Common Ground in the Commonwealth Poll

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Q3 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 unique opportunity to voice your opinions, and your responses will remain confidential. This is not a request to buy anything or donate money. We simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

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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)**

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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 1–2, 2–1)**

22%   Right direction
72%   Gotten off on the wrong track

7%   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)**

35%   Right direction
51%   Gotten off on the wrong track

14%   Unsure

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AW.   PLEASE, 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>**41%**</u>   <u>**Total Yes**</u>
24%   Yes, I have thought about leaving
19%   Yes, someone I know has thought about leaving
12%   Yes, someone I know has left

59%   No

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[IF RESPONSE 1–3: Yes, in previous question (AW), ASK]

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

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52%   Lower cost of living
46%   Lower taxes
36%   Better jobs and opportunities
28%   Less crime and safer communities
27%   Elected leaders who are more aligned with my personal values
20%   Less intrusive government/more personal freedom
10%   More secure election processes
 9%   Better public schools
 9%   Better health care
 6%   Greater educational choices

 7%   Other
 1%   Unsure

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<u>(ASK ALL)</u>

DW.   Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with one being the most important problem facing the country.
       (ALLOW FOR THREE RESPONSES ON 1–27, RANKED 1–3; RANDOMIZE 1–26)

Rank 1		Rank 2		Rank 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	178 22%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	92 12%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	85 11%
U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	56 7%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	60 7%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	59 7%
IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	56 7%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	56 7%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	56 7%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	55 7%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	52 6%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	56 7%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	43 5%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	49 6%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	49 6%
DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	41 5%	HEALTH CARE	47 6%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	47 6%
HEALTH CARE	36 5%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	39 5%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	39 5%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	33 4%	TAXES	38 5%	HEALTH CARE	38 5%
ABORTION	28 4%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	37 5%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	32 4%
ENVIRONMENT	28 3%	ABORTION	28 4%	ENVIRONMENT	31 4%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	27 3%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	28 3%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	30 4%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	24 3%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	28 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	28 4%
LACK OF MONEY	23 3%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	26 3%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	28 3%
MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	22 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	24 3%	TAXES	27 3%
FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	20 2%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	23 3%	RACIAL ISSUES	23 3%
RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	17 2%	FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	22 3%	ABORTION	21 3%
RACIAL ISSUES	15 2%	ENVIRONMENT	22 3%	FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	20 2%
NATIONAL SECURITY	12 1%	LACK OF MONEY	18 2%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	20 2%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	11 1%	RACIAL ISSUES	18 2%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	17 2%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	11 1%	EDUCATION	16 2%	EDUCATION	15 2%
TAXES	11 1%	NATIONAL SECURITY	14 2%	LACK OF MONEY	15 2%
FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	9 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	12 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	15 2%
POLICE REFORM	8 1%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	10 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	14 2%
COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	6 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	10 1%	NATIONAL SECURITY	10 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	6 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	9 1%	POLICE REFORM	5 1%
EDUCATION	5 1%	POLICE REFORM	5 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	3 –
BANKING CRISIS	3 –	BANKING CRISIS	4 1%	BANKING CRISIS	1 –
OTHER	6 1%	OTHER	1 –	OTHER	2 –
UNSURE	13 2%	UNSURE	– –	UNSURE	– –

EW. Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the state.
(ALLOW FOR THREE RESPONSES ON 1–28, RANKED 1–3; RANDOMIZE 1–27)

Rank 1

INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	198 25%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	86 11%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	54 7%
TAXES	54 7%
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	43 5%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	34 4%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	32 4%
HEALTH CARE	30 4%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	28 3%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	24 3%
LACK OF MONEY	22 3%
FAILING SCHOOLS	20 3%
EDUCATION	20 3%
MORAL DECLINE	20 2%
ENVIRONMENT	19 2%
ABORTION	18 2%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	17 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	12 1%
STATE SPENDING/DEBT	10 1%
IMMIGRATION	9 1%
COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	7 1%
WELFARE	6 1%
ENERGY	6 1%
POLICE REFORM	6 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	5 1%
FREE SPEECH	1 -
OTHER	5 1%
UNSURE	14 2%

