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Attached is the summary of data collected for the survey conducted October 6-8. 429 registered voters who indicated that they were certain (93.5%) or likely (6.5 %) about voting completed telephone surveys. The randomly selected sample produced a distribution of registered Republicans and registered Democrats that very closely approximates the actual distribution of registered Democrats and Republicans in the state (to within 1.1%). The percentages for political party identification are as follows: Democrats: 47.1%; Republicans: 30.3%; Independents/Other Party: 22.6%. The margin of error for these results is $\pm 4.8\%$.

The survey was directed by Dr. John Kennedy and Dr. R.L. Bernotsky, both in the Department of Political Science, College of Business and Public Affairs at West Chester University. Any questions related to methodology or interpretation may be directed to them at (610) 738-0576, jkennedy@wcupa.edu, lbernotsky@wcupa.edu.

Basic Totals for Survey Instrument Questions

Q0 . . . What would you say are the chances of your voting in the upcoming election? Are you certain to vote, likely to vote, not sure, or will you probably not vote? (Respondents who said they would probably not vote are not included in these results).

93.5% Certain

6.5% Likely

Q1 . . . Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

30.3% Republican

47.1 % Democrat

22.6% Independent/Other Party

Q2 In terms of your political beliefs, would you say you are very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, very liberal?

14.8% Very Conservative

25.3% Somewhat Conservative

36.5% Moderate

17.8% Somewhat Liberal
5.8% Very Liberal

- Q3 If the election for President were being held today, would you vote for
38.4% John McCain, Republican
55.5% Barack Obama, Democrat
6.2% Undecided
- Q4 What do you feel is the most important issue in the upcoming presidential election?
61.4% Economy
8.0% Health Care
1.4% Taxes
6.3% Iraq War
2.5% Terrorism
1.7% Moral Values
2.2% Abortion
1.4% Education
.6% Environment
.8% Energy
1.1% Immigration
12.7% More than one issue
- Q5 If the election for US Senate were being held today, would you vote for
64.5% Joe Biden (D)
28.5% Christine O'Donnell (R)
.2% Another Candidate
6.8% Undecided
- Q6 If the election for Governor were being held today, would you vote for
61.1% John Markell (D)
29.8% Bill Lee (R)
.5% Another Candidate
8.6% Undecided
- Q7 If the election for US Congress were being held today, would you vote for
26.8% Karen Hartley-Nagle (D)
65.7% Mike Castle (R)
.2% Another Candidate
7.2% Undecided
- Q8 If the election for Lieutenant Governor were being held today, would you vote for
53.2% Matt Denn (D)
38.6% Charlie Copeland (R)
.2% Another Candidate
8.0% Undecided

- Q9 If the election for State Insurance Commissioner were being held today, would you for
42.8% Karen Weldin Steward (D)
44.2% John Brady (R)
1.2% Another Candidate
11.8% Undecided
- Q10 How would you rate the job performance of George Bush as president?
2.3% Excellent
10.3% Good
20.8% Fair
63.0% Poor
3.5% Don't Know/Not Sure
- Q11 What was the highest grade or year of school that you completed?
5.2% Less than High School
28.8% High School Graduate
23.6% Some College
28.4% College Graduate
13.9% Post-Graduate Degree
- Q12 What is your current marital status?
14.2% Single
65.0% Married
5.5% Partnered
2.1% Separated
5.9% Divorced
12.3% Widow, Widower
- Q13 What is your religious preference, if any?
47.8% Protestant
32.2% Catholic
1.2% Jewish
2.3% Other Religion
11.3% No Religion
5.2% No Answer
- Q14 How often do you attend religious services?
9.4% More than once a week
35.4% Once a week
17.2% Once or twice a month
20.8% Few times per year
17.2% Never

Q15 What is your race or ethnicity?

- 11.2% Black
- 1.2% Hispanic
- 84.0% White
- 1.4% Asian
- 2.2% Other

Q16 If you added together all the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for the last year, 2007, would the total be..

