

Common Ground in the Commonwealth Poll

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Q4 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.

- 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)
- 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 1–2, 2–1)
 - 17% Right direction
 - 76% Gotten off on the wrong track
 - 6% Unsure
- 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)
 - 29% Right direction
 - 55% Gotten off on the wrong track
 - 16% Unsure

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)

40%	Total Yes
22%	Yes, I have thought about leaving
16%	Yes, someone I know has thought about leaving
12%	Yes, someone I know has left
60%	No

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

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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51% 41% 34% 31% 24% 20% 14% 12%	Lower cost of living Lower taxes Better jobs and opportunities Less crime and safer communities Elected leaders who are more aligned with my personal values Less intrusive government/more personal freedom Better health care Better public schools More secure election processes
7%	Greater educational choices
6% 2%	Other Unsure

(ASK ALL)

AW3. Is there another state you would relocate to if you could? If so, please list (up to 3) from the drop-down menu. (ALLOW FOR 3 RESPONSES)

FLORIDA	191 24%	WASHINGTON	27 3%	WISCONSIN	5 1%
NORTH CAROLINA	118 15%	OHIO	24 3%	UTAH	5 1%
SOUTH CAROLINA	81 10%	WEST VIRGINIA	24 3%	ALABAMA	4 1%
CALIFORNIA	75 9%	ALASKA	23 3%	ARKANSAS	4 1%
TEXAS	70 9%	MASSACHUSETTS	17 2%	NORTH DAKOTA	4 1%
DELAWARE	67 8%	NEVADA	16 2%	MINNESOTA	4 -
COLORADO	51 6%	OREGON	13 2%	ILLINOIS	4 -
PENNSYLVANIA	50 6%	VERMONT	13 2%	INDIANA	3 -
NEW YORK	48 6%	WYOMING	13 2%	MISSOURI	3 -
HAWAII	48 6%	KENTUCKY	12 2%	MISSISSIPPI	3 -
VIRGINIA	44 5%	SOUTH DAKOTA	12 1%	IDAHO	2 -
ARIZONA	44 5%	NEW MEXICO	11 1%	NEBRASKA	2 -
MARYLAND	42 5%	RHODE ISLAND	9 1%	KANSAS	1 -
GEORGIA	39 5%	NEW HAMPSHIRE	9 1%	IOWA	1 -
NEW JERSEY	39 5%	MICHIGAN	8 1%		
TENNESSEE	38 5%	OKLAHOMA	6 1%		
MAINE	31 4%	LOUISIANA	6 1%		
MONTANA	29 4%	CONNECTICUT	6 1%		
		DIST. OF COLUMBIA	6 1%		

^{5%} Considered leaving but haven't considered future locations

^{1%} Other

^{16%} Unsure

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 1–28, RANKED 1–3; RANDOMIZE 1–27)

RANK 1		RANK 2		RANK 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	149 19%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	92 12%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	93 12%
IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	69 9%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	67 8%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	73 9%
U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	69 9%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	56 7%	U.S. ECONOMY (GENERAL)	49 6%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	55 7%	HEALTH CARE	49	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	48
DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	50 6%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF	43 5%	IMMIGRATION/BORDER SECURITY	44
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	43 5%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	41 5%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	40 5%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	37 5%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	39 5%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	38 5%
HEALTH CARE	36 4%	DIVIDED COUNTRY/LACK OF TOLERANCE	36 4%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	36 4%
MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	28 3%	MORAL DECLINE/U.S. UNREST	35 4%	HEALTH CARE	33 4%
ENVIRONMENT	27 3%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	31 4%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	31 4%
ABORTION	23 3%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	30 4%	ABORTION	31 4%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	22 3%	FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	30 4%	RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	30 4%
RETIREMENT SECURITY/SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	20 2%	LACK OF MONEY	30 4%	ENVIRONMENT	30 4%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	19 2%	TAXES	28 3%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	26 3%
LACK OF MONEY	18 2%	ABORTION	27 3%	TAXES	24 3%
FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	16 2%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	23 3%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	21 3%
FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	14 2%	NATIONAL SECURITY	20 3%	FEDERAL DEFICIT/DEBT	20 2%
TAXES	14 2%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	19 2%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	20 2%
EDUCATION	25 13 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	17 2%	LACK OF MONEY	17 2%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	13 2%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	16 2%	NATIONAL SECURITY	17 2%
NATIONAL SECURITY	13 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	12 1%	COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	13 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	12 2%	EDUCATION	11 1%	EDUCATION	12 1%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	12 1%	ENVIRONMENT	11 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	11 1%
POLICE REFORM	4 1%	FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ INTERNATIONAL ISSUES/WARS	10 1%	RACIAL ISSUES	10 1%
COURTS & JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	4 –	POLICE REFORM	5 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	10 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	3 -	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	3 -	POLICE REFORM	6 1%
BANKING CRISIS	-	BANKING CRISIS	3 -	BANKING CRISIS	3 -
OTHER	3	OTHER	2	OTHER	2
UNSURE	14 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 1–27, RANKED 1–3; RANDOMIZE 1–26)

