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Corbett Favored in Governor's Race

Raleigh, N.C. – None of the candidates to be the next Governor of Pennsylvania are particularly well known, but with the outgoing Democrat sporting poor approval numbers the likely Republican nominee is favored to return the office to his party.

Tom Corbett has a double digit lead over all four of the leading Democratic candidates. He's up 43-30 on Jack Wagner, 45-32 on Dan Onorato, 46-31 on Joe Hoeffel, and 45-27 on Anthony Williams.

The race may be a little closer than those numbers indicate. There are far more undecided Democrats than Republicans in all four match ups, a reflection of the fact that Republicans are much more set on a nominee than Democrats are. Corbett is certainly favored but the numbers are likely to tighten once the Democrats have united around their nominee.

A majority of Pennsylvania voters have no opinion about all five of the leading candidates. Corbett is the most well known, but 53% of voters have no opinion of him with 27% viewing him favorably and 20% unfavorably. None of the Democratic candidates have even 30% name recognition. 28% of voters have an opinion about Onorato, 24% do of Wagner, 21% do of Hoeffel, and 14% do of Williams.

Ed Rendell's approval rating is just 35%, with 51% of voters disapproving of him.

"None of the candidates for Governor are well known but with an unpopular Democrat in office right now Pennsylvania seems ready to vote for a change," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "But the dynamics of the race could certainly shift once the candidates become better known."

PPP surveyed 934 Pennsylvania voters from March 29th to April 1st. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.2%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Ed Rendell's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not Sure..... 14%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Corbett? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 20%
Not Sure..... 53%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Hoeffel? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 10%
Unfavorable 11%
Not Sure..... 79%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dan Onorato? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 13%
Not Sure..... 72%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jack Wagner? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 10%
Not Sure..... 76%

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

Favorable..... 6%
Unfavorable 7%
Not Sure..... 86%

Q7 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Republican Tom Corbett and Democrat Joe Hoeffel, who would you vote for? If Tom Corbett, press 1. If Joe Hoeffel, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Corbett..... 46%
Hoeffel 31%
Undecided..... 23%

Q8 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Republican Tom Corbett and Democrat Dan Onorato, who would you vote for? If Tom Corbett, press 1. If Dan Onorato, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Corbett..... 45%
Onorato..... 32%
Undecided..... 23%

Q9 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Republican Tom Corbett and Democrat Jack Wagner, who would you vote for? If Tom Corbett, press 1. If Jack Wagner, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Corbett..... 43%
Wagner 30%
Undecided..... 27%





Q10 If the candidates for Governor this fall were Republican Tom Corbett and Democrat Anthony Williams, who would you vote for? If Tom Corbett, press 1. If Anthony Williams, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Corbett..... 45%
Williams 27%
Undecided..... 28%

Q11 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 48%
Obama..... 49%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 2%

Q12 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 19%
Moderate..... 41%
Conservative..... 40%

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

Woman 54%
Man..... 46%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 47%
Republican..... 41%
Independent/Other..... 12%