Rank 2

INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	106 13%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	76 10%
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	64 8%
TAXES	56 7%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	45 6%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	43 5%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	41 5%
HEALTH CARE	39 5%
EDUCATION	36 5%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	31 4%
FAILING SCHOOLS	31 4%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	22 3%
STATE SPENDING/DEBT	20 3%
IMMIGRATION	20 2%
ENVIRONMENT	19 2%
MORAL DECLINE	18 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	16 2%
LACK OF MONEY	16 2%
ABORTION	16 2%
WELFARE	13 2%
COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	13 2%
ENERGY	13 2%
POLICE REFORM	12 1%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	12 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	9 1%
FREE SPEECH	1 -
OTHER	1 -
UNSURE	- -

Rank 3

INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	104 13%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	88 11%
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	58 7%
HEALTH CARE	43 5%
TAXES	42 5%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	41 5%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	39 5%
MORAL DECLINE	37 5%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	37 5%
FAILING SCHOOLS	31 4%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	27 3%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	25 3%
ENVIRONMENT	24 3%
LACK OF MONEY	24 3%
STATE SPENDING/DEBT	21 3%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	19 2%
EDUCATION	18 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	18 2%
IMMIGRATION	17 2%
ABORTION	15 2%
WELFARE	14 2%
POLICE REFORM	12 1%
COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	8 1%
ENERGY	8 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	3 -
FREE SPEECH	3 -
OTHER	11 1%
UNSURE	- -

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 1-3)**

37%   A Republican candidate
12%   An independent or third-party candidate
41%   A Democratic candidate

10%   Unsure

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

61%   Total Approve
26%   Strongly approve
35%   Somewhat approve

29%   Total Disapprove
17%   Somewhat disapprove
12%   Strongly disapprove

10%   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.   Gov. Josh Shapiro

62%   Total Favorable
29%   Very favorable
33%   Somewhat favorable

30%   Total Unfavorable
16%   Somewhat unfavorable
14%   Very unfavorable

 1%   Never heard of
 7%   Unsure

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EO5.   Lt. Gov. Austin Davis

27%   Total Favorable
 8%   Very favorable
19%   Somewhat favorable

22%   Total Unfavorable
12%   Somewhat unfavorable
10%   Very unfavorable

24%   Never heard of
27%   Unsure

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EO6.   Pennsylvania House Speaker Joanna McClinton

22%   Total Favorable
 6%   Very favorable
16%   Somewhat favorable

21%   Total Unfavorable
14%   Somewhat unfavorable
 7%   Very unfavorable

28%   Never heard of
30%   Unsure

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EO8.   Pennsylvania Senate President Kim Ward

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

22%   Total Unfavorable
14%   Somewhat unfavorable
 7%   Very unfavorable

28%   Never heard of
27%   Unsure

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EO9.   Pennsylvania House of Representatives

40%   Total Favorable
 5%   Very favorable
35%   Somewhat favorable

39%   Total Unfavorable
29%   Somewhat unfavorable
10%   Very unfavorable

 2%   Never heard of
18%   Unsure

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EO10. Pennsylvania State Senate

38%   Total Favorable
 6%   Very favorable
32%   Somewhat favorable

40%   Total Unfavorable
28%   Somewhat unfavorable
12%   Very unfavorable

 3%   Never heard of
19%   Unsure

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EO11. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

46%   Total Favorable
 7%   Very favorable
39%   Somewhat favorable

28%   Total Unfavorable
20%   Somewhat unfavorable
 9%   Very unfavorable

 2%   Never heard of
23%   Unsure

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EO12. Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner

21%   **Total Favorable**
  4%   Very favorable
 17%   Somewhat favorable

33%   **Total Unfavorable**
 13%   Somewhat unfavorable
 19%   Very unfavorable

 25%   Never heard of
 22%   Unsure

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EO13. Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney

