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**PENNSYLVANIA GOV GETS BAD SCORES, TRAILS SCHWARTZ,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
GAMBLING IS GOOD, BUT NO MORE AND NOT HERE, VOTERS SAY**

Pennsylvania voters give Gov. Tom Corbett a negative 36 – 53 percent approval rating, his worst net score ever, and say 56 – 36 percent that he does not deserve reelection, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to Gov. Corbett’s negative 35 – 48 percent approval in a June 7 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, when voters said 52 – 32 percent he does not deserve reelection.

Today, Corbett gets negative grades of 31 – 58 percent from women, 42 – 47 percent from men, 16 – 75 percent from Democrats and 35 – 53 percent from independent voters. Republicans approve 61 – 27 percent.

As the 2014 election year begins, U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz leads Corbett 45 – 37 percent. Matchups with other possible Democratic challengers show:

- State Treasurer Rob McCord with 42 percent to Corbett’s 39 percent;
- Corbett over former State Public Utility Commissioner John Hanger 42 – 37 percent;
- Former presidential advisor Katie McGinty over Corbett 44 – 37 percent;
- Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski with 41 percent to Corbett’s 39 percent;
- Former State Auditor General Jack Wagner over Corbett 48 – 36 percent;
- Former State Department of Revenue Secretary Tom Wolf over Corbett 44 – 37 percent.

“Pennsylvania voters deliver a big bag of coal to Gov. Tom Corbett and directions to the State House exit as he heads into the holidays with the worst net approval rating he has ever had,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“The governor has 11 months to turn things around, or to hope that the Democrats rip each other apart as they battle for the chance to take on what looks like an easy target.”

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Pennsylvania voters say 52 – 40 percent that Gov. Corbett should not run for reelection and give him negative grades on his handling of a number of issues:

- 28 – 62 percent for handling taxes;
- 33 – 51 percent for handling health care;
- 33 – 57 percent for handling the economy;
- 28 – 62 percent for handling education;
- 26 – 64 percent for handling government spending;
- 29 – 50 percent for handling the Penn State situation;
- 27 – 42 percent for handling issues of special concern to women;
- 34 – 47 percent for handling transportation.

Voters are divided on whether the governor is honest and trustworthy, as 43 percent say yes and 46 percent say no. They also are divided on whether he is a strong leader, with 48 percent yes and 45 percent no. And he doesn't care about their needs and problems, voters say 57 – 35 percent.

“If it were a Penn State game, it would be a blowout,” Malloy said. “Some 56 percent of Pennsylvania voters say Gov. Corbett does not deserve a second chance and 52 percent say he shouldn't even come out of the locker room for the second half.”

Gambling

The current legal gambling in Pennsylvania is a “good thing,” voters say 55 – 37 percent. But voters oppose 57 – 39 percent having casino gambling in the town or city where they live. Voters also oppose 62 – 33 percent legalized online gambling in the state.

Increasing the number of casinos and legalizing online gambling would lead to increased gambling addiction in Pennsylvania, voters say 70 – 26 percent.

But voters agree 71 – 26 percent with the argument that it's better for people who like to gamble to keep their money in Pennsylvania rather than gamble in another state.

“Pennsylvania voters are OK with keeping the roulette wheels turning, but think internet gambling is a bad idea and gambling is a pathway to addiction,” Malloy said.

From December 11 – 16, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,061 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 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. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Rob McCord the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
McCord	42%	8%	86%	33%	37%	46%	71%	49%	17%
Corbett	39	77	4	35	44	34	10	26	70
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	1	3	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	3	4	4	2	3	5	1
DK/NA	15	12	6	24	15	15	15	17	11

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Rob McCord the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 18 2013	Jun 07 2013	Apr 29 2013	Mar 13 2013
McCord	42	43	44	38
Corbett	39	35	35	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	3
DK/NA	15	17	17	16

2. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Allyson Schwartz the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Schwartz	45%	12%	86%	37%	39%	51%	82%	54%	18%
Corbett	37	71	5	39	39	35	6	28	65
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	3	1	2	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	3	3	6	2	2	4	5
DK/NA	12	12	5	17	15	10	8	13	11

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Allyson Schwartz the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 18 2013	Jun 07 2013	Apr 29 2013	Mar 13 2013
Schwartz	45	45	47	42
Corbett	37	35	34	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3	3
DK/NA	12	16	14	15

3. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hanger the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Hanger	37%	11%	69%	29%	36%	39%	68%	41%	15%
Corbett	42	74	11	43	48	36	11	33	69
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	-	2	3	1	3	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	3	4	9	6	4	2	7	4
DK/NA	14	11	14	16	9	18	15	18	10

