Common Ground in the Commonwealth Poll
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Q2 2023 Survey of 800 Registered Voters

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You have been selected today to participate in a survey of Pennsylvanians on a confidential basis. This is a rare opportunity to voice your opinions, and your responses will be kept confidential. You are not being asked to buy anything or donate money. We simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

A.   Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

   100%   No **(continue)**

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B.   Are you currently registered to vote in Pennsylvania?
   100%   Yes **(continue**

Commonwealth Sentiment Series:

NW.   Would you say that things in America are going in the right direction, or has the country fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

   19%   Right direction
   75%   Gotten off on the wrong track

    6%   Unsure

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CW.   Would you say that things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction, or has the state fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track? **(ROTATE 1-2,2-1)**

   30%   Right direction
   55%   Gotten off on the wrong track

   14%   Unsure

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AW.   (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)… Have you or someone you know thought about leaving Pennsylvania for a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies? **(ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-3)**

<u>**42%**</u>   <u>**Total Yes**</u>
27%   Yes, I have thought about leaving
19%   Yes, someone I know has thought about leaving
14%   Yes, someone I know has left

58%   No

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(IF RESPONSE 1-3: YES, IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (AW), ASK)

AW2.   (SELECT UP TO THREE)… What was the primary reason for thinking about moving from Pennsylvania to another state? **(RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-10) (ALLOW FOR 3 RESPONSES)**

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49%   Lower cost of living
44%   Lower taxes
36%   Less crime and safer communities
35%   Better jobs and opportunities
29%   Elected leaders who are more aligned with personal values
20%   Less intrusive government/more personal freedom
14%   Better public schools
10%   More secure election processes
9%   Better health care
5%   Greater educational choices

7%   Other
2%   Unsure

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(ASK ALL)

DW. Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.

(ALLOW FOR 3 RESPONSES ON 1-28, RANKED 1-3)
(RANDOMIZE 1-27)

RANK 1		RANK 2		RANK 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	150 19%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	94 12%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	81 10%
U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	86 11%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	71 9%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	58 7%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	59 7%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	52 6%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	52 7%
DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	54 7%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	45 6%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	50 6%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	52 6%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	43 5%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	49 6%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	50 6%	HEALTH CARE	41 5%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	47 6%
IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	39 5%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	37 5%	HEALTH CARE	46 6%
MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	31 4%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	37 5%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	45 6%
LACK OF MONEY	27 3%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	33 4%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	34 4%
RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	25 3%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	31 4%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	31 4%
ENVIRONMENT	24 3%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	29 4%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	31 4%
RACIAL ISSUES	23 3%	TAXES	28 4%	ABORTION	31 4%
HEALTH CARE	22 3%	LACK OF MONEY	28 3%	ENVIRONMENT	29 4%
ABORTION	21 3%	RACIAL ISSUES	27 3%	FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	26 3%
FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	20 2%	ABORTION	26 3%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	25 3%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	16 2%	FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	23 3%	TAXES	23 3%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	16 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	22 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	21 3%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	15 2%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	20 3%	RACIAL ISSUES	19 2%
TAXES	15 2%	EDUCATION	17 2%	LACK OF MONEY	17 2%
NATIONAL SECURITY	11 1%	ENVIRONMENT	17 2%	EDUCATION	16 2%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	9 1%	NATIONAL SECURITY	16 2%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	15 2%
EDUCATION	7 1%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	16 2%	NATIONAL SECURITY	15 2%
COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	6 1%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	14 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	13 2%
POLICE REFORM	5 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	9 1%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	8 1%
BANKING CRISIS	2 -	POLICE REFORM	8 1%	POLICE REFORM	5 1%
FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	2 -	COVID/PANDEMICS	4 1%	COVID/PANDEMICS	2 -
COVID/PANDEMICS	1 -	BANKING CRISIS	2 -	BANKING CRISIS	2 -
OTHER	3 -	OTHER	1 -	OTHER	- -
UNSURE	9 1%	UNSURE	- -	UNSURE	- -

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EW. Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the state.

