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Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted May 3-9, 2010. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College under the direction of the poll’s Director Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Head Methodologist Berwood Yost, and Project Manager Angela Knittle. The data included in this release represent the responses of 1023 adult residents of Pennsylvania, including 861 registered adults (404 Democrats, 321 Republicans, 117 registered as Independent/Other, and 19 who refused to identify party). Telephone numbers for the survey were generated using random digit dialing, and respondents were randomly selected from within each household. Survey results were weighted (age, education, race, region, and gender) using an iterative weighting algorithm.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 3.1 percentage points. The sample error for registered adults is +/- 3.3 percentage points and is slightly higher for registered Democrats (+/- 4.9 percentage points) and registered Republicans (+/- 5.5

percentage points). The subsample of Democratic likely voters has a sample error of +/- 7.9 percentage points.

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.

The Franklin & Marshall College Poll is produced in conjunction with the Philadelphia Daily News, WGAL-TV (South Central PA), Pittsburgh Tribune Review, WTAE-TV (Pittsburgh), WPVI-TV6/ABC (Philadelphia), Times-Shamrock Newspapers, Harrisburg Patriot-News, and Lancaster Newspapers. It may be used in whole or in part, provided any use is attributed to Franklin & Marshall College.

Key Findings

The latest Franklin and Marshall College Poll of Pennsylvania voters finds the race between Arlen Specter and Joe Sestak for the Democratic US senate nomination has tightened considerably. While clear front-runners have emerged in the remaining primary races for senate and governor, the poll also finds that many voters have yet to make up their minds about those races.

The Democratic US Senate Primary

The May Franklin and Marshall College Poll shows Joe Sestak with a narrow advantage over incumbent Senator Arlen Specter among those Democrats who are most likely to vote, 38% to 36%, with about one in four likely voters still undecided. When undecided voters who are leaning toward a candidate are allocated, the pool of truly undecided voters is about 15%. Among likely voters, Sestak has a decided advantage among men, younger voters, whites, and those currently working full-time (see Table A-1).

The poll shows that Sestak holds a larger advantage as the pool of voters gets smaller—meaning lower turnout favors his candidacy. Specter leads Sestak among all registered Democrats, 38% to 29%. Representative Sestak’s support among all registered Democrats has more than doubled since March when Specter led 32% to 12%.

In addition to the different outcomes that may arise based on different levels of turnout, Specter’s voters are a bit more uncertain about their preference; more of Specter’s voters are still making up their minds about their choice. Three quarters

(73%) of Specter’s voters say they are “certain” to vote for him while almost nine in ten (88%) Sestak voters say they are “certain” to vote for him.

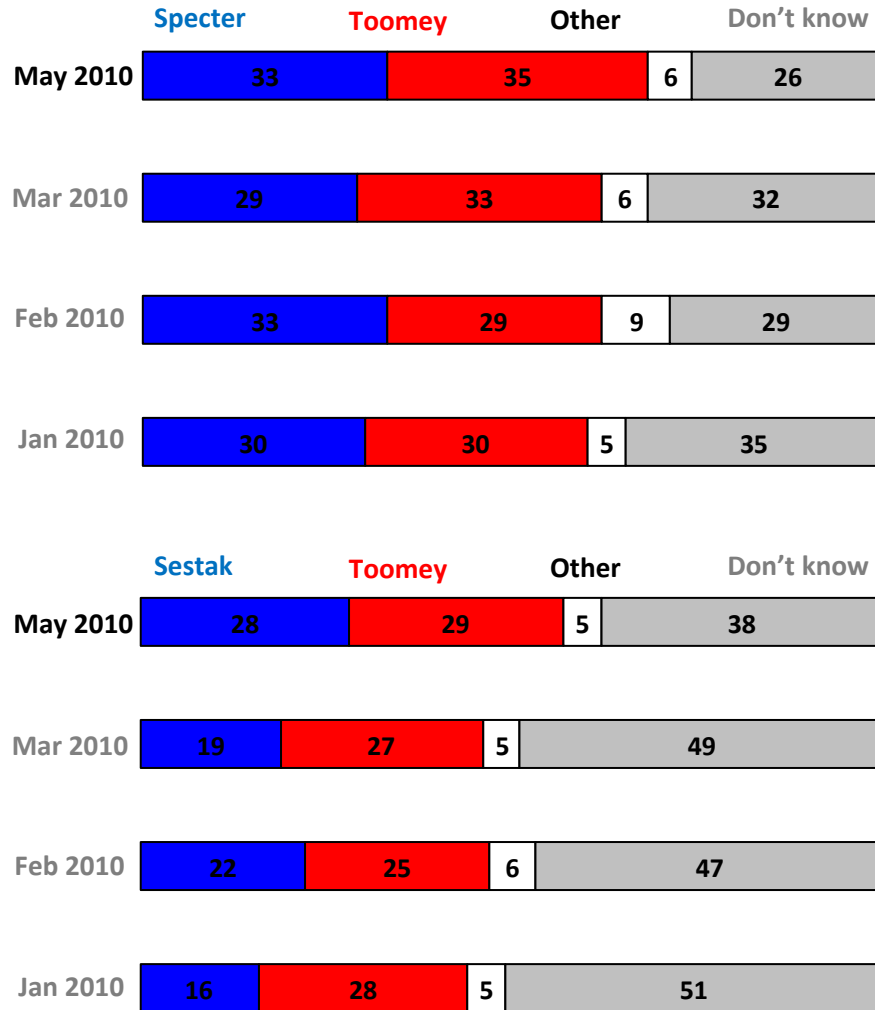
Sestak’s name identification has improved among Democrats since March, rising from 12% favorable and 75% undecided to 25% favorable and 50% undecided. Specter’s favorability and job approval ratings among Democrats have held constant since March.

