



Muhlenberg College/Morning Call
Pennsylvania 2014 Midterm Election Survey

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Methodology

Number of Interviews: 429 Likely Voters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Margin of Error: +/- 5% at a 95% level of confidence

Fielding Dates – September 16 – 18, 2014

Method of Interviewing: Live telephone interviewers

Method of Sampling: Pennsylvania Voter Registration Files- Individuals who voted in at least 2 of the last 4 general elections OR who had voted in the 2014 primary elections.

Likely Voter Screens: (1) Currently Registered; (2) Expressed Likelihood

Weighting: The data was weighted by gender, age, party and region of the state

Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding

Q1: Thank you. Which of the following categories best describes your current voting status? Are you registered as a _____? (READ LIST)

- 1. Democrat.....47%
- 2. Republican.....43%
- 3. Independent.....6%
- 4. Other Party.....4%

Q2: How likely are you to vote in the midterm elections this November? Are you definitely going to vote, very likely to vote, not too likely to vote or definitely not voting in the November Election?

- 1. Definitely Going to Vote.....86%
- 2. Very Likely To Vote.....14%
- 3. Not Too Likely to Vote (END SURVEY)
- 4. Definitely not voting (END SURVEY)
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered) (END SURVEY)

Q3: Next, I would like for you to rate the performance of a few political officials and institutions. For each name that I read, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way he is doing his job.

First, President Barack Obama?

- 1. Approve.....38%
- 2. Disapprove.....50%
- 3. No opinion (Volunteered).....12%

Q4:Next, Governor Tom Corbett.?

- 1. Approve.....29%
- 2. Disapprove.....55%
- 3. No opinion (Volunteered).....16%

Q5: and the Pennsylvania legislature?

- 1. Approve.....24%
- 2. Disapprove.....39%
- 3. No opinion (Volunteered).....37%

Q6: Now, I would like to ask your overall impression of a few political figures. For each name I read, please tell me if your impression of him is favorable or unfavorable.

First, Tom Wolf

- 1. Favorable.....51%
- 2. Unfavorable.....25%
- 3. Neutral/Not Sure (Vol).....23%
- 4. Haven't heard of him (Vol)<1%

Q7: Next, Tom Corbett

- 1. Favorable.....33%
- 2. Unfavorable.....55%
- 3. Neutral/Not Sure (Vol).....12%
- 4. Haven't heard of him (Vol)<1%

Q8: Now, if the 2012 governor's election was being held today and the race was between Tom Corbett the Republican and Tom Wolf the Democrat who would you vote for? (OPTIONS ROTATED)

- 1. Tom Corbett (GO TO Q11).....31%
- 2. Tom Wolf (GO TO Q10).....52%
- 3. Neither/Other (GO TO Q11).....4%
- 4. Not Sure (Volunteered).....13%

Q9: Are you leaning more toward voting for Tom Corbett or Tom Wolf?
(ONLY ASKED OF VOTERS WHO ANSWERED NOT SURE IN Q8: N=55)

- 1. Tom Corbett (GO TO Q11).....16%
- 2. Tom Wolf (GO TO Q10).....14%
- 3. Not Sure (Volunteered) (GO TO Q11).....71%

GOVERNOR'S RACE WITH LEANERS INCLUDED

- 1. Tom Corbett.....33%**
- 2. Tom Wolf54%**
- 3. Neither/Other4%**
- 4. Not Sure (Volunteered).....9%**

Q10: Would you say your decision to vote for Tom Wolf for Governor is more about your satisfaction with Wolf as a candidate or dissatisfaction with Tom Corbett as a candidate? (ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS VOTING OR LEANING TO WOLF)

- 1. Satisfaction with Wolf.....23%
- 2. Dissatisfaction with Corbett.....50%
- 3. Equal levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction (Volunteered).....21%
- 4. Not Sure (VOL).....7%

Q11: What issue do you consider the most important in terms of deciding your vote in the Pennsylvania governor's election?

- Education.....33%
- Taxes.....18%
- Economy.....11%
- Fracking/Shale Gas.....5%
- Character Issues.....5%
- State Budget.....3%
- Pensions.....3%
- Health Care.....2%
- Gas Tax.....1%
- Other.....11%
- Not Sure/None.....8%

Q12: If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for? The Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate? (OPTIONS ROTATED)

- 1. Democrat.....40%
- 2. Republican.....37%
- 3. Neither/Other.....5%
- 4. Not Sure (Volunteered).....18%

Q13: Finally, I have a few questions about yourself. Which of the following categories best describes your racial identity? Are you (READ LIST)?

- 1. White/Caucasian.....86%
- 2. African-American.....6%
- 3. Hispanic/Latino.....3%
- 4. Asian.....1%
- 5. Native American.....1%
- 6. Mixed race.....1%
- 7. or other.....2%

8. Not Sure/Refused (Volunteered)..1%

Q14: Which of the following categories best describes your religious affiliation? Are you (READ LIST)?

- 1. Catholic.....34%
- 2. Protestant.....43%
- 3. Jewish.....3%
- 4. Muslim.....<1%
- 5. Hindu.....<1%
- 6. Other Religion (Including agnostic).....10%
- 7. or Atheist1%
- 8. Not Sure/Refused (Volunte.....7%

Q15: What is your current marital status? Are you (READ LIST)?

- 1. Single.....10%
- 2. Married.....65%
- 3. Separated.....1%
- 4. Divorced.....6%
- 5. Widowed.....13%
- 6. Partnered.....1%
- 7. Not sure/Refused (Vol).....3%

Q16: What is your highest level of education? (READ LIST)

- 1. Less than High School.....1%
- 2. High School Graduate.....20%
- 3. Some college or technical school.....25%
- 4. College graduate (4 yr only).....31%
- 5. Graduate or professional degree.....21%
- 6. Not sure /Refused (Volunteered).....3%

Q17: Which of the following categories best describes your family income? Is it (READ LIST)?

- 1. Under \$20,000.....7%
- 2. \$20,000-\$40,000.....9%
- 3. \$40,000-\$60,000.....13%
- 4. \$60,000-\$80,000.....12%
- 5. \$80,000-\$100,000.....8%
- 6. Over \$100,000.....13%
- 7. Not Sure/Refused (Volunteered).....39%

Q18: Which of the following categories does your current age fall in? Is it (READ LIST)?

- 1. 18-34.....8%
- 2. 35-50.....18%
- 3. 51-64.....35%
- 4. 65- and over.....38%
- 5. Not Sure/Refused (Volunteered).....1%

Q19: Thank you for your help with the survey. We appreciate your time.
(GENDER DETERMINED BY VOICE RECOGNITION)

- 1. Male.....48%
- 2. Female.....52%