

## Virgin Island 2013 Survey

1. Are you a resident of St. Croix, St Thomas or St. John? Which one?

St Croix

St Thomas

St John

2. Are you registered to vote as a Democrat, Republican, the ICM party, or are you registered as an Independent?

Democrat

Republican

ICM

Independent

3. Before we get started, do you believe that the U.S. Virgin Islands are moving in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

Right direction

Wrong track

Unsure

Refused

4. Whether you think we are going in the right or wrong direction, do you believe life in the Virgin Islands is getting better, getting worse or staying about the same?

Better

Worse

About the same

Unsure/Refused

5. Which one of the following issues do you believe is the most important problem facing the Virgin Islands?

***Continued Economic Challenges in the Territory***

***The GERS Pension System financial problems***

***Crime and Public Safety Concerns***

***Closure of the HOVENSA refinery***

***The High Cost of electricity in the Islands***

If ***Continued Economic Challenges in the Territory*** then.....

6A. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We need to increase Government spending on infrastructure in order to create jobs, and provide facilities that will benefit both businesses and residents?

Strongly agree

Mildly agree

Mildly disagree

Strongly disagree

Unsure

Refused

7A. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to turn around the local economy we must do everything possible to bring in a large manufacturing company that will be the cornerstone to create jobs.

Strongly agree

Mildly agree

Mildly disagree

Strongly disagree

Unsure

Refused

If *GERS Pension System financial problems* then.....

6B.To help solve the problem with the pension system, do you believe that reducing or delaying some of the retirement benefits for current government workers is an acceptable way to deal with the financial problems?

Yes

No

Unsure

Refused

7B. Do you believe that solving the problems in the system should be done by making deep cuts in other areas of the government and adding that money to GERS to reduce the unfunded liability of the pension system?

Yes

No

Unsure

Refused

8B.Would changing the age or years of service to be eligible to receive full benefits in the retirement system be an acceptable alternative?

Yes

No

Unsure

Refused

If **Crime and Public Safety Concerns** then.....

6C. Which statement comes closest to the way you think? We need to hire more police officers and put them on the streets to help prevent crimes before they happen. Or.....It doesn't matter how many police officers we have, there are other problems that have to be solved before we can reduce crime.

Hire more police

Fix other problems first

Unsure

Refused

7C. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Targeting particular neighborhoods that have a history of having more crime would be a good way to help reduce crime in the Virgin Islands?

Strongly agree

Mildly agree

Mildly disagree

Strongly disagree

Unsure

Refused

**If Closure of the HOVENSA refinery then go to question #9.....**

If **High Cost of Electricity on the Islands** then.....

6E. When you are thinking about the high cost of electricity do you think the water and power authority, WAPA, has done enough to help lower electricity rates in the Territory?

Yes

No

Unsure

Refused

7E. Do you think the Governor has done what he can and is still working on electricity prices, there is very little the Governor can do to affect electricity prices, or the Governor has not done enough to lower the price of electricity?

Still working on it

Not much he can do

Not done enough

Unsure/refused

8E. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, or not support the complete privatizing of WAPA?

Strongly support

Somewhat support

Not support

Unsure

Refused

***When it comes to Education for our Children:***

9. Do you believe public education in the Territory is getting better, worse or staying about the same?

Better

Worse

About the same

Unsure/Refused

10. Do you support or oppose the policy of raising the standards for, and evaluating the performance of, teachers in our public schools in order to raise the quality of education in our public schools?

Support

Oppose

Unsure

Refused

11. Do you support or oppose the policy of increasing the length of the school day and the school year in order to raise the quality of education in our public schools?

Support

Oppose

Unsure

Refused

12. Would you agree or disagree with the following statement? Given the state of the changing economy we should adjust our High School programs to train some students for future jobs in hospitality, manufacturing, service industries, computers and high tech jobs that exist now and in the economy of the future.

Strongly agree

Mildly agree

Mildly disagree

Strongly disagree

Unsure

Refused

***On the topic of Public Safety in the Territory:***

13. Do you believe that in the Virgin Islands, crime and public safety is getting better, worse or staying about the same?

Better

Worse

About the same

Unsure/Refused

14. Do you believe that in the Virgin Islands, police performance is getting better, worse or staying about the same?

Better

Worse

About the same

Unsure/Refused

15. Do you support or oppose policy of recruiting trained and experienced polices officers from the mainland in order to more quickly build up the size of our police force?

Support

Oppose

Unsure

Refused

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Crime will always be a problem in the Territory, and no matter what the government does, they will not be able to solve it simply with more laws or regulations.

Strongly agree

Mildly agree

Mildly disagree

Strongly disagree

Unsure

Refused

17 - 23. When you are thinking about the next Governor which is extremely important, very important, somewhat or not very important

Someone who is a strong leader;

Someone who will work together with all groups

Someone who will find solutions to our problems

Someone who has significant Government experience

Someone who has significant experience in the private sector

Someone who will work with Washington to improve the Territory

Someone who is not Governor deJongh;

24. What is your one and most important trait or characteristic that you want in the next Governor?

25. When you think about who **should** be the next Governor, who comes to mind?

26. When you think about who **will** be our next Governor, who comes to mind?

Think of each of the following persons as a potential Governor. Please tell me if you have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or very negative opinion of..... as Governor.

27. Commissioner of Labor Albert Bryant

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

28. Former Senator Adlah "Fonzi" Donastorg

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

29. Senator Clifford Graham

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

30. Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

31. First Lady Cecile deJongh

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

32. Former Lieutenant Governor Luz James

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

33. Senate President Shawn Michael Malone

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

34. Delegate to Congress Donna Christensen

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

35. Former Lieutenant Governor Kenneth Mapp

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

36. Former West Indian Company, WICO, CEO Edward Thomas

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

37. Former Lieutenant Governor Vargrave Richards

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

38. Finance Commissioner Angel (Ang Hell) Dawson

Very positive

Somewhat positive

Somewhat negative

Very negative

Does not know the person

DK/No Opinion

39. I know it is a long way away, but since Governor deJongh is not allowed to will run again, is there anyone one of our political, business, or community leaders, whether mentioned today or not, who you believe should be our next Governor?

40. Which statement comes closest to what you think? It is important that the next Governor of the Virgin Islands comes from a particular Island either St. Thomas, St. Croix, or St. John (rotate depending on Island of the caller) or it matter less what Island the Governor is from as long as he or she is the best person for the job.

Particular Island

Best for the job

Unsure

Refused

41. I am going to list a number of ways you and your family can get news and information about what is happening in the Territory. Please tell me which one of these alternatives is the way you get most of your information. Do you get it from .....

Radio

41A. Which station do you most listen to

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Television

41B. Which Channel do you most watch

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The Avis newspaper

The Daily News, newspaper

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The Source (online)

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Other Online publications

42. Do you think that the news you are getting is being accurately reported?

Yes

No

Unsure

Refused

43. Where were you born?

44. What year were you born?

45. Which racial group do you belong too?

White

Black

Hispanic

Other

46. What is the highest level of school you finished?

Less than High School

High School Graduate

Some College

College Graduate

Post Graduate

Refused

47. Do you have school-aged children living in your home?

Yes

No

Refused

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48. Do you work for the local Virgin Islands government?

Yes

No

Refused

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49. Record gender

Male

Female

50. Record Phone Number