This race will be determined by Specter’s ability to hold off Sestak’s late surge. The challenger has improved his recognition and image among Democratic voters and the incumbent, who is far better known, has little room to grow in attracting new supporters. The key to a Specter victory will arise from his ability to cast doubts on Sestak’s credentials and to create a well-organized election-day turnout machine. Sestak must continue to build on the momentum he has established as a viable alternative to the incumbent.

The winner of the Democratic primary, whether Specter or Sestak, fares well in a hypothetical match up with the front runner in the Republican Senate primary, Pat Toomey (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. 2010 Pennsylvania U.S. Senate Election Preferences

If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Arlen Specter/Joe Sestak, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Arlen Specter/Joe Sestak, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?



Other Pennsylvania Primary Races

None of the other primary races has generated the same amount of attention and enthusiasm as the Democratic Senate primary. In each of these three races, a sizable proportion of undecided voters persist. Even with the large proportion of undecided voters in each race, a clear front runner has emerged for each office. Dan Onorato has increased his share of the vote since March and has a clear advantage in the Democratic Gubernatorial primary. Tom Corbett's share of the vote has remained consistent since past polls, and he continues to have a clear advantage over Sam Rohrer in the Republican Gubernatorial primary, although Rohrer's share of the vote has increased since March (see Table 2). Finally, in the Republican Senate primary, Pat Toomey holds a sizable lead over Peg Luksik, 28% to 1%, with the majority of voters still undecided about their choice (69%). Preferences in the Republican Senate primary have changed little since March (March: Toomey 30%, Luksik 4%; May: Toomey 28%, Luksik 4%).

Table 2. Pennsylvania Gubernatorial Primary Preferences

If the 2010 Democratic/Republican primary election for GOVERNOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) [fill candidates], would you vote for [fill candidates], or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	May 2010
Democrats (n = 404)				
Dan Onorato	10%	6%	11%	27% (34%)
Jack Wagner	4%	6%	7%	5% (8%)
Joe Hoeffel	4%	6%	5%	4% (5%)
Anthony Williams	-	1%	4%	5% (6%)
Other	10%	9%	2%	3% (3%)
Don't know	72%	72%	71%	57% (44%)
Republicans (n = 321)				
Tom Corbett	23%	26%	28%	29% (33%)
Sam Rohrer	5%	4%	4%	10% (10%)
Other	3%	5%	2%	1% (2%)
Don't know	69%	65%	66%	60% (55%)

Note: numbers in parentheses for May 2010 represent likely voters

About the Likely Voter Model

Likely voters are those respondents who report they are “certain” to vote in the upcoming election and to also report “always” voting in primary elections. This model predicts a turnout of 38% among Democrats and 42% among Republicans. Table 2 shows the Democratic primary turnout over the past nine elections. The average Democratic primary turnout is 30%, with a high of 55% in 2008 and a low of 15% in 1998.

Table 2. Turnout among Democrats

Year	Democratic Primary Turnout
1992	47%
1994	38%
1996	23%
1998	15%
2000	20%
2002	32%
2004	21%
2006	19%
2008	55%
Average	30%

Table A-1

If the 2010 Democratic primary election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Arlen Specter and Joe Sestak, would you vote for Arlen Specter, Joe Sestak, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Specter	Sestak	Other	Don't know
Gender*				
Female	41%	23%	1%	34%
Male	29%	54%	2%	14%
Age*				
18-34	11%	37%	0%	52%
35-54	37%	38%	3%	23%
55 and over	44%	38%	1%	18%
Education				
High school or less	42%	32%	2%	24%
Some college	37%	49%	0%	13%
College degree	25%	39%	2%	35%
Household Income				
Less than \$35,000	50%	29%	0%	20%
\$35-75,000	36%	37%	2%	25%
Over \$75,000	18%	48%	4%	31%
Race*				
Non-white	58%	13%	0%	29%
White	31%	43%	2%	24%
Marital Status				
Not currently married	41%	37%	1%	21%
Single, never married	40%	26%	4%	31%
Married	30%	45%	1%	24%
Religious Affiliation				
Other/unaffiliated	47%	23%	0%	29%
Protestant	33%	38%	3%	26%
Catholic	26%	52%	1%	21%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist				
Yes	51%	31%	0%	18%
No	30%	40%	2%	28%
Household Union Member				
Yes	32%	37%	1%	30%
No	37%	38%	2%	23%
Military Veteran				
Yes	42%	53%	0%	5%
No	35%	35%	2%	29%
Region				
Philadelphia/Southeast	33%	32%	0%	35%
Allegheny/Southwest	37%	42%	1%	20%
Northeast	53%	39%	3%	5%
Central	39%	30%	6%	25%
Northwest	14%	58%	0%	29%
Employment*				
Fulltime	23%	40%	3%	34%
Other	45%	29%	1%	25%
Retired	52%	37%	0%	11%

* Significant differences ($p < .05$)

