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**44% OF VOTERS SAY THEY ARE FINANCIALLY WORSE OFF THAN A YEAR
AGO, AN INCREASE SINCE FEBRUARY,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY PENNSYLVANIA POLL FINDS;
ALSO HIGHER: OPPOSITION TO AI DATA CENTER IN THEIR COMMUNITY**

More than 4 in 10 voters in the Keystone state (44 percent) say they are worse off financially than they were a year ago, 36 percent say they are better off financially than they were a year ago, and 19 percent volunteer they are the same financially as they were a year ago, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of registered voters in Pennsylvania released today.

This is a change from Quinnipiac University's February 25 poll, when 36 percent of voters said they were worse off financially than they were a year ago, 40 percent said they were better off, and 22 percent volunteered they were the same financially as they were a year ago.

"Many Pennsylvania voters are looking at their finances, flashing back to July of last year and seeing slippage," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

NATION'S ECONOMY

More than half of voters (52 percent) think the nation's economy is getting worse, 21 percent think it's getting better, and 26 percent think it's staying about the same.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's February 25 poll, when 47 percent thought the nation's economy was getting worse, 28 percent thought it was getting better, and 23 percent thought it was staying about the same.

In today's poll, there are wide partisan divides.

Among Republicans, 43 percent think the nation's economy is getting better, 17 percent think it's getting worse, and 39 percent think it's staying about the same.

Among independents, 16 percent think the nation's economy is getting better, 55 percent think it's getting worse, and 28 percent think it's staying about the same.

Among Democrats, 1 percent think the nation's economy is getting better, 87 percent think it's getting worse, and 12 percent think it's staying about the same.

2026 GOVERNOR'S RACE

In the race for governor, incumbent Democrat Josh Shapiro receives 53 percent support among registered voters and Republican challenger Stacy Garrity receives 40 percent support. This compares to February, when 55 percent of voters supported Shapiro and 37 percent supported Garrity.

In today's poll, Democrats (96 – 1 percent) and independents (58 – 29 percent) support Shapiro, while Republicans (87 – 10 percent) support Garrity.

FAVORABILITY RATINGS

Fifty-one percent of voters have a favorable opinion of Josh Shapiro, while 33 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 14 percent haven't heard enough about him.

Twenty-two percent of voters have a favorable opinion of Stacy Garrity, while 18 percent have an unfavorable opinion of her, and 58 percent haven't heard enough about her.

“Still one of the country's most popular governors, Josh Shapiro benefits by his opponent Stacy Garrity's greatest obstacle: people don't know much about her,” added Malloy.

TOP ISSUES

Voters were given a list of 11 issues and asked which, if any, are important to them when deciding who to vote for in the election for governor.

The economy (74 percent) and the cost of living (73 percent) top the list, followed by healthcare (66 percent), ethics in government (57 percent), immigration (57 percent), crime (53 percent), the right to vote (53 percent), energy costs (51 percent), gun violence (50 percent), AI data centers (42 percent), and climate change (40 percent).

SHAPIRO JOB APPROVAL

Fifty-six percent of voters approve of the way Josh Shapiro is handling his job as governor, while 34 percent disapprove, with 11 percent not offering an opinion.

SENATOR FETTERMAN

Forty-eight percent of voters approve of the way John Fetterman is handling his job as United States Senator, while 41 percent disapprove, with 11 percent not offering an opinion.

Republicans (77 – 12 percent) approve of the way Fetterman is handling his job, while Democrats (69 – 19 percent) disapprove. Among independents, 48 percent disapprove of the way Fetterman is handling his job and 44 percent approve.

More than half of voters (52 percent) would like to see Fetterman leave the Democratic Party, while 31 percent would like to see him stay in the Democratic Party, with 16 percent not offering an opinion.

“The Democrats would like to show him the door. The Republicans seem to be welcoming him in. Thus is the political irony of Senator John Fetterman,” added Malloy.

McCORMICK JOB APPROVAL

Forty percent of voters approve of the way Dave McCormick is handling his job as United States Senator, while 33 percent disapprove, with 28 percent not offering an opinion.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Thirty-nine percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 58 percent disapprove.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's February 25 poll, when 40 percent approved and 55 percent disapproved.

When it comes to Trump's handling of the economy, 39 percent of voters approve, while 58 percent disapprove.

This compares to February, when 39 percent approved and 56 percent disapproved.

MIDTERM ELECTIONS

If the election were held today, 49 percent of voters would want to see the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives, while 43 percent would want to see the Republican Party win control of the House.

This is unchanged from Quinnipiac University's February poll.

AI DATA CENTERS

Roughly three-quarters of voters (76 percent) say they are following news about AI data centers either very closely (26 percent) or somewhat closely (50 percent), while 24 percent say they are following news about AI data centers not too closely.

Seventy-four percent of voters say they would oppose building an AI data center in their community, while 16 percent say they would support it, with 10 percent not offering an opinion.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's February 25 poll, when 68 percent said they would oppose building an AI data center in their community and 20 percent said they would support it, with 12 percent not offering an opinion.

"Nothing artificial about Pennsylvania voters' take on the advent of AI. Opposition grows as the inevitable new industry plants roots in their neighborhoods," added Malloy.

About one-quarter of voters (24 percent) approve of the way Josh Shapiro is handling AI data centers in Pennsylvania, while 34 percent disapprove, with 42 percent not offering an opinion.

