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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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## **Key Findings**

The August 2015 Franklin & Marshall College Poll of Pennsylvania registered voters shows more registered voters hold the state legislature (54%) than the governor (29%) responsible for the state's late budget. The poll also finds that less than half (46%) of registered voters believe Attorney General Kathleen Kane should resign because of the criminal charges filed against her. Despite the late state budget, Governor Wolf's job performance ratings have remained mostly unchanged since June--two in five (39%) registered voters believe he is doing an "excellent" or "good" job as governor. Senator Toomey's positive job performance ratings have improved since our June Poll, rising from 34% to 40% "excellent" or "good." Senator Toomey leads both Katie McGinty and Joe Sestak in the 2016 race for US Senate, although many voters remain undecided about the race.

#### Tom Wolf Job Performance, Favorability and the State Budget Impasse

Two in five (39%) registered Pennsylvania voters believes Governor Wolf is doing an "excellent" or "good" job as governor, which is unchanged since June. More than three in five (61%) Democrats rate his performance as "excellent" or "good." Governor Wolf's job performance ratings are similar to Governors' Rendell and Corbett but lower than Governor Ridge at this point in their first terms (see Figure 1). Governor Wolf is viewed more favorably (43%) than unfavorably (26%) by the state's registered voters.





How would you rate the way that [fill Governor] is handling his job as governor? Would you say he is doing... an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job as governor? 100% 90% 80% Excellent + Good Job 70% Ridge 60% 50% Rendell 40% 30% Corbett 20% First Term Second Term 10% 0% 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 0 5 Months in Office

Figure 1: Comparison of Pennsylvania Governors' Job Performance Ratings

More registered voters hold the state legislature (54%) than the governor (29%) responsible for the state's late budget, although similar proportions trust the governor (42%) and the state legislature (39%) to make final decisions about the state budget. Responses about the budget are heavily influenced by party; about three-quarters (72%) of Democrats believe the state legislature is more responsible than the governor for the budget impasse, but half (48%) of Independent voters and only one third (32%) of Republicans believe so. Two in three (66%) voters believe state lawmakers should not be paid during budget negotiations when the budget is late, a sentiment that is consistently expressed across parties.





#### Kathleen Kane

Fewer than half (46%) of registered voters believe Attorney General Kathleen Kane should resign while the criminal case against her works its way through the criminal justice system. More Republicans (54%) and Independents (47%) than Democrats (40%) believe she should resign her position. Among those who do think she should resign, about half (52%) believe the state legislature should begin the impeachment process. In total, three in ten (30%) registered voters favor impeaching the Attorney General.

#### Senator Toomey and the U.S. Senate Election

Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's positive job performance ratings have improved since June, rising from 34% "excellent" or "good" to 40%. Senator Toomey's ratings are most positive among Republicans (58%), with fewer Independents (33%) or Democrats (27%) rating his performance as "excellent" or "good."

Senator Toomey currently leads both Joe Sestak and Katie McGinty in the 2016 race for U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. Toomey leads Sestak by 12 points, 41% to 29%, and he leads McGinty by 7 points, 35% to 28%. In the Democratic primary race, Sestak leads McGinty 16% to 13%, but two in three (66%) Democrats say they are still undecided about the race.



