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Selected Final Top Line Survey Results
Triad Strategies/Susquehanna Polling Winter 2007 Statewide Poll
Sample Size 700
Conducted February 15-20, 2007
With Comparisons to April and October 2006 Surveys

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Q1. What would you say is the single most important problem facing Pennsylvania today? That is, the one that you would like to see resolved by your state elected officials. (DO NOT READ CHOICES – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

			<u>10/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>
1. Taxes	237	34%	32%	26%
2. Drugs/crime/violence	36	05%	08%	05%
3. Economy/jobs/unemployment	68	10%	14%	16%
4. Growth/development/traffic	4	01%	01%	01%
5. Streets/roads/transportation	36	05%	02%	03%
6. Politicians/government	53	08%	09%	08%
7. Open space/land preservation	4	01%	00%	01%
8. Healthcare (inc. prescription drugs)	85	12%	07%	06%
9. Medicare/social security	8	01%	01%	02%
10. Education/schools	42	06%	06%	07%
11. Gas/energy prices	8	01%	00%	07%
12. Terrorism/national security	4	01%	00%	--
13. War in Iraq	17	02%	01%	--
14. Morality/family values	10	01%	03%	03%
15. Immigration	4	01%	01%	--
16. Undecided/none	49	07%	06%	09%
17. Other	26	04%	05%	06%
18. Casinos/gambling	9	01%	--	--

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Ed Rendell is doing?

			<u>10/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>
1. Approve	378	54%	59%	49%
2. Disapprove	234	33%	30%	36%
3. Undecided	88	13%	10%	14%

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Casey is doing as U.S. Senator?

1. Approve	260	37%
2. Disapprove	116	17%
3. Undecided	322	46%

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Arlen Specter is doing as U.S. Senator?

1. Approve	405	58%
2. Disapprove	204	29%
3. Undecided	91	13%

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the State House and Senate are doing in Harrisburg?

			<u>10/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>
1. Approve	213	30%	28%	23%
2. Disapprove	315	45%	50%	52%
3. Undecided	170	24%	22%	24%

Q6. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

1. Republican	310	44%
2. Democrat	320	46%
3. Independent/other	53	08%
4. Refuse	16	02%

Thinking way ahead to the next elections for president in 2008...

(Ask Q7a to Democrats)

Q7a. If the 2008 Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Vilsack, Joe Biden, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Chris Dodd, Russ Feingold and Dennis Kucinich for whom would you vote? (ROTATE NAMES)

[N=320]

1. Vilsack	2	01%
2. Biden	17	05%
3. Edwards	35	11%
4. Richardson	11	04%
5. Clinton	136	42%
6. Obama	52	16%
7. Dodd	1	00%
8. Feingold	1	00%
9. Kucinich	3	01%
10. Undecided	56	17%
11. None/other	6	02%

(Ask Q7b to Republicans)

Q7b. If the 2008 Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Duncan Hunter, Sam Brownback, Jim Gilmore, Chuck Hagel, Mike Huckabee and George Pataki, for whom would you vote? (ROTATE NAMES)

[N=310]

1. Giuliani	113	37%
2. McCain	90	29%
3. Romney	18	06%
4. Hunter	1	00%
5. Brownback	8	03%
6. Gilmore	0	00%
7. Hagel	5	02%
8. Huckabee	3	01%
9. Pataki	4	01%
10. Undecided	50	16%
11. None/other	17	05%

Q9. What percentage of your TOTAL retirement income for your household is coming from or will you expect to come from Social Security? - less than 20%, 20% to 35%, 35% to 50%, 50% to 65%, 65% to 80% or more than 80%?

1. Less than 20 percent	194	28%
2. 20-35 percent	165	24%
3. 35-50 percent	122	17%
4. 50-65 percent	69	10%
5. 65-80 percent	43	06%
6. More than 80 percent	47	07%
7. Undecided	55	08%
8. Refuse	6	01%

Q12. How much monthly income do you think your household will need to retire safely and comfortably including your anticipated Social Security payments - Under \$2,000 a month, \$2,000 to \$4,000 a month, \$4,000 to \$6,000 a month, \$6,000 to \$8,000 a month, \$8,000 to \$10,000 a month or over \$10,000 a month?