22%   **Total Favorable**
  5%   Very favorable
 18%   Somewhat favorable

35%   **Total Unfavorable**
 13%   Somewhat unfavorable
 22%   Very unfavorable

 21%   Never heard of
 21%   Unsure

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EO14. Pennsylvania Attorney General Michelle Henry

25%   **Total Favorable**
  5%   Very favorable
 20%   Somewhat favorable

19%   **Total Unfavorable**
 11%   Somewhat unfavorable
  8%   Very unfavorable

 27%   Never heard of
 30%   Unsure

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EO15. Pennsylvania Auditor General Tim DeFoor

<u>21%</u> **<u>Total Favorable</u>**
4% Very favorable
17% Somewhat favorable

<u>17%</u> **<u>Total Unfavorable</u>**
12% Somewhat unfavorable
5% Very unfavorable

32% Never heard of
30% Unsure

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EO16. Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity

<u>25%</u> **<u>Total Favorable</u>**
4% Very favorable
20% Somewhat favorable

<u>18%</u> **<u>Total Unfavorable</u>**
13% Somewhat unfavorable
6% Very unfavorable

27% Never heard of
31% Unsure

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EO17. Philadelphia Eagles

<u>66%</u> **<u>Total Favorable</u>**
34% Very favorable
32% Somewhat favorable

<u>23%</u> **<u>Total Unfavorable</u>**
11% Somewhat unfavorable
13% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of
10% Unsure

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EO18. Pittsburgh Steelers

64%   **Total Favorable**
26%   Very favorable
39%   Somewhat favorable

26%   **Total Unfavorable**
13%   Somewhat unfavorable
13%   Very unfavorable

 1%   Never heard of
 9%   Unsure

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PASEN. PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: Which of the following individuals would you like to see
run for the U.S. Senate in 2024?
(RANDOMIZE 1—5; ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES UNLESS 6–8)

38%   Bob Casey Jr.
20%   David McCormick
 7%   Carla Sands
 6%   Stacy Garrity
 5%   Keith Rothfus

 3%   Other
11%   None of the above
27%   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 Best**
4%   Among the best states
17%   Better than average

46%   **About average**

29%   **Total Worst**
22%   Worse than average
7%   Among the worst states

5%   Unsure

SPB2. Do you feel Governor Shapiro has delivered major accomplishments during his first year in office?

43%   Yes
37%   No

21%   Unsure

(IF YES ON PREVIOUS QUESTION)

SPB2A. As Governor Josh Shapiro approaches the end of his first year in office, what do you regard as his greatest accomplishment?

(Open ended)

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21%   Road repair on I-95 / Bridge / Infrastructure
10%   His stance on economy / jobs
9%   He is for the people / state
8%   He strengthens the voting system / implement the automatic voter registration
5%   Bipartisanship
5%   Abortion / Women's rights stance
4%   Eliminate college degree requirement in most jobs
4%   Stance on education

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6%   Don't know

(ASK ALL)

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SPB3. As you may know, state leaders in Harrisburg have been unable to finalize a budget for the state. Who do you blame the most for the state not having a completed budget yet? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

17%	Governor Josh Shapiro
24%	Pa. State House
24%	Pa. State Senate
5%	Other
30%	Unsure

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SPB4. Who do you think is ultimately responsible for making sure the state budget gets finalized? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

44%	Governor Josh Shapiro
16%	Pa. State House
22%	Pa. State Senate
2%	Other
16%	Unsure

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SPB5. How important is it to you personally that leaders in Pennsylvania of all political parties come together and pass a budget agreement that is bi-partisan? (ROTATE 1-4,4,1)

92%	**Total Important**
60%	Extremely important
32%	Somewhat important
4%	**Total Not Important**
4%	Not that important
1%	Not at all important
3%	Unsure

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SPB6. 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.

73% Total Support
29% Strongly support
45% Somewhat support

18% Total Oppose
12% Somewhat oppose
6% Strongly oppose

9% Unsure

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K2. Establishing scholarships for low-income students in Pennsylvania's worst performing (bottom 15%) schools that would help pay for tuition to another k-12 school.