(ALLOW FOR 3 RESPONSES ON 1-27, RANKED 1-3)
(RANDOMIZE 1-26)

RANK 1		RANK 2		RANK 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	175 22%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	99 12%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	97 12%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	93 12%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	85 11%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	82 10%
PA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	63 8%	TAXES	53 7%	PA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	57 7%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	56 7%	PA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	51 6%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	50 6%
TAXES	47 6%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	47 6%	TAXES	48 6%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	39 5%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	39 5%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	45 6%
HEALTH CARE	36 5%	FAILING SCHOOLS	34 4%	EDUCATION	31 4%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	25 3%	HEALTH CARE	34 4%	HEALTH CARE	31 4%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	24 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	34 4%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	31 4%
MORAL DECLINE	24 3%	ENVIRONMENT	32 4%	MORAL DECLINE	30 4%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	21 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	31 4%	LACK OF MONEY	28 3%
ENVIRONMENT	21 3%	EDUCATION	28 4%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	28 3%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	20 2%	LACK OF MONEY	28 3%	RACIAL ISSUES	27 3%
ABORTION	17 2%	MORAL DECLINE	25 3%	FAILING SCHOOLS	25 3%
RACIAL ISSUES	15 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	21 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	22 3%
LACK OF MONEY	15 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	20 3%	ABORTION	21 3%
IMMIGRATION	14 2%	IMMIGRATION	18 2%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	19 2%
FAILING SCHOOLS	14 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	15 2%	WELFARE	17 2%
STATE SPENDING/DEBT	13 2%	STATE SPENDING/DEBT	14 2%	STATE SPENDING/DEBT	15 2%
EDUCATION	13 2%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	14 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	14 2%
COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	10 1%	POLICE REFORM	13 2%	ENVIRONMENT	14 2%
ENERGY	6 1%	ABORTION	13 2%	ENERGY	12 2%
POLICE REFORM	5 1%	WELFARE	13 2%	IMMIGRATION	11 1%
FREE SPEECH	3 −	FREE SPEECH	8 1%	POLICE REFORM	7 1%
WELFARE	3 −	ENERGY	5 1%	FREE SPEECH	7 1%
COVID/PANDEMICS	2 −	COVID/PANDEMICS	1 −	COVID/PANDEMICS	3 −
OTHER	4 −	OTHER	2 −	OTHER	7 1%
UNSURE	22 3%	UNSURE	− −	UNSURE	− −

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Pennsylvania Policy & Elected Official Series:

BC. Which of the following do you think would be the best candidate to represent you and your neighbors in Congress? **(RANDOMIZE)**

36% A Republican candidate
12% An independent or third-party candidate
40% A Democratic candidate

12% Unsure

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GA. Do you (ROTATE) approve or disapprove (END ROTATE) of the job Governor Josh Shapiro is doing? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

60%   Total Approve
23% Strongly approve
37% Somewhat approve

24%   Total Disapprove
13% Somewhat disapprove
11% Strongly disapprove

16% Unsure

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You will now read a list of key officials and institutions in Pennsylvania. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion if each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that.
(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

EO4. Governor Josh Shapiro

61%   Total Favorable
25% Very favorable
36% Somewhat favorable

27%   Total Unfavorable
15% Somewhat unfavorable
13% Very unfavorable

 1% Never heard of
11% Unsure

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EO5. Lt. Governor Austin Davis

28%   Total Favorable
10% Very favorable
19% Somewhat favorable

19%   Total Unfavorable
10% Somewhat unfavorable
 9% Very unfavorable

25% Never heard of
29% Unsure

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EO6.   PA House Speaker Joanna McClinton

