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VIRGINIA: NORTHAM LEADS IN CLOSE RACE

Democrat gains support in GOP-rich parts of Commonwealth

West Long Branch, NJ – Democrat Ralph Northam currently holds a 5 point lead over Republican Ed Gillespie in the race for Virginia governor. The ***Monmouth University Poll*** finds that Northam has gained support in the western half of the Commonwealth, an area that is traditionally a GOP stronghold. The Democrat, who is a pediatric neurologist as well as the state’s current Lieutenant Governor, holds a significant advantage on being seen as better able to handle the issue of health care, which voters identify as one of their top concerns in this election.

Currently, 49% of likely voters support Northam and 44% support Gillespie. Libertarian candidate Cliff Hyra gets 2% of the vote and 4% are undecided. Two months ago, Monmouth found a tied race at 44% each for Northam and Gillespie, with Hyra at 3% and undecided at 9%. Compared to July, Northam has increased his support particularly among voters age 50 to 64 (up 12 points to 50%), women (up 7 points to 57%), and white voters (up 7 points to 43%).

“It appears that many previously undecided voters have moved into the Democrat’s camp,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

There are some interesting regional differences in current vote intentions. Northam has a 17 point lead over Gillespie in Northern Virginia (56% to 39%) and a 9 point lead in the eastern part of the Commonwealth (49% to 40%), both of which are in line with July’s results. The race remains virtually tied in Central Virginia, with a negligible 49% to 48% result in Northam’s favor whereas Gillespie had a 2 point nominal edge in the prior poll. The Democrat has made up significant ground, though, in the western half of the Commonwealth where he trails the Republican by only 7 points (50% Gillespie and 43% Northam). This area is a traditional GOP stronghold where Gillespie held a sizable 18 point advantage just two months ago.

“Northam may not have quite the level of support in Northern Virginia as current governor Terry McAuliffe did in his 2013 race, but he has the potential to outperform the incumbent Democrat’s showing in the more conservative western part of the Commonwealth. The fact that Republicans once courted Northam to switch to their party probably doesn’t hurt his credibility with that electorate,” said Murray. Four years ago, McAuliffe won Northern Virginia by 22 points (58% to 36%) but he lost the western part of the Commonwealth by a nearly identical margin to Republican Ken Cuccinelli (36% to 57%).

In terms of issues driving this campaign, health care (22%) and jobs and the economy (22%) continue to be the predominant concerns for voters in this race. The next tier of important issues include education (14%), taxes (9%), and illegal immigration (9%).

Voter opinion is divided on which candidate would best handle the top two issues, but the Democrat has a much stronger advantage on health care than the Republican does on jobs and the economy. Specifically, when asked who is likely to do a good job on health care, 45% say only Northam, 29% say only Gillespie, 7% say both, and 12% say neither. When asked who is likely to do a good job on the economy, 38% say only Gillespie, 33% say only Northam, 14% say both, and 8% say neither.

“Anxiety about health care has become a predominant public concern across the country. If Washington Republicans manage to repeal Obamacare this week, they could end up handing Democrats a huge advantage in the Virginia governor’s race,” said Murray.

Northam also has a strong advantage on education, a perennial issue in the Commonwealth – 45% say he would do a good job on education compared to 28% who prefer Gillespie. Gillespie has a smaller advantage on taxes – 40% say he would do a good job compared to 33% who prefer Northam. There is no clear edge on the issue of illegal immigration – 36% prefer Gillespie and 35% prefer Northam. Likewise, handling the state budget is not a breakout issue for either candidate – 39% prefer Gillespie and 33% prefer Northam – and the same is true for transportation where 29% prefer Northam and 27% prefer Gillespie.

The Commonwealth has faced a soul-searching debate around what to do with Confederate monuments and voters are divided on who would better handle this issue – 31% say Northam, 29% say Gillespie, 7% say both, and 18% say neither. When it comes to the larger issue of race relations, though, Northam has the edge – 37% prefer the Democrat, 22% prefer the Republican, and 13% say both would do a good job, while nearly 1-in-5 Virginia voters (18%) say neither candidate would do a good job handling race relations.

