

# Common Ground in the Commonwealth Q4 Survey

n800 Registered Pennsylvania Voters

Field Dates: December 08-12, 2023

Margin of Error: ± 3.46%



#### Methodology

• Online survey conducted December 08 -12, 2023, among n800 registered Pennsylvania voters statewide. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants.

• Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as partisanship, age, gender, race, and geographic region.

• Statewide survey of registered voters has a ± 3.46% overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval.

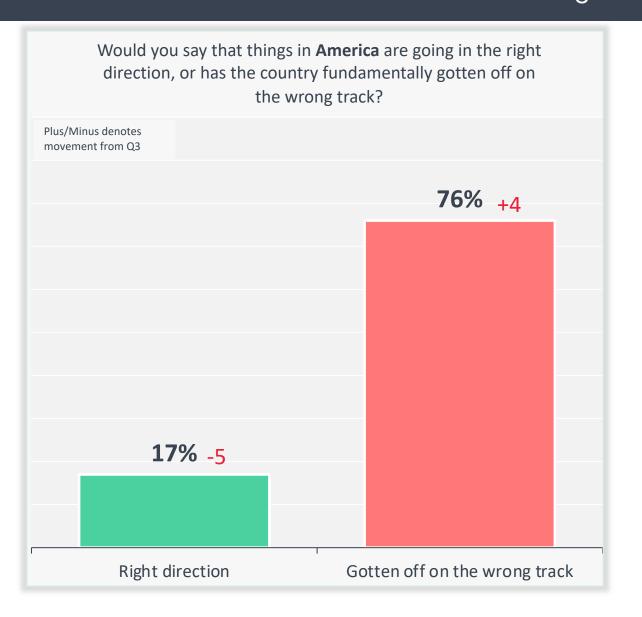
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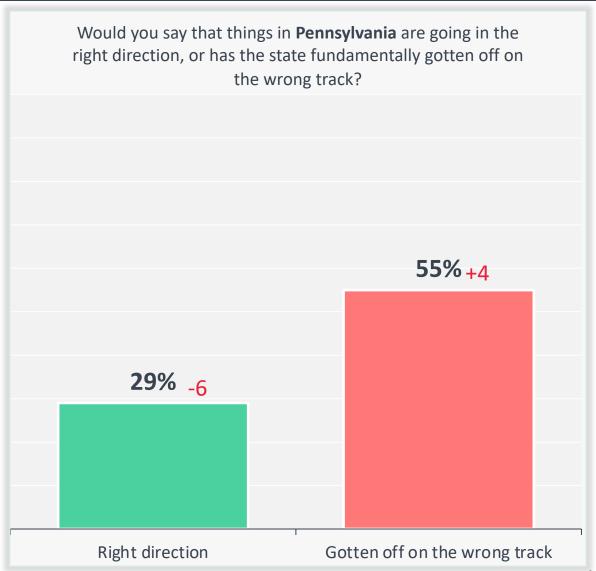


#### Commonwealth Sentiment Series



**Wrong Direction:** Over three-quarters of registered Pennsylvania voters now feel the **country** has *gotten off on the wrong track,* the highest *wrong track* sentiment of the year, and less than 3-in-10 feel the **Commonwealth** is headed in the right direction.



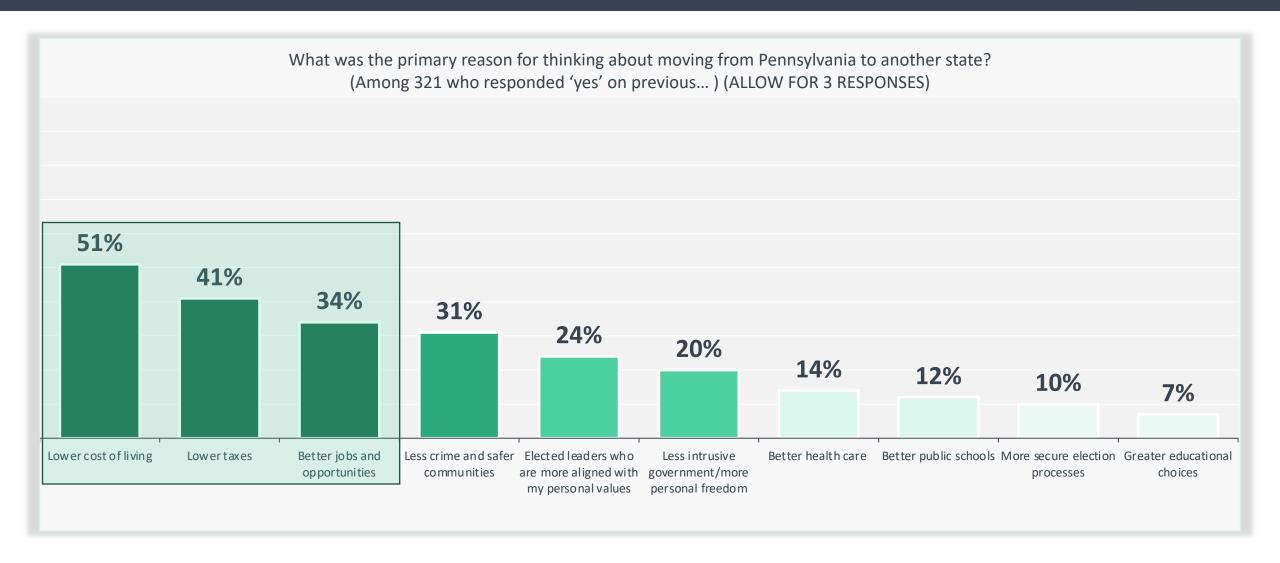


Younger, Moderate Citizens Voting With Their Feet: Over half of Independents and respondents younger than 30 have thought about leaving the state, know someone who has thought about leaving, or know someone who has already left due to Pennsylvania's policies.



Subgroup	Total Yes	No	Differential
Female (52%)	43%	57%	-14%
Male (48%)	37%	63%	<b>-26</b> %
Democratic (38%)	29%	71%	-42%
Independent (23%)	56%	44%	12%
Republican (39%)	42%	58%	-16%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	52%	48%	4%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	53%	47%	6%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	37%	63%	<b>-26%</b>
<b>65+</b> (27%)	27%	73%	-46%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	47%	53%	-6%
Suburban (56%)	36%	64%	-28%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	44%	56%	-12%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	45%	55%	-10%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	38%	62%	-24%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	40%	60%	-20%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	32%	68%	-36%

**Pennsylvania's Pocketbook Exodus:** Top three reasons people consider leaving Pennsylvania to live in another state include *lower cost of living, lower taxes, and better jobs and opportunities.* 



#### **PA Pocketbook Struggles:** Four of the top-5 ranked problems facing Pennsylvania involve economic factors.

Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country. (Top 5 responses for each rank shown)

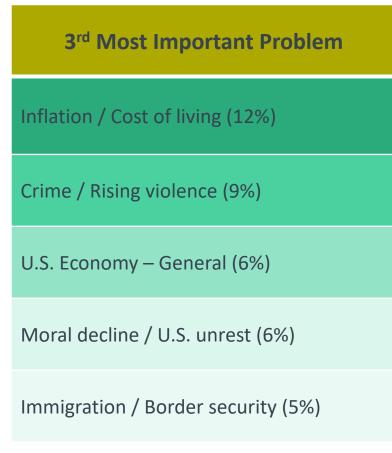
Most Important Problem		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important Problem	3 <sup>rd</sup> Most Important Problem
Inflation / Cost of living (21%)	Inflation / Cost of living (15%)	
Crime / Rising violence (11%)		Inflation / Cost of living (12%)
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PA Economy – General (7%)	- General (7%) PA Economy – General (6%)	
Taxes (6%)		PA Economy – General (7%)
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Wages / Salary / Pay inequality (5%)	Devents / Here eleganes (CO/)	
	Poverty / Homelessness (6%)	

**National Issues:** Of the 27 issues tested, *inflation/cost of living* continues to be the most important problem facing the nation, with *immigration / border security* now outpacing the *U.S. economy* as the second most important problem.

Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country. (Top 5 responses for each rank shown)

Most Important Problem	
Inflation / Cost of living (19%)	
Immigration / Border security (9%)	+2
U.S. Economy – General (9%)	
Crime / Rising violence (7%)	
Divided Country / Lack of tolerance (6%)*	

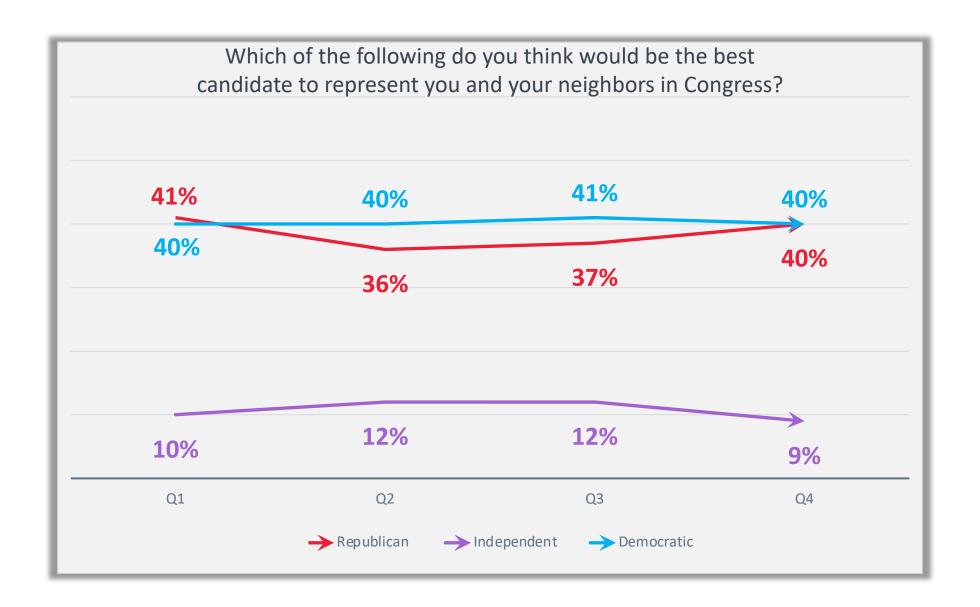
2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Important Problem			
Inflation / Cost of living (12%)			
Immigration / Border security (8%)			
U.S. Economy – General (7%)			
Health care (6%)			
Government / Lack of leadership (5%)			



