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**TOOMEY TOPS DEMOCRATS IN PENNSYLVANIA SENATE RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
GOV. WOLF, ATTORNEY GENERAL, OBAMA ALL UNDER WATER**

Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania tops either of the two Democrats challenging him for reelection, but falls short of the 50 percent threshold, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

In a rematch of their 2010 Senate race, Sen. Toomey leads former U.S. Rep. Joe Sestak 47 – 39 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Toomey bests Katie McGinty by a similar 47 – 38 percent margin.

In the Toomey-Sestak matchup, independent voters are divided with 40 percent for the Republican and 39 percent for the Democrat. Toomey leads McGinty 41 – 34 percent among independent voters.

Pennsylvania voters approve 50 – 29 percent of the job Toomey is doing and give him a 45 – 24 percent favorability rating.

The Democrats have an identity problem as 51 percent don't know enough about Sestak to form an opinion of him and 64 percent don't know enough about McGinty.

“U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey can take some comfort in the lead he has on his two Democratic challengers, but it's a lot easier to be the front runner when voters don't know much about the challengers,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

Pennsylvania voters disapprove 52 – 35 percent of the job Gov. Tom Wolf is doing, his worst approval rating since he took office in January, 2015. Democrats give Wolf a lukewarm 59 – 28 percent approval rating, while Republicans disapprove 75 – 15 percent and independent voters disapprove 49 – 35 percent.

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“It didn’t take long for the honeymoon to come crashing in on Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf whose darling status with folks who threw out Gov. Tom Corbett has faded,” Malloy said.

Pennsylvania voters also disapprove 51 – 25 percent of the job Attorney General Kathleen Kane is doing and say 47 – 32 percent that she should resign.

U.S. Sen. Robert Casey Jr. gets a 45 – 24 percent approval rating.

President Obama’s Approval and Supreme Court

Pennsylvania voters give President Barack Obama a 53 – 44 percent disapproval rating, consistent with his negative ratings in the Keystone State over the last two years. Republicans disapprove 92 – 7 percent, while Democrats approve 86 – 13 percent. Independent voters are divided as 47 percent approve and 49 percent disapprove.

Voters approve 48 – 30 percent of the president’s nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to the U.S. Supreme Court and say 57 – 37 percent the U.S. Senate should consider Garland’s nomination now, rather than wait until there is a new president.

Supporting Senate action are Democrats 83 – 13 percent and independent voters 58 – 36 percent. Republicans are opposed 60 – 34 percent.

From March 30 – April 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,737 Pennsylvania voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.4 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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14. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Sestak the Democrat and Pat Toomey the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Sestak	39%	5%	78%	39%	36%	42%	45%	37%
Toomey	47	88	9	40	51	43	47	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	3	4	3	2	1	3
DK/NA	10	6	9	16	9	12	7	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Sestak	48%	34%	40%	37%	31%	37%	34%	78%
Toomey	32	51	47	55	58	49	54	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	1	3	1	2	7
DK/NA	15	9	11	6	7	11	9	11

15. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Katie McGinty the Democrat and Pat Toomey the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
McGinty	38%	6%	76%	34%	32%	43%	43%	35%
Toomey	47	84	11	41	52	42	46	47
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	3	4	4	2	1	4
DK/NA	12	8	10	20	12	13	10	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
McGinty	44%	34%	39%	35%	27%	38%	33%	71%
Toomey	32	50	47	55	59	48	53	6
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3	1	3	1	2	8
DK/NA	20	11	12	8	10	12	11	15

16. Is your opinion of Pat Toomey favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	45%	75%	19%	39%	49%	42%	45%	45%
Unfavorable	24	6	45	22	25	23	34	20
Hvn't hrd enough	29	19	35	37	25	33	20	34
REFUSED	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	31%	49%	49%	49%	54%	46%	50%	14%
Unfavorable	16	27	26	25	24	24	24	26
Hvn't hrd enough	52	24	23	24	21	29	25	56
REFUSED	-	-	3	3	-	2	1	3