The GOP nominee has been trying to gain an edge by painting his opponent as soft on crime and opposed to new energy infrastructure such as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Gillespie does have an advantage on both these issues – 35% prefer him on crime compared to 27% for Northam and 35% prefer Gillespie on energy infrastructure compared to 29% for Northam. The problem for the Republican is that

only 4% of voters say crime is the most important issue for them and just 2% say the same about energy infrastructure.

Both major party candidates have become better known since the summer, but opinion of the Republican remains slightly more negative than for the Democrat. Specifically, Gillespie is viewed favorably by 42% of likely voters (which is up from 36% in July) and unfavorably by 31% (which is up from 20% two months ago). Northam, on the other hand, is viewed favorably by 45% of the electorate (which is up from 38% in July) and unfavorably by 27% (which is up from 16% two months ago). Just 13% of voters have formed an opinion of Hyra (4% favorable and 9% unfavorable).

Most Virginia voters say this year’s gubernatorial contest has been largely positive (56%) while 30% say it has been negative and 6% say it has been a bit of both. Among the minority who see the campaign as negative, more put the blame on Gillespie (36%) rather than Northam (19%), while 38% blame both candidates equally.

The *Monmouth University Poll* also finds that just 40% of likely voters in Virginia approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president while 55% disapprove, which is slightly more positive than his 37%–57% rating two months ago.

The current governor, Democrat Terry McAuliffe, earns a much stronger 55% approve and 36% disapprove rating from Virginia voters for his job performance – which is a slight uptick from his 52%–37% rating in July.

“To the limited extent that voters are looking at these candidates as proxies for current office holders, the advantage has to go to Northam,” said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from September 21 to 25, 2017 with 499 Virginia residents likely to vote in the 2017 gubernatorial election. The results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percent. 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.)

1./2. If the election for governor was today, would you vote for Ed Gillespie the Republican, Ralph Northam the Democrat, or Cliff Hyra the Libertarian? [IF UNDECIDED: If you had to vote for one of the following at this moment, do you lean more toward Ed Gillespie or Ralph Northam?] [NAMES WERE ROTATED]

TREND:	September	July
<i>Likely voters with leaners</i>	2017	2017
Ed Gillespie	44%	44%
Ralph Northam	49%	44%
Cliff Hyra	2%	3%
(VOL) Other/write-in	<1%	<1%
(VOL) Undecided	4%	9%
(n)	(499)	(502)

[QUESTIONS 3, 4 & 5 WERE ROTATED]

3. Is your general impression of Ed Gillespie favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

TREND:	September 2017	July 2017
Favorable	42%	36%
Unfavorable	31%	20%
No opinion	28%	44%
(n)	(499)	(502)

4. Is your general impression of Ralph Northam favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

TREND:	September 2017	July 2017
Favorable	45%	38%
Unfavorable	27%	16%
No opinion	28%	46%
(n)	(499)	(502)

5. Is your general impression of Cliff Hyra favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

	September 2017
Favorable	4%
Unfavorable	9%
No opinion	88%
(n)	(499)

[QUESTIONS 6 & 7 WERE ROTATED]

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

TREND:	September 2017	July 2017
Approve	40%	37%
Disapprove	55%	57%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	6%
(n)	(499)	(502)

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Terry McAuliffe is doing as governor?

