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Pennsylvania against same-sex marriage, Corbett unpopular

Raleigh, N.C. – Despite growing support for legal gay marriage nationwide, a majority of Pennsylvanians are still opposed. 51% oppose legal same-sex marriage, while 38% support it. However, there is majority support among those 18 to 29, for whom 51% support legal same-sex marriage. Pennsylvania's opposition comes from only tepid support among Democrats, who support legal same-sex marriage 53-32. On the other hand, Pennsylvania does support some form of recognition for same sex couples. When civil unions are included as an option, 36% favor civil unions, 32% favor legal same-sex marriage, and only 31% are opposed to all recognition.

Governor Tom Corbett remains unpopular with only 35% approving of his performance compared to 46% who disapprove, similar to his 34-44 spread in April. While Corbett is not in Rick Scott territory, he would still lose in a do-over of last year's governor's race. Dan Onorato would lead Corbett 47-44 (49-44 in April). Corbett could also prove a drag on the Republican presidential nominee. Only 25% say Corbett's actions have made them more likely to support the GOP nominee compared to 33% who say his actions have made them less likely to support the nominee. Pat Toomey is doing a bit better, but is hardly beloved. 30% approve of his performance while 29% disapprove (32-31 in April). He has yet to make an impression on many voters as 41% do not venture an opinion.

Congressional Democrats took a beating in Pennsylvania last November, losing five out of the twelve seats they held. Democrats may have an opportunity to regain a few of these seats as they now lead the generic ballot 46-40.

The Steelers are the most popular pro sports team of Pennsylvania voters; 30% choose the Steelers as their favorite team. They are followed by the Phillies at 22%, the Eagles and Penguins at 12%, the Pirates at 6%, and the Flyers at 4%. While only 12% choose the Penguins, they are actually more popular than the Steelers among those 18-29, with 27% choosing the Penguins as their favorite sports team, to 22% who pick the Steelers.

PPP surveyed 545 Pennsylvania voters from June 30th to July 5th. No interviews were conducted on July 3rd or 4th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-4.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Pennsylvania Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Tom Corbett's job performance?

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 46%
Not sure 20%

Q2 If you could do last fall's election for Governor over again, would you vote for Republican Tom Corbett or Democrat Dan Onorato?

Tom Corbett 44%
Dan Onorato 47%
Not sure 9%

Q3 Have Tom Corbett's actions as Governor made it more or less likely that you'll vote for a Republican for President next year, or has it not made a difference?

More likely..... 25%
Less likely 33%
Hasn't made a difference 43%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Pat Toomey's job performance?

Approve 30%
Disapprove..... 29%
Not sure 41%

Q5 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal 38%
Illegal 51%
Not sure 11%

Q6 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry 32%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry 36%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship 31%
Not sure 1%

Q7 If there was an election for the US House today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

Democrat 46%
Republican..... 40%
Not sure 15%

Q8 Is your favorite pro sports team in Pennsylvania the Philadelphia Eagles, Philadelphia Flyers, Philadelphia Phillies, Philadelphia 76ers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Pittsburgh Pirates, or Pittsburgh Steelers?

Eagles..... 12%
Flyers..... 4%
Phillies 22%
76ers..... 2%
Penguins..... 12%
Pirates 6%
Steelers..... 30%
Someone else/Not sure 13%

Q9 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 41%
Barack Obama..... 50%
Someone else/Don't remember 9%





Q10 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	10%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	22%
<i>Moderate</i>	30%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	17%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	49%
<i>Man</i>	51%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	50%
<i>Republican</i>	39%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	11%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	86%
<i>African-American</i>	10%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q14 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.