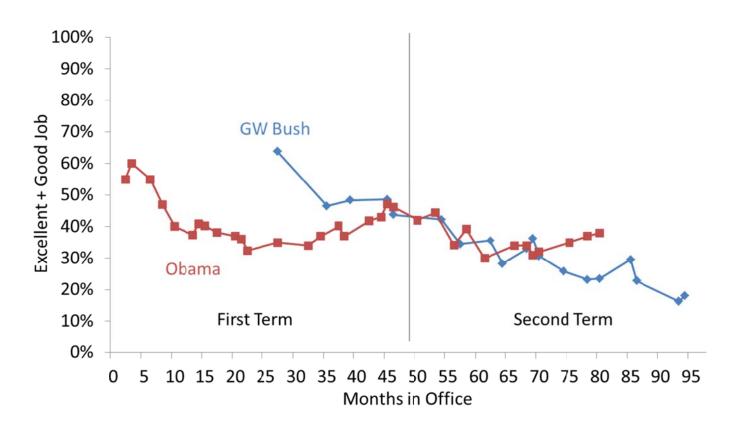


#### President Obama's Job Performance

Two in five (38%) registered Pennsylvania voters believe President Obama is doing an "excellent" or "good" job as President, which is about the same as in recent surveys. Three in five (63%) of the state's registered Democrats provide the president with a favorable job performance rating, and only one in four (28%) independents do. One in ten (10%) registered Republicans rate his performance favorably. President Obama's job performance ratings are better than President Bush's ratings in Pennsylvania at a similar point in his presidency (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Comparison of Presidential Job Performance Ratings, Pennsylvania

How would you rate the way that [fill President] is handling his job as President? Would you say he is doing... an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job as President?







# Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted August 17 - 24, 2015. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College under the direction of the poll's Director Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Head Methodologist Berwood Yost, and Project Manager Jacqueline Redman. The data included in this release represent the responses of 605 Pennsylvania registered voters, including 298 Democrats, 228 Republicans, and 79 Independents. The sample of registered voters was obtained from Labels & Lists. Survey results were weighted (gender, region and party registration) using an iterative weighting algorithm to reflect the known distribution of those characteristics as reported by the Pennsylvania Department of State.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 3.9 percentage points when the design effects from weighting are considered. In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions.





## **Attachment A**

#### Job Performance: Governor Wolf, Pennsylvania August 2015

How would you rate the way that Tom Wolf is handling his job as governor? Would you say he is doing an...

		Excellent/Good	Only Fair/Poor	Do Not Know
Political party*		Excellent/Good	Offity Fall/FOOI	DO NOT KNOW
Folitical party	Republican	16%	74%	10%
	Democrat	61%	30%	8%
	Independent or something else	26%	57%	17%
Ideology*	independent of something cise	2070	51 /0	17 70
lucology	Extremely liberal	77%	15%	8%
	Slightly liberal	60%	34%	6%
	Moderate	47%	44%	9%
	Slightly conservative	27%	62%	10%
	Extremely conservative	8%	80%	12%
Gender**				
	Male	35%	55%	10%
	Female	44%	46%	10%
Age	· omaio	11,0	.0,0	10,0
9-	Under 35	41%	43%	17%
	35-54	30%	60%	10%
	Over 55	43%	48%	9%
Education*				
	HS or less	35%	53%	12%
	Some college	31%	58%	11%
	College degree	47%	45%	8%
Income			,.	
	Under 35	36%	52%	12%
	35-75	42%	52%	6%
	Over 75	41%	50%	9%
Race				
	White	39%	52%	9%
	Nonwhite	51%	33%	16%
Marital Status*	*			
	Single, Never Married	38%	52%	11%
	Married	40%	52%	8%
	Not currently married	39%	45%	16%
Religious Affili	ation			
•	Protestant	37%	54%	9%
	Catholic	37%	54%	8%
	Other, unaffiliated	45%	42%	13%
Born Again Ch	ristian or Fundamentalist			
<u> </u>	Yes	32%	58%	10%
	No	42%	48%	10%
Gun Owner*				
	Yes	28%	62%	10%
	No	48%	43%	9%
Region**				
				100/
	Philadelphia	58%	31%	12%
	Philadelphia Northeast	58% 44%	31% 49%	12% 7%
	Northeast	44%	49%	7%
		44% 39%	49% 57%	7% 4%
	Northeast Allegheny Southwest	44% 39% 39%	49% 57% 55%	7% 4% 6%
	Northeast Allegheny	44% 39% 39% 22%	49% 57%	7% 4%
	Northeast Allegheny Southwest Northwest	44% 39% 39%	49% 57% 55% 65%	7% 4% 6% 13%
Employment	Northeast Allegheny Southwest Northwest Central	44% 39% 39% 22% 38%	49% 57% 55% 65% 52%	7% 4% 6% 13% 9%
Employment	Northeast Allegheny Southwest Northwest Central	44% 39% 39% 22% 38% 38%	49% 57% 55% 65% 52%	7% 4% 6% 13% 9%
Employment	Northeast Allegheny Southwest Northwest Central Southeast	44% 39% 39% 22% 38%	49% 57% 55% 65% 52% 47%	7% 4% 6% 13% 9% 15%

