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Luria holds 3-point Lead over Kiggans, within MoE; Cost of Living and Threats to Democracy Top Issues for Democrats and Independents; Immigration for Republicans

Summary of Key Findings

1. **Luria leads Kiggans 46% to 43% among likely voters in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District, within survey's +/- 4 Margin of Error.**

2. **Top of mind issues for likely voters are cost of living (24%), threats to democracy (20%), and immigration (11%).**

3. **A plurality of voters think about their vote for Congress this fall as a vote against President Trump (43%), while 37% say Trump is not much of a factor in their vote choice, and 14% think about their vote as a vote for Trump.**

4. **Voters trust Luria more to handle a series of policy issues including cost of living (48% to 39%) and threats to democracy (48% to 40%), among others; they trust Kiggans more to handle crime (45% to 42%).**

5. **Among VA-2 likely voters Senator Mark Warner holds a 14-point lead over Republican Bert Mizusawa (51% to 37%; 11% undecided).**

6. **President Trump's approval rating is underwater among VA-2 likely voters with 33% approving of his job performance while 62% disapprove; 5% say they don't know.**

7. **Governor Spanberger's approval rating among VA-2 likely voters is underwater with 42% approving of her job performance while 49% disapprove; 9% say they don't know.**

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Background: The election for Virginia's 2nd Congressional District – one of the most competitive districts in the country – sets up a rematch between incumbent Republican Rep. Jen Kiggans and Democratic former representative Elaine Luria. Kiggans won her seat by 3-points four years ago, unseating Luria during a red wave election in 2022. Historically the president's party loses seats in the U.S. House in midterm elections, and this race is one of many bellwethers across the country that Democrats have targeted to flip. In addition, this seat has been known to switch back and forth between the major parties, though the partisan makeup of the district leans somewhat Republican following redistricting in 2020.

Early Voting and enthusiasm: Voting is well underway and 19% of the VA-2 voters surveyed have already cast their ballots including 29% of Democrats, 16% of Independents, and 13% of Republicans.

Voters are enthusiastic about voting in the Congressional midterms with 82% indicating they are either very enthusiastic (56%) or somewhat enthusiastic (26%). Democratic voters show a higher intensity of enthusiasm with 64% saying they are very enthusiastic compared to 56% of Republicans and 50% of Independents.

Vote Choice for VA-2: With just over two weeks before Election Day, Democrat Elaine Luria holds a within the Margin of Error lead over Rep. Jen Kiggans 46% to 43% among likely voters; 10% are undecided and 2% say they will vote for someone else. The survey's Margin of Error is +/- 4.

Luria's support comes primarily from Democrats (92% to 1%), Independents (45% to 38%), women (57% to 36%), Black voters (84% to 7%), and college educated voters (53% to 38%).

Kiggans' support is currently driven by Republican voters (94% to 3%), male voters (49% to 37%), white voters (58% to 35%), and voters without college degrees (49% to 38%).

A plurality of respondents think about their congressional vote choice as a vote *against* President Trump (43%) while 37% say he is not much of a factor in their vote choice and 14% say they think about their congressional vote as a vote *for* Trump. 81% of Democrats say their congressional vote is a vote *against* Trump compared to 43% of Independents and 5% of Republicans. 37% of Republicans say their congressional vote is a vote *for* Trump, compared to 7% of Independents, and 0% of Democrats.

Vote Choice for U.S. Senate: Among VA-2's likely voters, incumbent Democrat Mark Warner leads Republican Bert Mizusawa by 14-points, 51% to 37%; 11% are undecided and 2% say they will vote for someone else.

Warner's lead is driven primarily by Democrats (96% to 0%), Independents (51% to 30%), women (58% to 31%), Black voters (87% to 6%), and voters with college degrees

(56% to 34%). Mizusawa is leading among Republicans (87% to 7%) and white voters (51% to 41%).

Key Issues: 2nd congressional district voters were asked which issue is top of mind in their vote choice for Congress this year. 24% say cost of living, 20% say issue threats to democracy, and 11% say immigration. Top of mind issues vary by party with a plurality of Republicans coalescing around immigration (24%), followed by an even split between cost of living and threats to democracy (14%). Top issues among Democrats include cost of living (32%), threats to democracy (27%), and foreign policy/war (8%). Top issues for Independents include cost of living (25%), followed by threats to democracy (22%) and taxes (10%).

Handling of policy issues: We also asked VA-2 likely voters whether they think VA-2 candidates Jen Kiggans or Elaine Luria would do a better job handling a series of policy issues. Luria comes out ahead of Kiggans on 10 of the 12 policy issues including cost of living (+9), health care (+15), immigration (+3), climate change (+24), reproductive rights (+17), threats to democracy (+8), taxes (+4), data centers (+10), foreign policy/war (+7), and veteran's issues (+7). VA-2 likely voters are split on which candidate would handle gun policy better (44% to 44%), while they say Kiggans would do a better job handling crime (+3).

Approval of the President and Governor: President Trump is well underwater among VA-2 likely voters with 33% saying they approve of his job performance compared to 62% who disapprove; 5% say they don't know.

