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Sestak and Toomey Tied

Raleigh, N.C. – A month after the Pennsylvania primary, Joe Sestak and Pat Toomey are dead even in the race to replace Arlen Specter in the U.S. Senate, at 41% each.

The last time PPP polled the contest, almost three months ago, Toomey held a 42-36 lead. Sestak has made up the difference by consolidating his support among Democrats, liberals, and moderates. He now has almost as much support among Democrats as Toomey does with the GOP. Last time, Toomey was pulling 76% of his own party to Sestak's 59% of his. That disparity is now only 73-70 in Toomey's favor. Toomey maintains a 70-12 lead among the 39% share of the electorate which labels itself conservative, but Sestak has moved into a 52-26 lead with the 43% moderate plurality, versus 45-29 last time. With the remainder, liberals, Sestak is now up 78-10, after winning 65-16 previously.

Toomey has countered by boosting his backing with the more conservative independents, but that is a comparatively much smaller group in this state than in others. Sestak led with unaffiliated voters 35-34 in the previous poll, but Toomey is now ahead 41-21. With a margin of error of about 14% for this subsample of only 8% of Pennsylvanians, however, fluctuations like this are not uncommon.

Both candidates have moved their favorability ratings from slightly negative to slightly positive since April 1st. With greater publicity now that they are the chosen nominees, they are essentially equally popular. 30% and 29% have favorable opinions of Toomey and Sestak, respectively, while 28% view each unfavorably.

“Joe Sestak is tied with Pat Toomey even though we see a Pennsylvania electorate for this fall that is much more Republican friendly than the one that turned out two years ago,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “If Democrats can get their voters more engaged they’ll be favored here.”

PPP surveyed 609 Pennsylvania voters from June 19th to 21st. 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.

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 President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 50%
Not Sure..... 7%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support..... 40%
Oppose..... 51%
No Opinion..... 10%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Arlen Specter's job performance?

Approve 30%
Disapprove..... 55%
Not Sure..... 15%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Sestak?

Favorable..... 29%
Unfavorable 28%
Not Sure..... 44%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pat Toomey?

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 28%
Not Sure..... 42%

Q6 The candidates for US Senate this fall are Democrat Joe Sestak and Republican Pat Toomey. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Joe Sestak..... 41%
Pat Toomey 41%
Undecided..... 18%

Q7 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 48%
Barack Obama..... 47%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 5%

Q8 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 17%
Moderate..... 43%
Conservative..... 39%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q10 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..... 50%
Republican..... 42%
Independent/Other..... 8%

Q11 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

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





Q12 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	6%
<i>30 to 45</i>	24%
<i>46 to 65</i>	45%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	7%	82%	24%
Disapprove	50%	87%	11%	60%
Not Sure	7%	6%	7%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Health Care				
Support	40%	4%	78%	21%
Oppose	51%	89%	10%	63%
No Opinion	10%	7%	12%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Specter Approval				
Approve	30%	9%	52%	18%
Disapprove	55%	83%	27%	55%
Not Sure	15%	8%	21%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sestak Favorability				
Favorable	29%	19%	40%	18%
Unfavorable	28%	38%	18%	23%
Not Sure	44%	43%	43%	60%





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Toomey Favorability				
Favorable	30%	50%	11%	16%
Unfavorable	28%	11%	45%	26%
Not Sure	42%	39%	44%	58%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Sestak/Toomey				
Joe Sestak	41%	10%	74%	28%
Pat Toomey	41%	73%	10%	23%
Undecided	18%	17%	17%	48%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	82%	55%	13%
Disapprove	50%	13%	38%	80%
Not Sure	7%	5%	7%	7%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care				
Support	40%	80%	50%	10%
Oppose	51%	13%	36%	83%
No Opinion	10%	6%	14%	7%





Crosstabs

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Specter Approval				
Approve	30%	52%	37%	11%
Disapprove	55%	31%	43%	79%
Not Sure	15%	17%	19%	10%

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Sestak Favorability				
Favorable	29%	46%	33%	17%
Unfavorable	28%	19%	23%	37%
Not Sure	44%	36%	44%	46%

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		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Toomey Favorability				
Favorable	30%	13%	20%	49%
Unfavorable	28%	49%	36%	10%
Not Sure	42%	38%	45%	41%

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Pat Toomey	41%	10%	26%	70%
Undecided	18%	12%	21%	17%





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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	47%	39%
Disapprove	50%	46%	55%
Not Sure	7%	7%	7%

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		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care			
Support	40%	44%	35%
Oppose	51%	44%	58%
No Opinion	10%	11%	8%

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Specter Approval			
Approve	30%	30%	29%
Disapprove	55%	50%	61%
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Sestak Favorability			
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Unfavorable	28%	23%	32%
Not Sure	44%	49%	37%





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Sestak/Toomey			
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Pat Toomey	41%	38%	45%
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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	72%	11%	32%
Disapprove	50%	21%	83%	61%
Not Sure	7%	7%	6%	7%

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Support	40%	68%	9%	27%
Oppose	51%	21%	85%	57%
No Opinion	10%	11%	6%	16%





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Pat Toomey	41%	14%	73%	41%
Undecided	18%	16%	17%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	40%	74%	38%
Disapprove	50%	54%	16%	53%
Not Sure	7%	6%	11%	9%

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