Marginal Frequency Report

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
May 2010	35%	55%	10%
Mar 2010	32%	58%	10%
Feb 2010	37%	50%	13%
Jan 2010	39%	53%	8%
Oct 2009	32%	60%	8%
Aug 2009	33%	59%	8%
Jun 2009	44%	48%	8%
Mar 2009	48%	41%	11%
Feb 2009	40%	49%	11%
Aug 2007	47%	44%	9%
Jun 2007	42%	45%	13%
Feb 2007	46%	42%	12%
Oct 2006*	47%	42%	11%
Sep 2006*	52%	36%	12%
Aug 2006*	50%	40%	10%
Feb 2006	45%	46%	9%
Nov 2005	39%	52%	10%
Sep 2005	46%	46%	8%
Jun 2005	43%	45%	12%
Mar 2005	50%	44%	6%
Oct 2004*	48%	39%	13%
Sep 2004*	46%	41%	13%
Aug 2004*	43%	40%	17%
Mar 2004*	33%	50%	18%
Feb 2004	37%	49%	14%
Nov 2003	45%	45%	10%
Apr 2003	55%	33%	12%
Sep 2002*	52%	32%	16%
Jun 2002*	55%	32%	13%
Jul 1999	64%	27%	9%
Sep 1998*	67%	15%	18%
Jul 1998	60%	26%	14%
Mar 1998	65%	24%	11%
Oct 1996	49%	31%	21%
Sep 1996*	49%	34%	17%
Jul 1996	41%	41%	18%
Apr 1995	52%	32%	17%

*Question asked of registered respondents only

FinToday. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that YOU and YOUR FAMILY are better off, worse off, or about the same financially as you were a year ago?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
May 2010	14%	39%	46%	1%
Mar 2010	13%	36%	51%	0%
Feb 2010	13%	41%	46%	0%
Jan 2010	10%	40%	50%	0%
Oct 2009	8%	36%	55%	1%
Aug 2009	9%	39%	52%	0%
Jun 2009	11%	43%	45%	1%
Mar 2009	11%	36%	53%	0%
Feb 2009	10%	44%	46%	0%
Oct 2008*	14%	44%	42%	0%
Sep 2008*	12%	40%	47%	0%
Aug 2008*	16%	37%	46%	1%
Feb 2008*	20%	29%	51%	0%
Jan 2008*	17%	25%	57%	1%
Nov 2005	20%	28%	51%	1%
Sep 2005	17%	36%	47%	0%
Jun 2005	24%	24%	52%	0%
Mar 2005	21%	28%	51%	1%
Nov 2003	17%	29%	53%	1%
Apr 2003	16%	30%	54%	0%
Sep 2002*	25%	26%	47%	1%
Jun 2002*	29%	20%	50%	1%
Jul 1999	31%	16%	52%	1%
Jul 1998	31%	16%	52%	1%
Mar 1998	31%	16%	52%	1%
Jul 1996	21%	22%	56%	1%
Feb 1996	21%	21%	57%	1%
Apr 1995	26%	21%	52%	1%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

FinFut. Now looking AHEAD, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW, YOU and YOUR FAMILY will be better off financially than you are now, worse off, or about the same as you are now?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
May 2010	29%	17%	49%	5%
Mar 2010	27%	17%	50%	6%
Feb 2010	28%	18%	47%	7%
Jan 2010	27%	17%	49%	7%
Oct 2009	31%	14%	50%	5%
Aug 2009	31%	19%	47%	3%
Jun 2009	32%	21%	41%	6%
Mar 2009	27%	12%	55%	6%
Feb 2009	29%	19%	45%	7%
Oct 2008*	33%	14%	40%	14%
Sep 2008*	25%	18%	42%	15%
Aug 2008*	28%	15%	45%	12%
Nov 2005	29%	20%	48%	3%
Sep 2005	27%	23%	45%	5%
Jun 2005	32%	15%	48%	5%
Mar 2005	31%	20%	45%	4%
Nov 2003	33%	13%	49%	5%
Apr 2003	27%	17%	51%	5%
Sep 2002*	38%	8%	43%	11%
Jun 2002*	35%	6%	49%	10%
Jul 1999	38%	8%	50%	4%
Jul 1998	41%	9%	45%	5%
Mar 1998	39%	7%	50%	4%
Jul 1996	24%	12%	54%	10%
Feb 1996	29%	16%	49%	6%
Apr 1995	37%	12%	44%	7%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

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

86% Yes
14% No

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else? (875 registered respondents)

37% Republican
47% Democrat
11% Independent
3% Something else
2% 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? (875 registered respondents) (rotated)