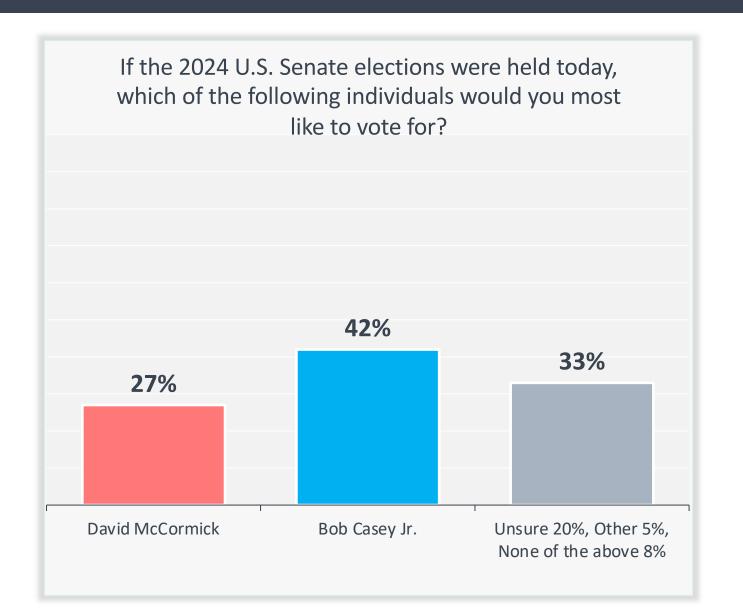
# Electoral Analysis Series



**Congressional Generic Ballot Dead Heat:** Republican congressional candidate support has increased three-points since the Q3 Common Ground poll, with the generic Democratic candidate losing a point during the same span of time.

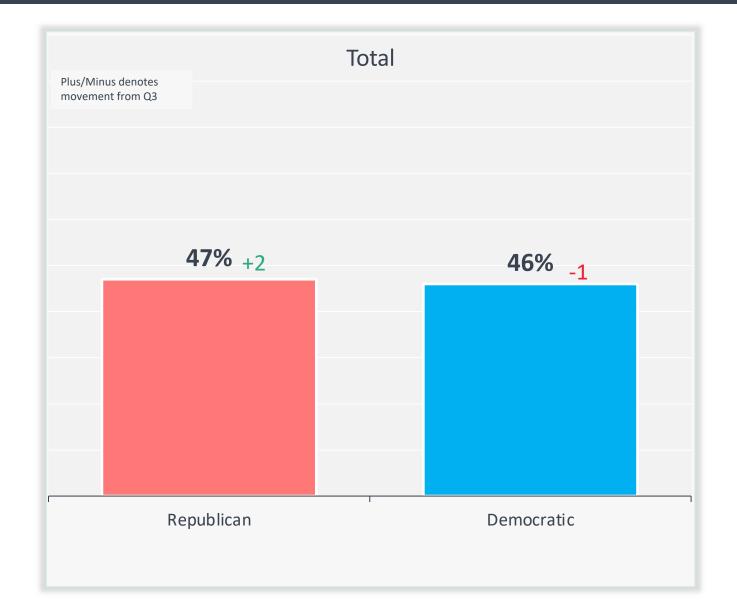


**PA U.S. Senate:** More than a third of voters remain uncommitted, while Bob Casey leads David McCormick (42% to 27%) in our first head-to-head matchup, but Casey's total support is below 50%, dangerous territory for a three-term incumbent. McCormick remains relatively unknown and currently has just 50% of GOP support.



Subgroup	McCormick	Casey	Unsure
<b>Female</b> (52%)	23%	38%	26%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	32%	46%	14%
Democratic (38%)	7%	74%	17%
Independent (23%)	21%	33%	25%
Republican (39%)	50%	15%	22%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	14%	34%	28%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	25%	35%	27%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	29%	43%	19%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	33%	51%	13%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	26%	47%	18%
Suburban (56%)	25%	45%	20%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	33%	28%	24%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	27%	39%	22%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	27%	44%	19%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	35%	32%	22%
<b>\$125</b> + (15%)	21%	57%	18%

### **Presidential Generic Ballot Nail-biter:** If the 2024 Presidential elections were held today, how would you vote if your options were between a Republican or Democratic candidate?

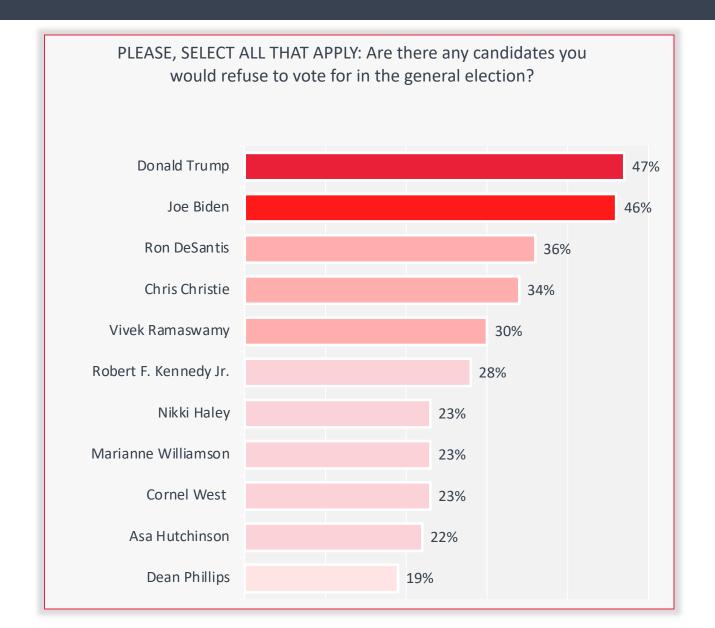


Subgroup	Republican	Democratic	R - D Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	44%	47%	3%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	50%	44%	6%
Democratic (38%)	5%	90%	85%
Independent (23%)	41%	39%	2%
Republican (39%)	91%	6%	85%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	30%	54%	24%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	49%	45%	4%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	51%	41%	10%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	47%	48%	1%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	32%	58%	26%
Suburban (56%)	45%	48%	3%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	65%	27%	38%
<\$40K (31%)	43%	48%	5%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	48%	45%	3%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	51%	39%	12%
<b>\$125</b> + (15%)	44%	51%	7%

**Electability Issues:** Trump leads the field, but support for frontrunners remains weak with only about one-third of registered voters in Pennsylvania saying they would vote for Biden, and just over 4-in-10 saying they would vote for Trump.

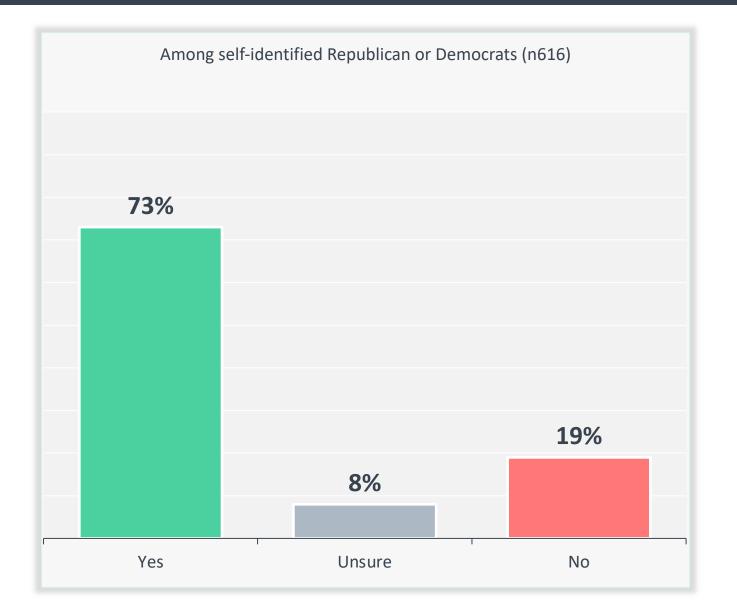


## More Bad News for Frontrunners: 15% of Democrats, and 18% of Republicans say they would refuse to vote for their party's current frontrunner.



