

2010 Legislative Survey

Delegate Kirk Cox

Do you support off-shore drilling for oil off the coast of Virginia?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	91.9%
No	8.1%

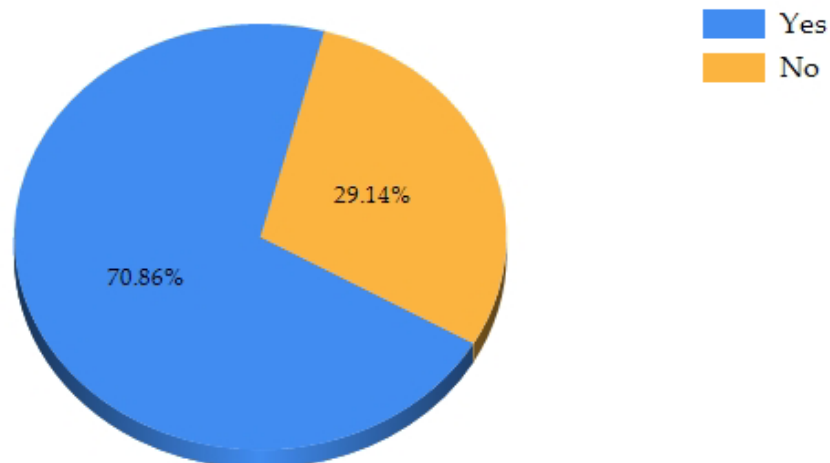
Do you support the exploration of natural gas off the coastal water areas of Virginia?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	93.6%
No	6.4%

Do you support state government providing a \$1,000 tax credit per job to businesses that create 50 new jobs, or 25 new jobs in economically distressed areas?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	83.7%
No	16.3%

Should Virginia's Right-to-Work law be made a part of the State Constitution?



Do you support additional ways to establish public charter schools in Virginia?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	75.0%
No	25.0%

Should state government mandate a certain percentage of local public education funding to be used for classroom instruction compared to non-instructional services?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	72.5%
No	27.5%

Do you support giving local elementary and secondary school divisions greater flexibility in determining student-to-teacher ratios in the classroom so long as they maintain quality instructional standards?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	90.3%
No	9.7%

Virginia is currently facing a budget shortfall of about \$5 billion due to the nationwide recession. How do you think the General Assembly should address this budget shortfall?

	<u>Note: Rankings must be unique.</u>						<u>Average Rating</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	
Institute long-term structural budget reforms	(16.40%)	(50.26%)	(17.99%)	(7.41%)	(5.29%)	(2.65%)	2.43%
Take money out of the state's Rainy Day Savings Fund	(5.82%)	(7.94%)	(22.75%)	(25.40%)	(28.57%)	(9.52%)	3.92%
Raise general taxes (sales, income, and/or personal property)	(1.59%)	(3.70%)	(3.17%)	(4.23%)	(13.23%)	(74.07%)	5.46%
Cut wasteful spending and eliminate earmarks	(70.37%)	(20.11%)	(4.76%)	(3.17%)	(0.53%)	(1.06%)	1.47%
Maximize federal stimulus funds	(4.76%)	(13.23%)	(18.52%)	(25.93%)	(29.10%)	(8.47%)	3.87%
Use bonds instead of cash for certain capital projects	(1.06%)	(4.76%)	(32.80%)	(33.86%)	(23.28%)	(4.23%)	3.86%

Do you support the \$700 billion economic bailout package passed by Congress?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	10.9%
No	89.1%

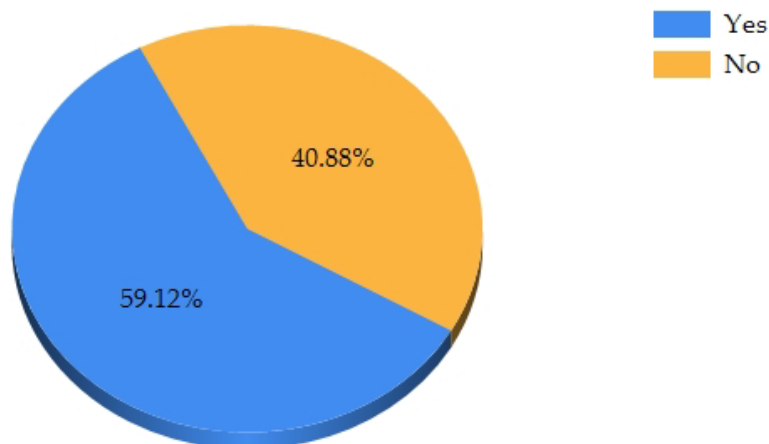
What core services provided by state government are most important to you?