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
ED RENDELL						
May 2010	18%	23%	17%	30%	8%	4%
Mar 2010	16%	25%	13%	29%	13%	4%
Feb 2010	16%	25%	17%	27%	10%	5%
Jan 2010	16%	26%	16%	29%	9%	4%
Oct 2009	13%	24%	17%	30%	9%	7%
Aug 2009	13%	19%	19%	34%	10%	5%
Jun 2009	15%	27%	15%	25%	11%	7%
Feb 2009	16%	26%	16%	22%	13%	7%
ARLEN SPECTER						
May 2010	10%	22%	14%	33%	12%	9%
Mar 2010	9%	21%	13%	32%	13%	12%
Feb 2010	11%	21%	17%	28%	15%	8%
Jan 2010	11%	24%	14%	29%	13%	9%
Oct 2009	8%	20%	15%	31%	13%	13%
Aug 2009	12%	23%	13%	29%	13%	10%
Jun 2009	13%	18%	11%	26%	17%	15%
Feb 2009	14%	28%	12%	17%	15%	14%
BOB CASEY JR.						
May 2010	10%	23%	9%	11%	16%	31%
Mar 2010	9%	24%	10%	11%	17%	29%
Feb 2010	13%	20%	9%	9%	15%	34%
Jan 2010	9%	23%	11%	9%	17%	31%
Oct 2009	11%	21%	9%	12%	15%	32%
Aug 2009	17%	24%	10%	8%	17%	24%
Jun 2009	11%	21%	12%	5%	17%	34%
Feb 2009	11%	19%	9%	8%	21%	32%
BARACK OBAMA						
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%
JOE SESTAK						
May 2010	6%	11%	7%	5%	16%	55%
Mar 2010	4%	7%	4%	2%	10%	73%
Feb 2010	4%	6%	1%	2%	10%	77%
Jan 2010	3%	5%	4%	2%	10%	76%
Oct 2009	4%	7%	3%	2%	7%	77%
Aug 2009	3%	10%	2%	2%	10%	73%
PAT TOOMEY						

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
PAT TOOMEY cont.						
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%
TOM CORBETT						
May 2010	7%	17%	5%	5%	17%	49%
Mar 2010	8%	14%	4%	3%	17%	54%
Feb 2010	5%	16%	3%	3%	19%	54%

Strongly and somewhat favorable and strongly and somewhat unfavorable combined:

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
ED RENDELL				
May 2010	41%	47%	8%	4%
Mar 2010	41%	42%	13%	4%
Feb 2010	41%	44%	10%	5%
Jan 2010	42%	45%	9%	4%
Oct 2009	37%	47%	9%	7%
Aug 2009	32%	53%	10%	5%
Jun 2009	42%	40%	11%	7%
Mar 2009	45%	35%	15%	5%
Feb 2009	42%	38%	13%	7%
Aug 2007	47%	36%	12%	5%
Jun 2007	48%	38%	10%	4%
Feb 2007	53%	36%	8%	3%
Oct 2006	54%	30%	12%	4%
Sep 2006	52%	29%	16%	3%
Aug 2006	49%	33%	14%	4%
May 2006	48%	32%	16%	4%
Feb 2006	41%	40%	14%	5%
Nov 2005	39%	38%	18%	6%
Sep 2005	42%	36%	16%	6%
Jun 2005	41%	33%	17%	9%
Mar 2005	48%	28%	18%	7%
Aug 2004	46%	31%	17%	6%
Feb 2004	40%	32%	15%	14%
Nov 2003	46%	26%	21%	7%
Apr 2003	50%	19%	17%	16%
Oct 2002	50%	24%	18%	9%
Sep 2002	43%	19%	25%	14%
Jun 2002	40%	18%	26%	16%
Oct 2001	30%	8%	13%	50%
Apr 2001	29%	7%	11%	52%
Jul 1999	30%	7%	9%	54%
ARLEN SPECTER				
May 2010	32%	47%	12%	9%
Mar 2010	30%	45%	13%	12%
Feb 2010	32%	45%	15%	8%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
ARLEN SPECTER cont.				
Jan 2010	35%	43%	13%	9%
Oct 2009	28%	46%	13%	13%
Aug 2009	35%	42%	13%	10%
Jun 2009	31%	37%	17%	15%
Mar 2009	48%	24%	14%	14%
Feb 2009	42%	29%	15%	14%
Jun 2007	42%	33%	16%	9%
Oct 2004	45%	28%	17%	10%
Aug 2004	39%	26%	24%	11%
Mar 2004	41%	25%	23%	11%
Feb 2004	41%	25%	13%	21%
Nov 2003	46%	26%	17%	11%
Apr 2003	46%	23%	14%	17%
Sep 1998	57%	17%	19%	7%
Jul 1998	57%	19%	15%	9%
Mar 1998	53%	27%	15%	5%
Oct 1997	52%	20%	18%	10%
Apr 1995	32%	31%	23%	14%
Oct 1992	34%	30%	26%	7%
Apr 1992	55%	28%	17%	0%
BOB CASEY JR.				
May 2010	33%	20%	16%	31%
Mar 2010	33%	21%	17%	29%
Feb 2010	33%	18%	15%	34%
Jan 2010	32%	20%	17%	31%
Oct 2009	32%	21%	15%	32%
Aug 2009	41%	18%	17%	24%
Jun 2009	32%	17%	17%	34%
Mar 2009	34%	16%	19%	31%
Feb 2009	30%	17%	21%	32%
Jun 2007	29%	22%	23%	26%
Oct 2006	39%	29%	16%	16%
Sep 2006	29%	22%	22%	27%
Aug 2006	31%	20%	18%	31%
May 2006	30%	13%	20%	37%
Feb 2006	30%	8%	16%	45%
Nov 2005	30%	9%	20%	40%
Sep 2005	32%	7%	22%	39%
Jun 2005	40%	9%	15%	36%
Mar 2005	33%	10%	19%	38%
Oct 2001	28%	7%	22%	43%
Apr 2001	33%	9%	22%	36%
Jun 1999	29%	11%	17%	44%
BARACK OBAMA				
May 2010	44%	46%	10%	0%
Mar 2010	42%	46%	11%	1%
Feb 2010	49%	39%	11%	1%
Jan 2010	44%	44%	10%	2%
Oct 2009	45%	39%	13%	3%
Aug 2009	55%	37%	7%	1%
Jun 2009	56%	27%	14%	3%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
BARACK OBAMA cont.				
Mar 2009	59%	21%	18%	2%
Feb 2009	56%	23%	17%	4%
Oct 2008	53%	33%	12%	3%
Sep 2008	49%	30%	17%	3%
Aug 2008	43%	29%	23%	5%
Feb 2008	46%	27%	21%	6%
Jan 2008	41%	27%	23%	9%
Aug 2007	37%	21%	23%	19%
Jun 2007	32%	21%	20%	27%
Feb 2007	31%	15%	20%	34%
JOE SESTAK				
May 2010	17%	12%	16%	55%
Mar 2010	11%	6%	10%	73%
Feb 2010	10%	3%	10%	77%
Jan 2010	8%	6%	10%	76%
Oct 2009	11%	5%	7%	77%
Aug 2009	13%	4%	10%	73%
PAT TOOMEY				
May 2010	16%	9%	15%	60%
Mar 2010	18%	10%	13%	59%
Feb 2010	16%	7%	15%	62%
Jan 2010	15%	7%	13%	65%
Oct 2009	16%	10%	10%	64%
Aug 2009	18%	10%	9%	63%
TOM CORBETT				
May 2010	24%	10%	17%	49%
Mar 2010	22%	7%	17%	54%
Feb 2010	21%	6%	19%	54%