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hanger the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 18 2013	Mar 13 2013
Hanger	37	41
Corbett	42	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	2
DK/NA	14	13

4. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Katie McGinty the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
McGinty	44%	12%	80%	31%	38%	48%	77%	53%	13%
Corbett	37	74	7	40	42	34	10	24	71
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	3	1	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1	4	3	4	2	3	3	4
DK/NA	15	13	8	24	15	15	9	20	12

5. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ed Pawlowski the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Pawlowski	41%	8%	80%	36%	36%	47%	78%	51%	13%
Corbett	39	74	6	42	48	32	10	24	71
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	1	3	6	2	5	2	5	4
DK/NA	14	16	9	14	14	13	7	19	11

TREND: If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ed Pawlowski the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Dec 18 2013	Mar 13 2013
Pawlowski	41	44
Corbett	39	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3
DK/NA	14	13

6. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Jack Wagner the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Wagner	48%	12%	86%	34%	44%	51%	77%	54%	23%
Corbett	36	71	6	41	42	30	8	28	63
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	2	1	-	2	3	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	4	5	4	4	1	6	4
DK/NA	11	13	2	18	10	12	11	11	10

7. (Split Sample) 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?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Wolf	44%	13%	81%	35%	40%	47%	77%	54%	14%
Corbett	37	73	6	36	42	32	10	23	67
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	2	4	8	5	4	3	7	3
DK/NA	14	12	9	19	12	16	10	16	14

TREND: 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?

	Dec 18 2013	Mar 13 2013
Wolf	44	39
Corbett	37	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	5	2
DK/NA	14	18

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	36%	61%	16%	35%	42%	31%	15%	30%	57%
Disapprove	53	27	75	53	47	58	75	61	30
DK/NA	11	13	9	12	11	11	10	9	13

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling his job as Governor? (* Approve Low also 35% Jun 2012)

	Dec 18 2013	Jun 07 2013	Apr 29 2013	Mar 13 2013	APPROVE.....		DISAPPROVE	
					High	Low	High	
					Sep 29 2011	Jun 07 2013*	Dec 18 2013	
Approve	36	35	38	39	50	35	36	
Disapprove	53	48	47	49	32	48	53	
DK/NA	11	16	15	12	18	16	11	

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	31%	49%	19%	29%	37%	27%	19%	27%	44%
Disapprove	56	36	68	60	52	59	69	64	41
DK/NA	13	14	13	11	11	14	12	10	14

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?
 (*Low also 25% Dec 2009)

	APPROVE.....						
				High		Low	
	Dec 18	Jun 07	Apr 29	Mar 13	Jan 29	Apr 10	May 13
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2003	2010*
Approve	31	27	29	28	33	49	25
Disapprove	56	53	52	58	46	24	59
DK/NA	13	20	19	14	20	27	16

25. Do you feel that Tom Corbett deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Lib	Mod	Con
Yes/Deserves	36%	59%	13%	36%	39%	32%	11%	27%	60%
No/Does not	56	31	80	54	53	59	78	66	31
DK/NA	9	9	7	9	8	9	11	7	8

TREND: Do you feel that Tom Corbett deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Dec 18	Jun 07	Apr 29	Mar 13	Jan 29
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
Yes/Deserves	36	32	32	35	31
No/Does not	56	52	50	53	51
DK/NA	9	16	17	12	18

26. 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?

	POLITICAL PHILSPHY								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Lib	Mod	Con
Very satisfied	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Smwht satisfied	39	56	25	41	42	37	28	30	57
Smwht dissatisfied	36	26	42	39	35	38	40	45	25
Very dissatisfied	21	14	30	18	20	22	31	23	13
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1

TREND: 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?

	VERY+SMWHT SAT						
				High		Low	
	Dec 18	Jun 07	Apr 29	Mar 13	Jan 29	Jun 05	Dec 15
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2002	2010
Very satisfied	2	4	4	3	3	8	2
Smwht satisfied	39	42	41	41	42	60	35
Smwht dissatisfied	36	34	38	38	37	22	37
Very dissatisfied	21	18	16	18	18	8	25
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	1

27. Do you think Tom Corbett should or should not run for reelection as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Should	40%	61%	23%	40%	46%	35%	25%	34%	58%
Should not	52	32	71	52	48	56	69	61	33
DK/NA	7	7	6	7	6	8	7	5	9

