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**PA GOVERNOR'S RACE: SHAPIRO 59%, GARRITY 34%,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY PENNSYLVANIA POLL FINDS;
VOTERS FAVOR DEMS TO WIN CONTROL OF U.S. HOUSE BY 15 POINTS**

In the final weeks of Pennsylvania's gubernatorial race, 59 percent of likely voters support incumbent Governor Josh Shapiro, 34 percent support Republican challenger Stacy Garrity, 2 percent support Libertarian Party candidate Ken Krawchuk, and 5 percent did not choose a candidate, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of likely voters in Pennsylvania released today.

This is the first survey of likely voters in Pennsylvania in the 2026 election cycle by the Quinnipiac University Poll and cannot be compared to results of earlier surveys of registered voters.

Among Democrats, 95 percent support Shapiro, 2 percent support Garrity, and 3 percent did not choose a candidate.

Among Republicans, 79 percent support Garrity, 17 percent support Shapiro, 2 percent support Krawchuk, and 3 percent did not choose a candidate.

Among independents, 62 percent support Shapiro, 23 percent support Garrity, 5 percent support Krawchuk, and 8 percent did not choose a candidate.

Fifty-five percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Josh Shapiro, while 29 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him and 14 percent haven't heard enough about him.

Twenty-two percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Stacy Garrity, while 32 percent have an unfavorable opinion of her and 44 percent haven't heard enough about her.

"One of the country's most popular governors gets a rousing endorsement from Pennsylvania's likely voters in a race that looks like a rout," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

SATISFACTION

Fifty-six percent of likely voters are either very satisfied (8 percent) or somewhat satisfied (48 percent) with the way things are going in Pennsylvania today, while 42 percent are either somewhat dissatisfied (25 percent) or very dissatisfied (17 percent).

JOB APPROVALS

Job approval ratings for Pennsylvania elected officials and President Trump:

- Governor Josh Shapiro: 63 percent approve, 30 percent disapprove, with 7 percent not offering an opinion;

- Senator John Fetterman: 41 percent approve, 50 percent disapprove, with 9 percent not offering an opinion;
- Senator Dave McCormick: 37 percent approve, 35 percent disapprove, with 28 percent not offering an opinion;
- President Donald Trump: 37 percent approve, 60 percent disapprove, with 3 percent not offering an opinion.

SENATOR FETTERMAN

Thirty-seven percent of likely voters have a favorable opinion of John Fetterman, while 46 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him and 15 percent haven't heard enough about him.

Among Democrats, 13 percent have a favorable opinion of Fetterman, while 69 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him and 16 percent haven't heard enough about him.

Among Republicans, 72 percent have a favorable opinion of Fetterman, while 19 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him and 7 percent haven't heard enough about him.

Among independents, 27 percent have a favorable opinion of Fetterman, while 49 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him and 23 percent haven't heard enough about him.

CONTROL OF U.S. HOUSE

More than half of likely voters (54 percent) would want to see the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives, while 39 percent would want to see the Republican Party win control of the House, with 7 percent not offering an opinion.

Among independents, 56 percent would want to see the Democratic Party win control of the House and 27 percent would want to see the Republican Party win control of the House, with 18 percent not offering an opinion.

"With independents in strong agreement, Democrats get the nod on which party should wield the gavel in the U.S. House," added Malloy.

AI DATA CENTERS

When considering the costs and benefits, 64 percent of likely voters think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more harm than good, while 24 percent think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more good than harm, with 12 percent not offering an opinion.

There are wide political gaps.

Eighty percent of Democrats think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more harm than good, while 11 percent think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more good than harm, with 9 percent not offering an opinion.

Seventy-two percent of independents think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more harm than good, while 20 percent think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more good than harm, with 8 percent not offering an opinion.

Republicans are divided, as 40 percent think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more harm than good, while 44 percent think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more good than harm, with 16 percent not offering an opinion.