RANK 1		RANK 2		RANK 3	
INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	167 21%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	119 15%	INFLATION/COST OF LIVING	93 12%
CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	89 11%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	86 11%	CRIME/RISING VIOLENCE	63 8%
PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	56 7%	PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	49 6%	PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY (GENERAL)	55 7%
TAXES	45 6%	TAXES	48 6%	TAXES	49 6%
WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	43 5%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	47 6%	POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	47 6%
POVERTY/HOMELESSNESS	39 5%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	41 5%	MORAL DECLINE	37 5%
HEALTH CARE	30 4%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	37 5%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	36 4%
GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	29 4%	HEALTH CARE	37 5%	FAILING SCHOOLS	36 4%
GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	28 4%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	34 4%	WAGES/SALARY/PAY INEQUALITY	35 4%
LACK OF MONEY	24 3%	MORAL DECLINE	27 3%	GUN RIGHTS/GUN CONTROL	34 4%
IMMIGRATION	23 3%	FAILING SCHOOLS	25 3%	HEALTH CARE	33 4%
EDUCATION	23 3%	STATE SPENDING/DEBT	23 3%	ABORTION	27 3%
ABORTION	23 3%	IMMIGRATION	23 3%	LACK OF MONEY	26 3%
ENVIRONMENT	23 3%	COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	22 3%	EDUCATION	24 3%
FAILING SCHOOLS	22 3%	ENVIRONMENT	21 3%	JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	24 3%
MORAL DECLINE	20 2%	EDUCATION	19 2%	ENVIRONMENT	23 3%
JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT	20 2%	ABORTION	18 2%	COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	21 3%
STATE SPENDING/DEBT	19 2%	GOVERNMENT/LACK OF LEADERSHIP	18 2%	STATE SPENDING/DEBT	20 3%
ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	12 2%	LACK OF MONEY	16 2%	IMMIGRATION	19 2%
RACIAL ISSUES	9 1%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	14 2%	ELECTION REFORMS/INTEGRITY	16 2%
COURTS AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS	7 1%	RACIAL ISSUES	13 2%	WELFARE	15 2%
ENERGY	7 1%	ENERGY	12 2%	RACIAL ISSUES	13 2%
WELFARE	6 1%	WELFARE	10 1%	ENERGY	9 1%
POLICE REFORM	6 1%	POLICE REFORM	10 1%	POLICE REFORM	8 1%
COVID-19/PANDEMICS	3 -	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	5 1%	COVID-19/PANDEMICS	5 1%
FREE SPEECH	2 -	FREE SPEECH	5 1%	FREE SPEECH	2 -
OTHER	1 -	OTHER	_ _	OTHER	7 1%
UNSURE	24 3%	UNSURE	-	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)**

- 40% A Republican candidate
- 9% An independent or third-party candidate
- 40% A Democratic candidate
- 10% Unsure

