## August 2007 Pennsylvania Keystone Poll

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS



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## Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted between August 24 and September 2, 2007 with 585 adult Pennsylvanians, 479 of whom are registered to vote. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin \& Marshall College under the direction of the Poll’s Director, G. Terry Madonna, the Poll's Head Methodologist, Berwood Yost, and the Poll’s Project Manager, Jennifer Harding. Telephone numbers for the survey were generated via random digit dialing, and respondents were randomly selected from within each household. The sample error is +/- 4.1 percent for the total sample and +/- 4.5 percent for registered voters. Sample error for the primary and presidential election match-ups is higher. Final survey results were weighted to adjust for different selection probabilities and non-response.

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## Key Findings

The latest Keystone Poll shows Rudy Giuliani leading in the race for the Republican presidential nomination in Pennsylvania over John McCain, 32 percent to 19 percent among registered Republicans (see Figure 1). Mitt Romney is a distant third at 12 percent, and Fred Thompson, whose official candidacy announcement is imminent, stands at 11 percent. Almost one in four (23\%) Republicans remains undecided.

Among Democrats, Hillary Clinton leads her closest rival, Barack Obama, 38 percent to 21 percent. Clinton has a commanding lead among females, while Obama tends to draw support from younger residents.

Figure 1. 2008 Primary Election Vote Choice


Clinton and Obama lead every Republican candidate in head-to-head match-ups (see Figure 2). Survey respondents were randomly split into two groups for questions about their general election preferences. Half were asked
about four potential Republican-Democratic presidential election match-ups (Clinton versus McCain, Clinton versus Giuliani, Obama versus McCain, and Obama versus Giuliani), while the other half were asked about four other potential match-ups (Clinton versus Romney, Clinton versus Thompson, Obama versus Romney, and Obama versus Thompson).

Figure 2. 2008 Presidential Election Match-ups


Survey results show that Governor Ed Rendell's job performance ratings remain similar to his June performance; half (47\%) of respondents rate his job performance as excellent or good, and half (51\%) say he is doing only a fair or poor job. At the moment, Senator Arlen Specter enjoys higher job performance ratings than Senator Bob Casey (51\% and 42\% excellent or good rating, respectively). George Bush’s job performance ratings have hit an all-time low; only 23 percent of respondents believe he is doing an excellent or good job as president.

The state legislature continues to be viewed negatively by residents of the State--only 26 percent say the legislature is doing an excellent or a good job,
while 69 percent say it's doing only a fair or poor job. When asked who should decide legislative pay hikes, a majority (61\%) of respondents believe the voters themselves should decide, while one third (31\%) feel a special commission of citizens should do so.

Survey respondents were more likely to blame the legislature (56\%) than the Governor (27\%) for the delay in passing the state budget. Yet, respondents say they trust the legislature (48\%) more than the Governor (39\%) when it comes to making decisions about the state budget.

This fall, the state legislature might consider banning smoking in restaurants and bars. Pennsylvanians are divided over a public ban in restaurants and bars--53 percent think banning smoking in restaurants and bars should be left to individual business owners, while 46 percent believe the State should impose such a ban.

The legislature might also consider changing the date of next year's presidential primary election, currently scheduled for the third Tuesday in April. Only 35 percent of respondents strongly or somewhat favor moving the date earlier in the year, while 56 percent are somewhat or strongly opposed to the change.

Finally, in 2005, Justice Russell Nigro, largely as a result of the controversy over the legislative and judicial pay hike, was denied retention to another ten year term on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. This fall, Justice Tom Saylor stands for a similar retention vote to serve another 10 years on the Court. When asked how they would vote on Saylor's retention, almost half (46\%) of
those interviewed are undecided, one in four (21\%) says they would vote to remove him, and 18 percent indicate they would vote for him to serve another term.

