Williamsburg Election Day Exit Poll 2022
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The Williamsburg Election Day Exit Poll was conducted on November 8, 2022. The survey was fielded to 578 voters at the two precincts in the City of Williamsburg, Virginia. Students from William & Mary acted as survey enumerators as part of GOVT 307: Survey Polling/Analysis. Voters were randomly sampled as they exited the precinct and offered the chance to participate in the survey. In total, of the 2,284 voters who cast ballots at these precincts on Election Day, 998 voters (43.7%) were approached to be surveyed and of these, 578 consented to participate (57.9% consent rate).

Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Q1 Congressional Vote Choice: In today's congressional election, did you just vote for:

Herbert “Herb” C. Jones Jr.—D	73.53%
Rob J. Wittman—R	24.81%
David Bruce Foster—I	1.29%
Write in	0.55%

Q2 City Council Vote: In today's city council election, did you just vote for: (Mark up to 2)

Edward F. “Ted” Maslin	15.76%
Stacy E. Kern-Scheerer	40.00%
Doug G. Pons	23.65%
Rick D.T. Overy	19.88%
Write ins	0.71%

Q3 Recession: Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

No, definitely not	2.50%
No, probably not	15.71%
Yes, probably	48.04%
Yes, definitely	33.75%

Q4 Inflation: How serious a problem is inflation in the U.S.?

Not a problem	0.88%
A minor problem	4.75%
Somewhat serious	43.31%
Very serious	51.06%

Q5 Anti-CRT attitudes: Many states have passed laws to limit the teaching of "divisive concepts" such as the idea that the U.S. is fundamentally racist or sexist, or that individuals are inherently privileged or oppressed because of race or gender. Do you favor or oppose these laws?

Strongly oppose	58.50%
Somewhat oppose	16.99%
Somewhat favor	10.20%
Strongly favor	14.31%

Q6 Affordable housing concern: How concerned are you, personally, about accessing affordable housing?

Not concerned at all	7.16%
Not too concerned	8.90%
Somewhat concerned	33.16%
Very concerned	50.79%

Q7 Gun control: In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more or less strict?

Make gun laws less strict	6.19%
No change	14.34%
Make gun laws more strict	79.47%

Q8 Voter ID: Do you favor or oppose requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote?

Strongly oppose	12.08%
Somewhat oppose	17.05%
Somewhat favor	28.06%
Strongly favor	42.81%

Q9 Abortion: There has been some discussion about abortion during recent years. Which statement best agrees with your view?

By law, abortion should never be permitted	4.63%
The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger	10.34%
The law should permit abortion for reasons other than rape, incest, or danger to the woman's life, but only after the need for the abortion has been clearly established	16.04%
By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice	68.98%

Q10 Abortion attitude importance: How important is the issue of abortion to you personally?

Not important at all	2.46%
Not too important	5.81%
Somewhat important	17.78%
Very important	30.63%
Extremely important	43.31%

Q11 Discrimination: How much discrimination is there in the United States today against each of the following groups?

Q11_1 Whites

None	40.73%
Not too much	33.65%
Some	20.65%
A lot	4.97%

Q11_2 Blacks

None	0.92%
Not too much	3.33%
Some	30.50%
A lot	65.25%

Q11_3 Latinos

None	1.13%
Not too much	5.46%
Some	41.05%
A lot	52.35%

Q11_4 Asians

None	1.32%
Not too much	9.42%
Some	49.34%
A lot	39.92%

Q12 American predestination: Do you agree or disagree that the United States is spiritually predestined to lead the world?

Disagree strongly	60.11%
Disagree somewhat	19.49%
Agree somewhat	15.26%
Agree strongly	5.15%

Q13 Trust in 2020 Election: Do you trust the reported results of the 2020 Presidential Election?

Distrust completely	5.81%
Distrust somewhat	7.22%
Trust somewhat	15.49%
Trust completely	68.66%
Not sure	2.82%

Q14 Gen Z's Ideology: In general, how would you characterize Generation Z's (ages 10-25 today) politics?

Very liberal/Liberal	73.73%
Moderate/Not sure	24.58%
Very conservative/Conservative	1.69%

Q15 Ideology: In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	25.00%
Liberal	28.38%
Moderate/Not sure	29.32%
Conservative	12.97%
Very conservative	4.32%

Q16 Partisan identity: In general, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

1: Strong Democrat	25.10%
2	23.11%
3	17.73%
4	12.95%
5	9.16%
6	6.37%
7: Strong Republican	5.58%

Q17 Turnout in 2020: Did you vote in the 2020 Presidential Election between Donald Trump and Joe Biden?

Yes, I definitely voted	85.50%
No, I definitely didn't vote/wasn't eligible; Yes, I probably voted; No, I probably didn't vote	13.50%

Q18 Gender:

Man	42.26%
Woman	57.74%

Q19 Age:

18-25	43.95%
26-35	11.92%
36-45	10.80%
46-59	12.48%
60-75	15.27%
76 or older	5.59%

Q20 Education:

High school diploma or less	6.65%
Some college	40.30%
4-year college degree	28.65%
Graduate degree	24.40%

Q21 Race/ethnicity:
This was asked as a check all that apply question, so percentages do not sum to 1.

White	71.80%
Black or African American	9.86%
Latino or Hispanic	4.84%
Asian American	8.48%
Native American or American Indian	1.56%

Q22 Precinct:

Stryker	57.04%
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Any questions regarding the data gathering process can be directed to Dr. Mackenzie Israel-Trummel (mit@wm.edu). You are welcome to use this data; please cite it appropriately.

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