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

<u>56%</u>	Total Approve
24%	Strongly approve
32%	Somewhat approve

30% Total Disapprove

- 16% Somewhat disapprove
- 14% Strongly disapprove
- 14% Unsure

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)

59% Total Favorable

EO4. Gov. Josh Shapiro

Very favorable
Somewhat favorable
-
Total Unfavorable
Somewhat unfavorable
Very unfavorable
Never heard of
Unsure

EO5. Lt. Gov. Austin Davis

28% **Total Favorable** 9% Very favorable Somewhat favorable 19% 18% **Total Unfavorable** 9% Somewhat unfavorable 10% Very unfavorable 23% Never heard of 31% Unsure

EO6. Pennsylvania House Speaker Joanna McClinton

24% Total Favorable

6% Very favorable

19% Somewhat favorable

18% Total Unfavorable

10% Somewhat unfavorable

8% Very unfavorable

29% Never heard of

29% Unsure

EO8. Pennsylvania Senate President Kim Ward

23% Total Favorable

5% Very favorable

18% Somewhat favorable

20% Total Unfavorable

12% Somewhat unfavorable

7% Very unfavorable

29% Never heard of

28% Unsure

EO9. Pennsylvania House of Representatives

43% Total Favorable

7% Very favorable

36% Somewhat favorable

34% Total Unfavorable

25% Somewhat unfavorable

9% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of

21% Unsure

EO10. Pennsylvania State Senate

43% Total Favorable

7% Very favorable

35% Somewhat favorable

35% Total Unfavorable

25% Somewhat unfavorable

10% Very unfavorable

1% Never heard of

22% Unsure

EO11. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

43% Total Favorable

9% Very favorable

35% Somewhat favorable

29% Total Unfavorable

18% Somewhat unfavorable

11% Very unfavorable

2% Never heard of

26% Unsure

EO12. Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner

<u>20%</u> Total Favorable Very favorable 5% Somewhat favorable 16% Total Unfavorable 28% 10% Somewhat unfavorable 18% Very unfavorable 27% Never heard of 25% Unsure

EO13. Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney

22%

6%	Very favorable
16%	Somewhat favorable
34%	Total Unfavorable
14%	Somewhat unfavorable
19%	Very unfavorable
	•
21%	Never heard of
24%	Unsure

Total Favorable

E013A. Philadelphia Mayor-Elect Cherelle Parker

6% Very favorable 18% Somewhat favorable 22% Total Unfavorable 9% Somewhat unfavorable 12% Very unfavorable 28% Never heard of 25% Unsure	25%	Total Favorable
 22% Total Unfavorable 9% Somewhat unfavorable 12% Very unfavorable 28% Never heard of 	6%	Very favorable
9% Somewhat unfavorable 12% Very unfavorable 28% Never heard of	18%	Somewhat favorable
9% Somewhat unfavorable 12% Very unfavorable 28% Never heard of		
12% Very unfavorable 28% Never heard of	<u>22%</u>	Total Unfavorable
28% Never heard of	9%	Somewhat unfavorable
2070 110101 110101 1101	12%	Very unfavorable
2070 110101 110101 1101		
25% Unsure	28%	Never heard of
	25%	Unsure

EO14. Pennsylvania Attorney General Michelle Henry

Total Favorable

25%

6% Very favorable Somewhat favorable 18% 20% **Total Unfavorable** 11% Somewhat unfavorable 10% Very unfavorable 25% Never heard of 30% Unsure

EO15. Pennsylvania Auditor General Tim DeFoor

21% Total Favorable 5% Very favorable 17% Somewhat favorable 17% **Total Unfavorable** 12% Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable 6%

Never heard of

33% Unsure

EO16. Treasurer Stacy Garrity

28%

28%	Total Favorable
6%	Very favorable
23%	Somewhat favorable
<u> 16% </u>	Total Unfavorable
10%	Somewhat unfavorable
7%	Very unfavorable
24%	Never heard of
31%	Unsure