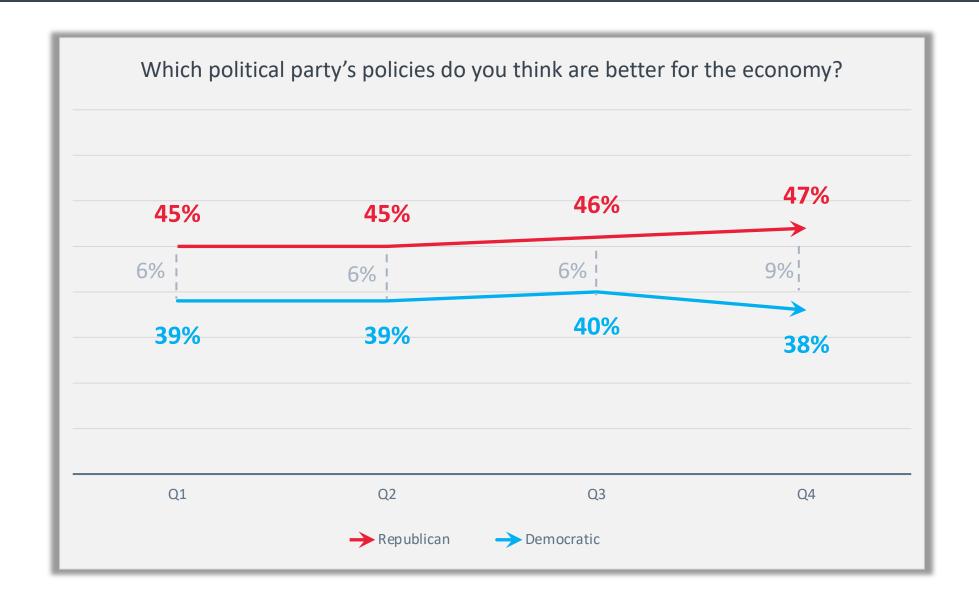
Subgroup	Trump	Biden
<b>Female</b> (52%)	46%	45%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	48%	47%
Democratic (38%)	76%	15%
Independent (23%)	46%	46%
Republican (39%)	18%	76%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	47%	40%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	37%	48%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	44%	50%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	58%	41%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	52%	38%
Suburban (56%)	50%	43%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	34%	60%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	50%	45%
\$40-\$79K (33%)	43%	46%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	42%	53%
<b>\$125</b> + (15%)	53%	40%

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

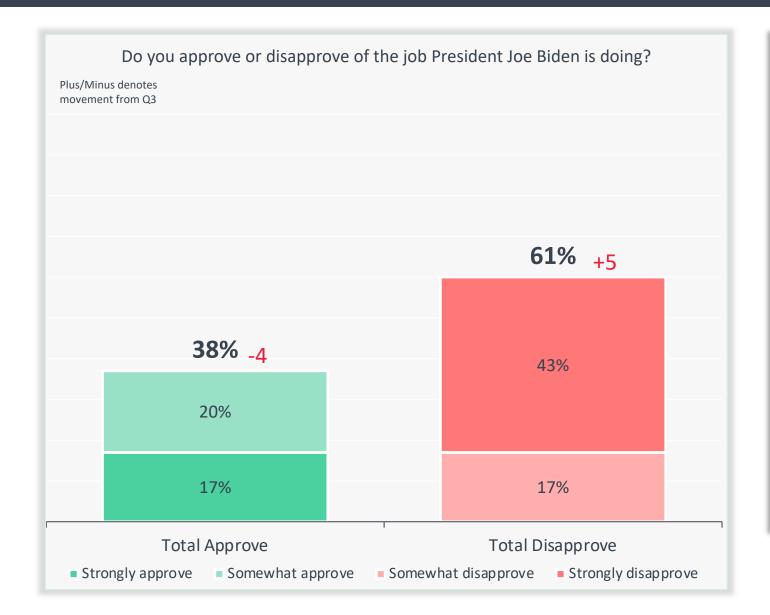


Subgroup	Yes	Unsure	No
Female (52%)	69%	23%	9%
Male (48%)	78%	14%	8%
Democratic (38%)	76%	18%	6%
Independent (23%)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Republican (39%)	70%	20%	10%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	58%	29%	14%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	69%	24%	8%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	75%	16%	9%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	78%	16%	6%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	76%	14%	10%
Suburban (56%)	71%	21%	8%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	77%	17%	6%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	75%	18%	7%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	74%	18%	8%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	64%	26%	10%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	78%	12%	10%

Q4 marks the first departure from the R+6 sentiment on economic policies, as the Republican party's economic policies have increased to a 9-point margin.



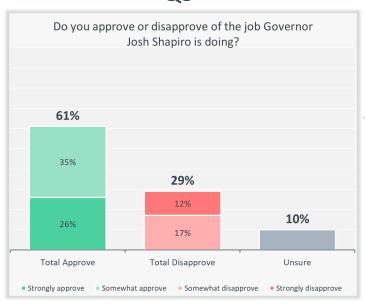
**Trouble for Biden:** President Biden's job approval rating is 23 points underwater, with his disapproval rating reaching its highest level (61%) in our tracking this year.

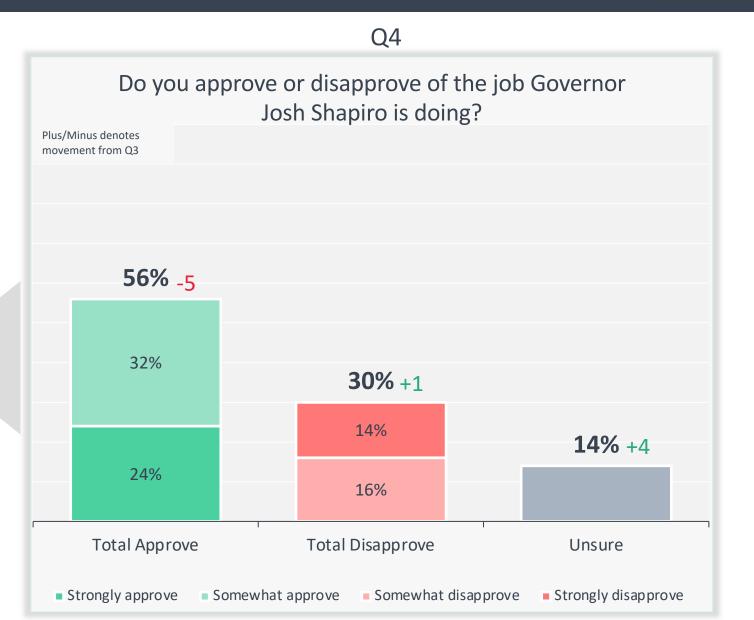


Subgroup	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Differential
Female (52%)	37%	60%	-23%
Male (48%)	38%	61%	-23%
Democratic (38%)	72%	26%	46%
Independent (23%)	29%	66%	-37%
Republican (39%)	9%	91%	-82%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	23%	68%	-45%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	35%	63%	-28%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	36%	63%	-27%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	49%	51%	-2%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	51%	47%	4%
Suburban (56%)	38%	60%	-22%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	24%	75%	-51%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	40%	59%	-19%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	37%	63%	<b>-26</b> %
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	32%	66%	-34%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	43%	53%	-10%

**Is Shapiro's Honeymoon Over?** While Governor Shapiro still enjoys a +26-point approval rating, Q4 marks the first job approval decline in his early tenure, with more voters moving into the 'unsure' column.