Table A-1. Republican Primary Vote Choice by Selected Demographics
If the 2008 Republican primary election for President was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, and Fred Thompson, would you vote for Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

|  | Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | Other | DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High School or Less | 32\% | 16\% | 4\% | 10\% | 2\% | 36\% |
| Some College | 36\% | 17\% | 14\% | 12\% | 0\% | 22\% |
| College Degree | 30\% | 20\% | 16\% | 11\% | 6\% | 16\% |
| Religious Affiliation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catholic | 31\% | 18\% | 13\% | 11\% | 4\% | 23\% |
| Protestant | 30\% | 21\% | 11\% | 11\% | 1\% | 26\% |
| Something else | 39\% | 12\% | 15\% | 11\% | 9\% | 14\% |
| Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 37\% | 19\% | 10\% | 11\% | 4\% | 20\% |
| Yes | 24\% | 18\% | 16\% | 11\% | 2\% | 29\% |
| Household Income* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$35,000 | 37\% | 18\% | 7\% | 10\% | 12\% | 17\% |
| \$35-75,000 | 36\% | 23\% | 3\% | 9\% | 0\% | 29\% |
| Over \$75,000 | 31\% | 11\% | 23\% | 13\% | 2\% | 19\% |
| Gender* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 37\% | 15\% | 17\% | 14\% | 2\% | 14\% |
| Female | 27\% | 21\% | 8\% | 8\% | 5\% | 31\% |
| Age* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-34 | 55\% | 23\% | 15\% | 0\% | 8\% | 0\% |
| 35-54 | 30\% | 21\% | 10\% | 10\% | 3\% | 27\% |
| 55 and over | 27\% | 16\% | 14\% | 15\% | 3\% | 27\% |

* Significant differences (p<.05)


## Table A-2. Democratic Primary Vote Choice by Selected Demographics

If the 2008 Democratic primary election for President was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards, would you vote for Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

|  | Clinton | Obama | Edwards | Other | DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| High School or Less | 44\% | 18\% | 17\% | 5\% | 16\% |
| Some College | 44\% | 21\% | 12\% | 9\% | 14\% |
| College Degree | 30\% | 24\% | 19\% | 6\% | 21\% |
| Religious Affiliation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Catholic | 44\% | 17\% | 16\% | 7\% | 16\% |
| Protestant | 35\% | 25\% | 18\% | 6\% | 16\% |
| Something else | 31\% | 24\% | 17\% | 4\% | 24\% |
| Racial Background |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 38\% | 19\% | 18\% | 7\% | 18\% |
| Nonwhite | 39\% | 33\% | 8\% | 0\% | 19\% |
| Household Income |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than \$35,000 | 40\% | 12\% | 17\% | 7\% | 23\% |
| \$35-75,000 | 44\% | 20\% | 16\% | 2\% | 18\% |
| Over \$ 75,000 | 30\% | 33\% | 13\% | 9\% | 15\% |
| Gender* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 30\% | 27\% | 17\% | 9\% | 17\% |
| Female | 46\% | 16\% | 16\% | 3\% | 19\% |
| Age* |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-34 | 21\% | 37\% | 32\% | 0\% | 10\% |
| 35-54 | 43\% | 18\% | 9\% | 9\% | 22\% |
| 55 and over | 41\% | 17\% | 17\% | 6\% | 18\% |

* Significant differences (p<.05)


## Marginal Frequency Report

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 <br> right direction | Off on the <br> wrong track | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $47 \%$ | $\mathbf{4 4 \%}$ | $9 \%$ |
| Jun 2007 | $42 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $46 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Oct 2006* | $47 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Sep 2006* | $52 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Aug 2006* | $50 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Feb 2006 | $45 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Nov 2005 | $39 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Sep 2005 | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Jun 2005 | $43 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Mar 2005 | $50 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Oct 2004* | $48 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Sep 2004* | $46 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Aug 2004* | $43 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Mar 2004* | $33 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Feb 2004 | $37 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Nov 2003 | $45 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Apr 2003 | $55 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Sep 2002* | $52 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Jun 2002* | $55 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Jul 1999 | $64 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Sep 1998* | $67 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Jul 1998 | $60 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Mar 1998 | $65 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Oct 1996 | $49 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Sep 1996* | $49 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Jul 1996 | $41 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Apr 1995 | $52 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

*Question asked of registered respondents only

MIP_PA. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT problem facing PENNSYLVANIA TODAY?

| Mar <br> 2005* | Jun <br> 2005* | Sep <br> 2005* | Nov <br> 2005* | Feb <br> 2006* | Aug <br> 2006 | Aug <br> 2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ | Unemployment, economy |
| $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $12 \%$ | Taxes |
| $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | Crime, drugs, violence |
| $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | Education, school |
| $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | Healthcare, insurance |
| $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | Government, politicians |
| $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ | Roads, transportation |
| $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | Social security, elder issues |
| $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | Social issues |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | Retaining, attracting businesses |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | Immigration |
| $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Gambling, slot machines |
| $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Environment |
| $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Energy issues, gas prices |
| $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Population, urban sprawl |
| $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Welfare |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Values, morals |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Iraq war |
| $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Public transportation |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | Population loss |
| $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | Terrorism, war, foreign policy |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | Legislative pay raise |
| $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | Personal finances, paying bills |
| $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | Housing, real estate |
| $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | Justice system |
| $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | Nothing |
| $4 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | Don't know |
| $8 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | Other |