EO17. Philadelphia Flyers

Total Favorable <u>55%</u> 22% Very favorable 34% Somewhat favorable 21% **Total Unfavorable** 11% Somewhat unfavorable 11% Very unfavorable 5% Never heard of 19% Unsure

EO18. Pittsburgh Penguins

22%	Very favorable
32%	Somewhat favorable
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<u>21%</u>	Total Unfavorable
11%	Somewhat unfavorable
10%	Very unfavorable
4%	Never heard of
21%	Unsure

54% Total Favorable

PASEN. If the 2024 U.S. Senate elections were held today, which of the following individuals would you most like to vote for?

(RANDOMIZE 1-2)

42%	Bob Casey Jr.	
27%	David McCormick	
5%	Other	

None of the above

20% Unsure

8%

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State Policy Series:

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

39% Yes 36% No

25% 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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BASE=FELT GOVERNOR SHAPIRO DID MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS	311 100%	FREE MEALS IN SCHOOLS	4 1%
ROAD REPAIR ON I-95 / BRIDGE/ INFRASTRUCTURES	75 24%	STANCE ON TAXES	4 1%
HIS STANCE ON ECONOMY/ JOBS	39 13%	RAISING MINIMUM WAGES	3 1%
HE IS FOR THE PEOPLE / STATE	25 8%	HE IS HONEST / TRANSPARENT	3 1%
HE IS DOING A GOOD JOB	19 6%	STANCE ON INFLATION / COST OF LIVING	3 1%
HE SUPPORTS ABORTION / WOMEN'S RIGHTS	17 6%	ELECTION INTEGRITY	3 1%
HIS STANCE ON EDUCATION	17 6%	STANCE ON ANTISEMITISM	3 1%
BIPARTISANSHIP	14 5%	GUN CONTROL / ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE	2 1%
HIS STANCE ON CRIME	13 4%	HIS STANCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS	2
HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED A LOT	11 3%	HE KEEPS HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISES	1
HE ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF BEING A COLLEGE DEGREE IN MOST OF	11 3%	SIGNING EXECUTIVE LAWS AND BILLS	1 -
THE JOBS BUDGET	10 3%	HE STRENGTHEN THE VOTING SYSTEM / IMPLEMENT THE AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION	1 -
HE IS VERY SINCERE / KIND / GENUINE	9 3%	NONE/NOTHING	1
BEING PRESENT / AVAILABLE / RESPONSIVE	8 3%	OTHER	19
SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS	8 3%	DON'T KNOW	19
BECOMING GOVERNOR / WINNING THE ELECTION	6 2%		6%
HE IS A STRONG LEADER	5 2%		
ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	4 1%		
HIS STANCE ON DRUG / OPIOID EPIDEMIC	4 1%		

(ASK ALL)

- 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)**
 - 22% Pa. State House
 - 21% Pa. State Senate
 - 17% Governor Josh Shapiro
 - 4% Other
 - 36% Unsure

- SPB4. Who do you think is ultimately responsible for making sure the state budget gets finalized? (RANDOMIZE 1-3)
 - 39% Governor Josh Shapiro
 - 24% Pa. State Senate
 - 15% Pa. State House
 - 3% Other
 - 19% Unsure

- 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)
 - 91% Total Important
 - 59% Extremely important
 - 32% Somewhat important
 - 4% Total Not Important
 - 2% Not that important
 - 1% Not at all important
 - 6% Unsure
- SPB6. What would you say is the most pressing issue in Pennsylvania today, regarding energy and the environment? **(RANDOMIZE 1-5)**
 - 43% Rising costs of energy
 - 22% Environmental consequences of energy production and exploration
 - 15% Too many limits on energy production
 - 8% Loss of energy sector jobs / economic impact of regulations
 - 5% Not enough regulations on energy production
 - 7% Other / Unsure

- SPB7. Over the past year, would you say that your household electric bill has (ROTATE) gone up, gone down or stayed the same? (ROTATE 1-3,3-1)
 - 71% Gone up
 - 24% Stayed about the same
 - 2% Gone down
 - 3% Other / Unsure

- SPB8. Have you read, seen, or heard about the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)? (ROTATE 1-2)
 - 18% Yes
 - 72% No
 - 11% Other / Unsure

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a program that would implement new energy taxes, imposed by Pennsylvania's previous governor by executive order, without approval by the legislature. As a result, the Commonwealth Court blocked the program, ruling it an "illegal tax" that violates the state Constitution.