1. Under \$2,000	34	05%
2. \$2,000-\$4,000	265	38%
3. \$4,000-\$6,000	198	28%
4. \$6,000-\$8,000	65	09%
5. \$8,000-\$10,000	22	03%
6. Over \$10,000	31	04%
7. Undecided	71	10%
8. Refuse	14	02%

Q13. Do you believe you are putting enough money aside right now in the form of savings or investments to retire at age 65?

1. Yes	340	49%
2. No	335	48%
3. Undecided	22	03%

Q16. Do you support or oppose being given the option to invest a portion of your Social Security payments in private accounts in the stock market?

1. Strongly support	188	27%	Total Support: 45%
2. Somewhat support	128	18%	
3. Strongly oppose	221	32%	
4. Somewhat oppose	89	13%	
5. Undecided	65	09%	
6. None/other	7	01%	

Q20. Governor Rendell has proposed increasing the state sales tax from six to seven percent as a way to raise new revenue to both lower property taxes for homeowners and provide more funding for the state budget to help eliminate a projected budget deficit. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

1. Support	312	45%
2. Oppose	355	51%
3. Undecided	31	04%

Q21. Governor Rendell has called for a continuation of his investments in early childhood education programs with an additional investment of \$75 million to give more children the chance to attend pre-kindergarten classes and expand full-day kindergarten. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

1. Support	428	61%
2. Oppose	213	30%
3. Undecided	48	07%
4. None/Other	10	01%

Q22. Do you favor increasing either the personal income tax or earned income tax as a way to raise new revenue to give homeowners an average reduction of twenty-five percent in their school district property taxes? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Increase personal income tax	134	19%
2. Increase earned income tax	244	35%
3. Neither	233	33%
4. Undecided	90	13%
5. Refuse	5	01%

Q27. As a way to cut healthcare costs, Governor Rendell has proposed that hospitals set up urgent care centers where nurse practitioners and nurses could treat people with non-life threatening medical conditions as a way to reduce dependence on emergency rooms for all but the most seriously ill or injured. If such care centers are established, how likely would you be to use one instead of an emergency room – very likely, somewhat likely or not at all?

1. Very likely	296	42%	Total More Likely: 77%
2. Somewhat likely	243	35%	
3. Not at all	134	19%	
4. Undecided	25	04%	

Q28. Since the state has estimated it should be spending approximately \$2 billion dollars more per year on the state's transportation systems, Governor Rendell has proposed leasing the Pennsylvania Turnpike to privately-owned companies as a way to raise new revenue to maintain the state's roads, bridges and highways and provide more funding for mass transit systems in urban areas. Do you support or oppose leasing the Pennsylvania Turnpike for this purpose?

1. Support	255	36%
2. Oppose	310	44%
3. Undecided	130	19%
4. Refuse	5	01%

Q29. Do you support or oppose building additional windmills atop mountain ridges in Pennsylvania as a way to generate clean electric power and reduce greenhouse gases, even though some believe windmills are a danger to birds and take away from the scenery of a rural countryside?

1. Support	546	78%
2. Oppose	78	11%
3. Undecided	71	10%
4. Refuse	5	01%

Now, I have a few more questions for demographic purposes and then we'll be through....

Q30. What is your approximate age according to the following brackets: 18-29, 30-44, 45-59 or 60 and over?

1. 18-29	24	03%
2. 30-44	153	22%
3. 45-59	277	40%
4. 60+	241	34%
5. Refuse	5	01%

Q31. What was your total household income for 2006 according to the following income brackets – less than \$15,000, \$15 to \$30,000, \$31 to \$50,000, \$51 to \$75,000, \$76,000 - \$99,000, \$100,000 to \$200,000 or over \$200,000?

1. Less than \$15,000	41	06%
2. \$15,000 - \$30,000	99	14%
3. \$31,000 - \$50,000	133	19%
4. \$51,000 - \$75,000	136	19%
5. \$76,000 - \$99,000	81	12%
6. \$100,000 - \$200,000	97	14%
7. \$200,000+	22	03%
8. Undecided	14	02%
9. Refuse	77	11%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Gender

1. Male	336	48%
2. Female	364	52%

Area

33	(05%)	1. Northwest [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
80	(11%)	2. Southwest [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
90	(13%)	3. The "T"/Central [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin, Juniata]
89	(13%)	4. Northeast/Lehigh Valley [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
109	(16%)	5. South Central [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks]
150	(21%)	6. Southeast [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
78	(11%)	7. Allegheny County
71	(10%)	8. Philadelphia

The margin of error for a sample size of 700 is +/-3.7%
