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Top Line Survey Results
Statewide Voter Attitude Survey
Interviews Conducted November 1-2, 2020
Sample Size: 499 Likely Voters

SUMMARY OVERVIEW, SP&R STATEWIDE VOTER ATTITUDE POLL

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Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. today releases its newest Pennsylvania statewide poll in the Presidential race showing the race between Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump is a statistical tie with less than 24 hours before voters' officially head to the polls to vote in person. In the telephone poll, conducted November 1-2 with 499 likely voters, Donald Trump holds a razor-thin, 49.2% to 48.4% lead over challenger Joe Biden. One percent (1) say they intend to vote for Libertarian Jo Jorgensen, while one percent are still weighing their options. The margin of error for the poll of 499 interviews is +/-4.3%, putting Trump's .08 percent lead well within the poll's margin of error.

The lead for Trump in the current survey suggests that support for Biden has been slowly eroding in comparison to surging support for Trump when measured against three separate polls conducted earlier this year - shrinking from a 6-point Biden lead in April (48:42), to a 5-point Biden lead in June (46:41), to a 2-point Biden lead in September (44:42). This suggests Trump's strategy to campaign feverishly in a state that traditionally sees more than a majority of its ballots cast on Election Day could be paying dividends with late breaking undecided voters. On the key issues, "job creation and the economy" continue to be cited as the top issue on voters' minds, at 40%, where Trump leads 77:19. And in a state with an unemployment rate still higher than the national average, voters' anxieties about jobs could prove decisive to a Trump victory. Moreover, Gov. Wolf's approval rating on the COVID pandemic is down to 46% (42% disapprove), his lowest approval rating yet. Trump leads Biden by an 85:15 margin among voters who disapprove of the job Wolf is doing managing the corona virus. Trump also leads Biden by a combined 66:28 margin in counties making up Western, Northwest and Central Pennsylvania (about 1/3 of the state's total population), suggesting Trump has the potential to over perform his 2016 margins in working class areas where registered Democrats and "swing" voters gave him winning margins in 2016. Conversely, Biden leads Trump 62:36 in the suburban collar counties around Philadelphia (Bucks, Chester, Montgomery and Delaware), which shows an improvement from Clinton's 57:43 margin in 2016. Biden is also getting 80% of the vote in Philadelphia. If Biden overperforms Clinton's margins in Southeastern Pennsylvania it could tilt the race in his favor. With only 1% undecided, this race will come down to the strength of Trump's margin with Election Day voters and his turnout among registered Republicans and Trump-leaning Independents.



TOPLINE REPORT AND QUESTIONNAIRE – SPR STATEWIDE PRESIDENTIAL BATTLEGROUND POLL

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is (YOUR FIRST NAME). I am calling on behalf of Susquehanna Polling and Research a public opinion research firm. May I speak to (name on list) or another registered voter in your household? (If name on list or another registered voter is not available, TERMINATE)

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues Pennsylvania today. May we have just 5 to 6 minutes of your time to complete a brief survey?

Great, thank you...

F1: First, are you a registered voter in Pennsylvania?

- 1. If yes 499 100% PROCEED TO F2
2. If no -- THANK AND TERMINATE

F2. What are your chances of voting in the elections for President, United States Congress and other federal and state races this coming Tuesday, November 3rd – would you say excellent, good, fair or poor, or have you already voted?

- 1. If excellent/already voted 473 95% PROCEED TO Q1
2. If good 21 04% PROCEED TO Q1
3. If fair 5 01% PROCEED TO Q1
4. If poor -- THANK AND TERMINATE

Q1. Generally speaking, do you think the country is going in the right direction, or has it gotten on the wrong track?

