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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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Key Findings

The March 2016 Franklin & Marshall College Poll of Pennsylvania registered voters reveals stark party differences in the presidential nominating contests. The Democratic presidential primary race in Pennsylvania has changed little since January. The poll shows Hillary Clinton with a sizable lead over Bernie Sanders, 53% to 28%, which is consistent with her leads in January and February. The poll also shows that both candidates are considered favorably by registered Democrats. On the other side, though, the Republican presidential primary race continues to shift. Donald Trump (33%) leads, as he has since October, but John Kasich (30%) is now a close second. Unlike registered Democrats, registered Republicans do not have uniformly positive feelings about their candidates.

Hillary Clinton currently holds a double-digit lead over both Donald Trump (46% to 33%) and Ted Cruz (45% to 35%) in Pennsylvania. The Republican candidates are deeply unpopular among Pennsylvania's registered voters.

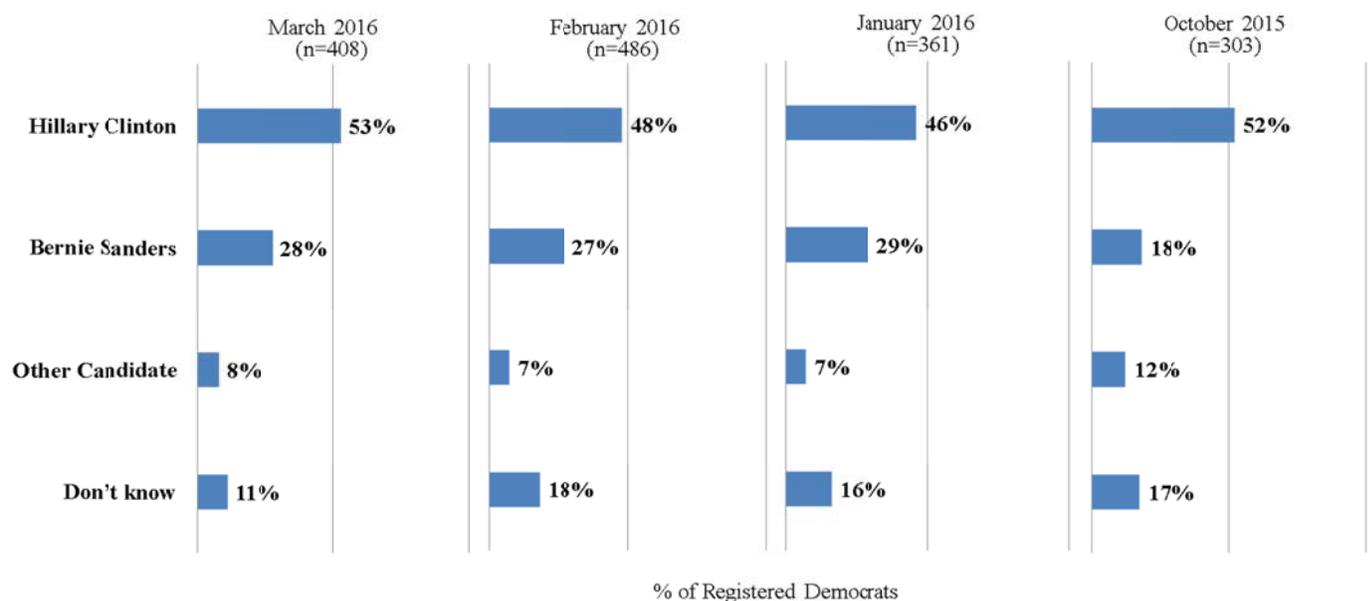
Presidential Races

Democrats

Hillary Clinton continues to hold a sizable lead in the presidential race among registered Democrats in Pennsylvania. Secretary Clinton leads Senator Bernie Sanders, 53% to 28%, with 11% reporting they are still undecided. Secretary Clinton's lead is consistent with results from our January and February surveys (see Figure 1). Secretary Clinton's lead is similar among likely voters, 51% to 25%.