1,159 Pennsylvania likely voters were surveyed from October 1st – 5th with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 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, Stacy Garrity the Republican, and Ken Krawchuk the Libertarian Party candidate, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES ALREADY VOTED AND LEANERS)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	59%	17%	95%	62%	53%	66%
Garrity	34	79	2	23	39	29
Krawchuk	2	2	-	5	3	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	4	2	1	8	4	3
REFUSED	1	1	2	-	1	2

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (candidate of choice), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Shapiro	Garrity
Very enthusiastic	41%	47%	32%
Smwht enthusiastic	42	38	50
Not so enthusiastic	9	8	9
Not enthous at all	6	5	7
DK/NA	2	2	2

1b. (If candidate chosen q1) How likely is it that you will change your mind about your choice for governor before the election; very likely, somewhat likely, not so likely, or not likely at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Shapiro	Garrity
Very likely	1%	2%	-
Somewhat likely	8	6	9
Not so likely	13	13	15
Not likely at all	76	78	74
DK/NA	1	1	2

2. 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?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Republican Party	39%	93%	2%	27%	47%	32%
Democratic Party	54	4	95	56	46	61
DK/NA	7	3	2	18	7	7

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	55%	24%	86%	52%	48%	62%
Unfavorable	29	61	4	23	36	23
Hvn't hrd enough	14	13	10	22	14	14
REFUSED	2	3	-	3	2	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	22%	51%	3%	16%	27%	19%
Unfavorable	32	7	55	32	26	38
Hvn't hrd enough	44	40	42	52	46	43
REFUSED	1	2	-	-	1	1

5. Is your opinion of John Fetterman favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	37%	72%	13%	27%	46%	28%
Unfavorable	46	19	69	49	39	53
Hvn't hrd enough	15	7	16	23	13	16
REFUSED	2	2	2	1	1	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	63%	29%	92%	63%	55%	70%
Disapprove	30	64	5	24	37	24
DK/NA	7	7	3	13	8	6

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	37%	67%	18%	30%	46%	29%
Disapprove	35	13	51	40	32	37
DK/NA	28	20	32	30	22	34

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	41%	74%	19%	32%	52%	31%
Disapprove	50	20	72	56	41	57
DK/NA	9	6	9	11	7	11

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	37%	85%	4%	22%	42%	31%
Disapprove	60	12	94	73	53	67
DK/NA	3	2	1	5	5	2

10. 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?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very satisfied	8%	3%	14%	8%	8%	9%
Smwht satisfied	48	45	55	45	46	51
Smwht dissatisfied	25	33	18	24	28	22
Very dissatisfied	17	18	12	21	17	16
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	2	1

11. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - growing the state's economy: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garritty?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	55%	16%	88%	56%	48%	60%
Garritty	35	73	7	28	42	28
DK/NA	11	11	5	16	10	12

12. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - lowering the cost of living: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garritty?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	55%	13%	92%	58%	49%	61%
Garritty	33	75	5	23	40	27
DK/NA	11	11	4	19	11	11

13. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - handling taxes: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garrity?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	56%	15%	90%	57%	47%	63%
Garrity	35	77	6	28	44	27
DK/NA	9	8	4	15	9	10

14. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - handling immigration: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garrity?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	53%	11%	90%	52%	45%	61%
Garrity	36	78	4	27	45	27
DK/NA	11	10	6	20	10	13

15. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - handling health care: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garrity?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	59%	17%	92%	66%	54%	63%
Garrity	30	69	4	18	34	26
DK/NA	11	14	4	15	12	11

16. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - handling AI data centers: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garrity?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	54%	19%	84%	57%	49%	59%
Garrity	29	59	8	21	34	24
DK/NA	17	21	7	22	17	17

17. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job of - handling vaccine guidelines: Josh Shapiro or Stacy Garrity?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Shapiro	56%	16%	89%	61%	51%	61%
Garrity	31	71	6	19	36	27
DK/NA	12	13	5	19	13	12

18. Considering the costs and benefits, do you think AI data centers in Pennsylvania will do more good than harm or do more harm than good?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Do more good	24%	44%	11%	20%	33%	16%
Do more harm	64	40	80	72	57	70
DK/NA	12	16	9	8	9	14