Common Ground in the Commonwealth Poll

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Q3 2024 Survey of 800 Registered Voters

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Margin of Error by state: ± 3.46

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.

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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)**

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B.   Are you currently registered to vote in Pennsylvania?

       100%   Yes   **(CONTINUE)**

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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)**

       26%   Right direction
       68%   Gotten off on the wrong track

        7%   Unsure

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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)**

       33%   Right direction
       57%   Gotten off on the wrong track

       10%   Unsure

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AW.   PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: Have you or someone you know thought about leaving Pennsylvania for a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies?
(ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1–3)

38%   Total Yes
22%   Yes, I have thought about leaving
14%   Yes, someone I know has thought about leaving
11%   Yes, someone I know has left

62%   No

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[IF RESPONSE 1–3: Yes, in previous question (AW)]

AW2.   PLEASE, SELECT UP TO THREE: What was the primary reason for thinking about moving from Pennsylvania to another state? **(RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-10; ALLOW FOR THREE RESPONSES)**

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57%   Lower cost of living
44%   Lower taxes
37%   Better jobs and opportunities
26%   Less crime and safer communities
18%   Elected leaders who are more aligned with my personal values
16%   Less intrusive government/more personal freedom
13%   Better health care
 9%   Better public schools
 5%   More secure election processes
 4%   Greater educational choices

 6%   Other
 3%   Unsure

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(ASK ALL)

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	162 20%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	122 15%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	82 10%
IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	94 12%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	78 10%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	54 7%
U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	75 9%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	75 9%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	54 7%
ABORTION	62 8%	ABORTION	52 7%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	44 5%
HEALTH CARE	32 4%	HEALTH CARE	41 5%	TAXES	44 5%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	30 4%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	39 5%	HEALTH CARE	42 5%
DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	29 4%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	32 4%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	40 5%
RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	28 4%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	30 4%	ABORTION	39 5%
MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	23 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	29 4%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	37 5%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	21 3%	TAXES	28 4%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	31 4%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	21 3%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	28 4%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	31 4%
TAXES	20 3%	LACK OF MONEY	28 3%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	30 4%
LACK OF MONEY	19 2%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	28 3%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	29 4%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	18 2%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	27 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	27 3%
ENVIRONMENT	18 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	20 3%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	25 3%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	18 2%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	17 2%	EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING/ DEBT	25 3%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	18 2%	NATIONAL SECURITY	16 2%	LACK OF MONEY	21 3%
NATIONAL SECURITY	16 2%	ENVIRONMENT	15 2%	NATIONAL SECURITY	20 3%
EDUCATION	13 2%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	15 2%	ENVIRONMENT	20 2%
EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING/ DEBT	12 1%	EXCESSIVE FEDERAL SPENDING/ DEBT	12 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	18 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	11 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	9 1%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	17 2%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	10 1%	RACIAL ISSUES	8 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	13 2%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	6 1%	EDUCATION	7 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	13 2%
COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	6 1%	POLICE REFORM	6 1%	POLICE REFORM	7 1%
POLICE REFORM	4 –	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	5 1%	EDUCATION	6 1%
FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	3 –	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	5 1%	BANKING CRISIS	2 –
BANKING CRISIS	2 –	BANKING CRISIS	1 –	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	2 –
OTHER	4 1%	OTHER	– –	OTHER	4 –
UNSURE	25 3%	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	185 23%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	116 14%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	73 9%
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	67 8%	TAXES	62 8%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	59 7%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	53 7%	PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	61 8%	PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	57 7%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	43 5%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	56 7%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	53 7%
IMMIGRATION	41 5%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	51 6%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	53 7%
TAXES	40 5%	IMMIGRATION	46 6%	TAXES	46 6%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	35 4%	HEALTH CARE	44 6%	HEALTH CARE	39 5%
ABORTION	34 4%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	39 5%	IMMIGRATION	36 5%
HEALTH CARE	32 4%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	32 4%	LACK OF MONEY	32 4%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	32 4%	ABORTION	29 4%	FAILING SCHOOLS	32 4%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	25 3%	EDUCATION	25 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	30 4%
ENVIRONMENT	23 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	24 3%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	28 4%
EDUCATION	22 3%	FAILING SCHOOLS	22 3%	ABORTION	28 4%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	18 2%	MORAL DECLINE	21 3%	EXCESSIVE STATE SPENDING/ DEBT	22 3%
FAILING SCHOOLS	15 2%	LACK OF MONEY	20 3%	EDUCATION	21 3%
EXCESSIVE STATE SPENDING/ DEBT	15 2%	ENVIRONMENT	20 2%	ENVIRONMENT	20 3%
MORAL DECLINE	13 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	17 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	20 2%
LACK OF MONEY	13 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	16 2%	MORAL DECLINE	20 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	13 2%	EXCESSIVE STATE SPENDING/ DEBT	15 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	19 2%
COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	12 1%	ENERGY	14 2%	COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	18 2%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	11 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	13 2%	WELFARE	17 2%
WELFARE	7 1%	WELFARE	12 1%	ENERGY	16 2%
ENERGY	7 1%	COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	8 1%	POLICE REFORM	10 1%
POLICE REFORM	6 1%	POLICE REFORM	5 1%	RACIAL ISSUES	7 1%
FREE SPEECH	5 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	2 –	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	6 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	3 –	FREE SPEECH	1 –	FREE SPEECH	2 –
OTHER	3 –	OTHER	1 –	OTHER	5 1%
UNSURE	28 4%	UNSURE	– –	UNSURE	– –