TREND:	September 2017	July 2017
Approve	55%	52%
Disapprove	36%	37%
(VOL) Don't know	9%	11%
(n)	(499)	(502)

8. I'm going to read you a list of issues that the next governor may have to handle. Regardless of who you will vote for, please tell me who is likely to do a good job on each issue – only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them. [ITEMS WERE ROTATED] [READ PERCENTAGES ACROSS ROWS FOR THIS TABLE]

	Only Gillespie	Only Northam	Both	Neither	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
Jobs and the economy	38%	33%	14%	8%	7%	(499)
Taxes	40%	33%	8%	12%	8%	(499)
Education	28%	45%	11%	8%	8%	(499)
Race relations	22%	37%	13%	18%	11%	(499)
Dealing with Confederate monuments	29%	31%	7%	18%	15%	(499)
The state budget	39%	33%	10%	10%	8%	(499)
Health care	29%	45%	7%	12%	8%	(499)
Illegal immigration	36%	35%	8%	13%	8%	(499)
Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines	35%	29%	11%	10%	14%	(499)
Transportation	27%	29%	18%	13%	13%	(499)
Crime	35%	27%	19%	10%	10%	(499)

9. And which one of the issues I just mentioned is most important to you in deciding your vote for governor? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

	September 2017
Jobs and the economy	22%
Taxes	9%
Education	14%
Race relations	3%
Dealing with Confederate monuments	3%
The state budget	4%
Health care	22%
Illegal immigration	9%
Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines	2%
Transportation	2%
Crime	4%
(VOL) Other	3%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(499)

10. So far, would you characterize the governor's race as being generally positive or negative?

	September 2017
Positive	56%
Negative	30%
(VOL) Both positive and negative	6%
(VOL) Don't know	9%
(n)	(499)

[The following question was asked of those who said “NEGATIVE” or “BOTH” in Q10; n=183; moe = +/- 7.3%]

11. Who has been more negative – Gillespie or Northam, or both equally?

	September 2017
Gillespie	36%
Northam	19%
Both equally	38%
(VOL) Don't know	7%
(n)	(183)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from September 21 to 25, 2017 with a statewide random sample of 499 likely Virginia voters drawn from a list of registered voters who voted in at least two of the last four general elections or have registered to vote since January 2016, and indicate they are likely to vote in the upcoming election. This includes 276 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 223 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, party primary voting history, age, gender, and race based on state voter registration list and U.S. Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Aristotle (voter sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 4.4 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.

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

Central – 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)	
<i>Primary Voting History</i>	
	50% Republican
	36% Democrat
	14% Neither
<i>Self-Reported Party ID</i>	
	25% Republican
	43% Independent
	32% Democrat
<i>Gender</i>	
	48% Male
	52% Female
<i>Age</i>	
	8% 18-34
	20% 35-49
	38% 50-64
	34% 65+
<i>Race</i>	
	75% White
	16% Black
	3% Hispanic
	6% Asian/Other

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
LIKELY VOTERS		499	4.4%
SELF-REPORTED	<i>Republican</i>	128	8.7%
PARTY ID	<i>Independent</i>	216	6.7%
	<i>Democrat</i>	151	8.0%
IDEOLOGY	<i>Conservative</i>	188	7.2%
	<i>Moderate</i>	192	7.1%
	<i>Liberal</i>	106	9.5%
GENDER	<i>Male</i>	241	6.3%
	<i>Female</i>	258	6.1%
AGE	<i>18-49</i>	139	8.3%
	<i>50-64</i>	188	7.2%
	<i>65+</i>	167	7.6%
RACE	<i>White non-Hispanic</i>	364	5.1%
	<i>Other</i>	119	9.0%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	<i>No degree</i>	196	7.0%
	<i>4 year degree</i>	299	5.7%
REGION	<i>NoVa</i>	132	8.5%
	<i>East</i>	110	9.4%
	<i>Central</i>	112	9.3%
	<i>West</i>	145	8.1%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
Q1-2. GUV VOTE WITH LEANERS	Ed Gillespie	44%	95%	46%	2%	87%	28%	5%	50%	39%	34%
	Ralph Northam	49%	3%	42%	97%	9%	64%	89%	41%	57%	52%
	Cliff Hyra	2%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	4%	3%	0%	4%
	[VOL] Other, write in	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Undecided	4%	2%	9%	0%	4%	6%	2%	5%	4%	9%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS	
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East
Q1-2. GUV VOTE WITH LEANERS	Ed Gillespie	46%	51%	51%	23%	52%	39%	39%	40%
	Ralph Northam	50%	46%	43%	69%	43%	54%	56%	49%
	Cliff Hyra	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Other, write in	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Undecided	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	8%

