Williamsburg Election Day Exit Poll 2023
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The Williamsburg Election Day Exit Poll was conducted on November 7, 2023. The survey was fielded to 584 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 2,049 voters who cast ballots at these precincts on Election Day, 863 voters (42.1%) were approached to be surveyed and of these, 584 consented to participate (67.7% consent rate).

Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Q1 Virginia Senate Vote Choice: In today's Virginia Senate election, did you vote for:

J.D. "Danny" Diggs – R	17.60%
T. Monty Mason – D	81.53%
Write in: _____	0.52%
Did not vote for Virginia Senate	0.35%

Q2 House of Delegates Vote: In today's House of Delegates election, did you vote for:

Amanda E. Batten – R	19.37%
Jessica L. Anderson – D	79.93%
Did not vote for House of Delegates	0.70%

Q3 National Economy: Thinking about the economy <u>in the country as a whole</u> over the past 2 years, would you say it's…

Gotten much better	4.71%
Gotten somewhat better	24.96%
Stayed about the same	19.37%
Gotten somewhat worse	30.89%
Gotten much worse	20.07%

Q4 State Economy: Thinking about the economy in Virginia over the past 2 years, would you say it's…

Gotten much better	4.28%
Gotten somewhat better	21.57%
Stayed about the same	38.86%
Gotten somewhat worse	26.74%
Gotten much worse	8.56%

Q5 Shutdown Blame: This fall, the United States Congress narrowly avoided a government shutdown. Who would you say is most to blame for nearly shutting down the government?

The Democratic Party	15.41%
The Republican Party	64.52%
Other: _____	20.07%

Q6 House Speaker Removal: In October, Kevin McCarthy was ousted as Speaker of the House. Did you support or oppose his removal as House Speaker?

Strongly supported removal	14.99%
Somewhat supported removal	33.64%
Somewhat opposed removal	29.43%
Strongly opposed removal	9.51%
Didn't know about this happening	12.43%

Q7 Presidential Support 2024: If the 2024 Presidential Election were today, who would you vote for?

Joe Biden	60.36%
Chris Christie	1.43%
Ron DeSantis	1.61%
Nikki Haley	5.54%
Tim Scott	0.71%
Vivek Ramaswamy	1.43%
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	3.39%
Donald Trump	8.75%
Glenn Youngkin	2.86%
Someone else	13.93%

Q8 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	3.72%
The law should permit abortion only in case of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger	11.52%
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	11.35%
By law, a woman should always be able to obtain an abortion as a matter of personal choice	73.40%

Q9 Abortion attitude importance: How important is the issue of abortion to you personally?

Not important at all	1.91%
Not too important	6.25%
Somewhat important	13.54%
Very important	29.86%
Extremely important	48.44%

Q10 Partisan identity: In general, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

1: Strong Democrat	29.06%
2	28.11%
3	20.46%
4	5.74%
5	6.88%
6	4.40%
7: Strong Republican	5.35%

Q11 Political Participation Attendance: During the past 12 months, have you attended any of the following: (Check all that apply)?

Protest march, rally, or demonstration	21.40%
Campaign rally, event, or speech	16.44%
Meeting about an issue facing your community	28.94%
Local school board meeting	7.53%
None of the above	52.91%

Q12 Political Participation Actions: During the past 12 months, have you done any of the following: (Check all that apply)?

Written to or called a federal elected official	12.67%
Written to or called a state elected official	14.21%
Written to or called a local elected official	10.45%
Displayed a campaign sign, sticker, or button	28.60%
Contributed money to an election campaign	13.18%
None of the above	52.40%

Q13 Generational status: Which describes you? (Check all that apply)

Born in another country	5.48%
1 parent only born in another country	9.42%
2 parents born in another country	7.36%
1-2 grandparents born in another country	15.07%
3+ grandparents born in another country	4.97%
None of the above	61.47%

Q14 Group Conflict Perception: In all countries, there are differences or conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, how would you characterize the conflicts between these groups in the U.S.?

Q14_1 Poor and rich people

No conflict	1.47%
Not very strong conflict	12.34%
Strong conflict	50.46%
Very strong conflict	35.73%

Q14_2 White and Black people

No conflict	1.87%
Not very strong conflict	21.87%
Strong conflict	56.64%
Very strong conflict	19.63%

Q14_3 Young and old people

No conflict	6.37%
Not very strong conflict	44.57%
Strong conflict	38.95%
Very strong conflict	10.11%

Q14_4 Democrats and Republicans

No conflict	1.10%
Not very strong conflict	2.76%
Strong conflict	20.63%
Very strong conflict	75.51%

Q15 Openness to conspiracy beliefs: Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

a. Q15_1 Much of what happens in the world today is decided by a small and secretive group of individuals.

Strongly agree	23.64%
Somewhat agree	43.64%
Somewhat disagree	22.36%
Strongly disagree	10.36%

b. Q15_2 Politics is ultimately a struggle between good and evil.

Strongly agree	8.59%
Somewhat agree	30.16%
Somewhat disagree	35.65%
Strongly disagree	25.59%

Q16 Parental Partisan identity: In general, where do you think <u>your parents</u> would fall on this scale?

0: Strong Democrat	16.70%
1	19.00%
2	19.62%
3	5.01%
4	14.41%
5	15.03%
6: Strong Republican	10.23%

Q17 Friend Partisan identity: In general, where do you think your friends would fall on this scale?

0: Strong Democrat	26.69%
1	34.53%
2	18.64%
3	5.51%
4	5.93%
5	5.30%
6: Strong Republican	3.39%

Q18 Williamsburg City Partisan identity: In general, where do you think the average resident of the City of Williamsburg would fall on this scale?

0: Strong Democrat	1.73%
1	13.12%
2	37.13%
3	11.88%
4	26.24%
5	8.66%
6: Strong Republican	1.24%

Q19 James City County Partisan identity: In general, where do you think the average resident of James City County would fall on this scale?

0: Strong Democrat	0.91%
1	2.74%
2	14.94%
3	12.50%
4	44.82%
5	20.12%
6: Strong Republican	3.96%

Q20 Gender:

Man	38.21%
Woman	59.29%
Nonbinary	2.5%

Q21 Age:

18-25	53.38%
26-35	10.50%
36-45	7.83%
46-59	11.39%
60-75	11.92%
76 or older	4.98%

Q22 Family Income:
2022 before taxes.

Less than $20,000	3.50%
$20,000-$35,000	4.97%
$35,000-$50,000	5.89%
$50,000-$75,000	14.73%
$75,000-$100,000	13.26%
$100,000-$150,000	18.23%
$150,000-$200,000	15.10%
More than $200,000	24.31%

Q23 Education:

High school diploma or less	8.83%
Some college	48.41%
4-year college degree	21.38%
Graduate degree	21.38%

38.57% of the sample indicated that they are currently enrolled in college.

Q24 Race/ethnicity:
This was asked as a check all that apply question, so percentages do not sum to 1.

White	78.42%
Black or African American	9.42%
Latino or Hispanic	6.16%
Asian American	7.71%
Native American or American Indian	0.21%

Precinct:

Stryker	44.77%
Matoaka	55.23%

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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