Q3

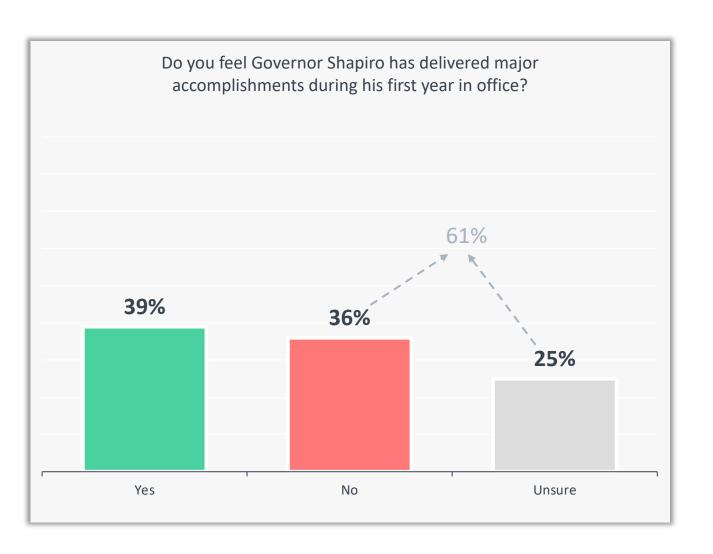


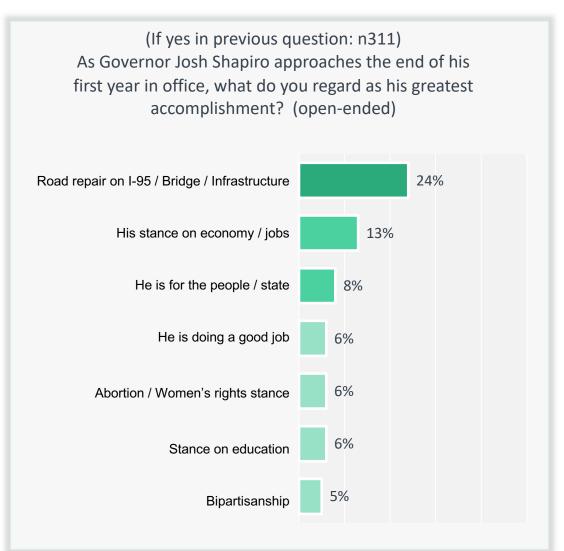


# State Policy Series

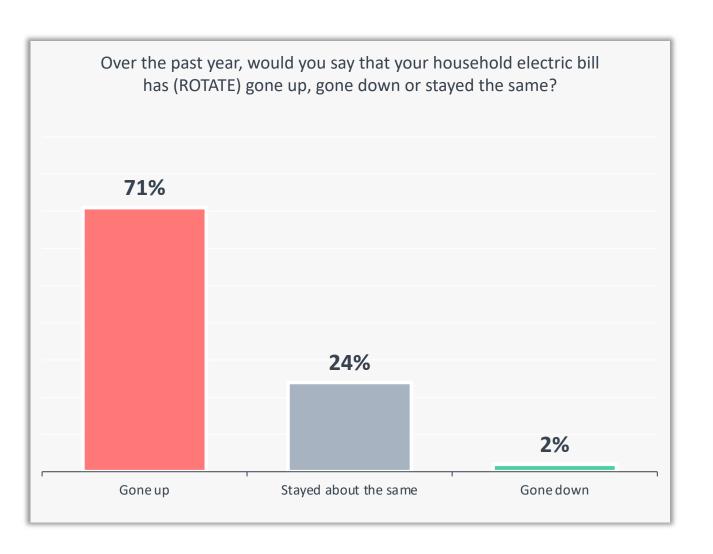


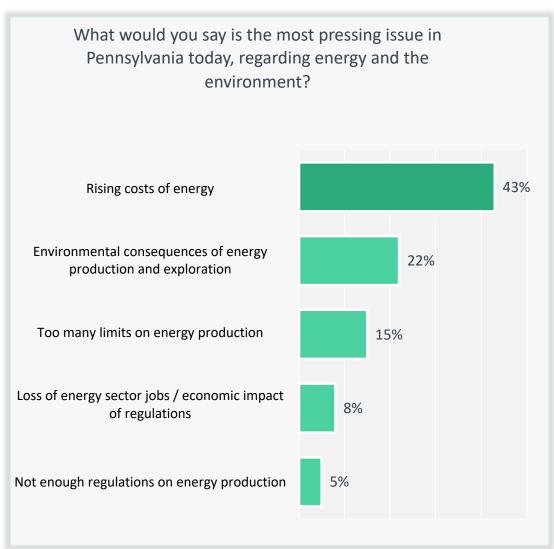
While Governor Shapiro touts himself as 'getting stuff done', 61% of voters are **unsure** or **do not believe** that he has delivered major accomplishments during his first year in office. Few respondents can identify accomplishments the Governor achieved working with the legislature. Of the 39% that do, the I-95 reopening was cited as his biggest win.



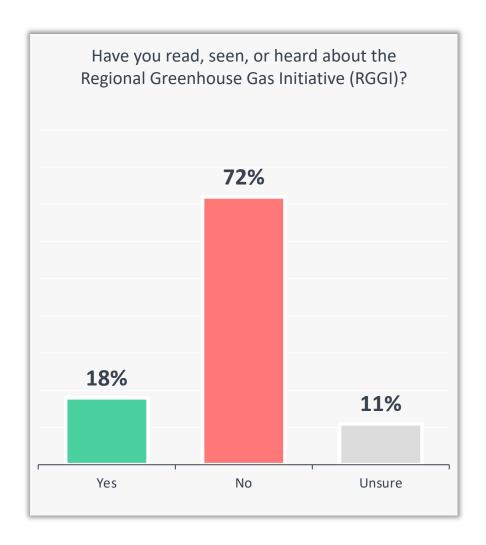


Over 7-in-10 registered voters in Pennsylvania say their household electric bill has gone up over the past year, as a strong plurality now cite *rising costs of energy* as the most pressing issue regarding energy and the environment.





**RGGI:** Over 70% of registered Pennsylvanian's have **not** heard of RGGI, and when learning about it, overwhelmingly oppose the initiative or any attempt to implement it without legislative approval.

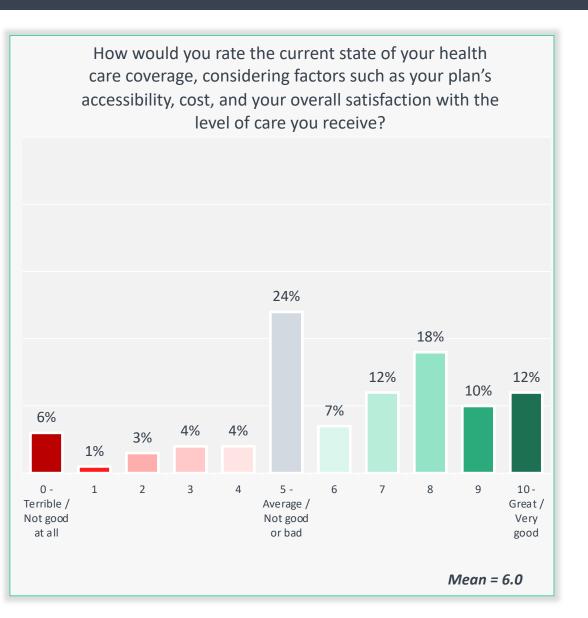


The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a program that would implement new energy taxes, imposed by Pennsylvania's previous governor by executive order, without approval by the legislature. As a result, the Commonwealth Court blocked the program, ruling it an "illegal tax" that violates the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

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	Support	Oppose	Differential
Do you support or oppose allowing the governor to unilaterally impose new taxes without a vote by your elected representatives in the legislature?	17%	71%	-54%
Do you support or oppose Pennsylvania participating in a program, like RGGI, that imposes new taxes on energy?	22%	63%	-41%

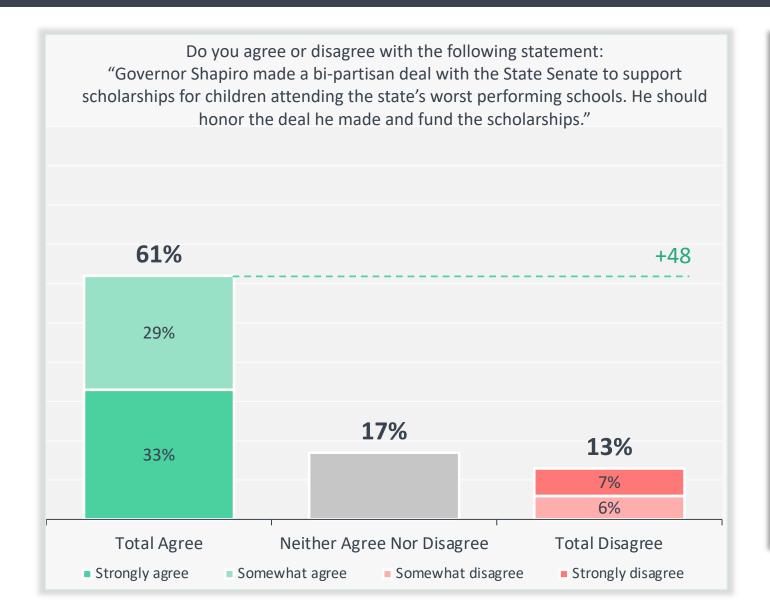
**Health Care:** Voters only rate their overall satisfaction with health care as a 6 out of 10, agreeing that consumers need personalized coverage options, expanded access to telemedicine, and ridding the system of too much bureaucracy.



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

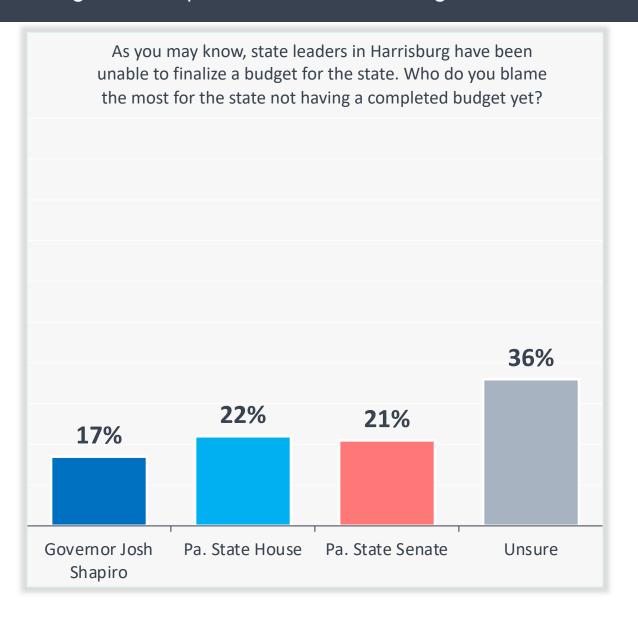
	Agree	Disagree	Differential
Instead of being locked into one-size-fits-all plans, consumers should be empowered to personalize a coverage option that is best for them.	92%	5%	87%
Elected officials should make health care more flexible and accessible through measures like expanding access to telemedicine and enforcing price transparency rules that allow patients to shop and save.	91%	5%	86%
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.	87%	9%	78%

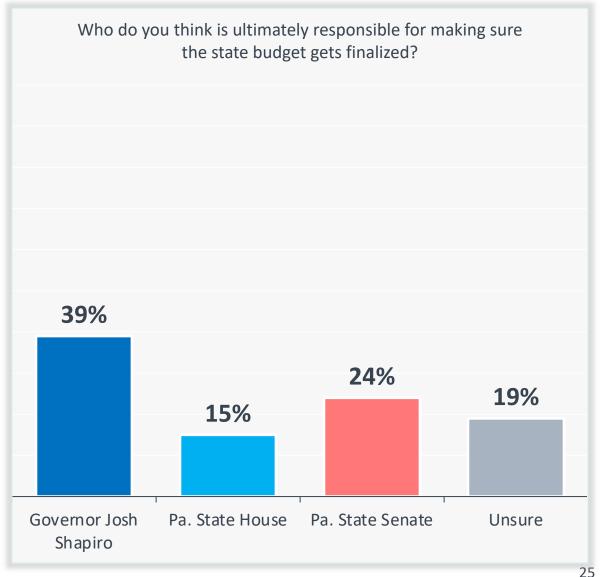
**Unfinished Business:** By a staggering 48-point margin, voters agree that Governor Shapiro should honor the bipartisan deal he made with the State Senate to support scholarships for children attending the worst performing schools.