		VA REGIONS	
		Central	West
Q1-2. GUV VOTE WITH LEANERS	Ed Gillespie	48%	50%
	Ralph Northam	49%	43%
	Cliff Hyra	1%	2%
	[VOL] Other, write in	0%	0%
	Undecided	3%	5%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
3. Is your general impression of Ed Gillespie favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	42%	85%	42%	7%	75%	29%	12%	49%	35%	35%
	Unfavorable	31%	3%	26%	59%	8%	38%	58%	30%	31%	31%
	No opinion	28%	12%	32%	34%	17%	32%	31%	21%	33%	34%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
3. Is your general impression of Ed Gillespie favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	41%	48%	48%	26%	46%	39%	38%	34%	48%	47%
	Unfavorable	28%	35%	30%	33%	24%	36%	33%	37%	22%	30%
	No opinion	31%	17%	22%	41%	31%	26%	29%	30%	29%	23%

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		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
3. Is your general impression of Ed Gillespie favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	86%	8%	21%
	Unfavorable	3%	58%	22%
	No opinion	11%	34%	57%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
4. Is your general impression of Ralph Northam favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	45%	8%	36%	85%	13%	56%	78%	40%	49%	41%
	Unfavorable	27%	58%	28%	1%	56%	14%	3%	34%	21%	17%
	No opinion	28%	34%	36%	13%	31%	30%	20%	26%	30%	41%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
4. Is your general impression of Ralph Northam favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	44%	47%	41%	58%	38%	49%	49%	47%	42%	41%
	Unfavorable	31%	30%	32%	14%	28%	26%	23%	26%	31%	29%
	No opinion	25%	22%	27%	29%	33%	25%	28%	27%	27%	30%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
4. Is your general impression of Ralph Northam favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	7%	85%	20%
	Unfavorable	59%	1%	18%
	No opinion	34%	14%	62%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
5. Is your general impression of Cliff Hyra favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	4%	1%	7%	2%	2%	3%	8%	6%	2%	8%
	Unfavorable	9%	12%	8%	8%	13%	6%	7%	11%	6%	8%
	No opinion	88%	87%	86%	90%	85%	91%	85%	83%	92%	84%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
5. Is your general impression of Cliff Hyra favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%
	Unfavorable	11%	7%	9%	7%	8%	9%	12%	5%	7%	8%
	No opinion	87%	91%	87%	88%	89%	87%	85%	89%	90%	88%

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		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
5. Is your general impression of Cliff Hyra favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?	Favorable	3%	3%	9%
	Unfavorable	11%	8%	5%
	No opinion	86%	89%	87%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	40%	88%	39%	3%	79%	23%	6%	45%	35%	29%
	Disapprove	55%	9%	53%	94%	16%	70%	90%	47%	61%	64%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	4%	9%	3%	5%	7%	3%	8%	4%	6%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	39%	49%	47%	18%	49%	34%	29%	37%	46%	48%
	Disapprove	53%	48%	49%	74%	47%	59%	65%	59%	46%	47%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	3%	4%	9%	3%	7%	6%	4%	8%	6%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	84%	3%	30%
	Disapprove	11%	93%	56%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	4%	14%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Terry McAuliffe is doing as governor?	Approve	55%	22%	53%	86%	25%	71%	81%	50%	60%	61%
	Disapprove	36%	70%	40%	3%	69%	21%	8%	41%	31%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	8%	7%	10%	6%	8%	10%	8%	9%	15%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Terry McAuliffe is doing as governor?	Approve	53%	54%	53%	66%	54%	57%	57%	65%	54%	48%
	Disapprove	40%	40%	42%	17%	37%	35%	32%	26%	39%	45%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	6%	5%	17%	9%	8%	10%	9%	7%	7%

