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Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted February 15-21, 2010. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College under the direction of the poll’s Director Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Head Methodologist Berwood Yost, and Project Manager Jennifer Harding. The data included in this release represent the responses of 1143 adult residents of Pennsylvania, including 954 registered adults (481 Democrats, 340 Republicans, 111 registered as Independent/Other, and 22 who refused to identify party). Telephone numbers for the survey were generated using random digit dialing, and respondents were randomly selected from within each household. Survey results were weighted (age, education, race, region, and gender) using an iterative weighting algorithm.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 2.9 percentage points. The sample error for registered adults is +/- 3.2 percentage points and is slightly higher for registered Democrats (+/- 4.5 percentage points) and registered Republicans (+/- 5.3 percentage points). In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other

sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions.

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Key Findings

The February 2010 Franklin & Marshall College Poll finds that many Pennsylvanians remain undecided about the primary candidates for governor. It also finds that Republican Pat Toomey currently enjoys an advantage among likely voters over both Democratic candidates in the race for U.S. Senate.

The Race for Pennsylvania Governor

Many Pennsylvanians still don't know who they plan to vote for in the state's gubernatorial primaries. The Democratic race for governor in particular remains wide open. Seven in ten registered Democrats say they are undecided, and the frontrunner position is shared by three of the candidates—Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, and Joe Hoeffel (see Table 1). Chris Doherty recently dropped out of the race, and newcomer Anthony Williams is favored by very few respondents. On the Republican side, State Attorney General Tom Corbett is favored by one in four respondents, but two in three Republicans are undecided at the moment. This indecision is consistent with January's poll results.

Table 1. Pennsylvania Gubernatorial Primary Preferences

If the 2010 Democratic/Republican primary election for GOVERNOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) [fill candidates], would you vote for [fill candidates], some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

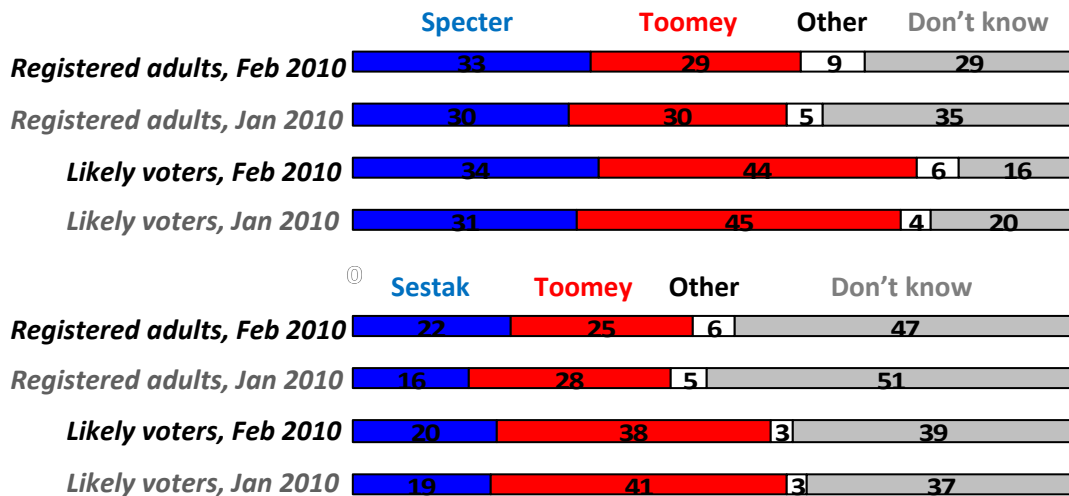
	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
Democrats (n = 481)		
Dan Onorato	10%	6%
Jack Wagner	4%	6%
Joe Hoeffel	4%	6%
Chris Doherty	4%	4%
Anthony Williams	-	1%
Other	6%	5%
Don't know	72%	72%
Republicans (n = 340)		
Tom Corbett	23%	26%
Sam Rohrer	5%	4%
Other	3%	5%
Don't know	69%	65%

The Race for U.S. Senate

The Democratic primary for U.S. Senate has fewer undecided voters (44%). Arlen Specter is favored (33%) over Joe Sestak (16%). Republican Pat Toomey has a decided advantage over both of these Democratic candidates in the general election race for U.S. Senate. Incumbent Senator Arlen Specter and Republican challenger Pat Toomey each receive about 30 percent of the vote among all registered adults, but Toomey has the advantage when a respondent's likelihood of voting is considered (see Figure 1). Toomey leads U.S. Representative Joe Sestak among all registered adults, and has a much larger margin among likely voters.