*Question asked of all survey respondents regardless of registration status

Smok1. The Pennsylvania state legislature has been debating whether or not to ban smoking in some places. In general, how harmful do you think second-hand smoke is to adults?

| 60\% | Very harmful |
| :---: | :--- |
| $30 \%$ | Somewhat harmful |
| $6 \%$ | Not too harmful |
| $3 \%$ | Not harmful at all |
| $1 \%$ | Don't know |

Smok2. Do you believe the State should ban smoking in restaurants and bars, or do you think it should be left to individual business owners to decide whether they want to allow smoking in their restaurants and bars?

46\% The State should ban smoking
53\% Left to individual business owners to decide
1\% Don't know

REG. Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about voting and politics.
Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

| 82\% | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| $18 \%$ | No |

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?
$\mathrm{n}=479$ (registered respondents)
44\% Democrat
41\% Republican
12\% Independent
3\% Something else

Questions IntFavC through PrimDate were asked of registered respondents only, $n=479$
IntFavC. I'd like to ask you a few questions about some people involved in politics today. Please let me know if your opinion of the person is favorable, not favorable, undecided, or if you haven't heard enough about the person to have an opinion. (rotated)

|  | Favorable | Not Favorable | Undecided | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ED RENDELL |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 47\% | 36\% | 12\% | 5\% |
| Jun 2007 | 48\% | 38\% | 10\% | 4\% |
| Feb 2007 | 53\% | 36\% | 8\% | 3\% |
| Oct 2006 | 54\% | 30\% | 12\% | 4\% |
| Sep 2006 | 52\% | 29\% | 16\% | 3\% |
| Aug 2006 | 49\% | 33\% | 14\% | 4\% |
| May 2006 | 48\% | 32\% | 16\% | 4\% |
| Feb 2006 | 41\% | 40\% | 14\% | 5\% |
| Nov 2005 | 39\% | 38\% | 18\% | 6\% |
| Sep 2005 | 42\% | 36\% | 16\% | 6\% |
| Jun 2005 | 41\% | 33\% | 17\% | 9\% |
| Mar 2005 | 48\% | 28\% | 18\% | 7\% |
| Aug 2004 | 46\% | 31\% | 17\% | 6\% |
| Feb 2004 | 40\% | 32\% | 15\% | 14\% |
| Nov 2003 | 46\% | 26\% | 21\% | 7\% |
| Apr 2003 | 50\% | 19\% | 17\% | 16\% |
| Oct 2002 | 50\% | 24\% | 18\% | 9\% |
| Sep 2002 | 43\% | 19\% | 25\% | 14\% |
| Jun 2002 | 40\% | 18\% | 26\% | 16\% |
| Oct 2001 | 30\% | 8\% | 13\% | 50\% |
| Apr 2001 | 29\% | 7\% | 11\% | 52\% |
| Jul 1999 | 30\% | 7\% | 9\% | 54\% |
| HILLARY CLINTON |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 41\% | 41\% | 16\% | 2\% |
| Jun 2007 | 34\% | 46\% | 16\% | 4\% |
| Feb 2007 | 32\% | 46\% | 17\% | 5\% |
| RUDY GIULIANI |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 39\% | 32\% | 20\% | 9\% |
| Jun 2007 | 41\% | 30\% | 18\% | 11\% |
| Feb 2007 | 52\% | 18\% | 16\% | 14\% |
| BARACK OBAMA |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 37\% | 21\% | 23\% | 19\% |
| Jun 2007 | 32\% | 21\% | 20\% | 27\% |
| Feb 2007 | 31\% | 15\% | 20\% | 34\% |
| JOHN MCCAIN |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 31\% | 30\% | 22\% | 17\% |
| Jun 2007 | 34\% | 28\% | 22\% | 16\% |
| Feb 2007 | 37\% | 23\% | 23\% | 17\% |
| Feb 2000 | 44\% | 15\% | 28\% | 13\% |
| MITT ROMNEY |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 18\% | 20\% | 19\% | 43\% |
| Jun 2007 | 11\% | 15\% | 17\% | 57\% |
| JOHN EDWARDS |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 38\% | 27\% | 22\% | 13\% |
| Jun 2007 | 34\% | 29\% | 21\% | 16\% |
| FRED THOMPSON |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 15\% | 16\% | 15\% | 54\% |

StSupCrt. In November, voters will decide whether to give Supreme Court Justice Tom Saylor another ten-year term on the State Supreme Court. If the election was held today, would you...

