

## 2024 General Assembly Legislative Session Survey Results—District 71

1. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being not content at all and 5 being completely content, how content are you with the way things are going in Virginia right now?

Answer	Count	Percent
Not content at all (1)	114	8.59%
2	243	18.31%
3	584	44.01%
4	357	26.90%
Completely content (5)	29	2.19%

2. In general, do you think Virginia's state taxes are too high, about right, or too low?

Answer	Count	Percent
Too high	704	52.77%
About right	620	46.48%
Too low	10	0.75%

3. Higher education costs continue to increase at a higher rate than inflation. Does the high cost of a college degree deter you or someone in your family from considering continuing your/their education after high school?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	645	52.40%
No	586	47.60%

4. Would you consider purchasing an electric vehicle? If not, what is your biggest objection to doing so?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes, I have purchased an EV.	54	4.42%
No, I have not considered it.	213	17.42%
No, I prefer internal combustion engines (gasoline or diesel).	646	52.82%
Perhaps, but too expensive.	159	13.00%
Perhaps, but not enough range.	120	9.81%
Perhaps, but takes too long to charge.	31	2.53%

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5. In November 2022, the Virginia and West Virginia Speakers of the House announced a joint effort to have both states work together to make Southwest Virginia and Southern West Virginia a regional epicenter for small modular nuclear reactors — the type used on Navy ships — but for local power production. Do you think:

Answer	Count	Percent
This is a good idea. Nuclear power is safe, reliable, and produces no carbon.	883	65.90%
This is a bad idea. Nuclear accidents are catastrophic, and reactors produce nuclear waste.	90	6.72%
I am on the fence. I would like to learn more about it.	367	27.39%

6. The General Assembly recently decriminalized the possession and growing of up to four (4) marijuana plants, but a legal retail market has yet to be established. The General Assembly should:

Answer	Count	Percent
Re-criminalize marijuana	439	33.11%
Leave things as they are	296	22.32%
Set up a legal retail market, like other states, to hopefully bring an end to black market/illegal sales.	591	44.57%

7. In the 2020-21 legislative sessions, several laws were passed designed to reduce gun deaths by making it more difficult to obtain a firearm. Based on what you know about these laws, do you think they are:

Answer	Count	Percent
Too restrictive; it should be easier to legally buy a firearm	461	35.08%
About right	420	31.96%
Not restrictive enough; it should be more difficult to legally obtain a firearm.	433	32.95%

8. Which of the following changes to election laws, if any, would you support?

Answer	Count	Percent
Reduce the current early voting window from 45 days to 21 days before Election Day.	760	21.55%
Reinstate Virginia's law to require photo ID to vote.	1100	31.20%
End ballot drop boxes outside of government buildings.	817	23.17%
Require that ballots may only be returned by a member of the household.	648	18.38%
No changes; current election law is adequate.	201	5.70%

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9. Democrats have introduced an amendment to the state Constitution that would remove all restrictions on abortion, while Democrats claim it will only “enshrine current law in the Constitution.” Do you:

Answer	Count	Percent
Support the amendment. Abortion is a matter between a woman and her doctor, no matter what.	311	23.67%
Support an abortion amendment, but not this one. Abortion should be a right, but there should be some limits.	437	33.26%
Oppose any amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court said abortion is not a right, and Virginia should not make it one.	566	43.07%

10. Do you think Virginia should have party registration?

Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	534	41.62%
No	749	58.38%