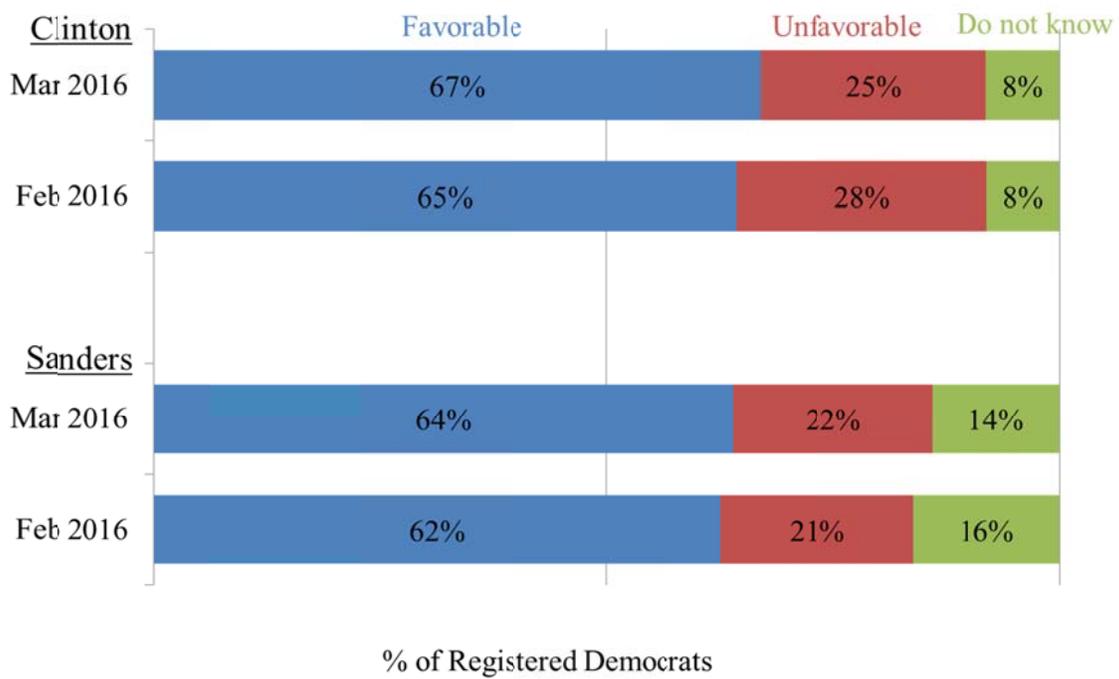
Figure 1: Democratic Presidential Primary, Pennsylvania voters March 2016

If the Democratic primary election for president was being held today would you vote for...?



Both Democratic candidates are viewed favorably by Democratic voters in the state (see Figure 2). Nearly two in five registered Democrats say they have a favorable opinion of both Secretary Clinton (67% favorable and 25% unfavorable) and Senator Sanders (63% favorable and 22% unfavorable), which is consistent with the February poll.

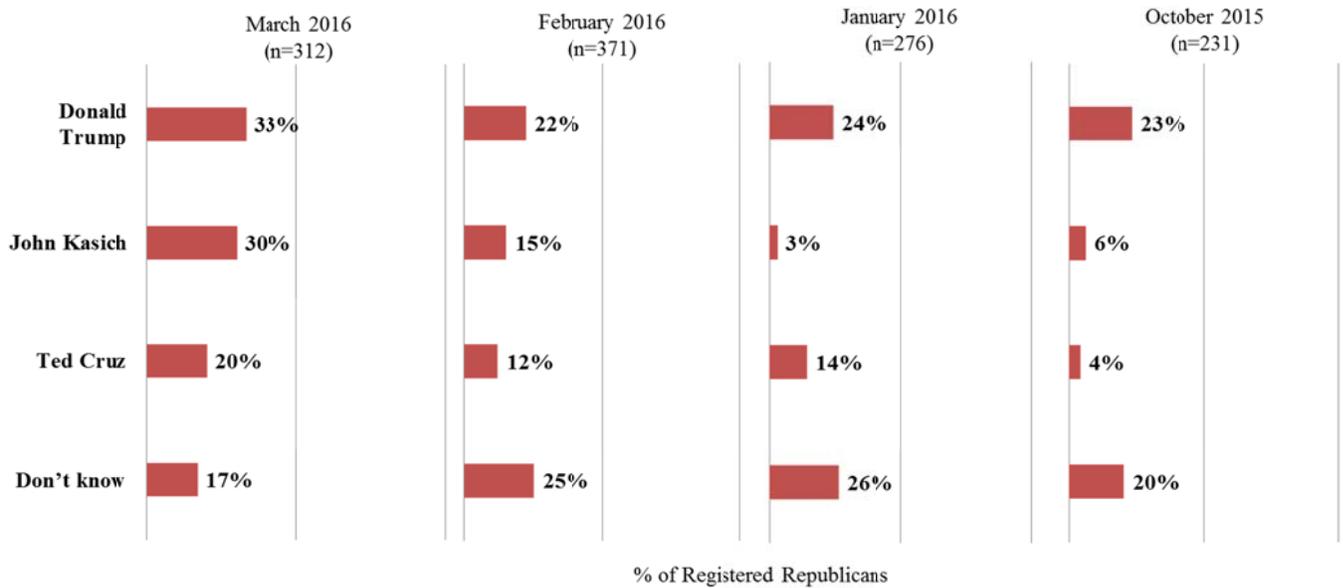
Figure 2: Favorability Ratings of Democratic Presidential Candidates among Registered Democrats, Pennsylvania Voters March 2016



