

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

55% Republican  
38% Democrat  
7% Independent  
0% Something else

Vote\_Nov. Many people will vote in the election for Governor and U.S. Senate in November 2006; however, many other people will not. What would you say are the chances of your voting in the November election? Are you...

82% Certain to vote  
12% Will you probably vote  
4% Are the chances fifty-fifty you will vote  
2% Don't you think that you will vote in the Nov 2006 election

Pol\_Int. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you are...

48% Very much interested  
42% Somewhat interested  
10% Not very interested in the election

RightDir. All in all, do you think things in PENNSYLVANIA are generally headed in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel that things are off on the WRONG TRACK?

54% Headed in right direction  
32% Off on the wrong track  
14% Do not know

IntFavC. I'd like to ask you a few questions about some people involved in politics today. Please let me know if your opinion of the person is favorable, not favorable, undecided, or if you haven't heard enough about the person to have an opinion.

	Favorable	Not Favorable	Undecided	Don't know
JIM GERLACH	33%	26%	21%	20%
LOIS MURPHY	21%	22%	15%	42%

Vote\_CD. If the election for the US House of Representatives was being held today and the candidates were JIM GERLACH, the Republican, and LOIS MURPHY, the Democrat, would you vote for...

45% JIM GERLACH  
38% LOIS MURPHY  
17% Do not know

Cert\_CD. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill VCDName] in the election, or are you still making up your mind?

n=351  
70% Certain  
29% Still making up mind  
1% Do not know

Lean\_CD. As of today, do you lean more to Jim Gerlach, the Republican, or Lois Murphy, the Democrat?

n=80

20%	Jim Gerlach
15%	Lois Murphy
65%	Do not know

Iss\_CD. What will be the single MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in your vote for US House of Representatives this year...

15%	The US campaign against terrorism
29%	The war in Iraq
13%	The economy
9%	Immigration
2%	Gas prices
15%	Health care
11%	Something else
6%	Do not know

Vote\_Sen. If the election for US Senate was being held today and the candidates were Bob Casey, Jr., the Democrat, and Rick Santorum, the Republican, and Carl Romanelli, the Green Party candidate would you vote for...

42%	Bob Casey, Jr.
40%	Rick Santorum
2%	Carl Romanelli
16%	Do not know

Cert\_Sen. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill Vote\_Sen] in the election, or are you still making up your mind?

n=361

76%	Certain
23%	Still making up mind
1%	Do not know

Lean\_Sen. As of today, do you lean more to Bob Casey, Jr., the Democrat, and Rick Santorum, the Republican, or Carl Romanelli, the Green Party candidate?

n=70

15%	Bob Casey, Jr.
20%	Rick Santorum
0%	Carl Romanelli
65%	Do not know

Iss\_Sen. What will be the single MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in your vote for US Senate this year...

21%	The US campaign against terrorism
26%	The war in Iraq
13%	The economy
6%	Immigration
2%	Gas prices
14%	Health care
12%	Something else
6%	Do not know

Vote\_Gov. If the election for Pennsylvania governor was being held today and the candidates were Ed Rendell, the Democrat, and Lynn Swann, the Republican, who would you vote for?

60%	Ed Rendell
28%	Lynn Swann
12%	Do not know

Cert\_Gov. Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote FOR [fill Vote\_Gov] in the election, or are you still making up your mind?

n=378

82%	Certain
18%	Still making up mind

Lean\_Gov. As of today, do you lean more to Ed Rendell, the Democrat, Lynn Swann, or the Republican candidate?

n=53

21%	Ed Rendell
21%	Lynn Swann
58%	Do not know

RatePres. How would you rate the way George Bush is handling his job as President? Would you say he is doing an...

9%	Excellent
25%	Good
22%	Only fair
43%	Poor
1%	Do not know

DesRECD. Do you believe that Jim Gerlach has done a good enough job in the United States CONGRESS to DESERVE RE-ELECTION, or do you believe it is TIME FOR A CHANGE?

37%	Deserves re-election
43%	Time for change
20%	Do not know

CNTY. County

42%	Berks
43%	Chester
15%	Montgomery

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

1%	18-24
4%	25-34
13%	35-44
24%	45-54
21%	55-64
37%	65 and older

EDUC. What was the last grade level of schooling you have completed?

30%	High school or less
21%	Some college
49%	College degree

MAR. What is your current marital status?

7%	Single, never married
77%	Married
1%	Separated
6%	Divorced
9%	Widow, widower

IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

17%	Liberal
38%	Moderate
40%	Conservative
5%	Do not know

PRTY1. Regardless of how you are registered, in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

22%	Strong Republican
11%	Republican
12%	Lean Republican
7%	Pure Independent
15%	Lean Democrat
8%	Democrat
19%	Strong Democrat
6%	Do not know

ABORT. Do you think that abortion should be...

26%	Legal under any circumstances
57%	Legal under certain circumstances
15%	Illegal in all circumstances
2%	Do not know

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

3%	Yes
97%	No

RACE. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

96%	White
4%	Non-white

NumA. Including yourself, how many adults 18 years of age or OLDER CURRENTLY live in this household?

17%	One
63%	Two
14%	Three
5%	Four
1%	Five or more

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or something else?

29%	Catholic
46%	Protestant
4%	Jewish
21%	Something else

BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

24%	Yes
74%	No
2%	Do not know

INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$30,000 per year?

10%	Under \$25,000
10%	\$25-\$35,000
8%	\$35-50,000
20%	\$50-75,000
16%	\$75-100,000
32%	Over \$100,000
4%	Do Not Know

DONE. Sex of respondent:

48%	Male
52%	Female

*Methodology: This release summarizes the findings of a survey of 431 registered voters living in Pennsylvania's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District conducted by Franklin and Marshall College's Center for Opinion Research. The survey interviewing was conducted between September 20 and 25, 2006. The sample error for the entire sample is plus or minus 4.7 percent but is larger for subgroups. The sample error for the 349 likely voters in the survey is plus or minus 5.2 percent. Telephone numbers for the survey were randomly selected from state voter registration*

*lists. The final sample includes 233 Republicans, 162 Democrats, and 32 Independent/other voters (4 voters would not provide their registration).*

*This survey used a registration-based sampling (RBS) scheme to identify survey respondents. The sampling process uses voter lists and information about past voting history and date of registration to classify voters into separate strata based on historical turnout in similar, prior elections. Historical turnout information determines the selection probabilities within each stratum. The sample was generated by Voter Contact Services and a more detailed description of the RBS scheme can be found on their website (<http://www.vcsnet.com/rbshelp.html>). A detailed methodological study describing the merits of the RBS technique in comparison to traditional random-digit-dialing sampling methodologies can be found in Donald P. Green and Alan S. Gerber (2006) "Can Registration-Based Sampling Improve the Accuracy of Mid-Term Election Forecasts?" *Public Opinion Quarterly* 70 (2): 197 - 223.*