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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## **PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS BACK FRACKING, BUT NOT IN PARKS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; CORBETT'S PARK FRACKING ORDER HURTS HIM**

Citing economic benefits over environmental concerns, Pennsylvania voters support 58 – 33 percent drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Except for Democrats, who oppose drilling 48 – 41 percent, there is support among all partisan, gender and age groups, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. Support by region ranges from 48 – 43 percent in the Philadelphia suburbs to 70 – 23 percent in the northwest corner of the state.

Pennsylvania voters oppose 57 – 36 percent, however, Gov. Tom Corbett's executive order allowing drilling for natural gas under state parks and forests.

There is a wide gender gap as women oppose the measure 65 – 26 percent, while men are divided 47 – 48 percent. Voters in northwest Pennsylvania support drilling in the parks 53 – 44 percent, while voters in every other region are opposed.

Republicans support drilling in parks 58 – 38 percent, with opposition at 71 – 20 percent among Democrats and 58 – 35 percent among independent voters.

“Pennsylvanians are generally willing on drilling, but it depends on where, drawing the line at state parks and forest land,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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Because of Gov. Corbett's executive order, 39 percent of Pennsylvania voters are less likely to vote for him, with 13 percent more likely and 46 percent who say it won't affect their vote.

From May 29 – June 2, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,308 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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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41. Some people say there should be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the economic benefits. Others say there should not be drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale because of the environmental impact. Which comes closer to your point of view?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Drilling	58%	79%	41%	58%	70%	48%	53%	55%	63%	60%
No drilling	33	15	48	33	25	40	42	38	28	28
DK/NA	9	6	12	8	5	12	5	7	9	12

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Drilling	53%	50%	51%	48%	70%	63%	68%
No drilling	39	36	40	43	23	27	25
DK/NA	8	15	9	9	7	11	7

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	Jun 06 2014	Sep 29 2011	Aug 03 2011	Jun 14 2011
Drilling	58	62	59	63
No drilling	33	30	32	30
DK/NA	9	8	8	7

42. Governor Corbett has issued an executive order that would allow drilling for natural gas under state parks and forests. Do you support or oppose allowing drilling for natural gas under state parks and forests?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support	36%	58%	20%	35%	47%	26%	31%	35%	35%	40%
Oppose	57	38	71	58	48	65	65	60	58	49
DK/NA	7	4	9	7	4	9	4	5	7	11

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Support	36%	23%	31%	29%	53%	44%	40%
Oppose	57	61	62	67	44	51	53
DK/NA	8	16	7	4	4	5	7

43. Does Corbett's executive order make you more likely to vote for him, less likely, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....			
							18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
More likely	13%	23%	5%	11%	16%	9%	11%	13%	11%	13%
Less likely	39	19	55	39	33	44	47	41	37	33
No difference	46	57	37	47	50	43	41	44	50	49
DK/NA	2	1	3	3	1	4	1	2	1	5

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More likely	20%	4%	8%	13%	20%	16%	11%
Less likely	39	42	45	42	32	37	35
No difference	38	47	46	43	48	45	52
DK/NA	2	7	1	2	1	2	2