Federal Officials Series:

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

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
10%   An independent or third-party candidate
43%   A Democratic candidate

8%   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)**

44%   Total Republican
28%   Strongly Republican
16%   Somewhat Republican

50%   Total Democratic
16%   Somewhat Democratic
35%   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
17%   Strongly approve
25%   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

44%   **Total Favorable**
19%   Very favorable
25%   Somewhat favorable

53%   **Total Unfavorable**
12%   Somewhat unfavorable
41%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
2%   Unsure

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FP2.   Vice President Kamala Harris

49%   **Total Favorable**
31%   Very favorable
18%   Somewhat favorable

49%   **Total Unfavorable**
11%   Somewhat unfavorable
38%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
2%   Unsure

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FP3.   U.S. Sen. John Fetterman

42%   **Total Favorable**
15%   Very favorable
27%   Somewhat favorable

40%   **Total Unfavorable**
20%   Somewhat unfavorable
20%   Very unfavorable

4%   Never heard of
14%   Unsure

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FP4.   U.S. Sen. Bob Casey

       44%   **Total Favorable**
       19%   Very favorable
       24%   Somewhat favorable

       41%   **Total Unfavorable**
       16%   Somewhat unfavorable
       24%   Very unfavorable

        3%   Never heard of
       13%   Unsure

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FP5.   U.S. House of Representatives

       40%   **Total Favorable**
        7%   Very favorable
       33%   Somewhat favorable

       44%   **Total Unfavorable**
       30%   Somewhat unfavorable
       14%   Very unfavorable

        1%   Never heard of
       15%   Unsure

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FP6.   U.S. Senate

       41%   **Total Favorable**
        8%   Very favorable
       33%   Somewhat favorable

       46%   **Total Unfavorable**
       32%   Somewhat unfavorable
       13%   Very unfavorable

        1%   Never heard of
       13%   Unsure

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FP7.   U.S. Supreme Court

43%   Total Favorable
13%   Very favorable
30%   Somewhat favorable

44%   Total Unfavorable
20%   Somewhat unfavorable
24%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
11%   Unsure

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FP8.   The Republican Party

40%   Total Favorable
19%   Very favorable
22%   Somewhat favorable

55%   Total Unfavorable
20%   Somewhat unfavorable
35%   Very unfavorable

0%   Never heard of
4%   Unsure

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FP9.   The Democratic Party

46%   Total Favorable
20%   Very favorable
26%   Somewhat favorable

50%   Total Unfavorable
17%   Somewhat unfavorable
32%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
4%   Unsure