Republicans

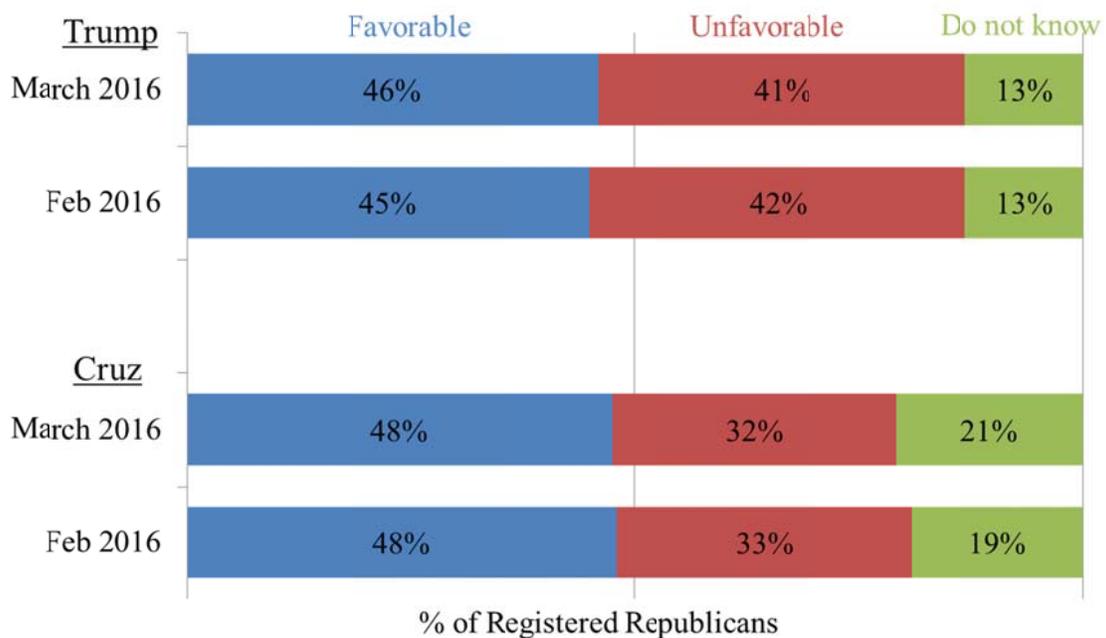
Pennsylvanians' preferences in the Republican presidential race continue to shift. Donald Trump (33%) leads in the state as he has since October, but John Kasich (30%) is now a close second, and Ted Cruz (20%) is third, while about one in six (17%) remains undecided about their preference. Governor Kasich's support has risen substantially since January (see Figure 3). The race differs depending on the likely voter model, with higher turnout benefiting Donald Trump and lower turnout favoring Governor Kasich at this point in the campaign.

Figure 3: Republican Presidential Primary, Pennsylvania voters March 2016
If the Republican primary election for president was being held today would you vote for...?



Registered Republicans do not express positive feelings about all of their candidates (see Figure 4). Nearly as many registered Republicans in the state have an unfavorable (41%) opinion of Donald Trump as feel favorably toward him (46%). Senator Cruz also has relatively high unfavorable ratings among Republicans (48% favorable and 32% unfavorable).

Figure 4: Favorability Ratings of Republican Presidential Candidates among Registered Republicans, Pennsylvania Voters March 2016



General Election

Hillary Clinton currently leads both Donald Trump (46% to 33%) and Ted Cruz (45% to 35%) by double digits in Pennsylvania. Neither Republican candidate is personally popular in Pennsylvania - twice as many Pennsylvania voters rate Donald Trump (27% favorable, 65% unfavorable) and Senator Cruz (27% favorable, 54% unfavorable) unfavorably as favorably. Hillary Clinton’s ratings are negative (41% favorable, 52% unfavorable) among Pennsylvania voters, although not as negative as the Republican candidates.

State Budget

More registered voters hold the state legislature (50%) than the governor (35%) responsible for the state's late budget, a proportion that has remained consistent since August. As with previous surveys, responses about the budget are heavily influenced by party; about two-thirds (68%) of Democrats believe the state legislature is more responsible than the governor for the budget impasse, but one in two (59%) Independent voters and only one quarter (25%) of Republicans believe so. More (79%) voters believe that elected leaders should compromise to complete the budget than believe they should stand firm on their principles even if a budget does not get passed (17%).

More registered voters believe the state should enact a mix of spending cuts and tax increases to balance the budget (44%) than believe that only program cuts (35%) or increased taxes (12%) should be used. Large majorities support taxing companies that extract and sell natural gas (73%) and increasing tobacco taxes (79%) as a way to balance the state budget.

Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted March 14 - 20, 2016. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College on behalf of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs. The poll was designed and administered by the staff of the Center for Opinion Research. The data included in this release represent the responses of 828 Pennsylvania registered voters, including 408 Democrats, 312 Republicans, and 108 Independents. The sample of registered voters was obtained from Labels & Lists. All sampled respondents were notified by letter about the survey. Interviews were completed over the phone and on-line depending on each respondent's preference. Survey results were weighted (gender, region and party registration) using an iterative weighting algorithm to reflect the known distribution of those characteristics as reported by the Pennsylvania Department of State.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 3.3 percentage points when the design effects from weighting are considered. The sampling error is +/- 4.7 percentage points for the sample of Democrats and is +/- 5.4 percentage points for the sample of Republicans. In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions

Attachment A

Democratic Presidential Primary: Registered Democrats, Pennsylvania March 2016

If the Democratic primary election for president was being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Clinton	Sanders	Other	Do Not Know
Ideology*				
Extremely liberal	51%	41%	0%	7%
Slightly liberal	55%	35%	1%	9%
Moderate	58%	22%	7%	13%
Slightly conservative	31%	20%	36%	13%
Extremely conservative	52%	20%	28%	0%
Gender				
Male	51%	32%	10%	7%
Female	54%	26%	6%	14%
Age*				
Under 35	35%	65%	0%	0%
35-54	41%	37%	8%	14%
Over 55	58%	23%	9%	10%
Education				
HS or less	43%	30%	14%	14%
Some college	53%	23%	8%	16%
College degree	56%	31%	6%	7%
Income				
Under 35	50%	29%	9%	11%
35-75	55%	23%	9%	13%
Over 75	55%	32%	5%	8%
Race**				
White	50%	30%	9%	11%
Nonwhite	72%	21%	0%	7%
Marital Status				
Single, Never Married	44%	38%	6%	12%
Married	52%	29%	10%	10%
Not currently married	63%	18%	2%	17%
Religious Affiliation				
Protestant	54%	26%	8%	12%
Catholic	48%	26%	12%	14%
Other, unaffiliated	53%	33%	6%	8%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist				
Yes	51%	25%	9%	16%
No	52%	30%	8%	10%
Gun Owner*				
Yes	41%	30%	20%	9%
No	57%	28%	4%	11%
Region				
Philadelphia	63%	25%	5%	7%
Northeast	55%	19%	7%	19%
Allegheny	51%	26%	12%	11%
Southwest	44%	28%	15%	12%
Northwest	46%	43%	7%	4%
Central	53%	31%	7%	9%
Southeast	53%	30%	6%	12%
Employment**				
Fulltime	46%	38%	6%	10%
Other	52%	29%	7%	12%
Retired	60%	18%	11%	11%

* p<0.01

** p<0.05

Attachment B

Republican Presidential Primary: Registered Republicans, Pennsylvania March 2016

If the Republican primary election for president was being held today would you vote for (*rotated*) Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Cruz	Kasich	Trump	Do Not Know
Ideology*				
Extremely liberal	23%	13%	41%	24%
Slightly liberal	0%	51%	14%	35%
Moderate	6%	41%	29%	24%
Slightly conservative	14%	33%	37%	15%
Extremely conservative	38%	19%	33%	9%
Gender				
Male	22%	32%	35%	11%
Female	18%	28%	31%	22%
Age				
Under 35	21%	13%	44%	23%
35-54	27%	21%	31%	22%
Over 55	17%	35%	33%	15%
Education**				
HS or less	19%	17%	40%	24%
Some college	25%	25%	37%	12%
College degree	18%	38%	28%	16%
Income				
Under 35	15%	15%	43%	27%
35-75	22%	31%	34%	13%
Over 75	24%	33%	29%	15%
Race				
White	20%	30%	33%	17%
Nonwhite	19%	0%	69%	12%
Marital Status				
Single, Never Married	15%	22%	45%	18%
Married	21%	30%	31%	17%
Not currently married	16%	32%	38%	14%
Religious Affiliation				
Protestant	25%	31%	26%	17%
Catholic	13%	32%	39%	16%
Other, unaffiliated	18%	23%	40%	19%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist*				
Yes	36%	22%	28%	15%
No	11%	35%	36%	18%
Gun Owner**				
Yes	25%	25%	36%	14%
No	15%	35%	30%	20%
Region*				
Philadelphia	14%	14%	28%	44%
Northeast	17%	25%	40%	19%
Allegheny	17%	34%	33%	16%
Southwest	11%	30%	46%	12%
Northwest	20%	21%	44%	14%
Central	25%	29%	28%	18%
Southeast	20%	37%	26%	16%
Employment				
Fulltime	23%	26%	35%	15%
Other	16%	31%	29%	23%
Retired	19%	33%	32%	15%

* p<0.01

** p<0.05

Marginal Frequency Report

Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

100% Yes
0% No

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

38% Republican
49% Democrat
11% Independent
2% Something else

Vote_Apr. Many people will vote in the primary election for president in April; however, many other people will not. What would you say are the chances of your voting in the April presidential primary? Are you certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances fifty-fifty you will vote, or don't you think that you will vote in the April presidential primary?

	Certain to vote	Will probably vote	Chances 50-50	Don't think will vote	Don't know
Mar 2016	75%	12%	4%	7%	1%
Feb 2016	76%	12%	4%	7%	1%
Feb 2008	82%	13%	2%	2%	1%
Jan 2008	78%	13%	4%	4%	1%

Pol_Int. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you are...in the 2016 presidential campaign?