Governor Spanberger is also underwater, though more narrowly than President Trump. Among VA-2 likely voters Spanberger has a 42% approval rating with 49% saying they disapprove and 9% indicating they don't know.

Q1: How much thought, if any, have you given to the Congressional elections coming up this fall?

	All	**Rep**	**Ind**	**Dem**
A lot	65	67	63	65
Some	21	21	22	18
Not much	8	4	11	10
Not at all	5	7	4	4
Don't know/ref (vol)	2	1	1	3

PLAN: Do you yourself plan to vote in the upcoming Congressional election, have you ALREADY voted, or don't you plan to vote?

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Plan to vote	80	87	81	71
Already voted	19	13	16	29
Don't know/ref (vol)	1	0	3	0

ENTH: And how enthusiastic would you say you are about voting in the Congressional elections this fall? Would you say you are…

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Very enthusiastic	56	56	50	64
Somewhat enthusiastic	26	30	26	23
Not much	6	6	7	5
Not at all	11	8	16	5
Don't know/ref (vol)	1	1	1	3

Q4a: And thinking about the election for U.S. Senate in Virginia… if the election were held TODAY would you vote for **[INSERT NAME, RANDOMIZE 1-2],** or if you've already voted, who did you vote for? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE ("DON'T KNOW", "DEPENDS", "NOT SURE") PROBE ONCE WITH]** Which one are you leaning toward right now?

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	All	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	White	Black	18-44	45+	Noncollege	College
Mark Warner, the Democrat	51	7	51	96	45	58	41	87	47	53	44	56
Bert Mizusawa, the Republican	37	87	30	0	43	31	51	6	36	38	42	34
Someone else	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	2	1
Undecided (vol)	6	4	10	1	8	4	6	2	9	4	7	4

Don’t know/ref (vol)	5	2	7	2	4	6	2	5	6	4	5	5

Q4: And thinking about the election for Virginia’s 2nd Congressional District… if the election were held TODAY would you vote for **[INSERT NAME, RANDOMIZE 1-2]**, or if you’ve already voted, who did you vote for?

[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE ("DON'T KNOW", "DEPENDS", "NOT SURE") PROBE ONCE WITH] Which one are you leaning toward right now?

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	White	Black	18-44	45+	Non College	College
Elaine Luria, the Democrat	46	3	45	92	37	57	35	84	39	51	38	53
Jen Kiggans, the Republican	43	94	38	1	49	36	58	7	43	42	49	38
Someone else	2	1	5	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	2
Undecided (vol)	6	1	10	3	8	2	5	6	10	3	8	3
Don’t know/ref (vol)	4	2	3	4	5	3	2	3	4	4	4	4

Q5: Do you think about your vote for Congress this fall as...

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	White	Black	18-44	45+	Non college	College
A vote FOR Trump	14	37	7	0	17	12	20	2	12	16	17	13
A vote AGAINST Trump	43	5	43	81	38	49	34	70	41	45	38	47
Trump is not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall	37	56	42	16	41	33	42	23	40	35	40	35
Don’t know/ref (vol)	5	2	8	3	5	6	4	5	6	5	6	5

Q6: From the following list of issues, which is top of mind for you when you think about voting in the upcoming Congressional elections? [**RANDOMIZE 1-12]**

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	White	Black	18-44	45+	Non College	College
Cost of living	24	14	25	32	25	23	18	39	28	21	23	24
Health care	5	4	4	6	3	7	5	8	1	8	6	4
Immigration	11	24	6	4	15	5	14	3	12	10	12	10
Crime	2	4	0	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	1
Climate change	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Gun policy	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	1
Reproductive Rights	4	4	4	4	2	6	4	3	4	3	2	5
Threats to Democracy	20	14	22	27	19	22	23	14	16	23	16	23
Taxes	6	6	10	2	6	7	6	6	10	4	7	6
Data centers	2	3	2	0	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	2
Foreign policy/war	7	5	9	8	7	7	8	7	9	7	8	7
Veteran's issues	3	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	2	4	2	3
Other (vol): _____	11	12	8	12	10	12	11	12	9	12	14	9
Don't know/ref (vol)	4	5	4	2	4	4	4	2	5	3	4	3

Q7: Regardless of how you intend to vote, which candidate for Virginia's 2nd Congressional District do you think would do a better job handling each of the following issues: Do you think Jen Kiggans or Elaine Luria would do a better job handling… **[RANDOMIZE A-L]**

A. Cost of living

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	39	88	31	3
Elaine Luria	48	6	50	91
Dk/Ref (vol.)	13	6	19	6

B. Health care

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	37	88	26	3
Elaine Luria	52	7	58	92
Dk/Ref (vol.)	11	5	16	5

C. Immigration

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	43	92	38	5
Elaine Luria	46	4	46	89
Dk/Ref (vol.)	12	5	16	6

D. Crime

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	45	94	42	5
Elaine Luria	42	4	38	86
Dk/Ref (vol.)	13	2	20	9

E. Climate change

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	29	66	20	4
Elaine Luria	53	15	60	88
Dk/Ref (vol.)	18	18	21	9