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

    46%   Donald Trump, Republican
    50%   Kamala Harris, Democrat

    3%   Other
    1%   None of the above

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(IF 3 OR 4 IN PREVIOUS ASK)

GB1A. If you had to decide between the two today, would you say you lean more toward **(ROTATE)** Donald Trump or Kamala Harris **(END ROTATE)**? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

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    14%   Donald Trump, Republican
    44%   Kamala Harris, Democrat

    42%   Unsure

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GB1B. If the 2024 presidential election was held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-4) (SELECT 1)**

    46%   Donald Trump, Republican
    50%   Kamala Harris, Democrat
    1%   Jill Stein, Green Party
    0%   Chase Oliver, Libertarian

    1%   Other **(O.E. SPECIFY)**
    2%   None of the above

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GB2.   How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of 2024 presidential candidates? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

    58%   **Total Satisfied**
    22%   Very satisfied
    35%   Somewhat satisfied

    42%   **Total Dissatisfied**
    28%   Somewhat dissatisfied
    14%   Very dissatisfied

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GB3.   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., Democrat
        39%   David McCormick, Republican

         3%   Other
         9%   None of the above
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(IF 3 OR 4 IN PREVIOUS ASK)

GB3A.   If you had to decide today, would you say you are leaning more towards **(ROTATE)** Bob Casey
        Jr. or David McCormick **(END ROTATE)**? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

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        13%   Bob Casey Jr., Democrat
        18%   David McCormick, Republican

         3%   Other **(O.E. SPECIFY)**
        66%   None of the above

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GB4.   If the 2024 U.S. Senate elections were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates
        were? **(RANDOMIZE 1-5)**

        52%   Bob Casey Jr., Democrat
        42%   David McCormick, Republican
         3%   John Thomas, Libertarian
         2%   Leila Hazou, Green Party
         1%   Marty Selker, Constitution Party
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Pennsylvania Officials Series:

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

55%   Total Approve
28%   Strongly approve
27%   Somewhat approve

32%   Total Disapprove
18%   Somewhat disapprove
14%   Strongly disapprove

13%   Unsure

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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. Governor Josh Shapiro

56%   Total Favorable
30%   Very favorable
26%   Somewhat favorable

32%   Total Unfavorable
17%   Somewhat unfavorable
15%   Very unfavorable

 2%   Never heard of
11%   Unsure

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EO2. Pennsylvania House of Representatives

47%   Total Favorable
 9%   Very favorable
38%   Somewhat favorable

33%   Total Unfavorable
26%   Somewhat unfavorable
 6%   Very unfavorable

 1%   Never heard of
19%   Unsure

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EO3.   Pennsylvania State Senate

    47%   Total Favorable
    10%   Very favorable
    38%   Somewhat favorable

    34%   Total Unfavorable
    26%   Somewhat unfavorable
     8%   Very unfavorable

     1%   Never heard of
    18%   Unsure

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EO4.   Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

    47%   Total Favorable
    10%   Very favorable
    37%   Somewhat favorable

    28%   Total Unfavorable
    21%   Somewhat unfavorable
     7%   Very unfavorable

     2%   Never heard of
    23%   Unsure

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EO5.   Philadelphia Eagles

    65%   Total Favorable
    35%   Very favorable
    30%   Somewhat favorable

    24%   Total Unfavorable
    11%   Somewhat unfavorable
    13%   Very unfavorable

     1%   Never heard of
     9%   Unsure

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EO6.   Pittsburgh Steelers

62%   Total Favorable
29%   Very favorable
33%   Somewhat favorable

25%   Total Unfavorable
13%   Somewhat unfavorable
11%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
12%   Unsure

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PO1.   If the 2024 Pennsylvania Attorney General election were held today, which of the following
individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

44%   Eugene DePasquale, Democrat
39%   Dave Sunday, Republican

3%   Other
15%   None of the above

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(IF 3 OR 4 IN PREVIOUS ASK)

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PO1A. If you had to decide today, would you say you are leaning more towards **(ROTATE)** Eugene
DePasquale or Dave Sunday **(END ROTATE)**? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