	<u>Rating Scale</u>					<u>Average Rating</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
Economy and Job Development	(40.64%)	(18.72%)	(17.65%)	(13.90%)	(8.56%)	2.31%
Public K-12 & Higher Education	(16.04%)	(30.48%)	(24.60%)	(17.11%)	(11.76%)	2.78%
Public Safety	(39.57%)	(22.99%)	(21.39%)	(9.63%)	(6.42%)	2.20%
Health Care Services	(4.28%)	(9.63%)	(14.97%)	(27.81%)	(43.32%)	3.96%
Transportation	(8.56%)	(17.65%)	(22.46%)	(25.13%)	(26.20%)	3.43%

When originally approved by the General Assembly in 1998, the Car Tax was scheduled to be eliminated by 2004 on the first \$20,000 of a vehicle's value, provided state revenues met certain growth targets. Would you be in favor of reinstating the Car Tax to help close the current budget shortfall?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	26.3%
No	73.7%

Do you support allowing non-violent felons to be released 90 days earlier than their original sentence if they have documented good behavior?

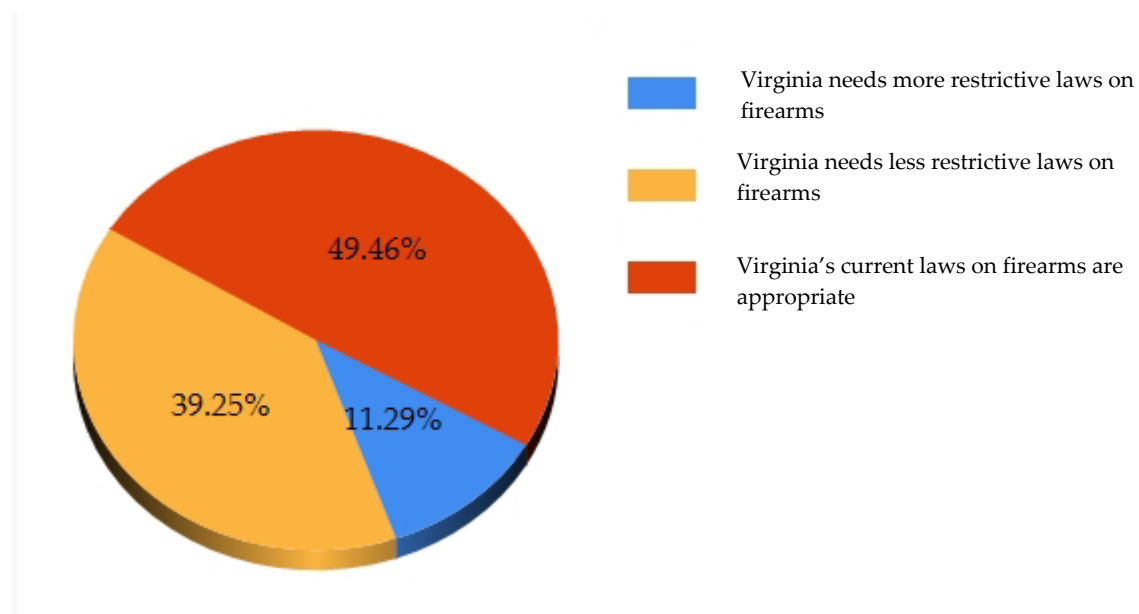


Virginia currently allows gun owners to openly carry their firearms into restaurants, but it is illegal for someone with a valid concealed carry permit to carry a concealed firearm into a restaurant. Do you support changing the law to allow the concealed carrying of a firearm in a restaurant if the person does not consume alcohol?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	79.6
No	20.4

Regarding Virginia's laws on firearms, which is closest to your view?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Virginia needs more restrictive laws on firearms	11.3
Virginia needs less restrictive laws on firearms	39.2
Virginia's current laws on firearms are appropriate	49.5



Do you support efforts in the federal government to provide government paid health care to every uninsured Virginian?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	11.3%
No	88.7%

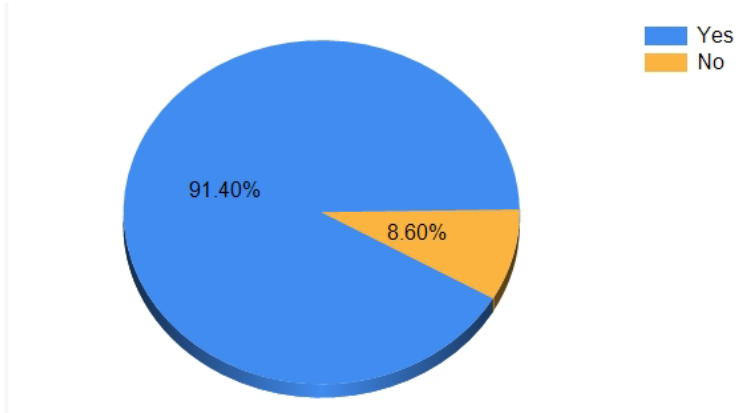
Medicaid is quickly closing in on education as the largest expenditure in the state budget and government spending on this program for the needy is expected to continue rising. To address this serious, long-term challenge, some states are reforming Medicaid by providing funding to recipients through Health Savings Accounts (HSA). Individuals with HSAs pay for routine medical expenses from their account, while their government-provided insurance policy pays for catastrophic medical costs. Since recipients retain the funds in their HSA not spent on medical bills, they have an incentive to seek out competitively-priced routine health care. Would you support creating HSAs for Medicaid recipients in Virginia?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	83.7%
No	16.3%

