



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 7, 2011

INTERVIEWS: DEAN DEBNAM 888-621-6988 / 919-880-4888 (serious media inquiries only please, other questions can be directed to Tom Jensen)

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POLL: TOM JENSEN 919-744-6312

Casey trounces host of unknown Republicans in PA

Raleigh, N.C. – With yesterday’s release showing Rick Santorum eight points down to President Obama in the former senator’s home state, Santorum may choose to abandon his exploration of a presidential bid in favor of a rematch of his 2006 loss to now Senator Bob Casey. If he does that, he would at least make it much closer than the rout Casey laid on him four years ago, but he would come little closer than he does against the president. If he chooses neither route, Casey would win re-election by 13 to 23 points against four other, far lesser-known GOP possibilities.

Casey tops Santorum, 48-41. Santorum now posts the same level of support he did in the previous match-up of the two candidates, but he at least has 11% of voters on the fence about Casey this time. Casey leads former acting governor Mark Schweiker, 47-34; 6th-District Rep. Jim Gerlach, 49-33; 15th-District Rep. Charlie Dent, 51-31; and attorney Marc Scaringi, the only announced candidate so far, by a 50-27 margin.

Casey leads Santorum, 49-29, with independents. That lead grows to 49-27 against Gerlach, 49-25 against Schweiker, 51-21 against Scaringi, and 55-17 against Dent. But where Casey really trounces the non-Santorum hopefuls is in party unity, where Casey only barely edges Santorum. He holds the others to only 52- 66% of the GOP’s support, and takes at least twice as many Republicans as all but Schweiker do Democrats.

Casey is pretty popular compared to most senators in this climate, with a 41-29 approval rating. He’s only tepidly liked by his own partymates, but also not nearly as strongly disliked as other politicians are by the opposing party, and breaks even with independents. Aside from Santorum’s 38-44 favorability rating, with 19% having no opinion, the rest of the potential GOP nominees against Casey are blank slates. A whopping 85% have not heard of Scaringi, 76% of Dent, 74% of Gerlach, and 66% of Schweiker. And except Schweiker, who has a 19-15 with those who do know him, all the others are viewed unfavorably by at least 2:1 margins.

“Bob Casey’s going to start out his reelection bid in a much better position than a lot of the other Democrats first elected in 2006,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He has an unusual amount of appeal to Republicans and independents.”

PPP surveyed 547 Pennsylvania voters from January 3rd to 5th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.2%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.





Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the work Ed Rendell did during his eight years as Governor?

Approve 40%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not sure 11%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Corbett?

Favorable..... 39%
Unfavorable 27%
Not sure 34%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the work Arlen Specter did during his 30 years in the Senate?

Approve 44%
Disapprove..... 41%
Not sure 15%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pat Toomey?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 31%
Not sure 35%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Bob Casey's job performance?

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 29%
Not sure 29%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Dent?

Favorable..... 6%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 76%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Gerlach?

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 74%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mark Schweiker?

Favorable..... 19%
Unfavorable 15%
Not sure 66%

Q9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Marc Scaringi?

Favorable..... 2%
Unfavorable 13%
Not sure 85%

Q10 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Charlie Dent, who would you vote for?

Bob Casey 51%
Charlie Dent..... 31%
Undecided..... 18%

Q11 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Jim Gerlach, who would you vote for?

Bob Casey 49%
Jim Gerlach..... 33%
Undecided..... 18%





Q12 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?

Bob Casey 48%
Rick Santorum 41%
Undecided..... 10%

Q13 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Mark Schweiker, who would you vote for?

Bob Casey 47%
Mark Schweiker 34%
Undecided..... 18%

Q14 If the candidates for US Senate next year were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Marc Scaringi, who would you vote for?

Bob Casey 50%
Marc Scaringi..... 27%
Undecided..... 22%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 45%
Conservative..... 39%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q17 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 48%
Republican..... 43%
Independent/Other..... 9%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 84%
African-American 11%
Other..... 5%