12%   Eugene DePasquale, Democrat
12%   Dave Sunday, Republican

75%   Unsure

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PO2. If the 2024 Pennsylvania Auditor General election were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

    43%   Malcolm Kenyatta, Democrat
    39%   Timothy DeFoor, Republican

     4%   Other
    14%   None of the above

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(IF 3 OR 4 IN PREVIOUS ASK)

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PO2A. If you had to decide today, would you say you are leaning more towards **(ROTATE)** Malcom Kenyatta or Timothy DeFoor **(END ROTATE)**? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

     8%   Malcolm Kenyatta, Democrat
    14%   Timothy DeFoor, Republican

    78%   Unsure

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PO3. If the 2024 Pennsylvania Treasurer election were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

    45%   Erin McClelland, Democrat
    40%   Stacy Garrity, Republican

     3%   Other
    11%   None of the above

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(IF 3 OR 4 IN PREVIOUS ASK)

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PO3A. If you had to decide today, would you say you are leaning more towards **(ROTATE)** Erin McClelland or Stacy Garrity **(END ROTATE)**? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

     6%   Erin McClelland, Democrat
     5%   Stacy Garrity, Republican

    89%   Unsure

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State Policy Series:

SP1.   Do you think Governor Shapiro should **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** bi-partisan legislation that would secure Pennsylvania's elections by requiring voter identification? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

70%   **Total Support**
38%   Strongly support
32%   Somewhat support

16%   **Total Oppose**
9%   Somewhat oppose
6%   Strongly oppose

14%   Unsure

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SP2.   Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** providing a Child Learning Investment Tax Credit worth up to $8,000 per student, that families could use to reduce their tax liability and cover educational expenses, including private school tuition? **(ROTATE 1-4/4-1)**

60%   **Total Support**
26%   Strongly support
34%   Somewhat support

29%   **Total Oppose**
17%   Somewhat oppose
11%   Strongly oppose

11%   Unsure

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SP3.   US Steel officials have said they may shut down their Pennsylvania operations unless the company is sold. There is currently a deal to keep steel manufacturing jobs in Pennsylvania with billions of new private investments by selling US Steel to a company with its corporate headquarters in Japan. Should President Biden and Gov. Shapiro allow this deal or should they take action to block it? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

38%   Allow the deal
31%   Block the deal

31%   Unsure

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Education

Now, thinking about K–12 education in Pennsylvania... Below are 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 TWO)

ED1.   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)**

74%   **Total Support**
38%   Strongly support
36%   Somewhat support

19%   **Total Oppose**
13%   Somewhat oppose
 6%   Strongly oppose

 8%   Unsure

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ED2.   Creating an A through F grading system that would give every one of Pennsylvania's K through 12 schools a grade based on factors including state achievement, learning gains in assessment, scores and graduation rates. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

76%   **Total Support**
33%   Strongly support
42%   Somewhat support

12%   **Total Oppose**
 9%   Somewhat oppose
 4%   Strongly oppose

12%   Unsure

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(END ROTATE)

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

 5%   A
25%   B
39%   C
13%   D
 5%   F

12%   Unsure

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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)

48%	Not learning life skills
38%	Lack of teaching basics/reading/writing/arithmetic
34%	Student safety concerns
31%	Too much emphasis on standardized testing/grades
27%	Lack of resources, or resources not being effectively administered
27%	Political agendas being taught
23%	Poor administration
23%	More involvement or input needed from parents
22%	Poor/outdated curriculum
21%	Learning loss from COVID shutdowns
21%	Unequal access/opportunities for low-income students
20%	Too much government interference
19%	Quality of education is poor/outranked by other states
18%	Parents lack educational options for children
14%	Not up to competitive standards
13%	Outdated approach/lack of innovation
3%	Other
6%	I am not dissatisfied with the quality of education students in Pennsylvania receive
6%	Unsure

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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)**

30%	Private school (non-religious)
19%	Private school (religious)
19%	District school
7%	Home school
6%	Charter school
6%	Cyber school or remote learning
1%	Other
13%	Unsure / Not applicable

