Susquehanna Polling and Research is releasing results of a new independent survey in the Republican Pennsylvania sweepstakes for both United States Senate and Governor. The survey was conducted May 12-15 and includes telephone interviews with 400 registered Republican voters. The universe for the poll included Republicans with past vote history in 1 of 4 or better primary elections (using P21, P20, P19 and/or P18). Newly registered Republicans were also eligible. The poll has a margin of error of +/-4.9% at the 95% confidence level.

US Senate Race: A Statistical Tie (Oz v. Barnette)

The GOP nomination for US Senate is a very close race between frontrunner Mehmet Oz (28%) and Kathy Barnette (27%). This should be considered a statistical tie and well within the poll’s margin of error. Dave McCormick, another candidate who has spent considerable resources on paid TV advertising, is the only other candidate with double digit support (at 11%). All other candidates receive single digit support including Carla Sands (3%), Jeff Bartos (2%), and George Bochetto and Sean Gale (1% each). Nearly one in four (or 24%) say they are still undecided.

K. Barnette can win this race because among voters who made up their minds “in the last few days”, she leads the field of candidates with 45% (v. 33% for Oz and all others way behind). This suggests she may have the momentum going into the final two days of the campaign. In comparison, among voters who made up their minds PRIOR to the last few days (i.e., in the last week, a few weeks ago or a few months ago), M. Oz leads Barnette 40:34 (all others way behind). Moreover, among Republicans who are “very” conservative, Barnette leads narrowly with 28% (Oz at 27%), whereas among “somewhat” conservative voters, Oz leads the field with 34% (Barnette at 22%). “Very” conservative voters make up 1 in 2 voters in the GOP universe v. those who are less conservative accounting for about 1 in 3. Some of the negative TV ads against Oz painting him as a “RINO” may have helped solidify his credentials with these less-than-staunchly conservative voters.

Barnette is also helped by a gender gap and leads among Republican females at 30% v. Oz (25%), McCormick (11%) and all other candidates in single digits. Among male Republicans, Oz leads at 32% v. Barnette (24%), McCormick (10%) and all other candidates in single digits.

Pa Governor: Mastroiano Leads, While Barletta Drops in Comparison to Past SP&R Polling

In the race for PA governor, Doug Mastroiano has the support of 29%, far ahead of second place challenger Bill McSwain (18%) and Lou Barletta (15%). All other candidates receive single digit support including D. White (8%), C. Gerow (3%), and M. Hart, J. Gale and J. Corman (1% each). Twenty-two (22) percent of voters remain undecided. This change in candidate support represents a huge swing in comparison to prior publicly released polling by SP&R. In Feb. 2021, SP&R showed Barletta leading a field of 5 candidates with 20% of the vote, compared to D. Mastroiano at 11% and B. McSwain at 3%. The current poll shows both Mastroiano and McSwain have surged, while Barletta’s support has dropped.

Mastroiano leads in virtually every media market in the state, including the Southwest (27%), the “T”/Central region (33%) and the South Central/Harrisburg region (34%). Mastroiano is even competitive both in the Southeast/Philadelphia collar counties (receiving 20%) which was thought to be B. McSwain’s strength (22% support) and leads in the Northeast/Wilkes-Barre market (at 30%) - long considered L. Barletta’s strength from his days as a former congressman.

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The crosstabs show Mastriano has done the best job connecting with the state’s GOP voters. Most Republicans in the poll say the most important reason they are supporting “their” candidate is because [the candidate] “cares about the issues they care about,” cited by 74% of Republicans. Among these voters, Mastriano leads handily with 35% of the vote. Moreover, the late breaking Trump endorsement may have helped solidify Mastriano’s base because among the N=25 Republicans in the poll who say their top reason for supporting their candidate was due to an endorsement, Mastriano is winning 60% of them.

One bright spot in the poll for second place candidate (B. McSwain) is that he leads among voters who made up their minds in the last few days (at 30%), which could suggest he has some late momentum in the race. However, Mastriano leads the field among “very” conservative voters (at 31%), which other polls show are a strong contributor of support to former President Donald Trump.
### Pennsylvania Statewide Republican Primary Telephone Poll

**Sample Size:** 400 Pennsylvania Republican Likely Voters  
**Conducted May 12-15, 2022**

#### TOP LINE REPORT AND QUESTIONNAIRE

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 Republican voter in your household? (If name on list or other Republican voter is not available, TERMINATE CALL).

**INTRODUCTION:** We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May I have just three or four minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Great, thank you...

F1: And to confirm, are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat or with some other political party?

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**Q1:** As you may know, Tuesday May 17th is the Republican Primary election for United States Senate, Governor and other races. What are your chances of voting in the Republican primary election – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

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**Q2.** Do you plan to vote at the polls on Election Day, or with an absentee or mail in ballot?