64% Total Support
27% Strongly support
37% Somewhat support

26% Total Oppose
17% Somewhat oppose
9% Strongly oppose

10% Unsure

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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.

57% Total Support
17% Strongly support
41% Somewhat support

22% Total Oppose
15% Somewhat oppose
7% Strongly oppose

21% Unsure

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

    72%   **Total Support**
24%   Strongly support
48%   Somewhat support

    17%   **Total Oppose**
12%   Somewhat oppose
  5%   Strongly oppose

11%   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.

    45%   **Total Support**
16%   Strongly support
29%   Somewhat support

    46%   **Total Oppose**
22%   Somewhat oppose
24%   Strongly oppose

  9%   Unsure

K6.   Expanding access to charter schools so that all Pennsylvania children on the waiting list (at least 40,000 statewide) would be allowed to attend a charter school.

    61%   **Total Support**
29%   Strongly support
32%   Somewhat support

    28%   **Total Oppose**
18%   Somewhat oppose
10%   Strongly oppose

11%   Unsure

K7.   Cutting state funding for cyber charter schools by 40% per student.

    35%   **Total Support**
12%   Strongly support
23%   Somewhat support

    52%   **Total Oppose**
30%   Somewhat oppose
22%   Strongly oppose

13%   Unsure

As you may know, Governor Josh Shapiro publicly supported bi-partisan legislation that would fund scholarships for children in Pennsylvania attending the worst-performing schools. The scholarships would provide these children an opportunity to attend a better-performing school.

However, Governor Shapiro recently vetoed funding for these scholarships and has yet to get legislation to create these scholarships to his desk. Thinking about this…

K8.   Do you think Governor Shapiro should (ROTATE OPTIONS) support or oppose (END ROTATION) the bi-partisan legislation that would fund scholarships for children who attend the state's worst-performing schools?

    56%   Support
    21%   Oppose

    23%   Unsure

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K9.   Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Governor Shapiro made a bi-partisan deal with the State Senate to support scholarships for children attending the state's worst performing schools. He should honor the deal he made and fund the scholarships." (ROTATE ORDER TOP-TO-BOTTOM 1-5)

    62%   **Total Agree**
    31%   Strongly agree
    31%   Somewhat agree

    18%   **Neither agree nor disagree**

    13%   **Total Disagree**
    7%   Somewhat disagree
    6%   Strongly disagree

    7%   Unsure

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K10.   Do you support or oppose moving Pennsylvania's primary from April to March in presidential years to give state voters like you an earlier say in selecting presidential nominees? (ROTATE ORDER TOP-TO-BOTTOM 1-5)

    46%   **Total Support**
    19%   Strongly support
    27%   Somewhat support

    33%   **Neither support nor oppose**

    14%   **Total Oppose**
    8%   Somewhat oppose
    6%   Strongly oppose

    7%   Unsure

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K11.   Do you think Governor Shapiro should (ROTATE OPTIONS) support or oppose (END
       ROTATION) bi-partisan legislation that would secure Pennsylvania's elections by requiring voter
       identification?

       66%   Support
       16%   Oppose

       18%   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)**

45%   **Total Republican**
30%   Strongly Republican
15%   Somewhat Republican

47%   **Total Democratic**
13%   Somewhat Democratic
34%   Strongly Democratic

8%   Unsure

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

42%   **Total Approve**
17%   Strongly approve
26%   Somewhat approve

56%   **Total Disapprove**
16%   Somewhat disapprove
40%   Strongly disapprove

1%   Unsure

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

(RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

FP1. President Joe Biden

45%   **Total Favorable**
17%   Very favorable
28%   Somewhat favorable

54%   **Total Unfavorable**
13%   Somewhat unfavorable
40%   Very unfavorable

0%   Never heard of
1%   Unsure

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FP2.   Vice President Kamala Harris

39%   **Total Favorable**
14%   Very favorable
26%   Somewhat favorable

56%   **Total Unfavorable**
14%   Somewhat unfavorable
43%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
4%   Unsure

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FP3.   U.S. Sen. John Fetterman

