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Obama up 8 in Pennsylvania

Raleigh, N.C. – President Obama looks to have a moderately comfortable lead in Pennsylvania, one of the many battleground states in the upcoming presidential election.

In a head-to-head matchup with presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney, the president owns a 50-42 advantage. Obama's lead over Romney has jumped one point since the last Pennsylvania general election poll in March, when he held a 49-42 advantage.

53% of Pennsylvania voters have an unfavorable opinion of native son Rick Santorum, and Republican Gov. Tom Corbett's disapproval rating is at 50%. Just 33% of Pennsylvania voters approve of Republican Senator Pat Toomey's job performance.

Santorum's favorability rating with state Republicans has dropped since the pre-Republican primary poll in April, when he polled at 62%. Now the former Senator polls at 58% favorability with state Republicans.

Adding Corbett or Santorum to the Romney ticket doesn't meaningfully improve Romney's chances against an Obama-Biden ticket. Romney-Corbett would narrow the margin to 6 points (43-49) and Romney-Santorum would keep the margin the same at 8 points (43-51).

Adding Toomey to the Romney ticket would widen the margin with Obama by one point to 40-49.

The only Pennsylvania Republican whose favorability reached 50% with state voters was former Gov. and Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Adding Ridge to the Romney ticket would narrow Obama's lead to 5 points (43-48).

“Our polling for most of last year suggested Pennsylvania could be very competitive in 2012,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But Barack Obama's now looking more like the clear favorite to win the state again by a healthy margin as he did in 2008.”

PPP surveyed 671 Pennsylvania voters from May 17th to 20th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.8%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.





Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 48%
Disapprove..... 49%
Not sure 3%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 12%

Q3 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 42%
Undecided..... 8%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tom Corbett's job performance?

Approve 37% *Not sure* 13%
Disapprove..... 50%

Q5 If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Tom Corbett for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 49%
Romney-Corbett 43%
Undecided..... 8%

Q6 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Pat Toomey's job performance?

Approve 33% *Not sure* 31%
Disapprove..... 36%

Q7 If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Pat Toomey for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 49%
Romney-Toomey..... 40%
Undecided..... 11%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 53%
Not sure 11%

Q9 If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Rick Santorum for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 51%
Romney-Santorum..... 43%
Undecided..... 7%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Ridge?

Favorable..... 50%
Unfavorable 32%
Not sure 18%

Q11 If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Tom Ridge for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 48%
Romney-Ridge..... 43%
Undecided..... 9%





Q12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Lynn Swann?

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 30%
Not sure 34%

Q13 If the Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was Mitt Romney for President and Lynn Swann for Vice President, which would you vote for?

Obama-Biden..... 48%
Romney-Swann 37%
Undecided..... 14%

Q14 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 44%
Barack Obama..... 49%
Someone else/Don't remember 7%

Q15 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 12%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 28%
Somewhat conservative..... 22%
Very conservative 19%

Q16 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q17 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..... 46%
Republican..... 42%
Independent/Other..... 12%

Q18 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 85%
African-American 11%
Other..... 4%

Q19 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..... 26%
46 to 65..... 38%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	10%	85%	33%
Disapprove	49%	89%	12%	49%
Not sure	3%	1%	2%	18%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	69%	10%	25%
Unfavorable	51%	16%	83%	49%
Not sure	12%	15%	7%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	50%	13%	85%	33%
Mitt Romney	42%	81%	10%	29%
Undecided	8%	6%	5%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Corbett Approval				
Approve	37%	63%	15%	33%
Disapprove	50%	21%	76%	44%
Not sure	13%	16%	9%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama-Biden/Romney-Corbett				
Obama-Biden	49%	10%	85%	33%
Romney-Corbett	43%	81%	11%	32%
Undecided	8%	9%	4%	36%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Toomey Approval				
Approve	33%	53%	17%	19%
Disapprove	36%	16%	55%	36%
Not sure	31%	32%	28%	45%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama-Biden/Romney-Toomey				
Obama-Biden	49%	11%	86%	33%
Romney-Toomey	40%	78%	9%	19%
Undecided	11%	11%	5%	48%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	36%	62%	12%	33%
Unfavorable	53%	26%	79%	48%
Not sure	11%	12%	8%	19%