18\% Vote for Justice Saylor to serve another term
21\% Would you vote to remove him from office
15\% Don't you plan to vote
46\% Don't know
RepPrim. If the 2008 Republican primary election for President was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, and Fred Thompson, would you vote for Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?
$\mathrm{n}=195$ (registered Republicans)

|  | Giuliani | McCain | Romney | Thompson | Other | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $29 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $12 \%$ | -- | $6 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

DemPrim. If the 2008 Democratic primary election for President was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards, would you vote for Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?
$\mathrm{n}=209$ (registered Democrats)

|  | Clinton | Obama | Edwards | Other | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $38 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Jun 2007 | $40 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $18 \%$ |

PrPairA. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Hillary Clinton the Democrat, and John McCain the Republican, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=232$

|  | McCain | Clinton | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $50 \%$ | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $45 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

PrPairB. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) John McCain the Republican, and Barack Obama the Democrat, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=232$

|  | McCain | Obama | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $43 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

PrPairC. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Hillary Clinton the Democrat, and Rudy Giuliani the Republican, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=232$

|  | Giuliani | Clinton | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $53 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

PrPairD. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Rudy Giuliani the Republican, and Barack Obama the Democrat, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=232$

|  | Giuliani | Obama | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $52 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $16 \%$ |

PrPairE. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Mitt Romney the Republican, and Hillary Clinton the Democrat, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=247$

|  | Romney | Clinton | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{4 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 4 \%}$ | $13 \%$ |

PrPairF. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Mitt Romney the Republican, and Barack Obama the Democrat, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=247$

|  | Romney | Obama | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $34 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

PrPairG. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Fred Thompson the Republican, and Hillary Clinton the Democrat, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=247$

|  | Thompson | Clinton | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $42 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

PrPairH. If the 2008 election for President was being held today and the candidates were (rotated) Fred Thompson the Republican, and Barack Obama the Democrat, would you vote for...
$\mathrm{n}=247$

|  | Thompson | Obama | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $30 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

Now I'd like to ask you about how well some elected officials are doing their jobs. First... RatePres. How would you rate the way George Bush is handling his job as President? Would you say he is doing...

|  | Excellent job | $\begin{gathered} \text { Good } \\ \text { job } \end{gathered}$ | Only a fair job | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Poor } \\ & \text { job } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GEORGE BUSH, as President |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 4\% | 19\% | 28\% | 49\% | 0\% |
| Jun 2007 | 5\% | 19\% | 28\% | 48\% | 0\% |
| Feb 2007 | 5\% | 22\% | 27\% | 46\% | 0\% |
| Oct 2006 | 8\% | 23\% | 25\% | 43\% | 1\% |
| Sep 2006 | 10\% | 26\% | 27\% | 36\% | 1\% |
| Aug 2006 | 9\% | 24\% | 24\% | 43\% | 0\% |
| May 2006 | 7\% | 23\% | 24\% | 45\% | 1\% |
| Feb 2006 | 10\% | 26\% | 23\% | 40\% | 1\% |
| Sep 2005 | 10\% | 25\% | 24\% | 42\% | 1\% |
| Jun 2005 | 12\% | 31\% | 27\% | 30\% | 1\% |
| Oct 2004 | 14\% | 30\% | 28\% | 28\% | 0\% |
| Sep 2004 | 18\% | 31\% | 27\% | 24\% | 0\% |
| Aug 2004 | 16\% | 30\% | 26\% | 28\% | 1\% |
| Mar 2004 | 15\% | 34\% | 26\% | 24\% | 1\% |
| Feb 2004 | 13\% | 32\% | 26\% | 28\% | 1\% |
| Nov 2003 | 15\% | 32\% | 25\% | 28\% | 2\% |
| Apr 2003 | 33\% | 31\% | 19\% | 15\% | 2\% |