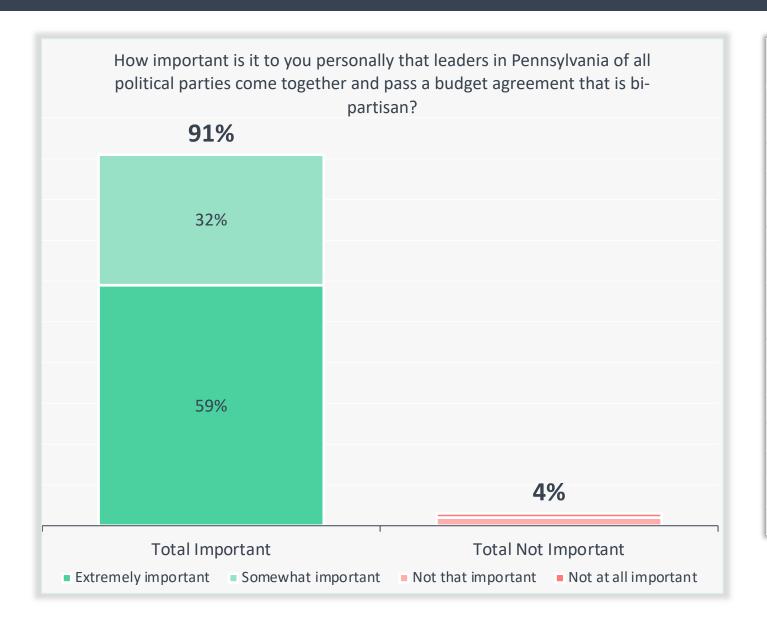
Subgroup	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Differential
Female (52%)	62%	10%	<b>52</b> %
Male (48%)	60%	16%	44%
Democratic (38%)	63%	9%	54%
Independent (23%)	63%	8%	55%
Republican (39%)	58%	20%	38%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	64%	9%	55%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	67%	8%	59%
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<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	58%	14%	44%
\$40-\$79K (33%)	63%	11%	<b>52</b> %
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	68%	10%	58%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	54%	20%	34%

**Unfinished Business:** As voters spread the blame for not having a completed budget, a strong plurality believes it is ultimately Governor Shapiro's responsibility to get the budget done. Despite headlines touting a 'finished budget,' some provisions in the funding bill still lack the code bills required to authorize these programs.



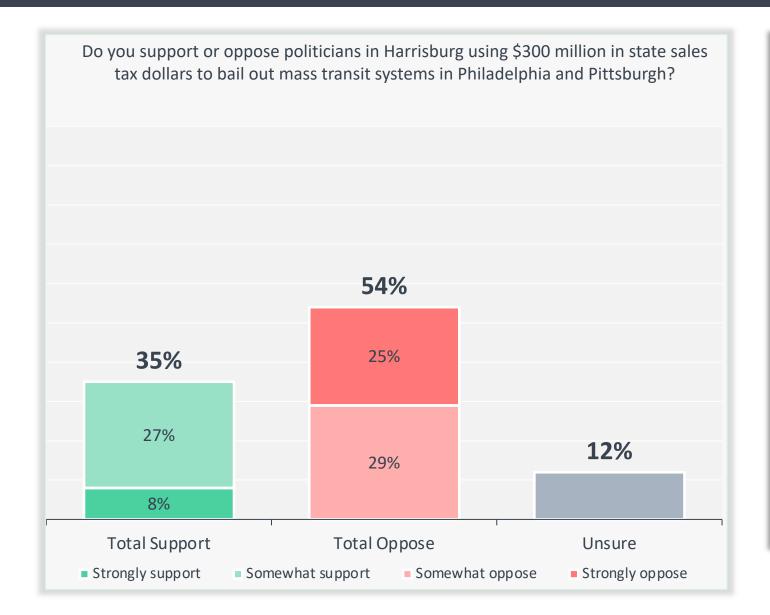


**Something Both Sides Agree On:** Over 90% of Democrats and Republicans agree that it is important for leaders in Pennsylvania to come together and pass a bipartisan budget agreement.



Subgroup	Total Important	Total Not Important	Differential
Female (52%)	89%	4%	85%
Male (48%)	93%	3%	90%
Democratic (38%)	92%	4%	88%
Independent (23%)	89%	2%	87%
Republican (39%)	91%	4%	87%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	87%	7%	80%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	87%	3%	84%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	92%	3%	89%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	94%	3%	91%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	89%	6%	83%
Suburban (56%)	92%	3%	89%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	91%	4%	87%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	87%	5%	82%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	93%	3%	90%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	94%	3%	91%
<b>\$125</b> + (15%)	91%	2%	89%

Aside from self-identified Democrats, every other major demographic group surveyed opposes using tax dollars to bail out mass transit systems in Philly and Pittsburgh.



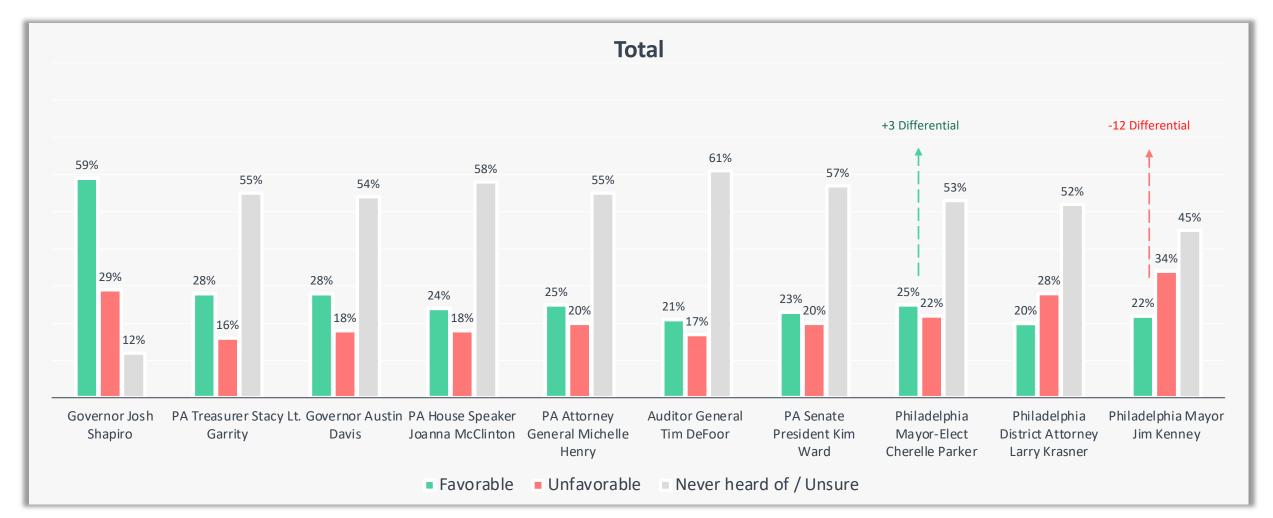
Subgroup	Total Support	Total Oppose	Differential
Female (52%)	31%	52%	-21%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	38%	56%	-18%
Democratic (38%)	49%	39%	10%
Independent (23%)	38%	49%	-11%
Republican (39%)	19%	71%	-52%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	34%	45%	-11%
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# Favorability Series



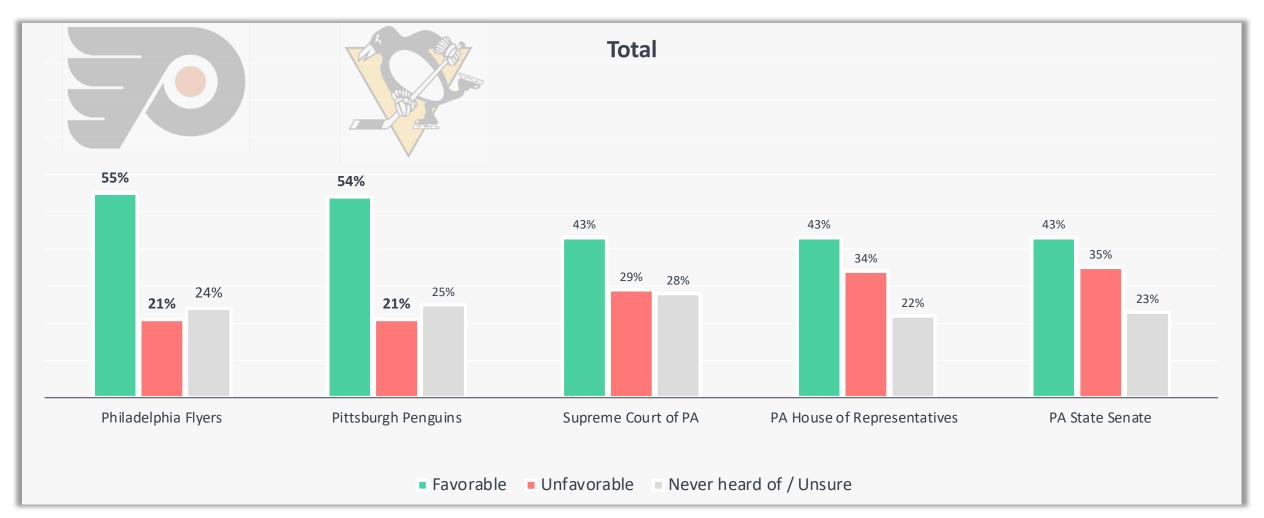
You will now read a list of key officials and institutions in Pennsylvania. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that. (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

