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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

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## Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted August 25-31, 2009. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin and 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 643 adult residents of Pennsylvania, including 562 registered adults. 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 +/- 3.9 percentage points. The sample error for registered adults is +/- 4.1 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.

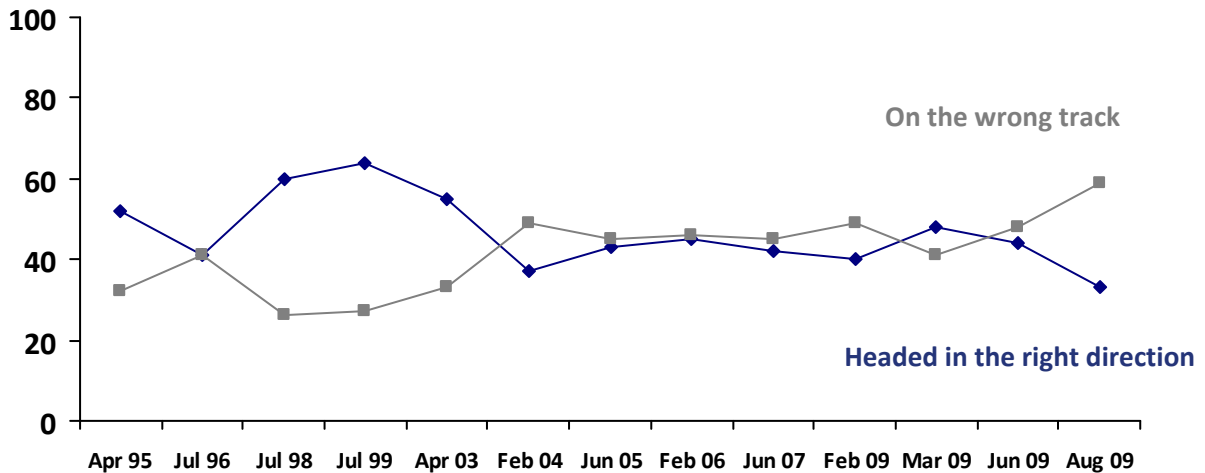
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## Key Findings

The latest Franklin and Marshall College Poll shows the state budget impasse has made state residents far less positive about state government and state government officials. Currently only one in three (33%) state residents believes the state is headed in the right direction (see Figure 1), and only a quarter (27%) of registered adults believes the quality of state government in Pennsylvania is excellent or good (see Figure 2). The current ratings of state government are the lowest recorded in a Franklin and Marshall College Poll.

**Figure 1. Direction of the State over Time**

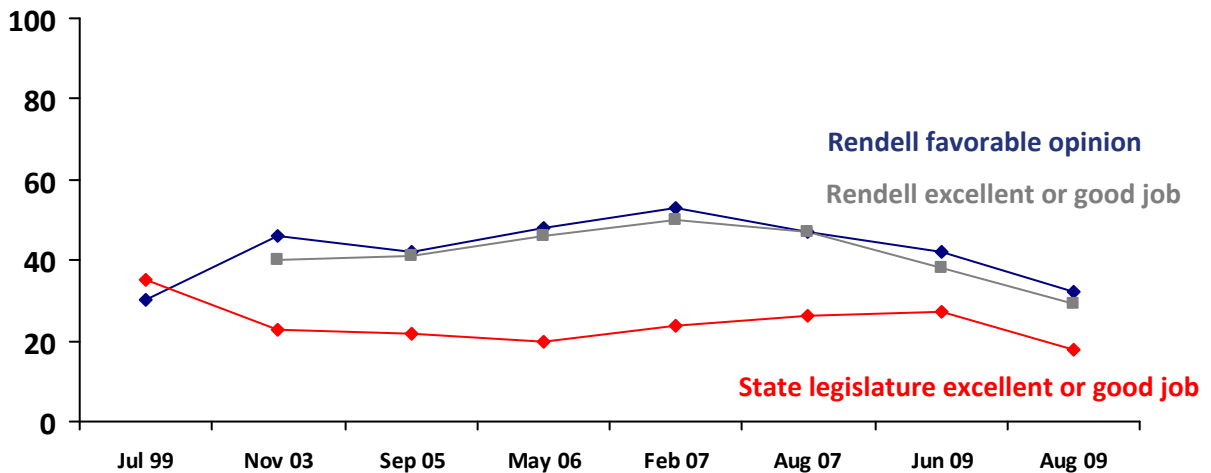
*All in all, do you think things in PENNSYLVANIA are generally headed in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel that things are off on the WRONG TRACK?*



Governor Rendell’s favorability ratings are the lowest they have been since taking office in 2003, as are his job performance ratings (see Figure 2). At this point, fewer than three in ten (29%) registered adults in the state say the governor is doing an excellent or good job. As poorly as the governor fares, ratings for the state legislature are even lower — not a single respondent rated the legislature’s performance as excellent. More than three in four (78%) registered adults believe the state legislature is doing a fair or poor job.