24%   **Total Favorable**
6%   Very favorable
18%   Somewhat favorable

17%   **Total Unfavorable**
11%   Somewhat unfavorable
6%   Very unfavorable

28%   Never heard of
31%   Unsure

EO7.   PA Senate President Kim Ward

23%   **Total Favorable**
5%   Very favorable
17%   Somewhat favorable

20%   **Total Unfavorable**
14%   Somewhat unfavorable
6%   Very unfavorable

28%   Never heard of
30%   Unsure

EO8.   PA State House

40%   **Total Favorable**
7%   Very favorable
33%   Somewhat favorable

34%   **Total Unfavorable**
24%   Somewhat unfavorable
10%   Very unfavorable

3%   Never heard of
23%   Unsure

EO9.   PA State Senate

41%   **Total Favorable**
5%   Very favorable
35%   Somewhat favorable

35%   **Total Unfavorable**
24%   Somewhat unfavorable
11%   Very unfavorable

2%   Never heard of
22%   Unsure

EO10.   State Supreme Court

44%   **Total Favorable**
8%   Very favorable
36%   Somewhat favorable

29%   **Total Unfavorable**
21%   Somewhat unfavorable
8%   Very unfavorable

2%   Never heard of
25%   Unsure

EO11.   Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner

21%   **Total Favorable**
5%   Very favorable
16%   Somewhat favorable

31%   **Total Unfavorable**
12%   Somewhat unfavorable
18%   Very unfavorable

25%   Never heard of
23%   Unsure

EO12.   Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney

23%   **Total Favorable**
4%   Very favorable
18%   Somewhat favorable

33%   **Total Unfavorable**
13%   Somewhat unfavorable
20%   Very unfavorable

22%   Never heard of
22%   Unsure

EO13.   Acting Attorney General Michelle Henry

24%   **Total Favorable**
5%   Very favorable
19%   Somewhat favorable

17%   **Total Unfavorable**
11%   Somewhat unfavorable
6%   Very unfavorable

30%   Never heard of
29%   Unsure

EO14.   Auditor General Tim DeFoor

20%   **Total Favorable**
4%   Very favorable
16%   Somewhat favorable

14%   **Total Unfavorable**
9%   Somewhat unfavorable
5%   Very unfavorable

31%   Never heard of
35%   Unsure

EO15.   Treasurer Stacy Garrity

26%   **Total Favorable**
5%   Very favorable
20%   Somewhat favorable

16%   **Total Unfavorable**
11%   Somewhat unfavorable
5%   Very unfavorable

28%   Never heard of
30%   Unsure

EO16.   Sheetz

67%   **Total Favorable**
31%   Very favorable
36%   Somewhat favorable

9%   **Total Unfavorable**
5%   Somewhat unfavorable
3%   Very unfavorable

9%   Never heard of
16%   Unsure

EO17.   Wawa

65%   **Total Favorable**
34%   Very favorable
31%   Somewhat favorable

9%   **Total Unfavorable**
5%   Somewhat unfavorable
4%   Very unfavorable

9%   Never heard of
17%   Unsure

PASEN. (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)… Please select the following individuals you would like to see run for U.S. Senate in 2024. **(RANDOMIZE 1-7) (ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES UNLESS 8-9)**

36%	Bob Casey Jr.
17%	David McCormick
14%	Mehmet Oz
7%	Stacy Garrity
6%	Carla Sands
4%	Keith Rothfus
5%	Other
15%	None of the above
24%	Unsure

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State Policy Series:

SPB1.   Thinking about Pennsylvania's state government… How well do you believe Pennsylvania's state government functions compared to other states? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM (1-5), BOTTOM TO TOP)**

    21%   **Total Better**
    3%   Among the best states
    18%   Better than average

    44%   About average

    30%   **Total Worse**
    24%   Worse than average
    7%   Among the worst states

    4%   Unsure

SPB2.   Do you think it is responsible for state government spending to increase faster than the rate of inflation?

    20%   Yes
    59%   No

    20%   Unsure/other

SPB3.   Is it responsible for state lawmakers to pass a budget that taps into reserve funds and spends billions more than the state collects in taxes and other annual revenues?

    18%   Yes
    67%   No

    15%   Unsure/other

SPB4.   Would you support or oppose a measure that would limit increases in state government spending to the rate of inflation plus the rate of population growth? The limit could be exceeded with agreement from two-thirds of both houses of the General Assembly.
(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

    64%   **Total Support**
    20%   Strongly support
    44%   Somewhat support

    17%   **Total Oppose**
    11%   Somewhat oppose
    6%   Strongly oppose

    19%   Unsure

SPB5. Would you support or oppose a new state tax on carbon dioxide emissions if it would increase your electric bill by 30 percent?

