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The 2006 Pennsylvania Elections
Governor and U.S. Senate

KEY FINDINGS REPORT

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Senate Race:

1. Democratic challenger Bob Casey Jr. continues to hold an advantage over incumbent Rick Santorum in the race for the United States Senate seat with election day just days away.
2. Over the last month Senator Santorum's unfavorable ratings have significantly risen while Casey's favorables have improved.
3. Pennsylvanian voters have grown increasingly negative about Senator Santorum's performance as a Senator.
4. The Keystone State's independent voters are breaking more towards the Democratic challenger.
5. President Bush's unpopular standing in the commonwealth continues to be a drag on Senator Santorum's reelection bid.

Governor Race:

1. Incumbent Governor Edward Rendell lead over Republican Lynn Swann has grown since the last Morning Call/Muhlenberg College survey in early October.
2. Rendell has made gains among both white and minority voters over the last two months.
3. Swann has experienced a significant increase in the percentage of Pennsylvania voters who view him unfavorably.
4. Commonwealth voters continue to have significant doubts about Swann's experience to be the Governor of Pennsylvania.
5. Governor Rendell's job approval ratings have risen for the fourth consecutive poll fielded by the Morning Call and Muhlenberg College.

Congressional Races:

1. Pennsylvania voters are more likely to support Democratic candidates than Republican candidates in their congressional district elections.

METHODOLOGY: The following key findings report summarizes data collected in a telephone survey of 507 likely voters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania between October 29th and November 1st, 2006. Individual households throughout the state were selected randomly for inclusion in the study. The sample of phone numbers used in the survey was generated by Genesys Sampling Systems of Ft. Washington, PA. Interviewing was conducted by the staff of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion and PMI of Easton Pennsylvania. This number of completions results in a margin of error of +/- 4.3% at the 95% confidence interval. However the margin of errors for sub groups (i.e. women, Republicans) is larger due to smaller sample size. Percentages throughout the survey have been rounded to the nearest percentage, thus many totals in the results will not equal 100. The data has been weighted to more accurately reflect the demographic makeup of voters in the state. The survey questionnaire was designed by Christopher Borick, Ph.D. of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion in consultation with staff members of the *Morning Call*. Analysis and report writing were completed by the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion under the direction of Dr. Borick.

ANALYSIS

With Election Day 2006 only days away, Ed Rendell and Bob Casey have maintained there leads in the Pennsylvania gubernatorial and senate races. The most recent Morning Call/ Muhlenberg College survey finds State Treasurer Bob Casey Jr. continuing to lead in the Senate showdown, while his Democratic colleague Ed Rendell holds a very large lead over Republican challenger Lynn Swann.

THE SENATE RACE

In the state's high profile and high priced race for the United States Senate, Pennsylvania Treasurer Bob Casey Jr. holds an 8 percent lead over two term Republican Senator Rick Santorum. This 8 point margin is the highest for Casey in a MC/MC poll since April of 2006 and provides evidence than the Democrat has solidified his position as the front runner in this race. Other recent statewide polls also find Casey with a solid lead over Santorum, with leads even larger than the one observed in the findings of this poll. Table One provides an overview of polling data from this race.

The latest findings demonstrate the difficulty that Santorum has had in moving his support levels throughout the campaign. As can be seen in Table One, the Republican incumbent's level of support in head-to-head match ups with his Democratic rival has been strikingly consistent throughout the year. Since March Santorum's share of the vote has fluctuated between 37% and 43%, with only marginal gains in the last month as undecided voters have begun to commit to a candidate. These numbers reflect the difficulty of the highly visible and often controversial Senator's efforts to cast himself in a more moderate light to Pennsylvania's voters.