Figure 1. 2010 Pennsylvania U.S. Senate Election Preferences

If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Arlen Specter/Joe Sestak, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Arlen Specter/Joe Sestak, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?



The pattern of support for Toomey among likely voters is mostly consistent regardless of his challenger (see Tables A-1 and A-2). Republican voters overwhelmingly favor him against both opponents, while his opponents' support among Democratic voters is much weaker. Independent voters favor Toomey over Specter (36% to 15% among likely voters) and over Sestak (32% to 12%).

A majority of registered Pennsylvanians say they don't know enough about Pat Toomey (62%) and Joe Sestak (77%) to have an opinion, while Arlen Specter continues to be viewed unfavorably by the state's electorate. More respondents have an unfavorable (45%) than favorable (32%) opinion of him. Fewer than one in three (30%) registered Pennsylvanians say he is doing an excellent or good job as U.S. senator, and even fewer (25%) believe he has done a good enough job as senator to deserve re-election. Those who feel he doesn't deserve reelection most often mention his time in office (32%) and his party switching (23%) as reasons for change.

Tea Party Politics

More than half (62%) of registered Pennsylvanians have read, seen, or heard something about the tea party movement. More respondents support (39%) than oppose (29%) the tea party movement's goals, and more would be likely (45%) than unlikely (34%) to vote for a candidate who supports the tea party movement's goals. While registered Republicans are most likely to support tea party politics, a substantial proportion of independents and even Democrats express support.

Table 2. Support for Tea Party Movement by Party

*Do you generally support or oppose the tea party movement?
How likely would you be to vote for a candidate who supports the tea party movement's goals?*

		Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Support for tea party movement	Strongly support	33%	7%	13%
	Somewhat support	25%	12%	28%
	Somewhat oppose	6%	10%	10%
	Strongly oppose	4%	37%	19%
	Don't know	32%	33%	30%
Likelihood of voting for tea party candidate	Very likely	34%	7%	13%
	Somewhat likely	34%	17%	39%
	Not very likely	5%	15%	14%
	Not at all likely	6%	41%	18%
	Don't know	21%	21%	16%

Tea party supporters and opponents have very different ideas about the movement's primary goals. Supporters most commonly cite smaller government/fiscal responsibility (31%) and more representative government (14%) as the movement's primary goals, compared to opponents who give less concrete responses, such as anti-Democratic/pro-Republican motives (35%) and general negative comments (15%). Supporters also are more knowledgeable about the movement's goals—only nine percent say they don't know compared to one quarter (24%) of opponents.

Table A-1

If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Arlen Specter, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Arlen Specter, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

Likely voters only, n = 324

	Specter	Toomey	Other	Don't know
Gender				
Female	39%	40%	5%	17%
Male	29%	48%	8%	14%
Age				
18-34	41%	39%	7%	13%
35-54	30%	45%	8%	17%
55 and over	35%	46%	4%	14%
Education				
High school or less	31%	47%	5%	17%
Some college	29%	45%	7%	18%
College degree	41%	41%	7%	11%
Household Income*				
Less than \$35,000	46%	26%	8%	20%
\$35-75,000	30%	51%	6%	13%
Over \$75,000	27%	53%	6%	14%
Race*				
Non-white	82%	4%	5%	9%
White	24%	53%	7%	17%
Marital Status*				
Single, never married	62%	22%	1%	16%
Not currently married	43%	36%	7%	13%
Married	24%	53%	7%	16%
Religious Affiliation*				
Other/unaffiliated	46%	31%	3%	21%
Protestant	32%	50%	6%	12%
Catholic	25%	50%	10%	14%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist				
Yes	29%	43%	8%	20%
No	37%	46%	5%	12%
Household Union Member*				
Yes	41%	44%	4%	11%
No	32%	45%	6%	17%
Military Veteran				
Yes	37%	44%	5%	15%
No	33%	45%	7%	16%
Region*				
Philadelphia/Southeast	50%	34%	3%	13%
Central	30%	49%	4%	17%
Northeast	27%	43%	1%	29%
Allegheny/Southwest	25%	60%	5%	10%
Northwest	9%	47%	27%	16%
Party Registration*				
Democrat	63%	17%	7%	14%
Independent/Other	15%	36%	13%	36%
Republican	9%	75%	4%	12%

* Significant differences ($p < .05$)

Table A-2

If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (rotated) Joe Sestak, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Joe Sestak, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