F. Gun policy

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	44	91	43	5
Elaine Luria	44	6	41	88
Dk/Ref (vol.)	11	4	15	7

G. Reproductive rights

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	35	84	24	4
Elaine Luria	52	11	59	89
Dk/Ref (vol.)	13	5	18	7

H. Threats to democracy

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	40	86	35	4
Elaine Luria	48	7	49	90
Dk/Ref (vol.)	13	8	16	6

I. Taxes

	All	Rep	Ind	Dem
Jen Kiggans	43	91	40	3
Elaine Luria	47	5	47	89

Dk/Ref (vol.)	11	4	13	8

J. Data centers

	All	**Rep**	**Ind**	**Dem**
Jen Kiggans	36	81	30	4
Elaine Luria	46	5	45	90
Dk/Ref (vol.)	18	14	25	7

K. Foreign policy/war

	All	**Rep**	**Ind**	**Dem**
Jen Kiggans	41	92	31	6
Elaine Luria	48	4	54	88
Dk/Ref (vol.)	11	4	15	6

L. Veterans' issues

	All	**Rep**	**Ind**	**Dem**
Jen Kiggans	41	88	35	6
Elaine Luria	48	6	51	89
Dk/Ref (vol.)	11	6	15	5

Q19: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? **[IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE ("DON'T KNOW", "DEPENDS", "NOT SURE", ETC.) PROBE ONCE WITH:** OVERALL do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? **IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON'T KNOW]**

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	All	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	White	Black	18-44	45+	Noncollege	College
Approve	33	80	22	1	40	26	46	4	29	36	36	31
Disapprove	62	14	74	98	56	68	51	93	66	59	58	65
Don't know/ref (vol)	5	7	4	1	4	6	4	4	6	4	6	4

Q20: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Abigail Spanberger is handling her job as Governor of Virginia? **[IF RESPONDENT IS UNSURE ("DON'T KNOW", "DEPENDS", "NOT SURE", ETC.) PROBE ONCE WITH:** OVERALL, do you approve or disapprove of the way Abigail Spanberger is handling her job as Governor? **IF STILL UNSURE ENTER AS DON'T KNOW]**

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	All	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	White	Black	18-44	45+	Noncollege	College
Approve	42	5	43	78	35	49	32	70	35	46	32	50
Disapprove	49	90	44	16	55	42	59	23	53	46	57	42
Don't know/ref (vol)	9	5	14	6	10	9	8	7	12	7	11	8

Demographics Full Survey n= 702

EDUC: Could you tell me the highest level of school or college you had the opportunity to complete:

High school or less 45
College or more 55

HISPANIC: Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

Yes 4
No 94
Dk/ref (vol) 3

RACE: Do you consider yourself to be:

White 66
Black or African American 24
Other 10

RELIG: What is your religious preference, are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, another religion, or no religion?

Protestant 27
Christian (non-specific) 18
Catholic 12
Jewish 1
Muslim 1
Other 18
None 20
Dk/ref (vol) 3

IDEOL: When it comes to your ideology, would you consider yourself to be a…

Very liberal 7
Liberal 18
Moderate 34
Conservative 24
Very conservative 11
Dk/ref(vol) 6

PARTY: In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

Republican 31
Democrat 32
Independent 31
No Preference (vol) 1
Other Party (vol) 2
Dk/Ref (vol) 3

PARTYLN

Lean Republican 12
Lean Democrat 15
Independent 8
Dk/ref (vol) 4

AGE: (Recorded as exact year of birth)

18-24 7
25-34 12
35-44 19
45-54 16
55 & older 46

INCOME: And, just for statistical purposes, in which of the following categories does your family income fall?

Under $25,000 3
$25-$49,999 9
$50-$74,999 16
$75-$99,999 17
$100,000-$149,999 21
Over $150,000 21
Dk/ref (vol) 12

SEX:

Male 52
Female 48

CELL/LANDLINE

Cell 78
Landline 22

How the survey was conducted:

The results of this survey are based on 702 interviews of registered second congressional district voters who are likely general election voters, including 164 on landline and 538 on cell phone, conducted Oct. 1-10, 2026. A likely general election voter is one who has voted in at least two of the last four general elections or is newly registered in the last 6 months and indicates they are enthusiastic, have thought about the election, and plan to vote in the upcoming November 3 elections. The margin of error for the whole survey is +/-4.0% at the 95% level of confidence. This means that if 50% of respondents indicate a topline view on an issue, we can be 95% confident that the population's view on that issue is somewhere between 46% and 54%. The margin of error for subgroups may be higher. All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.2 in this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. In addition to sampling error, the other potential sources of error include non-response, question wording, and interviewer error. Percentages may not equal

100 due to rounding. Five callbacks were employed in the fielding process. Live calling was conducted by Dynata interviewers. The data reported here are weighted using an iterative weighting process on city/county, age, race, sex, and education to reflect as closely as possible the population of the second congressional district's November 3, 2026 electorate. Parameters for the weights used in this survey come from the 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates and the 2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.