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

45%   **Total Unfavorable**
12%   Somewhat unfavorable
33%   Very unfavorable

2%   Never heard of
8%   Unsure

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FP4.   U.S. Sen. Bob Casey

48%   **Total Favorable**
17%   Very favorable
31%   Somewhat favorable

35%   **Total Unfavorable**
17%   Somewhat unfavorable
18%   Very unfavorable

3%   Never heard of
15%   Unsure

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FP5.   U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy

30%   **Total Favorable**
  7%   Very favorable
23%   Somewhat favorable

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

  5%   Never heard of
13%   Unsure

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FP6.   U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries

34%   **Total Favorable**
12%   Very favorable
21%   Somewhat favorable

29%   **Total Unfavorable**
12%   Somewhat unfavorable
17%   Very unfavorable

17%   Never heard of
20%   Unsure

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FP7.   U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell

21%   **Total Favorable**
  3%   Very favorable
17%   Somewhat favorable

69%   **Total Unfavorable**
23%   Somewhat unfavorable
46%   Very unfavorable

  2%   Never heard of
  8%   Unsure

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FP8.   U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

36%   Total Favorable
11%   Very favorable
25%   Somewhat favorable

46%   Total Unfavorable
18%   Somewhat unfavorable
29%   Very unfavorable

6%   Never heard of
12%   Unsure

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FP9.   U.S. House of Representatives

33%   Total Favorable
5%   Very favorable
28%   Somewhat favorable

54%   Total Unfavorable
33%   Somewhat unfavorable
21%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
12%   Unsure

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FP10.   U.S. Senate

38%   Total Favorable
5%   Very favorable
33%   Somewhat favorable

50%   Total Unfavorable
34%   Somewhat unfavorable
17%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
11%   Unsure

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FP11.   U.S. Supreme Court

43%   **Total Favorable**
12%   Very favorable
31%   Somewhat favorable

50%   **Total Unfavorable**
25%   Somewhat unfavorable
25%   Very unfavorable

0%   Never heard of
7%   Unsure

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FP12.   The Republican Party

39%   **Total Favorable**
12%   Very favorable
28%   Somewhat favorable

58%   **Total Unfavorable**
18%   Somewhat unfavorable
40%   Very unfavorable

1%   Never heard of
2%   Unsure

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FP13.   The Democratic Party

48%   **Total Favorable**
19%   Very favorable
29%   Somewhat favorable

49%   **Total Unfavorable**
16%   Somewhat unfavorable
33%   Very unfavorable

0%   Never heard of
3%   Unsure

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PAPR.   PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: Which of the following individuals would you like to see run for president in 2024?
(RANDOMIZE 1–20; ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES, UNLESS 21–23)

31%	Donald Trump
28%	Joe Biden
21%	Ron DeSantis
19%	Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
19%	Vivek Ramaswamy
17%	Nikki Haley
14%	Mike Pence
13%	Chris Christie
9%	Tim Scott
3%	Asa Hutchinson
3%	Marianne Williamson
2%	Larry Elder
2%	Doug Burgum
1%	Will Hurd
1%	Corey Stapleton
1%	Steve Laffey
1%	John Anthony Castro
1%	Ryan Binkley
1%	E.W. Jackson
0%	Perry Johnson
8%	Other
8%	None of the above
6%	Unsure

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FP14. Please rank which 3 of the following individuals would you most like to see withdraw from the 2024 presidential race?
(RANDOMIZE 1–20; ALLOW FOR RANKING FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD OPTIONS, UNLESS 21–23)

Rank 1

39%	Donald Trump
22%	Joe Biden
7%	Chris Christie
6%	Ron DeSantis
4%	Mike Pence
3%	Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
2%	Vivek Ramaswamy
2%	Nikki Haley
1%	Doug Burgum
1%	Marianne Williamson
1%	Steve Laffey
1%	Asa Hutchinson
1%	Tim Scott
0%	Ryan Binkley
0%	E.W. Jackson
0%	Corey Stapleton
0%	Larry Elder
0%	Perry Johnson
0%	Will Hurd
0%	John Anthony Castro
1%	Other
3%	None of the above
4%	Unsure