Q19 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 8%
30 to 45..... 24%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rendell 8 Years Approval				
Approve	40%	76%	48%	15%
Disapprove	49%	21%	38%	73%
Not sure	11%	3%	14%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	39%	16%	28%	62%
Unfavorable	27%	53%	31%	10%
Not sure	34%	30%	41%	28%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Specter 30 Years Approval				
Approve	44%	61%	55%	24%
Disapprove	41%	24%	29%	63%
Not sure	15%	16%	15%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Toomey Favorability				
Favorable	33%	13%	24%	54%
Unfavorable	31%	54%	38%	14%
Not sure	35%	33%	39%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Casey Approval				
Approve	41%	61%	48%	25%
Disapprove	29%	12%	20%	48%
Not sure	29%	27%	32%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Dent Favorability				
Favorable	6%	5%	6%	7%
Unfavorable	18%	23%	23%	10%
Not sure	76%	72%	71%	83%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gerlach Favorability				
Favorable	9%	12%	8%	10%
Unfavorable	17%	22%	20%	11%
Not sure	74%	65%	72%	80%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Schweiker Favorability				
Favorable	19%	9%	21%	21%
Unfavorable	15%	21%	15%	12%
Not sure	66%	70%	64%	67%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Scaringi Favorability				
Favorable	2%	5%	1%	2%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	17%	7%
Not sure	85%	80%	82%	91%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Casey/Dent				
Bob Casey	51%	84%	65%	21%
Charlie Dent	31%	5%	23%	52%
Undecided	18%	11%	13%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Casey/Gerlach				
Bob Casey	49%	82%	61%	21%
Jim Gerlach	33%	10%	25%	52%
Undecided	18%	8%	14%	27%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Casey/Santorum				
Bob Casey	48%	83%	61%	19%
Rick Santorum	41%	10%	31%	67%
Undecided	10%	8%	7%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Casey/Schweiker				
Bob Casey	47%	79%	60%	19%
Mark Schweiker	34%	12%	25%	55%
Undecided	18%	9%	15%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Casey/Scaringi				
Bob Casey	50%	84%	63%	21%
Marc Scaringi	27%	5%	19%	46%
Undecided	22%	11%	17%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rendell 8 Years Approval			
Approve	40%	42%	38%
Disapprove	49%	45%	54%
Not sure	11%	13%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett Favorability			
Favorable	39%	35%	44%
Unfavorable	27%	25%	29%
Not sure	34%	40%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Specter 30 Years Approval			
Approve	44%	44%	44%
Disapprove	41%	40%	43%
Not sure	15%	16%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Toomey Favorability			
Favorable	33%	32%	35%
Unfavorable	31%	26%	37%
Not sure	35%	42%	28%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Casey Approval			
Approve	41%	40%	42%
Disapprove	29%	26%	34%
Not sure	29%	34%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dent Favorability			
Favorable	6%	4%	9%
Unfavorable	18%	17%	19%
Not sure	76%	79%	72%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gerlach Favorability			
Favorable	9%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	17%	15%	19%
Not sure	74%	78%	70%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schweiker Favorability			
Favorable	19%	17%	21%
Unfavorable	15%	13%	17%
Not sure	66%	71%	62%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scaringi Favorability			
Favorable	2%	1%	3%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	16%
Not sure	85%	89%	81%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Casey/Dent			
Bob Casey	51%	55%	47%
Charlie Dent	31%	26%	37%
Undecided	18%	19%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Casey/Gerlach			
Bob Casey	49%	52%	46%
Jim Gerlach	33%	29%	37%
Undecided	18%	19%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Casey/Santorum			
Bob Casey	48%	49%	48%
Rick Santorum	41%	39%	44%
Undecided	10%	12%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Casey/Schweiker			
Bob Casey	47%	49%	45%
Mark Schweiker	34%	31%	39%
Undecided	18%	20%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Casey/Scaringi			
Bob Casey	50%	51%	50%
Marc Scaringi	27%	22%	33%
Undecided	22%	27%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rendell 8 Years Approval				
Approve	40%	59%	17%	47%
Disapprove	49%	30%	72%	41%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	39%	18%	64%	29%
Unfavorable	27%	40%	10%	35%
Not sure	34%	42%	26%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Specter 30 Years Approval				
Approve	44%	61%	26%	41%
Disapprove	41%	22%	62%	45%
Not sure	15%	17%	12%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Toomey Favorability				
Favorable	33%	15%	55%	29%
Unfavorable	31%	44%	15%	41%
Not sure	35%	41%	30%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Casey Approval				
Approve	41%	58%	23%	37%
Disapprove	29%	13%	47%	35%
Not sure	29%	29%	30%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Dent Favorability				
Favorable	6%	4%	9%	4%
Unfavorable	18%	24%	10%	24%
Not sure	76%	72%	81%	72%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gerlach Favorability				
Favorable	9%	6%	13%	8%
Unfavorable	17%	21%	11%	22%
Not sure	74%	72%	77%	71%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Schweiker Favorability				
Favorable	19%	13%	25%	16%
Unfavorable	15%	19%	9%	19%