	Very much	Somewhat interested	Not very interested
Mar 2016	74%	22%	4%
Feb 2016	69%	27%	3%
Feb 2008	65%	29%	6%
Jan 2008	60%	35%	5%

RightDir. All in all, do you think things in Pennsylvania are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	Headed in Right Direction	Off on the Wrong Track	Don't know
Mar 2016	24%	66%	10%
Feb 2016	21%	67%	12%
Jan 2016	21%	67%	12%
Oct 2015	26%	62%	12%
Aug 2015	32%	54%	13%
Jun 2015	36%	47%	17%
Mar 2015	39%	47%	15%
Oct 2014	28%	61%	11%
Sept 2014	29%	60%	11%
Aug 2014	27%	61%	13%
Jun 2014	30%	59%	11%
Jan 2014	25%	62%	13%
Oct 2013	25%	61%	13%
Aug 2013	26%	62%	12%
May 2013	28%	58%	13%
Aug 2012	31%	56%	13%
June 2012	30%	57%	13%
Feb 2012	31%	56%	13%
Jan 2012	38%	47%	15%
Oct 2011	38%	49%	13%
Aug 2011	34%	53%	13%
Mar 2011	37%	53%	10%
Oct 2010	27%	64%	9%
Sep 2010	31%	59%	10%
Aug 2010	30%	58%	12%
May 2010	35%	55%	10%
Mar 2010	32%	58%	10%
Feb 2010	37%	50%	13%
Jan 2010	39%	53%	8%

MIP_PA. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT problem facing PENNSYLVANIA TODAY?

Aug 2013	Oct 2013	Jan 2014	Jun 2014	Aug 2014	Sept 2014	Oct 2014	Mar 2015	Jun 2015	Aug 2015	Oct 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	
16%	17%	11%	15%	14%	13%	14%	16%	17%	22%	39%	38%	47%	45%	Government, politicians
23%	21%	19%	23%	29%	30%	25%	19%	18%	21%	16%	18%	12%	13%	Education, school
21%	17%	26%	21%	16%	16%	20%	15%	18%	15%	12%	8%	9%	13%	Unemployment, personal finances
5%	8%	11%	9%	10%	11%	9%	17%	12%	12%	9%	9%	10%	7%	Taxes
7%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	Economy, finances
3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	Roads, infrastructure, transportation
3%	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	Energy issues, gas prices
6%	8%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	Healthcare, insurance
3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	Crime, drugs, violence, guns
1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	Values, morals
0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	Retaining, attracting businesses
0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Environment
1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	Social issues
1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	Welfare
0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	Immigration
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	6%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	Senior issues, social security
2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Civil liberties
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Foreign policy, terrorism, war
0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Personal illness, health problems, family issues
1%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	Other
5%	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%	8%	5%	0%	6%	6%	8%	5%	3%	Don't know

IntFav. Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of [FILL name] favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about [FILL name] to have an opinion? (*rotated*)

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
TOM WOLF						
Mar 2016	14%	26%	14%	28%	11%	7%
Feb 2016	14%	25%	16%	27%	9%	9%
Oct 2015	15%	23%	13%	20%	16%	13%
Aug 2015	22%	21%	9%	17%	18%	13%
Jun 2015	21%	23%	10%	17%	19%	11%
Mar 2015	22%	18%	11%	16%	22%	11%
Oct 2014	20%	20%	7%	18%	18%	16%
Sept 2014	19%	21%	9%	13%	18%	21%
Aug 2014	18%	19%	7%	10%	22%	24%
Jun 2014	15%	20%	5%	7%	20%	32%
BARACK OBAMA						
Mar 2016	28%	20%	9%	40%	2%	1%
Feb 2016	27%	23%	9%	38%	3%	0%
Oct 2015	28%	19%	7%	41%	6%	0%
Aug 2015	23%	19%	8%	44%	5%	1%
Jun 2015	25%	18%	10%	41%	5%	1%
Mar 2015	25%	16%	7%	44%	7%	1%
Jan 2014	21%	21%	10%	38%	8%	1%
Oct 2013	27%	23%	7%	37%	5%	0%
Aug 2013	22%	19%	9%	41%	10%	0%
May 2013	32%	20%	7%	36%	4%	1%
Feb 2013	31%	18%	9%	35%	6%	1%
Oct 2012	36%	14%	7%	38%	6%	0%
Sep 2012	35%	15%	6%	36%	7%	1%
Aug 2012	25%	21%	8%	37%	7%	1%
June 2012	26%	21%	11%	33%	9%	1%
Feb 2012	23%	22%	12%	35%	8%	0%
Jan 2012	25%	20%	12%	32%	9%	1%
Mar 2011	17%	24%	11%	33%	14%	2%
May 2010	26%	18%	12%	34%	10%	0%
Mar 2010	25%	17%	13%	33%	11%	1%
Feb 2010	27%	22%	10%	29%	11%	1%
Jan 2010	23%	21%	11%	33%	10%	2%
Oct 2009	29%	16%	12%	27%	13%	3%
Aug 2009	29%	26%	9%	28%	7%	1%
Jun 2009	39%	17%	6%	21%	14%	3%
Feb 2009	38%	18%	8%	15%	17%	4%
Oct 2008	38%	15%	8%	25%	12%	3%
Sep 2008	31%	18%	9%	21%	17%	3%
Aug 2008	25%	18%	7%	22%	23%	5%