Rate_Gov. How would you rate the way that Ed Rendell is handling his job as Governor? Would you say he is doing...

|  | Excellent job | $\begin{gathered} \text { Good } \\ \text { job } \end{gathered}$ | Only a fair job | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Poor } \\ & \text { iob } \end{aligned}$ | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ED RENDELL, as Governor |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | 9\% | 38\% | 36\% | 15\% | 2\% |
| Jun 2007 | 8\% | 37\% | 37\% | 17\% | 1\% |
| Feb 2007 | 11\% | 39\% | 34\% | 14\% | 2\% |
| Oct 2006 | 11\% | 42\% | 30\% | 15\% | 2\% |
| Sep 2006 | 12\% | 45\% | 28\% | 13\% | 2\% |
| Aug 2006 | 11\% | 39\% | 33\% | 15\% | 2\% |
| May 2006 | 9\% | 37\% | 34\% | 17\% | 3\% |
| Feb 2006 | 8\% | 36\% | 34\% | 21\% | 1\% |
| Sep 2005 | 5\% | 36\% | 38\% | 18\% | 3\% |
| Jun 2005 | 6\% | 36\% | 41\% | 14\% | 3\% |
| Mar 2005 | 6\% | 33\% | 46\% | 11\% | 4\% |
| Aug 2004 | 9\% | 37\% | 39\% | 12\% | 4\% |
| Feb 2004 | 6\% | 31\% | 44\% | 13\% | 7\% |
| Nov 2003 | 7\% | 33\% | 35\% | 15\% | 10\% |
| Apr 2003 | 10\% | 36\% | 24\% | 10\% | 21\% |

RateSenC. How would you rate the way that BOB CASEY is handling his job as US SENATOR? Would you say he is doing...

|  | Excellent <br> job | Good <br> job | Only a <br> fair job | Poor <br> job | Don't <br> know |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BOB CASEY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $5 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

RateSenS. How would you rate the way that ARLEN SPECTER is handling his job as US SENATOR? Would you say he is doing...
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { Excellent } \\ \text { job }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Good } \\ \text { job }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Only a } \\ \text { fair job }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Poor } \\ \text { job }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Don't } \\ \text { know }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { ARLEN SPECTER } & \text { Aug 2007 } & 15 \% & 36 \% & 33 \% & 12 \%\end{array}\right] 4 \%$

Rate_StL. Now, thinking about the state legislature, what kind of job do you think the state legislature is doing overall? Would you say it is doing...

|  | Excellent <br> job | Good <br> job | Only a <br> fair job | Poor <br> job | Don't <br> know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STATE LEGISLATURE, overall |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $1 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $1 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| May 2006 | $1 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Sep 2005* | $1 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Nov 2003* | $1 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Feb 2000* | $3 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Jul 1999* | $2 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

*Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status
SLpay. There has been a lot of talk over the past few years about legislative pay. Who do you think should determine pay increases for the state legislature? Do you think legislative pay increases should be determined by...

| $31 \%$ | A special commission of citizens |
| :--- | :--- |
| $6 \%$ | By the agreement of the state legislature and governor |
| $61 \%$ | Through a voter referendum |
| $2 \%$ | Don't know |

Budg1. The state passed a budget in July that was 16 days late, and some state employees were not allowed to report to work for one day. Who do you think was most responsible for the budget being late...

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27% The Governor
56% The state legislature
17% Don't know
```

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

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39% The Governor
48% The state legislature
13% Don't know
```

PrimDate. Some elected officials would like to move Pennsylvania's 2008 primary election from the third week in April to the first week in February. Supporters argue that moving the primary to earlier in the year will give Pennsylvania a more influential role in the presidential primaries. Opponents argue that it will be too expensive to change the date. Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE moving the 2008 primary election in Pennsylvania to February?

