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WOLF DEVOURS CORBETT IN PENNSYLVANIA GOV RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; VOTERS SAY DEMOCRAT IS BETTER ON ECONOMY, EDUCATION

Pennsylvania likely voters say businessman Tom Wolf, the Democratic challenger for governor, is better than Republican Gov. Tom Corbett on every measure, especially handling the top issues of the economy/jobs and education, and give him an overwhelming 59 – 35 percent lead eight weeks before Election Day, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Wolf leads 91-7 percent among Democrats and 53-39 percent among independent voters, while Gov. Corbett has a lackluster 66-28 percent lead among Republicans, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds. This survey of likely voters can not be compared to prior surveys of registered voters.

Among voters who name a candidate, 84 percent say their mind is made up, while 15 percent say they might change their mind.

Corbett is the bigger issue in the campaign, as 51 percent of Wolf backers say their vote is mainly against the incumbent while 39 percent say they are voting mainly for the Democrat. Among Corbett backers, 62 percent say their vote is mainly pro-Corbett, while 30 percent say they are mainly anti-Wolf.

"A stunningly bad showing for Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett who is clobbered across the board on issues, leadership and other character traits by a candidate who was unknown to most voters earlier this year," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"What's Tom Corbett's biggest problem?

"Tom Corbett."

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Pennsylvania likely voters give Wolf a 50 - 22 percent favorability rating, with 26 percent who haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion. Corbett gets a negative 33 - 55 percent favorability rating.

Looking at the most important issue in the governor's race, 32 percent of likely voters point to the economy/jobs, with 25 percent listing education, 17 percent citing government spending and 15 percent listing taxes.

Wolf would do a better job than Corbett on any of these issues, voters say:

- 58 34 percent on the economy/jobs;
- 61 29 percent on education;
- 54 38 percent on government spending;
- 50-41 percent on taxes.

Wolf also outscores Corbett on character traits as voters say:

- 54-21 percent that Wolf is honest and trustworthy, compared to a 43-43 percent split for Corbett;
- 58-27 percent that Wolf cares about their needs and problems, while voters say 56-35 percent that Corbett does <u>not</u> care;
- 61 − 18 percent that Wolf has strong leadership qualities, compared to 50 − 42 percent for Corbett.

"Handling the important issues, honesty, caring, leadership, the Democrat leads on every measure. The Wolf is at the door, and Gov. Corbett is running out of time," Malloy said.

From September 3 - 8, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,161 likely voters with a margin of error of $\pm - 2.9$ 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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1. If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Wolf the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Wolf or Corbett? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY	VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Wolf	59%	28%	91%	53%	52%	64%	
Corbett	35	66	7	39	42	28	
SOMEONE ELSE(VOL)	2	3	_	2	3	2	
DK/NA	4	4	2	7	3	6	

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

LIKEL	Y VOTER	S				
CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1						
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Tot	Wolf	Corbett				
84%	85%	82%				
15	14	17				
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2a. (If Wolf voter q1) Is your vote for governor mainly for Wolf or against Corbett?

	LIKELY Tot	WOLF Men	VOTERS Q1 Wom	
For Wolf	39%	38%	40%	
Against Corbett	51	52	51	
DK/NA	10	10	9	

2b. (If Corbett voter q1) Is your vote for governor mainly for Corbett or against Wolf?

	LIKELY CORBET		T VOTERS	Q1
	Tot	Men	Wom	
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For Corbett	62%	53%	73%	
Against Wolf	30	38	19	
DK/NA	8	8	8	

3. Is your opinion of Tom Wolf favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Favorable	50%	28%	75%	43%	45%	54%		
Unfavorable	22	39	4	28	30	15		
Hvn't hrd enough	26	30	21	28	23	29		
REFUSED	2	2	1	2	2	2		

3a. Is your opinion of Tom Wolf favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? COMBINED WITH: (If Favorable/Unfavorable q3) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	LIKELY	VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Strongly favorable	28%	14%	48%	19%	25%	31%	
Somewhat favorable	21	14	27	23	20	23	
Somewhat unfavorable	6	9	2	6	6	5	
Strongly unfavorable	17	30	2	21	24	10	
Hvn't hrd enough	26	30	21	28	23	29	
REFUSED/DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	2	

4. Is your opinion of Tom Corbett favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY	VOTERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Favorable	33%	62%	9%	34%	39%	28%			
Unfavorable	55	28	78	56	52	58			
Hvn't hrd enough	11	9	12	9	8	13			
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	2			

