

Common Ground in the Commonwealth Poll

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Q2 2024 Survey of 800 Registered Voters

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You have been selected today to participate in a survey of Pennsylvanians on a confidential basis. This is a unique opportunity to voice your opinions, and your responses will remain confidential. This is not a request to buy anything or donate money. We simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

A. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

100% No (CONTINUE)

B. Are you currently registered to vote in Pennsylvania?

100% Yes (CONTINUE)

Commonwealth Sentiment Series:

NW. Would you say that things in America are going in the right direction, or has the country fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track? (ROTATE 1-2, 2-1)

23% Right direction
69% Gotten off on the wrong track
8% Unsure

CW. Would you say that things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction, or has the state fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track? (ROTATE 1-2, 2-1)

35% Right direction
53% Gotten off on the wrong track
13% Unsure

DW. Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with one being the most important problem facing the country.
(ALLOW FOR THREE RESPONSES ON 1–27, RANKED 1–3; RANDOMIZE 1–26)

RANK 1		RANK 2		RANK 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	161 20%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	117 15%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	86 11%
IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	80 10%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	75 9%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	57 7%
U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	73 9%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	61 8%	ABORTION	56 7%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	42 5%	HEALTH CARE	56 7%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	56 7%
ABORTION	40 5%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	44 5%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	53 7%
DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	40 5%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	41 5%	HEALTH CARE	47 6%
HEALTH CARE	39 5%	ABORTION	37 5%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	41 5%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	32 4%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	34 4%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	38 5%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	26 3%	TAXES	30 4%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	35 4%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	25 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	30 4%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	31 4%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	25 3%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	29 4%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	30 4%
RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	25 3%	LACK OF MONEY	24 3%	TAXES	29 4%
ENVIRONMENT	22 3%	ENVIRONMENT	22 3%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	27 3%
LACK OF MONEY	20 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	21 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	24 3%
NATIONAL SECURITY	20 2%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	21 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	23 3%
MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	18 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	21 3%	ENVIRONMENT	23 3%
EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING/DEBT	17 2%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	19 2%	NATIONAL SECURITY	22 3%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	15 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	19 2%	EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING/DEBT	22 3%
TAXES	12 1%	EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING/DEBT	18 2%	LACK OF MONEY	21 3%
FOREIGN AFFAIRS/INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	11 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	18 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	14 2%
COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	10 1%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	16 2%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	13 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	10 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	14 2%	EDUCATION	11 1%
EDUCATION	7 1%	NATIONAL SECURITY	10 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	11 1%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	6 1%	EDUCATION	6 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	10 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	5 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	5 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	4 -
POLICE REFORM	3 -	BANKING CRISIS	1 -	POLICE REFORM	2 -
BANKING CRISIS	1 -	POLICE REFORM	1 -	BANKING CRISIS	- -
OTHER	4 1%	OTHER	1 -	OTHER	6 1%
UNSURE	10 1%	UNSURE	- -	UNSURE	- -

EW. Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the state.
(ALLOW FOR THREE RESPONSES ON 1–28, RANKED 1–3; RANDOMIZE 1–27)

RANK 1		RANK 2		RANK 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	198 25%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	100 13%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	90 11%
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	56 7%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	73 9%	PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	71 9%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	47 6%	PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	59 7%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	67 8%
TAXES	43 5%	TAXES	59 7%	TAXES	56 7%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	40 5%	HEALTH CARE	47 6%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	45 6%
HEALTH CARE	38 5%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	45 6%	HEALTH CARE	43 5%
ABORTION	36 5%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	41 5%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	38 5%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	36 5%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	40 5%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	37 5%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	31 4%	ABORTION	29 4%	FAILING SCHOOLS	32 4%
IMMIGRATION	30 4%	IMMIGRATION	29 4%	MORAL DECLINE	30 4%
EDUCATION	29 4%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	26 3%	ENVIRONMENT	29 4%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	26 3%	FAILING SCHOOLS	25 3%	EDUCATION	27 3%
ENVIRONMENT	24 3%	LACK OF MONEY	24 3%	LACK OF MONEY	24 3%
LACK OF MONEY	21 3%	MORAL DECLINE	23 3%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	24 3%
FAILING SCHOOLS	18 2%	EDUCATION	23 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	23 3%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	15 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	19 2%	ABORTION	21 3%
EXCESSIVE STATE SPENDING/DEBT	15 2%	EXCESSIVE STATE SPENDING/DEBT	15 2%	IMMIGRATION	19 2%
MORAL DECLINE	14 2%	ENVIRONMENT	15 2%	EXCESSIVE STATE SPENDING/DEBT	15 2%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	14 2%	COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	14 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	15 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	10 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	14 2%	COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	14 2%
COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	9 1%	ENERGY	14 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	13 2%
FREE SPEECH	7 1%	RACIAL ISSUES	12 1%	POLICE REFORM	13 2%
WELFARE	7 1%	WELFARE	11 1%	ENERGY	10 1%
ENERGY	4 -	POLICE REFORM	10 1%	WELFARE	10 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	2 -	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	7 1%	FREE SPEECH	6 1%
POLICE REFORM	2 -	FREE SPEECH	3 -	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	1 -
OTHER	3 -	OTHER	- -	OTHER	3 -
UNSURE	25 3%	UNSURE	- -	UNSURE	- -