Likely voters only, n = 324

	Sestak	Toomey	Other	Don't know
Gender				
Female	22%	32%	3%	43%
Male	19%	43%	3%	35%
Age				
18-34	9%	51%	0%	40%
35-54	23%	37%	3%	37%
55 and over	21%	35%	4%	40%
Education				
High school or less	19%	38%	2%	41%
Some college	19%	41%	3%	37%
College degree	23%	36%	4%	37%
Household Income*				
Less than \$35,000	19%	22%	5%	53%
\$35-75,000	17%	46%	4%	33%
Over \$75,000	22%	44%	2%	32%
Race*				
Non-white	45%	1%	5%	49%
White	15%	46%	3%	37%
Marital Status*				
Not currently married	34%	25%	4%	37%
Single, never married	27%	24%	1%	49%
Married	14%	46%	3%	37%
Religious Affiliation*				
Other/unaffiliated	26%	24%	3%	47%
Catholic	18%	39%	4%	39%
Protestant	17%	49%	3%	31%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist				
Yes	17%	39%	4%	40%
No	22%	37%	2%	38%
Household Union Member				
Yes	23%	42%	3%	32%
No	20%	37%	3%	40%
Military Veteran				
Yes	24%	39%	4%	32%
No	20%	38%	3%	40%
Region*				
Philadelphia/Southeast	34%	30%	0%	36%
Central	15%	43%	5%	37%
Allegheny/Southwest	14%	50%	2%	34%
Northeast	10%	42%	5%	43%
Northwest	5%	33%	9%	53%
Party Registration*				
Democrat	39%	12%	4%	46%
Independent/Other	12%	32%	4%	51%
Republican	3%	67%	2%	28%

* Significant differences ($p < .05$)

Marginal Frequency Report

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?

	Headed in right direction	Off on the wrong track	Don't know
Feb 2010	37%	50%	13%
Jan 2010	39%	53%	8%
Oct 2009	32%	60%	8%
Aug 2009	33%	59%	8%
Jun 2009	44%	48%	8%
Mar 2009	48%	41%	11%
Feb 2009	40%	49%	11%
Aug 2007	47%	44%	9%
Jun 2007	42%	45%	13%
Feb 2007	46%	42%	12%
Oct 2006*	47%	42%	11%
Sep 2006*	52%	36%	12%
Aug 2006*	50%	40%	10%
Feb 2006	45%	46%	9%
Nov 2005	39%	52%	10%
Sep 2005	46%	46%	8%
Jun 2005	43%	45%	12%
Mar 2005	50%	44%	6%
Oct 2004*	48%	39%	13%
Sep 2004*	46%	41%	13%
Aug 2004*	43%	40%	17%
Mar 2004*	33%	50%	18%
Feb 2004	37%	49%	14%
Nov 2003	45%	45%	10%
Apr 2003	55%	33%	12%
Sep 2002*	52%	32%	16%
Jun 2002*	55%	32%	13%
Jul 1999	64%	27%	9%
Sep 1998*	67%	15%	18%
Jul 1998	60%	26%	14%
Mar 1998	65%	24%	11%
Oct 1996	49%	31%	21%
Sep 1996*	49%	34%	17%
Jul 1996	41%	41%	18%
Apr 1995	52%	32%	17%

*Question asked of registered respondents only

FinToday. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that YOU and YOUR FAMILY are better off, worse off, or about the same financially as you were a year ago?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
Feb 2010	13%	41%	46%	0%
Jan 2010	10%	40%	50%	0%
Oct 2009	8%	36%	55%	1%
Aug 2009	9%	39%	52%	0%
Jun 2009	11%	43%	45%	1%
Mar 2009	11%	36%	53%	0%
Feb 2009	10%	44%	46%	0%
Oct 2008*	14%	44%	42%	0%
Sep 2008*	12%	40%	47%	0%
Aug 2008*	16%	37%	46%	1%
Feb 2008*	20%	29%	51%	0%
Jan 2008*	17%	25%	57%	1%
Nov 2005	20%	28%	51%	1%
Sep 2005	17%	36%	47%	0%
Jun 2005	24%	24%	52%	0%
Mar 2005	21%	28%	51%	1%
Nov 2003	17%	29%	53%	1%
Apr 2003	16%	30%	54%	0%
Sep 2002*	25%	26%	47%	1%
Jun 2002*	29%	20%	50%	1%
Jul 1999	31%	16%	52%	1%
Jul 1998	31%	16%	52%	1%
Mar 1998	31%	16%	52%	1%
Jul 1996	21%	22%	56%	1%
Feb 1996	21%	21%	57%	1%
Apr 1995	26%	21%	52%	1%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