- ... Knowing this
- SPB8. Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** allowing the governor to unilaterally impose new taxes without a vote by your elected representatives in the legislature? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

17% Total Support

- 5% Strongly support
- 12% Somewhat support

71% Total Oppose

- 22% Somewhat oppose
- 49% Strongly oppose
- 12% Unsure
- SPB9. Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** Pennsylvania participating in a program, like RGGI, that imposes new taxes on energy? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

22% Total Support

- 6% Strongly support
- 16% Somewhat support

63% Total Oppose

- 25% Somewhat oppose
- 38% Strongly oppose
- 15% Unsure

(IF 1-2 in Previous Question, ASK NEXT TWO)

SPB9A. Would you be **(ROTATE)** more or less **(END ROTATE)** likely to support Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI if it led to a 30% increase in your electric utility bill? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

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32%	Total More Likely
9%	Much more likely
23%	Somewhat more likely
<u>59%</u>	Total Less Likely
34%	Somewhat less likely
26%	Much less likely
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9%	Unsure

SPB9B. Would you be **(ROTATE)** more or less **(END ROTATE)** likely to support Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI if it cost the state more than 22,000 jobs and an economic loss as high as \$7.7 billion a year? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

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28%	Total More Likely	
13%	Much more likely	
15%	Somewhat more likely	
60%	Total Less Likely	
32%	Somewhat less likely	
28%	Much less likely	
11%	Unsure	

(ASK ALL)

SPB10. How would you rate the current state of your healthcare coverage, considering factors such as your plan's accessibility, cost, and your overall satisfaction with the level of care you receive?

0	Terrible / Not good at all
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	Average / Not good or bad
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	Great / Very good healthcare
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Mean: 6

Please read the following statements and indicate if you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or disagree.

(RANDOMIZE NEXT THREE)

SPB11. The current health care system is loaded with too much bureaucracy and paperwork, which drives up costs and makes it difficult for everyday people to access good care.

(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

<u>87%</u>	Total Agree	
48%	Strongly agree	
39%	Somewhat agree	
9%	Total Disagree	
7%	Somewhat disagree	
1%	Strongly disagree	
5%	Unsure	

SPB12. Elected officials should make health care more flexible and accessible through measures like expanding access to telemedicine and enforcing price transparency rules that allow patients to shop and save. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

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48%	Strongly agree	
42%	Somewhat agree	
5%	Total Disagree	
3%	Somewhat disagree	
2%	Strongly disagree	
	0, 0	
4%	Unsure	

Total Agree

91%

92%

SPB13. Instead of being locked into one-size-fits-all plans, consumers should be empowered to personalize a coverage option that is best for them. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

51% 41%	Strongly agree Somewhat agree	
5%	Total Disagree	
4%	Somewhat disagree	
1%	Strongly disagree	
3%	Unsure	

Total Agree

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?

51% Support

23% Oppose

25% Unsure

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)

61% Total Agree

33% Strongly agree

29% Somewhat agree

17% Neither Agree Nor Disagree

13% Total Disagree

6% Somewhat disagree

7% Strongly disagree

9% Unsure

K10. Do you **(ROTATE)** support or oppose **(END ROTATE)** politicians in Harrisburg using \$300 million in state sales tax dollars to bail out mass transit systems in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

35% Total Support

8% Strongly support

27% Somewhat support

54% Total Oppose

29% Somewhat oppose

25% Strongly oppose

12% Unsure

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)

47%	Total Republican
31%	Strongly Republican
16%	Somewhat Republican
46%	Total Democratic
15%	Somewhat Democratic
31%	Strongly Democratic
8%	Unsure

PA.

