

Field Dates: October 15-21
490 Likely Voters (registered to vote and plan to vote in the upcoming election)

Screens

A. First of all, are you registered to vote in Virginia?

Yes, registered (continue to B)	100%
Not registered/DK/Refused (TERMINATE)	

B. Do you plan to vote in the upcoming election on November 2?

Yes, plan to vote (continue to q1)	100%
No/not sure/DK/Refused (TERMINATE)	

[RESPONDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND PLANNING TO VOTE; ELSE TERMINATE]

q1. How much attention would you say you are paying to the upcoming election for U.S. Congress, would you say that you are paying a lot of attention, some attention, or not much attention at all?

Lot of attention	48.7%
Some attention	40.0%
Not much attention	11.2%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	.1%

q2. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: “Scott Rigell the Republican”, “Glenn Nye the Democrat” or “Kenny Golden the Independent”]**?

WITH LEANERS FROM q2a INCLUDED

Scott Rigell	41.5%
Glenn Nye	41.0%
Kenny Golden	5.1%
Undecided	12.4%

[ASK IF ANSWERED “OTHER” OR “DON’T KNOW” OR “UNDECIDED” ON q2]

q2a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[RANDOMIZE: “Scott Rigell the Republican”, “Glenn Nye the Democrat” or “Kenny Golden the Independent”]**?

Lean Rigell	
Lean Nye	
Lean Golden	RESPONSES RECORDED IN q2
Other (vol.)	
Don't know/refused/undecided (vol.)	

q4. [READ] Overall, would you say things in the UNITED STATES are heading more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right	30.4%
Mixed (vol.)	14.0%
Wrong	51.4%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	4.2%

q5. [READ] How about where you live in the 2nd Congressional District of Virginia, overall, would you say things in the 2nd Congressional District are heading more in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right	39.7%
Mixed (vol.)	19.3%
Wrong	32.1%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	8.8%

q6. [READ] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF "DON'T KNOW" ENTER AS DON'T KNOW. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL "DEPENDS" ENTER AS DON'T KNOW]**

Approve	44.7%
Disapprove	50.4%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	4.9%

q7. [READ] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? **[IF "DON'T KNOW" ENTER AS DON'T KNOW. IF "DEPENDS" PROBE ONCE WITH: OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? IF STILL "DEPENDS" ENTER AS DON'T KNOW]**

Approve	19.7%
Disapprove	75.8%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	4.5%

q8. [READ] Thinking back to the 2008 presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Barack Obama	44.2%
John McCain	44.0%
Someone else	6.4%
Didn't vote in 2008 (vol.)	2.3%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	3.2%

q9. [READ] Since the 2008 presidential election a political movement called the Tea Party movement has emerged. Would you say that you have a generally favorable opinion of the Tea Party movement, a generally unfavorable opinion of it, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Favorable	30.6%
Unfavorable	31.5%
No opinion either way	36.5%
Refused (vol.)	.3%
Not heard of Tea Party/DK (vol.)	1.3%

q10. [READ] In thinking about the upcoming election for U.S. Congress, is this election more about the way things are going in Washington, or is it more about the way things are going in the 2nd Congressional District, or some of both?

Washington	36.5%
2 nd Congressional District	5.0%
Some of both	56.2%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	2.4%

q11. [READ] In thinking about how you plan to vote in the upcoming election for U.S. Congress, how much of your vote is meant to send a message of dissatisfaction to Washington? Would you say your vote is mostly a message of dissatisfaction, partially a message of dissatisfaction, or not a message of dissatisfaction at all?

Mostly dissatisfaction	30.6%
Partially dissatisfaction	32.0%
Not dissatisfaction	34.4%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	3.0%

q12. In your mind, does Washington work better when one party controls both Congress and the White House, or does Washington work better when power is divided between the two parties?

One party control	24.6%
Power divided	62.7%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	12.7%

q13. [READ] I'm going to read a list of issues people have been talking about in this election. Please tell me on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being not important and 5 being very important, how important each issue is in deciding how you will vote in the upcoming election for U.S. Congress. Ok, here is the first one...