Vote_Nov. Many people will vote in the mid-term election in November, however, many other people will not. What would you say are the chances you will vote in the November election? 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 November election? (875 registered respondents)

	Certain to vote	Will probably vote	Chances 50-50 will vote	Don't think will vote	Don't know
May 2010	55%	21%	11%	12%	1%
Mar 2010	66%	20%	9%	4%	1%
Feb 2010	65%	19%	10%	5%	1%
Jan 2010	66%	19%	10%	5%	0%

Pol_Int. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you are...in the 2010 elections? (875 registered respondents)

	Very much interested	Somewhat interested	Not very interested	Don't know
May 2010	39%	51%	10%	0%
Mar 2010	43%	49%	7%	1%
Feb 2010	41%	46%	13%	0%
Jan 2010	45%	45%	10%	0%

Prim. When it comes to primary elections, do you always vote, do you usually vote, do you only sometimes vote, or do you rarely vote?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Don't know
May 2010	45%	26%	16%	13%	0%
Apr 2008	55%	24%	11%	10%	0%
Mar 2008	53%	27%	11%	8%	1%

DemPrim. If the 2010 Democratic primary election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Arlen Specter and Joe Sestak, would you vote for Arlen Specter, Joe Sestak, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (404 registered Democrats)

	Arlen Specter	Joe Sestak	Other	Don't know
May 2010	38%	29%	2%	31%
Mar 2010	32%	12%	4%	52%
Feb 2010	33%	16%	7%	44%
Jan 2010	30%	13%	7%	50%
Oct 2009	30%	18%	5%	47%
Aug 2009	37%	11%	6%	46%
Jun 2009	33%	13%	6%	48%

CertDP. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill DemSen] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (269 registered Democrats with vote choice)

74% Certain to vote
 26% Still making up mind
 0% Do not know

LeanDP. As of today, do you lean more to (*rotated*) Arlen Specter, Joe Sestak, or are you leaning toward some other candidate? (127 registered undecided Democrats)

19% Arlen Specter
 13% Joe Sestak
 9% Some other candidate
 59% Do not know

RepPrim2. If the 2010 Republican primary election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Pat Toomey and Peg Luksik, would you vote for Pat Toomey, Peg Luksik, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (321 registered Republicans)

	Pat Toomey	Peg Luksik	Other	Don't Know
May 2010	28%	1%	2%	69%
Mar 2010	30%	4%	2%	64%

CertRP2. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill RepSen] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (94 registered Republicans with vote choice)

66% Certain to vote
 34% Still making up mind
 0% Do not know

LeanRP2. As of today, do you lean more to (*rotated*) Pat Toomey, Peg Luksik, or are you leaning toward some other candidate? (221 registered undecided Republicans)

11% Pat Toomey
 2% Peg Luksik
 10% Some other candidate
 77% Do not know

SenSpT. If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Arlen Specter, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Arlen Specter, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (875 registered respondents)

	Arlen Specter	Pat Toomey	Other	Don't know
May 2010	33%	35%	6%	26%
Mar 2010	29%	33%	6%	32%
Feb 2010	33%	29%	9%	29%
Jan 2010	30%	30%	5%	35%
Oct 2009	33%	31%	6%	30%
Aug 2009	37%	29%	9%	25%
Mar 2009	33%	18%	7%	42%

SenSeT. If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Joe Sestak, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Joe Sestak, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (875 registered respondents)

	Pat Toomey	Joe Sestak	Other	Don't know
May 2010	29%	28%	5%	38%
Mar 2010	27%	19%	5%	49%
Feb 2010	25%	22%	6%	47%
Jan 2010	28%	16%	5%	51%
Oct 2009	28%	20%	4%	48%
Aug 2009	26%	22%	6%	46%

Iss_Sen. What will be the single MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in your vote for U.S. Senate this year? (875 registered respondents)

Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	May 2010	
24%	30%	24%	26%	Economic issues, employment, bailout
29%	21%	31%	12%	Healthcare
3%	4%	3%	7%	Taxes
3%	8%	3%	6%	Reduce spending, debt, pass budget
3%	3%	2%	3%	Education issues
2%	2%	2%	3%	Political party, ideology, switched parties
3%	1%	1%	3%	Defense, safety of nation, war, terrorism
4%	2%	3%	2%	Abortion stance
2%	2%	1%	2%	Personality, morality, values
0%	1%	1%	2%	Reduce the size of government
1%	1%	1%	2%	Representative of the people
1%	1%	1%	2%	Dissatisfied with representative, time for a change
0%	0%	0%	2%	Immigration
0%	0%	0%	2%	Views on policy issues
0%	2%	1%	1%	Senior issues
8%	6%	9%	5%	Other
17%	16%	17%	20%	Don't know

DemPrim2. If the 2010 Democratic primary election for GOVERNOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, Anthony Williams, and Joe Hoeffel, would you vote for Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, Anthony Williams, Joe Hoeffel, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (404 registered Democrats)

	Dan Onorato	Jack Wagner	Joe Hoeffel	Anthony Williams	Other	Don't know
May 2010	27%	5%	4%	5%	3%	56%
Mar 2010	11%	7%	5%	4%	2%	71%
Feb 2010	6%	6%	6%	1%	9%	72%
Jan 2010	10%	4%	4%	-	10%	72%
Oct 2009	10%	9%	6%	-	9%	66%

CertDP2. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill DemGov] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (163 registered Democrats with vote choice)

- 57% Certain to vote
- 43% Still making up mind
- 0% Do not know

LeanDP2. As of today, do you lean more to (rotated) Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, Anthony Williams, Joe Hoeffel, or are you leaning toward some other candidate? (229 registered undecided Democrats)

- 9% Dan Onorato
- 2% Jack Wagner
- 2% Anthony Williams
- 4% Joe Hoeffel
- 8% Some other candidate
- 75% Do not know

RepPrim. If the 2010 Republican primary election for GOVERNOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Tom Corbett and Sam Rohrer, would you vote for Tom Corbett, Sam Rohrer, or aren't you sure how you would vote? (321 registered Republicans)

	Tom Corbett	Sam Rohrer	Other	Don't know
May 2010	29%	10%	1%	60%
Mar 2010	28%	4%	2%	66%
Feb 2010	26%	4%	5%	65%
Jan 2010	23%	5%	3%	69%

CertRP. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill RepGov] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (127 registered Republicans with vote choice)

- 53% Certain to vote
- 47% Still making up mind
- 0% Do not know

LeanRP. As of today, do you lean more to (rotated) Tom Corbett, Sam Rohrer, or are you leaning toward some other candidate? (191 registered undecided Democrats)

- 16% Tom Corbett
- 5% Sam Rohrer
- 12% Some other candidate
- 67% Do not know

Iss_Gov. What will be the single MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in your vote for governor this year? (875 registered respondents)

Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	May 2010	
26%	29%	28%	21%	Economic issues, employment
13%	11%	12%	16%	Taxes
8%	13%	10%	15%	Reduce spending, debt, pass budget
4%	4%	4%	6%	Education issues
7%	7%	6%	4%	Healthcare
2%	3%	1%	2%	Personality, morality, values
1%	1%	1%	2%	Political party, ideology
0%	0%	0%	2%	Views on policy issues
2%	1%	2%	1%	Abortion stance
1%	1%	2%	1%	Dissatisfied with representative, time for a change
1%	2%	1%	1%	Representative of the people
1%	0%	0%	0%	Everything, nothing
11%	9%	12%	10%	Other
23%	19%	21%	19%	Don't know

Q20. If the 2010 elections for the United States House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for the House in your district? (875 registered respondents)

	Democratic Party's Candidate	Republican Party's Candidate	Other Candidate	Don't know
May 2010	38%	39%	0%	23%
Oct 2009	37%	34%	2%	27%

RatePres. How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president? (875 registered respondents)

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
May 2010	14%	24%	32%	29%	1%
Mar 2010	12%	28%	27%	32%	1%
Feb 2010	12%	29%	32%	27%	0%
Jan 2010	11%	27%	32%	29%	1%
Oct 2009	17%	23%	31%	28%	1%
Aug 2009	14%	33%	29%	24%	0%
Jun 2009	20%	35%	25%	19%	1%
Mar 2009	23%	37%	22%	14%	4%
Feb 2009	25%	30%	23%	13%	9%

RateSenS. How would you rate the way that ARLEN SPECTER is handling his job as U.S. SENATOR? (875 registered respondents)

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
May 2010	5%	27%	33%	29%	6%
Mar 2010	5%	25%	31%	32%	7%
Feb 2010	5%	25%	35%	27%	8%
Jan 2010	5%	29%	31%	27%	8%
Oct 2009	4%	25%	36%	28%	7%
Aug 2009	8%	27%	35%	22%	8%
Jun 2009	10%	24%	37%	18%	11%
Mar 2009	13%	39%	25%	12%	11%
Feb 2009	8%	35%	32%	17%	8%
Aug 2007	15%	36%	33%	12%	4%
Feb 2004	5%	34%	32%	10%	19%
Nov 2003	7%	35%	37%	11%	10%
Apr 2003	11%	36%	30%	11%	13%
Sep 1998	7%	47%	34%	6%	6%
Jul 1998	10%	44%	31%	9%	6%
Oct 1997	12%	41%	33%	6%	7%
Apr 1992	5%	33%	44%	12%	6%
Oct 1991	11%	39%	41%	9%	--