**Figure 2. Rendell and State Legislature Ratings over Time**

*Is your opinion of Ed Rendell favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Ed Rendell to have an opinion?*  
*How would you rate the way that Ed Rendell is handling his job as governor?*  
*What kind of job do you think the state legislature is doing overall?*



More registered Pennsylvanians blame the state legislature (54%) for the budget impasse than blame the governor (31%), but more trust the legislature (48%) than the governor (36%) to make decisions about the state budget. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents are all more likely to blame the state legislature than the governor for the failure to pass a state budget. Job performance ratings for both the governor and state legislature are associated with who is to blame for the budget

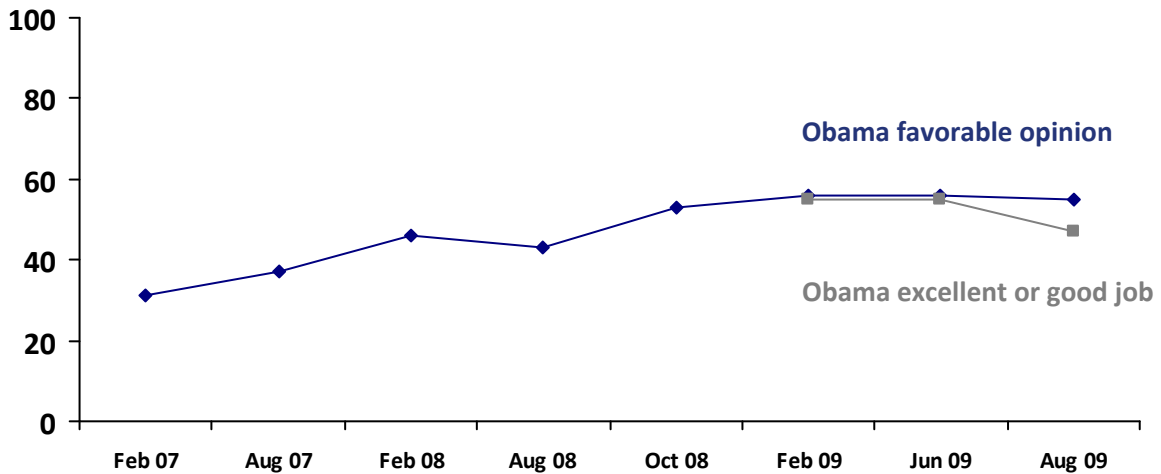
impasse. For instance, three in five (64%) respondents who say the governor is most responsible for the budget being late rate his overall job performance as poor.

### **National Politics**

President Obama’s positive job performance ratings have declined since June in Pennsylvania, as they have elsewhere, from 55% to 47% (see Figure 3). Fewer registered adults in the state are confident in his ability to deal with the country’s economic problems as well (58% very or somewhat confident compared to 66% in June and 72% in March). Only two in five (42%) registered adults are confident in the president’s ability to reform the country’s healthcare system.

