	9%	40%	33%	43%	44%	27%
	[VOL] Depends	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	5%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
28. Would you approve or disapprove of requiring children who are age 12 and older to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?	Approve	52%	72%	69%	51%	68%	71%	60%	57%	44%
	Disapprove	42%	22%	28%	43%	27%	24%	33%	36%	50%
	[VOL] Depends	3%	4%	0%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
28. Would you approve or disapprove of requiring children who are age 12 and older to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?	Approve	49%	61%
	Disapprove	45%	32%
	[VOL] Depends	4%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
29. The vaccine may also be authorized for children under age 12 in the coming months. If that happens, would you approve or disapprove of requiring children under age 12 to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?	Approve	52%	24%	47%	80%	51%	52%	46%	48%	58%
	Disapprove	41%	68%	45%	15%	43%	40%	50%	48%	32%
	[VOL] Depends	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
29. The vaccine may also be authorized for children under age 12 in the coming months. If that happens, would you approve or disapprove of requiring children under age 12 to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?	Approve	47%	61%	65%	45%	61%	65%	49%	53%	39%
	Disapprove	45%	32%	33%	47%	32%	29%	42%	41%	53%
	[VOL] Depends	4%	4%	1%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	1%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
29. The vaccine may also be authorized for children under age 12 in the coming months. If that happens, would you approve or disapprove of requiring children under age 12 to get the Covid vaccine in order to attend school in person?	Approve	43%	55%
	Disapprove	51%	37%
	[VOL] Depends	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
30. The University of Virginia recently dis-enrolled some students who refused to report whether they got a Covid vaccine and did not apply for an exemption. Do you approve or disapprove of the universitys decision to dis-enroll these students?	Approve	53%	28%	48%	81%	52%	54%	45%	50%	60%
	Disapprove	43%	67%	48%	16%	45%	41%	52%	46%	36%
	[VOL] Depends	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
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30. The University of Virginia recently dis-enrolled some students who refused to report whether they got a Covid vaccine and did not apply for an exemption. Do you approve or disapprove of the universitys decision to dis-enroll these students?	Approve	50%	65%	50%	44%	67%	64%	54%	52%	43%
	Disapprove	47%	28%	48%	52%	30%	32%	42%	43%	55%
	[VOL] Depends	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	6%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	1%

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		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
30. The University of Virginia recently dis-enrolled some students who refused to report whether they got a Covid vaccine and did not apply for an exemption. Do you approve or disapprove of the university's decision to dis-enroll these students?	Approve	46%	56%
	Disapprove	50%	40%
	[VOL] Depends	1%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
31. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if	Already received	77%	63%	77%	91%	77%	78%	68%	76%	84%
	As soon as possible	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	See how it goes	6%	9%	5%	5%	4%	7%	12%	7%	3%
	Likely will never get	12%	21%	14%	2%	14%	10%	16%	11%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	6%	4%	1%	5%	3%	4%	5%	2%

		RACE			COLLEGE GRAD		REGION			
		White	Black	Hisp-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	NoVa	Tide-water	Richmnd \ I-95	West
31. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if	Already received	75%	85%	83%	71%	87%	90%	80%	75%	64%
	As soon as possible	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
	See how it goes	5%	5%	10%	7%	4%	5%	6%	5%	8%
	Likely will never get	16%	4%	2%	17%	4%	2%	7%	14%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%

		CHILDREN IN HOME	
		Yes	No
31. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if	Already received	72%	80%
	As soon as possible	0%	1%
	See how it goes	10%	4%
	Likely will never get	12%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	3%