FinFut. Now looking AHEAD, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW, YOU and YOUR FAMILY will be better off financially than you are now, worse off, or about the same as you are now?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Don't know
Feb 2010	28%	18%	47%	7%
Jan 2010	27%	17%	49%	7%
Oct 2009	31%	14%	50%	5%
Aug 2009	31%	19%	47%	3%
Jun 2009	32%	21%	41%	6%
Mar 2009	27%	12%	55%	6%
Feb 2009	29%	19%	45%	7%
Oct 2008*	33%	14%	40%	14%
Sep 2008*	25%	18%	42%	15%
Aug 2008*	28%	15%	45%	12%
Nov 2005	29%	20%	48%	3%
Sep 2005	27%	23%	45%	5%
Jun 2005	32%	15%	48%	5%
Mar 2005	31%	20%	45%	4%
Nov 2003	33%	13%	49%	5%
Apr 2003	27%	17%	51%	5%
Sep 2002*	38%	8%	43%	11%
Jun 2002*	35%	6%	49%	10%
Jul 1999	38%	8%	50%	4%
Jul 1998	41%	9%	45%	5%
Mar 1998	39%	7%	50%	4%
Jul 1996	24%	12%	54%	10%
Feb 1996	29%	16%	49%	6%
Apr 1995	37%	12%	44%	7%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

84% Yes
16% No

Questions RegPARTY through Tea4 were only asked of registered respondents (n = 954).

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

51% Democrat
36% Republican
10% Independent
2% Something else
1% Don't know

IntFav. Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of [FILL name] favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about [FILL name] to have an opinion? (*rotated*)