If you believe transportation requires additional funding, are you willing to:

	<u>Rating Scale</u>					<u>Average Rating</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
Pay tolls on toll roads that would vary during rush hours to ensure smooth traffic flow	(13.37%)	(9.63%)	(14.97%)	(29.41%)	(31.55%)	3.57
Pay higher state gas taxes, the primary means of funding the current system	(9.63%)	(6.42%)	(7.49%)	(17.65%)	(58.29%)	4.09
Reprioritize current state funding from other government areas to transportation	(23.53%)	(21.39%)	(31.55%)	(12.30%)	(9.63%)	2.63
Build roads with more partnerships between government and the private sector	(24.60%)	(26.74%)	(26.20%)	(13.90%)	(8.56%)	2.55
Reform VDOT and streamline its bureaucracy to achieve savings	(63.10%)	(20.86%)	(10.70%)	(4.28%)	(0.53%)	1.58

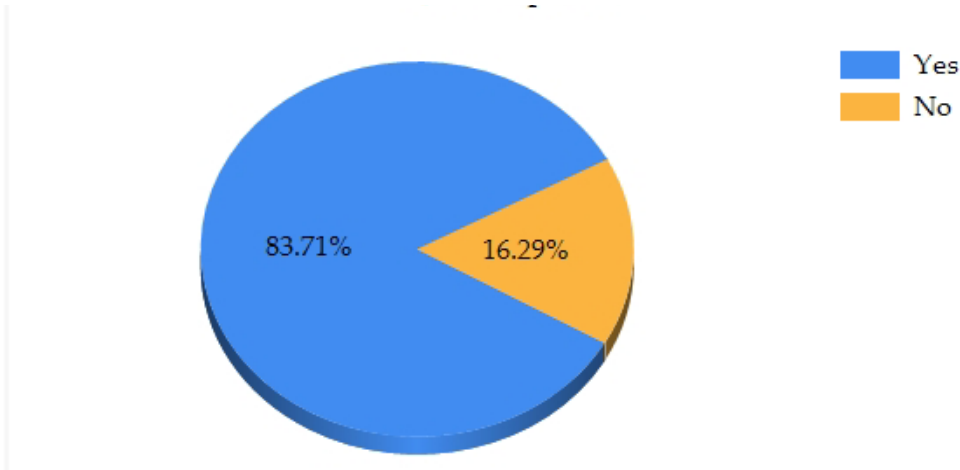
Do you support the privatization of Virginia’s system of Alcoholic Beverage Control and dedicating the proceeds to transportation?



Virginia’s current state gasoline tax is 17.5 cents a gallon. Revenue from the gas tax goes to fund transportation maintenance and construction. Do you support increasing Virginia’s tax on gasoline and other motor fuels by 10 cents a gallon?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	21.3%
No	78.7%

Do you support an Independent Ethics Commission to provide advice and research as well as evaluate complaints concerning elected officials and appointees to boards, commissions and other public bodies?



Under current Virginia law, the Governor cannot run for re-election for consecutive terms. Would you support allowing Governors to serve two consecutive terms?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	66.5%
No	33.5%

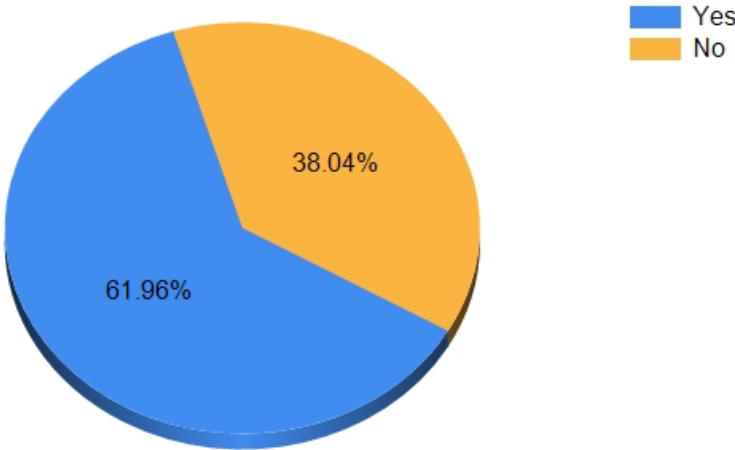
The federal government is debating legislation to cap the amount of carbon emissions produced by businesses and allowing them to buy offsets in order to exceed that cap. Do you support this "Cap and Trade" proposal?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	12.0%
No	88.0%

Virginia currently derives 20% of its electrical power from nuclear power. Do you support expanding the sources of nuclear power in Virginia?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	92.5%
No	7.5%

Virginia has protected over 400,000 acres of open space during the last decade. Do you support efforts by the state to protect another 400,000 acres over the next four years?



Do you support state taxpayer funding going to Planned Parenthood?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	21.1%
No	78.9%

Virginia has various laws addressing abortion. I believe there should be:

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More restrictions on abortion	48.4%
Fewer restrictions on abortion	10.3%
No changes – the laws are appropriate the way they are now	41.3%

Do you support repealing the Constitutional Amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman?

<u>Option</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	14.4%
No	85.6%