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Jobs and the Economy

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

JE1.   How would you rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

38%   **Total Good**
 5%   Excellent
33%   Good

59%   **Total Not Good**
42%   Not so good
17%   Poor

 3%   Unsure

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JE2.   Currently, do you think economic conditions in Pennsylvania are getting **(ROTATE)** better or worse **(END ROTATE)** for you personally? (**ROTATE 1-4,4-1**)

35%   **Total Better**
 4%   Much better
31%   Somewhat better

56%   **Total Worse**
40%   Somewhat worse
16%   Much worse

 8%   Unsure

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JE3.   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)**

69%   **Total Great/Fair**
34%   A great deal
35%   A fair amount

29%   **Total Little/Not at all**
22%   Only a little
 7%   Not at all

 2%   Unsure

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JE4.   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)**

34%   Good time
41%   Bad time

25%   Unsure

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JE5.   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)**

48%   Worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago
28%   About the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago
13%   Better for businesses than it was 10 years ago

11%   Unsure

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JE6.   PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: Which, if any, of the following states do you believe have a better economic outlook than Pennsylvania? **(RANDOMIZE 1–14) (ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES, UNLESS 15–17)**

20%   Florida
18%   Texas
14%   North Carolina
12%   New York
11%   Delaware
10%   California
10%   Virginia
10%   Maryland
10%   New Jersey
10%   South Carolina
 9%   Connecticut
 6%   West Virginia
 6%   Ohio
 4%   Michigan

 5%   All of the above
 8%   None of the above
34%   Unsure

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JE7.   Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

46%   Republican
44%   Democratic

 1%   Other
 8%   Unsure

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Energy

Moving on to your opinions about energy...

E1.   How concerned are you about the future availability of affordable energy in the United States? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

        78%   Total Concerned
        29%   Very concerned
        49%   Somewhat concerned

        18%   Total Not Concerned
        15%   Not too concerned
         3%   Not at all concerned

         4%   Unsure

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E2.   Over the past two years, would you say that your household energy bills have… **(ROTATE 1-5, 5-1)**

        77%   Total Increased
        33%   Increased a lot
        44%   Increased some

        17%   Stayed about the same

         3%   Total Decreased
         2%   Decreased some
         1%   Decreased a lot

         2%   Unsure

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E3.   How concerned are you about your ability to afford your family's energy needs, including energy to power and heat your home and fuel your vehicles? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

        71%   Total Concerned
        31%   Very concerned
        40%   Somewhat concerned

        27%   Total Not Concerned
        20%   Not too concerned
         7%   Not at all concerned

         2%   Unsure

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E4.   When thinking about making lifestyle changes to protect the environment, which of the following changes have you already made, or do you plan to make in your life? (Select all that apply) **(RANDOMIZE 1-19)**

69%   Conserving energy by turning off lights, appliances, and electronics when not in use
55%   Using reusable shopping bags
49%   Recycling more frequently
46%   Lowering the heating thermostat during the winter
42%   Conserving water
26%   Not using or reducing the use of air conditioning during the summer
26%   Eliminating my use of single-use plastics, such as straws, utensils, and takeout containers
17%   Replacing my current home appliances with more energy efficient alternatives
14%   Buying products from brands that prioritize sustainability
12%   Biking or walking instead of driving a gas-powered vehicle
12%   Reducing meat and dairy consumption
12%   Planting more trees
11%   Taking public transportation instead of driving
 8%   Volunteering for community cleanups
 8%   Installing solar panels on my home
 5%   Purchasing an electric vehicle
 4%   Paying more for green energy

 7%   None of the above
 2%   All the above

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E5.   How important is energy affordability to you in choosing candidates for elected office? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

78%   Total Important
32%   Very important
47%   Somewhat important

18%   Total Not Important
14%   Not too important
 3%   Not at all important

 4%   Unsure

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E6.   Which of the following presidential candidates do you believe would do the best job of making energy more affordable for Americans? **(RANDOMIZE 1-5)**

46%   Kamala Harris
42%   Donald Trump
 1%   Jill Stein
 0%   Chase Oliver

 0%   Other **(O.E. SPECIFY)**
 2%   None of the above
 8%   Unsure / Don't know enough to say