895 self-identified registered voters in Pennsylvania were surveyed from July 9th – 13th with a margin of error of +/- 4.3 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Josh Shapiro the Democrat and Stacy Garrity the Republican, for whom would you vote?
(INCLUDES LEANERS)

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	53%	10%	96%	58%	46%	60%
Garrity	40	87	1	29	48	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	5	2	2	8	4	5
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	-	1

2. Is your opinion of Josh Shapiro favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	51%	19%	89%	49%	44%	57%
Unfavorable	33	65	3	28	38	28
Hvn't hrd enough	14	14	8	18	15	13
REFUSED	3	2	-	5	3	2

3. Is your opinion of Stacy Garrity favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	22%	45%	3%	18%	29%	16%
Unfavorable	18	3	35	17	16	19
Hvn't hrd enough	58	50	61	63	54	62
REFUSED	2	3	1	1	2	3

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Josh Shapiro is handling his job as governor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	56%	23%	93%	54%	48%	63%
Disapprove	34	66	2	32	41	27
DK/NA	11	11	5	14	11	10

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dave McCormick is handling his job as United States Senator?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	68%	18%	33%	42%	38%
Disapprove	33	11	52	39	32	33
DK/NA	28	22	30	27	26	30

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Fetterman is handling his job as United States Senator?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	48%	77%	19%	44%	55%	41%
Disapprove	41	12	69	48	39	44
DK/NA	11	11	13	8	6	16

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	83%	2%	31%	48%	31%
Disapprove	58	14	97	66	49	66
DK/NA	3	3	1	3	3	3

8. 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?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very satisfied	7%	5%	10%	7%	6%	9%
Smwht satisfied	46	40	57	44	45	47
Smwht dissatisfied	29	43	18	28	32	27
Very dissatisfied	15	11	11	19	16	14
DK/NA	2	1	3	2	1	4

9. If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Republican Party	43%	91%	1%	34%	51%	35%
Democratic Party	49	5	96	52	41	57
DK/NA	8	3	3	14	8	8

10. Would you say that the - Republican Party has moved too far to the left, too far to the right, or would you say the Republican party hasn't moved too far in either direction?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too far left	7%	5%	9%	9%	7%	7%
Too far right	42	14	70	46	36	48
Not too far	43	75	14	39	49	37
DK/NA	8	6	7	7	8	8

11. Would you say that the - Democratic Party has moved too far to the left, too far to the right, or would you say the Democratic party hasn't moved too far in either direction?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too far left	49%	85%	14%	48%	58%	41%
Too far right	8	2	12	9	8	7
Not too far	36	10	66	35	28	43
DK/NA	7	3	8	8	6	8

12. Would you like to see John Fetterman stay in the Democratic Party or leave the Democratic Party?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Stay	31%	30%	32%	33%	30%	32%
Leave	52	55	57	46	53	51
DK/NA	16	15	11	22	17	16

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	80%	3%	30%	47%	31%
Disapprove	58	17	96	66	49	66
DK/NA	3	2	2	5	4	2

14. From the following list, which items, if any, are important to you when deciding who to vote for in the election for governor: the economy, healthcare, cost of living, energy costs, the right to vote, ethics in government, crime, AI data centers, gun violence, climate change, immigration? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Economy	74%	72%	74%	77%	71%	77%
Cost of living	73	68	76	73	69	77
Healthcare	66	54	77	67	55	76
Ethics in government	57	46	61	66	51	63
Immigration	57	62	52	57	50	64
Crime	53	53	50	56	45	60
Right to vote	53	42	65	50	44	61
Energy costs	51	51	52	51	46	56
Gun violence	50	39	63	50	36	63
AI data centers	42	34	51	44	38	46
Climate change	40	14	66	39	27	52
DK/NA	1	2	2	1	1	2

15. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Excellent	3%	7%	1%	-	4%	2%
Good	31	57	6	29	37	25
Not so good	33	28	35	37	32	35
Poor	32	7	59	34	26	38
DK/NA	1	1	-	-	1	1

16. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Better	21%	43%	1%	16%	25%	16%
Worse	52	17	87	55	43	61
The same	26	39	12	28	31	21
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1

17. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Better off	36%	61%	16%	31%	44%	28%
Worse off	44	18	64	54	41	48
SAME (VOL)	19	21	19	14	14	23
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1

18. Is your opinion of artificial intelligence favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	22%	19%	22%	26%	29%	16%
Unfavorable	47	43	52	47	41	52
Hvn't hrd enough	27	33	23	22	25	28
REFUSED	4	5	2	6	4	4

FOLLOWING AI DATA CENTER NEWS Q19
Very Smwht NotToo
Closly Closly Closly

Favorable	20%	27%	15%
Unfavorable	63	45	34
Hvn't hrd enough	11	26	45
REFUSED	6	3	6

19. How closely have you been following news about AI data centers; very closely, somewhat closely, or not too closely?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very closely	26%	22%	28%	30%	25%	26%
Somewhat closely	50	52	51	45	51	48
Not too closely	24	26	20	24	23	25
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	1

20. Would you support or oppose building an AI data center in your community?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	16%	25%	11%	11%	22%	10%
Oppose	74	64	82	77	68	80
DK/NA	10	10	7	12	10	10

FOLLOWING AI DATA CENTER NEWS Q19
Very Closly Smwht Closly NotToo Closly

Support	12%	18%	15%
Oppose	86	75	60
DK/NA	2	7	25

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Josh Shapiro is handling AI data centers in Pennsylvania?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	24%	14%	40%	20%	23%	25%
Disapprove	34	42	24	34	37	31
DK/NA	42	45	37	46	40	44

FOLLOWING AI DATA CENTER NEWS Q19
Very Closly Smwht Closly NotToo Closly

Approve	29%	26%	17%
Disapprove	53	28	23
DK/NA	18	46	60