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		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Terry McAuliffe is doing as governor?	Approve	21%	86%	55%
	Disapprove	73%	5%	27%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	8%	18%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8A. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Jobs and the economy - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	38%	78%	39%	4%	71%	26%	6%	46%	31%	28%
	Only Northam	33%	2%	25%	71%	8%	42%	58%	29%	37%	35%
	Both	14%	8%	18%	15%	7%	18%	20%	13%	15%	19%
	Neither	8%	6%	10%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	6%	8%	5%	6%	6%	8%	4%	10%	8%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8A. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Jobs and the economy - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	38%	45%	43%	21%	43%	34%	34%	31%	41%	44%
	Only Northam	34%	32%	28%	51%	31%	35%	36%	37%	33%	28%
	Both	13%	11%	14%	17%	11%	16%	16%	15%	15%	11%
	Neither	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	6%	7%	3%	8%	6%	6%	8%	5%	8%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8A. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Jobs and the economy - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	80%	5%	19%
	Only Northam	2%	67%	14%
	Both	8%	17%	24%
	Neither	6%	6%	22%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	5%	20%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8B. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Taxes - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	40%	76%	43%	6%	71%	30%	8%	46%	34%	31%
	Only Northam	33%	3%	23%	71%	8%	40%	63%	27%	38%	32%
	Both	8%	5%	9%	9%	5%	10%	8%	8%	8%	13%
	Neither	12%	9%	15%	9%	9%	13%	13%	13%	11%	15%
[VOL] Dont Know		8%	7%	10%	5%	7%	8%	8%	6%	9%	9%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8B. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Taxes - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	41%	44%	45%	23%	42%	38%	41%	34%	40%	42%
	Only Northam	32%	36%	30%	45%	34%	33%	34%	36%	33%	30%
	Both	7%	5%	6%	11%	6%	10%	10%	9%	9%	5%
	Neither	12%	8%	11%	15%	9%	13%	10%	12%	10%	14%
[VOL] Dont Know		7%	7%	7%	6%	9%	6%	6%	8%	8%	9%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8B. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Taxes - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	80%	8%	22%
	Only Northam	1%	66%	17%
	Both	4%	11%	9%
	Neither	9%	10%	26%
[VOL] Dont Know		5%	5%	27%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8C. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Education - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	28%	61%	26%	3%	57%	17%	2%	31%	25%	18%
	Only Northam	45%	6%	39%	84%	12%	58%	75%	38%	51%	45%
	Both	11%	12%	14%	6%	11%	10%	13%	15%	7%	17%
	Neither	8%	8%	12%	3%	12%	6%	5%	10%	7%	10%
[VOL] Dont Know		8%	13%	8%	4%	8%	9%	5%	6%	10%	11%

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		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8C. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Education - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	28%	35%	34%	10%	34%	24%	25%	22%	29%	34%
	Only Northam	47%	42%	41%	61%	39%	49%	47%	49%	43%	40%
	Both	8%	10%	9%	14%	8%	13%	13%	11%	13%	7%
	Neither	9%	6%	8%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	9%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	6%	8%	7%	10%	7%	8%	9%	6%	8%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8C. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Education - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	60%	2%	18%
	Only Northam	7%	85%	22%
	Both	13%	8%	17%
	Neither	12%	3%	16%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	3%	28%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8D. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Race relations - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	22%	52%	18%	1%	46%	12%	1%	23%	20%	11%
	Only Northam	37%	5%	29%	75%	9%	45%	68%	35%	39%	43%
	Both	13%	15%	17%	6%	13%	13%	12%	13%	12%	11%
	Neither	18%	18%	23%	11%	21%	19%	11%	20%	17%	20%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	10%	13%	7%	11%	11%	9%	9%	13%	14%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8D. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Race relations - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	22%	29%	26%	8%	29%	17%	19%	13%	21%	31%
	Only Northam	35%	34%	33%	50%	30%	41%	43%	39%	39%	28%
	Both	12%	15%	14%	10%	14%	12%	10%	21%	11%	11%
	Neither	21%	14%	18%	19%	17%	19%	18%	16%	19%	20%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	9%	9%	14%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%