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
ED RENDELL						
Feb 2010	16%	25%	17%	27%	10%	5%
Jan 2010	16%	26%	16%	29%	9%	4%
Oct 2009	13%	24%	17%	30%	9%	7%
Aug 2009	13%	19%	19%	34%	10%	5%
Jun 2009	15%	27%	15%	25%	11%	7%
Feb 2009	16%	26%	16%	22%	13%	7%
ARLEN SPECTER						
Feb 2010	11%	21%	17%	28%	15%	8%
Jan 2010	11%	24%	14%	29%	13%	9%
Oct 2009	8%	20%	15%	31%	13%	13%
Aug 2009	12%	23%	13%	29%	13%	10%
Jun 2009	13%	18%	11%	26%	17%	15%
Feb 2009	14%	28%	12%	17%	15%	14%
BOB CASEY JR.						
Feb 2010	13%	20%	9%	9%	15%	34%
Jan 2010	9%	23%	11%	9%	17%	31%
Oct 2009	11%	21%	9%	12%	15%	32%
Aug 2009	17%	24%	10%	8%	17%	24%
Jun 2009	11%	21%	12%	5%	17%	34%
Feb 2009	11%	19%	9%	8%	21%	32%
BARACK OBAMA						
Feb 2010	27%	22%	10%	29%	11%	1%
Jan 2010	23%	21%	11%	33%	10%	2%
Oct 2009	29%	16%	12%	27%	13%	3%
Aug 2009	29%	26%	9%	28%	7%	1%
Jun 2009	39%	17%	6%	21%	14%	3%
Feb 2009	38%	18%	8%	15%	17%	4%
Oct 2008	38%	15%	8%	25%	12%	3%
Sep 2008	31%	18%	9%	21%	17%	3%
Aug 2008	25%	18%	7%	22%	23%	5%
JOE SESTAK						
Feb 2010	4%	6%	1%	2%	10%	77%
Jan 2010	3%	5%	4%	2%	10%	76%
Oct 2009	4%	7%	3%	2%	7%	77%
Aug 2009	3%	10%	2%	2%	10%	73%
PAT TOOMEY						
Feb 2010	6%	10%	2%	5%	15%	62%
Jan 2010	6%	9%	4%	3%	13%	65%
Oct 2009	5%	11%	5%	5%	10%	64%
Aug 2009	7%	11%	4%	6%	9%	63%
TOM CORBETT						
Feb 2010	5%	16%	3%	3%	19%	54%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
ED RENDELL				
Feb 2010	41%	44%	10%	5%
Jan 2010	42%	45%	9%	4%
Oct 2009	37%	47%	9%	7%
Aug 2009	32%	53%	10%	5%
Jun 2009	42%	40%	11%	7%
Mar 2009	45%	35%	15%	5%
Feb 2009	42%	38%	13%	7%
Aug 2007	47%	36%	12%	5%
Jun 2007	48%	38%	10%	4%
Feb 2007	53%	36%	8%	3%
Oct 2006	54%	30%	12%	4%
Sep 2006	52%	29%	16%	3%
Aug 2006	49%	33%	14%	4%
May 2006	48%	32%	16%	4%
Feb 2006	41%	40%	14%	5%
Nov 2005	39%	38%	18%	6%
Sep 2005	42%	36%	16%	6%
Jun 2005	41%	33%	17%	9%
Mar 2005	48%	28%	18%	7%
Aug 2004	46%	31%	17%	6%
Feb 2004	40%	32%	15%	14%
Nov 2003	46%	26%	21%	7%
Apr 2003	50%	19%	17%	16%
Oct 2002	50%	24%	18%	9%
Sep 2002	43%	19%	25%	14%
Jun 2002	40%	18%	26%	16%
Oct 2001	30%	8%	13%	50%
Apr 2001	29%	7%	11%	52%
Jul 1999	30%	7%	9%	54%
ARLEN SPECTER				
Feb 2010	32%	45%	15%	8%
Jan 2010	35%	43%	13%	9%
Oct 2009	28%	46%	13%	13%
Aug 2009	35%	42%	13%	10%
Jun 2009	31%	37%	17%	15%
Mar 2009	48%	24%	14%	14%
Feb 2009	42%	29%	15%	14%
Jun 2007	42%	33%	16%	9%
Oct 2004	45%	28%	17%	10%
Aug 2004	39%	26%	24%	11%
Mar 2004	41%	25%	23%	11%
Feb 2004	41%	25%	13%	21%
Nov 2003	46%	26%	17%	11%
Apr 2003	46%	23%	14%	17%
Sep 1998	57%	17%	19%	7%
Jul 1998	57%	19%	15%	9%
Mar 1998	53%	27%	15%	5%
Oct 1997	52%	20%	18%	10%
Apr 1995	32%	31%	23%	14%
Oct 1992	34%	30%	26%	7%
Apr 1992	55%	28%	17%	0%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
BOB CASEY JR.				
Feb 2010	33%	18%	15%	34%
Jan 2010	32%	20%	17%	31%
Oct 2009	32%	21%	15%	32%
Aug 2009	41%	18%	17%	24%
Jun 2009	32%	17%	17%	34%
Mar 2009	34%	16%	19%	31%
Feb 2009	30%	17%	21%	32%
Jun 2007	29%	22%	23%	26%
Oct 2006	39%	29%	16%	16%
Sep 2006	29%	22%	22%	27%
Aug 2006	31%	20%	18%	31%
May 2006	30%	13%	20%	37%
Feb 2006	30%	8%	16%	45%
Nov 2005	30%	9%	20%	40%
Sep 2005	32%	7%	22%	39%
Jun 2005	40%	9%	15%	36%
Mar 2005	33%	10%	19%	38%
Oct 2001	28%	7%	22%	43%
Apr 2001	33%	9%	22%	36%
Jun 1999	29%	11%	17%	44%
BARACK OBAMA				
Feb 2010	49%	39%	11%	1%
Jan 2010	44%	44%	10%	2%
Oct 2009	45%	39%	13%	3%
Aug 2009	55%	37%	7%	1%
Jun 2009	56%	27%	14%	3%
Mar 2009	59%	21%	18%	2%
Feb 2009	56%	23%	17%	4%
Oct 2008	53%	33%	12%	3%
Sep 2008	49%	30%	17%	3%
Aug 2008	43%	29%	23%	5%
Feb 2008	46%	27%	21%	6%
Jan 2008	41%	27%	23%	9%
Aug 2007	37%	21%	23%	19%
Jun 2007	32%	21%	20%	27%
Feb 2007	31%	15%	20%	34%
JOE SESTAK				
Feb 2010	10%	3%	10%	77%
Jan 2010	8%	6%	10%	76%
Oct 2009	11%	5%	7%	77%
Aug 2009	13%	4%	10%	73%
PAT TOOMEY				
Feb 2010	16%	7%	15%	62%
Jan 2010	15%	7%	13%	65%
Oct 2009	16%	10%	10%	64%
Aug 2009	18%	10%	9%	63%
TOM CORBETT				
Feb 2010	21%	6%	19%	54%

Vote_Nov. Many people will vote in the mid-term election in November, however, many other people will not. What would you say are the chances you will vote in the November election? Are you certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances fifty-fifty you will vote, OR don't you think that you will vote in the November election?