Federal Officials Series:

Now, thinking for a moment about the federal government...

FO1. Which of the following do you think would be the best candidate to represent you and your neighbors in Congress? **(ROTATE 1-3,3-1)**

- 40% A Republican candidate
 - 9% An independent or third-party candidate
 - 44% A Democratic candidate

 - 7% Unsure
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GENB. If the 2024 presidential elections were held today, how would you vote if your options were between a **(ROTATE)** Republican or Democratic **(END ROTATE)** candidate?
(ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

- 47% Total Republican**
 - 29% Strongly Republican
 - 18% Somewhat Republican

 - 48% Total Democratic**
 - 15% Somewhat Democratic
 - 33% Strongly Democratic

 - 6% Unsure
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PA. Do you **(ROTATE)** approve or disapprove **(END ROTATE)** of the job President Joe Biden is doing? **(ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)**

- 43% Total Approve**
 - 15% Strongly approve
 - 28% Somewhat approve

 - 55% Total Disapprove**
 - 14% Somewhat disapprove
 - 41% Strongly disapprove

 - 2% Unsure
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You will now read a list of key federal officials and institutions. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion after each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the person or entity, please note that. **(ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)**

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

FP1. President Joe Biden

43% Total Favorable

19% Very favorable
24% Somewhat favorable

55% Total Unfavorable

13% Somewhat unfavorable
42% Very unfavorable

0% Never heard of
2% Unsure

FP2. Vice President Kamala Harris

39% Total Favorable

18% Very favorable
22% Somewhat favorable

56% Total Unfavorable

13% Somewhat unfavorable
43% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
4% Unsure

FP3. U.S. Sen. John Fetterman

48% Total Favorable

17% Very favorable
31% Somewhat favorable

39% Total Unfavorable

20% Somewhat unfavorable
20% Very unfavorable

3% Never heard of
10% Unsure

FP4. U.S. Sen. Bob Casey

50% Total Favorable

20% Very favorable
30% Somewhat favorable

36% Total Unfavorable

18% Somewhat unfavorable
18% Very unfavorable

3% Never heard of
10% Unsure

FP5. U.S. House of Representatives

35% Total Favorable

5% Very favorable
30% Somewhat favorable

49% Total Unfavorable

29% Somewhat unfavorable
19% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
15% Unsure

FP6. U.S. Senate

38% Total Favorable

7% Very favorable
31% Somewhat favorable

48% Total Unfavorable

33% Somewhat unfavorable
15% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
13% Unsure

FP7. U.S. Supreme Court

39% Total Favorable

10% Very favorable
29% Somewhat favorable

50% Total Unfavorable

23% Somewhat unfavorable
27% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
10% Unsure

FP8. The Republican Party

41% Total Favorable

17% Very favorable
24% Somewhat favorable

55% Total Unfavorable

18% Somewhat unfavorable
37% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
3% Unsure

FP9. The Democratic Party

46% Total Favorable

19% Very favorable
27% Somewhat favorable

50% Total Unfavorable

17% Somewhat unfavorable
34% Very unfavorable

0% Never heard of
4% Unsure

GB1. If the 2024 presidential election was held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3) (SELECT 1)**