Crosstabs

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Obama-Biden/Romney-Santorum				
Obama-Biden	51%	12%	88%	33%
Romney-Santorum	43%	82%	9%	26%
Undecided	7%	6%	2%	41%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Ridge Favorability				
Favorable	50%	66%	38%	40%
Unfavorable	32%	18%	43%	37%
Not sure	18%	17%	19%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama-Biden/Romney-Ridge				
Obama-Biden	48%	9%	85%	33%
Romney-Ridge	43%	81%	11%	30%
Undecided	9%	9%	4%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Swann Favorability				
Favorable	35%	45%	28%	26%
Unfavorable	30%	18%	42%	27%
Not sure	34%	37%	31%	46%





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Obama-Biden/Romney-Swann				
Obama-Biden	48%	10%	85%	27%
Romney-Swann	37%	74%	8%	20%
Undecided	14%	17%	7%	53%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	48%	86%	76%	65%	23%	5%
Disapprove	49%	14%	23%	29%	72%	94%
Not sure	3%	-	2%	6%	4%	0%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	37%	11%	9%	28%	57%	69%
Unfavorable	51%	82%	85%	60%	29%	13%
Not sure	12%	7%	7%	12%	14%	18%

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Undecided	8%	6%	7%	10%	7%	9%





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Corbett Approval						
Approve	37%	18%	12%	25%	59%	67%
Disapprove	50%	80%	77%	63%	23%	17%
Not sure	13%	2%	11%	13%	18%	17%

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Obama-Biden/Romney-Corbett						
Obama-Biden	49%	86%	79%	62%	23%	8%
Romney-Corbett	43%	9%	15%	28%	68%	82%
Undecided	8%	6%	6%	9%	9%	10%

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		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Toomey Approval						
Approve	33%	21%	17%	22%	45%	57%
Disapprove	36%	53%	55%	43%	19%	18%
Not sure	31%	26%	28%	35%	36%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Toomey						
Obama-Biden	49%	84%	78%	66%	24%	6%
Romney-Toomey	40%	10%	12%	24%	63%	79%
Undecided	11%	6%	9%	10%	12%	15%





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Santorum Favorability						
Favorable	36%	11%	12%	18%	58%	74%
Unfavorable	53%	79%	77%	67%	33%	20%
Not sure	11%	10%	11%	15%	9%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Santorum						
Obama-Biden	51%	88%	77%	69%	22%	8%
Romney-Santorum	43%	10%	18%	22%	71%	82%
Undecided	7%	2%	5%	8%	7%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Ridge Favorability						
Favorable	50%	33%	36%	45%	64%	65%
Unfavorable	32%	47%	48%	30%	22%	21%
Not sure	18%	20%	15%	25%	14%	14%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Ridge						
Obama-Biden	48%	85%	77%	62%	22%	7%
Romney-Ridge	43%	10%	16%	28%	67%	85%
Undecided	9%	6%	7%	10%	12%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Swann Favorability						
Favorable	35%	33%	18%	31%	46%	45%
Unfavorable	30%	39%	49%	33%	17%	18%
Not sure	34%	28%	33%	35%	37%	36%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama-Biden/Romney-Swann						
Obama-Biden	48%	81%	78%	63%	24%	7%
Romney-Swann	37%	11%	10%	25%	56%	75%
Undecided	14%	8%	12%	12%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	48%	55%	42%
Disapprove	49%	42%	55%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	37%	28%	46%
Unfavorable	51%	55%	47%
Not sure	12%	16%	8%





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Obama/Romney			
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	Base	Gender	
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Corbett Approval			
Approve	37%	31%	44%
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Not sure	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Corbett			
Obama-Biden	49%	57%	40%
Romney-Corbett	43%	35%	50%
Undecided	8%	8%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Toomey Approval			
Approve	33%	30%	36%
Disapprove	36%	33%	40%
Not sure	31%	38%	24%