4a. Is your opinion of Tom Corbett favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? COMBINED WITH: (If Favorable/Unfavorable q4) Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	LIKELY	VOTERS	VOTERS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Strongly favorable	17%	30%	6%	17%	20%	14%	
Somewhat favorable	16	32	3	16	19	14	
Somewhat unfavorable	11	9	8	17	11	11	
Strongly unfavorable	44	19	70	39	41	47	
Hvn't hrd enough	11	9	12	9	8	13	
REFUSED/DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1	2	

5. Which one of these five issues matters most in deciding how you vote for Governor: the economy and jobs, government spending, taxes, energy and the environment, or education?

	LIKELY	VOTERS	VOTERS							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom				
Economy/Jobs	32%	34%	31%	33%	30%	34%				
Government spending	17	22	10	20	18	16				
Taxes	15	22	8	16	18	12				
Energy/Environment	8	3	11	9	8	7				
Education	25	15	39	18	23	28				
DK/NA	3	3	1	4	3	2				

6. Would you say that Tom Wolf - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY	VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Yes	54%	42%	74%	42%	51%	57%	
No	21	32	7	26	28	16	
DK/NA	25	26	19	32	21	28	

7. Would you say that Tom Wolf - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY	VOTERS	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Yes	58%	43%	80%	45%	54%	62%			
No	27	40	8	36	32	22			
DK/NA	15	16	12	19	14	16			

8. Would you say that Tom Wolf - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Yes	61%	46%	79%	55%	56%	66%		
No	18	30	5	21	23	13		
DK/NA	21	24	16	25	21	21		

9. Would you say that $Tom\ Wolf$ - has the right kind of experience to be governor of Pennsylvania or not?

					 Men	
Yes No					63% 28	
DK/NA	13	16	13	9	9	16

10. Do you think Tom Wolf is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	LIKELY	KELY VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Liberal	32%	57%	6%	35%	39%	25%	
Conservative	3	3	3	3	3	2	
About right	55	31	83	47	50	61	
DK/NA	10	9	8	16	8	12	

11. Would you say that Tom Corbett - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	LIKELY	VOTERS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes	43%	64%	26%	42%	49%	37%
No	43	24	59	45	40	47
DK/NA	14	12	15	13	12	16

12. Would you say that Tom Corbett - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	LIKELY	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Yes	35%	62%	15%	32%	41%	30%		
No	56	33	76	56	52	61		
DK/NA	8	5	9	12	7	9		

13. Would you say that Tom Corbett - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	LIKELY	VOTERS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes	50%	69%	33%	54%	51%	50%
No	42	26	57	40	42	42
DK/NA	8	5	10	7	7	8

14. Do you think Tom Corbett is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	LIKELY	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Liberal	12%	13%	14%	8%	11%	14%		
Conservative	39	14	61	40	41	38		
About right	38	65	14	41	41	35		
DK/NA	10	8	11	11	7	13		
Conservative About right	39 38	14 65	61 14	40 41	41	38 35		

15. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - the economy and jobs, Wolf or Corbett?

	LIKELY	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Wolf	58%	31%	86%	51%	53%	63%		
Corbett	34	61	9	38	43	27		
DK/NA	8	9	5	11	5	11		

16. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - taxes, Wolf or Corbett?

	LIKELY	VOTERS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Wolf	50%	26%	78%	40%	43%	55%
Corbett	41	65	13	49	51	31
DK/NA	10	9	10	11	6	13

17. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - education, Wolf or Corbett?

	LIKELY	Y VOTERS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	
Wolf	61%	37%	86%	57%	56%	65%	
Corbett	29	51	9	31	36	23	
DK/NA	10	12	6	12	8	11	

18. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job handling - energy and the environment, Wolf or Corbett?

	LIKELY	VOTERS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Wolf	61%	39%	84%	57%	56%	66%
Corbett	31	53	10	32	39	23
DK/NA	8	8	6	11	5	11

19. Regardless of who you may support, who do you think would do a better job when it comes to finding the right balance between cutting government spending that is not needed and continuing government spending that is needed, Wolf or Corbett?

	LIKELY	VOTERS						
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		
Wolf	54%	29%	79%	50%	49%	58%		
Corbett	38	64	11	42	45	30		
DK/NA	9	6	10	9	6	11		