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		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8D. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Race relations - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	48%	1%	11%
	Only Northam	5%	73%	9%
	Both	15%	8%	19%
	Neither	22%	11%	31%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	7%	30%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8E. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Dealing with Confederate monuments - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	29%	62%	29%	3%	56%	20%	2%	32%	26%	21%
	Only Northam	31%	3%	19%	69%	7%	37%	60%	28%	33%	37%
	Both	7%	4%	12%	5%	5%	9%	8%	8%	7%	9%
	Neither	18%	17%	24%	10%	18%	19%	14%	21%	15%	22%
	[VOL] Dont Know	15%	15%	17%	12%	14%	15%	16%	11%	19%	11%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8E. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Dealing with Confederate monuments - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	29%	37%	36%	12%	35%	25%	22%	25%	36%	34%
	Only Northam	30%	26%	27%	45%	27%	33%	39%	27%	27%	27%
	Both	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%	10%	4%	6%
	Neither	17%	14%	14%	25%	16%	19%	13%	21%	21%	18%
	[VOL] Dont Know	17%	16%	16%	11%	14%	15%	16%	17%	11%	15%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8E. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Dealing with Confederate monuments - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	60%	5%	16%
	Only Northam	4%	61%	9%
	Both	5%	8%	13%
	Neither	19%	14%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	12%	33%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8F. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: The state budget - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	39%	79%	43%	3%	74%	29%	5%	44%	35%	31%
	Only Northam	33%	1%	21%	75%	7%	40%	62%	28%	38%	29%
	Both	10%	8%	12%	10%	7%	11%	15%	11%	9%	17%
	Neither	10%	4%	15%	6%	6%	13%	10%	12%	8%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%	9%	5%	10%	10%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8F. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: The state budget - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	39%	46%	46%	22%	44%	37%	40%	32%	38%	45%
	Only Northam	35%	34%	28%	47%	30%	34%	32%	35%	31%	32%
	Both	7%	8%	9%	13%	8%	11%	10%	14%	12%	6%
	Neither	9%	8%	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	9%	9%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	4%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%	10%	7%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8F. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: The state budget - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	82%	6%	24%
	Only Northam	0%	66%	17%
	Both	7%	13%	11%
	Neither	6%	9%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	6%	24%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8G. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Health care - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	29%	65%	29%	2%	61%	17%	1%	35%	25%	21%
	Only Northam	45%	6%	38%	85%	11%	57%	77%	40%	49%	48%
	Both	7%	8%	8%	4%	7%	8%	4%	7%	6%	7%
	Neither	12%	12%	14%	7%	13%	10%	11%	13%	10%	14%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	10%	11%	2%	8%	7%	6%	6%	9%	10%

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		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8G. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Health care - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	31%	35%	35%	13%	38%	24%	25%	23%	34%	36%
	Only Northam	43%	43%	40%	59%	37%	49%	50%	46%	41%	40%
	Both	6%	7%	7%	5%	8%	6%	5%	10%	7%	6%
	Neither	13%	8%	9%	17%	10%	13%	13%	13%	11%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	6%	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8G. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Health care - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	66%	2%	11%
	Only Northam	6%	85%	22%
	Both	9%	4%	10%
	Neither	13%	7%	26%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	2%	31%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8H. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Illegal immigration - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	36%	71%	37%	6%	65%	29%	2%	43%	29%	29%
	Only Northam	35%	3%	23%	76%	7%	42%	68%	30%	39%	34%
	Both	8%	5%	12%	5%	5%	9%	10%	8%	8%	12%
	Neither	13%	13%	17%	9%	14%	12%	14%	14%	13%	16%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	9%	10%	5%	10%	8%	6%	5%	11%	9%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8H. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Illegal immigration - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	35%	41%	41%	21%	41%	32%	35%	29%	38%	40%
	Only Northam	35%	35%	31%	48%	29%	39%	41%	36%	29%	32%
	Both	7%	6%	7%	9%	7%	8%	7%	10%	6%	8%
	Neither	14%	11%	13%	14%	15%	13%	11%	14%	18%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	6%	11%	10%	8%