- 1. Right direction 175 35%
2. Wrong track 273 55%
3. Neutral/mixed opinion 47 09%
4. Refuse 4 01%

Q2. Which TWO of the following eight issues should be the top priorities for your federal officials in Washington, D.C. to concentrate on? Is it... (ROTATE ITEMS)...strengthening the economy and job creation, fixing the nation's highways and infrastructure, improving the environment and addressing climate change, fighting terrorism and protecting the homeland, improving race relations, restoring law and order to cities and communities, improving access and affordability in health care, finding a vaccine for the corona virus? (PROBE FOR TWO ANSWERS)

1. Strengthening the economy/job creation	201	40%
2. Fixing highways and infrastructure	38	08%
3. Improving the environment/climate change	97	19%
4. Fighting terrorism/protecting homeland	50	10%
5. Improving race relations	109	22%
6. Restoring law/order to cities/communities	153	31%
7. Improving access/affordability to health care	127	25%
8. Finding a vaccine for the corona virus	180	36%
9. Other (DNR)	10	02%
10. Undecided (DNR)	13	03%
11. Refuse (DNR)	4	01%

Q3. Do you plan to vote early at the polls prior to Election Day, on Election Day at the polls, or with a mail-in or absentee ballot?

1. At polls/early	63	13%	SKIP TO Q5
2. On Election Day at polls	272	55%	SKIP TO Q5
3. Mail in ballot/absentee	156	31%	PROCEED TO Q4
4. Undecided	7	01%	SKIP TO Q5

Q4. Since you intended to vote by mail or with an absentee ballot, did you make the formal request to your county for your ballot?

[N=156]

1. Yes	143	92%
2. No	7	04%
3. Not Sure	5	03%
4. Refuse	1	01%

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Governor Tom Wolf is doing managing the corona virus issue?

1. Approve	230	46%
2. Disapprove	210	42%
3. Undecided	54	11%
4. Refuse	5	01%

(Rotate Q6-Q7)

Q6. Is your opinion of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump favorable, is it unfavorable, do you have a mixed opinion of Donald Trump or no overall opinion at all?

1. Favorable	208	42%
2. Unfavorable	214	43%
3. Mixed Opinion	59	12%
4. No Opinion	17	03%
5. Refuse	1	00%

Q7. Is your opinion of Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden favorable, is it unfavorable, do you have a mixed opinion of Joe Biden or no overall opinion at all?

1. Favorable	173	35%
2. Unfavorable	222	44%
3. Mixed Opinion	87	17%
4. No Opinion	17	03%
5. Refuse	1	01%

Q8. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates include Donald Trump, the Republican candidate, and Joe Biden, the Democrat candidate, for whom would you vote? (Test Intensity...)

1. Definitely Trump	236	47%	SKIP TO Q10
2. Probably Trump	10	02%	SKIP TO Q10
Total Trump:	246	49.2%	
3. Definitely Biden	235	47%	SKIP TO Q10
4. Probably Biden	7	01%	SKIP TO Q10
Total Biden:	242	48.4%	
5. Jo Jorgensen	7	01.4%	SKIP TO Q10
6. Not Sure	4	01.0%	PROCEED TO Q9

Q9. Even though you are undecided, are you leaning towards a candidate, or do you think you may not vote at all?

[N=4]

1. Leaning Trump	0	00%
2. Leaning Biden	0	00%
3. Leaning another candidate	0	00%
4. Not leaning/still undecided	2	50%
5. May not vote at all	2	50%

Q10. When did you make up your mind about who you are voting for in the race for President – many months ago or before the June primary election, after the primary election when candidates were officially nominated, earlier this Fall, or in the last few weeks?

1. Many months before or before June primary	343	69%
2. After June primary/when candidates were nominated	97	19%
3. Earlier this Fall	15	03%
4. In last few weeks	29	06%
5. Still undecided	7	01%
6. Not Sure	8	02%

Q11. From what you have heard people say, who do you think your neighbors are voting for in the race for President?

1. Trump	215	43%
2. Biden	122	24%
3. Jorgensen	1	00%
4. Not Sure	158	32%
5. Refuse	3	01%

Q12. Regardless of who you are voting for, who do you think will win the election – Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

1. Trump	217	43%
2. Biden	200	40%
3. Someone else	1	00%
4. Not Sure	80	16%
5. Refuse	1	01%

Now, I have just a few questions for demographic purposes...

Q13. Party registration (based on household description)

1. Republican	200	40%
2. Democrat	228	46%
3. Independent/Other	71	14%

Q14. Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you tend to think of yourself more as a Republican, more as a Democrat or more as an Independent voter?