<sup>\*</sup> p<0.01 \*\* p<0.05





# **Attachment B**

### Job Performance: Senator Toomey, Pennsylvania August 2015

How would you rate the way that Pat Toomey is handling his job as senator? Would you say he is doing an...

		Excellent/Good	Only Fair/Poor	Do Not Know
Political party*		Lxcellelli/Good	Offiny I all/I OOI	DO NOT KNOW
Fullical party	Republican	58%	29%	12%
	Democrat	27%	52%	21%
	Independent or something else	33%	49%	19%
Ideology*	independent of something else	33 /0	4370	1370
lucology	Extremely liberal	18%	58%	24%
	Slightly liberal	19%	63%	18%
	Moderate	39%	42%	19%
	Slightly conservative	44%	42%	13%
	Extremely conservative	59%	29%	12%
Gender*	Extremely conservative	3370	2570	12 /0
Oction	Male	42%	46%	12%
	Female	37%	40%	23%
Age	1 citiale	0170	4070	2070
Age	Under 35	32%	41%	27%
	35-54	44%	40%	16%
	Over 55	39%	44%	17%
Education	3,31,00	3370	7770	1770
Laucanon	HS or less	34%	46%	20%
	Some college	44%	37%	20% 19%
	College degree	41%	43%	16%
Income	College degree	4170	4370	10 /6
IIICOIIIE	Under 35	33%	47%	20%
	35-75	39%	40%	21%
	Over 75	45%	41%	13%
Race**	Over 75	43 /0	41/0	13/0
Nace	White	42%	42%	16%
	Nonwhite	24%	46%	30%
Marital Status	Nonwhite	24 /0	40 /0	30 /6
Mai Ital Status	Single, Never Married	37%	43%	20%
	Married	41%	44%	15%
	Not currently married	38%	38%	25%
Religious Affilia		30 /0	30 /0	2570
Religious Allilla	Protestant	41%	39%	20%
	Catholic	49%	38%	13%
	Other, unaffiliated	27%	53%	20%
Born Again Chr	istian or Fundamentalist	21 /0	JJ /0	20 /0
Born Again Cili	Yes	44%	38%	18%
	No	39%	45%	17%
Gun Owner**	110	3970	43 /0	17 /0
Gun Owner	Yes	44%	45%	11%
	No	37%	45% 41%	22%
Pagion	NO	3170	4170	2270
Region	Philadelphia	37%	45%	18%
	Philadelphia Northeast			
		52%	35% 43%	13%
	Allegheny Southwest	36% 35%	43%	20% 22%
		35%	43%	
	Northwest	28%	45% 45%	26%
	Central Southeast	37%	45% 43%	18%
Empleyment	Southeast	44%	43%	14%
Employment	Fullsian a	400/	400/	400/
	Fulltime	42%	46%	12%
	Other	36%	43%	21%
	Retired	39%	40%	21%

\* p<0.01 \*\* p<0.05





# **Attachment C**

#### Job Performance: President Obama, Pennsylvania August 2015

How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Would you say he is doing an...

