

**America's Voice / People for the American Way Virginia Gubernatorial 2013 Election Eve Poll**

1. Thinking about the 2013 election here in Virginia, what are the most important issues facing the [Latino/Hispanic/Asian-American] community that our politicians should address?[Open ended, record up to two per respondent]

|                                       | Latino | Asian |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Create more jobs / Fix the economy    | 29     | 43    |
| Immigration reform/DREAM Act          | 53     | 11    |
| Health care                           | 14     | 26    |
| Education reform/schools              | 21     | 19    |
| War in Afghanistan / Foreign policy   | *      | 1     |
| Housing / mortgages                   | *      | 2     |
| Gas or energy prices                  | *      | *     |
| Discrimination against Latinos/Asians | 4      | 7     |
| Taxes                                 | 2      | 9     |
| Global warming/environment            | *      | 2     |
| Something else                        | 16     | 20    |
| Don't know/Refuse                     | 10     | 15    |

2. In the election for Governor of Virginia, will/did you vote for the [ROTATE]: Democratic candidate Terry McAuliffe, Republican candidate Ken Cuccinelli, or Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis?

|                           | Latino | Asian |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| Terry McAuliffe           | 66     | 63    |
| Ken Cuccinelli            | 29     | 34    |
| Robert Sarvis             | 4      | 3     |
| Did not vote for governor | 1      | *     |
| Don't know/Refuse         | *      | *     |

3. In the election for Attorney General of Virginia, did/will you vote for the [ROTATE]: Democratic candidate Mark Herring or Republican candidate Mark Obenshain?

|                                   | Latino | Asian |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Mark Herring                      | 69     | 61    |
| Mark Obenshain                    | 29     | 37    |
| Did not vote for attorney general | 2      | 2     |
| Don't know/Refuse                 | *      | *     |

4. In the election for Virginia House of Delegates, did/will you vote for the [ROTATE]: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate] in your district?

|                             | Latino | Asian |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|
| Vote Democrat               | 65     | 58    |
| Vote Republican             | 32     | 42    |
| Did not vote for a Delegate | 3      | 1     |
| Don't know/Refuse           | *      | *     |

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5. Which of the following three statements do you generally agree with the most: [ROTATE]: I'm voting in 2013 because I wanted to support the Democratic candidate; I'm voting in 2013 because I wanted to support the Republican candidate; I'm voting in 2013 because I wanted to support and represent the Latino/Asian-American community.

|                                | Latino | Asian |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Support Democrat               | 37     | 38    |
| Support Republican             | 17     | 20    |
| Support Latino/Asian community | 33     | 21    |
| Other                          | 11     | 11    |
| Don't know/Refuse              | 2      | 10    |

6 Over the past few months, did anyone from a campaign, political party, or community organization ask you to vote, or register to vote?

|                   | Latino | Asian |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Yes               | 44     | 54    |
| No                | 55     | 44    |
| Don't Know/Refuse | 1      | 2     |

7. [If yes to 6] Were you contacted by the Democrats, Republicans, both parties, or by representatives of community organizations? [MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

|                         | Latino | Asian |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| Democrats               | 73     | 74    |
| Republicans             | 62     | 58    |
| Community organizations | 25     | 19    |
| Don't know/Refuse       | 5      | 12    |

8. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

|                   | Latino | Asian |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Republican        | 18     | 21    |
| Democrat          | 47     | 36    |
| Independent       | 27     | 30    |
| Other party       | 5      | 5     |
| Don't know/Refuse | 2      | 8     |

9.(if Democrat or Republican) Do you consider yourself to be a strong Republican/Democrat, or not so strong?

|                        | Latino | Asian |
|------------------------|--------|-------|
| Strong partisan        | 76     | 75    |
| Not so strong partisan | 22     | 22    |
| Don't know/Refuse      | 2      | 3     |

10.(if Q8>=3) If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?

|                   | Latino | Asian |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Republican        | 31     | 30    |
| Democrat          | 39     | 31    |
| Neither           | 19     | 21    |
| Other party       | 3      | 1     |
| Don't know/Refuse | 8      | 17    |

11. Thinking back over all the times you have voted, have you ever voted for a Republican in any local, state, or national election?

|                   | Latino | Asian |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Yes               | 58     | 68    |
| No                | 38     | 25    |
| Don't Know/Refuse | 4      | 7     |

12. During the 2013 campaign Terry McAuliffe said Virginia will not tolerate any sort of discrimination against immigrants and that he wants the federal government to pass a responsible pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. As Governor he says he would support the Virginia DREAM Act to allow undocumented immigrant students to pay in-state tuition and attend public universities. Do these policies make you feel more enthusiastic about McAuliffe, less enthusiastic about McAuliffe, or have no effect on how you feel about McAuliffe?

|                                   | Latino | Asian |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| More enthusiastic about McAuliffe | 56     | 40    |
| Less enthusiastic about McAuliffe | 15     | 21    |
| No effect                         | 25     | 29    |
| Don't Know/Refuse                 | 5      | 12    |

13. As a Virginia State Senator, Ken Cuccinelli sponsored a law to take away citizenship from children whose parents are undocumented immigrants. As attorney general Cuccinelli proposed policies authorizing local police to stop and check the papers of anyone they think might be undocumented. Do these policies make you feel more enthusiastic about Cuccinelli, less enthusiastic about Cuccinelli, or have no effect on how you feel about Cuccinelli?