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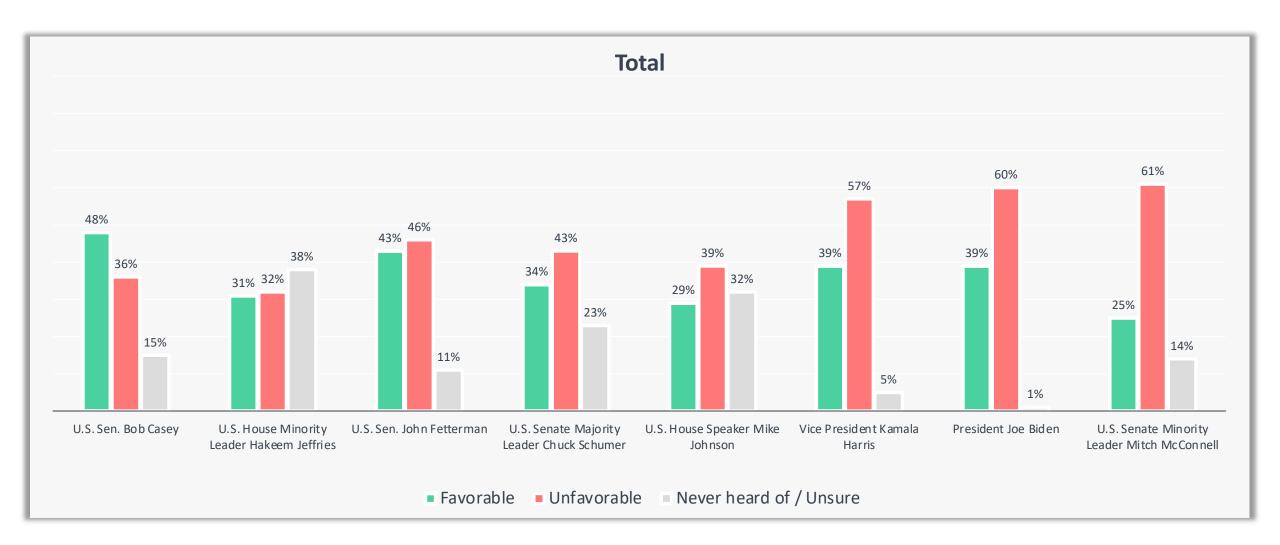
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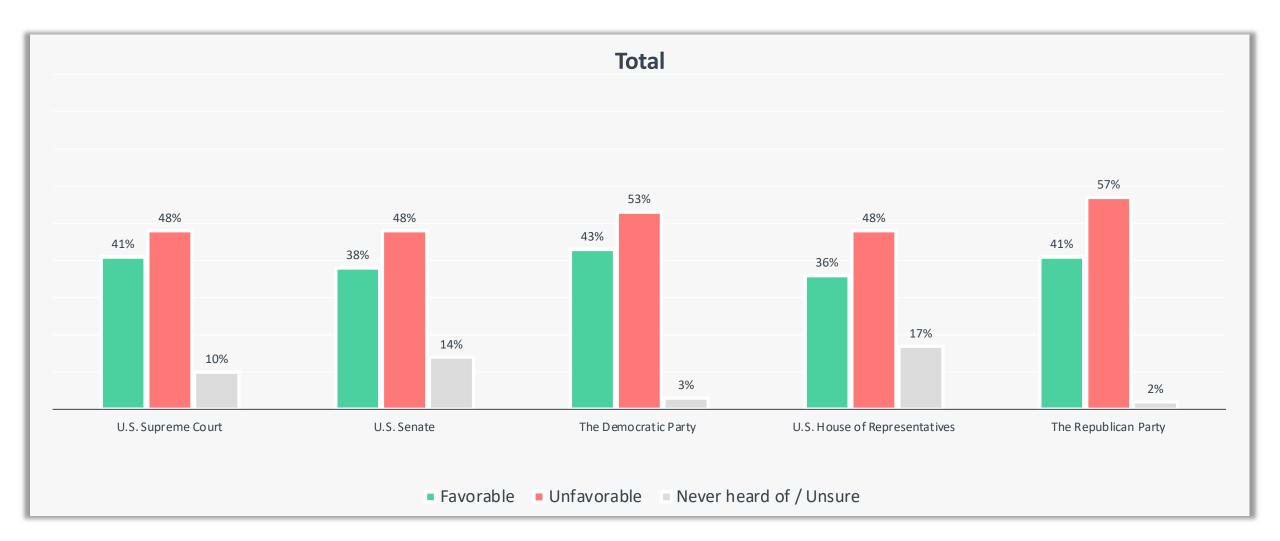
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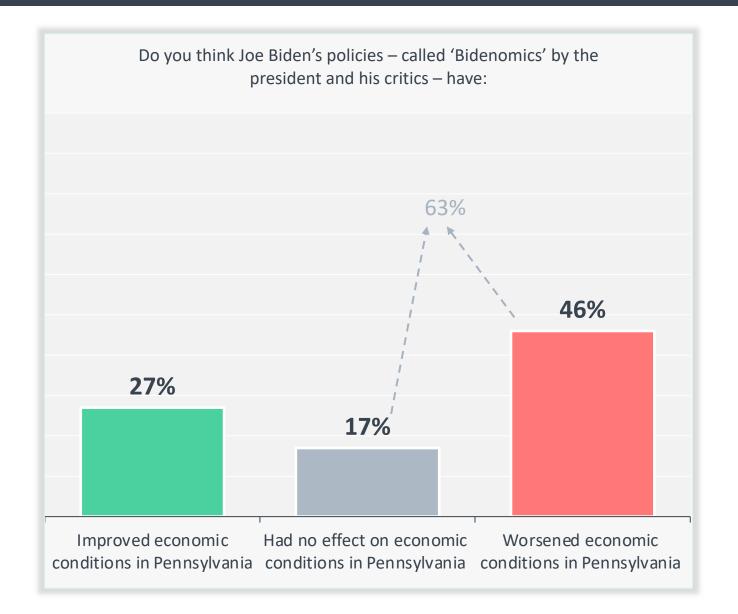
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# Jobs & The Economy Series

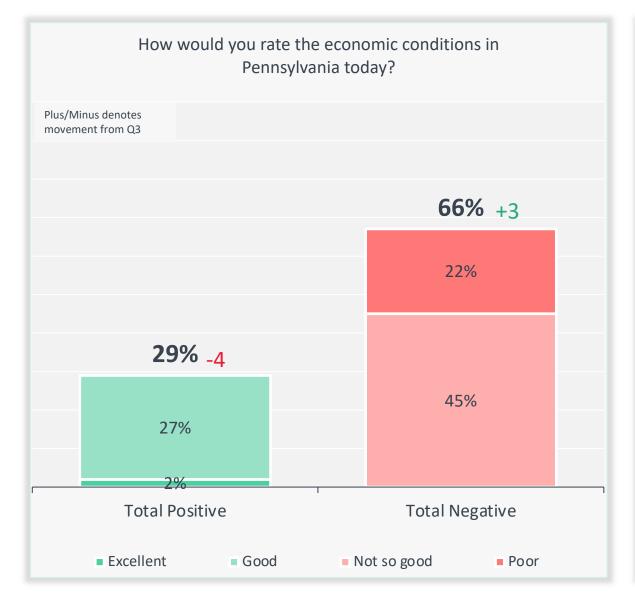


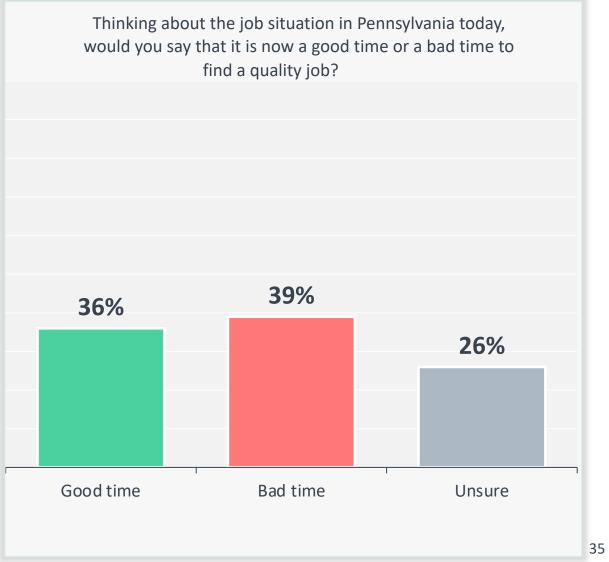
**The End of "Bidenomics":** Democratic political committees recently dropped the term 'Bidenomics'; as over a third of Democrats and two-thirds of Independents believe the President's "Bidenomics" **worsened** or **had no effect** on economic conditions in Pennsylvania.



