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Onorato would win rematch with Corbett

Raleigh, N.C. – After his first 100 days in office, new Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett fares not much better than the man he replaced a few months ago. Ed Rendell was one of the least popular governors in the country heading into last fall's election, and was one of a number of state executives whose seats switched parties. The same 34% approve of Corbett's performance so far as did of Rendell's late last October, according to PPP polling. But enough voters are still undecided on their opinion of Corbett that only 44% disapprove, versus 53% who frowned on Rendell's work.

Yet that still puts Corbett at 30th out of 36 currently serving governors on which PPP has polled in the last year, meaning voters in this blue-leaning swing state have not given him much of a honeymoon after an unusually Republican-heavy turnout handed him the state's reins.

That pro-GOP enthusiasm gap, more than anything, is why Corbett and other Republicans won across the country last year. Like in recent PPP polls in Florida, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, and other states, the outcome of the gubernatorial election, if held today, would be much different. Democrat Dan Onorato lost to Corbett by nine points last November, but would win a rematch now, 49-44. That 14-point switch can be attributed in part to a resurgence in Democratic turnout, as well as independents going from 59-41 in Corbett's favor (according to exit polls) to 45-41 in Onorato's now.

“Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin all had extremely unpopular Democratic Governors a year ago at this time,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Now they all have extremely unpopular Republican Governors. Working as the chief executive of a large Midwestern state might be one of the toughest jobs in the country right now.”

Pat Toomey starts off in better shape than his predecessor, Arlen Specter, who had a 29-60 job approval-disapproval spread in PPP's final poll before the 2010 election. But voters are still split three ways on their new senator. 32% approve, 31% disapprove, and a 37% plurality are not yet sure how they feel about the work Toomey has done so far in the Senate.

PPP surveyed 593 Pennsylvania voters from April 7th to 10th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.0%. 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 Governor Tom Corbett's job performance?
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| <i>Approve</i> | 34% |
| <i>Disapprove</i> | 44% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 22% |
- Q2** If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Democrat Dan Onorato or Republican Tom Corbett?
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|--------------------------|-----|
| <i>Dan Onorato</i> | 49% |
| <i>Tom Corbett</i> | 44% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 8% |
- Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Pat Toomey's job performance?
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|-------------------------|-----|
| <i>Approve</i> | 32% |
| <i>Disapprove</i> | 31% |
| <i>Not sure</i> | 37% |
- Q4** Who did you vote for President in 2008?
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|--|-----|
| <i>John McCain</i> | 44% |
| <i>Barack Obama</i> | 48% |
| <i>Someone Else/Don't Remember</i> | 7% |
- Q5** Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?
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|------------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Very liberal</i> | 8% |
| <i>Somewhat liberal</i> | 19% |
| <i>Moderate</i> | 33% |
| <i>Somewhat conservative</i> | 23% |
| <i>Very conservative</i> | 17% |
- Q6** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
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| <i>Woman</i> | 53% |
| <i>Man</i> | 47% |
- Q7** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.
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|--------------------------------|-----|
| <i>Democrat</i> | 51% |
| <i>Republican</i> | 38% |
| <i>Independent/Other</i> | 11% |
- Q8** If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.
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|-------------------------------|-----|
| <i>White</i> | 85% |
| <i>African American</i> | 11% |
| <i>Other</i> | 4% |
- Q9** 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.
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|----------------------------|-----|
| <i>18 to 29</i> | 8% |
| <i>30 to 45</i> | 31% |
| <i>46 to 65</i> | 40% |
| <i>Older than 65</i> | 22% |





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Corbett Approval				
Approve	34%	61%	12%	24%
Disapprove	44%	22%	64%	45%
Not sure	22%	17%	24%	31%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Onorato/Corbett Do-over				
Dan Onorato	49%	17%	78%	43%
Tom Corbett	44%	77%	13%	42%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	15%

	Base	2008 Pres. Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Toomey Approval				
Approve	32%	48%	18%	27%
Disapprove	31%	14%	46%	40%
Not sure	37%	38%	37%	33%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Corbett Approval						
Approve	34%	10%	10%	22%	48%	80%
Disapprove	44%	72%	72%	50%	28%	9%
Not sure	22%	18%	19%	27%	24%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Onorato/Corbett Do-over						
Dan Onorato	49%	75%	80%	64%	25%	3%
Tom Corbett	44%	19%	14%	26%	67%	91%
Not sure	8%	6%	6%	10%	8%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Toomey Approval						
Approve	32%	22%	16%	18%	44%	65%
Disapprove	31%	58%	45%	37%	19%	8%
Not sure	37%	20%	39%	45%	37%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett Approval			
Approve	34%	28%	42%
Disapprove	44%	46%	42%
Not sure	22%	27%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Onorato/Corbett Do-over			
Dan Onorato	49%	49%	48%
Tom Corbett	44%	40%	47%
Not sure	8%	10%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Toomey Approval			
Approve	32%	26%	38%
Disapprove	31%	29%	33%
Not sure	37%	45%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett Approval				
Approve	34%	16%	60%	31%
Disapprove	44%	61%	22%	38%
Not sure	22%	23%	18%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Onorato/Corbett Do-over				
Dan Onorato	49%	75%	14%	45%
Tom Corbett	44%	18%	80%	41%
Not sure	8%	8%	6%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Toomey Approval				
Approve	32%	19%	51%	29%
Disapprove	31%	44%	15%	25%
Not sure	37%	37%	34%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Corbett Approval				
Approve	34%	37%	18%	27%
Disapprove	44%	42%	53%	68%
Not sure	22%	21%	29%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Onorato/Corbett Do-over				
Dan Onorato	49%	44%	74%	68%
Tom Corbett	44%	48%	13%	32%
Not sure	8%	8%	13%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Toomey Approval				
Approve	32%	32%	26%	36%
Disapprove	31%	29%	39%	45%
Not sure	37%	38%	34%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett Approval					
Approve	34%	37%	34%	32%	38%
Disapprove	44%	40%	43%	49%	38%
Not sure	22%	23%	23%	19%	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Onorato/Corbett Do-over					
Dan Onorato	49%	54%	48%	51%	43%
Tom Corbett	44%	40%	44%	41%	49%
Not sure	8%	6%	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Toomey Approval					
Approve	32%	31%	33%	26%	39%
Disapprove	31%	29%	26%	40%	24%
Not sure	37%	40%	41%	34%	37%