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Jobs & The Economy Series:

Moving on to your opinions about jobs and the economy…

JE1.   Do you think Joe Biden's policies – called 'Bidenomics' by the president and his critics – have: **(ROTATE 1-3,3-1)**

   27%   Improved economic conditions in Pennsylvania
   18%   Had no effect on economic conditions in Pennsylvania
   47%   Worsened economic conditions in Pennsylvania

   9%   Unsure

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

   46%   Republican
   40%   Democrat
   4%   Other

   10%   Unsure

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

   13%   Better off
   40%   About the same
   47%   Worse off

   1%   Unsure

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

   33%   Total Excellent/Good
   3%   Excellent
   31%   Good

   63%   Total Not So Good/Poor
   44%   Not so good
   19%   Poor

   4%   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)**

29%   Total Better
 4%   Much better
25%   Somewhat better

61%   Total Worse
43%   Somewhat worse
19%   Much worse

10%   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)**

68%   Total Great Deal/Fair
30%   A great deal
38%   A fair amount

31%   Total Only A Little/Not At All
24%   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 1-3,3-1)**

53%   Too high
40%   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?

47%   Good time
32%   Bad time

21%   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, or better for businesses than it was 10 years ago? **(END ROTATE)**

        45%   Worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago
        28%   About the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago
        15%   Better for businesses than it was 10 years ago

        12%   Unsure

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

        <u>**18%**</u>   <u>**Total Better**</u>
         3%   Among the best states
        15%   Better than average

        46%   **About average**

        <u>**32%**</u>   <u>**Total Worse**</u>
        26%   Worse than average
         6%   Among the worst states

         5%   Unsure

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

28%	Florida
22%	Texas
18%	North Carolina
16%	New York
15%	South Carolina
15%	California
15%	Delaware
14%	Virginia
13%	New Jersey
12%	Maryland
10%	Connecticut
9%	Ohio
8%	West Virginia
5%	Michigan
2%	All of the above
4%	None of the above
26%	Unsure

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Educational Systems Series:

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

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

        3%   A
        23%   B
        46%   C
        16%   D
        6%   F

        7%   Unsure

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(IF RESPONSE WAS 2–6 IN PREVIOUS QUESTION, ASK)

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

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        49%   Not learning life skills
        37%   Learning loss from COVID shutdowns
        36%   Lack of teaching basics/reading/writing/arithmetic
        36%   Lack of resources, or resources not being effectively administered
        35%   Political agendas being taught
        32%   Too much emphasis on standardized testing/grades
        31%   Student safety concerns
        31%   Unequal access/opportunities for low-income students
        30%   Poor administration
        24%   More involvement or input needed from parents
        24%   Too much government interference
        24%   Not up to competitive standards
        23%   Poor/outdated curriculum
        22%   Quality of education is poor/outranked by other states
        20%   Outdated approach/lack of innovation
        15%   Parents lack educational options for children

        4%   Other

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

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ES2.   If financial costs were of no concern, what type of school would you select to obtain the best education for your child? (Randomize 1-6)

20%   District school
20%   Private school (religious)
32%   Private school (non-religious)
 7%   Charter school
 4%   Cyber school or remote learning
 5%   Home school

 0%   Other
11%   Unsure / Not applicable

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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)**

    44%   **Total Great Deal/Fair Amount**
    6%   A great deal
    37%   A fair amount

    56%   **Total Not Very Much/None At All**
    34%   Not very much
    21%   None at all

    1%   Unsure

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D1.   In what year were you born?

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D1_A.   **(IF UNSURE OR REFUSED TO ANSWER, PLEASE 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

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D2.   What is your gender?