18%   **Total Support**
4%   Strongly support
14%   Somewhat support

75%   **Total Oppose**
15%   Somewhat oppose
59%   Strongly oppose

7%   Unsure

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SPB6. During the COVID emergency, the federal government prevented states from removing people from the Medicaid program, even if they didn't qualify for the program for reasons like their incomes were too high or they had committed welfare fraud.

Now that this emergency measure has expired, would you support or oppose Pennsylvania immediately removing people who do not qualify under the law?
(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

68%   **Total Support**
39%   Strongly support
28%   Somewhat support

25%   **Total Oppose**
14%   Somewhat oppose
11%   Strongly oppose

8%   Unsure

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Thinking about K-12 education in Pennsylvania... Below is a series of different ideas and proposals people are talking about in Pennsylvania. After you read each one, please indicate if you support or oppose that proposal.

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

K1. Expanding tax credit scholarships, which allow businesses to donate money to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to low-income and middle-income children in Pennsylvania to attend pre-kindergarten or K-12 private school.

71%   **Total Support**
32%   Strongly support
39%   Somewhat support

16%   **Total Oppose**
9%   Somewhat oppose
7%   Strongly oppose

13%   Unsure

K2.   Creating education opportunity accounts, a government-funded account that parents can use for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs.

69%   **Total Support**
27%   Strongly support
42%   Somewhat support

19%   **Total Oppose**
11%   Somewhat oppose
 7%   Strongly oppose

12%   Unsure

K3.   Establishing an independent authorizer for charter schools, such as a state board or universities, which would approve and renew charter schools; rather than the current system in which only school districts can approve charter schools.

56%   **Total Support**
15%   Strongly support
41%   Somewhat support

22%   **Total Oppose**
12%   Somewhat oppose
10%   Strongly oppose

22%   Unsure

K4.   Creating an A through F grading system that would give every one of Pennsylvania's K through 12 schools a grade based on factors including state achievement, learning gains in assessment, scores and graduation rates.

66%   **Total Support**
28%   Strongly support
38%   Somewhat support

19%   **Total Oppose**
13%   Somewhat oppose
 6%   Strongly oppose

15%   Unsure

K5.   Adopting a year-round school calendar that still allows for 180 days of instruction, while reducing the summer break and allocating more frequent breaks throughout the school year.

41%   **Total Support**
14%   Strongly support
27%   Somewhat support

46%   **Total Oppose**
22%   Somewhat oppose
25%   Strongly oppose

13%   Unsure

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Federal Policy Series:

Now, thinking for a moment about the federal government…

GENB.   If the 2024 presidential elections were held today, how would you vote if your options were between a (ROTATE) Republican or Democratic (END ROTATE) candidate? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

        44%   **Total Republican**
        32%   Strongly Republican
        12%   Somewhat Republican

        49%   **Total Democratic**
        16%   Somewhat Democratic
        32%   Strongly Democratic

         7%   Unsure

PA.   Do you (ROTATE) approve or disapprove (END ROTATE) of the job President Joe Biden is doing? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

        39%   **Total Approve**
        16%   Strongly approve
        23%   Somewhat approve

        58%   **Total Disapprove**
        16%   Somewhat disapprove
        42%   Strongly disapprove

         2%   Unsure

You will now read a list of key federal officials and institutions. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that. **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

FP1.   President Joe Biden

        42%   **Total Favorable**
        18%   Very favorable
        24%   Somewhat favorable

        56%   **Total Unfavorable**
        13%   Somewhat unfavorable
        43%   Very unfavorable

