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PA wants civil unions, prefers OWS to Tea Party

Raleigh, N.C. – Pennsylvania joins the ranks of states which do not favor gay marriage but do want same-sex couples to have the same legal rights as married heterosexual couples. Only 36% favor same-sex marriage, and 52% oppose it, but a combined 64% want these couples to at least have civil unions, including 75% of Democrats, 71% of independents, and even 52% of Republicans.

Tom Corbett's numbers have ticked up a bit since PPP last polled the state in July. The new governor gets approval from 37% of his constituents and disapproval from 43%. Still at least 30 governors are more popular, based on PPP polling, but that mark is up five points from the 35-46 measured four months ago. Likewise, were Corbett to face a hypothetical do-over against last fall's opponent Dan Onorato, the two would tie at 45% now. That sounds like bad news compared to Corbett's nine-point victory then, but it continues steady improvement on this question from a five-point deficit in April and a three-point one in July.

Keystone State voters are split on the Occupy Wall Street movement, with 40% supporting its goals and 39% opposing them. On the ideological flip side, the breakdown in voters' opinion on the Tea Party mirrors that of their governor, who was elected in the Tea Party wave last fall. 37% support the goals of that movement, and 43% do not. When asked of which of these two populist movements they have a higher opinion, voters choose O.W.S., 41-38.

Serving on the failed supercommittee has won new Sen. Pat Toomey a little more notoriety with his constituents, but it has not won him many net fans. Still one of the most anonymous senators, Toomey's name recognition is up in his home state from 59% to 68% since July, but the voters who have come off the fence are split, with his approval-disapproval spread now at 35-33 versus 30-29, up only one point on the margin.

PPP surveyed 500 Pennsylvania voters from November 17th to 20th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.4%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tom Corbett's job performance?

Approve..... 37% Not sure 20%
Disapprove..... 43%

Q2 If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Republican Tom Corbett or Democrat Dan Onorato?

Tom Corbett 45% Not sure 10%
Dan Onorato 45%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Pat Toomey's job performance?

Approve 35% Not sure 32%
Disapprove..... 33%

Q4 If there was an election for Congress today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic..... 47%
Republican..... 42%
Undecided..... 12%

Q5 Do you support or oppose the goals of the Occupy Wall Street movement?

Support..... 40%
Oppose..... 39%
Not sure..... 21%

Q6 Do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Support..... 37%
Oppose..... 43%
Not sure..... 19%

Q7 Do you have a higher opinion of the Occupy Wall Street movement or the Tea Party movement?

Occupy Wall Street..... 41%
Tea Party 38%
Not sure..... 21%

Q8 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 36%
Illegal 52%
Not sure..... 12%

Q9 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry 29%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry..... 35%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship 33%
Not sure..... 2%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ed Rendell?

Favorable..... 38%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure..... 17%

Q11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Arlen Specter?

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure..... 18%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 26%
Somewhat conservative..... 28%
Very conservative 18%





Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 52%

Man..... 48%

Q14 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 49%

Republican..... 41%

Independent/Other..... 9%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 84%

African-American 12%

Other..... 4%

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.

