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**PENNSYLVANIA GOV. WOLF GETS ALL-TIME HIGH APPROVAL,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS SUPPORT MEDICARE OPT-IN, NOT MEDICARE FOR ALL**

Pennsylvania voters approve 54 – 33 percent of the job Gov. Tom Wolf is doing, his highest score since he was elected, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This is Gov. Wolf's first positive approval rating since a 45 – 39 percent score in an August 25, 2015, survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Approval is 59 – 28 percent among women and 49 – 39 percent among men. White voters approve 53 – 35 percent and non-white voters approve 64 – 25 percent. Approval is 84 – 7 percent among Democrats and 50 – 37 percent among independent voters. Republicans disapprove 63 – 23 percent.

White voters with a college degree approve of Wolf 62 – 26 percent. Among white voters without a degree, 45 percent approve and 42 percent disapprove.

Pennsylvania voters approve 48 – 34 percent of the job Sen. Robert Casey Jr. is doing. Sen. Pat Toomey gets a mixed score as 37 percent approve and 41 percent disapprove.

A total of 66 percent of Pennsylvania voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in the Keystone State today, the highest level of satisfaction since a 66 percent mark in an April 10, 2003, Quinnipiac University poll.

“Pennsylvanians are feeling good about their state and its economy and that seems to be helping Gov. Tom Wolf's job approval rating,” said Mary Snow, polling analyst for the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“There's a political divide, though, when it comes to Pennsylvania's two U.S. Senators. Democrat Robert Casey Jr.'s job approval rating sits just below 50 percent while Republican Pat Toomey fell below 40 percent, marking his lowest score since being elected.”

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Removing the current health care system in the U.S. and replacing it with a single payer system, in which the federal government expands Medicare to cover medical expenses of every citizen is a “good idea,” 43 percent of Pennsylvania voters say, while 47 percent say it’s a “bad idea.”

Democrats say 64 – 24 percent that so-called “Medicare for All” is a “good idea,” with Republicans saying “bad idea” 76 – 17 percent. Independent voters are divided as 44 percent say it’s a “good idea” and 47 percent say it’s a “bad idea.”

But 58 percent of Pennsylvania voters say it’s a “good idea” to keep the current health care system, while allowing all adults to buy into Medicare. Another 26 percent say this Medicare opt-in is a “bad idea.”

Saying that Medicare opt-in is a good idea are Republicans, 48 – 36 percent, Democrats, 67 – 18 percent, and independent voters, 60 – 26 percent. In fact, every listed party, gender, education, age and racial group says Medicare opt-in is a “good idea.”

“On the divisive issue of healthcare, voters across the board in Pennsylvania do agree on something. They would like the option of buying into Medicare,” Snow said.

Impeachment

Congress should not investigate to determine whether or not to bring impeachment charges against President Donald Trump, Pennsylvania voters say 55 – 41 percent.

From May 9 – 14, Quinnipiac University surveyed 978 Pennsylvania voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.2 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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

							WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	54%	23%	84%	50%	49%	59%	62%	45%
Disapprove	33	63	7	37	39	28	26	42
DK/NA	12	14	9	13	12	13	12	13
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	49%	55%	52%	63%	45%	59%	53%	64%
Disapprove	32	34	39	25	43	27	35	25
DK/NA	19	12	9	12	11	13	12	12

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

							WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	48%	24%	74%	42%	43%	52%	54%	40%
Disapprove	34	57	10	40	41	28	30	39
DK/NA	18	18	16	18	16	19	16	21
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	47%	48%	47%	54%	41%	51%	46%	55%
Disapprove	29	35	38	30	43	28	35	30
DK/NA	25	17	15	16	15	22	19	15

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

							WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	37%	51%	25%	42%	37%	37%	33%	41%
Disapprove	41	27	56	38	45	38	51	35
DK/NA	21	22	19	20	18	25	16	24
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Non Wht
Approve	35%	38%	34%	42%	39%	35%	37%	37%
Disapprove	45	38	45	39	46	39	42	39
DK/NA	20	24	21	19	15	26	21	23

16. Do you think that Congress should investigate to determine whether or not to bring impeachment charges against President Trump, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Investigate	41%	5%	76%	34%	34%	48%	45%	27%
No	55	93	20	60	64	48	52	68
DK/NA	4	1	4	6	2	5	3	5
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Yes/Investigate	52%	39%	34%	44%	29%	41%	36%	65%
No	45	56	62	52	68	53	60	33
DK/NA	3	4	4	4	2	5	4	3

17. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Pennsylvania today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	9%	9%	8%	9%	11%	6%	9%	8%
Smwht satisfied	57	51	64	53	51	62	62	56
Smwht dissatisfied	24	29	20	27	26	23	22	24
Very dissatisfied	9	10	6	10	10	7	6	11
DK/NA	2	2	3	-	2	1	2	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			Non
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Very satisfied	6%	8%	7%	12%	10%	7%	8%	9%
Smwht satisfied	57	57	56	60	54	63	58	52
Smwht dissatisfied	31	20	27	19	25	22	23	28
Very dissatisfied	4	13	7	8	10	7	9	9
DK/NA	1	3	2	1	1	2	1	2

22. In general, would you prefer to improve the current health care system in the United States, or would you prefer to replace the current health care system in the United States with something new?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Improve system	52%	41%	64%	48%	46%	57%	51%	51%
Replace system	37	45	29	41	43	32	43	35
KEEP AS IS (VOL)	5	8	4	3	6	4	2	8
DK/NA	6	6	3	7	5	7	4	6
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Improve system	50%	43%	53%	61%	46%	55%	51%	55%
Replace system	46	44	35	26	43	34	39	33
KEEP AS IS (VOL)	1	7	4	8	6	5	5	4
DK/NA	2	6	7	5	4	6	5	9

23. Do you think that removing the current health care system and replacing it with a single payer system, in which the federal government would expand Medicare to cover the medical expenses of every American citizen, is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good idea	43%	17%	64%	44%	42%	44%	47%	33%
Bad idea	47	76	24	47	52	43	45	55
DK/NA	10	8	11	9	7	13	8	12
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Good idea	60%	45%	36%	37%	36%	43%	40%	58%
Bad idea	32	44	56	52	57	44	51	33
DK/NA	8	11	8	12	7	13	10	9

24. Do you think that keeping the current health care system but allowing all adults the option of buying into Medicare is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good idea	58%	48%	67%	60%	58%	58%	59%	57%
Bad idea	26	36	18	26	30	23	26	24
DK/NA	16	16	16	14	12	19	15	19
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....		Non	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Wht
Good idea	75%	57%	55%	53%	59%	57%	58%	58%
Bad idea	21	24	29	28	28	22	25	30
DK/NA	4	19	16	19	13	21	17	12