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

20%	Strongly approve Somewhat approve
61%	Total Disapprove
17%	Somewhat disapprove
43%	Strongly disapprove
2%	Unsure

Total Approve

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

<u>38%</u>

39%	Total Favorable
18%	Very favorable
21%	Somewhat favorable
60%	Total Unfavorable
16%	Somewhat unfavorable
44%	Very unfavorable
	•
0%	Never heard of
1%	Unsure

FP2. Vice President Kamala Harris

Total Favorable 39% 17% Very favorable 22% Somewhat favorable Total Unfavorable <u>57%</u> 12% Somewhat unfavorable 45% Very unfavorable 1% Never heard of

FP3. U.S. Sen. John Fetterman

Unsure

43% Total Favorable

4%

19%	Very favorable	
24%	Somewhat favorable	
<u>46%</u>	Total Unfavorable	
16%	Somewhat unfavorable	
30%	Very unfavorable	
4%	Never heard of	
7%	Unsure	

FP4. U.S. Sen. Bob Casey

48%	Total Favorable
16%	Very favorable
32%	Somewhat favorable
36%	Total Unfavorable
18%	Somewhat unfavorable
18%	Very unfavorable
2%	Never heard of
13%	Unsure

FP5. U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson

29% **Total Favorable** 9% Very favorable Somewhat favorable 20% 39% **Total Unfavorable** 16% Somewhat unfavorable 24% Very unfavorable 11% Never heard of 21% Unsure

FP6. U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries

31% Total Favorable 13% Very favorable 18% Somewhat favorable 32% Total Unfavorable 14% Somewhat unfavorable 18% Very unfavorable

19% Never heard of

19% Unsure

FP7. U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell

25% Total Favorable Very favorable 5% Somewhat favorable 20% 61% **Total Unfavorable** Somewhat unfavorable 23% 38% Very unfavorable 3% Never heard of 11% Unsure

FP8. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

34% Total Favorable 12% Very favorable 22% Somewhat favorable 43% Total Unfavorable 16% Somewhat unfavorable 27% Very unfavorable 7% Never heard of

FP9. U.S. House of Representatives

Unsure

<u>36%</u>	Total Favorable
5%	Very favorable
30%	Somewhat favorable
48%	Total Unfavorable
26%	Somewhat unfavorable
21%	Very unfavorable
1% 16%	Never heard of Unsure

FP10. U.S. Senate

16%

38%	Total Favorable
5%	Very favorable
34%	Somewhat favorable
<u>48%</u>	Total Unfavorable
30%	Somewhat unfavorable
18%	Very unfavorable
0%	Never heard of
14%	Unsure

FP11. U.S. Supreme Court

41% Total Favorable 11% Very favorable Somewhat favorable 30% 48% Total Unfavorable 24% Somewhat unfavorable 24% Very unfavorable 0% Never heard of 10% Unsure

FP12. The Republican Party

41% 15% 26%	Total Favorable Very favorable Somewhat favorable
57% 21% 36%	Total Unfavorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable
0% 2%	Never heard of Unsure

FP13. The Democratic Party

43%	Total Favorable
18%	Very favorable
25%	Somewhat favorable
53%	Total Unfavorable
19%	Somewhat unfavorable
34%	Very unfavorable
0%	Never heard of
3%	Unsure

PAPR. PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: If the 2024 presidential elections were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for?

(RANDOMIZE 1-12; ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES, UNLESS 21-23)

- 41% Donald Trump
- 34% Joe Biden
- 15% Ron DeSantis
- 15% Nikki Haley
- 14% Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- 10% Vivek Ramaswamy
- 9% Chris Christie
- 2% Marianne Williamson
- 2% Cornel West
- 2% Dean Phillips
- 1% Asa Hutchinson
- 3% Other
- 4% None of the above
- 7% Unsure

FP14. PLEASE, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: Are there any candidates you would **refuse** to vote for in the general election?