		Excellent/Good	Only Fair/Poor	Do Not Know
Political party*				2011011111011
The same of the sa	Republican	10%	89%	1%
	Democrat	63%	37%	1%
	Independent or something else	28%	70%	2%
Ideology*	acpanicant or comouning coo	20,0		
incology	Extremely liberal	84%	16%	0%
	Slightly liberal	74%	26%	0%
	Moderate	45%	54%	2%
	Slightly conservative	17%	83%	0%
	Extremely conservative	6%	94%	0%
Gender	Extremely concervative	0,0	0.170	070
Condo	Male	35%	64%	1%
	Female	41%	58%	1%
Age	Torridio	7170	0070	170
7.gc	Under 35	52%	48%	0%
	35-54	31%	68%	1%
	35-54 Over 55	31% 39%	60%	1%
Education**\	Over 55	J970	0070	1 70
Education "\	HS or less	33%	67%	0%
	Some college	33% 30%	67% 70%	0% 1%
	3			
1	College degree	46%	52%	2%
Income	11 1 05	050/	050/	00/
	Under 35	35%	65%	0%
	35-75	39%	61%	0%
	Over 75	39%	60%	1%
Race*				
	White	35%	64%	1%
	Nonwhite	66%	33%	1%
Marital Status*				
	Single, Never Married	55%	45%	0%
	Married	36%	63%	1%
	Not currently married	34%	66%	1%
Religious Affilia				
	Protestant	31%	68%	1%
	Catholic	32%	68%	1%
	Other, unaffiliated	55%	44%	1%
Born Again Chr	istian or Fundamentalist*			
	Yes	28%	72%	0%
	No	43%	56%	1%
Gun Owner*				
	Yes	26%	74%	0%
	No	47%	52%	1%
Region*				
	Philadelphia	67%	33%	0%
	Northeast	30%	70%	0%
	Allegheny	39%	61%	0%
	Southwest	35%	65%	0%
	Northwest	21%	76%	3%
	Central	33%	66%	0%
	Southeast	44%	54%	2%
Employment				
	Fulltime	36%	63%	1%
	Other	41%	59%	1%
	Retired	38%	60%	1%
<u> </u>		3070	5570	1 /0

\* p<0.01 \*\* p<0.05





## **Marginal Frequency Report**

Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

100% Yes 0% No

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

38% Republican49% Democrat11% Independent2% Something else

RightDir. All in all, do you think things in Pennsylvania are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	Headed in Right Direction	Off on the Wrong Track	Don't know
Aug15	32%	54%	13%
Jun 2015	36%	47%	17%
Mar 2015	39%	47%	15%
Oct 2014	28%	61%	11%
Sept 2014	29%	60%	11%
Aug 2014	27%	61%	13%
Jun 2014	30%	59%	11%
Jan 2014	25%	62%	13%
Oct 2013	25%	61%	13%
Aug 2013	26%	62%	12%
May 2013	28%	58%	13%
Aug 2012	31%	56%	13%
June 2012	30%	57%	13%
Feb 2012	31%	56%	13%
Jan 2012	38%	47%	15%
Oct 2011	38%	49%	13%
Aug 2011	34%	53%	13%
Mar 2011	37%	53%	10%
Oct 2010	27%	64%	9%
Sep 2010	31%	59%	10%
Aug 2010	30%	58%	12%
May 2010	35%	55%	10%
Mar 2010	32%	58%	10%
Feb 2010	37%	50%	13%
Jan 2010	39%	53%	8%





MIP\_PA. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT problem facing PENNSYLVANIA TODAY?