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		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8H. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Illegal immigration - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	73%	6%	20%
	Only Northam	2%	69%	16%
	Both	5%	8%	14%
	Neither	12%	11%	27%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	5%	24%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8I. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	35%	69%	39%	5%	66%	25%	6%	43%	28%	31%
	Only Northam	29%	2%	18%	66%	7%	31%	61%	24%	34%	29%
	Both	11%	6%	15%	12%	5%	14%	16%	12%	11%	14%
	Neither	10%	8%	13%	8%	9%	13%	7%	10%	10%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	15%	15%	10%	13%	17%	10%	10%	17%	16%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8I. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	36%	39%	41%	21%	40%	33%	34%	35%	37%	36%
	Only Northam	30%	29%	27%	39%	28%	30%	33%	28%	31%	25%
	Both	10%	11%	11%	12%	8%	14%	12%	12%	9%	13%
	Neither	13%	7%	8%	17%	10%	10%	6%	12%	11%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	14%	14%	11%	15%	13%	15%	14%	12%	13%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8I. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	73%	7%	18%
	Only Northam	1%	58%	14%
	Both	6%	16%	14%
	Neither	9%	8%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	11%	33%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8J. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Transportation - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	27%	56%	25%	5%	48%	20%	6%	33%	21%	19%
	Only Northam	29%	5%	21%	61%	9%	35%	50%	26%	33%	25%
	Both	18%	15%	22%	15%	14%	21%	19%	16%	19%	22%
	Neither	13%	13%	17%	8%	16%	12%	10%	15%	11%	18%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	11%	16%	11%	13%	12%	14%	10%	16%	16%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8J. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Transportation - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	29%	30%	29%	20%	29%	25%	29%	25%	27%	26%
	Only Northam	29%	34%	26%	41%	28%	30%	34%	29%	27%	27%
	Both	16%	17%	18%	15%	16%	18%	15%	19%	22%	16%
	Neither	14%	8%	13%	12%	14%	13%	10%	17%	13%	13%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	11%	13%	12%	13%	13%	12%	9%	12%	17%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8J. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Transportation - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	56%	5%	13%
	Only Northam	3%	58%	13%
	Both	16%	20%	14%
	Neither	15%	8%	27%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	9%	33%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
8K. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Crime - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	35%	70%	37%	4%	66%	23%	7%	43%	28%	25%
	Only Northam	27%	4%	16%	60%	9%	31%	49%	22%	32%	25%
	Both	19%	11%	23%	20%	9%	24%	26%	18%	19%	26%
	Neither	10%	6%	13%	7%	9%	10%	10%	11%	8%	12%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	9%	11%	9%	8%	12%	8%	7%	12%	11%

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		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
8K. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Crime - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	36%	42%	39%	23%	39%	33%	31%	31%	37%	41%
	Only Northam	26%	29%	23%	40%	25%	28%	28%	29%	24%	26%
	Both	16%	14%	19%	16%	13%	22%	24%	19%	18%	13%
	Neither	12%	5%	9%	11%	10%	9%	6%	13%	12%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	10%	9%	9%	13%	8%	11%	8%	9%	10%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
8K. Please tell me who is likely to do a good job on: Crime - only Ed Gillespie, only Ralph Northam, both of them, or neither of them?	Only Gillespie	73%	5%	18%
	Only Northam	1%	54%	14%
	Both	10%	27%	17%
	Neither	9%	7%	22%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	7%	29%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female
9. And which one of the issues I just mentioned is most important to you in deciding your vote for governor? [READ LIST]	Jobs and the economy	22%	21%	24%	20%	24%	25%	14%	24%	19%
	Taxes	9%	15%	11%	3%	14%	8%	4%	11%	8%
	Education	14%	9%	13%	20%	9%	14%	24%	12%	16%
	Race relations	3%	1%	4%	4%	1%	5%	4%	4%	2%
	Dealing with Confederate monuments	3%	5%	4%	0%	6%	1%	1%	2%	3%
	The state budget	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	0%	3%	5%
	Health care	22%	12%	19%	34%	12%	24%	31%	16%	27%
	Illegal immigration	9%	18%	6%	5%	16%	4%	6%	10%	8%
	Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	Transportation	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%
	Crime	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%
	[VOL] Other	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%

