



2019 Virginia SD-35 Democratic Primary Poll

296 Interviews Districtwide - Likely Democratic Primary Voters.

April 4th-9th & 11th-12th, 2019.

D1. What is your gender?

42%	Men
58	Women

D2. In what year were you born? (Coded age groups below)

3%	18-24
8	25-29
5	30-34
6	35-39
7	40-44
8	45-49
7	50-54
9	55-59
11	60-64
34	65+
1	(Refused)

D3. In what ZIP code do you currently live? (Coded by county/region)

Region

13%	Alexandria City
71	Fairfax County
16	Falls Church City

Polling was conducted online from April 4th-9th, 11th-12th, 2019. Using its Bias Correct Engine to attain a sample reflective of the likely Democratic primary voters, Change Research polled 296 voters who say they are likely to vote in June's Democratic primary. Post-stratification weights were made on age, gender, city/county, and race to reflect the distribution of likely Democratic primary voters within the district.



D4. What race/ethnicity best describes you?

- 69% White / Caucasian
- 10 Black or African American
- 9 Hispanic or Latino/a
- 5 Asian / Pacific Islander
- 1 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 3 Mixed race
- 2 Other (please specify)
- 0 Refused

D5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 6% High school diploma or less
- 19 Some college, but no degree
- 7 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree
- 31 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree
- 36 Graduate degree

D6. Which of the following best describes you?

- 77% I live in Virginia, am registered to vote, and a Democrat
- 23 I live in Virginia, am registered to vote, and an independent
- 1 I live in Virginia, am registered to vote, and a Republican

D7. Later this year, in June, there will be a primary election in Virginia for state Virginia Senate, the Virginia House of Delegates and local offices. There will be no election for President, Governor, or the United States Congress and many people will not vote until the fall when Democrats run against Republicans. People in Virginia can vote in either primary. Are you more likely to vote in:

- 100% The Democratic primary



Q1. When it comes to Democratic primary elections, which best describes you:

- 68% I vote in every primary election every year
- 20 I vote mostly in primaries for major office like Governor and President
- 8 I vote in primaries only when there is a candidate I really like
- 4 I rarely, if ever, vote in primaries

Q2. Compared to previous primary elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting this year than usual, or less enthusiastic?

- 51% More enthusiastic
- 9 Less enthusiastic
- 39 Neither

Q3. Generally speaking, how often can you trust other people?

- 2% Always
- 50 Most of the time
- 46 Some of the time
- 3 Never

Q4. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...

- 71% Most of the time
- 20 Some of the time
- 6 Only now and then
- 2 Hardly at all
- 0 Not sure



Q5. Generally speaking, how does the Democratic party align with your personal values?

- 5% The Democratic Party is much too liberal
- 26 The Democratic Party is a little bit too liberal
- 49 The Democratic Party is just right
- 17 The Democratic Party is a little too conservative
- 2 The Democratic Party is way too conservative

Q6. Would you support or oppose a Green New Deal to end fossil fuel use in the United States and have the government create clean energy jobs? The plan would be paid for by raising taxes.

- 40% Strongly support
- 29 Somewhat support
- 10 Neither support nor oppose
- 8 Somewhat oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 Not sure

68% Total Support
14 Total Oppose

Q7. Would you support or oppose expanding Medicare such that it becomes the main health insurance provider for all Americans? This would be paid for by increasing the payroll tax from 12.4% to 23.9%.

- 33% Strongly support
- 32 Somewhat support
- 10 Neither support nor oppose
- 7 Somewhat oppose
- 10 Strongly oppose
- 7 Not sure

66% Total Support
17 Total Oppose



Q8. Would you support or oppose abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

- 14% Strongly support
- 17 Somewhat support
- 19 Neither support nor oppose
- 16 Somewhat oppose
- 28 Strongly oppose
- 5 Not sure

31% Total Support
44 Total Oppose

Q9. How favorable are your feelings about each of the following public officials and public institutions? If you haven't heard of them, please say so.

	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Nei-ther	Smwt Unfav	Very Unfav	Never Heard	Total Fav	Total Unfav
Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi	46%	35	9	7	4	0	80%	11
Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	30%	33	19	7	7	4	63%	14
State Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw	21%	24	21	5	5	23	45%	11
Dominion Energy	8%	25	46	12	8	1	33%	20
Democratic Socialists of America	12%	13	29	8	11	27	25%	19
Indivisible	12%	7	18	0	0	62	19%	0
Candidate for State Senate Yasmine Taeb	7%	11	24	3	4	50	18%	7
Candidate for State Senate Karen Torrent	2%	6	18	1	2	72	7%	3
President Donald Trump	0%	3	2	3	91	1	3%	94

Q10. If the Democratic primary for State Senate were being held today, who would you vote for?

- 53% Total Saslaw**
- 23 Total Taeb**
- 9 Total Torrent**
- 16 Wouldn't vote in this election

- 37 *Saslaw/no leans*
- 10 *Taeb/no leans*
- 2 *Torrent/no leans*



Q11. Senator Dick Saslaw has been in the Virginia Senate for almost 40 years after first being elected in 1979. During that time, like most politicians, he has said things and taken actions and stands on issues that some people like and others don't. Here are a few of them. We would like your gut reaction from reading them.

Does this make you more or less likely to vote for him in the Democratic primary?

	Much More	Smwt More	No Diff	Smwt Less	Much Less	Not Sure	Total More	Total Less
Dick Saslaw has taken tens of thousands of dollars from the payday lending industry, while voting against a bill that would cap annual interest rates for payday loans at 36 percent.	2%	1	14	25	46	11	4%	71
Dick Saslaw has accepted \$350,000 from Dominion energy in exchange for stopping his own party's attempts to ensure Virginians received refunds from Dominion for their inflated electricity bills.	3%	3	18	27	42	7	5%	69
Dick Saslaw supports Virginia's three strikes law, which means that after three felonies, those convicted automatically get sentenced to death by incarceration.	5%	7	19	24	42	3	12%	66
In 2015, Dick Saslaw told Muslim candidate Atif Qarni that Muslims cannot win elections for public office in order to dissuade Qarni from running.	2%	2	24	19	45	9	4%	64
Dick Saslaw gave accused rapist Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax a thumbs up after a speech in which he called the rape allegations a "political lynching."	4%	6	34	19	26	11	10%	45
Dick Saslaw has said that Gov. Northam should not resign after a photo of Northam wearing blackface was discovered.	9%	15	43	13	14	6	24%	27



Sometimes during a survey like this people change their minds and sometimes they don't.

Q12. If the Democratic primary for State Senate were being held today, who would you vote for?

32% Total Saslaw
36 Total Taeb
14 Total Torrent
18 Wouldn't vote in this election

25% *Saslaw/no leans*
23 *Taeb/no leans*
9 *Torrent/no leans*

Q13. How often do you use social media?

52% Many times throughout the day
40 A few times per day
3 Once per day
6 Less than once per day

Q14. Which of the following best describes how you identify politically?

31% Progressive
31 Liberal
37 Moderate
1 Conservative

Q15. Do you currently live in:

21% An apartment
20 A townhouse
59 A single family home

Q16. Do you own or rent where you live?

70% Own
24 Rent
6 Live with family



Q17. In the 2016 primary election, did you vote for:

- 65% Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primary
- 25 Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary
- 4 I voted in a different party's primary
- 3 I don't remember
- 3 I didn't vote