1. Republican	150	30%
2. Democrat	135	27%
3. Independent	200	40%
4. None of the above	13	02%
5. Refuse	1	01%

Q15. What was your age on your last birthday? (Use brackets below)

1. 18-29	64	13%
2. 30-44	123	25%
3. 45-54	83	17%
4. 55-64	94	19%
5. 65 and older	126	25%
6. Refuse	9	02%

Q16. When it comes to your ideology or philosophy on political issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, liberal, progressive, libertarian or something else?

1. Conservative	171	34%
2. Moderate	116	23%
3. Liberal	67	13%
4. Progressive	56	11%
5. Libertarian	28	06%
6. Other	38	08%
7. None	19	04%
8. Refuse	4	01%

Q17. Do you recall if you voted for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in the last presidential election in 2016?

1. Trump	227	45%
2. Clinton	198	40%
3. Other	26	05%
4. Didn't vote	41	08%
5. Undecided	4	01%
6. Refuse	3	01%

Q18. What is your highest level of education? (UNAIDED)

1. High school diploma or less	98	20%
2. Some college, but no college degree	82	16%
3. 2-year college degree/Technical or trade degree	63	13%
4. 4-year college degree	136	27%
5. Post-graduate degree/Masters/Doctorate studies	115	23%
6. Refuse	5	01%

Q19. Is your main religious background Catholic, Protestant, born-again Christian, Jewish or something else?

1. Catholic	150	30%
2. Protestant	93	19%
3. Born-again Christian	82	16%
4. Jewish	16	03%
5. Other	110	22%
6. Atheist/agnostic/no religious affiliation	38	08%
6. Refuse	10	02%

Q20. What is your main racial or ethnic background?

(In Alpha Order)

1. African American/African/Black	43	09%
2. Asian American/Asian	3	01%
3. Hispanic/Latino	19	04%
4. Multiracial/Multiethnic	12	02%
5. Native American/Alaska Native	3	01%
6. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	00%
7. White (Not Latino/Hispanic)	396	79%
8. Race/ethnicity not represented by above categories	9	02%
9. Refuse (Do Not Read)	13	03%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Gender (by observation):

1. Male	256	51%
2. Female	243	49%

Vote History Universe (from record, based on G18, G16 and/or G14 plus new registrants):

0X	34	07%
1X	95	19%
2X	165	33%
3X	205	41%

Regional Grouping (from record):

24	(05%)	1. Northwest [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
54	(11%)	2. Southwest [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
73	(15%)	3. The "T"/Central [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin]
74	(15%)	4. Northeast/Lehigh Valley [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
83	(17%)	5. South Central [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks, Juniata]
92	(18%)	6. Southeast [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
43	(09%)	7. Allegheny County
56	(11%)	8. Philadelphia

METHODOLOGY, SAMPLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

This poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc¹. Interviews were conducted Nov. 1-2, 2020 with 499 likely voters in Pennsylvania. Survey respondents are randomly contacted using random selection procedures, and all telephone interviews are conducted using live telephone agents. The sample frame was compiled using random telephone sequence methods, and includes both landline and cellular households, purchased from a certified list vendor; all households are pre-screened to eliminate household telephone numbers on the federal Do Not Call registry in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Only known registered voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 3 or better general elections using G18, G16 and/or G16 as the base universe. Voters who registered to vote after the 2018 general election are included and also eligible to participate.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Pennsylvania electorate is achieved based on party registration, geography, gender, age and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted to adjust for coverage bias or non-response error.

The margin of error for a sample size of 499 interviews is +/-4.3% at the 95% confidence level.

¹ Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. is a nationally recognized polling and focus group company and conducts polling for political, media and corporate clients mainly in PA, NY, IN, FL, NJ, MD, DE, SC, NC and other states. SP&R's polling has been featured on many national platforms, including the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show, FOX News Channel, The O'Reilly Factor, the Bill Maher Show and MSNBC. The internet news service **Sunshine State News** of Florida referred to SP&R as "*one of the most prominent pollsters in the country*" for its accurate polling in the 2010 Florida Gubernatorial Republican Primary election. The website www.realclearpolitics.com lists SP&R's publicly released polling in Pennsylvania as some of the most accurate polling in the 2016 Presidential election.