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
PAT TOOMEY						
Mar 2016	9%	21%	14%	21%	12%	22%
Feb 2016	9%	20%	12%	21%	12%	27%
Jun 2015	11%	23%	7%	15%	17%	28%
Mar 2015	9%	21%	11%	12%	18%	29%
Oct 2013	8%	19%	11%	16%	13%	34%
Aug 2013	7%	19%	10%	10%	19%	36%
May 2013	12%	23%	11%	11%	15%	28%
Feb 2013	11%	15%	8%	12%	16%	37%
Mar 2011	6%	17%	7%	6%	22%	42%
Oct 2010	15%	15%	10%	16%	16%	28%
Sep 2010	12%	13%	7%	9%	17%	43%
Aug 2010	11%	14%	8%	12%	19%	36%
May 2010	6%	10%	4%	5%	15%	60%
Mar 2010	8%	10%	5%	5%	13%	59%
Feb 2010	6%	10%	2%	5%	15%	62%
Jan 2010	6%	9%	4%	3%	13%	65%
Oct 2009	5%	11%	5%	5%	10%	64%
Aug 2009	7%	11%	4%	6%	9%	63%
Donald Trump						
Mar 2016	13%	14%	9%	56%	7%	1%
Feb 2016	12%	15%	11%	51%	10%	1%
Ted Cruz						
Mar 2016	9%	19%	15%	39%	11%	8%
Feb 2016	8%	17%	13%	44%	10%	8%
Hillary Clinton						
Mar 2016	21%	21%	10%	43%	6%	1%
Feb 2016	19%	20%	12%	44%	5%	1%
Feb 2014	53%	27%	3%	6%	9%	2%
Bernie Sanders						
Mar 2016	17%	27%	12%	32%	7%	6%
Feb 2016	15%	27%	11%	31%	9%	6%

DemPrim. If the 2016 Democratic primary election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) John Fetterman, Katie McGinty, Joe Sestak, and Joe Vodvarka would you vote for John Fetterman, Katie McGinty, Joe Sestak, Joe Vodvarka, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (408 registered Democrats)

	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Oct 2015	Aug 2015
Joe Sestak	31%	21%	17%	15%	16%
Katie McGinty	14%	12%	13%	13%	13%
John Fetterman	7%	8%	6%	3%	--
Joe Vodvarka	0%	--	--	--	--
Other Candidate	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Don't know	46%	56%	61%	65%	66%

CertDemSen. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (210 registered respondents with vote choice)

- 58% Certain to vote
- 42% Still making up mind

LeanDemSen. As of today, do you lean more to (rotated) John Fetterman, Katie McGinty, Joe Sestak or Joe Vodvarka? (191 registered undecided respondents)

- 10% Katie McGinty
- 9% Joe Sestak
- 2% John Fetterman
- 0% Joe Vodvarka
- 80% Do not know

DemPresPrim. If the Democratic primary election for president was being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (408 registered Democrats)

	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Oct 2015
Hillary Clinton	53%	48%	46%	52%
Bernie Sanders	28%	27%	29%	18%
Other Candidate	8%	7%	7%	12%
Don't know	11%	18%	16%	17%

CertDem. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (327 registered Democratic respondents with vote choice)

- 76% Certain to vote
- 24% Still making up mind

LeanDem. As of today, do you lean more to (rotated) Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders? (48 registered Democratic undecided respondents)

- 31% Hillary Clinton
- 13% Bernie Sanders
- 56% Do not know

RepPresPrim. If the Republican primary election for president was being held today would you vote for (rotated) Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (312 registered Republicans)

	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Oct 2015
Donald Trump	33%	22%	24%	23%
John Kasich	30%	15%	3%	6%
Ted Cruz	20%	12%	14%	4%
Don't know	17%	25%	26%	20%

Lean_Rep. As of today, do you lean more to (*rotated*) Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, or John Kasich? (51 registered Republican undecided respondents)

25% Ted Cruz
 16% Donald Trump
 13% John Kasich
 46% Do not know

Pres15s. What issue will matter most to you as you think about choosing a [Republican/Democratic] candidate for president?

Registered Republicans				Registered Democrats		
Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016		Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016
n=275	n=371	n=307		n=404	n=486	n=351
10%	22%	29%	Personal characteristic of candidate	28%	28%	7%
14%	10%	10%	Unemployment, economy, finances	12%	10%	17%
26%	19%	13%	Terrorism, war, foreign policy	11%	10%	15%
3%	3%	4%	Unemployment, personal finances	7%	7%	6%
2%	3%	2%	Healthcare, insurance	6%	5%	12%
1%	3%	5%	Bipartisanship	4%	6%	3%
9%	7%	3%	Government, politicians	4%	3%	8%
1%	0%	1%	Education, schools	4%	3%	4%
1%	1%	2%	Elder issues, social security	2%	2%	3%
1%	0%	0%	Environment	2%	1%	2%
8%	4%	6%	Values and morality	1%	0%	2%
6%	7%	5%	Immigration, illegal immigrants	1%	1%	0%
2%	4%	5%	Candidate who will put country back on track, in general	1%	1%	2%
2%	5%	4%	Civil liberties	1%	2%	2%
2%	2%	1%	Taxes	1%	1%	3%
1%	1%	1%	Crime, drugs, violence, guns	1%	2%	3%
0%	0%	1%	Social Issues	1%	1%	0%
1%	0%	1%	Retaining, attracting business	1%	0%	0%
0%	0%	1%	Lack of pride in U.S., patriotism	1%	0%	0%
0%	0%	0%	Transportation, infrastructure	1%	0%	0%
0%	0%	0%	Global events	1%	0%	0%
0%	0%	1%	Welfare, over-reliance, abuse	0%	0%	0%
1%	1%	0%	Justice system, lawyers	0%	2%	1%
0%	0%	0%	Racism	0%	1%	0%
4%	3%	3%	Other	6%	5%	4%
8%	5%	5%	Do not know	7%	10%	8%