17. Is your opinion of Joe Sestak favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	30%	14%	54%	26%	30%	30%	36%	28%
Unfavorable	18	32	3	15	23	13	19	18
Hvn't hrd enough	51	54	41	58	46	55	44	54
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	25%	29%	31%	36%	29%	29%	29%	43%
Unfavorable	7	22	20	22	25	15	20	6
Hvn't hrd enough	67	48	47	41	46	55	51	47
REFUSED	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	5

18. Is your opinion of Katie McGinty favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	23%	9%	43%	16%	19%	26%	27%	21%
Unfavorable	12	21	3	11	15	10	12	12
Hvn't hrd enough	64	70	52	72	65	63	60	66
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	21%	21%	24%	26%	18%	26%	22%	31%
Unfavorable	7	14	14	13	16	10	13	7
Hvn't hrd enough	72	65	61	59	65	63	64	60
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	2

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Wolf is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	35%	15%	59%	35%	33%	37%	39%	34%
Disapprove	52	75	28	49	56	48	49	53
DK/NA	13	10	12	16	11	15	12	13
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	40%	36%	37%	32%	30%	36%	33%	60%
Disapprove	37	53	53	58	60	51	55	21
DK/NA	23	10	10	10	9	13	11	20

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob Casey Jr. is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	45%	36%	61%	39%	43%	47%	49%	43%
Disapprove	24	34	11	27	30	19	26	24
DK/NA	31	30	29	34	27	34	26	33
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	34%	46%	49%	49%	43%	48%	45%	46%
Disapprove	14	28	25	27	33	20	26	11
DK/NA	52	25	26	25	24	32	29	42

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pat Toomey is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	77%	26%	44%	50%	49%	46%	51%
Disapprove	29	9	49	32	33	25	38	25
DK/NA	21	14	25	25	17	25	16	23
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	35%	52%	52%	57%	55%	53%	54%	25%
Disapprove	33	31	27	26	31	25	28	38
DK/NA	33	17	21	16	14	22	18	37

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kathleen Kane is handling her job as State Attorney General?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	25%	21%	30%	24%	24%	26%	18%	28%
Disapprove	51	57	45	53	54	49	63	46
DK/NA	24	22	25	23	22	25	19	26
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	23%	23%	26%	27%	23%	26%	24%	27%
Disapprove	40	60	51	51	58	51	54	37
DK/NA	37	17	23	22	19	24	21	36

23. Do you think Kathleen Kane should resign as State Attorney General or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Resign	47%	54%	39%	47%	48%	45%	54%	43%
No	32	27	40	30	33	31	27	34
DK/NA	21	19	21	23	18	24	19	22
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes/Resign	33%	51%	50%	48%	51%	47%	49%	33%
No	31	29	31	37	32	32	32	32
DK/NA	35	20	18	15	17	21	19	35

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	44%	7%	86%	47%	39%	49%	52%	41%
Disapprove	53	92	13	49	58	47	46	56
DK/NA	3	2	2	4	2	4	2	3
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	63%	39%	42%	37%	31%	41%	36%	93%
Disapprove	33	58	55	60	67	55	60	6
DK/NA	4	3	2	3	2	4	3	1

25. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	48%	22%	80%	48%	46%	51%	62%	42%
Disapprove	30	54	6	29	36	25	25	32
DK/NA	21	24	14	23	18	24	13	25
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	59%	45%	48%	45%	42%	46%	44%	78%
Disapprove	20	33	31	34	41	29	35	5
DK/NA	21	22	21	21	17	25	21	17

26. Do you think the Senate should consider the nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court, or do you think the Senate should not consider any Supreme Court nomination until there is a new President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Consider Garland	57%	34%	83%	58%	59%	55%	72%	50%
Do not consider	37	60	13	36	37	38	26	42
DK/NA	6	6	4	6	4	7	2	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Consider Garland	66%	58%	55%	51%	55%	51%	53%	84%
Do not consider	25	38	40	42	41	42	42	10
DK/NA	8	4	5	7	4	6	5	7