Q15 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

White 87%
African-American 10%
Other..... 3%

Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 25%
46 to 65..... 44%
Older than 65..... 22%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Rendell Approval				
Approve	35%	12%	59%	18%
Disapprove	51%	75%	27%	59%
Not Sure	14%	13%	14%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	26%	38%	15%	32%
Unfavorable	20%	11%	29%	30%
Not Sure	54%	52%	56%	39%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Hoeffel Favorability				
Favorable	10%	5%	15%	9%
Unfavorable	11%	12%	9%	20%
Not Sure	79%	83%	76%	70%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Onorato Favorability				
Favorable	14%	8%	20%	18%
Unfavorable	14%	17%	10%	16%
Not Sure	72%	75%	70%	66%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Wagner Favorability				
Favorable	15%	13%	17%	14%
Unfavorable	10%	11%	8%	16%
Not Sure	76%	76%	75%	70%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	6%	2%	11%	9%
Unfavorable	7%	8%	6%	9%
Not Sure	86%	90%	83%	82%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Corbett/Hoeffel				
Corbett	46%	79%	14%	41%
Hoeffel	31%	5%	57%	14%
Undecided	23%	16%	29%	45%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Corbett/Onorato				
Corbett	45%	78%	13%	46%
Onorato	32%	7%	58%	9%
Undecided	23%	15%	29%	45%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Corbett/Wagner				
Corbett	43%	77%	11%	41%
Wagner	30%	5%	55%	9%
Undecided	27%	18%	34%	50%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Corbett/Williams				
Corbett	45%	80%	11%	36%
Williams	27%	3%	52%	9%
Undecided	28%	17%	37%	54%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Rendell Approval				
Approve	35%	54%	45%	15%
Disapprove	51%	28%	42%	72%
Not Sure	14%	18%	12%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	27%	13%	23%	37%
Unfavorable	20%	36%	24%	9%
Not Sure	53%	51%	53%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hoeffel Favorability				
Favorable	10%	15%	13%	4%
Unfavorable	11%	11%	10%	12%
Not Sure	79%	74%	78%	83%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Onorato Favorability				
Favorable	15%	20%	17%	9%
Unfavorable	13%	9%	14%	15%
Not Sure	72%	71%	69%	76%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Wagner Favorability				
Favorable	15%	11%	20%	11%
Unfavorable	10%	13%	9%	10%
Not Sure	76%	76%	72%	79%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	6%	9%	9%	2%
Unfavorable	7%	9%	7%	7%
Not Sure	86%	82%	84%	91%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Corbett/Hoeffel				
Corbett	46%	23%	30%	73%
Hoeffel	31%	59%	38%	10%
Undecided	23%	18%	32%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Corbett/Onorato				
Corbett	45%	21%	30%	73%
Onorato	32%	60%	40%	11%
Undecided	23%	19%	31%	16%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Corbett/Wagner				
Corbett	43%	19%	27%	72%
Wagner	30%	59%	36%	9%
Undecided	27%	23%	37%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Corbett/Williams				
Corbett	45%	19%	31%	72%
Williams	27%	56%	32%	8%
Undecided	28%	25%	37%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Rendell Approval			
Approve	35%	37%	32%
Disapprove	51%	46%	58%
Not Sure	14%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett Favorability			
Favorable	27%	22%	32%
Unfavorable	20%	18%	23%
Not Sure	53%	60%	45%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hoeffel Favorability			
Favorable	10%	11%	8%
Unfavorable	11%	8%	14%
Not Sure	79%	80%	78%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Onorato Favorability			
Favorable	15%	15%	14%
Unfavorable	13%	9%	18%
Not Sure	72%	75%	68%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Wagner Favorability			
Favorable	15%	13%	17%
Unfavorable	10%	8%	12%
Not Sure	76%	80%	71%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Williams Favorability			
Favorable	6%	6%	7%
Unfavorable	7%	6%	9%
Not Sure	86%	88%	84%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett/Hoeffel			
Corbett	46%	43%	49%
Hoeffel	31%	31%	31%
Undecided	23%	26%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett/Onorato			
Corbett	45%	41%	50%
Onorato	32%	33%	30%
Undecided	23%	25%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett/Wagner			
Corbett	43%	40%	47%
Wagner	30%	31%	28%
Undecided	27%	29%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett/Williams			
Corbett	45%	40%	50%
Williams	27%	30%	24%
Undecided	28%	30%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Rendell Approval				
Approve	35%	53%	14%	36%
Disapprove	51%	32%	74%	48%
Not Sure	14%	15%	12%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	27%	17%	38%	24%
Unfavorable	20%	28%	11%	23%
Not Sure	53%	55%	50%	53%



Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hoeffel Favorability				
Favorable	10%	13%	7%	9%
Unfavorable	11%	8%	14%	10%
Not Sure	79%	79%	79%	81%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Onorato Favorability				
Favorable	15%	20%	8%	13%
Unfavorable	13%	12%	15%	13%
Not Sure	72%	68%	76%	74%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Wagner Favorability				
Favorable	15%	18%	10%	17%
Unfavorable	10%	9%	11%	10%
Not Sure	76%	73%	80%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	6%	10%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	7%	7%	7%	11%
Not Sure	86%	83%	90%	86%



Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett/Hoeffel				
Corbett	46%	20%	78%	37%
Hoeffel	31%	53%	7%	26%
Undecided	23%	27%	14%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett/Onorato				
Corbett	45%	18%	79%	36%
Onorato	32%	54%	8%	27%
Undecided	23%	28%	13%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett/Wagner				
Corbett	43%	14%	79%	33%
Wagner	30%	52%	6%	23%
Undecided	27%	34%	15%	44%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett/Williams				
Corbett	45%	16%	80%	39%
Williams	27%	49%	4%	19%
Undecided	28%	35%	17%	42%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Rendell Approval				
Approve	35%	32%	55%	41%
Disapprove	51%	54%	29%	52%
Not Sure	14%	14%	16%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett Favorability				
Favorable	27%	28%	13%	36%
Unfavorable	20%	20%	21%	29%
Not Sure	53%	52%	66%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Hoeffel Favorability				
Favorable	10%	10%	13%	9%
Unfavorable	11%	11%	11%	13%
Not Sure	79%	80%	76%	79%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Onorato Favorability				
Favorable	15%	14%	24%	11%
Unfavorable	13%	13%	13%	16%
Not Sure	72%	73%	63%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Wagner Favorability				
Favorable	15%	14%	24%	11%
Unfavorable	10%	10%	5%	9%
Not Sure	76%	76%	71%	80%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Williams Favorability				
Favorable	6%	3%	32%	4%
Unfavorable	7%	8%	5%	9%
Not Sure	86%	89%	63%	88%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett/Hoeffel				
Corbett	46%	50%	8%	57%
Hoeffel	31%	28%	55%	23%
Undecided	23%	22%	37%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett/Onorato				
Corbett	45%	49%	13%	55%
Onorato	32%	29%	58%	21%
Undecided	23%	22%	29%	23%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett/Wagner				
Corbett	43%	47%	5%	54%
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		White	African-American	Other
Corbett/Williams				
Corbett	45%	48%	13%	57%
Williams	27%	23%	63%	16%
Undecided	28%	29%	24%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Rendell Approval					
Approve	35%	32%	34%	33%	43%
Disapprove	51%	51%	54%	54%	42%
Not Sure	14%	17%	12%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett Favorability					
Favorable	27%	21%	27%	28%	27%
Unfavorable	20%	16%	18%	22%	21%
Not Sure	53%	63%	55%	50%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hoeffel Favorability					
Favorable	10%	12%	10%	9%	10%
Unfavorable	11%	12%	9%	11%	12%
Not Sure	79%	76%	81%	80%	77%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Onorato Favorability					
Favorable	15%	13%	14%	14%	17%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	13%	15%	10%
Not Sure	72%	72%	73%	71%	73%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Wagner Favorability					
Favorable	15%	15%	13%	15%	15%
Unfavorable	10%	17%	9%	10%	7%
Not Sure	76%	68%	78%	74%	78%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Williams Favorability					
Favorable	6%	10%	6%	5%	8%
Unfavorable	7%	10%	8%	7%	6%
Not Sure	86%	80%	85%	88%	86%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett/Hoeffel					
Corbett	46%	46%	46%	46%	46%
Hoeffel	31%	29%	28%	32%	32%
Undecided	23%	25%	26%	22%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett/Onorato					
Corbett	45%	40%	46%	47%	42%
Onorato	32%	37%	32%	31%	31%
Undecided	23%	23%	22%	21%	27%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett/Wagner					
Corbett	43%	42%	45%	44%	40%
Wagner	30%	36%	26%	31%	29%
Undecided	27%	22%	29%	25%	31%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett/Williams					
Corbett	45%	44%	48%	45%	42%
Williams	27%	36%	23%	27%	27%
Undecided	28%	20%	29%	27%	32%

