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Pennsylvanians Like, But Don't Put Much Faith in Punxsutawney Phil

Raleigh, N.C. – With Groundhog Day on the horizon, PPP decided to take a look at how Pennsylvanians feel about Punxsutawney Phil. The verdict: they like the little guy, but they don't put too much stock in his weather predictions.

59% of Pennsylvanians have a favorable opinion of Punxsutawney Phil, to only 12% with a negative one. Affection for him bridges party lines- 61% of Democrats, 60% of independents, and 56% of Republicans view him positively. But only 8% think that whether he sees his shadow or not is actually a reliable indicator of how long winter will last, compared to 81% who think his prognostications can't be depended on.

They may not trust Punxsutawney Phil as a weatherman, but Pennsylvanians think he'd be perfectly adept at another job: member of Congress. 50% think he'd do a better job than most current members of Congress, to only 29% that think he wouldn't. Those numbers are particularly dramatic among independents, where the spread is 57/16.

“Americans have so little faith in Congress these days they'd rather be represented by a groundhog,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

Joe Paterno's image in the state has improved quite a bit over the last couple years. In July of 2012 Paterno's favorability had fallen all the way down to a 45/37 spread. Now with the passage of time he's back up to 54% who see him favorably to 26% with a negative opinion. Pennsylvania has always had some of the most one sided college sports loyalties of any state and we continue to find that the case- 47% are Penn State fans to just 18% for Pitt and 11% for Temple.

There's a big partisan divide on NFL loyalties in Pennsylvania. Overall Steelers fan outnumber Eagles fans 42/31, but the Eagles actually win out narrowly among Democrats (40/37) while the Steelers have a substantial advantage with Republicans (48/27). Eagles fans are happier with Chip Kelly (62/9 approval) than Steelers fans are with Mike Tomlin (50/24) approval, although both coaches retain majority support.

PPP surveyed 1,042 registered voters from January 15th to 18th. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.0%. 80% of interviews for the poll were conducted over the phone with 20% interviewed over the internet to reach respondents who don't have landline telephones.



Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Has the legalization of gay marriage in Pennsylvania had a positive or negative impact on your life, or has it not had any impact at all? If it's had a positive impact, press 1. If a negative one, press 2. If it hasn't had any impact at all, press 3.

Positive Impact 11%
Negative Impact..... 23%
No Impact at All..... 65%

Q2 Are you more a Philadelphia Eagles fan or a Pittsburgh Steelers fan? If an Eagles fan, press 1. If a Steelers fan, press 2. If you're not sure or you're a fan of another team, press 3.

Eagles..... 31%
Steelers..... 42%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team 27%

Q3 (Among Eagles fans) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chip Kelly is doing as coach? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 62%
Disapprove..... 9%
Not sure..... 28%

Q4 (Among Steelers fans) Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mike Tomlin is doing as coach? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 24%
Not sure 26%

Q5 Given the choices of Penn State, Pitt, and Temple what is your favorite college football team in the state? If Penn State, press 1. If Pitt, press 2. If Temple, press 3. If someone else or you don't have a favorite team, press 4.

Penn State..... 47%
Pitt 18%
Temple..... 11%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite..... 24%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Paterno? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 54%
Unfavorable 26%
Not Sure..... 21%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Punxsutawney Phil? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 59%
Unfavorable 12%
Not sure 29%

Q8 Do you believe that whether Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow on Groundhog Day is a reliable indicator of how long winter will last or not? If you think it's a reliable indicator of how long winter will last, press 1. If you think it is not, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Reliable Indicator of Winter Length..... 8%
Not a Reliable Indicator..... 81%
Not sure..... 11%





Q9 Do you think Punxsutawney Phil would do a better job than most current members of Congress, or not? If you think Punxsutawney Phil would do a better job than most current members of Congress, press 1. If you think he would not, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Would do better than most members of Congress 50%
Would not do better than most members of Congress 29%
Not Sure..... 21%

Q10 In the last presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 48%
Mitt Romney..... 43%
Someone else / Don't remember 8%

Q11 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal 20%
Moderate..... 31%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 15%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q13 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..... 44%
Republican..... 40%
Independent / Other..... 16%

Q14 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 85%
African-American 11%
Other..... 5%

Q15 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..... 11%
30 to 45..... 29%
46 to 65..... 39%
Older than 65..... 21%

