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Top Line Survey Results
Commonwealth Foundation/SP&R Statewide Voter Attitude Survey
Interviews Conducted September 30 – October 7, 2019
Sample Size: 700 Registered Voters

STATEWIDE PA POLL RESULTS – COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is (YOUR FIRST NAME). I am calling on behalf of Susquehanna Polling and Research, a public opinion research firm. May I speak to (name on list) or another registered voter in your household? (If name on list or other registered voter is not available, TERMINATE CALL).

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania. May I have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

700 (100%) Great, thank you...

Now, turning to several public policy issues under consideration in the State Legislature...

Q1. Recently, the US Supreme Court ruled that government employees can no longer be required to pay fees to a union as a requirement of their employment. Should government employers be required to notify workers that they have the right to decline union membership and any fees associated with this membership?

1. Yes	462	66%
2. No	139	20%
3. Undecided	99	14%

Q2. Pennsylvania lawmakers are considering a law that would limit increases in government spending to the rate of inflation plus the rate of population growth. For example, if we had three percent inflation and one percent population growth, government spending could increase no more than four percent for that year. The limit could only be exceeded by a two-thirds votes of both houses of the General Assembly or by a declared emergency. Generally speaking, would you support or oppose this legislation? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	338	48%
2. Support	136	19%
Total Support:	474	68%
3. Strongly oppose	74	11%
4. Oppose	41	06%
Total Oppose:	115	16%
5. Undecided	111	16%

Q3. There is a proposal being discussed in the State Legislature to change the way Medicaid benefits are awarded to recipients. This proposal would require all able-bodied adults receiving Medicaid assistance to either work or volunteer in their communities to continue receiving benefits. Excluded from this requirement are senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, those with young children and pregnant females. Do you support or oppose this proposal? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	357	51%
2. Support	146	21%
Total Support:	503	72%
3. Strongly oppose	84	12%
4. Oppose	25	04%
Total Oppose:	109	15%
5. Undecided	88	13%

Q4. As you may know, Pennsylvania permits parents to send their children to charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by local school boards. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives but are exempt from many state regulations. While charter school enrollment continues to grow every year, some state lawmakers have proposed capping the number of students who can enroll in charter schools. Do you support or oppose putting limits on the number of students who can enroll in charter schools? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly support	145	21%
2. Support	105	15%
Total Support:	250	36%
3. Strongly oppose	240	34%
4. Oppose	98	14%
Total Oppose:	338	48%
5. Undecided	110	16%
6. Refuse	2	00%

I just have a few more questions for demographic purposes and we'll be through...

Q5. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else?

1. Republican	283	40%
2. Democrat	329	47%
3. Independent/Other	70	10%
4. Refuse	18	03%

Q6. What is your age according to the following brackets – 18-29, 30-44, 45-54, 55-64, or 65 and older?

1. 18-29	72	10%
2. 30-44	135	19%
3. 45-54	131	19%
4. 55-64	147	21%
5. 65+	211	30%
6. Refuse	4	01%

Q7. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. Some High School	42	06%
2. High School Diploma	169	24%
3. Technical/Vocational degree	49	07%
4. Some College	174	25%
5. College Graduate (Assoc./Bachelor's Degree)	185	26%
6. Graduate/Professional School	81	12%

Q8. Do you tend to identify yourself mainly as a conservative, a moderate, a liberal or a progressive when you think about your positions on policy and cultural issues?

1. Conservative	215	31%
2. Moderate	245	35%
3. Liberal	108	15%
4. Progressive	41	06%
5. Undecided	51	07%
6. None/other	24	03%
7. Refuse	16	02%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY/NIGHT.

Gender (recorded):

1. Male	339	48%
2. Female	361	52%

Regional Grouping (from record):

33	(05%)	1. Northwest [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
91	(13%)	2. Southwest [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
91	(13%)	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]
92	(13%)	4. Northeast/Lehigh Valley [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
103	(15%)	5. South Central [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks]
138	(20%)	6. Southeast [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
78	(11%)	7. Allegheny County
74	(11%)	8. Philadelphia

Times Voted (Last Four General Elections G18, G17, G16 and/or G15, plus new registrants):

0X	63	09%
1X	181	26%
2X	164	23%
3X	137	20%
4X	155	22%

METHODOLOGY, SAMPLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Questions and results in this topline report are commissioned by the Commonwealth Foundation, and conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc¹. Interviews were conducted September 30 – October 7, 2019 with 700 registered voters in Pennsylvania. Survey respondents are randomly contacted using random selection procedures, and all telephone interviews are conducted using live telephone agents. The sample frame was compiled using random telephone sequence methods, and includes both landline and cellular households, purchased from a certified list vendor; all households are pre-screened to eliminate household telephone numbers on the federal Do Not Call registry in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Only known registered voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 4 or better general elections (G18, G17, G16 and/or G15). Voters who registered to vote after the 2018 general election are also included and eligible to participate.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Pennsylvania electorate is achieved based on party registration, geography, gender, age and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted to adjust for coverage bias or non-response error.

The margin of error for a sample size of 700 interviews is +/-3.7% at the 95% confidence level.

¹ Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. is a nationally-recognized polling and focus group company and conducts polling for political, media and corporate clients mainly in PA, NY, IN, FL, NJ, MD, DE, SC, NC and other states. SP&R's polling has been featured on many national platforms, including the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show, FOX News Channel, The O'Reilly Factor, the Bill Maher Show and MSNBC. The internet news service *Sunshine State News* of Florida referred to SP&R as "*one of the most prominent pollsters in the country*" for its accurate polling in the 2010 Florida Gubernatorial Republican Primary election. WHTM-TV/ABC27 News in Harrisburg recognized SP&R for its accurate polling in the 2016 Presidential Pennsylvania election.