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PA GOP favors Santorum for Senate but not President

Raleigh, N.C. – Right now, Rick Santorum is far-and-away the choice of his party to take on Bob Casey next year, but that is when he is tested in a field of candidates unknown to at least two-thirds of even these hardest-core Republican voters. If he chooses instead to go ahead with a presidential bid, his rationale for getting the GOP's nod against Obama would not include the overwhelming home-base support on which candidates usually count, as he runs fifth behind the usual frontrunners in his own state. Luckily for him, Pennsylvania's presidential primary generally matters little.

In an eight-candidate Senate slate, Santorum dominates with 45% support; everyone else is in single digits—Jim Gerlach at 9%, Charlie Dent and Mark Schweiker at 8% each, 18th-District Rep. Tim Murphy at 7%, State Sen. Jake Corman at 3%, and Marc Scaringi and State Sen. Kim Ward each at 1%, with 19% undecided or preferring someone else.

If Santorum chooses not to butt heads with Casey again, he leaves a void any of these candidates—or someone else—can easily jump in and fill. As the only candidate to have served statewide other than Santorum, Schweiker seems to benefit most. But the standings largely fall on name recognition, and a full third are unsure of who they would support. Schweiker currently leads with 18%, followed by Gerlach's 14%, Murphy's 13%, Dent's 10%, Corman's 9%, Ward's 2%, and Scaringi's 1%. Scaringi is the only candidate who is so far officially in the race, so he will be able to say he started out with literally nothing if he goes on to win the nomination.

In the presidential field, Santorum only pulls 11%, behind Mike Huckabee's 21%, Sarah Palin's 18%, Newt Gingrich's 16%, and Mitt Romney's 14%, with Tim Pawlenty at 6%, Ron Paul at 4%, and Mitch Daniels at 1%. Santorum's absence only seems to help the frontrunners slightly. Huckabee is boosted to 26%, Palin to 21%, Romney to 16%, and Gingrich actually falls to 15%.

“Rick Santorum is clearly itching to get back into the game, and he could clear the field for the Senate nomination, but no one will be scared to go up against him here or anywhere else in the race for the White House,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 400 usual Pennsylvania Republican primary voters from January 3rd to 5th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 25%
Not sure 20%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 64%
Unfavorable 17%
Not sure 19%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 63%
Unfavorable 28%
Not sure 9%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 52%
Unfavorable 25%
Not sure 23%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 27%
Not sure 19%

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

Favorable..... 7%
Unfavorable 11%
Not sure 82%

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

Favorable..... 11%
Unfavorable 13%
Not sure 76%

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

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 11%
Not sure 67%

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

Favorable..... 1%
Unfavorable 11%
Not sure 88%

Q10 Between Jake Corman, Charlie Dent, Jim Gerlach, Tim Murphy, Rick Santorum, Marc Scaringi, Mark Schweiker, and Kim Ward who would you most like to see as the Republican Senate nominee next year?

Jake Corman 3%
Charlie Dent..... 8%
Jim Gerlach..... 9%
Tim Murphy..... 7%
Rick Santorum 45%
Marc Scaringi..... 1%
Mark Schweiker 8%
Kim Ward..... 1%
Someone else/Not sure 19%





Q11 If your choices as a Republican Senate candidate for next year were just Jake Corman, Charlie Dent, Jim Gerlach, Tim Murphy, Marc Scaringi, Mark Schweiker, and Kim Ward who would you most like to see as the Republican Senate nominee next year?

<i>Jake Corman</i>	9%
<i>Charlie Dent</i>	10%
<i>Jim Gerlach</i>	14%
<i>Tim Murphy</i>	13%
<i>Marc Scaringi</i>	1%
<i>Mark Schweiker</i>	18%
<i>Kim Ward</i>	2%
<i>Someone else/Not sure</i>	33%

Q12 If the Republican candidates for President next year were Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	1%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	16%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	21%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	18%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	4%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	6%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	14%
<i>Rick Santorum</i>	11%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	8%

Q13 If the Republican candidates for President next year were just Mitch Daniels, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, Sarah Palin, Ron Paul, Tim Pawlenty, and Mitt Romney who would you vote for?