- 10.8% Under \$25,000
- 16.8% \$25,000 - \$50,000
- 13.6% \$50,000 - \$75,000
- 13.4% \$75,000 - \$100,000
- 18.1% More than \$100,000
- 2.6% More than \$250,000
- 24.7% No answer/Refused

Q17 Sex

- 42.2% Male
- 57.8% Female

Q18 County

- 64.6% New Castle
- 16.1% Kent
- 19.3% Sussex

Crosstabulations: Selected Variables by Presidential Voting Preference

Variable	Attributes	% McCain	% Obama	% Undecided	% Row Total
Party Identification	Republican	85.3%	14.0%	.8%	100.0
	Democrat	10.5%	87.0%	2.5%	100.0
	Independent	33.3%	45.2%	21.5%	100.0
Political Ideology	Very conservative	76.3%	20.3%	3.4%	100.0
	Somewhat conservative	59.4%	28.7%	11.9%	100.0
	Moderate	31.7%	63.4%	4.9%	100.0
	Somewhat liberal	5.9%	92.6%	1.5%	100.0
	Very liberal	4.3%	91.3%	4.3%	100.0
Most Important Issue in Presidential Election	Economy (n=223)	31.7%	61.9%	6.4%	100.0
	Health Care (n=29)	31.0%	58.6%	10.3%	100.0
	Taxes (n=5)	60.0%	40.0%	0%	100.0
	Iraq War (n=23)	30.4%	60.9%	8.7%	100.0
	Terrorism (n=9)	100.0%	0%	0%	100.0
	Moral Values(n=6)	83.3%	16.7%	0%	100.0
	Abortion (n=8)	87.5%	0%	12.5%	100.0
	Education (n=5)	0%	100.0%	0%	100.0
	Environment (n=2)	50.0%	50.0%	0%	100.0
	Energy (n=3)	66.7%	33.3%	0%	100.0
	Immigration (n=4)	0%	100.0%	0%	100.0
	More Than One Issue (n=46)	37.8%	62.2%	0%	100.0
Educational Attainment	Less than High School	27.3%	59.1%	13.6%	100.0
	High School Graduate	40.5%	51.2%	8.3%	100.0
	Some College	43.3%	51.5%	5.2%	100.0
	College Graduate	37.0%	59.7%	3.4%	100.0
	Post-Graduate Degree	33.3%	59.6%	7.0%	100.0
Marital Status	Single	18.6%	76.3%	5.1%	100.0
	Married	46.5%	49.1%	4.4%	100.0
	Separated	100.0%	0%	0%	100.0
	Divorced	22.2%	55.6%	22.2%	100.0
	Widow/widower	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%	100.0
Religious preference	Protestant	47.0%	46.5%	6.5%	100.0
	Catholic	37.6%	57.9%	4.5%	100.0
	Jewish	40.0%	60.0%	0%	100.0
	Other religion	0%	100.0%	0%	100.0
	No religion	0%	88.9%	11.1%	100.0
	No answer	17.4%	76.1%	6.5%	100.0
Attend services	More than once a week	69.2%	28.2%	2.6%	100.0
	Once a week	44.4%	52.1%	3.5%	100.0
	Once or twice a month	38.6%	51.4%	10.0%	100.0
	Few times per year	28.2%	67.1%	4.7%	100.0
	Never	23.5%	66.2%	10.3%	100.0

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Race/ethnicity	White	43.9%	49.4%	6.7%	100.0
	Black or African American	6.4%	91.5%	2.1%	100.0
	Hispanic or Latino	0%	80.0%	20.0%	100.0
	Asian	16.7%	83.3%	0%	100.0
	Other	22.2%	77.8%	0%	100.0
Income					
Income	Under 25,000	31.7%	51.2%	17.1%	100.0
	25-50,000	32.8%	56.3%	10.9%	100.0
	50-75,000	32.0%	64.0%	4.0%	100.0
	75-100,000	42.9%	51.0%	6.1%	100.0
	More than 100,000	30.4%	66.7%	2.9%	100.0
	More than 250,000	70.0%	30.0%	0%	100.0
	No answer/refused	49.5%	48.4%	2.2%	100.0
Sex					
Sex	Male	32.2%	62.1%	5.7%	100.0
	Female	42.7%	50.8%	6.5%	100.0
County Region					
County Region	New Castle	35.8%	58.3%	5.9%	100.0
	Kent	40.6%	53.6%	5.8%	100.0
	Sussex	45.1%	47.6%	7.3%	100.0