TABLE ONE

Pennsylvania Senate Race

| | <u>Santorum</u> | <u>Casey</u> | <u>Other/Undecided</u> | <u>Margin</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Muhlenberg/MCall March 2 | 37% | 49% | 14% | Casey +12% |
| Quinnipiac Apr. 6 | 37% | 48% | 12% | Casey + 11% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall April 25 | 38% | 46% | 16% | Casey + 8% |
| F & M May 4 | 41% | 47% | 12% | Casey + 6% |
| Rasmussen June 19 | 37% | 52% | 11% | Casey +15% |
| Quinnipiac June 21 | 34% | 52% | 14% | Casey +18% |
| Rasmussen July 26 | 39% | 50% | 11% | Casey +11% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall Aug 4 | 39% | 45% | 16% | Casey +6% |
| Quinnipiac Aug 13 | 42% | 48% | 10% | Casey +6% |
| F & M Aug 21 | 39% | 44% | 17% | Casey+5% |
| Rasmussen Aug 22 | 40% | 48% | 8% | Casey+8% |
| F & M Sept 18 | 38% | 45% | 17% | Casey+7% |
| Phil. Inquirer/Temple Sept 20 | 39% | 49% | 12% | Casey+10% |
| Rasmussen Sept 20 | 39% | 49% | 12% | Casey+10% |
| Quinnipiac Sept 24 | 40% | 54% | 14% | Casey+14% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall Oct 8 | 41% | 46% | 13% | Casey+5% |
| F & M Nov 1 | 39% | 56% | 5% | Casey+17% |
| Quinnipiac Nov 1 | 42% | 52% | 6% | Casey+10% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall | 43% | 51% | 6% | Casey+8% |

The results of the poll also show Senator Santorum's job approval and personal favorability numbers sagging during the month of October. The Republican incumbent's personal standing among the commonwealth's electorate reached a new low with 50% of likely voters indicating that they view him unfavorably. This increased resentment among the public came at a time when the Senator has elevated his attacks on his opponent, with claims that Casey is both unqualified for the Senate and that the Democrat has aided terrorism through his investment practices. Such harsh attacks may be responsible for the 10% spike in negative views about the Senator since our last canvass in early October. Meanwhile, Casey has managed to maintain a similar favorable to unfavorable ratio as he had earlier in the month, with 48% of likely voters viewing him favorably in comparison with 34% viewing him unfavorably. A full breakdown of the candidate's favorability ratings follow in Table Two.

TABLE TWO

Favorability Ratings for Senate Candidates
Santorum

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | Neutral/Not Sure | Never Heard of |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Santorum, March 2 2006 | 42% | 38% | 17% | 2% |
| Santorum, April 24 2006 | 39% | 35% | 25% | 1% |
| Santorum, August 4 2006 | 43% | 34% | 22% | <1% |
| Santorum, October 9 2006 | 43% | 41% | 16% | 1% |
| Santorum, Nov 2 2006 | 40% | 50% | 10% | 0% |

Casey

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | Neutral/Not Sure | Never Heard of |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Casey, March 2 2006 | 38% | 18% | 36% | 8% |
| Casey, April 24 2006 | 38% | 18% | 40% | 4% |
| Casey, August 4 2006 | 39% | 21% | 40% | 1% |
| Casey, October 9 2006 | 43% | 31% | 24% | 1% |
| Casey, Nov 2 2006 | 48% | 34% | 18% | <1% |

The Bush Factor

The effect of President Bush's travails on the Pennsylvania Senate race has been much discussed throughout the campaign season. The close ties between Santorum and Bush have been regularly raised by the Casey campaign with consistent references to the junior senator's "98% voting record" with Bush. This strategy is undoubtedly meant to capitalize on the president's poor public standing in the commonwealth. The results of this poll show President Bush with an approval rating of 39% in the state, and a disapproval mark of 53%. While these marks are the best the president has received during 2006, the 14% gap in negative to positive ranking continues to place him in a position where he may be a liability to one of the state's most prominent Republicans. More specifically, only 11% of individuals that disapprove of President Bush's job

performance expressed the intent to vote for Senator Santorum, while 80% of Bush detractors plan to vote for Bob Casey on November 7th.

TABLE THREE
Approval Ratings for President Bush

| | Approve | Disapprove | Neutral/Not Sure |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| MC/Muhlenberg March 2, 2006 | 36% | 56% | 8% |
| MC/Muhlenberg April 24, 2006 | 33% | 57% | 10% |
| MC/Muhlenberg August 4, 2006 | 33% | 58% | 9% |
| MC/Muhlenberg October, 9 2006 | 38% | 53% | 9% |
| MC/Muhlenberg October, 9 2006 | 39% | 53% | 8% |

The Pro Life Voter

Republican candidates throughout the nation have relied on pro life voters to help them achieve electoral victories. However, this year’s senate race challenges this dynamic because of Bob Casey’s pro choice stance. With two pro-life candidates the Republican dominance of this voting block appears more tenuous. However, the survey findings demonstrate that Santorum’s lead among pro life voters has risen to 35 points, marking an 10 point gain since August and a 23% increase since April. These results may indicate that a core component of the Republican base has shifted support towards the Republican candidate as Election Day approaches.