**Figure 3. Obama Ratings over Time**

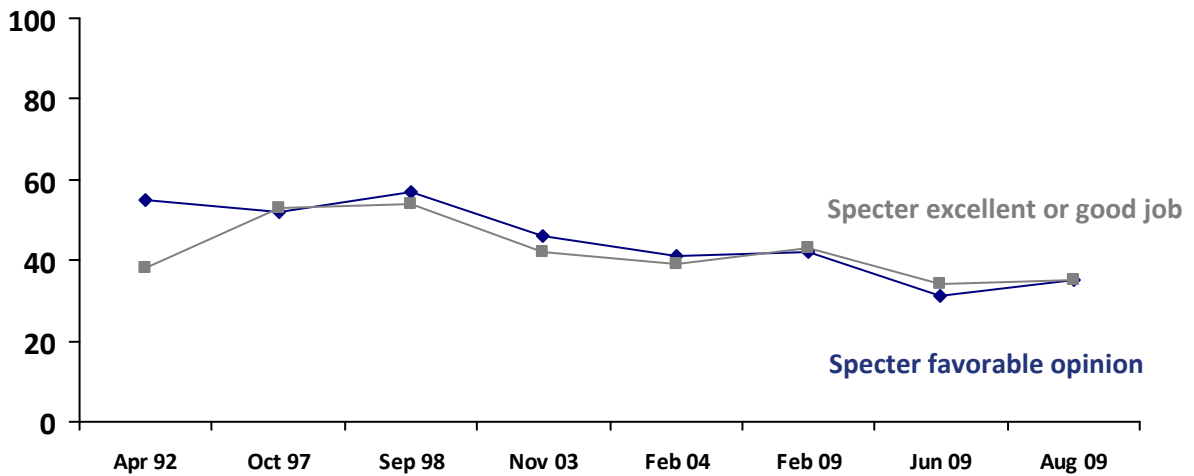
*Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama to have an opinion?  
How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?*



Senator Specter’s job performance ratings have held steady since June (see Figure 4). One-third of registered adults rate his performance as excellent or good (35%) and feel he deserves re-election (34%). He currently holds a comfortable lead among Democrats in his primary race against Joe Sestak, 37% to 11%, and he leads Pat Toomey narrowly among all registered adults, 37% to 29%. Neither Sestak nor Toomey is well-known yet by the state’s registered adults, and a sizable proportion are undecided in all of the 2010 election match-ups.

**Figure 4. Specter Ratings over Time**

*Is your opinion of Arlen Specter favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Arlen Specter to have an opinion?  
How would you rate the way that Arlen Specter is handling his job as U.S. senator?*



## 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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>8%</b>
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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>0%</b>
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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>3%</b>
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?

87% Yes  
13% No

Questions RegPARTY through Chg\_Hous were only asked of registered respondents (n = 562).

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

48% Democrat  
39% Republican  
10% Independent  
3% Something else

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
<b>ED RENDELL</b>						
Aug 2009	13%	19%	19%	34%	10%	5%
Jun 2009	15%	27%	15%	25%	11%	7%
Feb 2009	16%	26%	16%	22%	13%	7%
<b>ARLEN SPECTER</b>						
Aug 2009	12%	23%	13%	29%	13%	10%
Jun 2009	13%	18%	11%	26%	17%	15%
Feb 2009	14%	28%	12%	17%	15%	14%
<b>BOB CASEY JR.</b>						
Aug 2009	17%	24%	10%	8%	17%	24%
Jun 2009	11%	21%	12%	5%	17%	34%
Feb 2009	11%	19%	9%	8%	21%	32%
<b>BARACK OBAMA</b>						
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%
<b>JOE SESTAK</b>						
Aug 2009	3%	10%	2%	2%	10%	73%
<b>TOM CORBETT</b>						
Aug 2009	6%	17%	2%	2%	16%	57%
<b>JIM GERLACH</b>						
Aug 2009	1%	7%	3%	2%	11%	76%
<b>PAT TOOMEY</b>						
Aug 2009	7%	11%	4%	6%	9%	63%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
<b>ED RENDELL</b>				
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%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
<b>ED RENDELL cont.</b>				
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%
<b>ARLEN SPECTER</b>				
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>
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%
Sep 2004	42%	26%	25%	8%
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%	--
<b>BOB CASEY JR.</b>				
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>24%</b>
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%
<b>BARACK OBAMA</b>				
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Jun 2009	56%	27%	14%	3%
Mar 2009	59%	21%	18%	2%

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
<b>BARACK OBAMA cont.</b>				
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%
<b>JOE SESTAK</b>				
Aug 2009	13%	4%	10%	73%
<b>TOM CORBETT</b>				
Aug 2009	23%	4%	16%	57%
<b>JIM GERLACH</b>				
Aug 2009	8%	5%	11%	76%
<b>PAT TOOMEY</b>				
Aug 2009	18%	10%	9%	63%

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* = 269 (registered Democrats)

	Arlen Specter	Joe Sestak	Other	Don't know
Aug 2009	37%	11%	6%	46%
Jun 2009	33%	13%	6%	48%

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

*n* = 214 (registered Republicans)

15% Tom Corbett  
6% Jim Gerlach  
6% Other  
73% Don't know

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
Aug 2009	37%	29%	9%	25%
Apr 2009	29%	26%	9%	36%
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?