DesRECD. Do you believe that ARLEN SPECTER has done a good enough job as SENATOR to deserve re-election, or do you believe it is time for a change? (875 registered respondents)

	Deserves re-election	Time for a change	Don't know
May 2010	26%	65%	9%
Mar 2010	28%	61%	11%
Feb 2010	25%	63%	12%
Jan 2010	29%	60%	11%
Oct 2009	23%	66%	11%
Aug 2009	34%	54%	12%
Jun 2009	28%	57%	15%
Mar 2009	40%	46%	14%
Oct 1997	49%	40%	11%

WhyChg. Why do you think it is time for a change? (567 registered respondents who answered "time for a change" in DesRECD) (Percentages total more than 100% because multiple responses were accepted.)

Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	May 2010	
21%	23%	31%	33%	Political party, ideology, switched parties
25%	32%	24%	22%	Should be term limits, Specter served too long
13%	8%	16%	12%	Dissatisfied with Specter, time for a change
14%	12%	10%	10%	Not representative of the people
7%	9%	8%	10%	Physical attributes (including age, gender, health)
3%	4%	6%	9%	Past performance, track record
7%	8%	10%	8%	Personality, morality, values
6%	8%	6%	6%	Doesn't follow through, wishy-washy
5%	4%	3%	5%	Views on policy issues, in general
4%	3%	2%	3%	Economic issues, employment
6%	3%	3%	1%	Anti-Obama administration, votes with Obama, healthcare
2%	1%	1%	1%	Reduce spending, debt, pass budget
7%	8%	4%	8%	Other
6%	5%	5%	6%	Don't know

Tea1. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about the "tea party movement", or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
May 2010	73%	25%	2%
Feb 2010	62%	35%	3%

nTea2a. Have you donated any money to any organization that is associated with the tea party movement? (639 respondents aware of "tea party movement")

3% Yes
 96% No
 1% Do not know

nTea2b. Have you attended a rally or meeting held by any organization that is associated with the tea party movement? (639 respondents aware of "tea party movement")

4% Yes
 95% No
 1% Do not know

Tea3. Do you generally support or oppose the tea party movement? (639 respondents aware of "tea party movement")

	Strongly Support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
May 2010	22%	23%	8%	24%	23%
Feb 2010	19%	20%	8%	21%	32%

Tea4. How likely would you be to vote for a candidate who supports the tea party movement's goals? (639 respondents aware of "tea party movement")

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't know
May 2010	21%	29%	14%	24%	12%
Feb 2010	19%	26%	11%	23%	21%

Now I'd like to ask you about some issues currently being discussed in the state.

Roads. The state legislature is holding a special session in May to find ways to provide additional funding for road and bridge repairs. Would you favor or oppose each of the following as a way for the state to generate money for road and bridge repairs.

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Increasing the state's vehicle registration fee					
May 2010	11%	26%	16%	44%	3%
Leasing the Pennsylvania Turnpike to a private company					
May 2010	12%	17%	17%	43%	11%
June 2007	15%	32%	14%	26%	13%
Feb 2007	15%	27%	16%	28%	14%
Collecting tolls on interstate 80 to raise money for state highways and bridge improvements					
May 2010	5%	10%	11%	73%	1%
Increasing taxes on companies that extract and sell natural gas					
May 2010	24%	21%	17%	27%	11%
Mar 2010	19%	16%	21%	28%	16%
Feb 2009	17%	19%	25%	27%	12%

Q21. Some people believe Pennsylvania should get out of the business of selling wine and spirits and are talking about selling the state's liquor stores to private companies. Do you support or oppose the state of Pennsylvania selling the state-owned liquor stores to private companies?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Do not know
May 2010	35%	15%	8%	29%	13%
June 2002	42%	13%	6%	24%	15%

Judges. Pennsylvania currently selects JUDGES for its highest courts through direct ELECTIONS. Some people have PROPOSED switching to a system where these judges would be APPOINTED instead of elected. In this system, a nominating commission would generate a list of qualified candidates. The Governor would choose a name from the list and that person would have to be confirmed by the Senate.

Would you FAVOR or OPPOSE amending Pennsylvania's Constitution from a system of elected judges to a system of APPOINTED JUDGES?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Do not know
May 2010	15%	9%	10%	59%	7%
Feb 2007	13%	12%	15%	54%	6%

Legal_MJ. Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	Yes	No	Do not know
May 2010	33%	60%	7%
May 2006	22%	72%	6%

FO_MJ. Generally speaking...do you favor or oppose allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if a doctor recommends it?

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Do not know
May 2010	53%	27%	4%	13%	3%
May 2006	44%	32%	7%	13%	4%

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?)

27%	Central
19%	Southeast
13%	Northeast
12%	Southwest
12%	Philadelphia
9%	Northwest
8%	Allegheny

RESID. How many years have you lived at your current residence?