<i>18 to 29</i>	14%
<i>30 to 45</i>	20%
<i>46 to 65</i>	42%
<i>Older than 65</i>	24%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Corbett Approval				
Approve	35%	63%	13%	28%
Disapprove	46%	19%	67%	49%
Not sure	20%	18%	20%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Corbett/Onorato Re-do				
Tom Corbett	44%	78%	16%	41%
Dan Onorato	47%	14%	75%	42%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Corbett Actions Make You More/Less Likely to Vote for GOP Pres				
More likely	25%	39%	13%	22%
Less likely	33%	12%	49%	35%
Hasn't made a difference	42%	49%	37%	43%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Toomey Approval				
Approve	30%	52%	14%	26%
Disapprove	29%	9%	44%	37%
Not sure	41%	39%	42%	38%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Same-Sex Marriage				
Legal	38%	11%	60%	33%
Illegal	51%	80%	26%	59%
Not sure	11%	9%	14%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	32%	9%	51%	30%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	36%	40%	34%	26%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	50%	13%	42%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	46%	7%	79%	35%
Republican	40%	78%	9%	39%
Not sure	15%	15%	12%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Fave Pro Team				
Eagles	12%	10%	13%	10%
Flyers	4%	3%	5%	4%
Phillies	22%	21%	24%	14%
76ers	2%	0%	3%	-
Penguins	12%	17%	8%	10%
Pirates	6%	3%	8%	5%
Steelers	30%	32%	27%	38%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	13%	11%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Corbett Approval						
Approve	35%	9%	13%	26%	55%	70%
Disapprove	46%	76%	70%	54%	23%	8%
Not sure	20%	15%	17%	20%	22%	21%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Corbett/Onorato Re-do						
Tom Corbett	44%	16%	14%	31%	70%	87%
Dan Onorato	47%	80%	78%	57%	18%	7%
Not sure	9%	3%	7%	12%	12%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Corbett Actions Make You More/Less Likely to Vote for GOP Pres						
More likely	25%	17%	17%	18%	31%	45%
Less likely	33%	53%	51%	40%	13%	9%
Hasn't made a difference	42%	30%	32%	42%	56%	46%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Toomey Approval						
Approve	30%	19%	12%	17%	50%	60%
Disapprove	29%	56%	41%	36%	12%	6%
Not sure	41%	25%	47%	47%	37%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-Sex Marriage						
Legal	38%	68%	66%	45%	13%	1%
Illegal	51%	25%	15%	46%	74%	94%
Not sure	11%	7%	19%	10%	13%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	32%	72%	60%	32%	9%	-
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	36%	13%	25%	45%	49%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	14%	14%	22%	42%	66%
Not sure	1%	-	2%	1%	-	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democrat	46%	80%	77%	57%	14%	4%
Republican	40%	17%	9%	21%	69%	89%
Not sure	15%	3%	14%	22%	17%	7%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Fave Pro Team						
Eagles	12%	17%	13%	10%	12%	10%
Flyers	4%	4%	5%	5%	-	6%
Phillies	22%	20%	31%	19%	22%	19%
76ers	2%	3%	4%	1%	-	-
Penguins	12%	16%	12%	9%	13%	13%
Pirates	6%	12%	4%	7%	6%	1%
Steelers	30%	16%	22%	36%	39%	28%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	11%	9%	13%	9%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett Approval			
Approve	35%	31%	39%
Disapprove	46%	43%	49%
Not sure	20%	26%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett/Onorato Re-do			
Tom Corbett	44%	37%	49%
Dan Onorato	47%	51%	44%
Not sure	9%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Corbett Actions Make You More/Less Likely to Vote for GOP Pres			
More likely	25%	24%	26%
Less likely	33%	32%	34%
Hasn't made a difference	42%	44%	41%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Toomey Approval			
Approve	30%	26%	35%
Disapprove	29%	19%	39%
Not sure	41%	55%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-Sex Marriage			
Legal	38%	39%	36%
Illegal	51%	45%	57%
Not sure	11%	16%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	32%	33%	32%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	36%	36%	36%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	29%	32%
Not sure	1%	2%	-

