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April 2017 Pennsylvania Registered Voter Survey

Key Findings:

1. As Donald Trump reaches 100 days as the 45th President of the United States a majority (54%) of Pennsylvania registered voters disapprove of the way he his handling his job.

2. While a majority (51%) of registered voters in the Keystone State see President Trump as a strong leader, less than 1 out of 3 believe the President to be honest and trustworthy.

3. Over half (52%) of registered voters in the Commonwealth do not think that President Trump can manage the government effectively.

4. A majority (51%) of Pennsylvania's registered voters indicated confidence that President Trump can keep the United States safe, but most are uneasy about Trump's handling of the situation in Syria (51%) and North Korea's nuclear program (55%)

5. Most (54%) of the state's registered voters think that the U.S. Congress should investigate whether or not there was contact between the Russian government and the Trump campaign in 2016.

6. Pennsylvania registered voters are divided on the performance of Governor Tom Wolf with 40% approving of his work as governor, 35% disapproving and 24% unsure of how to rate the first term Democrat's work as the Commonwealth's chief executive.

7. The state's voters are also very divided on the work of United Stares Senator Pat Toomey. After securing a second term in last November's election Senator Toomey's work is approved of by 36% of registered voters compared to 34% disproving and 31 % offering no opinion of the Republican's job performance.

8. Pennsylvania's Senior United States Senator Bob Casey Jr. draws mixed reviews from the state's voters with about a third (34%) approving of his work, a quarter (25%) disapproving of his efforts, and the remainder (41%) offering no opinion on the second term Democrat's work in the Senate.

Methodological Statement

The following report contains the results of a telephone survey of 406 registered voters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania between April 19 and 26, 2017. Respondents were interviewed in English on both land lines (158) and cell phones (248) by the staff of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion (MCIPO) in Allentown, Pennsylvania on the Institute's Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system. With a randomly selected sample of 406 respondents the margin of error for the surveys is +/- 6% at a 95% level of confidence. Margins of error for questions with smaller sample size will be larger. In addition to sampling error, one should consider that question wording and other fielding issues can introduce error or bias into survey results. The sample data has been weighted by gender and party to reflect those characteristics as reported by the Pennsylvania Secretary of State. . The calculation of sampling error takes into account design effects due to the weighting identified above. In order to reach a representative sample of adult Pennsylvanians both land lines and cell phones are called up to 5 times. The response rate for this survey as calculated using the American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) RRII formula is 8%. Due to rounding the totals provided in the frequency report may not total 100%. The survey instrument (presented in its entirety below) was designed by Dr. Christopher P. Borick of the MCIPO is conjunction with the staff of the *Morning Call*. The survey was funded exclusively by the *Morning Call* and the MCIPO. For more detailed information on the methods employed please contact the MCIPO at 484-664-3444 or email Dr. Borick at cborick@muhlenberg.edu.

Pennsylvania Registered Voter Survey
Spring 2017

Q1: In which of the following age categories does your current age fall. READ LIST _____

1. 18-29…………………21%
2. 30-49…………………26%
3. 50-65…………………29%
4. or Over 65……………24%

Q2: Which of the following categories best describes your current
voting status? Are you registered as a (READ LIST)?

1. Democrat…………… 47%
2. Republican…………. 37%
3. Independent………… 12%
4. Other Party…………   3%
5. Not registered to Vote in Pa (END CALL)

Q3: In general, would you say that things in the United States are headed in the right or wrong direction?

1. Right Direction…………………………..31%
2. Wrong Direction…………………………52%
3. Staying the Same (Volunteered)………… 7%
4. Not Sure (Volunteered)…………………..<1%

Q4: Next, I would like for you to rate the performance of a few political officials. For each name that I read, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way they are doing their job.

First, President Donald Trump

1. Approve………………39%
2. Disapprove……………54%
3. No opinion (Vol)……… 7%

Q5: Next, Governor Tom Wolf?

1. Approve………………40%
2. Disapprove……………35%
3. No opinion (Vol)………24%

TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
February 2015	37%	13%	50%
October 2015	35%	41%	24%
February 2016	36%	40%	24%
April 2017	**40%**	**35%**	**24%**

Q6: Senator Pat Toomey?

1. Approve………………36%
2. Disapprove……………34%
3. No opinion (Vol)……...31%

TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
March 2011	39%	19%	42%
August 2011	40%	30%	31%
December 2011	44%	28%	28%
March/April 2012	38%	26%	35%
February 2013	36%	20%	43%
February 2015	35%	25%	40%
October 2015	37%	25%	38%
February 2016	33%	25%	41%
April 2017	**36%**	**34%**	**31%**

Q7: and Senator Bob Casey, Jr.?

1. Approve………………34%
2. Disapprove……………25%
3. No opinion (Vol)………41%

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
March 2011	48%	22%	30%
August 2011	40%	35%	26%
December 2011	54%	24%	22%
March/April 2012	45%	32%	23%
February 2013	46%	26%	28%
February 2015	40%	22%	39%
October 2015	44%	27%	29%
February 2016	38%	26%	37%
April 2017	**34%**	**25%**	**41%**

Q8 Now I would like you to rate President Trump's performance in handling a number of issues. For each issue I read please indicate if you think President Trump has done an excellent, good, fair or poor job of handling that issue. First , the economy:

1. Excellent…………….17%
2. Good………………...25%
3. Fair…………………..22%
4. Poor…………………30%
5. Not Sure (vol)………. 5%

Q9: Next, national security.