The Catholic Vote

With one of the largest Catholic populations in the nation, this religious group is very important in Pennsylvania politics. Given a history of voting across party lines, Catholic voters have been much coveted by both parties. In particular, successful Republican candidates have been able to siphon off Catholic Democrats in recent elections. With both Casey and Santorum Catholic candidates, control of this voting block once again seems important. The survey results show Casey holding a 5% lead among all Catholic voters (50% to 45%). The Casey’s lead among this important group has decreased by 16 points since our last survey when the Democrat maintained a larger 21% lead among Pennsylvania Catholics.

Conclusion

The final Morning Call/Muhlenberg College Poll once again shows Democratic challenger Bob Casey maintaining a lead over incumbent Rick Santorum. The 5 polls we conducted throughout the campaign show a race that has been strikingly consistent with

relatively little variation throughout the year. Senator Santorum’s level of support from state voters has hovered close to 40%, and even as undecideds have started to commit his numbers have only inched forward. Given the difficulty of incumbents to make up ground quickly in the final days of a campaign Santorum’s tenure as the state’s junior senator appears in jeopardy.

The Governor Race

In the Pennsylvania governor’s race incumbent Edward Rendell has extended his lead over Republican nominee Lynn Swann. As can be seen in Table Four, polls over the last this month have found the Governor with leads ranging from 21 to 25 points. In the latest Morning Call/Muhlenberg College poll Rendell maintains a 25% lead over Swann, marking a 5 point increase since our last canvas in August. Table Four breaks down recent tracking of the race.

TABLE FOUR

Pennsylvania Governor Race

| | <u>Rendell</u> | <u>Swann</u> | <u>Other/Undecided</u> | <u>Margin</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Muhlenberg/MCall March 2 | 46% | 43% | 11% | Rendell +3% |
| Quinnipiac Apr. 6 | 47% | 37% | 16% | Rendell +10% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall April 24 | 45% | 39% | 16% | Rendell + 6% |
| F & M May 4 | 49% | 35% | 16% | Rendell + 14% |
| Rasmussen June 19 | 50% | 36% | 14% | Rendell + 14% |
| Quinnipiac June 21 | 55% | 31% | 14% | Rendell + 24% |
| Rasmussen July 26 | 50% | 40% | 10% | Rendell + 10% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall Aug 4 | 51% | 35% | 14% | Rendell + 16% |
| Quinnipiac Aug 13 | 54% | 37% | 9% | Rendell+17% |
| F & M Aug 21 | 53% | 34% | 13% | Rendell+19% |
| Rasmussen Aug 22 | 50% | 38% | 12% | Rendell+12% |
| F & M Sept 18 | 52% | 34% | 14% | Rendell+18% |
| Phil. Inquirer/Temple Sept 20 | 60% | 33% | 7% | Rendell+27% |
| Rasmussen Sept 20 | 56% | 36% | 8% | Rendell+20% |
| Quinnipiac Sept 24 | 55% | 39% | 6% | Rendell+16% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall Oct 8 | 56% | 35% | 9% | Rendell+21% |
| F & M Nov 1 | 59% | 34% | 7% | Rendell+25% |
| Quinnipiac Nov 1 | 58% | 35% | 7% | Rendell+23% |
| Muhlenberg/MCall Nov 2 | 60% | 35% | 5% | Rendell+25% |

Rendell's Job Performance Improves

Over the course of the year Governor Rendell's job approval ratings have grown increasingly positive among commonwealth voters. More specifically, the incumbent Democrat has seen his approval ratings move to 61% among PA voters, with a 29% gap in approval to disapproval scores. Table Five provides details on the Governor's approval ratings in MC/Morning Call polls this year.

TABLE FIVE

Approval Ratings for Governor Rendell

| | Approve | Disapprove | Neutral/Not Sure |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| March 2 2006 | 46% | 40% | 14% |
| April 24 2006 | 49% | 36% | 15% |
| August 3 2006 | 50% | 38% | 12% |
| October 8 2006 | 57% | 32% | 11% |
| November 2 2006 | 61% | 32% | 7% |

In addition to strong job approval numbers Governor Rendell's personal favorability levels also remain strong. In particular he now maintains a 31% gap in favorable to unfavorable scores, equaling the margin he held in August. Meanwhile, Republican nominee Lynn Swann's favorability ratings have remained fairly flat during the course of the year while his unfavorable ratings have doubled since early August.