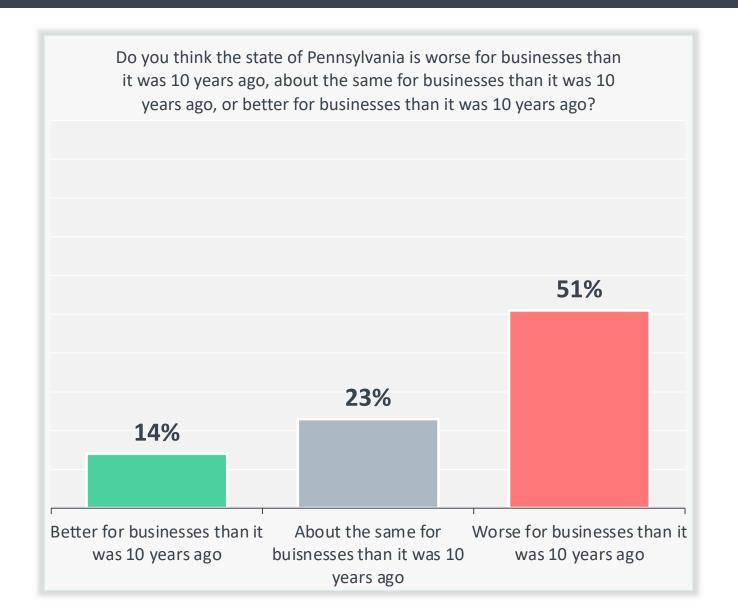
Subgroup	Improved	No Effect	Worsened
Female (52%)	23%	18%	45%
Male (48%)	31%	16%	47%
Democratic (38%)	50%	24%	13%
Independent (23%)	21%	21%	45%
Republican (39%)	8%	8%	79%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	13%	32%	38%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	22%	20%	49%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	26%	14%	50%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	38%	12%	42%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	33%	20%	34%
Suburban (56%)	28%	17%	45%
Rural (22%)	18%	15%	62%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	28%	16%	43%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	21%	19%	50%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	27%	13%	53%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	38%	16%	36%

**Economic Troubles In The State:** Currently, two-thirds of Pennsylvanians say the economic conditions in the Commonwealth are *not* so *good* or *poor*, with a plurality also saying that it is a *bad time* to find a quality job in the state.



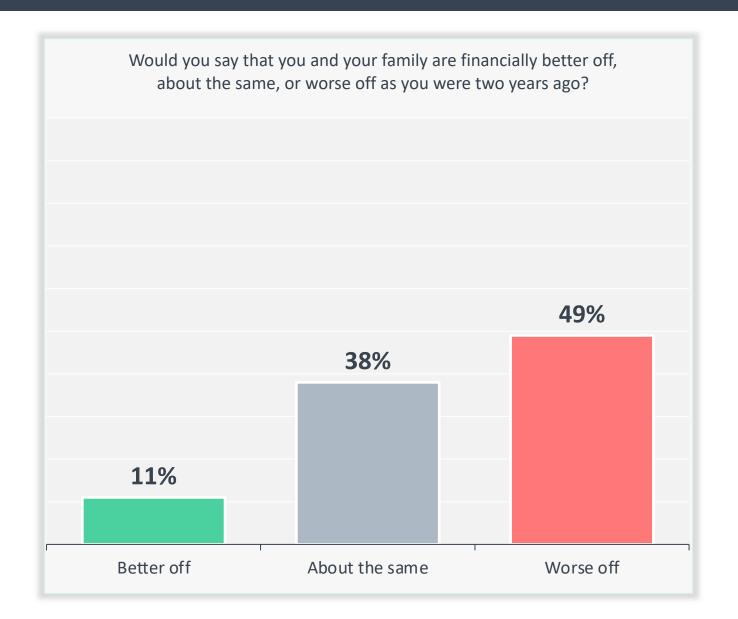


**Economic Troubles For Businesses**: Now over half of all registered voters statewide believe Pennsylvania is worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, with those in their 'working prime' feeling the brunt.



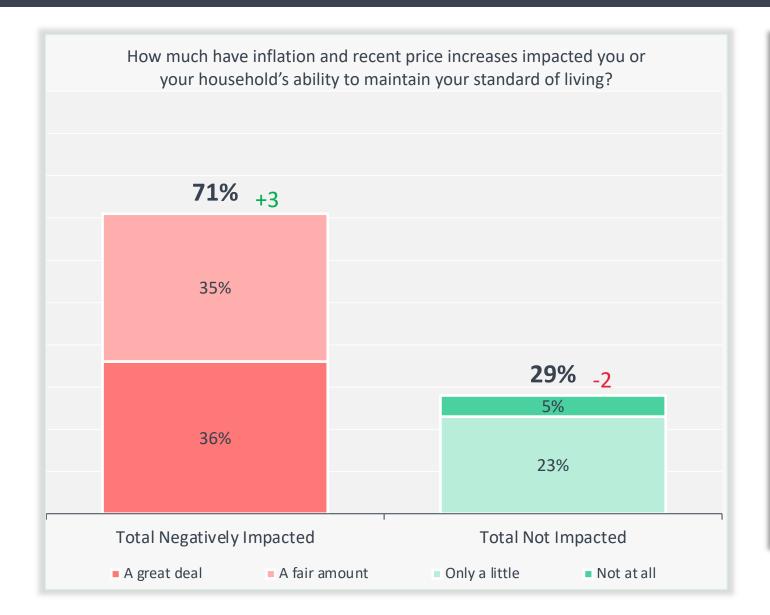
Subgroup	Better for businesses	About the same	Worse for businesses
Female (52%)	10%	18%	56%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	18%	28%	45%
Democratic (38%)	26%	28%	31%
Independent (23%)	10%	21%	60%
Republican (39%)	4%	19%	65%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	11%	18%	54%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	14%	19%	55%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	13%	23%	54%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	16%	29%	41%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	19%	27%	43%
Suburban (56%)	14%	23%	49%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	10%	20%	62%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	9%	26%	52%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	13%	21%	54%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	15%	20%	53%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	22%	27%	38%

**Economic Troubles At Home:** Nearly half of all respondents say their families are financially **worse off** then they were two years ago, as less than 1-in-5 Democrats, Independents, or Republicans think they are financially better off than they were 24 months ago.



Subgroup	Better	Same	Worse
Female (52%)	8%	38%	52%
Male (48%)	15%	38%	46%
Democratic (38%)	19%	47%	32%
Independent (23%)	9%	35%	54%
Republican (39%)	5%	31%	62%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	13%	33%	49%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	12%	33%	54%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	8%	39%	52%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	14%	44%	41%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	15%	40%	43%
Suburban (56%)	11%	39%	48%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	9%	33%	57%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	9%	38%	51%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	7%	33%	59%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	13%	41%	46%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	23%	45%	32%

**Inflation Not Going Away:** Since the Q3 Common Ground poll, those saying they have personally been negatively impacted by inflation increased 3 points, and those saying they have not been impacted declined 2 points.

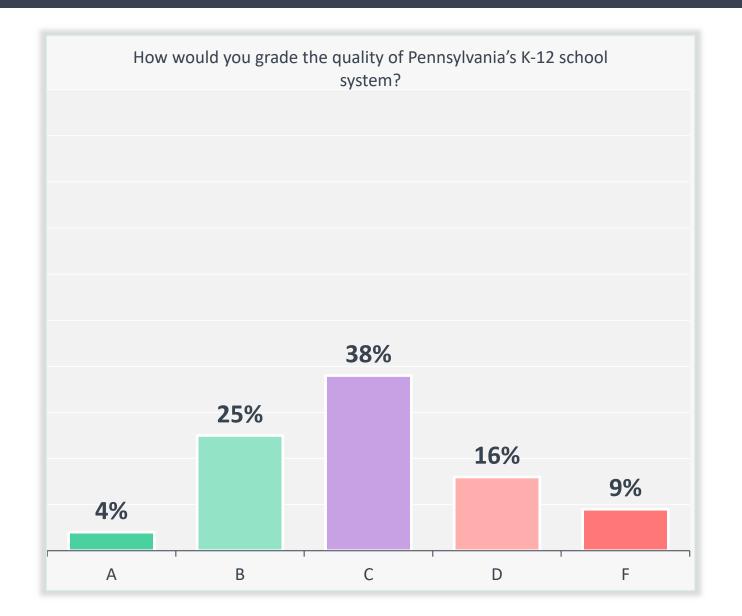


Subgroup	Total Impact	Total No Impact	Differential
Female (52%)	77%	22%	55%
Male (48%)	64%	35%	29%
Democratic (38%)	63%	36%	27%
Independent (23%)	75%	24%	51%
Republican (39%)	76%	24%	<b>52</b> %
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	71%	26%	45%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	82%	18%	64%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	77%	23%	54%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	53%	46%	7%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	77%	23%	54%
Suburban (56%)	67%	32%	35%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	74%	26%	48%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	77%	23%	54%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	74%	25%	49%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	69%	31%	38%
<b>\$125</b> + (15%)	54%	46%	8%

# Educational Systems Series

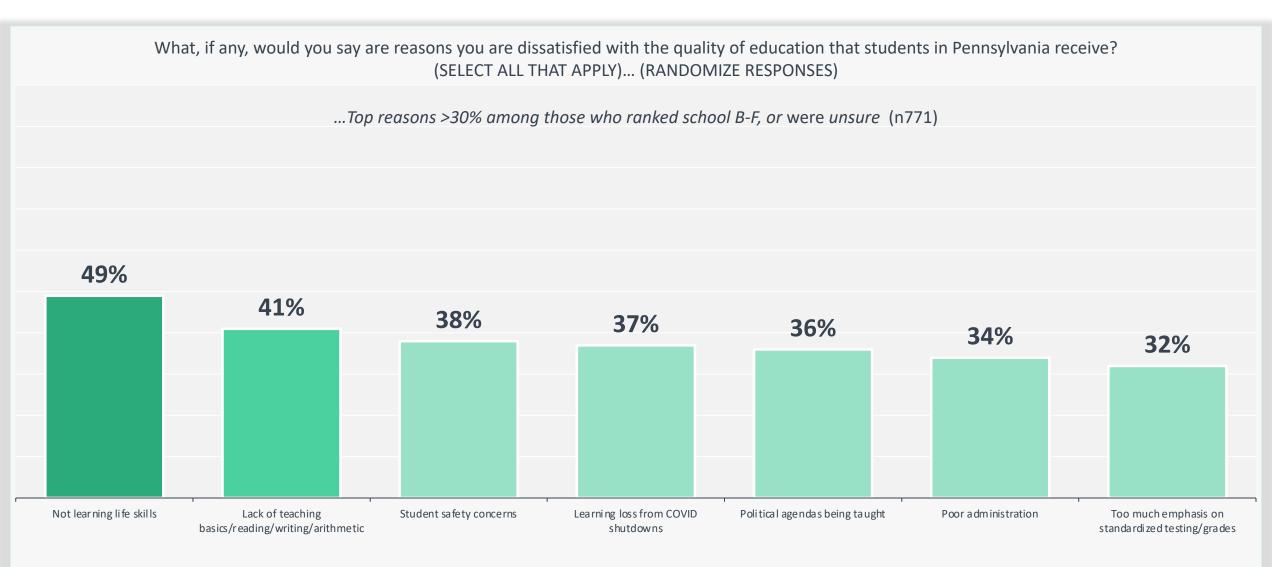


**F's Over A's:** Only Democrats and those earning more than \$125K a year give PA's school system more A's than F's, as currently, over twice as many respondents would fail the school system than give it top marks.