- 44% Donald Trump
 - 45% Joe Biden

 - 7% Other
 - 5% None of the above
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GB1A. **PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:** Are there any candidates you would **refuse** to vote for in the general election? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

- 47% Donald Trump
 - 46% Joe Biden

 - 3% Other
 - 6% There is no candidate I would refuse to vote for
 - 3% Unsure
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GB1B. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of 2024 presidential candidates? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

- 40% Total Satisfied**
 - 13% Very satisfied
 - 27% Somewhat satisfied

 - 60% Total Dissatisfied**
 - 34% Somewhat dissatisfied
 - 25% Very dissatisfied
-

GB2. If the 2024 U.S. Senate elections were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

- 48% Bob Casey Jr.
 - 36% David McCormick

 - 5% Other
 - 10% None of the above
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Thinking a moment about some federal official's political stance...

F01. President Biden is pursuing a series of climate regulations that would at minimum cost individuals and businesses an estimated \$845 billion. Thinking about this, which of the following should be a higher priority for the federal government? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

- 57% Ensuring affordable energy
 - 30% Combating climate change

 - 13% Unsure
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F02. U.S. Sen. John Fetterman has publicly declared that he is “not a progressive,” but has voted with President Joe Biden more than 97% of the time. In breaking with progressives, do you expect Fetterman to vote **(ROTATE)** more or less **(END ROTATE)** often with Biden moving forward? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

31% Total More Often

- 15% Much more often
- 17% Somewhat more often

44% About the same

15% Total Less Often

- 10% Somewhat less often
- 5% Much less often

10% Unsure

Pennsylvania Officials Series:

GA. Do you (**ROTATE**) approve or disapprove (**END ROTATE**) of the job Gov. Josh Shapiro is doing? (**ROTATE 1–4, 4–1**)

58% Total Approve

27% Strongly approve
30% Somewhat approve

30% Total Disapprove

17% Somewhat disapprove
13% Strongly disapprove

13% Unsure

You will now read a list of key officials and institutions in Pennsylvania. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that. (**ROTATE 1–4, 4–1**)

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

EO1. Gov. Josh Shapiro

59% Total Favorable

28% Very favorable
31% Somewhat favorable

30% Total Unfavorable

16% Somewhat unfavorable
15% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
10% Unsure

EO2. Pennsylvania House of Representatives

47% Total Favorable

8% Very favorable
38% Somewhat favorable

33% Total Unfavorable

26% Somewhat unfavorable
7% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
19% Unsure

EO3. Pennsylvania State Senate

45% Total Favorable

8% Very favorable
37% Somewhat favorable

35% Total Unfavorable

26% Somewhat unfavorable
8% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
19% Unsure

EO4. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

48% Total Favorable

9% Very favorable
39% Somewhat favorable

27% Total Unfavorable

19% Somewhat unfavorable
8% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
24% Unsure

EO5. Sheetz

74% Total Favorable

37% Very favorable
37% Somewhat favorable

8% Total Unfavorable

5% Somewhat unfavorable
3% Very unfavorable

7% Never heard of
11% Unsure

EO6. Wawa

72% Total Favorable

39% Very favorable
33% Somewhat favorable

6% Total Unfavorable

3% Somewhat unfavorable
3% Very unfavorable

7% Never heard of
15% Unsure

GB3. If the 2024 Pennsylvania Attorney General election were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

43% Democrat Eugene DePasquale
39% Republican Dave Sunday

4% Other
13% None of the above

GB4. If the 2024 Pennsylvania Auditor General election were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

41% Republican Timothy DeFoor
43% Democrat Malcolm Kenyatta

5% Other
11% None of the above

GB5. If the 2024 Pennsylvania Treasurer election were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

41% Republican Stacy Garrity
44% Democrat Erin McClelland

5% Other
10% None of the above

State Policy Series:

SPB2. Do you feel Governor Shapiro has delivered major accomplishments during his term in office?

46% Yes

31% No

23% Unsure

SPB2a. **(IF YES ON PREVIOUS QUESTION)** So far in Governor Shapiro's term, what do you regard as his greatest accomplishment? **(Open ended)**

7% Road repair on I-95 / Bridge / Infrastructures

5% His stance on economy / jobs

4% His stance on education

3% He is doing a good job

2% He is for the people / state

2% He supports abortion / women's rights

1% His stance on crime

1% His stance on affordable housing

1% His stance on environmental aspects

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Education

Now, thinking a moment about the educational systems in Pennsylvania...