	Certain to vote	Will probably vote	Chances 50-50 will vote	Don't think will vote	Don't know
Feb 2010	65%	19%	10%	5%	1%
Jan 2010	66%	19%	10%	5%	0%

Pol_Int. Some people don't pay much attention to political campaigns. How about you? Would you say that you are...in the 2010 elections?

	Very much interested	Somewhat interested	Not very interested
Feb 2010	41%	46%	13%
Jan 2010	45%	45%	10%

Gen. When it comes to presidential elections, do you always vote, do you usually vote, do you only sometimes vote, or do you rarely vote?

	Always vote	Usually vote	Only sometimes vote	Rarely vote
Feb 2010	86%	8%	3%	3%
Jan 2010	84%	11%	3%	2%

DemPrim. If the 2010 Democratic primary election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Arlen Specter and Joe Sestak, would you vote for Arlen Specter, Joe Sestak, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

n = 481 (registered Democrats)

	Arlen Specter	Joe Sestak	Other	Don't know
Feb 2010	33%	16%	7%	44%
Jan 2010	30%	13%	7%	50%
Oct 2009	30%	18%	5%	47%
Aug 2009	37%	11%	6%	46%
Jun 2009	33%	13%	6%	48%

SenSpT. If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Arlen Specter, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Arlen Specter, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Arlen Specter	Pat Toomey	Other	Don't know
Feb 2010	33%	29%	9%	29%
Jan 2010	30%	30%	5%	35%
Oct 2009	33%	31%	6%	30%
Aug 2009	37%	29%	9%	25%
Mar 2009	33%	18%	7%	42%

SenSeT. If the 2010 election for U.S. SENATOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Joe Sestak, the Democrat, and Pat Toomey, the Republican, would you vote for Joe Sestak, Pat Toomey, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

	Pat Toomey	Joe Sestak	Other	Don't know
Feb 2010	25%	22%	6%	47%
Jan 2010	28%	16%	5%	51%
Oct 2009	28%	20%	4%	48%
Aug 2009	26%	22%	6%	46%

Iss_Sen. What will be the single MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in your vote for U.S. Senate this year?

Jan 2010	Feb 2010	
24%	30%	Economic issues, employment, bailout
29%	21%	Healthcare
3%	8%	Reduce spending, debt, pass budget
3%	4%	Taxes
3%	3%	Education issues
4%	2%	Abortion stance
2%	2%	Political party, ideology, switched parties
2%	2%	Personality, morality, values
0%	2%	Senior issues
3%	1%	Defense, safety of nation, war, terrorism
9%	11%	Other
17%	16%	Don't know

DemPrim2. If the 2010 Democratic primary election for GOVERNOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, Anthony Williams, Joe Hoeffel, and Chris Doherty, would you vote for Dan Onorato, Jack Wagner, Anthony Williams, Joe Hoeffel, Chris Doherty, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

n = 481 (registered Democrats)

	Dan Onorato	Jack Wagner	Joe Hoeffel	Chris Doherty	Anthony Williams	Other	Don't know
Feb 2010	6%	6%	6%	4%	1%	5%	72%
Jan 2010	10%	4%	4%	4%	-	6%	72%
Oct 2009	10%	9%	6%	3%	-	6%	66%

RepPrim. If the 2010 Republican primary election for GOVERNOR were being held today and the candidates included (*rotated*) Tom Corbett and Sam Rohrer, would you vote for Tom Corbett, Sam Rohrer, some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

n = 340 (registered Republicans)

	Tom Corbett	Sam Rohrer	Other	Don't know
Feb 2010	26%	4%	5%	65%
Jan 2010	23%	5%	3%	69%

Iss_Gov. What will be the single MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE in your vote for governor this year?

Jan 2010	Feb 2010	
26%	29%	Economic issues, employment
8%	13%	Reduce spending, debt, pass budget
13%	11%	Taxes
7%	7%	Healthcare
4%	4%	Education issues
2%	3%	Personality, morality, values
2%	1%	Abortion stance
1%	0%	Everything, nothing
13%	13%	Other
23%	19%	Don't know

RatePres. How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
Feb 2010	12%	29%	32%	27%	0%
Jan 2010	11%	27%	32%	29%	1%
Oct 2009	17%	23%	31%	28%	1%
Aug 2009	14%	33%	29%	24%	0%
Jun 2009	20%	35%	25%	19%	1%
Mar 2009	23%	37%	22%	14%	4%
Feb 2009	25%	30%	23%	13%	9%

