

# Public Opinion of Taxpayer Collection of Union Dues

Voters overwhelmingly think taxpayer resources should not be used for political purposes. From July 4-5, 2013, Magellan Strategies polled 760 likely Pennsylvania voters. The margin of error for statewide results is 3.55%.

**Voters, overall, have a positive view of labor unions.<sup>1</sup>**

View of Labor Unions			
Party/Region	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure
All Voters	45%	41%	14%
Republicans	21%	65%	18%
Independents	48%	43%	16%
Democrats	66%	20%	14%
West	49%	39%	12%
Northeast	45%	40%	15%
Central	44%	44%	12%
South	38%	51%	11%
Southeast	48%	37%	16%
Union Member	59%	31%	10%

**Despite this, nearly 80% of voters say unions should not be able to use taxpayer-funded resources to collect their dues, but should collect dues from their members directly. This view transcends all regions, party identification, and includes 75% of union members.<sup>2</sup>**

Should Government Collect Union Dues via Payroll			
Party/Region	Should	Should Not	No Opinion
All Voters	15%	79%	6%
Republicans	6%	92%	2%
Independents	19%	77%	4%
Democrats	21%	69%	10%
West	10%	79%	11%
Northeast	16%	80%	4%
Central	10%	85%	5%
South	17%	77%	6%
Southeast	18%	76%	7%
Union Member	22%	75%	4%

<sup>1</sup> "Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of labor unions in Pennsylvania?"

<sup>2</sup> "For government workers who belong to a labor union, do you think the labor union should be permitted to use taxpayer funded resources to collect their union dues or should the labor unions have to collect their dues from their members without using taxpayer funded resources?"