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Interview dates: August 27-29, 2010
Interviews: 600 registered voters; 407 likely voters in Pennsylvania
278 Democrats/Lean Democrats (RV); 248 Republicans/Lean Republicans (RV)
Margin of error: ± 4.0% for registered voters; ± 4.9 for likely voters
± 6.1% for Democrats (RV); ± 6.1% for Republicans (RV)

Political Polling in Pennsylvania: Wave 1
Research undertaken for Reuters

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted August 27-29, 2010 on behalf of Reuters. Interviews were conducted by telephone with live interviewers. For the survey, a representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 600 adults aged 18 and older across Pennsylvania who are registered voters was interviewed by Ipsos. With a sample of this size, results are considered accurate within 4.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire population of registered voters in Pennsylvania been polled. Likely voters (reported on for ballot questions only) are defined as individuals currently registered to vote, who voted in the 2008 Presidential election, are a 7-10 on a 10-point likelihood to vote scale, and are interested in following news about the campaign 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit.' Individuals who did not vote in the 2008 Presidential election qualify as likely voters if they are registered to vote, are an 8-10 on a 10-point likelihood to vote scale, and are interested in following news about the campaign 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit.' Out of our sample of 600 registered voters, 407 are likely voters. With a sample of this size, results are considered accurate within ±4.9 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled.

All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the actual Pennsylvania registered voter population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish. Figures filtered on Democrats, Republicans, and Independents are based on registered voters and not likely voters. Figures marked by an asterisk () indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. Please note that throughout this document, figures based on Independent voters are indicative only due to very small sample size (47).*

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not?

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Yes	100	100	100	100
No	0	0	0	0

2. Sometimes things come up and people are not able to vote. In the 2008 election for President, did you happen to vote?

Yes	92
No	8
Don't know / Refused	*

3. Why not? *BASE = All who did not vote at 2008 Presidential Election (29)*

Did not approve of candidates	46
Did not vote / did not want to	12
Not registered, too busy, something came up	10
Health reasons	5
Forgot to	5
Did not live in state/district at the time	3
Other	13
DK/Ref	8



4. On November 2nd, midterm elections will be held. Pennsylvania voters will elect a Senator, Members of Congress, Governor, and other state-level positions. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections? You can use any number between 1 and 10, to indicate how strongly you feel about your likelihood to vote.

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
1 – Completely certain will NOT vote	5	5	5	13
2	*	1	*	0
3	2	1	2	6
4	3	3	3	6
5	9	13	3	15
6	*	1	*	0
7	6	5	8	0
8	11	14	11	2
9	10	9	11	6
10 – Completely certain WILL vote	52	48	57	51
Don't know / Refused	1	2	1	1

5. How much interest do you have in following news about the campaigns for the midterm elections in Pennsylvania?

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
A great deal	26	27	25	20
Quite a bit	27	23	32	28
Only some	27	27	27	27
Very little	14	18	10	5
No interest at all	6	3	6	19
Not sure / Refused	1	2	*	0
TOTAL: Great deal/Quite a bit	53	50	57	48
TOTAL: None/Very little	19	21	16	25

6. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?
 IF “DEMOCRAT” TO Q6, Q7 ASKED. IF “REPUBLICAN” TO Q6, Q8 ASKED. IF “INDEPENDENT” or “NONE OF THESE” TO Q6, Q9 ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)
7. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
8. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
9. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
Strongly Democrat	26	23
Moderately Democrat	15	17
Lean Democrat	5	8
Strongly Republican	21	16
Moderately Republican	15	18
Lean Republican	8	6
Independent (No lean)	8	9
DK / Ref	3	3
Total Democrats	45	48
Total Republicans	44	40
Total Independents	8	9



10. Generally speaking, would you say things in Pennsylvania are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Right direction	37	53	22	23
Wrong track	55	40	69	65
Not sure / Refused	8	7	9	11

11. What do you think are the biggest problems facing Pennsylvania now?

OPEN-ENDED: DO NOT READ OUT. INTERVIEWERS: CODE INTO CATEGORIES BELOW UNLESS RESPONSE ABSOLUTELY DOES NOT FIT. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE 'BROAD' DEFINITIONS AND TRY TO CODE RESPONSES INTO PRECODES BELOW.