16\% Strongly favor
19\% Somewhat favor
27\% Somewhat oppose
29\% Strongly oppose
9\% Don't know

I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.
CNTY. Region of state

| $33 \%$ | Central |
| :---: | :--- |
| $14 \%$ | Southeast |
| $12 \%$ | Southwest |
| $11 \%$ | Allegheny |
| $11 \%$ | Northeast |
| $10 \%$ | Northwest |
| $9 \%$ | Philadelphia |

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

| $9 \%$ | $18-24$ |
| :---: | :--- |
| $18 \%$ | $25-34$ |
| $19 \%$ | $35-44$ |
| $20 \%$ | $45-54$ |
| $14 \%$ | $55-64$ |
| $20 \%$ | 65 and older |

EDUC. What was the last grade level of schooling you have completed?
4\% Non high school graduate
32\% High school graduate or GED
13\% Some college
8\% Two-year or tech degree
27\% Four year college degree
16\% Post graduate degree
MAR. What is your current marital status?
24\% Single, never married
55\% Married
2\% Separated
9\% Divorced
10\% Widow, widower
LABR. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a LABOR UNION?

| $21 \%$ | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| $79 \%$ | No |

VET. Are you a military veteran?

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14% Yes
86% No
```

IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?
$\mathrm{n}=479$ (registered respondents)

|  | Liberal | Moderate | Conservative | Don't know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{2 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $19 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $21 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Oct 2006 | $17 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Sep 2006 | $20 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Aug 2006 | $19 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| May 2006 | $16 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Feb 2006 | $21 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Nov 2005 | $17 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Sep 2005 | $22 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Jun 2005* | $19 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Mar 2005* | $16 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Oct 2004 | $16 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Sep 2004 | $16 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Aug 2004 | $15 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Mar 2004 | $16 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Feb 2004 | $20 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Nov 2003 | $21 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Apr 2003* | $19 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2002 | $16 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Sep 2002 | $18 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Jun 2002 | $19 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2001 | $20 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Apr 2001 | $19 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Oct 2000 | $22 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Feb 2000 | $19 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Jul 1999 | $18 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

*Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status

PRTY1. Regardless of how you are registered, in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?
$\mathrm{n}=479$ (registered respondents)

|  | Strong <br> Rep | Rep | Lean <br> Rep | Pure <br> Indep | Lean <br> Dem | Dem | Strong <br> Dem | Don't <br> know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2006 | $19 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Sep 2006 | $19 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Aug 2006 | $20 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Oct 2004 | $25 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sep 2004 | $25 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Aug 2004 | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Apr 2003 | $27 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Oct 2000 | $20 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Jul 1999 | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

ABORT. Do you think that abortion should be...

|  | Legal under any <br> circumstances | Legal under certain <br> circumstances | Illegal in all <br> circumstances | Don't <br> know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $56 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ |
| Jun 2007 | $21 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Feb 2007 | $20 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Oct 2006* | $17 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sep 2006* | $22 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Aug 2006* | $23 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| May 2006* | $19 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Feb 2006 | $23 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Nov 2005 | $23 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sep 2005 | $24 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Jun 2005 | $22 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Mar 2005 | $18 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Oct 2004* | $18 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Sep 2004* | $22 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Aug 2004* | $20 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Mar 2004* | $16 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Feb 2004 | $22 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Nov 2003 | $23 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Apr 2003* | $22 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Oct 2002* | $29 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sep 2002* | $26 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Jun 2002* | $26 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Oct 2001* | $25 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Apr 2001* | $25 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Oct 2000* | $26 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Feb 2000* | $23 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Jul 1999 | $26 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

*Question asked of registered respondents only

GUN. Are you a gun owner?

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31% Yes
69% No
```

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

|  | Strongly <br> favor | Somewhat <br> favor | Somewhat <br> oppose | Strongly <br> oppose | Don't <br> know |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug 2007 | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ |
| 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* | $41 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

*Question asked of registered respondents only

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

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4% Yes
96% No
```

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

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90% White
10% Non-white
```

NumA. Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or OLDER CURRENTLY live in this household?

| $28 \%$ | One |
| :---: | :--- |
| $53 \%$ | Two |
| $12 \%$ | Three |
| $7 \%$ | Four or more |

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or something else?
30\% Catholic
38\% Protestant
2\% Jewish
30\% Something else
BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?
32\% Yes
66\% No
2\% Don't know
WORK. Are you currently working FULL-time, PART-time, going to school, keeping house or something else?
54\% Full-time

7\% Part-time
3\% Going to school
8\% Keeping house
4\% Unemployed
4\% Disabled
19\% Retired
1\% Don't know

INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

15\% Under \$25,000
15\% \$25-\$35,000
10\% \$35-50,000
24\% \$50-75,000
17\% \$75-100,000
15\% Over \$100,000
4\% Don't know

DONE. Sex of respondent:
47\% Male
53\% Female