         0%   Never heard of
         2%   Unsure

FP2.   Vice President Kamala Harris

39%   **Total Favorable**
16%   Very favorable
24%   Somewhat favorable

56%   **Total Unfavorable**
15%   Somewhat unfavorable
41%   Very unfavorable

0%   Never heard of
4%   Unsure

FP3.   U.S. Senator John Fetterman

44%   **Total Favorable**
19%   Very favorable
25%   Somewhat favorable

45%   **Total Unfavorable**
14%   Somewhat unfavorable
31%   Very unfavorable

2%   Never heard of
9%   Unsure

FP4.   U.S. Senator Bob Casey

47%   **Total Favorable**
18%   Very favorable
30%   Somewhat favorable

33%   **Total Unfavorable**
17%   Somewhat unfavorable
16%   Very unfavorable

4%   Never heard of
16%   Unsure

FP5.   U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy

32%   **Total Favorable**
10%   Very favorable
21%   Somewhat favorable

46%   **Total Unfavorable**
17%   Somewhat unfavorable
28%   Very unfavorable

6%   Never heard of
17%   Unsure

FP6.   U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries

32%   Total Favorable
14%   Very favorable
18%   Somewhat favorable

29%   Total Unfavorable
13%   Somewhat unfavorable
16%   Very unfavorable

18%   Never heard of
21%   Unsure

FP7.   U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

23%   Total Favorable
 3%   Very favorable
20%   Somewhat favorable

61%   Total Unfavorable
22%   Somewhat unfavorable
38%   Very unfavorable

 4%   Never heard of
12%   Unsure

FP8.   U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer

35%   Total Favorable
12%   Very favorable
23%   Somewhat favorable

41%   Total Unfavorable
16%   Somewhat unfavorable
25%   Very unfavorable

 7%   Never heard of
17%   Unsure

FP9.   U.S. House of Representatives

35%   Total Favorable
 7%   Very favorable
28%   Somewhat favorable

49%   Total Unfavorable
30%   Somewhat unfavorable
18%   Very unfavorable

 0%   Never heard of
16%   Unsure

FP10.   U.S. Senate

36%   **Total Favorable**
  6%   Very favorable
29%   Somewhat favorable

48%   **Total Unfavorable**
30%   Somewhat unfavorable
18%   Very unfavorable

  1%   Never heard of
15%   Unsure

FP11.   U.S. Supreme Court

41%   **Total Favorable**
  8%   Very favorable
33%   Somewhat favorable

48%   **Total Unfavorable**
24%   Somewhat unfavorable
24%   Very unfavorable

  1%   Never heard of
11%   Unsure

FP12.   The Republican Party

39%   **Total Favorable**
16%   Very favorable
23%   Somewhat favorable

56%   **Total Unfavorable**
19%   Somewhat unfavorable
38%   Very unfavorable

  0%   Never heard of
  5%   Unsure

FP13.   The Democratic Party

45%   **Total Favorable**
18%   Very favorable
27%   Somewhat favorable

51%   **Total Unfavorable**
18%   Somewhat unfavorable
33%   Very unfavorable

  1%   Never heard of
  4%   Unsure

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PAPR.   (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)… Please select the following individuals you would like to see run for president in 2024. **(RANDOMIZE 1-14) (ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES UNLESS 16-17)**

33%	Donald Trump
29%	Joe Biden
27%	Ron DeSantis
20%	Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
19%	Mike Pence
13%	Nikki Haley
11%	Chris Christie
10%	Tim Scott
10%	Vivek Ramaswamy
3%	Marianne Williamson
3%	Asa Hutchinson
2%	Larry Elder
1%	Doug Burgum
1%	Francis Suarez
9%	Other
8%	None of the above
7%	Unsure

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Jobs & The Economy Series:

Moving on to your opinions about jobs and the economy…

EGEN.   Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy? (ROTATE 1-2)

        45%   Republican
        39%   Democrat

         3%   Other

        12%   Unsure

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JE.   Would you say that you and your family are financially (ROTATE) better off, about the same, worse off (END ROTATE) as you were two years ago?

        12%   Better off
        37%   About the same
        51%   Worse off

         1%   Unsure

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EC.   How would you rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

        <u>**28%**</u>   <u>**Total Excellent/Good**</u>
         2%   Excellent
        27%   Good

        <u>**67%**</u>   <u>**Total Not So Good/Poor**</u>
        45%   Not so good
        22%   Poor

         5%   Unsure

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EC2.   Currently, do you think economic conditions in Pennsylvania are getting (ROTATE) better or worse (END ROTATE) for you personally? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

        <u>**27%**</u>   <u>**Total Better**</u>
         2%   Much better
        25%   Somewhat better

        <u>**62%**</u>   <u>**Total Worse**</u>
        42%   Somewhat worse
        19%   Much worse

        12%   Unsure

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IC.   How much have inflation and recent price increases impacted you or your household's ability to maintain your standard of living? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

66%   **Total Great Deal/Fair**
32%   A great deal
34%   A fair amount

33%   **Total Only A Little/Not At All**
25%   Only a little
 8%   Not at all

 1%   Unsure

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TB.   Would you say that compared to other states, Pennsylvania taxes are (ROTATE) too high, about average, too low (END ROTATE)?