RateSenS. How would you rate the way that ARLEN SPECTER is handling his job as U.S. SENATOR?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
Feb 2010	5%	25%	35%	27%	8%
Jan 2010	5%	29%	31%	27%	8%
Oct 2009	4%	25%	36%	28%	7%
Aug 2009	8%	27%	35%	22%	8%
Jun 2009	10%	24%	37%	18%	11%
Mar 2009	13%	39%	25%	12%	11%
Feb 2009	8%	35%	32%	17%	8%
Aug 2007	15%	36%	33%	12%	4%
Feb 2004	5%	34%	32%	10%	19%
Nov 2003	7%	35%	37%	11%	10%
Apr 2003	11%	36%	30%	11%	13%
Sep 1998	7%	47%	34%	6%	6%
Jul 1998	10%	44%	31%	9%	6%
Oct 1997	12%	41%	33%	6%	7%
Apr 1992	5%	33%	44%	12%	6%
Oct 1991	11%	39%	41%	9%	--

DesRECD. Do you believe that ARLEN SPECTER has done a good enough job as SENATOR to deserve re-election, or do you believe it is time for a change?

	Deserves re-election	Time for a change	Don't know
Feb 2010	25%	63%	12%
Jan 2010	29%	60%	11%
Oct 2009	23%	66%	11%
Aug 2009	34%	54%	12%
Jun 2009	28%	57%	15%
Mar 2009	40%	46%	14%
Oct 1997	49%	40%	11%

WhyChg. Why do you think it is time for a change?

n = 599

Jan 2010	Feb 2010	
25%	32%	Should be term limits, Specter served too long
21%	23%	Political party, ideology, switched parties
14%	12%	Not representative of the people
7%	9%	Physical attributes (including age, gender, health)
13%	8%	Dissatisfied with Specter, time for a change
7%	8%	Personality, morality, values
6%	8%	Doesn't follow through, wishy-washy
5%	4%	Views on policy issues, in general
3%	4%	Past performance, track record
4%	3%	Economic issues, employment
6%	3%	Anti-Obama administration, votes with Obama, healthcare
2%	1%	Reduce spending, debt, pass budget
7%	8%	Other
6%	5%	Don't know

Percentages total more than 100% because multiple responses were accepted.

Tea1. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about the tea party movement, or not?

- 62% Yes
- 35% No
- 3% Don't know

Tea2. What do you think are the tea party movement's primary goals?

n = 595

- 17% Anti-Democrat, Pro-Republican/conservative
- 15% Smaller government, fiscal responsibility, less spending
- 9% Lower taxes
- 9% More representative government, work for the people, public involvement
- 7% Change, fix America, reform
- 5% Enforce constitution
- 4% Anger/motivate/inform public
- 4% Block change/healthcare reform
- 3% Anti-politicians, clean house, straighten out Congress
- 1% Nothing
- 14% Other
- 33% Don't know

Percentages total more than 100% because multiple responses were accepted.

Tea3. Do you generally support or oppose the tea party movement?

n = 595

19%	Strongly support
20%	Somewhat support
8%	Somewhat oppose
21%	Strongly oppose
32%	Don't know

Tea4. How likely would you be to vote for a candidate who supports the tea party movement's goals?

n = 595

19%	Very likely
26%	Somewhat likely
11%	Not very likely
23%	Not at all likely
21%	Don't know

I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.

CNTY. Region of state (What is the name of the county you live in?)

28%	Central
20%	Southeast
13%	Northeast
11%	Southwest
10%	Philadelphia
9%	Northwest
9%	Allegheny

RESID. How many years have you lived at your current residence?

16 Mean

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

9%	18-24
19%	25-34
14%	35-44
24%	45-54
13%	55-64
21%	65 and older

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

7%	Non high school graduate
45%	High school graduate or GED
11%	Some college
11%	Two-year or tech degree
15%	Four year college degree
11%	Post graduate degree

MAR. What is your CURRENT marital status, are you single, married, separated, divorced, or a widower?