Aug	Aug	May <sub>*</sub>	Aug <sub>*</sub>	Oct ,	Jan <sub>.</sub>	Jun <sub>*</sub>	Aug <sub>*</sub>	Sept	Oct	Mar	Jun	Aug	
2011	2012 <sup>^</sup>	2013 <sup>^</sup>	2013 <sup>*</sup>	2013 <sup>*</sup>	2014 <sup>*</sup>	2014 <sup>*</sup>	2014 <sup>*</sup>	2014*	2014*	2015*	2015*	2015*	
11%	15%	16%	16%	17%	11%	15%	14%	13%	14%	16%	17%		Government, politicians
12%	13%	17%	23%	21%	19%	23%	29%	30%	25%	19%	18%	21%	Education, school
38%	30%	11%	21%	17%	26%	21%	16%	16%	20%	15%	18%	15%	Unemployment, personal finances
5%	4%	7%	5%	8%	11%	9%	10%	11%	9%	17%	12%	12%	Taxes
9%	12%	18%	7%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%	Economy
3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	5%	Energy issues, gas prices
1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	Crime, drugs, violence, guns
3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%	3%	Roads, infrastructure, transportation
1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	Values, morals
2%	3%	3%	6%	8%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	Healthcare, insurance
2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	Welfare
2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Environment
2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Social issues
0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	Retaining, attracting businesses
2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	6%	1%	Senior issues, social security
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	Immigration
0%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	Civil liberties
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Foreign policy, terrorism, war
1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Gambling, slot machines
2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Housing, real estate
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Personal illness, health problems
1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	Other
6%	6%	8%	5%	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%	8%	5%	0%	6%	Don't know

<sup>\*</sup>Question asked of registered respondents only





IntFav. Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of [FILL name] favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about [FILL name] to have an opinion? *(rotated)* 

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
TOM WOLF	•		•		•	
Aug 2015	22%	21%	9%	17%	18%	13%
Jun 2015	21%	23%	10%	17%	19%	11%
Mar 2015	22%	18%	11%	16%	22%	11%
Oct 2014	20%	20%	7%	18%	18%	16%
Sept 2014	19%	21%	9%	13%	18%	21%
Aug 2014	18%	19%	7%	10%	22%	24%
Jun 2014	15%	20%	5%	7%	20%	32%
KATHLEEN KAN	İΕ					
Aug 2015	6%	8%	11%	24%	26%	26%
Jun 2015	4%	11%	10%	22%	18%	34%
Mar 2015	6%	13%	9%	20%	16%	36%
BARACK OBAM		1				
Aug 2015	23%	19%	8%	44%	5%	1%
Jun 2015	25%	18%	10%	41%	5%	1%
Mar 2015	25%	16%	7%	44%	7%	1%
Jan 2014	21%	21%	10%	38%	8%	1%
Oct 2013	27%	23%	7%	37%	5%	0%
Aug 2013	22%	19%	9%	41%	10%	0%
May 2013	32%	20%	7%	36%	4%	1%
Feb 2013	31%	18%	9%	35%	6%	1%
Oct 2012	36%	14%	7%	38%	6%	0%
Sep 2012	35%	15%	6%	36%	7%	1%
Aug 2012	25%	21%	8%	37%	7%	1%
June 2012	26%	21%	11%	33%	9%	1%
Feb 2012	23%	22%	12%	35%	8%	0%
Jan 2012	25%	20%	12%	32%	9%	1%
Mar 2011	17%	24%	11%	33%	14%	2%
May 2010	26%	18%	12%	34%	10%	0%
Mar 2010	25%	17%	13%	33%	11%	1%
Feb 2010	27%	22%	10%	29%	11%	1%
Jan 2010	23%	21%	11%	33%	10%	2%
Oct 2009	29%	16%	12%	27%	13%	3%
Aug 2009	29%	26%	9%	28%	7%	1%
Jun 2009	39%	17%	6%	21%	14%	3%
Feb 2009	38%	18%	8%	15%	17%	4%
Oct 2008	38%	15%	8%	25%	12%	3%
Sep 2008	31%	18%	9%	21%	17%	3%
Aug 2008	25%	18%	7%	22%	23%	5%





DemPrim. If the 2016 Democratic primary election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Katie McGinty and Joe Sestak, would you vote for Katie McGinty, Joe Sestak, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (298 registered Democrats)