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E7.   When considering your support for a candidate for elected office, which is more important?
        (ROTATE 1-2)

        66%   A candidate's commitment to protecting the environment and natural resources
or
        34%   A candidate's commitment to addressing climate change and lowering carbon emissions
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E8.   Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** Pennsylvania building more natural gas
        infrastructure to transport natural gas to homes and businesses, ease the strain on our electrical
        grid, and reduce our state's energy costs? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

        74%   Total Support
        28%   Strongly support
        46%   Somewhat support

        11%   Total Oppose
         8%   Somewhat oppose
         3%   Strongly oppose

        15%   Unsure
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E9.   How concerned are you about the reliability of the Pennsylvania electricity grid and the possibility
        of blackouts? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

        59%   Total Concerned
        19%   Very concerned
        40%   Somewhat concerned

        33%   Total Not Concerned
        29%   Not too concerned
         4%   Not at all concerned

         8%   Unsure
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E10.   Would you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** a law requiring Pennsylvania electricity suppliers to increase the use of alternative energy from 8% to 30% by 2030, even if it leads to higher energy costs for consumers? **(ROTATE 1-7,7-1)**

33%   Total Support
  6%   Strongly support
12%   Somewhat support
15%   Lean towards support

40%   Total Oppose
13%   Lean towards oppose
12%   Somewhat oppose
16%   Strongly oppose

27%   Undecided / Not sure

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E11.   Which TWO of the following would you say are the most pressing issues today regarding energy and the environment? (Select two) **(ALLOW MULTIPLE UP TO TWO) (RANDOMIZE 1-6)**

56%   Rising energy costs
28%   Ensuring energy grid reliability and modernization to prevent blackouts
21%   The economic impact of government regulations
19%   Too many restrictions and regulations on energy exploration and production
19%   Environmental harms from energy exploration and production
  9%   The loss of energy sector jobs
  5%   Not enough regulations on energy production

  3%   Other energy or environmental issue
  9%   Not sure

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E12.   Given that Pennsylvania is one of the nation's most natural gas-rich states, do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** expanding energy development in the state? **(ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)**

75%   Total Support
30%   Strongly support
46%   Somewhat support

10%   Total Oppose
  9%   Somewhat oppose
  1%   Strongly oppose

15%   Unsure

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E13.   How likely are you to consider an electric vehicle the next time you purchase a vehicle?
       (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

       34%   Total Likely
       11%   Extremely likely
       23%   Somewhat likely

       59%   Total Not Likely
       24%   Not too likely
       36%   Not at all likely

        7%   Unsure

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E14.   Which of the following is your greatest concern about purchasing an electric vehicle? (Select all
       that apply) **(ALLOW MULTIPLE) (RANDOMIZE 1-5)**

       62%   High costs
       56%   Insufficient charging facilities and electric vehicle infrastructure
       56%   The inability to drive long distances without charging
       41%   Reliability concerns
       31%   Safety concerns

        6%   Some other concern
        6%   No concerns about purchasing an electric vehicle

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E15.   Would you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** Pennsylvania following the actions of
       other states, like California, that banned the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035?
       (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

       23%   Total Support
        6%   Strongly support
       17%   Somewhat support

       66%   Total Oppose
       22%   Somewhat oppose
       44%   Strongly oppose

       10%   Unsure

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E16. During his campaign, Governor Shapiro promised to work with Democrats and Republicans in the state legislature to reconsider the state's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), which would increase energy prices for Pennsylvanians. The Commonwealth Court deemed RGGI unconstitutional, labeling it an "illegal tax," and subsequently blocked the initiative. The governor has decided to appeal the court ruling.