ED6. If financial costs were of no concern, what type of school would you select to obtain the best education for your child? (**RANDOMIZE 1-6**)

- 28% Private school (non-religious)
 - 24% District school
 - 17% Private school (religious)
 - 8% Charter school
 - 6% Home school
 - 4% Cyber school or remote learning

 - 1% Other
 - 13% Unsure / Not applicable
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ED7. As you may know, children throughout the country are assigned a public school based on their home address, and most are not allowed to choose a different school. Thinking about this... Would you support or oppose giving every child in Pennsylvania the ability to attend the public school that best meets their needs? (**ROTATE 1-4,4-1**)

- 72% Total Support**
 - 42% Strongly support
 - 30% Somewhat support

 - 21% Total Oppose**
 - 14% Somewhat oppose
 - 7% Strongly oppose

 - 7% Unsure
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ED8. According to data from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, public school districts in Pennsylvania have more than \$6.8 billion in reserve funds. Should school districts be required to use excess reserves before raising taxes to increase funding?

- 76% Yes
 - 10% No

 - 14% Unsure
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Thinking about K-12 education in Pennsylvania... Below is a series of different ideas and proposals people are talking about in Pennsylvania. After you read each one, please indicate if you support or oppose that proposal.

(ROTATE NEXT 6)

EDS1. Establishing scholarships for low-income students in Pennsylvania's worst performing (bottom 15%) schools that would help pay for tuition to another K-12 school. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

75% Total Support

30% Strongly support
45% Somewhat support

25% Total Oppose

18% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose

EDS2. Establishing an independent authorizer for charter schools, such as a state board or universities, which would approve and renew charter schools; rather than the current system in which only school districts can approve charter schools. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

77% Total Support

24% Strongly support
54% Somewhat support

23% Total Oppose

17% Somewhat oppose
5% Strongly oppose

EDS3. Expanding access to charter schools so that all Pennsylvania children on the waiting list (at least 40,000 statewide) would be allowed to attend a charter school. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

78% Total Support

31% Strongly support
48% Somewhat support

22% Total Oppose

15% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose

EDS4. Cutting state funding for cyber charter schools by 40% per student. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

43% Total Support

13% Strongly support
29% Somewhat support

57% Total Oppose

39% Somewhat oppose
19% Strongly oppose

EDS5. Expanding tax credit scholarships, which allow businesses to receive tax credits in the amount of donations they make attend pre-kindergarten or K-12 private school.

(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

78% Total Support

26% Strongly support
53% Somewhat support

22% Total Oppose

15% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose

EDS6. Creating education opportunity accounts, a government-funded account that parents can use for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

84% Total Support

34% Strongly support
51% Somewhat support

16% Total Oppose

10% Somewhat oppose
5% Strongly oppose

ED1. How would you grade the quality of Pennsylvania's K–12 school system?

4% A
30% B
38% C
13% D
4% F

11% Unsure

ED5. **PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:** What, if any, would you say are reasons you are dissatisfied with the quality of education that students in Pennsylvania receive?

(RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1–16; ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES, UNLESS 18–19; ALLOW OPEN ENDED ON 17)

- 47% Not learning life skills
 - 37% Lack of teaching basics/reading/writing/arithmetic
 - 31% Too much emphasis on standardized testing/grades
 - 30% Lack of resources, or resources not being effectively administered
 - 29% Poor administration
 - 27% Student safety concerns
 - 27% Political agendas being taught
 - 26% Quality of education is poor/outranked by other states
 - 25% Poor/outdated curriculum
 - 24% Learning loss from COVID shutdowns
 - 24% Unequal access/opportunities for low-income students
 - 22% Not up to competitive standards
 - 22% Outdated approach/lack of innovation
 - 22% More involvement or input needed from parents
 - 20% Too much government interference
 - 19% Parents lack educational options for children

 - 4% Other
 - 5% I am not dissatisfied with the quality of education students in Pennsylvania receive
 - 5% Unsure
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State Budget

SB1. Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro has proposed a \$48.3 billion 2024–25 General Fund budget, a \$3 billion or 7.1 percent spending increase compared to last year’s ongoing general fund spending. This budget proposes another \$4.5 billion in new spending initiatives and would increase the structural deficit to more than \$6 billion. The proposed new spending would deplete the Rainy Day Fund, necessitating a tax hike of more than \$2,000 per family of four.