- 26% Pat Toomey
- 22% Joe Sestak
- 6% Other
- 46% 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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Jun 2009	20%	35%	25%	19%	1%
Mar 2009	23%	37%	22%	14%	4%
Feb 2009	25%	30%	23%	13%	9%

ConfPres. How confident are you in President Obama's ability to handle the country's economic problems?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Don't know
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Jun 2009	26%	40%	14%	20%	0%
Mar 2009	31%	41%	13%	14%	1%
Feb 2009	27%	43%	14%	15%	1%

ConPrHC. How confident are you in President Obama's ability to reform the country's healthcare system?

- 13% Very confident
- 29% Somewhat confident
- 24% Not very confident
- 33% Not at all confident
- 1% Don't know

HCref. Do you think reforming the country's healthcare system will help improve the country's economic situation in the long run, or not?

- 46% Yes
- 48% No
- 6% Don't know

TH. Have you seen or heard any news reports about citizens confronting their legislators about healthcare reform at town hall meetings?

- 80% Yes
- 20% No

THy. How much do the people who are speaking out against healthcare reform at these town hall meetings represent your own feelings about healthcare reform?

*n* = 452

29%	A great deal
28%	A fair amount
17%	Not much
22%	Not at all
4%	Don't know

HCB. How much, if anything, have you heard about the bills in Congress to overhaul the healthcare system?

17%	A great deal
47%	A fair amount
27%	Not much
8%	Nothing at all
1%	Don't know

HCBf. Do you generally favor or oppose the healthcare proposals that have been discussed in Congress?

*n* = 512

11%	Strongly favor
23%	Somewhat favor
21%	Somewhat oppose
30%	Strongly oppose
15%	Don't know

HCBfw. What is the main reason you [FILL strongly/somewhat favor/oppose] the proposals that have been discussed in Congress?

*n* = 431

14%	Help working/middle class, poor, uninsured - lack of insurance is a problem
14%	Against public option, too much government, not equipped to administer
10%	Disagree with them
10%	Costly, high taxes, debt
6%	System is poor, needs to be fixed, need reform
5%	Too many handouts, lack of insurance not a problem
5%	Public option is good, healthcare should not be for-profit business
4%	Doesn't know enough about them
4%	Cost savings, affordability
3%	Hasn't been given specifics
3%	System is fine the way it is
3%	Reduce quality of healthcare
3%	Hurt senior citizens, elderly
2%	Fewer options, individual choice
1%	Agree with them
1%	Uncertainty, fear of unknown
1%	Cover more
8%	Other
4%	Don't know

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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>8%</b>
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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Jun 2009	28%	57%	15%
Mar 2009	40%	46%	14%
Oct 1997	49%	40%	11%

RateGov. How would you rate the way that Ed Rendell is handling his job as governor?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Jun 2009	10%	28%	34%	25%	3%
Feb 2009	7%	35%	37%	17%	4%
Aug 2007	9%	38%	36%	15%	2%
Jun 2007	8%	37%	37%	17%	1%
Feb 2007	11%	39%	34%	14%	2%
Oct 2006	11%	42%	30%	15%	2%
Sep 2006	12%	45%	28%	13%	2%
Aug 2006	11%	39%	33%	15%	2%
May 2006	9%	37%	34%	17%	3%
Feb 2006	8%	36%	34%	21%	1%
Sep 2005	5%	36%	38%	18%	3%
Jun 2005	6%	36%	41%	14%	3%
Mar 2005	6%	33%	46%	11%	4%
Aug 2004	9%	37%	39%	12%	4%
Feb 2004	6%	31%	44%	13%	7%
Nov 2003	7%	33%	35%	15%	10%
Apr 2003	10%	36%	24%	10%	21%



GrGov. I'm going to read you a list of problems and issues that the state government is supposed to take care of. For each item, please tell me how well Governor Rendell has performed in each area, using an A, B, C, D, or F. Using an A for excellent, a B for very good, a C for average, a D for below average, and an F for failing, what grade would you give Governor Rendell for...