TABLE SIX

Favorability Ratings for Gubernatorial Candidates

Rendell

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | Neutral/Not Sure | Never Heard of |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rendell March 2 2006 | 49% | 37% | 13% | <1% |
| Rendell April 24 2006 | 49% | 32% | 17% | <1% |
| Rendell August 3 2006 | 54% | 30% | 15% | <1% |
| Rendell October 9 2006 | 57% | 33% | 12% | <1% |
| Rendell November 2, 2006 | 62% | 31% | 7% | 0% |

Swann

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | Neutral/Not Sure | Never Heard of |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Swann March 2 2006 | 37% | 17% | 38% | 8% |
| Swann April 24 2006 | 35% | 17% | 44% | 4% |
| Swann August 3 2006 | 31% | 18% | 47% | 4% |
| Swann October 9 2006 | 33% | 31% | 33% | 3% |
| Swann November 2 2006 | 38% | 36% | 25% | 1% |

The Football Effect

In one of the more intriguing facets of the gubernatorial race both Swann and Rendell have strong ties to the state's two National Football League franchises. While the former Steeler all-pro Swann has done very well among his team's fans in our earlier polls, Rendell has surpassed the Hall of Fame receiver among black and gold loyalists in the latest poll. In particular, while 38% of Steeler fans support Swann, 55% support the incumbent governor. This 17 point deficit is down from a 16% lead in April. This decline in support is an indicator of Swann's inability to convince voters of his credentials for the office beyond his fame as a gridiron star. This possibility is further supported by a more direct question posed to respondents regarding Swann's experience to be governor. By an almost 3 to 1 margin commonwealth voters indicate that Swann does not have the right kind of experience to be governor (58% does not have the right experience to 20% does have the right kind of experience.) With nearly 6 in 10 commonwealth voters doubting his experience to be Governor only days before Election Day, Swann's chances at victory seem quite remote.

TABLE SEVEN

Pennsylvania Governor Race by NFL Preference

| | <u>Rendell March 2006</u> | <u>Rendell April 2006</u> | <u>Rendell August 2006</u> | <u>Rendell October 2006</u> | <u>Rendell November 2006</u> |
|---------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Steeler Fans | 36% | 35% | 41% | 42% | 55% |
| Eagle Fans | 57% | 53% | 61% | 69% | 73% |
| Fans of Other Teams | 39% | 31% | 51% | 46% | 62% |
| Non Football Fans | 47% | 45% | 51% | 55% | 57% |

| | <u>Swann March 2006</u> | <u>Swann April 2006</u> | <u>Swann August 2006</u> | <u>Swann October 2006</u> | <u>Swann November 2006</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Steeler Fans | 50% | 51% | 43% | 43% | 38% |
| Eagle Fans | 26% | 29% | 22% | 23% | 20% |
| Fans of Other Teams | 45% | 31% | 24% | 43% | 33% |
| Non Football Fans | 29% | 35% | 20% | 31% | 30% |

Race and the Election

With the first African American to be nominated for governor by a major political party in Pennsylvania, the issue of race serves as an interesting element of the election. The survey results shown in Table Seven indicate that Rendell has increased his lead among white voters in the state, while minority Pennsylvanians support the governor's reelection by a margin of almost 6 to 1. While Swann has managed to slightly increase his share of non-white voters in the commonwealth, his performance among this group can be seen as a disappointment to Republican leaders who hoped that Swann's candidacy would help to make inroads in the largely Democratic minority voter block.

TABLE EIGHT

Pennsylvania Governor Race by Race

| | <u>Rendell March 2006</u> | <u>Rendell April 2006</u> | <u>Rendell August 2006</u> | <u>Rendell October 2006</u> | <u>Rendell November 2006</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| White Voters | 42% | 41% | 45% | 53% | 57% |
| Minority Voters | 59% | 56% | 64% | 74% | 78% |

| | <u>Swann March 2006</u> | <u>Swann April 2006</u> | <u>Swann August 2006</u> | <u>Swann October 2006</u> | <u>Swann November 2006</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| White Voters | 41% | 39% | 37% | 35% | 37% |
| Minority Voters | 29% | 27% | 21% | 10% | 15% |

Conclusion

As the 2006 election winds down Governor Ed Rendell has built upon his large lead over Lynn Swann. The last two Pennsylvania governors to seek reelection won their contests with very large margins over their challengers. The polling throughout the election season seems to indicate that there is a high probability that the 2006 Pennsylvania gubernatorial election will approximate the reelection bids of both Tom Ridge in 1998 and Bob Casey Sr. in 1990.