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		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS
		18-49	50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa
9. And which one of the issues I just mentioned is most important to you in deciding your vote for governor? [READ LIST]	Jobs and the economy	23%	25%	18%	20%	28%	20%	23%	18%
	Taxes	9%	12%	7%	9%	8%	11%	9%	11%
	Education	21%	7%	16%	13%	17%	10%	17%	14%
	Race relations	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	2%	4%	4%
	Dealing with Confederate monuments	1%	4%	3%	4%	1%	5%	2%	0%
	The state budget	7%	1%	5%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%
	Health care	15%	27%	22%	23%	17%	24%	21%	21%
	Illegal immigration	5%	9%	12%	10%	7%	11%	8%	15%
	Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%
	Transportation	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%
	Crime	7%	3%	3%	3%	8%	6%	3%	4%
	[VOL] Other	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%

		VA REGIONS			VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		East	Central	West	Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
9. And which one of the issues I just mentioned is most important to you in deciding your vote for governor? [READ LIST]	Jobs and the economy	24%	30%	18%	26%	16%	29%
	Taxes	9%	10%	8%	16%	4%	6%
	Education	20%	10%	12%	7%	21%	11%
	Race relations	5%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%
	Dealing with Confederate monuments	3%	1%	7%	6%	0%	3%
	The state budget	2%	6%	5%	4%	2%	9%
	Health care	17%	22%	27%	12%	34%	13%
	Illegal immigration	4%	5%	7%	15%	4%	6%
	Energy infrastructure, such as pipelines	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%
	Transportation	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%
	Crime	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	8%
	[VOL] Other	5%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER		AGE 3-WAY
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib	Male	Female	18-49
10. So far, would you characterize the governors race as being generally positive or negative?	Positive	56%	57%	55%	56%	55%	58%	52%	57%	54%	57%
	Negative	30%	30%	29%	30%	34%	26%	31%	29%	30%	28%
	[VOL] Both	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	7%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	7%	9%	9%	5%	11%	10%	10%	9%	13%

		AGE 3-WAY		RACE		COLLEGE DEGREE		VA REGIONS			
		50-64	65+	White non-Hispanic	Other	No	Yes	NoVa	East	Central	West
10. So far, would you characterize the governors race as being generally positive or negative?	Positive	58%	51%	53%	64%	61%	52%	65%	56%	48%	50%
	Negative	28%	32%	32%	21%	26%	32%	19%	35%	35%	33%
	[VOL] Both	5%	10%	7%	2%	8%	4%	3%	6%	7%	7%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	6%	8%	13%	5%	12%	13%	3%	11%	9%

		VA GUV VOTE w/o LEANERS		
		Gillespie	Northam	Other- Undec
10. So far, would you characterize the governors race as being generally positive or negative?	Positive	57%	56%	48%
	Negative	31%	28%	31%
	[VOL] Both	6%	7%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	9%	19%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID		
			Rep	Ind	Dem
11. [IF NEGATIVE OR BOTH IN Q10:] Who has been more negative - Gillespie or Northam, or both equally?	Gillespie	36%	8%	28%	70%
	Northam	19%	34%	22%	1%
	Both equally	38%	48%	43%	25%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	10%	7%	4%
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