<b>August 2009</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Being an effective leader	10%	26%	34%	14%	14%	2%
Representing the average citizen	8%	21%	29%	21%	16%	5%
Improving public education	6%	24%	35%	14%	14%	7%
Improving the state's environment	5%	19%	45%	13%	8%	10%
Helping to create new jobs	5%	14%	35%	21%	20%	5%
Helping to reduce local property tax	5%	12%	30%	20%	25%	8%
Reducing state taxes	2%	10%	32%	22%	28%	6%

<b>June 2005</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
Being an effective leader	12%	33%	29%	12%	10%	3%
Representing the average citizen	9%	26%	31%	13%	15%	6%
Improving public education	6%	27%	34%	15%	11%	7%
Helping to create new jobs	5%	24%	40%	12%	11%	9%
Helping to reduce local property tax	5%	19%	27%	21%	19%	9%
Improving the state's environment	4%	26%	37%	12%	7%	14%
Reducing state taxes	4%	15%	37%	20%	17%	9%

Budg1. The state has yet to pass a final budget. Who do you think is most responsible for the budget being late?

	<b>The governor</b>	<b>The state legislature</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>15%</b>
Aug 2007	27%	56%	17%

Budg2. When it comes to making decisions about the state budget, do you TRUST the governor or the state legislature MORE?

	<b>The governor</b>	<b>The state legislature</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Aug 2007	39%	48%	13%

Rate\_StL. What kind of job do you think the state legislature is doing overall?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>4%</b>
Jun 2009	1%	26%	49%	18%	6%
Aug 2007	1%	25%	53%	16%	5%
Jun 2007	1%	25%	46%	21%	7%
Feb 2007	1%	23%	48%	18%	10%
May 2006	1%	19%	51%	22%	7%
Sep 2005*	1%	21%	47%	22%	8%
Nov 2003*	1%	22%	55%	17%	5%
Feb 2000*	3%	33%	49%	7%	9%
Jul 1999*	2%	33%	49%	10%	6%

\*Question asked of all respondents regardless of registration status

QualStL. Overall, how would you rate the quality of government in Pennsylvania?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	Don't know
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>1%</b>
Jun 2009	3%	29%	48%	18%	2%
Sep 2005	1%	36%	46%	15%	3%
Nov 2003	2%	36%	48%	13%	2%
Jan 2002	4%	55%	34%	5%	2%
Feb 2000	2%	53%	38%	5%	3%
Jul 1999	2%	47%	41%	8%	2%

Rate\_Rep. Would you like to see your state representative in Harrisburg re-elected in the next election, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25%</b>
May 2006	50%	30%	20%

Chg\_Hous. Regardless of how you feel about your own state representative, would you like to see most members of the state house of representatives re-elected in the next election, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>19%</b>
May 2006	27%	53%	20%

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
21%	Southeast
13%	Northeast
12%	Southwest
9%	Philadelphia
9%	Northwest
8%	Allegheny

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

15 Mean

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

7%	18-24
20%	25-34
16%	35-44
21%	45-54
14%	55-64
22%	65 and older

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

8%	Non high school graduate
44%	High school graduate or GED
10%	Some college
12%	Two-year or tech degree
17%	Four year college degree
9%	Post graduate degree

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

20%	Single, Never Married
57%	Married
1%	Separated
10%	Divorced
12%	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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>5%</b>
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?

- 14% Strong Republican
- 14% Republican
- 13% Lean Republican
- 8% Pure Independent
- 13% Lean Democrat
- 14% Democrat
- 20% Strong Democrat
- 3% Don't know
- 1% Other

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

17%	Yes
82%	No
1%	Don't know

VET. Are you a military veteran?

14%	Yes
86%	No

Hispanic. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

4%	Yes
96%	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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>2%</b>
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?

- 41% Protestant
- 27% Catholic
- 20% Some other religion
- 12% Not affiliated with any religion

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

- 31% Yes
- 66% No
- 3% 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
<b>Aug 2009</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Jun 2009	25%	56%	17%	2%
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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?

- 25% One
- 58% Two
- 12% Three
- 5% Four or more

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

- 47% Full-time
- 10% Part-time
- 4% Going to school
- 9% Keeping house
- 5% Unemployed
- 4% Disabled
- 20% Retired
- 1% Don't know

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

- 23% Under \$25,000
- 13% \$25-\$35,000
- 14% \$35-50,000
- 18% \$50-75,000
- 15% \$75-100,000
- 14% Over \$100,000
- 3% Don't know

DONE. Sex of respondent:

- 52% Female
- 48% Male