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democrat	46%	50%	41%
Republican	40%	36%	43%
Not sure	15%	13%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fave Pro Team			
Eagles	12%	11%	12%
Flyers	4%	4%	4%
Phillies	22%	24%	20%
76ers	2%	2%	1%
Penguins	12%	13%	11%
Pirates	6%	4%	7%
Steelers	30%	29%	31%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	13%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett Approval				
Approve	35%	17%	58%	35%
Disapprove	46%	65%	22%	40%
Not sure	20%	18%	20%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett/Onorato Re-do				
Tom Corbett	44%	18%	76%	44%
Dan Onorato	47%	73%	16%	43%
Not sure	9%	9%	9%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Corbett Actions Make You More/Less Likely to Vote for GOP Pres				
More likely	25%	13%	38%	30%
Less likely	33%	50%	12%	29%
Hasn't made a difference	42%	37%	50%	41%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Toomey Approval				
Approve	30%	14%	52%	28%
Disapprove	29%	44%	12%	19%
Not sure	41%	42%	36%	52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-Sex Marriage				
Legal	38%	53%	15%	47%
Illegal	51%	32%	76%	48%
Not sure	11%	15%	9%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	32%	47%	10%	41%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	36%	32%	41%	36%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	20%	48%	22%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	46%	80%	5%	37%
Republican	40%	10%	80%	31%
Not sure	15%	10%	16%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fave Pro Team				
Eagles	12%	12%	13%	6%
Flyers	4%	3%	4%	7%
Phillies	22%	25%	22%	13%
76ers	2%	3%	0%	-
Penguins	12%	8%	15%	18%
Pirates	6%	6%	5%	11%
Steelers	30%	33%	26%	33%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	11%	15%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett Approval				
Approve	35%	37%	17%	42%
Disapprove	46%	45%	55%	38%
Not sure	20%	19%	28%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett/Onorato Re-do				
Tom Corbett	44%	46%	17%	45%
Dan Onorato	47%	44%	76%	44%
Not sure	9%	9%	6%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Corbett Actions Make You More/Less Likely to Vote for GOP Pres				
More likely	25%	25%	19%	31%
Less likely	33%	31%	50%	29%
Hasn't made a difference	42%	44%	31%	40%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Toomey Approval				
Approve	30%	32%	14%	32%
Disapprove	29%	28%	38%	20%
Not sure	41%	39%	48%	48%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Same-Sex Marriage				
Legal	38%	39%	26%	32%
Illegal	51%	51%	45%	60%
Not sure	11%	10%	30%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	32%	34%	17%	30%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	36%	33%	61%	36%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	32%	19%	32%
Not sure	1%	1%	3%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	46%	43%	80%	32%
Republican	40%	42%	16%	47%
Not sure	15%	15%	5%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Fave Pro Team				
Eagles	12%	11%	19%	13%
Flyers	4%	4%	1%	4%
Phillies	22%	23%	12%	32%
76ers	2%	2%	1%	-
Penguins	12%	12%	9%	12%
Pirates	6%	6%	6%	3%
Steelers	30%	29%	40%	27%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	13%	11%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett Approval					
Approve	35%	22%	30%	39%	40%
Disapprove	46%	62%	50%	41%	41%
Not sure	20%	16%	20%	21%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett/Onorato Re-do					
Tom Corbett	44%	41%	34%	46%	49%
Dan Onorato	47%	51%	57%	43%	44%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	11%	7%

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		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Corbett Actions Make You More/Less Likely to Vote for GOP Pres					
More likely	25%	24%	13%	26%	34%
Less likely	33%	38%	38%	29%	32%
Hasn't made a difference	42%	38%	50%	45%	34%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Toomey Approval					
Approve	30%	32%	16%	33%	36%
Disapprove	29%	32%	36%	26%	27%
Not sure	41%	35%	48%	41%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-Sex Marriage					
Legal	38%	51%	61%	32%	20%
Illegal	51%	32%	32%	56%	69%
Not sure	11%	16%	7%	12%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	32%	51%	46%	28%	16%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	36%	30%	29%	38%	43%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	31%	19%	23%	34%	40%
Not sure	1%	-	2%	1%	1%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	46%	49%	57%	40%	44%
Republican	40%	35%	29%	43%	45%
Not sure	15%	16%	14%	16%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fave Pro Team					
Eagles	12%	8%	11%	13%	12%
Flyers	4%	8%	2%	4%	3%
Phillies	22%	19%	25%	19%	27%
76ers	2%	5%	-	2%	1%
Penguins	12%	27%	18%	8%	6%
Pirates	6%	3%	9%	4%	9%
Steelers	30%	22%	29%	33%	31%
Someone else/Not sure	13%	8%	7%	17%	12%

