Bloomberg Politics Pennsylvania Poll

Poll Questions

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

First, I just need to ask if you currently live in the state of Pennsylvania. **(If needed:)** People sometimes take their phone number when they move to another state, so we just need to determine what state I'm talking to.

100	Yes	**Continue**
-	No	
-	Refused/not sure	**Terminate; do not collect demographics.**

How likely is it you will vote in the November general election for president and other offices—will you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote, or have you already cast an absentee ballot?

All PA	Suburban counties		
1	1	Already voted	**Define as likely voter and Continue**
99	99	Definitely vote	
-	-	Probably vote	
-	-	Might or might not vote	
-	-	Probably not vote	
-	-	Refused/not sure	

(If definitely vote, ask:) If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**] and [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], for whom would you vote—[**Hillary Clinton/Donald Trump**] or for someone else? **(Alternate candidate names every other interview.)**

(If already voted, ask:) In the election for president, for whom did you vote—[**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**], [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], or for someone else? **(Rotate candidate names in brackets.)**

(If definitely vote and not sure or would not vote, ask:) Toward which do you lean?

(If already voted and not sure, ask:) Do you just not want to tell, or do you not remember?

	All PA			Suburban counties		
	First choice	Lean	***Total***	First choice	Lean	***Total***
Hillary Clinton	49	2	**51**	57	2	59
Donald Trump	39	3	**42**	27	4	31
Other/would not vote (VOL)	7	3	**3**	11	6	6
Not sure/don't remember	3	2	**2**	4	2	2
Don't want to tell	2	-	**2**	1	1	2

If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**], [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], [**Gary Johnson for the Libertarian Party**], and [**Jill Stein for the Green Party**], for whom would you vote? (**Rotate candidate names in brackets.**)

(**If already voted, ask:**) In the election for president, for whom did you vote—[**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**], [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], [**Gary Johnson for the Libertarian Party**], or [**Jill Stein for the Green Party**]? (**Rotate candidate names in brackets.**)

(**If definitely vote and not sure or would not vote, ask:**) Toward which do you lean?

(**If already voted and not sure, ask:**) Do you just not want to tell, or do you not remember?

	All PA			Suburban counties		
	First choice	**Lean**	*****Total*****	First choice	Lean	***Total***
Hillary Clinton	47	1	**48**	55	1	56
Donald Trump	38	1	**39**	26	2	28
Gary Johnson	6	-	**6**	7	-	7
Jill Stein	4	-	**4**	3	-	3
Other/would not vote (VOL)	-	-	**-**	2	2	2
Not sure/don't remember	4	2	**2**	5	2	2
Don't want to tell	1	-	**1**	1	-	1

(**If definitely vote, ask:**) If the general election for U.S. Senate were held today, and the candidates were [**Katie McGinty for the Democrats**] and [**Pat Toomey for the Republicans**], for whom would you vote—[**Katie McGinty/Pat Toomey**] or for someone else? (**Alternate candidate names every other interview.**)

(**If already voted, ask:**) In the election for U.S. Senate, for whom did you vote—[**Katie McGinty for the Democrats**], [**Pat Toomey for the Republicans**], or for someone else? (**Alternate candidate names each interview.**) (**If not sure, ask:**) Do you just not want to tell, or do you not remember?

(**If definitely vote and not sure or would not vote, ask:**) Toward which do you lean?

(**If already voted and not sure, ask:**) Do you just not want to tell, or do you not remember?

	All PA			Suburban counties		
	First choice	**Lean**	*****Total*****	First choice	Lean	***Total***
Katie McGinty	45	2	**47**	52	1	53
Pat Toomey	44	1	**45**	38	1	39
Other/would not vote (VOL)	3	2	**2**	2	2	2
Not sure/don't remember	7	4	**4**	8	5	5
Don't want to tell	1	-	**2**	1	1	1

Do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

All PA	Suburban counties	
29	40	Right direction
64	56	Wrong track
7	4	Not sure

Which of the following do you see as the most important issue facing the country right now? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

All PA	Suburban counties	
6	3	Immigration
14	17	Health care
9	12	Climate change
21	22	Terrorist threat from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS
3	3	Taxes
15	17	A decline in real income for American workers
20	17	Unemployment and jobs
2	1	Trade
5	3	Other (VOL) (specify:)
-	-	None of these (VOL)
4	4	Not sure

Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

		Net Fav	Net Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Barack Obama, president of the United States	All PA	**56**	**43**	**36**	**20**	**16**	**27**	**1**
	Suburban counties	60	38	40	19	17	20	2
Bill Clinton, former president of the United States	All PA	**52**	**45**	**20**	**33**	**19**	**26**	**3**
	Suburban counties	59	37	17	42	16	21	5
Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president	All PA	**48**	**51**	**22**	**26**	**11**	**39**	**1**
	Suburban counties	56	42	26	30	10	32	2
Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president	All PA	**40**	**58**	**21**	**19**	**10**	**48**	**2**
	Suburban counties	28	70	13	15	14	56	2
Tim Kaine, Democratic nominee for vice president and U.S. senator from Virginia	All PA	**44**	**38**	**15**	**30**	**16**	**21**	**18**
	Suburban counties	51	34	19	32	17	17	15
Mike Pence, Republican nominee for vice president and governor of Indiana	All PA	**48**	**39**	**28**	**20**	**18**	**21**	**13**
	Suburban counties	40	49	22	19	23	26	10
Pat Toomey, U.S. senator	All PA	**45**	**41**	**15**	**31**	**23**	**18**	**13**
	Suburban counties	40	49	17	24	25	23	11
Katie McGinty, candidate for U.S. Senate	All PA	**44**	**36**	**10**	**34**	**17**	**20**	**20**
	Suburban counties	48	38	11	37	18	20	14
Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party nominee for president	All PA	**19**	**46**	**3**	**16**	**26**	**20**	**34**
	Suburban counties	20	49	5	15	27	23	31
Jill Stein, the Green Party nominee for president	All PA	**14**	**35**	**3**	**12**	**20**	**16**	**50**
	Suburban counties	17	37	3	14	22	16	45
Joe Biden, vice president of the United States	All PA	**62**	**34**	**34**	**27**	**16**	**18**	**4**
	Suburban counties	67	28	42	25	14	14	5
Michelle Obama, the first lady of the United States	All PA	**64**	**32**	**45**	**19**	**11**	**20**	**5**
	Suburban counties	70	24	51	20	10	14	5

I'm going to read some phrases people often use to describe candidates. For each, please indicate whether you think the phrase better describes **[Hillary Clinton]** or **[Donald Trump]**. (**Rotate candidate names. Rotate list.)**

		Clinton	Trump	Not sure
Understands the issues that matter most to the middle class	**All PA**	**54**	**38**	**8**
	Suburban counties	60	29	11
Knows what it takes to create jobs	**All PA**	**43**	**51**	**6**
	Suburban counties	52	40	8
Would change the way Washington does business	**All PA**	**25**	**62**	**13**
	Suburban counties	28	58	14
Has the right temperament to be president	**All PA**	**58**	**31**	**11**
	Suburban counties	68	20	12
Could get things done in Washington	**All PA**	**49**	**42**	**8**
	Suburban counties	60	31	9
Would be a good role model for children	**All PA**	**56**	**23**	**22**
	Suburban counties	64	15	21
Would help working families better afford quality child care	**All PA**	**60**	**34**	**6**
	Suburban counties	67	27	7
Would do more to improve education	**All PA**	**62**	**32**	**6**
	Suburban counties	69	24	6
Is trustworthy	**All PA**	**40**	**36**	**24**
	Suburban counties	47	26	27
Would serve effectively as commander-in-chief	**All PA**	**51**	**40**	**10**
	Suburban counties	60	27	13
Would make retirement income secure for more	**All PA**	**47**	**39**	**13**
	Suburban counties	55	28	17

It was recently revealed that several years ago, Donald Trump reported a loss of nearly one billion dollars on his income tax returns. That would mean he could offset income in other years and legally not owe federal income taxes for as many as 18 years. How does this strike you—ethically okay because it's legal, or wrong even though it's legal?

All PA	Suburban counties	
47	43	Okay because it's legal
50	54	Wrong even though legal
4	3	Not sure

For each of the following issues, please tell me if you favor or oppose the position. **(Rotate list.)**

		Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Make all abortions illegal and overturn Roe v. Wade	**All PA**	**23**	**71**	**6**
	Suburban counties	18	78	4
Make possession of marijuana not a crime	**All PA**	**63**	**31**	**6**
	Suburban counties	66	29	5
Make same-sex marriage illegal	**All PA**	**27**	**66**	**7**
	Suburban counties	22	74	4
Outlaw discrimination against gay and transgender people	**All PA**	**62**	**32**	**6**
	Suburban counties	65	29	6
Require that all who are able to stand do so during the playing of the national anthem	**All PA**	**50**	**44**	**6**
	Suburban counties	43	53	5

