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# **HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED**

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from January 13 through January 17, 2022. A total of 625 registered Virginia voters statewide were interviewed live by telephone.

Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Virginia voter registration list that included both landline and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping

QUESTION: Virginia's Green New Deal requires that state residents stop using oil, natural gas and coal for electricity and fuel in less than 30 years. The largest utility in the state, Dominion Energy, has proposed a plan to convert most of its electricity production to wind turbines and solar panels and close existing plants. The conversion is projected to increase the typical residential electric bill by up to \$700 or more per year over the next eight years. Do you support or oppose paying this additional cost?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
STATE	31%	64%	5%
REGION	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Northern Virginia	44%	48%	8%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	24%	72%	4%
Richmond Metro	28%	69%	3%
Hampton Roads	28%	69%	3%
Lynchburg/Southside	23%	73%	4%
Roanoke/Southwest	17%	77%	6%
GENDER ID	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Male	28%	68%	4%
Female	33%	61%	6%
<u>AGE</u>	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
<50	36%	61%	3%
50+	27%	67%	6%
RACE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
White	29%	66%	5%
Black	37%	57%	6%
PARTY ID	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Democrat	48%	47%	5%
Republican	<b>7</b> %	91%	2%
Independent	33%	60%	7%

QUESTION: In September, every customer of Dominion Energy started paying a new tax on their monthly bill to cover participation in a carbon cap and trade program. For residential customers, the bill is \$25 to \$30 per year, but next year it may grow to \$50 to \$60 per year. It will continue to go up after that. Business pays it, too, and passes it along in their prices. Do you support or oppose this additional tax on your bill?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
STATE	22%	73%	5%
REGION	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Northern Virginia	31%	62%	<b>7</b> %
Shenandoah/Piedmont	19%	77%	4%
Richmond Metro	17%	79%	4%
Hampton Roads	21%	76%	3%
Lynchburg/Southside	16%	80%	4%
Roanoke/Southwest	11%	83%	6%
GENDER ID	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Male	19%	79%	2%
Female	24%	68%	8%
AGE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
<50	24%	<b>72</b> %	4%
50+	21%	74%	5%
RACE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
White	20%	75%	5%
Black	30%	66%	4%
PARTY ID	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	UNDECIDED
Democrat	36%	59%	5%
Republican	7%	91%	2%
Independent	20%	73%	7%

QUESTION: State consumers are also paying an additional monthly electricity tax, with the money raised used to subsidize electric bills for low-income Virginians. This tax is expected to increase substantially over time. Do you support or oppose this additional tax on your monthly bill?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
STATE	37%	58%	5%
REGION	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Northern Virginia	47%	49%	4%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	33%	62%	5%
Richmond Metro	31%	63%	6%
Hampton Roads	39%	55%	6%
Lynchburg/Southside	29%	67%	4%
Roanoke/Southwest	31%	63%	6%
GENDER ID	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Male	29%	67%	4%
Female	44%	50%	6%
AGE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
<50	38%	59%	3%
50+	36%	57%	7%
RACE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
White	33%	61%	6%
Black	54%	44%	2%
PARTY ID	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	UNDECIDED
Democrat	54%	43%	3%
Republican	19%	76%	5%
Independent	35%	59%	6%

QUESTION: Last year, the Virginia General Assembly approved a requirement that Virginia follow California's regulations on motor vehicles. This means state residents will not be able to buy internal combustion vehicles using gasoline or diesel in Virginia after 2035. Do you support or oppose banning the sale of new gasoline or diesel powered cars and trucks in Virginia after 2035?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
STATE	33%	64%	3%
REGION	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Northern Virginia	52%	44%	4%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	23%	76%	1%
Richmond Metro	30%	67%	3%
Hampton Roads	33%	64%	3%
Lynchburg/Southside	19%	77%	4%
Roanoke/Southwest	17%	80%	3%
GENDER ID	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Male	29%	69%	2%
Female	36%	60%	4%
AGE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
<50	38%	59%	3%
50+	29%	68%	3%
RACE	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
White	31%	67%	2%
Black	43%	52%	5%
PARTY ID	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>	UNDECIDED
Democrat	53%	45%	2%
Republican	6%	93%	1%
Independent	35%	60%	5%

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

## **PARTY REGISTRATION:**

Democrat	216 (35%)
Republican	184 (29%)
Independent or Other	225 (36%)

## AGE:

18-34	102 (16%)
35-49	183 (29%)
50-64	175 (28%)
65+	160 (26%)
Refused	5 (1%)

# RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	458 (73%)
Black/African American	119 (19%)
Hispanic	22 (4%)
Other	18 (3%)
Refused	8 (1%)

### **GENDER ID:**

Male	297 (48%)
Female	326 (52%)
Other	2

### **REGION:**

Northern Virginia	180 (29%)
Shenandoah/Piedmont	90 (14%)
Richmond Metro	90 (14%)
<b>Hampton Roads</b>	125 (20%)
Lynchburg/Southside	70 (11%)
Roanoke/Southwest	70 (11%)

# **VIRGINIA POLL REGIONS**

NORTHERN VIRGINIA: Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties and the independent cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

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