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## WOLF UP 17 POINTS IN PENNSYLVANIA GOV RACE, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; GOV. CORBETT GAINING LITTLE AS TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Businessman Tom Wolf, the Democratic challenger for governor in Pennsylvania, leads Republican Gov. Tom Corbett 55 – 38 percent among likely voters four weeks before Election Day, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to a 59 - 35 percent likely voter lead for Wolf in a September 11 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

In today's results, Wolf leads 59 - 34 percent among women, 51 - 42 percent among men, 87 - 7 percent among Democrats and 49 - 40 percent among independent voters.

Republicans back Corbett 75 - 22 percent, one of the lowest rates of same-party support for an incumbent governor in any of the nine states surveyed by Quinnipiac University. This compares to a 66 - 28 percent Corbett lead among Republicans September 11.

Their mind is made up, 85 percent of Pennsylvania likely voters say, while 13 percent say they might change their mind. There is little difference among supporters for each candidate: 87 percent of Wolf supporters and 83 percent of Corbett backers say their mind is made up.

"With a slight shift in the numbers as a handful of Republicans come back, there is a pinprick of light at the end of the long, dark reelection tunnel, but time is not on Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett's side," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

"It's a matter of simple math and the ticking clock and both are working against Gov. Corbett."

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By a 52 - 26 percent margin, Pennsylvania likely voters have a favorable opinion of Wolf. He gets positive scores from all listed groups except Republicans who are negative 27 - 47 percent, with 23 percent who don't know enough about him to form an opinion.

Corbett gets a negative 38-49 percent favorability rating, with Republicans the only positive group listed, giving him a 67-24 percent favorability. Men are close as 42 percent are favorable and 47 percent are unfavorable.

From September 30 – October 5, Quinnipiac University surveyed 907 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 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	55%	22%	87%	49%	51%	59%
Corbett	38	75	7	40	42	34
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	1	-	4	2	1
DK/NA	5	3	5	7	4	6

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SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	2
DK/NA	5	4

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

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	Tot	Wolf	Corbett
Mind made up Might change DK/NA		87% 11 2	83% 16 1

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	LIKELY	VOTERS	
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN		
	Oct 07	Sep 11	
	2014	2014	
Mind made up	85	84	
Might change	13	15	
DK/NA	1	1	

2. 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	52%	27%	74%	48%	51%	52%
Unfavorable	26	47	4	32	30	22
Hvn't hrd enough	20	23	19	17	16	23
REFUSED	3	2	2	3	3	3

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	LIKELY	VOTERS
	Oct 07	Sep 1
	2014	2014
Favorable	52	50
Unfavorable	26	22
Hvn't hrd enough	20	26
REFUSED	3	2

3. 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	38%	67%	13%	39%	42%	33%
Unfavorable	49	24	69	50	47	50
Hvn't hrd enough	10	6	15	8	7	14
REFUSED	3	2	3	3	3	3

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