    52%   Female
    48%   Male

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

    61%   Yes, I voted in person on election day
    4%   Yes, I voted in person early
    3%   Yes, I voted absentee
    21%   Yes, I voted by mail-in ballot
    12%   No, I did not vote

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

90%   Total Likely
77%   Very likely
13%   Somewhat likely

 8%   Total Unlikely
3%   Somewhat unlikely
5%   Very unlikely

2%   Unsure

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

88%   Total Likely
67%   Very likely
21%   Somewhat likely

 9%   Total Unlikely
6%   Somewhat unlikely
3%   Very unlikely

3%   Unsure

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D3C.   Which of the following 2023 election races are you following closely? **(RANDOMIZE 1-5)**

19%   State Supreme Court
 4%   Other judicial races
10%   School boards
18%   County
14%   Municipal government

35%   Other / none of the above

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D3D.   In considering the 2023 Pennsylvania Supreme Court election, who are you most likely to support? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

42%   Daniel McCaffery (Democrat)
36%   Carolyn Tornetta Carluccio (Republican)
 0%   Other / Write-in

22%   Usure

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

12%   Yes
86%   No
 1%   Unsure **(vol)**
 0%   Refused **(vol)**

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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
22%   Strong Republican
16%   Not so strong Republican

23%   Total Independent
 5%   Independent leaning Republican
13%   Independent
 6%   Independent leaning Democrat

39%   Total Democrat
13%   Not so strong Democrat
26%   Strong Democrat

 0%   Other
 0%   Refused

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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?

 7%   Yes
93%   No
 0%   Unsure
 0%   Refused

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

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

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

26%   Below $40,000
33%   Between $40,000 and $79,999
24%   Between $80,000 and $124,999
15%   Above $125,000
 1%   Unsure
 2%   Refused

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

    1%   Less than high school
    21%   High school graduate
    20%   Some college
    10%   College graduate with an Associate, or two-year degree
    29%   College graduate with a Bachelors, or four-year degree
    16%   Post-graduate degree
    4%   Technical or vocational school graduate
    0%   Don't know/refused

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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

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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?

    34%   Total Conservative
    13%   Very Conservative
    21%   Somewhat Conservative

    31%   Moderate

    31%   Total Liberal
    19%   Somewhat Liberal
    11%   Very Liberal

    1%   Libertarian

    3%   Do Not Know/Refused

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

    31%   Yes
    68%   No
    8%   Unsure

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D13.　Which county in Pennsylvania do you currently reside?

County	N	%	County	N	%	County	N	%
ADAMS	5	1%	COLUMBIA	1	–	LEBANON	9	1%
ALLEGHENY	88	11%	CRAWFORD	3	–	LEHIGH	30	4%
ARMSTRONG	7	1%	CUMBERLAND	16	2%	LUZERNE	21	3%
BEAVER	11	1%	DAUPHIN	18	2%	LYCOMING	7	1%
BEDFORD	2	–	DELAWARE	40	5%	MCKEAN	5	1%
BERKS	21	3%	ELK	–	–	MERCER	8	1%
BLAIR	5	1%	ERIE	19	2%	MIFFLIN	–	–
BRADFORD	3	–	FAYETTE	11	1%	MONROE	17	2%
BUCKS	40	5%	FOREST	–	–	MONTGOMERY	56	7%
BUTLER	14	2%	FRANKLIN	3	–	MONTOUR	2	–
CAMBRIA	14	2%	FULTON	–	–	NORTHAMPTON	12	2%
CAMERON	1	–	GREENE	1	–	NORTHUMBERLAND	7	1%
CARBON	5	1%	HUNTINGDON	–	–	PERRY	2	–
CENTRE	4	1%	INDIANA	3	–	PHILADELPHIA	96	12%
CHESTER	32	4%	JEFFERSON	2	–	PIKE	–	–
CLARION	2	–	JUNIATA	1	–	POTTER	–	–
CLEARFIELD	5	1%	LACKAWANNA	15	2%	SCHUYLKILL	11	1%
CLINTON	2	–	LANCASTER	32	4%	SNYDER	3	–
			LAWRENCE	5	1%	SOMERSET	2	–
						SULLIVAN	–	–
						SUSQUEHANNA	1	–
						TIOGA	2	–
						UNION	2	–
						VENANGO	3	–
						WARREN	1	–
						WASHINGTON	15	2%
						WAYNE	2	–
						WESTMORELAND	28	3%
						WYOMING	2	–
						YORK	25	3%