<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	2%
<i>Newt Gingrich</i>	15%
<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	26%
<i>Sarah Palin</i>	21%
<i>Ron Paul</i>	5%
<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	6%
<i>Mitt Romney</i>	16%
<i>Someone else/Undecided</i>	9%

Q14 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

<i>Liberal</i>	3%
<i>Moderate</i>	29%
<i>Conservative</i>	68%

Q15 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	47%
<i>Man</i>	53%

Q16 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	25%
<i>46 to 65</i>	43%
<i>Older than 65</i>	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	54%	61%	40%	60%
Unfavorable	25%	20%	46%	17%
Not sure	20%	18%	14%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	64%	53%	52%	70%
Unfavorable	17%	19%	29%	12%
Not sure	19%	28%	20%	18%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	63%	69%	42%	71%
Unfavorable	28%	7%	52%	19%
Not sure	9%	24%	6%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	52%	54%	51%	52%
Unfavorable	25%	20%	31%	23%
Not sure	23%	26%	17%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	54%	46%	41%	60%
Unfavorable	27%	25%	44%	20%
Not sure	19%	29%	14%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Dent Favorability				
Favorable	7%	-	7%	7%
Unfavorable	11%	19%	18%	8%
Not sure	82%	81%	74%	85%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gerlach Favorability				
Favorable	11%	13%	10%	11%
Unfavorable	13%	25%	19%	10%
Not sure	76%	62%	71%	79%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Schweiker Favorability				
Favorable	22%	19%	25%	21%
Unfavorable	11%	7%	11%	11%
Not sure	67%	73%	63%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Scaringi Favorability				
Favorable	1%	-	1%	1%
Unfavorable	11%	19%	18%	8%
Not sure	88%	81%	81%	91%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/ Santorum				
Jake Corman	3%	19%	5%	2%
Charlie Dent	8%	-	17%	5%
Jim Gerlach	9%	-	8%	9%
Tim Murphy	7%	-	7%	8%
Rick Santorum	45%	62%	24%	52%
Marc Scaringi	1%	-	2%	0%
Mark Schweiker	8%	5%	11%	7%
Kim Ward	1%	-	2%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	19%	13%	25%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/o Santorum				
Jake Corman	9%	21%	14%	6%
Charlie Dent	10%	6%	14%	9%
Jim Gerlach	14%	6%	11%	16%
Tim Murphy	13%	6%	11%	14%
Marc Scaringi	1%	-	2%	1%
Mark Schweiker	18%	33%	16%	18%
Kim Ward	2%	-	1%	2%
Someone else/Not sure	33%	28%	31%	34%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Santorum				
Mitch Daniels	1%	-	3%	1%
Newt Gingrich	16%	-	17%	17%
Mike Huckabee	21%	11%	21%	22%
Sarah Palin	18%	58%	13%	18%
Ron Paul	4%	7%	8%	2%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	5%	1%	8%
Mitt Romney	14%	11%	18%	13%
Rick Santorum	11%	7%	9%	12%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	-	11%	7%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Santorum				
Mitch Daniels	2%	-	3%	1%
Newt Gingrich	15%	28%	14%	15%
Mike Huckabee	26%	12%	24%	27%
Sarah Palin	21%	43%	15%	23%
Ron Paul	5%	-	8%	4%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	6%	1%	9%
Mitt Romney	16%	12%	22%	14%
Someone else/Undecided	9%	-	14%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	54%	52%	57%
Unfavorable	25%	23%	27%
Not sure	20%	25%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	64%	65%	64%
Unfavorable	17%	14%	20%
Not sure	19%	21%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	63%	64%	62%
Unfavorable	28%	26%	30%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	52%	51%	53%
Unfavorable	25%	21%	30%
Not sure	23%	28%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Santorum Favorability			
Favorable	54%	50%	58%
Unfavorable	27%	24%	30%
Not sure	19%	26%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Dent Favorability			
Favorable	7%	6%	8%
Unfavorable	11%	7%	15%
Not sure	82%	87%	78%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gerlach Favorability			
Favorable	11%	7%	14%
Unfavorable	13%	8%	17%
Not sure	76%	85%	69%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schweiker Favorability			
Favorable	22%	17%	27%
Unfavorable	11%	7%	14%
Not sure	67%	76%	59%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scaringi Favorability			
Favorable	1%	1%	1%
Unfavorable	11%	6%	16%
Not sure	88%	93%	83%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/ Santorum			
Jake Corman	3%	2%	4%
Charlie Dent	8%	5%	12%
Jim Gerlach	9%	9%	8%
Tim Murphy	7%	7%	7%
Rick Santorum	45%	43%	46%
Marc Scaringi	1%	1%	-
Mark Schweiker	8%	8%	9%
Kim Ward	1%	2%	0%
Someone else/Not sure	19%	22%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/o Santorum			
Jake Corman	9%	7%	11%
Charlie Dent	10%	9%	11%
Jim Gerlach	14%	15%	13%
Tim Murphy	13%	13%	13%
Marc Scaringi	1%	2%	0%
Mark Schweiker	18%	17%	19%
Kim Ward	2%	2%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	33%	35%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Santorum			
Mitch Daniels	1%	1%	2%
Newt Gingrich	16%	17%	16%
Mike Huckabee	21%	23%	20%
Sarah Palin	18%	18%	18%
Ron Paul	4%	3%	4%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	6%	6%
Mitt Romney	14%	15%	14%
Rick Santorum	11%	8%	14%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	8%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Santorum			
Mitch Daniels	2%	1%	3%
Newt Gingrich	15%	17%	14%
Mike Huckabee	26%	30%	22%
Sarah Palin	21%	18%	24%
Ron Paul	5%	4%	6%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	6%	6%
Mitt Romney	16%	15%	18%
Someone else/Undecided	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	54%	50%	46%	54%	64%
Unfavorable	25%	20%	27%	28%	20%
Not sure	20%	30%	27%	17%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	64%	90%	49%	65%	71%
Unfavorable	17%	-	24%	17%	16%
Not sure	19%	10%	27%	18%	14%