(RANDOMIZE 1-12; ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES, UNLESS 21-23)

- 47% Donald Trump
- 46% Joe Biden
- 36% Ron DeSantis
- 34% Chris Christie
- 30% Vivek Ramaswamy
- 28% Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- 23% Nikki Haley
- 23% Marianne Williamson
- 23% Cornel West
- 22% Asa Hutchinson
- 19% Dean Phillips
- 2% Other
- 2% None of the above
- 4% Unsure

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
 - 17% Had no effect on economic conditions in Pennsylvania
 - 46% Worsened economic conditions in Pennsylvania
 - 10% Unsure

EGEN. Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy? (ROTATE 1-2) 47% Republican 38% Democrat 3% Other 12% Unsure 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? 11% Better off 38% About the same 49% Worse off 1% Unsure EC. How would you rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1) 29% **Total Excellent/Good** Excellent 2% 27% Good 66% **Total Not So Good/Poor** 45% Not so good 22% Poor 5% Unsure 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) 71% **Total Great Deal/Fair** 36% A great deal 35% A fair amount 29% **Total Only A Little/Not At All** 23% Only a little Not at all 5% 1% Unsure

- 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?
 - 36% Good time
 - 39% Bad time
 - 26% Unsure
- 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)**
 - 51% Worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago
 - 23% About the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago
 - 14% Better for businesses than it was 10 years ago
 - 12% Unsure

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?
 - 4% A
 - 25% B
 - 38% C
 - 16% D
 - 1070
 - 9% F
 - 9% Unsure

(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
41%	Lack of teaching basics/reading/writing/arithmetic
38%	Student safety concerns
37%	Learning loss from COVID shutdowns
36%	Political agendas being taught
34%	Poor administration
32%	Too much emphasis on standardized testing/grades
28%	Lack of resources, or resources not being effectively administered
27%	Poor/outdated curriculum
26%	Unequal access/opportunities for low-income students
25%	Too much government interference
25%	More involvement or input needed from parents
25%	Not up to competitive standards
24%	Quality of education is poor/outranked by other states
22%	Parents lack educational options for children
18%	Outdated approach/lack of innovation
4%	Other
5%	I am not dissatisfied with the quality of education students in Pennsylvania receive

- 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)
 - 33% Private school (non-religious)
 - 22% Private school (religious)
 - 18% District school

Unsure

- 7% Home school
- 7% Charter school
- 3% Cyber school or remote learning
- 0% Other

5%

10% Unsure / Not applicable

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Holiday Season Series:

... Thinking a moment about the holiday season...

HS1. Have you experienced a political disagreement that disrupted a family dinner during the holidays?

15% Yes

84% No

1% Unsure

HS2. Do you engage in charitable giving over the holidays?

63% Yes

33% No

4% Unsure

(IF YES IN PREVIOUS, ASK NEXT TWO)

HS2A. Considering current economic conditions and your personal financial situation, how much do you plan to spend on holiday shopping this year?

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- 12% More than previous years
- 43% About the same
- 45% Less than previous years
- 1% Unsure

HS2B. What types of charitable causes do you support? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

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- 41% Transformative (hunger, water, interventions)
- 39% Economic Opportunity (poverty, financial security)
- 33% Saving Lives (vaccinations, doctor/hospital)
- 30% Education (opportunities, teachers)
- 30% Wildlife (endangered species, habitats)
- 28% Women & Girls (equality, trafficking, support)
- 21% Climate (clean up, carbon offset, forests)
- 27% Other
- 2% Unsure

(ASK ALL)

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)
 - 7% A great deal
 - 32% A fair amount
 - 39% Not very much
 - 21% None at all
 - 1% Unsure
- NT1. Have you ever blocked or been blocked by a close friend or family member on social media due to political differences?
 - 22% Yes
 - 70% No
 - 8% Unsure / Does not apply
- D1. In what year were you born?