Pres2016TC. If the November 2016 general election for president was being held today and the candidates were [rotate] Donald Trump the Republican and Hillary Clinton the Democrat, would you vote for: [rotate] Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Mar 2016
Hillary Clinton	46%
Donald Trump	33%
Some other candidate	11%
Do not know	10%

Pres2016CC. If the November 2016 general election for president was being held today and the candidates were [rotate] Ted Cruz the Republican and Hillary Clinton the Democrat, would you vote for: [rotate] Ted Cruz, Hillary Clinton, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Mar 2016
Hillary Clinton	45%
Ted Cruz	35%
Some other candidate	11%
Do not know	9%

SC1. There is a vacant seat on the US Supreme Court. Do you think the US Senate should hold hearings on a Supreme Court nominee once someone is nominated, or do you think the Senate should wait until after the Presidential election to consider a Supreme Court nominee?

- 62% Hold hearings once someone is nominated
- 35% Wait until after the Presidential election
- 4% Do not know

Budg1. The state has yet to pass a final budget. Who do you think is most responsible for the budget being late?

	The governor	The state legislature	Don't know
Mar 2016	35%	50%	15%
Jan 2016	32%	52%	15%
Oct 2015	32%	51%	17%
Aug 2015	29%	54%	17%
Aug 2009	31%	54%	15%
Aug 2007	27%	56%	17%

Lead1. Do you think it is more important for the elected leaders involved in budget negotiations to stand firm in their commitment to their principles even if a budget does not get passed, or do you believe it is more important for elected leaders to compromise so that a budget is passed?

- 17% Stand firm in their commitment to their principles
- 79% Compromise
- 3% Do not know

Lead2. Generally speaking, do you think it is more important for elected officials to stand their ground on issues and not compromise, or is it more important for them to be willing to compromise to get things accomplished?

- 15% Stand their ground
- 81% Willing to compromise
- 5% Do not know

BalBudNew. The state has a structural budget deficit, which means the costs of programs under current law are growing faster than the money the state raises to support them. Generally speaking, do you think the state legislature should...

- 12% Increase taxes to balance the budget,
- 35% Cut state programs and services to balance the budget
- 44% Both cut spending and increase taxes
- 10% Do not know

IntQ9. Do you favor or oppose the following measures as a way for the state of Pennsylvania to balance its budget? Do you favor or oppose... (rotated)

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't know
Increasing the state income tax					
Mar 2016	8%	20%	21%	48%	4%
Oct 2015	8%	17%	16%	54%	5%
June 2012	8%	28%	21%	38%	5%
Feb 2012	9%	27%	16%	43%	5%
Mar 2011	6%	21%	22%	46%	6%
Taxing companies that extract and sell natural gas					
Mar 2016	55%	18%	8%	14%	5%
Oct 2015	49%	18%	8%	18%	7%
June 2012	55%	18%	8%	13%	6%
Feb 2012	55%	19%	9%	10%	7%
Mar 2011	41%	21%	13%	17%	8%
Expanding the sales tax to include more items					
Mar 2016	15%	30%	18%	33%	4%
Oct 2015	10%	24%	18%	44%	5%
June 2012	19%	32%	15%	27%	8%
Feb 2012	16%	34%	12%	32%	6%
Mar 2011	16%	36%	15%	30%	4%
Placing new taxes on the sale of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and cigars*					
Mar 2016	56%	23%	7%	11%	2%
Oct 2015	53%	18%	8%	17%	5%
June 2012	60%	19%	7%	13%	1%
Feb 2012	62%	15%	9%	14%	2%
Mar 2011	53%	19%	7%	19%	3%

*Cigarettes added in March 2016

IntGovRole* Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (rotated)

Mar 2016	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
The government must first and foremost protect all people from harm.	67%	21%	6%	4%	2%
When the government makes laws, the number one principle should be ensuring that everyone is treated fairly.	72%	18%	6%	3%	2%
Loyalty to one's group is more important than one's individual concerns.	10%	19%	28%	34%	9%
When the government makes laws, those laws should always respect the traditions and heritage of the country.	45%	29%	15%	7%	5%
The government should try to help people live virtuously and avoid sin.	13%	14%	16%	53%	5%

GovRole2. Do you believe the actions of the United States government should mostly be aimed at maintaining and representing a common constitution and legal order or do you believe the actions of the United States government should be mostly aimed at maintaining and representing a common heritage, religion, and tradition?

- 79% Constitution and legal order
- 14% Heritage, religion, and tradition
- 7% Don't know

DEMO I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.

CNTY. Region of state (What is the name of the county you live in?)