	Katie McGinty	Joe Sestak	Other Candidate	Don't know
Aug 2015	13%	16%	5%	66%

Vote\_Sen\*. If the 2016 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included *(rotated)* Joe Sestak, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Joe Sestak, Pat Toomey, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Joe Sestak	Pat Toomey	Don't know
Aug 2015	29%	41%	31%
Jun 2015	31%	35%	34%
Mar 2015	29%	34%	37%

Vote\_Sen\*. If the 2016 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included *(rotated)* Katie McGinty, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Katie McGinty, Pat Toomey, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Katie McGinty	Pat Toomey	Don't know
Aug 2015	28%	35%	38%

\*Note: The questions about the U.S. Senate race were asked in a split ballot format. The survey sample was divided into two random samples. Three hundred and five respondents were offered Sestak as the democratic candidate and 298 respondents were offered McGinty as the democratic candidate.

Kane1 The Montgomery County District Attorney has filed criminal charges against Attorney General Kathleen Kane for obstruction, conspiracy, perjury and abuse of office. While the case against her goes through the criminal justice system, do you think that Kathleen Kane should resign as Attorney General or do you think she should continue to serve as Attorney General?

46% Resign

43% Continue to serve

11% Don't know

Kane2 If Kathleen Kane does not resign, do you think the state legislature should vote to impeach and remove her from office? (348 voters who do not feel Kane should continue to serve)

52% Yes

23% No

25% Don't know





Budg1. The state has yet to pass a final budget. Who do you think is most responsible for the budget being late?

	The governor	The state legislature	Don't know
Aug 2015	29%	54%	17%
Aug 2009	31%	54%	15%
Aug 2007	27%	56%	17%

Budg2. When it comes to making decisions about the state budget, do you TRUST the governor or the state legislature MORE?

	The governor	The state legislature	Don't know
Aug 2015	42%	39%	20%
Aug 2009	36%	48%	16%
Aug 2007	39%	48%	13%

Budg5. Do you believe that state lawmakers should or should not be paid during budget negotiations when the state budget is late?

26% Should be paid

66% Should not be paid

8% Don't know

Rate\_Gov. How would you rate the way that Tom Wolf is handling his job as Governor? Would you say he is doing an...

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
Aug 2015	7%	32%	34%	17%	10%
Jun 2015	8%	31%	34%	16%	13%
Mar 2015	7%	31%	29%	14%	19%

RateSenT. How would you rate the way that Pat Toomey is handling his job as U.S. SENATOR? Would you say he is doing an...

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
Aug 2015	6%	34%	32%	11%	18%
Jun 2015	5%	29%	33%	14%	20%
Mar 2015	3%	28%	35%	13%	21%
Oct 2013	4%	18%	34%	19%	25%
Aug 2013	4%	20%	42%	9%	26%
May 2013	4%	27%	39%	10%	21%
Oct 2011	3%	29%	40%	11%	18%
Aug 2011	5%	24%	37%	14%	20%
Mar 2011	3%	25%	36%	10%	27%