18 to 29..... 16%

30 to 45..... 24%

46 to 65..... 40%

Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Corbett Approval						
Approve	37%	36%	15%	23%	50%	57%
Disapprove	43%	44%	63%	54%	29%	29%
Not sure	20%	20%	21%	23%	20%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Corbett/Onorato Re-do						
Tom Corbett	45%	28%	19%	28%	68%	72%
Dan Onorato	45%	63%	72%	58%	25%	16%
Not sure	10%	9%	9%	14%	7%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Toomey Approval						
Approve	35%	17%	9%	21%	49%	70%
Disapprove	33%	48%	66%	43%	13%	10%
Not sure	32%	35%	25%	36%	38%	20%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democratic	47%	81%	83%	65%	16%	11%
Republican	42%	16%	10%	18%	71%	79%
Undecided	12%	4%	7%	17%	14%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose OWS Goals						
Support	40%	66%	68%	48%	22%	15%
Oppose	39%	15%	14%	28%	56%	67%
Not sure	21%	19%	18%	24%	22%	18%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals						
Support	37%	20%	16%	15%	54%	75%
Oppose	43%	61%	78%	61%	17%	14%
Not sure	19%	18%	6%	24%	29%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?						
Occupy Wall Street	41%	73%	73%	52%	15%	13%
Tea Party	38%	11%	14%	20%	60%	72%
Not sure	21%	16%	13%	28%	24%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Legal/Illegal						
Legal	36%	72%	60%	43%	18%	8%
Illegal	52%	23%	26%	40%	70%	85%
Not sure	12%	5%	15%	17%	12%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	68%	54%	31%	11%	7%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	20%	32%	42%	39%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	33%	8%	14%	25%	45%	61%
Not sure	2%	4%	1%	1%	4%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Rendell Favorability						
Favorable	38%	59%	56%	47%	23%	18%
Unfavorable	45%	26%	26%	37%	58%	67%
Not sure	17%	15%	19%	16%	18%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Specter Favorability						
Favorable	30%	35%	35%	46%	22%	12%
Unfavorable	51%	52%	42%	32%	59%	78%
Not sure	18%	13%	22%	22%	20%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett Approval			
Approve	37%	31%	42%
Disapprove	43%	45%	41%
Not sure	20%	23%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett/Onorato Re-do			
Tom Corbett	45%	38%	53%
Dan Onorato	45%	52%	37%
Not sure	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Toomey Approval			
Approve	35%	28%	42%
Disapprove	33%	32%	36%
Not sure	32%	41%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democratic	47%	54%	39%
Republican	42%	35%	48%
Undecided	12%	11%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose OWS Goals			
Support	40%	41%	40%
Oppose	39%	36%	42%
Not sure	21%	23%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals			
Support	37%	29%	46%
Oppose	43%	48%	38%
Not sure	19%	23%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?			
Occupy Wall Street	41%	42%	39%
Tea Party	38%	33%	44%
Not sure	21%	25%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-sex Legal/Illegal			
Legal	36%	42%	30%
Illegal	52%	47%	57%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	34%	24%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	36%	34%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	33%	28%	39%
Not sure	2%	2%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rendell Favorability			
Favorable	38%	40%	36%
Unfavorable	45%	41%	49%
Not sure	17%	19%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Specter Favorability			
Favorable	30%	32%	28%
Unfavorable	51%	48%	55%
Not sure	18%	20%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett Approval				
Approve	37%	25%	52%	34%
Disapprove	43%	53%	30%	49%
Not sure	20%	22%	18%	17%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett/Onorato Re-do				
Tom Corbett	45%	23%	72%	46%
Dan Onorato	45%	68%	20%	27%
Not sure	10%	8%	8%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Toomey Approval				
Approve	35%	18%	55%	32%
Disapprove	33%	49%	12%	48%
Not sure	32%	33%	33%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democratic	47%	84%	6%	29%
Republican	42%	8%	83%	34%
Undecided	12%	8%	10%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose OWS Goals				
Support	40%	57%	21%	39%
Oppose	39%	23%	57%	41%
Not sure	21%	21%	21%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals				
Support	37%	17%	59%	47%
Oppose	43%	70%	15%	32%
Not sure	19%	13%	26%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?				
Occupy Wall Street	41%	64%	14%	40%
Tea Party	38%	16%	62%	47%
Not sure	21%	20%	23%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	36%	52%	15%	47%
Illegal	52%	35%	74%	42%
Not sure	12%	13%	11%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	43%	11%	37%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	32%	41%	24%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	33%	22%	46%	34%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rendell Favorability				
Favorable	38%	57%	18%	30%
Unfavorable	45%	26%	66%	50%
Not sure	17%	17%	16%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Specter Favorability				
Favorable	30%	41%	19%	18%
Unfavorable	51%	34%	68%	66%
Not sure	18%	24%	12%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett Approval				
Approve	37%	39%	27%	20%
Disapprove	43%	44%	45%	26%
Not sure	20%	17%	28%	54%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett/Onorato Re-do				
Tom Corbett	45%	49%	21%	38%
Dan Onorato	45%	42%	62%	41%
Not sure	10%	8%	18%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Toomey Approval				
Approve	35%	37%	25%	22%
Disapprove	33%	33%	37%	26%
Not sure	32%	30%	39%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democratic	47%	42%	78%	48%
Republican	42%	47%	12%	26%
Undecided	12%	11%	10%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose OWS Goals				
Support	40%	37%	61%	48%
Oppose	39%	43%	20%	15%
Not sure	21%	20%	19%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals				
Support	37%	41%	12%	35%
Oppose	43%	40%	66%	47%
Not sure	19%	19%	22%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?				
Occupy Wall Street	41%	38%	60%	49%
Tea Party	38%	42%	18%	17%
Not sure	21%	20%	22%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Same-sex Legal/Illegal				
Legal	36%	37%	34%	24%
Illegal	52%	52%	52%	45%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	31%	25%	8%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	35%	27%	53%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	33%	32%	43%	36%
Not sure	2%	2%	5%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Rendell Favorability				
Favorable	38%	37%	53%	22%
Unfavorable	45%	49%	22%	29%
Not sure	17%	14%	24%	49%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Specter Favorability				
Favorable	30%	28%	44%	33%
Unfavorable	51%	56%	32%	20%
Not sure	18%	16%	24%	47%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett Approval					
Approve	37%	33%	22%	42%	48%
Disapprove	43%	44%	59%	39%	31%
Not sure	20%	23%	20%	19%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett/Onorato Re-do					
Tom Corbett	45%	35%	39%	48%	57%
Dan Onorato	45%	45%	53%	46%	32%
Not sure	10%	20%	8%	7%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Toomey Approval					
Approve	35%	30%	24%	38%	46%
Disapprove	33%	40%	39%	32%	24%
Not sure	32%	30%	37%	30%	30%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democratic	47%	63%	47%	46%	36%
Republican	42%	23%	37%	46%	54%
Undecided	12%	15%	16%	8%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose OWS Goals					
Support	40%	53%	47%	39%	25%
Oppose	39%	33%	29%	40%	52%
Not sure	21%	15%	24%	20%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Tea Party Goals					
Support	37%	35%	29%	40%	43%
Oppose	43%	45%	47%	42%	40%
Not sure	19%	20%	24%	18%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Higher Opinion of OWS or Tea Party?					
Occupy Wall Street	41%	53%	41%	42%	29%
Tea Party	38%	25%	39%	38%	48%
Not sure	21%	23%	20%	20%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-sex Legal/Illegal					
Legal	36%	55%	45%	31%	22%
Illegal	52%	40%	39%	58%	65%
Not sure	12%	5%	16%	12%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civ. Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	29%	50%	33%	25%	17%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	35%	18%	35%	39%	42%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	33%	30%	29%	34%	39%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rendell Favorability					
Favorable	38%	48%	37%	37%	34%
Unfavorable	45%	35%	37%	54%	45%
Not sure	17%	18%	25%	10%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Specter Favorability					
Favorable	30%	28%	24%	35%	30%
Unfavorable	51%	48%	47%	53%	56%
Not sure	18%	25%	29%	12%	13%