Congressional Elections

With at least 5 closely watched congressional races within the commonwealth, Pennsylvania will play a significant role in determining control of the United States House of representatives. As election day draws near Keystone State voters appear to be leaning strongly towards Democratic candidates in the state's congressional races. The survey results indicate Democrats have a 13% lead over Republicans in the commonwealth. This lead is equal to the level found in the last poll in early October. While these findings may not translate well into district level races, such questions are often good predictors of aggregate level changes. The findings in Pennsylvania are also very consistent with national surveys which show Democrats maintaining double digit leads in generic congressional straw polls.

TABLE NINE

Pennsylvania Congressional Elections

| | Democrats | Republicans | Other/Neither/Not Sure |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| CBS/NY Times (National Sample) October 6, 2006 | 52% | 34% | 14% |
| MC/Muhlenberg (Pennsylvania Sample) August 4, 2006 | 45% | 35% | 20% |
| MC/Muhlenberg (Pennsylvania Sample) October 9, 2006 | 49% | 36% | 15% |
| MC/Muhlenberg (Pennsylvania Sample) November 2, 2006 | 51% | 38% | 11% |

Note: Question wording for this question varies slightly across polling organizations

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2006 Pennsylvania Election Survey

Field Dates: 10 /29/06 – 11/1/06

Total Completions: 507 Likely Pennsylvania Voters

Margin of Error: +/- 4.3% at 95% Level of Confidence
(Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding)

Question 2

Which political party are you currently registered with?

DEMOCRAT.....49%
REPUBLICAN.....42%
INDEPENDENT.....9%
OTHER PARTY.....0%
NOT REGISTERED.....0%
NOT SURE.....0%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 3

What is your current age, please? (Read List)

Is it.....

18-24.....4%
25-34.....7%
35-44.....17%
45-54.....21%
55-64.....19%
or 65 and older...32%

Question 4

And how likely is it that you will be voting in the upcoming governor's election this November? Are you definitely going to vote, very likely to vote, not likely to vote or definitely not going to vote in the November election?

DEFINITE.....87%
VERY LIKELY.....13%

Question 5

Next, I have a few questions about elected officials in the United States. First, Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President of the United States?

APPROVE.....39%
DISAPPROVE.....53%
NOT SURE.....8%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 6

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Santorum is handling his job as a United States Senator?

APPROVE.....42%
DISAPPROVE.....52%
NOT SURE.....6%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 7

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ed Rendell is handling his job as the Pennsylvania Governor?

APPROVE.....61%
DISAPPROVE.....32%
NOT SURE.....7%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 8

Now, I would like to ask your overall impression of a few political figures. For each name I read please tell me if your impression of him is favorable or unfavorable. First, Ed Rendell

FAVORABLE.....62%
UNFAVORABLE.....31%
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....7%
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...0%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 9

Next, Lynn Swann

FAVORABLE.....38%
UNFAVORABLE.....36%
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....26%
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...1%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 10

Rick Santorum

FAVORABLE.....40%
UNFAVORABLE.....51%
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....10%
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...0%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 11

Bob Casey Jr.

FAVORABLE.....48%
UNFAVORABLE.....34%
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....18%
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...0%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 12

Now, if the 2006 election for Governor was being held today and the race was between (ROTATE) Ed Rendell, the Democrat, and Lynn Swann, the Republican, who would you vote for?

RENDELL.....58%
SWANN.....33%
NEITHER/OTHER.....1%
NOT SURE.....7%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 13

Are you leaning more toward voting for Ed Rendell or Lynn Swann?
(UNDECIDED ONLY)

RENDELL.....22%
SWANN..... 33%
NEITHER/OTHER.....0% .
NOT SURE.....45%
REFUSED.....0%

GOVERNORS RACE - LEANERS INCLUDED

RENDELL.....60%
SWANN..... 35%
NEITHER/OTHER...1%.
NOT SURE..... 4%

Question 14

Do you think that Lynn Swann has the right kind of experience to be Governor of Pennsylvania or not?