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
- D2. What is your gender?
 - 52% Female
 - 48% Male
- D3. Did you vote in the November 2022 election?

84% Total Yes

- 56% Yes, I voted in person on election day
- 7% Yes, I voted in person early
- 3% Yes, I voted absentee
- 18% Yes, I voted by mail-in ballot
- 16% No, I did not vote

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

Total Likely

- 73% Very likely
- 16% Somewhat likely

8% **Total Unlikely**

- 4% Somewhat unlikely
- 5% Very unlikely
- 3% Unsure

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

- 15% Yes
- 83% No
- 2% Unsure
- 0% Prefer not to say

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

39% **Total Republican**

- 22% Strong Republican
- 17% Not so strong Republican

Total Independent 23%

- Independent leaning Republican 5%
- 12% Independent
- 5% Independent leaning Democrat

38% **Total Democrat**

- 13% Not so strong Democrat
- 25% Strong Democrat
- 0% Other
- 0% Refused

D5A. (ASK IF 1,2,6,7 IN PREVIOUS)

Do you plan to vote for your party's candidate in the general election no matter who the nominee is?

- 73% Yes
- 8% No
- 19% Unsure

(ASK ALL)

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?					
	5%	Yes				
	95%	No				
	0%	Unsure				
	0%	Refused				
D7.	And w	hich 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				
	1%	Other				
	0%	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				
	33%	Between \$40,000 and \$79,999				
	20%	Between \$80,000 and \$124,999				
	15%	Above \$125,000				
	1%	Unsure				
	1%	Refused				
D9.	What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?					
	1%	Less than high school				
	24%	High school graduate				
	20%	Some college				
	11%	, , ,				
	25%	College graduate with a Bachelors, or four-year degree				
	15%	Post-graduate degree				
	4%	Technical or vocational school graduate				
	0%	Don't know/refused				
D10.	Would	I you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as (ROTATE 1-3,3-1)				
	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?

<u>38%</u>	Total Conservative
15%	Very Conservative

23% Somewhat Conservative

30% Moderate

29% Total Liberal

18% Somewhat Liberal

11% Very Liberal

1% Libertarian

2% Do Not Know/Refused

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

33% Yes

66% No

1% Unsure

D13. Which county in Pennsylvania do you currently reside?

ADAMS	4	LYCOMING	9
	1%		1%
ALLEGHENY	88 11%	MCKEAN	1 -
ARMSTRONG	4 -	MERCER	5 1%
BEAVER	13 2%	MIFFLIN	1 -
BEDFORD	4 1%	MONROE	14 2%
BERKS	15 2%	MONTGOMERY	56 7%
BLAIR	5 1%	MONTOUR	1
BRADFORD	2	NORTHAMPTON	24 3%
BUCKS	40 5%	NORTHUMBERLAND	6 1%
BUTLER	14 2%	PERRY	2 -
CAMBRIA	5 1%	PHILADELPHIA	96 12%
CARBON	6 1%	PIKE	5 1%
CENTRE	6 1%	POTTER	2 -
CHESTER	32 4%	SCHUYLKILL	13 2%
CLARION	2	SOMERSET	3 -
CLEARFIELD	2	SUSQUEHANNA	2 -
CLINTON	1 -	TIOGA	3 -
COLUMBIA	6 1%	UNION	2
CRAWFORD	5	VENANGO	2 -
CUMBERLAND	13 2%	WARREN	1 -
DAUPHIN	22 3%	WASHINGTON	18 2%
DELAWARE	40 5%	WAYNE	2
ERIE	29 4%	WESTMORELAND	17 2%
FAYETTE	5 1%	WYOMING	1_
FOREST	1_	YORK	24
FRANKLIN	9 1%		
GREENE	2		
HUNTINGDON	6 1%		
INDIANA	2		
JEFFERSON	1_		
JUNIATA	2 -		
LACKAWANNA	18 2%		
LANCASTER	32 4%		
LAWRENCE	1 -		
LEBANON	3 -		
LEHIGH	30 4%		
LUZERNE	19		