- 26% Central
- 25% Southeast
- 12% Northeast
- 10% Southwest
- 10% Allegheny
- 9% Northwest
- 8% Philadelphia

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

- 2% 18-24
- 6% 25-34
- 10% 35-44
- 15% 45-54
- 27% 55-64
- 41% 65 and older

EDUC. What was the highest grade level of schooling you have completed?

- 2% Non high school graduate
- 19% High school graduate or GED
- 16% Some college
- 12% Associate's degree or technical degree
- 28% Bachelor's degree
- 24% Post graduate degree

MAR. What is your CURRENT marital status...are you single, married, separated, divorced, or a widower?

- 72% Married
- 12% Single, Never Married
- 8% Widow or widower
- 7% Divorced
- 1% Separated

IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know
Mar 2016	24%	35%	37%	3%
Feb 2016	27%	33%	37%	3%
Jan 2016	22%	39%	36%	4%
Oct 2015	22%	38%	37%	4%
Aug 2015	21%	36%	40%	3%
Jun 2015	23%	35%	39%	4%
Oct 2014	23%	37%	36%	3%
Sept 2014	22%	36%	38%	5%
Aug 2014	20%	39%	36%	5%
Jun 2014	26%	36%	34%	5%
Jan 2014	24%	43%	28%	5%
Oct 2013	24%	39%	31%	6%
Aug 2013	22%	42%	33%	3%
May 2013	24%	39%	31%	6%
Feb 2013	26%	36%	35%	3%
Oct 2012	22%	39%	35%	5%
Sep 2012	26%	34%	35%	5%
Aug 2012	21%	40%	36%	4%
June 2012	25%	34%	36%	5%
Feb 2012	17%	39%	40%	4%
Jan 2011	21%	39%	36%	4%
Oct 2011	20%	39%	33%	8%
Aug 2011	24%	32%	37%	7%
Mar 2011	16%	33%	41%	10%
Oct 2010	16%	37%	39%	8%
Sep 2010	15%	34%	40%	10%
Aug 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
May 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
Mar 2010	17%	35%	40%	8%
Feb 2010	21%	33%	37%	9%
Jan 2010	19%	30%	42%	9%

PARTY. Regardless of how you are registered... in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

20%	Strong Republican
10%	Republican
12%	Lean Republican
11%	Independent
12%	Lean Democrat
9%	Democrat
25%	Strong Democrat
1%	Don't know

GUN. Are you a gun owner?

33%	Yes
66%	No
1%	Don't know

GUN2. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose creating more laws that regulate gun ownership?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Mar 2016	42%	17%	10%	28%	3%
Feb 2016	40%	16%	13%	29%	3%
Jan 2016	40%	15%	13%	29%	3%
Oct 2015	43%	13%	10%	31%	4%
Aug 2015	40%	14%	10%	32%	5%
Jun 2015	38%	13%	12%	33%	5%
Oct 2014	42%	12%	8%	37%	2%
Sept 2014	39%	14%	10%	32%	5%
Aug 2014	39%	14%	10%	31%	6%
Jun 2014	43%	12%	9%	31%	5%
Jan 2014	42%	12%	9%	32%	6%
Oct 2013	46%	16%	9%	24%	5%
Aug 2013	39%	12%	13%	33%	4%
May 2013	43%	14%	11%	30%	3%
Feb 2013*	43%	15%	10%	28%	4%
Aug 2007	40%	20%	14%	23%	3%
Jun 2007	39%	15%	12%	31%	3%
Feb 2007	39%	17%	15%	26%	3%
Oct 2006*	35%	16%	15%	26%	8%
Sep 2006*	34%	15%	17%	28%	6%
Aug 2006*	37%	15%	14%	27%	7%
May 2006*	37%	14%	16%	27%	6%
Feb 2006	35%	19%	17%	22%	7%
Nov 2005	38%	20%	14%	20%	8%
Sep 2005	39%	16%	13%	25%	8%
Jun 2005	39%	17%	16%	23%	6%
Oct 2004*	33%	19%	19%	23%	7%
Sep 2004*	38%	19%	15%	20%	8%
Aug 2004*	35%	20%	15%	23%	7%
Mar 2004*	42%	17%	14%	21%	7%
Oct 2002*	34%	18%	15%	26%	7%
Sep 2002*	28%	20%	14%	29%	9%
Jun 2002*	40%	14%	11%	28%	7%
Oct 2001*	33%	22%	15%	24%	6%
Apr 2001*	41%	18%	14%	22%	6%
Oct 2000*	37%	18%	15%	22%	9%
Feb 2000*	41%	19%	11%	24%	5%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

2% Yes
 98% No
 1% Don't know

RACE. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

93% White
8% Non-white

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

36% Protestant
29% Catholic
14% Some other religion
20% Not affiliated with any religion
1% Don't know

BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

25% Yes
73% No
2% Don't know

WORK. Are you currently working fulltime, part-time, going to school, keeping house or something else?

42% Full-time
35% Retired
12% Part-time
4% Something else
4% Disabled
2% Unemployed
1% Going to school

INCOME. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

8% Under \$25,000
8% \$25-\$35,000
13% \$35-50,000
19% \$50-75,000
17% \$75-100,000
29% Over \$100,000
6% Don't know

DONE. Sex of respondent:

48% Male
52% Female