Economy / jobs (<i>includes: national economy, Pennsylvania's economy, lack of jobs, wrong jobs, not enough work, etc</i>)	48
Budget / Deficit	16
Government / politics / politicians (<i>includes: named politicians, corrupt government, legislature, parties, national government, etc</i>)	14
Taxes (<i>includes: too much tax, tax increases, disproportionate tax, etc</i>)	14
Healthcare (<i>includes: national and also within Pennsylvania</i>)	12
Education	8
Transportation (<i>includes: lack of public transportation, traffic, car/truck problems, etc</i>)	5
Immigration	3
Crime	3
Energy (<i>includes: oil issues/concerns, lack of energy, gas prices, price of power, etc</i>)	2
Environment/Pollution (<i>includes: global warming, damage to natural environment, littering, exhaust from cars, etc</i>)	2
Housing (<i>includes: cost of housing, foreclosures, property insurance rates etc</i>)	2
Infrastructure (<i>roads, highways, bridges, etc</i>)	2
Social Security (<i>for the elderly, disability, etc</i>)	2
High cost of living	1
Morality / faith	1
Social services (<i>police, firefighters, etc.</i>)	1
Gambling / casinos	1
Welfare / social support	1
Armed forces/ national security (<i>includes: war in Iraq, funding, veterans</i>)	1
Judicial/ court system (<i>Includes: judges, the law etc</i>)	1
Insurance	1
Political apathy / ignorance	*
Drugs / substance abuse	*
Other	3
Don't know / Refused	8



I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections this November...

12. ...if the election for US Senator were held today, would you vote for Republican candidate Pat Toomey or Democratic candidate Joe Sestak [REVERSE NAMES]? ASK Q13 IF 'DK/ REFUSED' AT Q12

13. *Lean question (NOTE: NOT PUBLISHED HERE BECAUSE IPSOS DOES NOT ALLOCATE LEANERS AT THIS STAGE IN THE ELECTORAL CYCLE)*

	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Pat Toomey (Republican)	47	40	11	76	40
Joe Sestak (Democrat)	37	37	74	2	5
Candidate from another political party (VOL)	2	4	1	3	16
DK/Ref/Unsure (VOL)	15	20	15	19	38

14. ...if the election for Governor of Pennsylvania were today, would you vote for Republican candidate Tom Corbett or Democratic candidate Dan Onorato [REVERSE NAMES]? ASK Q15 IF 'DON'T KNOW / REFUSED' AT Q14

15. *Lean question (NOTE: NOT PUBLISHED HERE BECAUSE IPSOS DOES NOT ALLOCATE LEANERS AT THIS STAGE IN THE ELECTORAL CYCLE)*

	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Tom Corbett (Republican)	49	43	14	80	40
Dan Onorato (Democrat)	34	37	67	7	14
Candidate from another political party (VOL)	1	1	0	2	3
DK/Ref/Unsure (VOL)	16	19	19	12	43

16. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Ed Rendell is handling his job as Governor of Pennsylvania? IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK Q17. IF MIXED/DK/REF, ASK Q18

17. Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

18. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Strongly approve	11	18	3	11
Somewhat approve	15	18	11	18
Lean approve	17	20	15	12
Still have mixed feelings	3	2	4	1
Lean disapprove	19	21	18	8
Somewhat disapprove	11	8	12	17
Strongly disapprove	22	11	35	24
Not sure	2	2	1	9
TOTAL: Approve	43	55	29	41
TOTAL: Disapprove	52	41	65	48



19. As you know, Joe Sestak is the Democratic candidate for Senate in Pennsylvania. In the Democratic Senate Primary, President Obama endorsed Arlen Specter over Joe Sestak. Does this make you more or less likely to support Sestak in the general election against Republican Pat Toomey? READ OUT. REVERSE FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS

	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
More likely to support Joe Sestak	17	19	15	17
Less likely to support Joe Sestak	19	12	25	24
Or will it make no difference?	59	63	56	48
DK/Ref (VOL)	6	6	4	11

20. Please imagine for a moment that Arlen Specter had won the Democratic primary for US Senate. If the election for US Senator were held today and the candidates were Pat Toomey for the Republicans and Arlen Specter for the Democrats [ROTATE NAMES], which candidate would you vote for? ASK Q21 IF 'DON'T KNOW / REFUSED' AT Q20

21. *Lean question (NOTE: NOT PUBLISHED HERE BECAUSE IPSOS DOES NOT ALLOCATE LEANERS AT THIS STAGE IN THE ELECTORAL CYCLE)*

	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Democrats (RV)</u>	<u>Republicans (RV)</u>	<u>Independents (RV)</u>
Pat Toomey (Republican)	52	48	28	79	28
Arlen Specter (Democrat)	40	38	63	12	21
Candidate from another political party (VOL)	1	2	1	1	13
DK/Ref/Unsure (VOL)	7	12	8	9	38