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## **Casey Would Easily Beat Santorum in Rematch**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Pennsylvania’s soon-to-be-senior Senator Bob Casey has accomplished a rare feat for a Democratic politician, or for any politician, in this anti-incumbent, Republican-leaning political environment: he has upped his job performance numbers since April 1<sup>st</sup>, the last day PPP polled the state. Meanwhile, in a potential 2012 sequel to the 2006 contest in which Casey ousted former Senator Rick Santorum, Casey would get a majority and beat the Republican by double digits.

Casey leads Santorum in the hypothetical redo, 51-39. Unlike most Democrats this year, Casey is up with independents, 41-32, and holds more of his base than does the Republican candidate. Casey pulls 80% of Democrats to Santorum’s 73% of Republicans, 88% of liberals and 64% of moderates to Santorum’s 69% of conservatives, and 84% of Obama voters to Santorum’s 73% of McCain voters. There is a huge gender gap; the two are tied among men at 45%, but Casey leads with women, 55-34. Casey leads among blacks, 78-17, and among the 87% majority whites, 48-41.

Casey’s job approval margin is now 36-35 in favor, versus 31-38 just under three months ago. He has slightly improved among both Democrats and Republicans, and the intensity is now less on the disapproval side. While 60% of Republicans disapproved and 47% of Democrats approved previously, the disparity is now only 55-52.

Santorum is just as polarizing, with a 56-20 personal favorability mark among Republicans, and a 19-54 one among Democrats. The difference lies among independents, who disapprove by a 36-45 margin to give him a 36-39 grade overall.

“If Republicans want to take out Bob Casey in 2012 they’re probably going to have to find someone other than Rick Santorum to do it,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Casey would defeat him handily once again.”

PPP surveyed 609 Pennsylvania voters from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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## Pennsylvania Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Bob Casey's job performance?
- Approve* ..... 36%
  - Disapprove*..... 35%
  - Not Sure*..... 29%
- Q2** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?
- Favorable*..... 36%
  - Unfavorable* ..... 39%
  - Not Sure*..... 25%
- Q3** If the candidates for Senate next time were Democrat Bob Casey and Republican Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?
- Bob Casey* ..... 51%
  - Rick Santorum* ..... 39%
  - Undecided*..... 10%
- Q4** Who did you vote for President last year?
- John McCain*..... 48%
  - Barack Obama*..... 47%
  - Someone Else/Don't Remember*..... 5%
- Q5** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
- Liberal*..... 17%
  - Moderate*..... 43%
  - Conservative*..... 39%
- Q6** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.
- Woman* ..... 53%
  - Man*..... 47%
- Q7** 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%
- Q8** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.
- White* ..... 87%
  - African-American* ..... 10%
  - Other*..... 3%
- Q9** 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*..... 6%
  - 30 to 45*..... 24%
  - 46 to 65*..... 45%
  - Older than 65*..... 26%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	36%	18%	53%	48%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	55%	15%	25%
<b>Not Sure</b>	29%	27%	32%	27%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	61%	13%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	39%	16%	60%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	25%	23%	27%	30%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Casey/Santorum</b>				
<b>Bob Casey</b>	51%	18%	84%	55%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	39%	73%	7%	14%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	10%	9%	32%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	36%	57%	46%	16%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	11%	27%	54%
<b>Not Sure</b>	29%	32%	28%	30%





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	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	12%	22%	61%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	62%	52%	14%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>25%</b>	25%	26%	25%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Casey/Santorum</b>				
<b>Bob Casey</b>	<b>51%</b>	88%	64%	20%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	<b>39%</b>	5%	25%	69%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	7%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Casey Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>36%</b>	38%	34%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>35%</b>	26%	44%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>29%</b>	36%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	30%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	38%	40%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>25%</b>	32%	17%





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<b>Casey/Santorum</b>			
<b>Bob Casey</b>	51%	55%	45%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	39%	34%	45%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	36%	52%	18%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	35%	17%	55%	40%
<b>Not Sure</b>	29%	31%	27%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	19%	56%	36%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	39%	54%	20%	45%
<b>Not Sure</b>	25%	28%	23%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Casey/Santorum</b>				
<b>Bob Casey</b>	51%	80%	18%	41%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	39%	12%	73%	32%
<b>Undecided</b>	10%	9%	9%	28%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Casey Approval</b>				
Approve	36%	37%	26%	29%
Disapprove	35%	34%	37%	49%
Not Sure	29%	29%	37%	23%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Santorum Favorability</b>				
Favorable	36%	37%	21%	46%
Unfavorable	39%	40%	32%	29%
Not Sure	25%	23%	47%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Casey/Santorum</b>				
Bob Casey	51%	48%	78%	40%
Rick Santorum	39%	41%	17%	46%
Undecided	10%	11%	6%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Casey Approval</b>					
Approve	36%	36%	21%	40%	43%
Disapprove	35%	15%	49%	34%	26%
Not Sure	29%	49%	29%	26%	31%





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<b>Santorum Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	28%	40%	35%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>39%</b>	39%	33%	42%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>25%</b>	33%	27%	23%	26%

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<b>Bob Casey</b>	<b>51%</b>	64%	40%	55%	49%
<b>Rick Santorum</b>	<b>39%</b>	21%	52%	34%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>10%</b>	15%	8%	10%	11%