Q16 Mode

Phone 80%
Internet 20%





	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal				
Positive Impact	11%	19%	4%	5%
Negative Impact	23%	11%	39%	11%
No Impact at All	65%	70%	57%	84%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Eagles/Steelers Fan				
Eagles	31%	37%	27%	18%
Steelers	42%	35%	48%	50%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	28%	25%	32%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Kelly Approval				
Approve	62%	66%	59%	54%
Disapprove	9%	10%	8%	11%
Not sure	28%	24%	33%	36%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Tomlin Approval				
Approve	50%	63%	41%	41%
Disapprove	24%	16%	29%	33%
Not sure	26%	21%	30%	26%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
College Football Loyalty				
Penn State	47%	45%	52%	33%
Pitt	18%	19%	18%	9%
Temple	11%	15%	8%	9%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	22%	22%	49%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Paterno Favorability				
Favorable	54%	48%	62%	44%
Unfavorable	26%	30%	22%	19%
Not Sure	21%	22%	16%	37%





	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability				
Favorable	59%	58%	61%	49%
Unfavorable	12%	13%	11%	11%
Not sure	29%	28%	28%	39%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil				
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	7%	8%	17%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	82%	83%	67%
Not sure	11%	11%	9%	16%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else / Don't remember
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?				
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	48%	50%	59%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	31%	31%	12%
Not Sure	21%	21%	19%	30%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal						
Positive Impact	11%	14%	18%	15%	4%	4%
Negative Impact	23%	23%	16%	13%	27%	48%
No Impact at All	65%	63%	66%	72%	69%	48%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Eagles/Steelers Fan						
Eagles	31%	30%	41%	35%	23%	26%
Steelers	42%	37%	30%	42%	55%	40%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	33%	29%	23%	22%	34%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kelly Approval						
Approve	62%	68%	81%	50%	55%	62%
Disapprove	9%	8%	3%	16%	10%	6%
Not sure	28%	24%	17%	34%	35%	31%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Tomlin Approval						
Approve	50%	63%	46%	48%	49%	49%
Disapprove	24%	32%	30%	24%	21%	19%
Not sure	26%	4%	24%	28%	30%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
College Football Loyalty						
Penn State	47%	31%	47%	51%	48%	49%
Pitt	18%	26%	16%	19%	19%	11%
Temple	11%	14%	17%	11%	7%	8%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	30%	20%	19%	27%	32%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Paterno Favorability						
Favorable	54%	44%	55%	53%	58%	55%
Unfavorable	26%	33%	22%	26%	24%	26%
Not Sure	21%	23%	24%	21%	17%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability						
Favorable	59%	61%	59%	62%	56%	55%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	11%	10%	15%	14%
Not sure	29%	27%	30%	29%	29%	31%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil						
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	16%	9%	5%	6%	11%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	65%	84%	83%	86%	79%
Not sure	11%	19%	7%	11%	8%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?						
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	50%	52%	50%	50%	48%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	27%	35%	26%	30%	29%
Not Sure	21%	24%	13%	24%	20%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal			
Positive Impact	11%	13%	10%
Negative Impact	23%	20%	27%
No Impact at All	65%	67%	63%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Eagles/Steelers Fan			
Eagles	31%	34%	29%
Steelers	42%	42%	41%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	24%	30%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kelly Approval			
Approve	62%	56%	71%
Disapprove	9%	9%	10%
Not sure	28%	35%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Tomlin Approval			
Approve	50%	50%	50%
Disapprove	24%	19%	31%
Not sure	26%	32%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
College Football Loyalty			
Penn State	47%	42%	53%
Pitt	18%	17%	19%
Temple	11%	13%	9%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	28%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Paterno Favorability			
Favorable	54%	50%	58%
Unfavorable	26%	26%	25%
Not Sure	21%	23%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability			
Favorable	59%	64%	54%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	13%
Not sure	29%	26%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil			
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	8%	9%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	83%	79%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?			
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	52%	48%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	27%	32%
Not Sure	21%	21%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal				
Positive Impact	11%	17%	5%	10%
Negative Impact	23%	16%	35%	15%
No Impact at All	65%	67%	59%	75%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Eagles/Steelers Fan				
Eagles	31%	40%	27%	20%
Steelers	42%	37%	48%	39%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	23%	26%	40%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Kelly Approval				
Approve	62%	66%	54%	70%
Disapprove	9%	9%	11%	6%
Not sure	28%	25%	34%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Tomlin Approval				
Approve	50%	56%	50%	33%
Disapprove	24%	21%	23%	36%
Not sure	26%	23%	27%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
College Football Loyalty				
Penn State	47%	48%	48%	42%
Pitt	18%	17%	19%	18%
Temple	11%	16%	7%	6%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	19%	26%	34%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Paterno Favorability				
Favorable	54%	55%	54%	50%
Unfavorable	26%	25%	24%	31%
Not Sure	21%	20%	22%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability				
Favorable	59%	61%	56%	60%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	14%	9%
Not sure	29%	28%	30%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil				
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	9%	7%	10%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	84%	80%	77%
Not sure	11%	7%	13%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent / Other
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?				
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	48%	49%	57%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	33%	31%	16%
Not Sure	21%	19%	20%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal				
Positive Impact	11%	11%	7%	21%
Negative Impact	23%	24%	16%	25%
No Impact at All	65%	65%	76%	55%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Eagles/Steelers Fan				
Eagles	31%	29%	60%	19%
Steelers	42%	45%	27%	19%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	27%	13%	62%