Knowing this do you support or oppose Gov. Shapiro’s budget proposal?
(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

34% Total Support

11% Strongly support
23% Somewhat support

54% Total Oppose

25% Somewhat oppose
29% Strongly oppose

12% Unsure

SB2. Do you (ROTATE) support or oppose (END ROTATE) politicians in Harrisburg using \$300 million in state sales tax dollars to bail out mass transit systems in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh?

36% Total Support

8% Strongly support
28% Somewhat support

52% Total Oppose

28% Somewhat oppose
24% Strongly oppose

12% Unsure

SB3. How important is it to you personally that leaders in Pennsylvania of all political parties come together and pass a budget agreement that is bipartisan? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

85% Total Important

49% Extremely important
36% Somewhat important

7% Total Not Important

5% Not that important
2% Not at all important

8% Unsure

SB4. Last year, the governor and state legislature did not agree on a budget in time to meet Pennsylvania's legal deadline of June 30, leading to a 5-month long impasse. Governor Shapiro has said it is now up to the House and Senate to find common ground. Do you believe he should play a more active role in brokering a bi-partisan deal to keep the state budget on track?

74% Total Yes

26% Strongly yes
48% Somewhat yes

15% Total No

11% Somewhat no
3% Strongly no

11% Unsure

SB5. Would you (ROTATE) support or oppose (END ROTATE) cutting the Pennsylvania personal income tax rate from 3.07% to 2.8%, which would save wage earners and small business owners \$3 billion.

78% Total Support

47% Strongly support
31% Somewhat support

15% Total Oppose

10% Somewhat oppose
5% Strongly oppose

8% Unsure

SB6. The Pennsylvania state legislature is considering a mandatory 1% payroll tax on every single worker to fund a government-run family leave program. This amounts to \$500 in new taxes on a worker making \$50,000, taken directly out of their paycheck. Would you support or oppose this proposal? (ROTATE1-4,4-1)

31% Total Support

10% Strongly support
21% Somewhat support

59% Total Oppose

26% Somewhat oppose
33% Strongly oppose

10% Unsure

SB7. Do you believe that Pennsylvania state lawmakers should consider how state university leaders responded to anti-Israel demonstrations when considering taxpayer funding to universities?

44% Yes

33% No

23% Unsure

Pennsylvania has a full-time state legislature, but lawmakers rarely work a full week. In 2023, the House was in session for just 59 days, and the Senate in session just 57 days. As a result, some lawmakers hold second jobs in addition to their jobs as senators and representatives.

(ROTATE NEXT 2)

J4.1 Do you believe that lawmakers should be paid only for the days they are conducting official business?

81% Yes

10% No

9% Unsure

J4.2 Do you believe lawmakers who have second jobs should be required to disclose their employers and clients to ensure transparency and prevent conflicts of interest?

81% Yes

9% No

10% Unsure

J4.3 The Pennsylvania Turnpike is approximately \$16 billion in debt despite years of toll increases and additional increases are expected over the next 30 years. Yet much of the revenue collected from Turnpike tolls is used, not for the Turnpike, but to fund mass transit programs in places like Philadelphia. Knowing this, which comes closest to your personal views? (ROTATE 1-2)

77% Turnpike tolls should only be used to maintain the Turnpike and reduce its debt.

15% Turnpike tolls should be used to fund mass transit programs in places like Philadelphia.

8% Unsure

Jobs & the Economy

Moving on to your opinions about jobs and the economy...