50%   Too high
43%   About average
 1%   Too low

 6%   Unsure

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JS.   Thinking about the job situation in Pennsylvania today, would you say that it is now a (ROTATE) good time or a bad time (END ROTATE) to find a quality job?

45%   Good time
30%   Bad time

25%   Unsure

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PB.   Do you think the state of Pennsylvania is (ROTATE) worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, about the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago, better for businesses than it was 10 years ago? (END ROTATE)

44%   Worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago
30%   About the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago
12%   Better for businesses than it was 10 years ago

14%   Unsure

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PE.   Thinking a moment about Pennsylvania's state economy… How would you rank Pennsylvania's economic conditions compared to other states? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

18%   **Total Better**
 2%   Among the best states
16%   Better than average

41%   **About average**

35%   **Total Worse**
28%   Worse than average
 7%   Among the worst states

 6%   Unsure

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PEC. Which, if any, of the following states do you believe have a better economic outlook than Pennsylvania? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY) **(RANDOMIZE 1-14) (ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES UNLESS 15-17)**

28%	Florida
23%	Texas
18%	North Carolina
16%	Delaware
16%	New York
15%	Virginia
15%	South Carolina
14%	California
12%	Maryland
11%	Connecticut
10%	Ohio
9%	New Jersey
6%	West Virginia
6%	Michigan
2%	All of the above
5%	None of the above
29%	Unsure

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Educational Systems Series:

Now, thinking a moment about the educational systems in Pennsylvania…

ES.   How would you grade the quality of Pennsylvania's K-12 school system?

    4%   A
    22%   B
    39%   C
    19%   D
    9%   F

    6%   Unsure

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(IF RESPONSE 2-6 (B-F, Unsure) IN PREVIOUS QUSTION, ASK)

PAED.   What, if any, would you say are reasons you are dissatisfied with the quality of education that students in Pennsylvania receive? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)… **(RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-16) (ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES UNLESS 18-19) (ALLOW OPEN ENDED ON 17)**

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    48%   Not learning life skills
    39%   Student safety concerns
    38%   Lack of teaching basics/reading/writing/arithmetic
    36%   Learning loss from COVID shutdowns
    35%   Too much emphasis on standardized testing/grades
    34%   Political agendas being taught
    33%   Lack of resources, or resources not being effectively administered
    33%   Poor administration
    28%   Too much government interference
    28%   Unequal access/opportunities for low-income students
    26%   More involvement or input needed from parents
    24%   Quality of education is poor/outranked by other states
    23%   Poor/outdated curriculum
    20%   Not up to competitive standards
    19%   Parents lack educational options for children
    18%   Outdated approach/lack of innovation

    4%   Other: [open ended]

    4%   I am not dissatisfied with the quality of education students in Pennsylvania receive
    4%   Unsure

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ES.   If financial costs were of no concern, what type of school would you select to obtain the best education for your child?

    31%   Private school (non-religious)
    22%   Private school (religious)
    18%   District school
    8%   Charter school
    5%   Home school
    4%   Cyber school or remote learning

    1%   Other
    11%   Unsure / Not applicable

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The State of American Democracy & Patriotism

4US.   Do you consider yourself proud to be an American?

        79%   Yes
         9%   No
        10%   Unsure
         1%   Other

4PA.   Do you consider yourself proud to be a Pennsylvanian?

        65%   Yes
        18%   No
        16%   Unsure
         1%   Other

4DA.   When you think about the future of the United States -- which do you agree with more -- [ROTATED: the country's best days are ahead of us (or) the country's best days are behind us]?