|                                    | Latino | Asian |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| More enthusiastic about Cuccinelli | 8      | 17    |
| Less enthusiastic about Cuccinelli | 64     | 50    |
| No effect                          | 24     | 24    |
| Don't Know/Refuse                  | 5      | 12    |

14a. [SPLIT A] Last year, Republican candidate for Governor Ken Cuccinelli compared our immigration policy to the policy for controlling rats. He said dealing with immigrants was like dealing with rats – quote “If you don’t move an animal at least 25 miles away, it will come back, it will cross a river. You can’t break up rat families... it is worse than our immigration policy.” End quote. Does this statement make you feel more favorable or less favorable about the Republican Party as a whole?

|                                    | Latino | Asian |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| More favorable towards Republicans | 5      | 13    |
| Less favorable towards Republicans | 70     | 59    |
| No effect                          | 19     | 15    |
| Don't Know/Refuse                  | 6      | 13    |

14[SPLIT B] As a state Senator, Republican candidate for Governor Ken Cuccinelli sponsored a bill that would allow employers to fire any workers who did not speak English. Workers who spoke Spanish or Chinese at work, even if they were on break, could be fired and then denied unemployment benefits. Does this statement make you feel more favorable or less favorable about the Republican Party as a whole?

|                                    | Latino | Asian |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| More favorable towards Republicans | 5      | 11    |
| Less favorable towards Republicans | 75     | 67    |
| No effect                          | 11     | 12    |
| Don't Know/Refuse                  | 10     | 10    |

15. How important was the issue of immigration, and what the two candidates for Governor said about immigration in your decision to vote, and who to vote for in this election? Was it [ROTATE FRONT TO BACK] the most important issue – one of the important issues – somewhat important – not really important] to your voting decision?

|                                  | Latino | Asian |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| The most important issue         | 22     | 19    |
| One of the most important issues | 31     | 27    |
| Somewhat important               | 25     | 23    |
| Not really important             | 18     | 24    |
| Don't know/Refuse                | 4      | 7     |

16. Now take a moment to think about all the people in your family, your friends, co-workers, and other people you know. Do you happen to know somebody who is an undocumented immigrant? This is completely anonymous, and just for a simple demographic analysis.

|                   | Latino | Asian |
|-------------------|--------|-------|
| Yes               | 59     | 17    |
| No                | 35     | 71    |
| Don't Know/Refuse | 6      | 11    |

17a. [Split A] Even though a majority of members in the House of Representatives support the comprehensive immigration bill, Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner has said he will not allow the House to vote on the bill unless a majority of Republicans members support it. If Republican John Boehner, who is in charge of the Congress, does NOT allow the immigration bill to move forward and have a vote, will you feel more favorable to Republicans in Congress or less favorable to Republicans in Congress?

|                          | Latino    | Asian     |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Much more favorable      | 9         | 17        |
| Somewhat more favorable  | 5         | 7         |
| Somewhat less favorable  | 16        | 8         |
| Much less favorable      | 53        | 39        |
| No effect                | 7         | 13        |
| Don't know/Refuse        | 10        | 16        |
| <b>Total Favorable</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>24</b> |
| <b>Total Unfavorable</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>47</b> |

17b: [Split B] Even though a majority of the Republican members in the House of Representatives oppose the comprehensive immigration bill, the Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner could allow the bill to move forward if a majority, made up of both Democrats and Republicans, agree. If Republican John Boehner, who is in charge of the Congress, allows the immigration bill to move forward for a bipartisan vote, will you feel more favorable to Republicans in Congress or less favorable to Republicans in Congress?

|                          | Latino    | Asian     |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Much more favorable      | 11        | 17        |
| Somewhat more favorable  | 30        | 26        |
| Somewhat less favorable  | 10        | 12        |
| Much less favorable      | 21        | 14        |
| No effect                | 19        | 14        |
| Don't know/Refuse        | 10        | 17        |
| <b>Total Favorable</b>   | <b>41</b> | <b>43</b> |
| <b>Total Unfavorable</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>26</b> |

18. When it comes to news and information about politics and elections, how often do you use or rely on [Spanish/Asian] language television or radio programs, websites, or newspapers?

|                     | Latino | Asian |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Every day           | 22     | 26    |
| Few times per week  | 17     | 10    |
| Once per month      | 10     | 4     |
| Few times per month | 9      | 6     |
| Few times per year  | 9      | 5     |
| Never               | 30     | 46    |
| Don't know/Refuse   | 3      | 2     |

### **Methodology**

Latino Decisions interviewed 400 Latino voters and 400 Asian American voters participating in the Virginia 2013 general election. Voters were contacted by landline and cell phone between November 1- November 4. Latino respondents had the option to take the survey in English or Spanish and Asian American respondents had the option to take the survey in English, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, or Vietnamese, at their choosing. Initial sampling was based on Latinos and Asian Americans who had voted in the 2009 election, or newer registrants who voted in both the 2010 and 2012 general elections. To take the survey, respondents were asked if they had already voted early or by absentee ballot, or if not, if they were certain to vote in the Nov 5 election. Each ethnic group sample carries a margin of error of +/- 4.9%.