Not sure	66%	67%	66%	65%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Scaringi Favorability				
Favorable	2%	4%	0%	4%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	8%	24%
Not sure	85%	82%	92%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Casey/Dent				
Bob Casey	51%	82%	16%	55%
Charlie Dent	31%	7%	60%	17%
Undecided	18%	11%	24%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Casey/Gerlach				
Bob Casey	49%	81%	14%	49%
Jim Gerlach	33%	7%	62%	27%
Undecided	18%	12%	24%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Casey/Santorum				
Bob Casey	48%	80%	13%	49%
Rick Santorum	41%	12%	76%	29%
Undecided	10%	8%	10%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Casey/Schweiker				
Bob Casey	47%	79%	11%	49%
Mark Schweiker	34%	8%	66%	25%
Undecided	18%	13%	23%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Casey/Scaringi				
Bob Casey	50%	82%	15%	51%
Marc Scaringi	27%	6%	52%	21%
Undecided	22%	12%	33%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Rendell 8 Years Approval				
Approve	40%	36%	64%	59%
Disapprove	49%	54%	12%	38%
Not sure	11%	10%	24%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	39%	43%	14%	34%
Unfavorable	27%	26%	29%	38%
Not sure	34%	32%	57%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Specter 30 Years Approval				
Approve	44%	41%	64%	50%
Disapprove	41%	44%	21%	33%
Not sure	15%	15%	14%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Toomey Favorability				
Favorable	33%	36%	10%	33%
Unfavorable	31%	30%	36%	40%
Not sure	35%	33%	55%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Casey Approval				
Approve	41%	40%	50%	33%
Disapprove	29%	32%	10%	33%
Not sure	29%	28%	40%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Dent Favorability				
Favorable	6%	7%	2%	10%
Unfavorable	18%	16%	33%	20%
Not sure	76%	78%	64%	70%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gerlach Favorability				
Favorable	9%	10%	7%	-
Unfavorable	17%	15%	26%	23%
Not sure	74%	75%	67%	77%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Schweiker Favorability				
Favorable	19%	21%	7%	13%
Unfavorable	15%	12%	29%	23%
Not sure	66%	67%	64%	63%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Scaringi Favorability				
Favorable	2%	2%	5%	3%
Unfavorable	13%	11%	24%	20%
Not sure	85%	87%	71%	77%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Casey/Dent				
Bob Casey	51%	46%	90%	50%
Charlie Dent	31%	35%	2%	23%
Undecided	18%	19%	7%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Casey/Gerlach				
Bob Casey	49%	45%	86%	48%
Jim Gerlach	33%	37%	2%	24%
Undecided	18%	18%	12%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Casey/Santorum				
Bob Casey	48%	43%	88%	53%
Rick Santorum	41%	47%	7%	30%
Undecided	10%	11%	5%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Casey/Schweiker				
Bob Casey	47%	42%	88%	50%
Mark Schweiker	34%	39%	2%	30%
Undecided	18%	19%	10%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Casey/Scaringi				
Bob Casey	50%	45%	93%	53%
Marc Scaringi	27%	31%	2%	23%
Undecided	22%	25%	5%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rendell 8 Years Approval					
Approve	40%	43%	37%	40%	43%
Disapprove	49%	43%	53%	51%	43%
Not sure	11%	14%	11%	9%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett Favorability					
Favorable	39%	38%	43%	36%	42%
Unfavorable	27%	33%	26%	25%	28%
Not sure	34%	29%	32%	39%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Specter 30 Years Approval					
Approve	44%	40%	31%	51%	47%
Disapprove	41%	40%	51%	38%	39%
Not sure	15%	20%	18%	12%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Toomey Favorability					
Favorable	33%	26%	36%	35%	30%
Unfavorable	31%	39%	25%	33%	31%
Not sure	35%	35%	39%	31%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Casey Approval					
Approve	41%	37%	34%	42%	48%
Disapprove	29%	15%	32%	29%	34%
Not sure	29%	48%	34%	29%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dent Favorability					
Favorable	6%	9%	7%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	18%	15%	19%	16%	22%
Not sure	76%	76%	75%	79%	70%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gerlach Favorability					
Favorable	9%	2%	10%	7%	15%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	15%	16%	20%
Not sure	74%	81%	75%	77%	65%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Schweiker Favorability					
Favorable	19%	11%	19%	16%	26%
Unfavorable	15%	18%	15%	12%	18%
Not sure	66%	71%	66%	72%	56%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scaringi Favorability					
Favorable	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	15%	10%	14%
Not sure	85%	83%	82%	88%	84%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Casey/Dent					
Bob Casey	51%	58%	41%	51%	58%
Charlie Dent	31%	30%	31%	33%	29%
Undecided	18%	12%	28%	16%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Casey/Gerlach					
Bob Casey	49%	62%	39%	50%	54%
Jim Gerlach	33%	26%	33%	34%	31%
Undecided	18%	12%	28%	15%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Casey/Santorum					
Bob Casey	48%	60%	35%	51%	51%
Rick Santorum	41%	35%	47%	40%	41%
Undecided	10%	5%	18%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Casey/Schweiker					
Bob Casey	47%	57%	39%	47%	52%
Mark Schweiker	34%	30%	36%	35%	33%
Undecided	18%	13%	25%	18%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Casey/Scaringi					
Bob Casey	50%	58%	40%	52%	55%
Marc Scaringi	27%	28%	29%	29%	23%
Undecided	22%	14%	31%	20%	22%