        33%   Best days ahead of us
        43%   Best days behind us
        24%   Unsure/other

4NH.   What is your favorite national holiday? (RANDOMIZE 1-11)

        43%   Christmas Day
        22%   Thanksgiving Day
        13%   Independence Day
         4%   Memorial Day
         3%   New Year's Day
         3%   Veterans' Day
         3%   Juneteenth Day
         1%   Labor Day
         1%   Martin Luther King Day
         0%   Columbus Day
         0%   Presidents' Day

         7%   Unsure/other

4PD.   What do you plan to do on the Fourth of July weekend and holiday? Select all that apply.
(RANDOMIZE 1 – 8) (ALLOW MULTIPLE SELECTION)

        48%   Cookout/picnic/bbq
        46%   Gather with family
        40%   Stay home
        26%   Attend a fireworks display
         9%   Attend a parade
         7%   Work
         6%   Travel
         3%   Visit a historic site

         2%   Other

Is it possible for someone to do the following things and still be considered patriotic? After each of the following statements, please answer 'yes' 'no' or 'unsure'.

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SECTION)

4BF.   Burn an American flag in protest

    15%   Yes
    79%   No
     5%   Unsure

4PP.   Participate in peaceful protests

    89%   Yes
     7%   No
     4%   Unsure

4PV.   Participate in protests that destroy property

     9%   Yes
    85%   No
     5%   Unsure

4EO.   Criticize our elected officials

    78%   Yes
    15%   No
     7%   Unsure

4DE.   Disrupt an event speaker they find offensive

    26%   Yes
    61%   No
    13%   Unsure

4CS.   Cancel or censor someone's speech that they find dangerous/offensive

    25%   Yes
    59%   No
    16%   Unsure

4IU.   Disobey a law they believe is immoral/unjust

    32%   Yes
    54%   No
    14%   Unsure

4RT.   Refuse to pay taxes as a protest

    20%   Yes
    68%   No
    12%   Unsure

4FS.   Over the last year, have you or someone you know held back from freely speaking or expressing your opinions because you were concerned about retaliation or harsh criticism?

    41%   Yes
    53%   No

    6%   Unsure

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4IP.   Have inflation and gas prices made you more or less likely to travel for the 4th of July or summer vacation?

    4%   More likely to travel
    53%   Less likely to travel

    38%   Inflation and gas prices have had no bearing on my travel plans

    5%   Unsure/other

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4RS.   Do you think the right to free speech in America is (rotate) more restricted than it was 10 years ago, about the same as it was 10 years ago, freer than it was 10 years ago? (end rotate)

    56%   More restricted than it was 10 years ago
    24%   About the same as it was 10 years ago
    14%   Freer than it was 10 years ago

    6%   Unsure

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Do you support or oppose modernizing Pennsylvania election laws to include voter identification; clear voting deadlines; and limits on private, third-party funding of elections?

(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

    69%   **Total Support**
    38%   Strongly support
    32%   Somewhat support

    15%   **Total Oppose**
    9%   Somewhat oppose
    6%   Strongly oppose

    16%   Unsure

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Demographic Section

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample –

NT.   In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media -- such as newspapers, TV and radio -- when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately and fairly? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

38%   Total Great Deal/Fair Amount
 6%   A great deal
32%   A fair amount

60%   Total Not Very Much/None At All
36%   Not very much
24%   None at all

 2%   Unsure

D1.   In what year were you born?
___ ___ ___ ___

D1_A.   IF UNSURE OR REFUSED, ASK: Which of the following categories best describes your age?

13%   18 to 29
23%   30 to 44
37%   45 to 64
27%   65 or older
      Refused **(terminate)**

D2.   What is your gender?

52%   Female
48%   Male

D3.   Did you vote in the most recent November 2022 election?

58%   Yes, I voted in person on election day
 4%   Yes, I voted in person early
 4%   Yes, I voted absentee
23%   Yes, I voted by mail-in ballot
11%   No, I did not vote

D3A.   How likely are you to vote in next year's Pennsylvania primary? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

91%   Total Likely
78%   Very likely
13%   Somewhat likely

6%   Total Unlikely
2%   Somewhat unlikely
4%   Very unlikely

3%   Unsure

D3B.   How likely are you to vote your 2023 Pennsylvania municipal elections? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

        85%   **Total Likely**
        68%   Very likely
        17%   Somewhat likely

        9%   **Total Unlikely**
        5%   Somewhat unlikely
        4%   Very unlikely

        6%   Unsure

D4.   Are you or is anyone in your household a member of a trade, teacher or labor union?