JE2. Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

45%	Republican
42%	Democratic
3%	Other
10%	Unsure

JE3. Would you say that you and your family are financially better off, about the same, or worse off than you were two years ago? **(ROTATE 1-3,3-1)**

13%	Better off
45%	About the same
40%	Worse off
2%	Unsure

JE4. How would you rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

36% Total Positive

3%	Excellent
33%	Good

60% Total Negative

42%	Not so good
18%	Poor

4%	Unsure
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JE5. How much have inflation and recent price increases impacted you or your household's ability to maintain your standard of living? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

34%	A great deal
35%	A fair amount
22%	Only a little
8%	Not at all

2%	Unsure
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JE6. Thinking about the job situation in Pennsylvania today, would you say that it is now a good time or a bad time to find a quality job? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

39% Good time

35% Bad time

26% Unsure

JE7. Do you think the state of Pennsylvania is worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, about the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago, or better for businesses than it was 10 years ago? **(ROTATE 1-3,3-1)**

45% Worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago

29% About the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago

14% Better for businesses than it was 10 years ago

12% Unsure

TC1. Would you say that compared to other states, Pennsylvania taxes are (ROTATE) too high, about average, too low (END ROTATE)?

48% Too high

44% About average

1% Too low

7% Unsure

(IF RESPONSE 1: Too high; or 2: About Average IN PREVIOUS QUESTION, ASK) ...

TC1A. Has Pennsylvania's high tax burden led you to consider moving to another state? (ROTATE 1-2,2-1)

28% Yes

56% No

8% Unsure

TC2. Thinking a moment about Pennsylvania's state economy... How would you rank Pennsylvania's economic conditions compared to other states? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

43% Total Better than average

4% Among the best states

39% Better than average

43% Total Worse than average

32% Worse than average

10% Among the worst states

15% Unsure

Patriotism & Independence Day

J4.4 Do you consider yourself proud to be an American?

81% Yes

11% No

9% Unsure

J4.5 When you think about the future of the United States, which do you agree with more: (ROTATE) the country's best days are ahead of us, or, the country's best days are behind us (END ROTATE)? (ROTATE 1-2)

37% The country's best days are ahead of us

45% The country's best days are behind us

18% Unsure

J4.6 What do you plan to do on the Fourth of July holiday? Select all that apply. (RANDOMIZE 1 – 8) (ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTION)

48% Attend a 4th of July gathering / bbq

39% Watch fireworks live

25% Watch fireworks on TV

19% Wear / Purchase American Flag apparel

12% Travel / Go on vacation

11% Attend / Watch a sporting event

11% Attend a parade

6% Watch Nathan's hot dog eating contest

6% Other

15% None of the above

J4.7 What impact are gasoline prices having on your ability to travel during the summer months?
(ROTATE 1-2)

- 48% A higher than average impact
 - 9% A lower than average impact

 - 38% No impact

 - 5% Unsure / Does not apply
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Is it possible for someone to do the following things and still be considered patriotic? After each of the following statements, please answer 'yes' 'no' or 'unsure'. **(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SECTION: J4.8-J4.16)**

J4.8 Burn an American flag in protest

- 15% Yes
 - 80% No

 - 5% Unsure
-

J4.9 Participate in peaceful protests

- 81% Yes
 - 14% No

 - 6% Unsure
-

J4.10 Participate in protests that destroy property

- 10% Yes
 - 84% No

 - 6% Unsure
-

J4.11 Criticize our elected officials

- 72% Yes
 - 20% No

 - 8% Unsure
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J4.12 Disrupt an event speaker they find offensive

- 23% Yes
 - 65% No

 - 12% Unsure
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J4.13 Cancel or censor someone's speech that they find dangerous/offensive

26% Yes

60% No

14% Unsure

J4.15 Disobey a law they believe is immoral/unjust

24% Yes

62% No

14% Unsure

J4.16 Refuse to pay taxes as a protest

20% Yes

70% No

10% Unsure

(END SERIES ROTATE)

J4.17 Over the last year, have you or someone you know held back from freely speaking or expressing your opinions because you were concerned about retaliation or harsh criticism?

34% Yes

59% No

7% Unsure

J4.18 Do you think the right to free speech in America is (ROTATE) more restricted than it was 10 years ago, about the same as it was 10 years ago, less restricted than it was 10 years ago? **(END ROTATE)**

50% More restricted than it was 10 years ago

27% About the same as it was 10 years ago

15% Less restricted than it was 10 years ago

9% Unsure

Demographic Section

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample.

D1. In what year were you born?

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D1_A. (IF UNSURE OR REFUSED TO ANSWER, PLEASE ASK)

Which of the following categories best describes your age?