	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Kelly Approval				
Approve	62%	61%	70%	60%
Disapprove	9%	8%	16%	5%
Not sure	28%	32%	15%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Tomlin Approval				
Approve	50%	49%	63%	61%
Disapprove	24%	24%	33%	25%
Not sure	26%	28%	4%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
College Football Loyalty				
Penn State	47%	49%	36%	33%
Pitt	18%	17%	32%	7%
Temple	11%	9%	25%	21%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	25%	8%	39%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Paterno Favorability				
Favorable	54%	55%	49%	44%
Unfavorable	26%	26%	25%	24%
Not Sure	21%	19%	26%	32%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability				
Favorable	59%	62%	42%	39%
Unfavorable	12%	11%	23%	11%
Not sure	29%	27%	35%	50%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil				
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	7%	19%	4%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	84%	68%	71%
Not sure	11%	9%	14%	25%





	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?				
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	52%	39%	48%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	28%	38%	26%
Not Sure	21%	20%	23%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal					
Positive Impact	11%	14%	13%	12%	7%
Negative Impact	23%	12%	26%	22%	29%
No Impact at All	65%	74%	61%	67%	65%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Eagles/Steelers Fan					
Eagles	31%	27%	29%	34%	33%
Steelers	42%	40%	42%	40%	44%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	33%	29%	26%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kelly Approval					
Approve	62%	38%	63%	68%	61%
Disapprove	9%	-	16%	8%	7%
Not sure	28%	62%	22%	23%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Tomlin Approval					
Approve	50%	64%	47%	51%	44%
Disapprove	24%	-	31%	24%	27%
Not sure	26%	36%	22%	25%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
College Football Loyalty					
Penn State	47%	33%	45%	48%	55%
Pitt	18%	18%	22%	15%	16%
Temple	11%	13%	10%	13%	7%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	36%	23%	23%	21%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paterno Favorability					
Favorable	54%	43%	48%	54%	67%
Unfavorable	26%	19%	31%	26%	20%
Not Sure	21%	38%	21%	19%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability					
Favorable	59%	56%	64%	58%	55%
Unfavorable	12%	10%	15%	10%	13%
Not sure	29%	34%	21%	32%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil					
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	8%	9%	7%	9%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	67%	84%	84%	80%
Not sure	11%	26%	6%	9%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?					
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	43%	49%	52%	52%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	26%	30%	31%	26%
Not Sure	21%	32%	21%	17%	22%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Impact of Gay Marriage being Legal			
Positive Impact	11%	10%	15%
Negative Impact	23%	27%	7%
No Impact at All	65%	62%	78%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Eagles/Steelers Fan			
Eagles	31%	29%	40%
Steelers	42%	43%	36%
Not Sure/Fan of Another Team	27%	27%	24%





	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Kelly Approval			
Approve	62%	59%	72%
Disapprove	9%	10%	9%
Not sure	28%	31%	19%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Tomlin Approval			
Approve	50%	47%	61%
Disapprove	24%	26%	14%
Not sure	26%	26%	25%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
College Football Loyalty			
Penn State	47%	47%	47%
Pitt	18%	19%	14%
Temple	11%	12%	8%
Someone Else/Don't Have a Favorite	24%	23%	30%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Paterno Favorability			
Favorable	54%	54%	53%
Unfavorable	26%	26%	26%
Not Sure	21%	20%	21%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Punxsutawney Phil Favorability			
Favorable	59%	56%	70%
Unfavorable	12%	12%	10%
Not sure	29%	31%	20%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Faith in Punxsutawney Phil			
Reliable Indicator of Winter Length	8%	9%	5%
Not a Reliable Indicator	81%	81%	81%
Not sure	11%	10%	13%



	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Punxsutawney Phil better than most members of Congress?			
Would do better than most members of Congress	50%	51%	48%
Would not do better than most members of Congress	29%	35%	8%
Not Sure	21%	15%	44%