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Final Top Line Survey Results
SP&R Fall Statewide Omnibus Poll
The Commonwealth Foundation
Conducted: October 4-9, 2016
Sample Size: 764 Likely General Election Voters

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a brief survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have just 3 to 4 minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Great, thank you...

F1. To confirm, are you a registered voter at least 18 years or older in Pennsylvania?

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| 1. Yes | 764 | 100% |
| 2. No | TERMINATE | |

Q1. State lawmakers are debating legislation to place all newly hired government employees into a 401(k) type retirement plan, similar to what many employees in the private sector receive. Doing this would represent a change from current practice since most government employees including teachers, state workers, judges, and legislators receive a pension plan which provides a guaranteed annual payment upon retirement. Do you favor or oppose putting newly hired government employees in a 401-K-style retirement plan?

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| 1. Favor | 410 | 54% |
| 2. Oppose | 191 | 25% |
| 3. Undecided | 156 | 20% |
| 4. Refuse | 07 | 01% |

Q2. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

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| 1. Republican | 326 | 43% |
| 2. Democrat | 362 | 47% |
| 3. Independent/other | 75 | 10% |

Q3. What is your age according to the following brackets – 18 to 29, 30 to 44, 45 to 54, 55-64, or 65 and over?

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| 1. 18-29 | 92 | 12% |
| 2. 30-44 | 153 | 20% |
| 3. 45-54 | 168 | 22% |
| 4. 55-64 | 145 | 19% |
| 5. 65+ | 206 | 27% |

Q4. When thinking about politics do you tend to identify yourself more as a conservative, a liberal, a progressive or a moderate?

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| 1. Conservative | 275 | 36% |
| 2. Liberal | 166 | 22% |
| 3. Progressive | 76 | 10% |
| 4. Moderate | 242 | 32% |
| 5. Refuse | 04 | 01% |

Q5. What is your highest level of education?

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| 1. High school diploma | 214 | 28% |
| 2. Associate's degree from a trade or vocational school | 145 | 19% |
| 3. 4-year degree from a college or university | 215 | 28% |
| 4. Master's or doctorate degree | 176 | 23% |
| 5. Refuse | 14 | 02% |

Q6. Is your main racial heritage of Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic, Asian or another background? (Check all that apply)

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| 1. Caucasian | 656 | 86% |
| 2. African-American | 59 | 08% |
| 3. Hispanic | 14 | 02% |
| 4. Asian | 08 | 01% |
| 5. Other | 30 | 04% |
| 6. Refuse | 04 | 01% |

Thank you for your time and participation in the survey. Have a good day/night.

Gender

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| 1. Male | 359 | 47% |
| 2. Female | 405 | 53% |

Area (from Record):

- 31 (04%) 1. **Northwest** [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
 - 92 (12%) 2. **Southwest** [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
 - 115 (15%) 3. **The "T"/Central** [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin, Juniata]
 - 107 (14%) 4. **Northeast/Lehigh Valley** [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
 - 115 (15%) 5. **South Central** [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks]
 - 138 (18%) 6. **Southeast** [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
 - 84 (11%) 7. **Allegheny County**
 - 84 (11%) 8. **Philadelphia**
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Vote History (from record): G14, G13, G12, G11, as well as new registrants

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| 1. 0X | 20 | 03% |
| 2. 1X | 79 | 10% |
| 3. 2X | 138 | 18% |
| 4. 3X | 166 | 22% |
| 5. 4X | 361 | 47% |

Household Party (from record):

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| 1. Republican | 314 | 41% |
| 2. Democrat | 371 | 49% |
| 3. Independent/other | 79 | 10% |

Phone Type (from record)

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| 1. Landline phone | 576 | 75% |
| 2. Cellular phone | 188 | 25% |

Survey Collection Method:

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| 1. Live Agent Interview | 319 | 42% |
| 2. Automated/IVR | 445 | 58% |

Methodology: This poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. Completed interviews were conducted October 4-9, 2016 with 764 likely general election voters in Pennsylvania, most of which have prior vote history.

Interviews are conducted with respondents who use a landline telephone as their primary means of contact through our IVR/automated polling software, in which survey respondents score their answers to a pre-recorded set of questions using their telephone key pads. An augmentation of live agent interviews is simultaneously conducted with harder-to-reach segments of the population (e.g., younger age groups, households using cellular telephone exchanges as their primary means of contact, etc.) using the professionally-trained survey research staff from SP&R's main telephone call center. Results to both live agent interviews and automated/IVR surveys are then combined into a single data set. Surveys are carefully monitored to ensure a representative sample of Pennsylvania's electorate is achieved based on party, geography, age, gender and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted.

The margin of error for a sample size of 764 is +/-3.5% at the 95% confidence level.