1. Excellent……………. 19%
2. Good………………..24%
3. Fair………………….. 17%
4. Poor………………….36%
5. Not Sure (vol)……….. 4%

Q10: Immigration.

1. Excellent……………..17%
2. Good………………….18%
3. Fair………………….. 12%
4. Poor………………….46%
5. Not Sure (vol)……….. 6%

Q11: Environmental Protection.

1. Excellent……………. 8%
2. Good………………….15%
3. Fair…………………..16%
4. Poor………………….52%
5. Not Sure (vol)……….10%

Q12: and Health Care.

1. Excellent……………. 12%
2. Good………………….13%
3. Fair………………….. 22%
4. Poor………………….48%
5. Not Sure (vol)……….. 5%

Q13: Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each applies or doesn't apply to President Trump. How about, "is a strong leader":

1. Applies……………………51%
2. Does Not Apply…………..46%
3. Not Sure (vol)……………. 3%

Q14: "Keeps his Promises"

1. Applies……………………40%
2. Does Not Apply…………..50%
3. Not Sure (vol)……………. 9%

Q15: "Cares about the needs of people like you"

1. Applies……………………41%
2. Does Not Apply…………..50%
3. Not Sure (vol)…………… 9%

Q16: Can manage the government effectively"

1. Applies……………………36%
2. Does Not Apply…………..52%
3. Not Sure (vol)……………11%

Q17: "Is honest and trustworthy"

1. Applies……………………30%
2. Does Not Apply…………..58%
3. Not Sure (vol)……………12%

Q18: Do you feel that Donald Trump is doing more to unite the country as president, or doing more to divide the country as president?"

1. Unite………………………36%
2. Divide……………………..56%
3. Neither (Vol)……………… 5%
4. Not Sure (Vol)………………3%

Q19: "Do you think the United States' role on the world stage has been strengthened or weakened by Donald Trump's decisions as president?"

1. Strengthened………………..42%
2. Weakened…………………..50%
3. Not Sure (Vol)……………… 7%

Q20: How much confidence do you have in Donald Trump to keep the U.S. safe: a great deal of confidence, a good amount, not too much, or no confidence at all?"

1. A Great Deal………………… 26%
2. A Good Amount…………….. 25%
3. Not Too Much………………. 18%
4. No Confidence at All……….. 30%
5. Not Sure (Vol)………………. 1%

Q21: "In general, do you have confidence in Donald Trump's ability to handle the situation with North Korea's nuclear program, or are you uneasy about his approach?"

1. Confident………………………38%
2. Uneasy…………………………55%
3. Not Sure (Vol)………………… 7%

Q22: "In general, do you have confidence in Donald Trump's ability to handle the situation in Syria, or are you uneasy about his approach?"

1. Confident………………………42%
2. Uneasy…………………………51%
3. Not Sure (Vol)………………… 8%

Q23: Do you think that the U.S. Congress should investigate whether or not there was contact between the Russian government and the Trump campaign in 2016?

Should Investigate………………..54%
Should Not Investigate…………...38%
Not Sure (vol)…………………… 8%

Q24. Finally, I have a few questions about yourself. First, which of the following categories best describes your racial identity? (READ LIST)

   1. White/Caucasian…………………..86%
   2. African-American………………… 8%
   3. Hispanic/Latino……………………. 4%
   4. Asian……………………………….1%
   5. Native American…………………..<1%
   6. Mixed race…………………………1%
   7. or other……………………………..<1%

Q25. What is your current marital status? (READ LIST)

   1. Single………………………....22%
   2. Married………………….…… 57%
   3. Separated……………………. 2%
   4. Divorced………………………..8%
   5. Widowed………………………..9%
   6. Partnered………………………. 1%

Q26. What is your highest level of education? Is it (READ LIST)?

1. Less than High School……………….2%
2. High School graduate……………….26%
3. Some college or technical school …..27%
4. College graduate (4 yr only)………...29%
5. Graduate or professional degree…….17%

Q27. Which of the following categories best describes your religious affiliation? Are you (READ LIST)?

1. Catholic…………………………………33%
2. Protestant…………………………………..39%
3. Jewish………………………………………2%
4. Muslim……………………………………1%
5. Hindu……………………………………...1%
6. Other Religion (Including agnostic)………..20%
7. or Atheist …………………………………3%
8. Not Sure (Volunteered)………………………1%

Q28. Which of the following categories best describes your family income? (READ LIST)

1. Under $20,000…………………………..10%
2. $20,000-$40,000…………………………...19%
3. $40,000-$60,000…………………………...20%
4. $60,000-$80,000…………………………...15%
5. $80,000-$100,000………………………….11%
6. Over $100,000…………………………...20%
7. Not sure (Volunteered)……………………4%

Q29. Thank you for your help with the survey. We appreciate your time.

1. Male……48%
2. Female…52%