RatePres. How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Would you say he is doing... an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job as President?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
Aug 2015	12%	26%	16%	45%	1%
Jun 2015	12%	25%	20%	43%	1%
Mar 2015	11%	24%	21%	43%	1%
Oct 2014	8%	24%	27%	41%	0%
Sept 2014	6%	25%	25%	43%	1%
Aug 2014	7%	27%	28%	37%	1%
Jun 2014	7%	27%	22%	42%	1%
Jan 2014	6%	24%	31%	37%	1%
Oct 2013	11%	28%	21%	39%	1%
Aug 2013	8%	26%	23%	42%	1%
May 2013	14%	30%	22%	33%	1%
Feb 2013	14%	28%	23%	34%	1%
Oct 2012	17%	29%	20%	33%	1%
Sep 2012	18%	29%	19%	33%	0%
Aug 2012	12%	31%	23%	33%	1%
June 2012	13%	29%	30%	28%	1%
Feb 2012	11%	26%	29%	35%	0%
Jan 2012	9%	31%	29%	30%	0%
Oct 2011	9%	28%	31%	32%	1%
Aug 2011	9%	25%	33%	33%	1%
Mar 2011	7%	28%	30%	34%	1%
Oct 2010	8%	24%	31%	36%	1%
Sep 2010	10%	26%	33%	30%	0%
Aug 2010	9%	28%	28%	35%	1%
May 2010	14%	24%	32%	29%	1%
Mar 2010	12%	28%	27%	32%	1%
Feb 2010	12%	29%	32%	27%	0%
Jan 2010	11%	27%	32%	29%	1%
Oct 2009	17%	23%	31%	28%	1%
Aug 2009	14%	33%	29%	24%	0%
Jun 2009	20%	35%	25%	19%	1%
Mar 2009	23%	37%	22%	14%	4%
Feb 2009	25%	30%	23%	13%	9%





IntD1. People often think differently about who should be responsible for deciding important national issues in the United States. Some people argue that citizens should decide national issues by voting on issues in referendums. Others argue that elected officials should decide national issues. Still others argue that independent and unelected policy experts should make these decisions.

If you had to make a choice, would you prefer to give primary responsibility for deciding important national issues to: (rotated)

47%	Elected officials	49%	Elected officials	52%	Citizens
46%	Citizens	38%	Policy experts	39%	Policy experts
7%	Don't know	13%	Don't know	9%	Don't know

D2. The average American citizen can understand what's going on in politics and government today, even though the issues are often complicated.

- 25% Strongly Agree
  25% Somewhat Agree
  21% Somewhat Disagree
  26% Strongly Disagree
  3% Don't know
- D3. On the important issues facing the nation today, there is widespread agreement among citizens about what should be done.
  - 24% Strongly Agree
    21% Somewhat Agree
    20% Somewhat Disagree
    31% Strongly Disagree
    5% Don't know
- EOL1. The Medicare program recently announced that it will begin paying doctors to have discussions about end-of-life care with their patients. Which of these statements most closely reflects your beliefs about end-of-life care?
  - 72% It is more important to enhance the QUALITY of life for seriously ill patients, even if it means a shorter life
  - 21% It is more important to EXTEND the life of seriously ill patients through every medical intervention possible.
  - 7% Don't know

EOL2. It is just as important for patients and their families to understand end-of-life care options as it is to understand their treatment options.

83% Strongly Agree
11% Somewhat Agree
2% Somewhat Disagree
2% Strongly Disagree
2% Don't know





EOL3. Some states allow doctors to help their terminally ill patients end their lives. Do you think that doctors in Pennsylvania should or should not be allowed to help terminally ill patients end their lives?

57% Should be allowed 35% Should not be allowed

8% Don't know

DEMO I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.

CNTY. Region of state (What is the name of the county you live in?)

26% Central
23% Southeast
12% Northeast
11% Southwest
10% Philadelphia
9% Allegheny

Northwest

9%

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

3% 18-24 4% 25-34 7% 35-44 16% 45-54 24% 55-64 46% 65 and older

EDUC. What was the highest grade level of schooling you have completed?

2% Non high school graduate
28% High school graduate or GED
13% Some college
10% Two-year or tech degree
23% Four year college degree
24% Post graduate degree

MAR. What is your CURRENT marital status...are you single, married, separated, divorced, or a widower?