	Mean Score
Possible move of an aircraft carrier from Norfolk to Florida	3.02
Proposed closing of Joint Forces Command	3.26
Jobs and the economy	4.59
Veteran's issues	3.84
Federal spending and the deficit	4.34
The stimulus package	3.85
The new health care law	4.13
Illegal Immigration	3.44
Gay rights and gay marriage	2.59

q22. [READ] On another subject, thinking about the war in Afghanistan, do you think the US and NATO are winning or not winning the war in Afghanistan?

Winning	14.7%
Not winning	61.6%
Unsure/don't know/refused (vol.)	23.7%

q23. [READ] As you may know, one of the major pieces of legislation Congress passed this last year was a new health care law. Given what you know about the new health care law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

Generally favorable [go to q25]	36.8%
Generally unfavorable [go to q23a]	54.3%
Don't know/unsure/refused (vol.) [go to q25]	8.9%

[ASK IF ANSWERED “GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE” ON q23]

q23a [READ] Given that you have a generally unfavorable view of the new health care law, which comes closer to your view of what should happen now: **[ROTATE CHOICES]** “The law should be given a chance to work” or “The law should be repealed as soon as possible.”

Give chance to work	17.5%
Repeal as soon as possible	76.0%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	6.4%

q25. [READ] Do you think you or anyone in your family will personally benefit from any of the provisions of the new health care law, will be harmed by any of the provisions, or will it make no difference to you or your family?

Benefit	26.8%
Harmed	29.9%
No difference	35.6%
Unsure/don't know (vol.)	7.7%

q26. [READ] In the last two years Congress has passed several economic stimulus bills. Do you think these stimulus bills have helped the job situation in the country or not?

Helped the job situation	36.4%
Have NOT helped the job situation	56.9%
Don't know/Refused (vol.)	6.6%

q27. [READ] Do you think you or anyone in your family has personally benefited from any of the provisions of the stimulus bills, or have you seen NO personal benefit from them?

Have personally benefited	14.9%
Have seen NO personal benefit	83.5%
Unsure/don't know (vol.)	1.6%

q28. Have you or anyone in your family been laid off from a job in the past two years?

Yes	32.7%
No	66.8%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	.4%

Demographics

[READ] Thank you. I have just a few questions to make sure we've included a good mix of people.

d1. [READ] Could you please tell me the year in which you were born: [INTERVIEWER RECORD YEAR]

18-24	5.8%
25-44	37.1%
45-64	37.9%
65 and older	19.3%

d2. [READ] What is the last grade of school or college you had the opportunity to complete?

High school or less	20.9%
Some college	33.6%
Vocational or technical training	4.7%
College graduate	29.1%
Graduate study or more	11.5%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	.2%

d3. [READ] Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

Yes	4.7%
No	94.8%

d4. [READ] Do you consider yourself to be:

White	74.1%
Black or African American	14.1%
Asian	4.3%
Other (vol.)	7.5%

d5. [READ] In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Democrat	30.5%
Republican	34.1%
Independent	30.5%
No preference (vol.)	2.8%
Other party (vol.)	.5%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	1.6%

D6. Do you consider yourself to be part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	10.8%
No	84.3%
Don't know/refused (vol.)	4.8%

Sex: [INTERVIEWER CODE]

Male	51.8%
Female	48.2%

Thank you very much for your help with this survey.

How This Survey Was Conducted:

Results of this Christopher Newport University/Virginian-Pilot/WVEC-TV poll are based on landline telephone and cell phone interviews conducted October 15-21, 2010 among a sample of 490 likely November 2nd voters in the 2nd Congressional District of Virginia. Likely voters are voters who are registered to vote and say they plan to vote in the upcoming election. Results reported here are weighted on sex, age, and race. Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding. Results for the full sample have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4% at the 95% confidence level. This means for the full sample we can be 95% confident that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus 4.4%. In addition to sampling error, the other potential sources of error include non-response, question wording, and interviewer error. For subgroups the margin of error would be higher. The poll was designed by the Wason Center for Public Policy at CNU and interviews were conducted by the Virginia Tech Center for Survey Research. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by ASDE. Interviews were conducted in English. For information or requests, contact Dr. Quentin Kidd, at (757) 594-8499 or qkidd@cnu.edu.