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Q3. From the following list of eight issues, please indicate the top two issues the next US Senator who represents you in Washington, D.C. should concentrate on. (ROTATE – PROBE FOR TWO ANSWERS)

- a. Illegal immigration 163 41%
- b. Crime and public safety 77 19%
- c. Election integrity and voter ID 81 20%
- d. The economy, inflation and gas prices 260 65%
- e. Taxes and spending 72 18%
- f. Getting radical policies out of schools 50 12%
- g. The war in Ukraine 12 03%
- h. Social issues like abortion 55 14%
- i. None/other (do not read) 0 00%
- j. Undecided (do not read) 22 06%

Q4. If the Republican primary for United States Senate were held today and the candidates included... (ROTATE NAMES)

...Kathy Barnette
...Jeff Bartos
...George Bochetto
...Sean Gale
...David McCormick
...Mehmet Oz
...Carla Sands

...For whom would you vote?

1. Barnette/Kathy 108 27%
2. Bartos/Jeff 10 02%
3. Bochetto/George 3 01%
4. Gale/Sean 4 01%
5. McCormick/David 42 11%
6. Oz/Mehmet 114 28%
7. Sands/Carla 12 03%
8. Not Sure (Do Not Read) 95 24% SKIP TO Q6
9. Other 2 01%
10. Refuse 9 02% SKIP TO Q6

Q5. When did you decide which candidate you were supporting in the race for Senate – a few months ago, a few weeks ago, within the last week, or within the last few days?

[n=296]

1. Few months ago 97 33%
2. Few weeks ago 86 29%
3. Within the last week 49 17%
4. Within the last few days 63 21%
5. Refuse 1 00%
Q6. In the Republican race for governor, if the election were held today and the candidates included... (ROTATE NAMES)

...Lou Barletta
...Bill McSwain
...Charlie Gerow (Ja-roe)
...Nche Zama (En-chay Zaa-maa)
...Joe Gale
...Melissa Hart
...Doug Mastriano
...Dave White

...For whom would you vote?

1. Barletta/Lou 59 15%
2. Gale/Joe 6 01%
3. Gerow/Charlie 10 03%
4. Hart/Melissa 3 01%
5. Mastriano/Doug 115 29%
6. McSwain/Bill 71 18%
7. White/Dave 30 08%
8. Zama/Nche 1 00%
9. Corman, Jake (Do Not Read) 2 01%
10. Not Sure (Do Not Read) 88 22% SKIP TO Q8
11. Other 5 01%
12. Refuse 9 02% SKIP TO Q8

Q7. What is the most important reason you are supporting your candidate? (One Answer Only)

[N=303]

1. They care about the issues I care about 224 74%
2. They have the best chance of winning in the fall 22 07%
3. I like them as a person; they are genuine 30 10%
4. They got endorsements or support from people I respect 25 08%
5. Other (Do not Read) 0 00%
6. Not Sure (Do Not Read) 1 00%
7. Refuse 1 00%

Q8. What was your age on your last birthday? (UNAIDED)

1. 18-29 15 04%
2. 30-44 45 11%
3. 45-54 70 18%
4. 55-64 105 26%
5. 65+ 164 41%
Q9. When it comes to your political ideology, do you identify mainly as conservative, moderate or liberal when thinking about your positions on social, cultural or economic issues? (If conservative, is that “very” conservative or only “somewhat” conservative...?)

1. Very conservative  
2. Somewhat conservative  
   **Total Conservative:**
3. Moderate  
4. Liberal/progressive  
5. Other/None  
6. Refuse

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

Gender (recorded):

1. Male 204 51%
2. Female 196 49%

Area (regional break):

1. Northwest 23 06%
2. Southwest 46 12%
3. T/Central 77 19%
4. Northeast 43 11%
5. South Central 87 22%
6. Southeast 86 21%
7. Allegheny Co. 30 07%
8. Philadelphia 8 02%

Primary Vote Universe (P21, P20, P19 and/or P18, plus new registrants):

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This poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc\(^1\). Interviews were conducted May 12-15, 2022, with 400 Republican 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 Republican voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 4 or better primary elections using P21, P20, P19 and/or P18 as the base universe. Republican voters who registered to vote after the 2021 primary election are included and also eligible to participate.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Pennsylvania Republican electorate is achieved based on geography, gender, age cohort 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 400 interviews is +/-4.9% at the 95% confidence level.

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\(^1\)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 and other battleground states as some of the most accurate polling in the 2020 Presidential election. SP&R CEO Jim Lee was profiled on two episodes of CBS’s Inside Edition for its unmatched accuracy in its battleground polling in the 2020 Elections.