(Alternate next two question series every other interview.)
Now, I'm going to mention some concerns that political opponents have expressed about Donald Trump. For each, please tell me if this is something that bothers you a lot, a little, or not at all. **(Rotate.)**

		Bothers A lot	Bothers A little	Bothers Not at all	Not Sure
Trump's leadership of the so-called birther movement, questioning whether Barack Obama was born in the U.S. and therefore eligible to be president	**All PA**	**45**	**16**	**38**	**1**
	Suburban counties	51	18	30	1
The Trump Foundation was ordered by the New York attorney general to stop fundraising in New York and file necessary missing paperwork	**All PA**	**27**	**29**	**41**	**4**
	Suburban counties	31	27	38	4
Trump was recorded describing in lewd terms trying to seduce a married woman and saying if you're a star, "You can do anything" to women	**All PA**	**60**	**18**	**21**	**2**
	Suburban counties	68	15	15	2

Now, I'm going to mention some concerns that political opponents have expressed about Hillary Clinton. For each, please tell me if this is something that bothers you a lot, a little, or not at all. **(Rotate.)**

		Bothers A lot	Bothers A little	Bothers Not at all	Not Sure
Clinton's handling of her private e-mail, which the FBI director called "extremely careless"	**All PA**	**53**	**28**	**18**	**1**
	Suburban counties	46	32	21	1
Clinton's long involvement with government making her part of the entrenched political system	**All PA**	**38**	**23**	**37**	**2**
	Suburban counties	33	22	44	1
Clinton called half of Trump's supporters a "basket of deplorables"	**All PA**	**36**	**22**	**40**	**1**
	Suburban counties	31	24	44	2

What is your age?

All PA	Suburban counties	
10	8	Under 25
5	3	25 to 29
9	8	30 to 34
9	9	35 to 39
7	7	40 to 44
7	8	45 to 49
11	13	50 to 54
11	9	55 to 59
9	8	60 to 64
23	26	65 and over
-	-	Refused/not sure

In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? **(If independent, ask:)** Do you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats, or are you totally independent?

All PA	Suburban counties	
34	28	Republican
5	6	Lean Republican
13	13	Totally independent
5	7	Lean Democrat
40	45	Democrat
1	1	Other (VOL)
1	2	Refused/not sure

What is the last grade of school you completed? **(Read list.)**

All PA	Suburban counties	
23	13	High school graduate or less
15	9	Some college (no degree)
13	12	Associate's (two-year) degree
26	36	Bachelor's (four-year) degree
21	30	Postgraduate work or degree
1	1	Refused/not sure

With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, or some other group? **(If not Hispanic, ask:)** Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background? **(If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.)**

All PA	Suburban counties	
80	79	White
10	11	Black
4	4	Hispanic
1	2	Asian
2	2	Other
-	-	Multi-racial
2	3	Refused/not sure

Sex:

All PA	Suburban counties	
50	49	Male
50	51	Female

TWO-WAY PRESIDENTIAL RACE: FIRST CHOICE PLUS LEANERS

	Total	SEX M	SEX F	AGE <35	AGE 35-54	AGE 55+	SNRS 65+	PID REP+LN	PID DEM+LN	IND	EDU <COLL DEG	EDU COLL DEG+	RACE WHT	RACE NON
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CLINTON	51%	46%	56%	57%	45%	52%	57%	10%	89%	36%	43%	59%	47%	71%
TRUMP	42%	47%	37%	35%	47%	42%	39%	85%	6%	45%	51%	33%	47%	22%
OTH/WOULDN'T VOTE	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	9%	2%	5%	3%	3%
NS/DON'T REMEMBER	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	6%	1%	2%	2%	1%
WON'T TELL	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%

Methodology

October 13 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg Politics Pennsylvania Poll, conducted Oct. 7-11 by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, is based on interviews with 806 Pennsylvania residents who are say they will definitely vote or have already voted in the 2016 general election. In order to look more closely at voters in the four counties that surround Philadelphia (Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware counties), an oversample of 215 likely voters in those counties was conducted, leading to a total of 373 likely voters in these suburban Philadelphia counties.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 1,233 Pennsylvania adults with listed landline and cell phone numbers supplied by TargetSmart to reflect the age 18 and over population of Pennsylvania. Responses from the full probability sample were weighted by age and race to reflect the general population based on recent census data. Interviews were administered in English.

Percentages based on the sample of 806 statewide Pennsylvania likely voters may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, and those based on the sample of 373 likely voters in the four suburban Philadelphia counties may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 5.1 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the statewide sample and plus or minus 5.1 percentage points for the suburban counties. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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