15.8 Mean

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

8%	18-24
20%	25-34
13%	35-44
24%	45-54
14%	55-64
21%	65 and older

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

7%	Non high school graduate
45%	High school graduate or GED
12%	Some college
10%	Two-year or tech degree
15%	Four year college degree
11%	Post graduate degree

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

21%	Single, Never Married
55%	Married
2%	Separated
11%	Divorced
11%	Widow or widower

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

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know
May 2010	19%	32%	40%	9%
Mar 2010	17%	35%	40%	8%
Feb 2010	21%	33%	37%	9%
Jan 2010	19%	30%	42%	9%
Oct 2009	16%	36%	39%	9%
Aug 2009	16%	36%	43%	5%
Jun 2009	19%	34%	37%	10%
Feb 2008	20%	41%	35%	4%
Jan 2008	18%	40%	38%	4%
Aug 2007	21%	44%	31%	4%
Jun 2007	19%	42%	35%	4%
Feb 2007	21%	41%	32%	6%
Oct 2006	17%	42%	35%	6%
Sep 2006	20%	39%	36%	5%
Aug 2006	19%	38%	38%	5%
May 2006	16%	43%	35%	6%
Feb 2006	21%	41%	34%	4%
Nov 2005	17%	42%	35%	7%
Sep 2005	22%	38%	35%	5%
Jun 2005*	19%	42%	33%	7%
Mar 2005*	16%	40%	38%	6%
Oct 2004	16%	39%	38%	7%
Sep 2004	16%	52%	29%	4%
Aug 2004	15%	48%	33%	3%
Mar 2004	16%	44%	34%	6%
Feb 2004	20%	41%	33%	7%
Nov 2003	21%	42%	31%	7%
Apr 2003*	19%	41%	35%	5%
Oct 2002	16%	41%	35%	8%
Sep 2002	18%	41%	35%	6%
Jun 2002	19%	43%	33%	5%
Oct 2001	20%	38%	36%	6%
Apr 2001	19%	36%	35%	9%
Oct 2000	22%	37%	33%	8%
Feb 2000	19%	44%	37%	0%
Jul 1999	18%	37%	39%	6%

* Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status

PRTY1. Regardless of how you are registered, in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

15%	Strong Republican
15%	Republican
12%	Lean Republican
11%	Pure Independent
14%	Lean Democrat
11%	Democrat
20%	Strong Democrat
0%	Other
2%	Don't know

LABR. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a LABOR UNION?

18%	Yes
82%	No

VET. Are you a military veteran?

13%	Yes
87%	No

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

2%	Yes
98%	No

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

86%	White
14%	Non-white

ABORT. Do you think that abortion should be...

	Legal under any circumstances	Legal under certain circumstances	Illegal in all circumstances	Don't know
May 2010	21%	58%	19%	2%
Mar 2010	19%	56%	23%	2%
Feb 2010	19%	57%	22%	2%
Jan 2010	23%	50%	24%	3%
Oct 2009	20%	54%	23%	3%
Aug 2009	21%	54%	23%	2%
Jun 2009	18%	58%	22%	2%
Aug 2007	22%	56%	21%	1%
Jun 2007	21%	58%	20%	1%
Feb 2007	20%	53%	26%	1%
Oct 2006*	17%	62%	18%	3%
Sep 2006*	22%	54%	22%	2%
Aug 2006*	23%	56%	19%	2%
May 2006*	19%	65%	14%	2%
Feb 2006	23%	57%	17%	3%
Nov 2005	23%	55%	19%	3%
Sep 2005	24%	54%	19%	3%
Jun 2005	22%	55%	20%	4%
Mar 2005	18%	54%	25%	3%
Oct 2004*	18%	61%	19%	2%
Sep 2004*	22%	55%	22%	1%
Aug 2004*	20%	61%	18%	1%
Mar 2004*	16%	58%	24%	3%
Feb 2004	22%	54%	20%	4%
Nov 2003	23%	52%	21%	5%
Apr 2003*	22%	56%	21%	2%
Oct 2002*	29%	51%	17%	3%
Sep 2002*	26%	51%	19%	4%
Jun 2002*	26%	56%	15%	3%
Oct 2001*	25%	52%	20%	3%
Apr 2001*	25%	53%	18%	3%
Oct 2000*	26%	53%	15%	6%
Feb 2000*	23%	53%	20%	4%
Jul 1999	26%	54%	17%	3%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

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

- 38% Protestant
- 27% Catholic
- 20% Some other religion
- 15% Not affiliated with any religion

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

32% Yes
 66% No
 2% Do not know

Bible. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

	The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by men.	Don't know
May 2010	31%	48%	17%	4%
Mar 2010	29%	53%	15%	3%
Feb 2010	30%	49%	18%	3%
Jan 2010	34%	47%	16%	3%
Oct 2009	33%	49%	15%	3%
Aug 2009	32%	48%	17%	3%
Jun 2009	25%	56%	17%	2%
Feb 2006	27%	51%	21%	1%
Nov 2005	25%	54%	18%	4%
Sep 2004*	26%	59%	13%	3%
Aug 2004*	26%	55%	16%	3%

*Question asked of registered respondents only

NumA. Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or OLDER CURRENTLY live in this household?

28% One
 52% Two
 13% Three
 7% Four or more

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

49% Full-time
 9% Part-time
 4% Going to school
 7% Keeping house
 6% Unemployed
 5% Disabled
 20% Retired

INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

20%	Under \$25,000
15%	\$25-\$35,000
13%	\$35-50,000
18%	\$50-75,000
15%	\$75-100,000
16%	Over \$100,000
3%	Don't know

DONE. Sex of respondent:

48%	Female
52%	Male