13%	18 to 29
23%	30 to 44
37%	45 to 64
27%	65 or older

D2. What is your gender?

52%	Female
48%	Male

D3. Did you vote in the November 2022 election?

85%	Total Yes
59%	Yes, I voted in person on election day
4%	Yes, I voted in person early
3%	Yes, I voted absentee
20%	Yes, I voted by mail-in ballot
15%	No, I did not vote

D4. Are you or is anyone in your household a member of a trade, teacher, or labor union?

11%	Yes
86%	No
2%	Unsure
1%	Prefer not to say

D5. In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a **(ROTATE)** Republican, Independent, or Democrat?

40% Total Republican

22% Strong Republican
18% Not so strong Republican

22% Total Independent

6% Independent leaning Republican
10% Independent
7% Independent leaning Democrat

38% Total Democratic

13% Not so strong Democrat
25% Strong Democrat

0% Other
0% Refused

D5A. **(ASK IF 1,2,6,7 IN PREVIOUS)**

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Do you plan to vote for your party's candidate in the general election no matter who the nominee is?

80% Yes
8% No

12% Unsure

(ASK ALL)

D6. Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

5% Yes
94% No
0% Unsure
0% Refused

D7. And which of the following best describes your racial background

81% White or Caucasian
11% Black or African American
3% Asian or Pacific Islander
3% Hispanic
0% Native American
0% Middle Eastern
1% Other
0% Refused

D8. We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income to be...?

30%	Below \$40,000
31%	Between \$40,000 and \$79,999
20%	Between \$80,000 and \$124,999
16%	Above \$125,000
1%	Unsure
2%	Refused

D9. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

1%	Less than high school
25%	High school graduate
18%	Some college
11%	College graduate with an Associate, or two-year degree
25%	College graduate with a Bachelors, or four-year degree
16%	Post-graduate degree
4%	Technical or vocational school graduate
0%	Don't know/refused

D10. Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as... (**ROTATE 1-3, TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP**)

22%	Urban
56%	Suburban
22%	Rural
0%	Don't know/refused

D11. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be (**ROTATE 1-5, TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP**) a conservative, moderate, or liberal?

37%	Total Conservative
15%	Very conservative
22%	Somewhat conservative
33%	Moderate
28%	Total Liberal
14%	Somewhat liberal
14%	Very liberal
1%	Libertarian
2%	Don't know/refused

D13. Which county in Pennsylvania do you currently reside?

ADAMS	15 2%	CRAWFORD	5 1%	LYCOMING	4 -
ALLEGHENY	88 11%	CUMBERLAND	14 2%	MCKEAN	2 -
ARMSTRONG	6 1%	DAUPHIN	19 2%	MERCER	10 1%
BEAVER	16 2%	DELAWARE	40 5%	MIFFLIN	3 -
BEDFORD	2 -	ERIE	14 2%	MONROE	13 2%
BERKS	31 4%	FAYETTE	10 1%	MONTGOMERY	56 7%
BLAIR	9 1%	FRANKLIN	4 1%	NORTHAMPTON	11 1%
BRADFORD	5 1%	FULTON	1 -	NORTHUMBERLAND	10 1%
BUCKS	40 5%	GREENE	2 -	PERRY	3 -
BUTLER	8 1%	HUNTINGDON	3 -	PHILADELPHIA	96 12%
CAMBRIA	6 1%	INDIANA	5 1%	PIKE	1 -
CARBON	7 1%	JEFFERSON	2 -	POTTER	1 -
CENTRE	7 1%	JUNIATA	2 -	SCHUYLKILL	8 1%
CHESTER	32 4%	LACKAWANNA	23 3%	SNYDER	3 -
CLARION	1 -	LANCASTER	32 4%	SOMERSET	5 1%
CLEARFIELD	3 -	LAWRENCE	3 -	SUSQUEHANNA	2 -
CLINTON	1 -	LEBANON	9 1%	TIOGA	4 1%
COLUMBIA	6 1%	LEHIGH	23 3%	VENANGO	2 -
		LUZERNE	8 1%	WARREN	3 -
				WASHINGTON	13 2%
				WAYNE	1 -
				WESTMORELAND	26 3%
				WYOMING	4 -
				YORK	17 2%