64% Married 17% Single, Never Married 11% Widow or widower 8% Divorced 0% Separated





IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know
Aug 2015	21%	36%	40%	3%
Jun 2015	23%	35%	39%	4%
Oct 2014	23%	37%	36%	3%
Sept 2014	22%	36%	38%	5%
Aug 2014	20%	39%	36%	5%
Jun 2014	26%	36%	34%	5%
Jan 2014	24%	43%	28%	5%
Oct 2013	24%	39%	31%	6%
Aug 2013	22%	42%	33%	3%
May 2013	24%	39%	31%	6%
Feb 2013	26%	36%	35%	3%
Oct 2012	22%	39%	35%	5%
Sep 2012	26%	34%	35%	5%
Aug 2012	21%	40%	36%	4%
June 2012	25%	34%	36%	5%
Feb 2012	17%	39%	40%	4%
Jan 2011	21%	39%	36%	4%
Oct 2011	20%	39%	33%	8%
Aug 2011	24%	32%	37%	7%
Mar 2011	16%	33%	41%	10%
Oct 2010	16%	37%	39%	8%
Sep 2010	15%	34%	40%	10%
Aug 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
May 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
Mar 2010	17%	35%	40%	8%
Feb 2010	21%	33%	37%	9%
Jan 2010	19%	30%	42%	9%

PARTY. Regardless of how you are registered... in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

18% Strong Republican

10% Republican

15% Lean Republican

11% Independent

13% Lean Democrat

7% Democrat

24% Strong Democrat

1% Don't know

GUN. Are you a gun owner?

36% Yes

64% No





GUN2. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose creating more laws that regulate gun ownership?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Aug 2015	40%	14%	10%	32%	5%
Jun 2015	38%	13%	12%	33%	5%
Oct 2014	42%	12%	8%	37%	2%
Sept 2014	39%	14%	10%	32%	5%
Aug 2014	39%	14%	10%	31%	6%
Jun 2014	43%	12%	9%	31%	5%
Jan 2014	42%	12%	9%	32%	6%
Oct 2013	46%	16%	9%	24%	5%
Aug 2013	39%	12%	13%	33%	4%
May 2013	43%	14%	11%	30%	3%
Feb 2013*	43%	15%	10%	28%	4%
Aug 2007	40%	20%	14%	23%	3%
Jun 2007	39%	15%	12%	31%	3%
Feb 2007	39%	17%	15%	26%	3%
Oct 2006*	35%	16%	15%	26%	8%
Sep 2006*	34%	15%	17%	28%	6%
Aug 2006*	37%	15%	14%	27%	7%
May 2006*	37%	14%	16%	27%	6%
Feb 2006	35%	19%	17%	22%	7%
Nov 2005	38%	20%	14%	20%	8%
Sep 2005	39%	16%	13%	25%	8%
Jun 2005	39%	17%	16%	23%	6%
Oct 2004*	33%	19%	19%	23%	7%
Sep 2004*	38%	19%	15%	20%	8%
Aug 2004*	35%	20%	15%	23%	7%
Mar 2004*	42%	17%	14%	21%	7%
Oct 2002*	34%	18%	15%	26%	7%
Sep 2002*	28%	20%	14%	29%	9%
Jun 2002*	40%	14%	11%	28%	7%
Oct 2001*	33%	22%	15%	24%	6%
Apr 2001*	41%	18%	14%	22%	6%
Oct 2000*	37%	18%	15%	22%	9%
Feb 2000*	41%	19%	11%	24%	5%

<sup>\*</sup>Question asked of registered respondents only

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

2% Yes 98% No

RACE. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

91% White 9% Non-white





REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

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36% Protestant
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35% Catholic

12% Some other religion

17% Not affiliated with any religion

BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

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29% Yes 70% No
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2% Don't know

WORK. Are you currently working fulltime, part-time, going to school, keeping house or something else?

40% Retired

37% Full-time

10% Part-time

6% Keeping house

3% Disabled

2% Going to school

1% Unemployed

INCOME. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

12% Under \$25,000

11% \$25-\$35,000

11% \$35-50,000

17% \$50-75,000

15% \$75-100,000

27% Over \$100,000

6% Don't know

#### DONE. Sex of respondent:

48% Male

52% Female