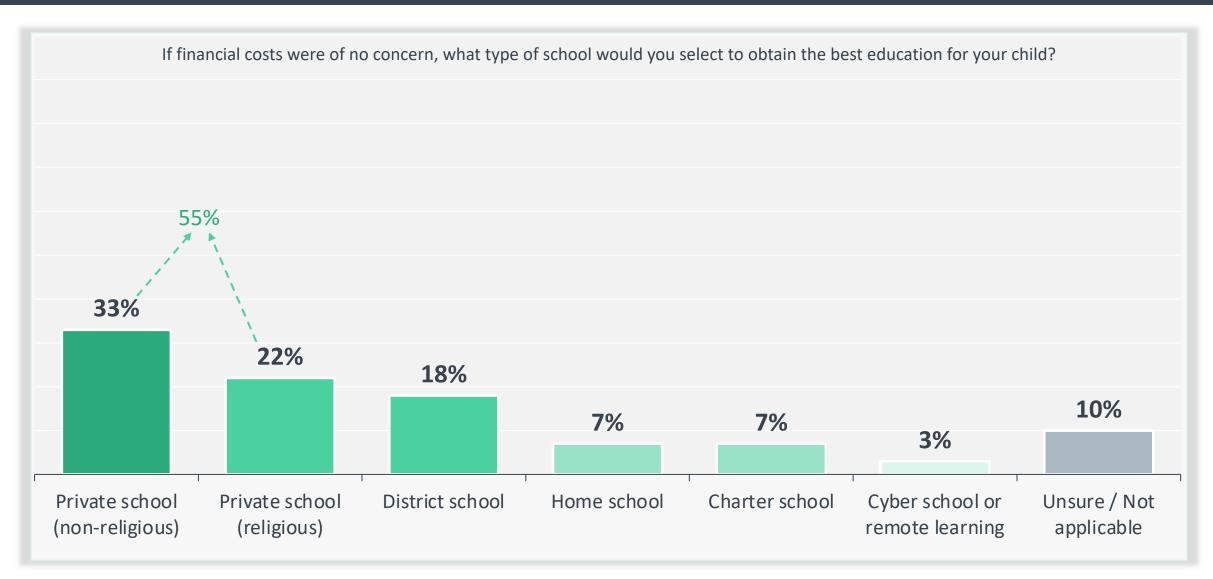


Subgroup	А	F	Differential
Female (52%)	5%	10%	-5%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	2%	9%	<b>-7</b> %
Democratic (38%)	6%	5%	1%
Independent (23%)	2%	11%	-9%
Republican (39%)	2%	13%	-11%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	6%	8%	-2%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	8%	10%	-2%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	2%	10%	-8%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	2%	8%	-6%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	4%	12%	-8%
Suburban (56%)	4%	7%	-3%
Rural (22%)	3%	12%	-9%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	3%	11%	-8%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (33%)	3%	9%	-6%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (20%)	2%	11%	-9%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	7%	4%	3%

**Not learning life skills** and **lack of teaching basics** top the reasons residents are dissatisfied with the quality of K-12 education in Pennsylvania.

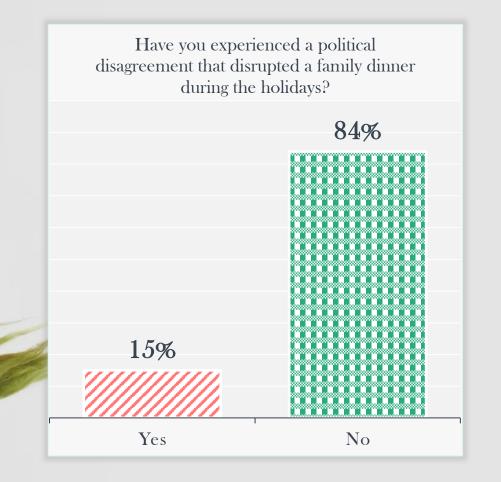


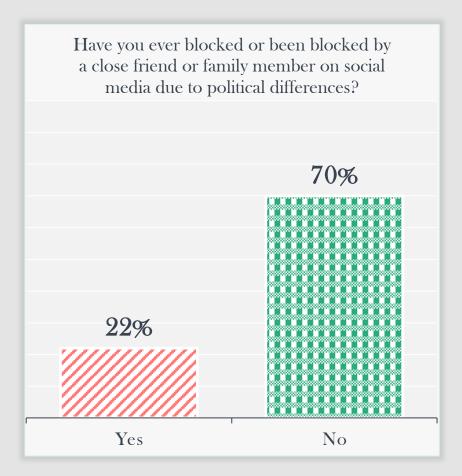
**Educational Opportunities:** If costs were no concern, over half of Pennsylvanians would send their child to a private school, with less than 1-in-5 saying they would send their child to a district school.



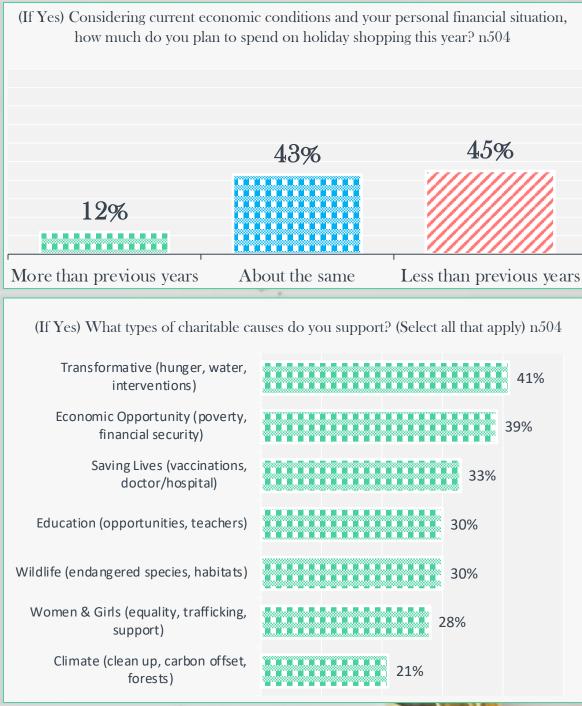


Despite the common perception that holiday dinners are turned upside down by political disagreements, 84% said a political disagreement has never disrupted their family holiday dinners.









# **Executive Summary**



## It's the Economy, Stupid!

- Four of the top-5 ranked problems facing Pennsylvania involve economic factors, with inflation / cost of living ranking as the most important problem in each quarter of 2023.
- As voters cite the rising cost of living and electricity costs as substantial problems
  facing the state, the RGGI is either unknown or opposed by voters who fear new taxes on
  energy could drive everyday prices up higher.
- Currently, 4-in-10 registered voters have thought about leaving the state, or know someone who has thought about leaving, due to Pennsylvania policies.
  - The top three reasons people are considering leaving are economic reasons: lower cost of living, lower taxes, better jobs and opportunities.



#### Pessimistic Outlook

- At 76%, this is the highest percentage during 2023 of people who believe the country is on the "wrong track."
  - The previous low was 72% during the first and third quarters. 75% was the second highest during the second quarter.
  - Wrong track was 81% among people earning between \$40K and \$80K.
- Wrong track for Pennsylvania has ticked up slightly from the last quarter (51% to 55%) as voters point to economic factors plaguing the state.



### Elected Officials Not 'Getting Stuff Done' That Matters To Voters

- In a December 7<sup>th</sup> interview with KDKA-TV, Gov. Shapiro said, "I think in general, we're getting government working again." It doesn't appear voters agree, as 61% say he has not delivered major accomplishments, or they are unsure.
- Nearly as many voters believe Gov. Shapiro has not delivered major accomplishments (36%) as those who believe he has (39%). A quarter of voters are unsure. The top accomplishment cited is the I-95 repairs/infrastructure.
  - While voters equally blame both houses of the legislature for failing to pass a budget (House 22%, Senate 21%), ultimately, they believe it is the governor's responsibility to ensure a final budget (39% Shapiro, 24% State Senate, 15% State House).
- Despite frequent gridlock, budget failures, and a closely divided House, a vast majority of voters say it is important to them personally that leaders in Pennsylvania of all political parties come together and pass a budget agreement that is bipartisan.



## Gearing Up For Election Year

- The generic Republican presidential candidate (47%) and generic Democratic candidate (46%) are running neck-and-neck in the tossup state of Pennsylvania.
  - When asked If the 2024 presidential elections were held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for? 41% said Trump and 34% said Biden.

- In our first head-to-head matchup of the PA U.S. Senate race, Bob Casey leads David McCormick (42% to 27%).
  - Casey's support among younger voters (18 to 44) is in the mid-30s.
  - McCormick remains relatively unknown with just 50% of GOP support.



# Thank you.