Knowing this…

Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** RGGI, a program that would impose a new energy tax? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

22%   **Total Support**
 5%   Strongly support
17%   Somewhat support

53%   **Total Oppose**
19%   Somewhat oppose
34%   Strongly oppose

25%   Unsure

E17. Would you be **(ROTATE)** more or less **(END ROTATE)** likely to support RGGI knowing it would impose an estimated 30% increase in your electricity bill? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

14%   **Total More Likely**
 6%   Much more likely to support
 9%   Somewhat more likely to support

75%   **Total Less Likely**
21%   Somewhat less likely to support
54%   Much less likely to support

11%   Makes no difference

E18. Would you be more or less likely to support RGGI if you knew it would cost Pennsylvania an estimated 22,000 jobs? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

17%   **Total More Likely**
 5%   Much more likely to support
11%   Somewhat more likely to support

72%   **Total Less Likely**
21%   Somewhat less likely to support
51%   Much less likely to support

12%   Makes no difference

E19. Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** allowing Governor Shapiro to unilaterally impose new taxes without a vote by your elected representatives in the legislature? **(ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)**

<u>**15%**</u>   <u>**Total Support**</u>
 5%   Strongly support
10%   Somewhat support

<u>**71%**</u>   <u>**Total Oppose**</u>
21%   Somewhat oppose
50%   Strongly oppose

14%   Unsure

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E20. Which of the following should be a higher priority for the federal government? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

68%   Ensuring affordable energy

or

32%   Combating climate change

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E21. How much money would you personally be willing to spend out of pocket each year to help combat climate change? Please enter a specific dollar amount below. **(O.E. Place into categories)**

(ONLY FOR RESULTS)

30% $0 / Not willing to pay any additional money out of pocket
17% $1-$24
10% $25-$99
27% $100-$499
15% $500+

$296   Mean
$30   Median

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E22. How important do you think it is for the United States to achieve energy independence rather than be reliant on foreign countries? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

<u>**86%**</u>   <u>**Total Important**</u>
55%   Very important
31%   Somewhat important

<u>**8%**</u>   <u>**Total Not Important**</u>
 6%   Not too important
 1%   Not at all important

 6%   Unsure

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E23.   Which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion about energy and environmental regulations? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

   43%   Government energy regulations and oversight help protect the environment and bolster consumer safety.

or

   57%   Excessive government red tape prevents energy production, drives up costs for consumers, and has little environmental or safety benefits.

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E24.   President Joe Biden recently announced he is pausing the approval of new liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. Pennsylvania is the second largest natural gas-producing state. U.S. Senators Bob Casey and John Fetterman have expressed concerns about the impact the president's decision could have on Pennsylvania jobs. In July, a federal judge blocked the President's LNG pause. In August, President Biden appealed the judge's ruling.

   Based on what you know, do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** President Biden's LNG pause? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

   23%   Total Support
   7%   Strongly support
   16%   Somewhat support

   54%   Total Oppose
   24%   Somewhat oppose
   30%   Strongly oppose

   23%   Unsure

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E25.   Please read the following two statements regarding the president's decision to pause the approval of applications to export Liquefied Natural Gas and indicate which one comes closest to your view... **(ROTATE 1-2)**

   41%   It's time to update our export review framework to give greater weight to the effects of Liquefied Natural Gas on climate change. This pause on new Liquefied Natural Gas approvals sees the climate crisis for what it is: the existential threat of our time.

or

   59%   Liquefied Natural Gas exports support Pennsylvania jobs and help grow the economy. If America blocks new exports, adversarial countries like Iran and Russia will fill the void. Friendly countries that now buy from us may have no choice but to turn to Iran and Russia, enriching those countries.

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E26.   How important would you say natural gas drilling is to the overall condition of the Pennsylvania economy? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

79%   Total Important
38%   Very important
41%   Somewhat important

8%   Total Not Important
7%   Not too important
1%   Not at all important

13%   Unsure

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E27.   Which presidential candidate do you believe will do a better job supporting energy policies that benefit Pennsylvanians? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

46%   Donald Trump, Republican
48%   Kamala Harris, Democrat

6%   Unsure

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E28.   Which presidential candidate do you believe will do a better job protecting natural gas exploration known as fracking? **(RANDOMIZE 1-2)**

48%   Donald Trump, Republican
43%   Kamala Harris, Democrat

9%   Unsure

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Demographic Section

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

D1.   In what year were you born?