RIGHT KIND OF EXPERIENCE.....20%
DOES NOT HAVE RIGHT EXPERIENCE..58%
NOT SURE.....22%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 15

What issue do you consider to be the most important issue in deciding your vote for the Pennsylvania Governor? (DO NOT READ)

THE ECONOMY/JOBS.....24%
TAXES/PROPERTY TAX REFORM...31%
GAS PRICES.....2%
CRIME.....7%
REFORMING HSBG/STATE GOVT...8%
ENVIORNMENTAL ISSUES.....3%
IMMIGRATION.....6%
GAMBLING.....5%
TERRORISM.....2%
OTHER.....8%
ABORTION.....0%
NOT SURE.....2%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 16

If the 2006 election for U. S. Senator was being held today and the race was between (ROTATE) Rick Santorum, the Republican, and Bob Casey Jr., the Democrat, who would you vote for?

SANTORUM.....41%
CASEY.....50%
NEITHER/OTHER.....3%
NOT SURE.....5%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 17

Are you leaning more toward voting for Rick Santorum or Bob Casey Jr.?

SANTORUM.....20%
CASEY.....10%
NEITHER/OTHER.....15%
NOT SURE.....55%
REFUSED.....0%

GOVERNORS RACE - LEANERS INCLUDED

SANTORUM.....43%
CASEY 51%
NEITHER/OTHER...3%.
NOT SURE..... 3%

Question 18

What issue do you consider to be the most important issue in deciding your vote for the United States Senate seat from Pennsylvania? (DO NOT READ)

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THE ECONOMY/JOB.....10%
THE WAR IN IRAQ.....48%
GAS PRICES.....2%
TERRORISM.....8%
IMMIGRATION.....6%
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.....3%
TAXES.....6%
ABORTION.....2%
CORRUPTION/ETHICS ISSUES...4%
OTHER.....8%
NOT SURE.....3%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 19

If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate?

=Q19ANS

DEMOCRAT.....50%
REPUBLICAN.....36%
NEITHER/OTHER.....2%
NOT SURE.....12%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 20

Are you leaning more toward voting for the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate?

=Q20ANS

DEMOCRAT.....15%
REPUBLICAN.....15%
NEITHER/OTHER.....10%
NOT SURE.....60%
REFUSED.....0%

CONGRSSSIONAL RACE – LEANERS ADDED

DEMOCRAT.....51%
REPUBLICAN.....38%
NEITHER/OTHER.....3%
NOT SURE.....8%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 21

Next, I have a few questions about the war in Iraq.
First, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the situation with Iraq?

APPROVE.....35%
DISAPPROVE.....62%
NOT SURE.....3%
REFUSED.....1%

Question 22

Considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not?

WORTH FIGHTING.....35%
NOT WORTH FIGHTING.....60%
NOT SURE.....4%
REFUSED.....1%

Question 23

In general, do you think going to war with Iraq has made Americans safer from terrorism, or not?

SAFER FROM TERRORISM.....33%
NOT SAFER FROM TERRORISM..61%
NOT SURE.....4%
REFUSED.....2%

Question 24

With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

PRO-CHOICE.....45%
PRO-LIFE.....48%
NEITHER/OTHER.....3%
NOT SURE.....2%
REFUSED.....3%

Question 25

Which of the following best describes your status as a football fan?

STEELERS.....31%
EAGLES.....30%
NEITHER STEELERS OR EAGLES....12%
NOT A FOOTBALL FAN.....26%
NOT SURE.....2%
REFUSED.....0%

Question 26

Finally, a few questions about yourself.

Which of the following categories best describes your racial identity? Are you....

WHITE/CAUCASIAN.....90%
AFRICAN-AMERICAN.....7%
HISPANIC.....2%
LATINO.....1%
ASIAN.....<1%
NATIVE AMERICAN.....0%
MIXED RACE.....<1%
OTHER.....0%
DON'T KNOW.....0%
REFUSED.....1%

Question 27

Which of the following best describes your religious affiliation?

Are you....

CATHOLIC.....28%
PROTESTANT.....53%
JEWISH.....1%
MUSLIM.....1%
HINDU.....0%
OTHER.....13%
ATHEIST.....1%
NOT SURE.....0%
REFUSED.....2%

Question 28

Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

Thank you for your help with the survey. We appreciate your time.

MALE.....49%
FEMALE.....51%
NOT SURE.....0%