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Obama-Biden/Romney-Toomey			
Obama-Biden	49%	56%	43%
Romney-Toomey	40%	32%	47%
Undecided	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Santorum Favorability			
Favorable	36%	34%	37%
Unfavorable	53%	53%	54%
Not sure	11%	12%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Santorum			
Obama-Biden	51%	57%	44%
Romney-Santorum	43%	37%	48%
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Obama-Biden	48%	54%	41%
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Undecided	9%	9%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Swann Favorability			
Favorable	35%	31%	40%
Unfavorable	30%	26%	34%
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	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama-Biden/Romney-Swann			
Obama-Biden	48%	55%	42%
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	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	48%	81%	14%	47%
Disapprove	49%	17%	85%	41%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	11%





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Romney Favorability				
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Undecided	8%	5%	6%	28%

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Corbett Approval				
Approve	37%	17%	61%	33%
Disapprove	50%	73%	24%	49%
Not sure	13%	10%	15%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Corbett				
Obama-Biden	49%	80%	14%	50%
Romney-Corbett	43%	16%	78%	23%
Undecided	8%	4%	8%	27%





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Not sure	31%	31%	30%	34%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
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Obama-Biden	49%	81%	15%	49%
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Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	36%	19%	58%	23%
Unfavorable	53%	74%	31%	56%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama-Biden/Romney-Santorum				
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Romney-Santorum	43%	15%	78%	23%
Undecided	7%	3%	7%	21%





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Swann Favorability				
Favorable	35%	27%	44%	35%
Unfavorable	30%	40%	20%	29%
Not sure	34%	33%	36%	36%

	Base	Party		
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Obama-Biden/Romney-Swann				
Obama-Biden	48%	80%	13%	49%
Romney-Swann	37%	13%	70%	20%
Undecided	14%	7%	17%	31%





Crosstabs

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		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
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Not sure	3%	3%	2%	10%

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Favorable	37%	41%	10%	26%
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Favorable	36%	39%	10%	36%
Unfavorable	53%	50%	81%	51%
Not sure	11%	11%	9%	13%





Crosstabs

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Obama-Biden/Romney-Santorum				
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Favorable	35%	35%	31%	48%
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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	48%	62%	41%	51%	43%
Disapprove	49%	36%	58%	46%	50%
Not sure	3%	2%	1%	2%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	37%	23%	44%	36%	40%
Unfavorable	51%	66%	42%	54%	46%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	10%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	50%	64%	41%	52%	45%
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	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama-Biden/Romney-Corbett					
Obama-Biden	49%	60%	40%	52%	45%
Romney-Corbett	43%	32%	53%	40%	44%
Undecided	8%	8%	7%	8%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
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Approve	33%	28%	34%	33%	36%
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Romney-Toomey	40%	25%	49%	40%	40%
Undecided	11%	13%	9%	9%	15%





Crosstabs

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Santorum Favorability					
Favorable	36%	21%	41%	36%	42%
Unfavorable	53%	64%	50%	55%	47%
Not sure	11%	15%	9%	9%	12%

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Obama-Biden/Romney-Santorum					
Obama-Biden	51%	62%	47%	51%	45%
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Undecided	7%	6%	6%	6%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Ridge Favorability					
Favorable	50%	37%	60%	49%	50%
Unfavorable	32%	38%	24%	35%	29%
Not sure	18%	25%	15%	16%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama-Biden/Romney-Ridge					
Obama-Biden	48%	58%	40%	51%	44%
Romney-Ridge	43%	28%	55%	43%	42%
Undecided	9%	13%	6%	7%	14%





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Swann Favorability					
Favorable	35%	38%	40%	36%	26%
Unfavorable	30%	26%	31%	33%	26%
Not sure	34%	36%	29%	30%	48%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama-Biden/Romney-Swann					
Obama-Biden	48%	55%	42%	52%	44%
Romney-Swann	37%	28%	45%	37%	36%
Undecided	14%	17%	13%	12%	20%