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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	63%	60%	54%	68%	64%
Unfavorable	28%	40%	31%	25%	26%
Not sure	9%	-	15%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	52%	50%	42%	53%	61%
Unfavorable	25%	40%	30%	23%	19%
Not sure	23%	10%	28%	23%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Santorum Favorability					
Favorable	54%	40%	61%	56%	48%
Unfavorable	27%	30%	19%	29%	31%
Not sure	19%	30%	19%	15%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Dent Favorability					
Favorable	7%	-	10%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	11%	10%	9%	11%	14%
Not sure	82%	90%	81%	83%	78%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gerlach Favorability					
Favorable	11%	-	12%	8%	17%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	18%	12%	11%
Not sure	76%	90%	70%	80%	72%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Schweiker Favorability					
Favorable	22%	20%	24%	20%	26%
Unfavorable	11%	10%	7%	10%	16%
Not sure	67%	70%	69%	70%	58%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scaringi Favorability					
Favorable	1%	-	1%	1%	-
Unfavorable	11%	20%	13%	8%	11%
Not sure	88%	80%	85%	91%	89%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/ Santorum					
Jake Corman	3%	-	3%	4%	1%
Charlie Dent	8%	20%	7%	7%	9%
Jim Gerlach	9%	10%	7%	11%	5%
Tim Murphy	7%	-	10%	9%	3%
Rick Santorum	45%	30%	45%	42%	54%
Marc Scaringi	1%	-	-	1%	1%
Mark Schweiker	8%	10%	7%	8%	9%
Kim Ward	1%	-	1%	1%	1%
Someone else/Not sure	19%	30%	18%	17%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary w/o Santorum					
Jake Corman	9%	20%	11%	7%	6%
Charlie Dent	10%	30%	3%	10%	12%
Jim Gerlach	14%	10%	12%	14%	17%
Tim Murphy	13%	-	23%	11%	12%
Marc Scaringi	1%	-	2%	1%	1%
Mark Schweiker	18%	20%	18%	17%	19%
Kim Ward	2%	-	2%	2%	2%
Someone else/Not sure	33%	20%	29%	39%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/ Santorum					
Mitch Daniels	1%	-	1%	2%	1%
Newt Gingrich	16%	10%	13%	19%	16%
Mike Huckabee	21%	30%	18%	22%	21%
Sarah Palin	18%	30%	12%	20%	15%
Ron Paul	4%	-	6%	3%	4%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	-	10%	5%	5%
Mitt Romney	14%	10%	13%	12%	21%
Rick Santorum	11%	10%	16%	10%	9%
Someone else/Undecided	8%	10%	9%	6%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Pres Primary w/o Santorum					
Mitch Daniels	2%	-	2%	2%	2%
Newt Gingrich	15%	20%	11%	15%	17%
Mike Huckabee	26%	40%	23%	28%	20%
Sarah Palin	21%	20%	17%	25%	19%
Ron Paul	5%	-	9%	4%	4%
Tim Pawlenty	6%	-	11%	6%	4%
Mitt Romney	16%	10%	18%	13%	23%
Someone else/Undecided	9%	10%	11%	7%	10%