        14%   Yes
        84%   No
        1%   Unsure **(vol)**
        1%   Refused **(vol)**

D5.   In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a (ROTATE) Republican, Independent, or Democrat?

        38%   **Total Republican**
        21%   Strong Republican
        17%   Not so strong Republican

        23%   **Total Independent**
        6%   Independent leaning Republican
        12%   Independent
        5%   Independent leaning Democrat

        39%   **Total Democrat**
        14%   Not so strong Democrat
        25%   Strong Democrat

        0%   Other
        0%   Refused

D6.   Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

        6%   Yes
        93%   No
        0%   Unsure
        0%   Refused

D7.   And which of the following best describes your racial background?

        81%   White or Caucasian
        11%   Black or African American
        2%   Asian or Pacific Islander
        3%   Hispanic
        1%   Native American
        0%   Middle Eastern
        2%   Other
        1%   Refused

D8.   We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income to be…?

31%   Below $40,000
32%   Between $40,000 and $79,999
19%   Between $80,000 and $124,999
15%   Above $125,000
 1%   Unsure
 3%   Refused

D9.   What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

 2%   Less than high school
23%   High school graduate
19%   Some college
11%   College graduate with Associates or 2 year degree
25%   College graduate with a Bachelors or 4 year degree
15%   Post-graduate degree
 5%   Technical or vocational school graduate
 0%   Don't Know/ Refused

D10.   Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as… **(ROTATE 1-3, TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP)**

22%   Urban
56%   Suburban
22%   Rural
 0%   Don't Know/Refused

D11.   Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views…Do you consider yourself to be (**ROTATE 1-5, TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP**) a conservative, moderate or liberal…?

37%   Total Conservative
14%   Very Conservative
23%   Somewhat Conservative

29%   Moderate

30%   Total Liberal
17%   Somewhat Liberal
13%   Very Liberal

 1%   Libertarian

 4%   Do Not Know/Refused

D12.   Do you or anyone in your household own a gun?

30%   Yes
68%   No

 1%   Unsure

D13.   Which county in Pennsylvania do you currently reside?

County	Count	County	Count	County	Count
ADAMS	9 1%	COLUMBIA	2 -	MCKEAN	2 -
ALLEGHENY	88 11%	CRAWFORD	2 -	MERCER	9 1%
ARMSTRONG	1 -	CUMBERLAND	16 2%	MIFFLIN	1 -
BEAVER	12 2%	DAUPHIN	18 2%	MONROE	13 2%
BEDFORD	1 -	DELAWARE	40 5%	MONTGOMERY	56 7%
BERKS	29 4%	ERIE	20 3%	MONTOUR	2 -
BLAIR	9 1%	FAYETTE	10 1%	NORTHAMPTON	15 2%
BRADFORD	6 1%	FRANKLIN	9 1%	NORTHUMBERLAND	2 -
BUCKS	40 5%	GREENE	1 -	PERRY	1 -
BUTLER	14 2%	HUNTINGDON	2 -	PHILADELPHIA	96 12%
CAMBRIA	12 2%	INDIANA	2 -	PIKE	6 1%
CAMERON	1 -	JEFFERSON	3 -	SCHUYLKILL	7 1%
CARBON	6 1%	LACKAWANNA	21 3%	SNYDER	6 1%
CENTRE	5 1%	LANCASTER	32 4%	SOMERSET	4 1%
CHESTER	32 4%	LAWRENCE	2 -	SUSQUEHANNA	3 -
CLARION	3 -	LEBANON	12 1%	UNION	1 -
CLEARFIELD	1 -	LEHIGH	18 2%	WASHINGTON	12 1%
CLINTON	1 -	LUZERNE	20 3%	WAYNE	2 -
		LYCOMING	13 2%	WESTMORELAND	21 3%
				WYOMING	3 -
				YORK	23 3%