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	33%	56%	13%	32%	37%	29%	13%	23%	55%
Disapprove	57	35	78	56	52	61	77	68	33
DK/NA	10	8	9	12	11	9	10	9	12

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - health care?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	33%	49%	19%	35%	36%	30%	16%	27%	50%
Disapprove	51	30	71	50	50	52	71	58	31
DK/NA	16	22	10	15	15	18	12	15	19

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - education?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	28%	47%	13%	28%	32%	25%	14%	20%	46%
Disapprove	62	39	80	63	58	65	79	73	39
DK/NA	10	14	7	9	11	9	7	7	15

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - government spending?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	26%	43%	9%	29%	33%	20%	11%	19%	44%
Disapprove	64	46	83	60	57	70	79	73	44
DK/NA	10	11	8	11	9	10	11	8	12

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - the Penn State situation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	29%	35%	23%	29%	29%	28%	17%	27%	39%
Disapprove	50	40	61	47	50	49	67	54	35
DK/NA	22	25	15	24	20	23	16	19	26

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - taxes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	28%	44%	17%	26%	32%	25%	13%	23%	43%
Disapprove	62	44	76	63	60	63	75	69	45
DK/NA	10	12	7	11	9	12	12	7	12

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - transportation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	34%	47%	21%	39%	38%	31%	21%	31%	47%
Disapprove	47	35	60	43	48	46	58	51	35
DK/NA	19	18	19	19	14	23	21	18	18

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling - issues of special concern to women?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Approve	27%	48%	11%	26%	28%	26%	10%	20%	46%
Disapprove	42	19	68	42	39	45	70	51	18
DK/NA	30	33	22	32	33	28	20	29	36

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	48%	63%	30%	54%	49%	47%	32%	44%	62%
No	45	29	63	38	44	46	64	49	29
DK/NA	7	8	6	8	7	7	4	6	9

TREND: Would you say that Tom Corbett has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Dec 18 2013	Nov 15 2012
Yes	48	47
No	45	35
DK/NA	7	18

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	43%	68%	24%	42%	50%	36%	19%	38%	64%
No	46	25	64	46	41	50	69	50	27
DK/NA	11	7	12	12	8	14	11	12	9

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes	35%	58%	14%	34%	38%	32%	18%	24%	57%
No	57	32	80	59	52	61	77	70	31
DK/NA	8	10	6	7	10	7	5	6	11

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Liberal	15%	19%	12%	14%	13%	17%	3%	16%	21%
Conservative	33	10	57	29	32	34	71	38	8
About right	37	57	19	38	40	35	15	30	58
DK/NA	15	13	12	19	15	15	10	16	14

42. Do you think the current legal gambling in Pennsylvania is a good thing or a bad thing for Pennsylvania?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Good thing	55%	54%	56%	57%	57%	54%	53%	59%	51%
Bad thing	37	39	36	34	36	37	39	32	40
DK/NA	8	7	8	9	8	9	8	9	9

TREND: Do you think the current legal gambling in Pennsylvania is a good thing or a bad thing for Pennsylvania?

	Dec 18 2013	Feb 16 2011
Good thing	55	64
Bad Thing	37	29
DK/NA	8	6

43. Do you think there should or should not be more casinos in Pennsylvania?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Should	23%	22%	22%	28%	26%	21%	24%	25%	21%
Should not	70	73	72	66	68	72	71	70	70
DK/NA	7	6	6	6	6	7	5	5	9

44. Would you support or oppose having casino gambling in the town or city you live in?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Support	39%	36%	39%	41%	42%	36%	40%	42%	34%
Oppose	57	61	56	54	53	60	57	55	58
DK/NA	5	4	5	5	6	4	4	3	7

45. Would you support or oppose legalizing online gambling in Pennsylvania?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Support	33%	29%	32%	36%	39%	27%	37%	34%	30%
Oppose	62	66	63	60	54	69	57	63	64
DK/NA	5	6	5	3	6	4	5	3	6

46. Do you think increasing the number of casinos and legalizing online gambling would lead to an increase in gambling addiction in Pennsylvania or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Yes/Incr addiction	70%	71%	72%	71%	68%	72%	69%	69%	71%
No	26	26	23	26	28	24	26	26	25
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	4

47. Some people say that it's better for Pennsylvania that people who like to gamble spend their money in Pennsylvania than take it to other states. Do you agree or disagree?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	POLITICAL PHILSPHY		
							Lib	Mod	Con
Agree	71%	72%	72%	69%	74%	68%	65%	75%	69%
Disagree	26	24	25	27	24	27	29	22	28
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	2	5	7	3	3