___ ___ ___ ___

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

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D2.   What is your gender?

52%   Female
48%   Male

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D3.   Did you vote in the November 2022 election?

78%   Total Yes
53%   Yes, I voted in person on election day
 4%   Yes, I voted in person early
 3%   Yes, I voted absentee
17%   Yes, I voted by mail-in ballot

22%   No, I did not vote

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D3A.   How likely is it that you will **not** vote for any candidate in the 2024 presidential election?

24%   Total Likely
17%   Very likely
 7%   Somewhat likely

72%   Total Unlikely
 7%   Somewhat unlikely
65%   Very unlikely

 4%   Unsure

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

12%   Yes
84%   No

 3%   Unsure
 1%   Prefer not to say

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

38%   Total Republican
22%   Strong Republican
16%   Not so strong Republican

23%   Total Independent
 6%   Independent leaning Republican
11%   Independent
 6%   Independent leaning Democrat

39%   Total Democrat
13%   Not so strong Democrat
26%   Strong Democrat

 0%   Other
 0%   Prefer not to say

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

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

80%   Yes
12%   No

 8%   Unsure

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(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?

 6%   Yes
93%   No

 1%   Unsure
 0%   Prefer not to say

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

81%   White or Caucasian
11%   Black or African American
 1%   Asian or Pacific Islander
 5%   Hispanic
 0%   Native American
 0%   Middle Eastern

 2%   Other
 0%   Prefer not to say

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

36%   Below $40,000
31%   Between $40,000 and $79,999
16%   Between $80,000 and $124,999
14%   Above $125,000

1%   Unsure
2%   Refused

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

2%   Less than high school
29%   High school graduate
16%   Some college
13%   College graduate with an Associate, or two-year degree
23%   College graduate with a Bachelors, or four-year degree
12%   Post-graduate degree
5%   Technical or vocational school graduate

1%   Don't know/refused

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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

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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?

36%   Total Conservative
15%   Very Conservative
20%   Somewhat Conservative

34%   Moderate

27%   Total Liberal
18%   Somewhat Liberal
9%   Very Liberal

1%   Libertarian

2%   Do Not Know/Refused

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D12.   Do you or anyone in your household own a gun?

30%   Yes
68%   No
 2%   Unsure

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D13.   Which county in Pennsylvania do you currently reside?

County	Count	County	Count	County	Count
ADAMS	5 1%	CRAWFORD	6 1%	LYCOMING	10 1%
ALLEGHENY	88 11%	CUMBERLAND	11 1%	MERCER	3 –
ARMSTRONG	8 1%	DAUPHIN	20 2%	MIFFLIN	5 1%
BEAVER	15 2%	DELAWARE	40 5%	MONROE	10 1%
BEDFORD	1 –	ELK	1 –	MONTGOMERY	56 7%
BERKS	28 3%	ERIE	15 2%	NORTHAMPTON	19 2%
BLAIR	7 1%	FAYETTE	11 1%	NORTHUMBERLAND	5 1%
BRADFORD	4 1%	FRANKLIN	7 1%	PERRY	2 –
BUCKS	40 5%	GREENE	3 –	PHILADELPHIA	96 12%
BUTLER	11 1%	HUNTINGDON	6 1%	PIKE	2 –
CAMBRIA	12 1%	INDIANA	3 –	POTTER	1 –
CARBON	11 1%	JEFFERSON	1 –	SCHUYLKILL	9 1%
CENTRE	3 –	JUNIATA	3 –	SOMERSET	1 –
CHESTER	32 4%	LACKAWANNA	12 2%	SULLIVAN	1 –
CLARION	3 –	LANCASTER	32 4%	TIOGA	1 –
CLEARFIELD	3 –	LAWRENCE	3 –	UNION	1 –
CLINTON	1 –	LEBANON	6 1%	VENANGO	5 1%
COLUMBIA	6 1%	LEHIGH	22 3%	WARREN	2 –
		LUZERNE	30 4%	WASHINGTON	16 2%
				WAYNE	2 –
				WESTMORELAND	15 2%
				WYOMING	2 –
				YORK	30 4%