26% Single, Never Married
 53% Married
 1% Separated
 9% Divorced
 11% Widow or widower

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

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't know
Feb 2010	21%	33%	37%	9%
Jan 2010	19%	30%	42%	9%
Oct 2009	16%	36%	39%	9%
Aug 2009	16%	36%	43%	5%
Jun 2009	19%	34%	37%	10%
Feb 2008	20%	41%	35%	4%
Jan 2008	18%	40%	38%	4%
Aug 2007	21%	44%	31%	4%
Jun 2007	19%	42%	35%	4%
Feb 2007	21%	41%	32%	6%
Oct 2006	17%	42%	35%	6%
Sep 2006	20%	39%	36%	5%
Aug 2006	19%	38%	38%	5%
May 2006	16%	43%	35%	6%
Feb 2006	21%	41%	34%	4%
Nov 2005	17%	42%	35%	7%
Sep 2005	22%	38%	35%	5%
Jun 2005*	19%	42%	33%	7%
Mar 2005*	16%	40%	38%	6%
Oct 2004	16%	39%	38%	7%
Sep 2004	16%	52%	29%	4%
Aug 2004	15%	48%	33%	3%
Mar 2004	16%	44%	34%	6%
Feb 2004	20%	41%	33%	7%
Nov 2003	21%	42%	31%	7%
Apr 2003*	19%	41%	35%	5%
Oct 2002	16%	41%	35%	8%
Sep 2002	18%	41%	35%	6%
Jun 2002	19%	43%	33%	5%
Oct 2001	20%	38%	36%	6%
Apr 2001	19%	36%	35%	9%
Oct 2000	22%	37%	33%	8%
Feb 2000	19%	44%	37%	0%
Jul 1999	18%	37%	39%	6%

* Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status

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?

15%	Strong Republican
9%	Republican
13%	Lean Republican
10%	Pure Independent
13%	Lean Democrat
13%	Democrat
23%	Strong Democrat
4%	Don't know

LABR. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a LABOR UNION?

17%	Yes
83%	No

VET. Are you a military veteran?

13%	Yes
87%	No

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

2%	Yes
98%	No

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

86%	White
14%	Non-white

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

	Legal under any circumstances	Legal under certain circumstances	Illegal in all circumstances	Don't know
Feb 2010	19%	57%	22%	2%
Jan 2010	23%	50%	24%	3%
Oct 2009	20%	54%	23%	3%
Aug 2009	21%	54%	23%	2%
Jun 2009	18%	58%	22%	2%
Aug 2007	22%	56%	21%	1%
Jun 2007	21%	58%	20%	1%
Feb 2007	20%	53%	26%	1%
Oct 2006*	17%	62%	18%	3%
Sep 2006*	22%	54%	22%	2%
Aug 2006*	23%	56%	19%	2%
May 2006*	19%	65%*	14%	2%
Feb 2006	23%	57%	17%	3%
Nov 2005	23%	55%	19%	3%
Sep 2005	24%	54%	19%	3%
Jun 2005	22%	55%	20%	4%
Mar 2005	18%	54%	25%	3%
Oct 2004*	18%	61%	19%	2%
Sep 2004*	22%	55%	22%	1%
Aug 2004*	20%	61%	18%	1%
Mar 2004*	16%	58%*	24%	3%
Feb 2004	22%	54%	20%	4%
Nov 2003	23%	52%	21%	5%
Apr 2003*	22%	56%	21%	2%
Oct 2002*	29%	51%	17%	3%
Sep 2002*	26%	51%	19%	4%
Jun 2002*	26%	56%	15%	3%
Oct 2001*	25%	52%	20%	3%
Apr 2001*	25%	53%	18%	3%
Oct 2000*	26%	53%	15%	6%
Feb 2000*	23%	53%	20%	4%
Jul 1999	26%	54%	17%	3%

*Question asked of registered respondents only

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

- 34% Protestant
- 30% Catholic
- 21% Some other religion
- 15% Not affiliated with any religion

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

- 34% Yes
- 64% No
- 2% Don't know

Bible. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

	The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by men.	Don't know
Feb 2010	30%	49%	18%	3%
Jan 2010	34%	47%	16%	3%
Oct 2009	33%	49%	15%	3%
Aug 2009	32%	48%	17%	3%
Jun 2009	25%	56%	17%	2%
Feb 2006	27%	51%	21%	1%
Nov 2005	25%	54%	18%	4%
Sep 2004*	26%	59%	13%	3%
Aug 2004*	26%	55%	16%	3%

* Question asked of registered respondents only

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

- 26% One
- 52% Two
- 15% Three
- 7% Four or more

WORK. Are you currently working FULL-time, PART-time, going to school, keeping house or something else?

- 45% Full-time
- 11% Part-time
- 5% Going to school
- 7% Keeping house
- 7% Unemployed
- 5% Disabled
- 20% Retired

INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

- 20% Under \$25,000
- 13% \$25-\$35,000
- 14% \$35-50,000
- 21% \$50-75,000
- 11% \$75-100,000
- 15% Over \$100,000
- 6% Don't know

DONE. Sex of respondent:

52% Female
48% Male