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**PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS SAY ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD QUIT,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SWING STATE POLL FINDS;  
FLORIDA GOV FINALLY BREAKS EVEN, AS OHIO'S KASICH SOARS**

With Democrats divided and only a small gender gap, Pennsylvania voters say 49 – 27 percent that State Attorney General Kathleen Kane should resign, according to a Quinnipiac University Swing State Poll released today.

Governors in Ohio and Pennsylvania have positive approval ratings, with Ohio Gov. John Kasich at more than 2-1, and even Florida Gov. Rick Scott gets a split job approval score, the first time in four years he did not get a negative score, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. The Swing State Poll focuses on Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania because since 1960 no candidate has won the presidential race without taking at least two of these three states.

Looking at 2016 U.S. Senate races, where Democrats hope to gain seats in Florida and Ohio:

- **Florida** remains cloudy as the percentage of voters who don't know enough to form an opinion of any of the many candidates whose names have been mentioned ranges from 67 percent to 93 percent;
- **Ohio** – The race between Republican U.S. Sen. Rob Portman and former Gov. Ted Strickland, the Democratic challenger, is too close to call;
- **Pennsylvania** – Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey maintains a comfortable lead over Democratic challenger Joe Sestak.

“With control of the U.S. Senate in play in 2016, political observers will be watching Florida, where there is a pack of largely unknown contenders,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. “Also in play is Ohio, where a Republican incumbent is struggling, and Pennsylvania, where the Republican is in a good position at this time.”

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**Florida**

Florida voters give Gov. Rick Scott a divided 45 – 44 percent job approval rating, compared to a negative 39 – 49 percent score June 22 and the first time since one month after he took office in 2011 that he did not get a negative approval rating.

Republicans approve 75 – 18 percent, while disapproval is 69 – 20 percent among Democrats and 51 – 38 percent among independent voters. Men approve 53 – 38 percent while women disapprove 50 – 39 percent.

Voters approve 45 – 30 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson is doing and give Sen. Marco Rubio a 57 – 31 percent approval rating.

None of the possible candidates in the 2016 race for Rubio’s Senate seat has achieved enough voter recognition for a valid measure of their favorability.

“With little attention on him these days, Gov. Rick Scott gets his best approval rating ever, perhaps useful for the lame-duck governor who is rumored to be interested in running for the Senate in 2018,” Brown said.

**Ohio**

Ohio voters approve 61 – 28 percent of the job Gov. John Kasich is doing, matching his all-time high rating. Approval is 84 – 10 percent among Republicans and 60 – 28 percent among independent voters. Democrats are divided 46 – 44 percent. Men approve 62 – 25 percent and women approve 60 – 31 percent.

In the 2016 U.S. Senate race, Democratic challenger Ted Strickland gets 44 percent to 41 percent for Republican Sen. Rob Portman. Portman beats Cincinnati City Council member P.G. Sittenfeld 46 – 25 percent.

Voters approve 45 – 26 percent of the job Portman is doing and give him a 42 – 19 percent favorability rating. Strickland gets a 44 – 32 percent favorability rating while 88 percent of voters don’t know enough about Sittenfeld to form an opinion of him.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown gets a 47 – 29 percent approval rating.

“The too-close-to-call status of the U.S. Senate race between Sen. Rob Portman and former Gov. Ted Strickland is progress for the Republican incumbent who had trailed the Democratic challenger in previous Quinnipiac University polls,” said Brown.

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**Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania voters disapprove 54 – 20 percent of the job Kathleen Kane is doing as State Attorney General and say 49 – 27 percent that she should resign.

Democrats are divided 39 – 37 percent on whether Kane should resign while Republicans say 60 – 16 percent that she should go and independent voters agree 44 – 32 percent. Men favor resignation 51 – 27 percent and women say 46 – 27 percent that Kane should quit.

Gov. Tom Wolf gets a 45 – 39 percent approval rating.

Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey leads Democratic challenger Joe Sestak 48 – 33 percent. Men back Toomey 57 – 29 percent. Women are divided, with 40 percent for Toomey and 37 percent for Sestak.

Toomey leads Katie McGinty, former chief of staff to Gov. Wolf, 48 – 32 percent, with men for Toomey 56 – 26 percent. Women are divided with 40 for Toomey and 38 percent for McGinty.

Toomey gets a 49 – 26 percent job approval rating and a 46 – 23 percent favorability rating. For Sestak, 61 percent don't know enough to form an opinion and 74 percent don't know enough about McGinty.

U.S. Sen. Robert Casey Jr. gets a 51 – 25 percent approval rating.

“U.S. Senators Robert Casey and Pat Toomey and Gov. Tom Wolf all have positive approval ratings,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Not so for beleaguered Attorney General Kathleen Kane.

“Pennsylvania voters say the state's top law enforcement official needs to find another job.”

From August 7 – 18 Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 1,093 Florida voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points;
- 1,096 Ohio voters with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points;
- 1,085 Pennsylvania 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.

**For more information, visit <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling>, call (203) 582-5201, or follow us on [Twitter](#) @QuinnipiacPoll.**

40a. (FL only) Is your opinion of Patrick Murphy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	11%
Unfavorable	8
Hvn't hrd enough	81
REFUSED	-

40b. (FL only) Is your opinion of Carlos Lopez-Cantera favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	5%
Unfavorable	9
Hvn't hrd enough	86
REFUSED	-

40c. (FL only) Is your opinion of Alan Grayson favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	10%
Unfavorable	22
Hvn't hrd enough	67
REFUSED	-

40d. (FL only) Is your opinion of Ron DeSantis favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	5%
Unfavorable	8
Hvn't hrd enough	87
REFUSED	-

40e. (FL only) Is your opinion of Gwen Graham favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot
Favorable	9%
Unfavorable	5
Hvn't hrd enough	86
REFUSED	-

40f. (FL only) Is your opinion of Bill McCollum favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	16%
Unfavorable	12
Hvn't hrd enough	71
REFUSED	1

40g. (FL only) Is your opinion of David Jolly favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	6%
Unfavorable	7
Hvn't hrd enough	86
REFUSED	1

40h. (FL only) Is your opinion of Jeff Miller favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	4%
Unfavorable	2
Hvn't hrd enough	93
REFUSED	-

40i. (FL only) Is your opinion of Todd Wilcox favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	5%
Unfavorable	3
Hvn't hrd enough	92
REFUSED	-

40j. (OH only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Ted Strickland the Democrat and Rob Portman the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot
Strickland	44%
Portman	41
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4
DK/NA	10

40k. (OH only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were P.G. Sittenfeld the Democrat and Rob Portman the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot
Sittenfeld	25%
Portman	46
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	6
DK/NA	22

40l. (OH only) Is your opinion of Ted Strickland favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	44%
Unfavorable	32
Hvn't hrd enough	23
REFUSED	1

40m. (OH only) Is your opinion of Rob Portman favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	42%
Unfavorable	19
Hvn't hrd enough	37
REFUSED	1

40n. (OH only) Is your opinion of P.G. Sittenfeld favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	5%
Unfavorable	7
Hvn't hrd enough	88
REFUSED	-

40o. (PA only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Sestak the Democrat and Pat Toomey the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot
Sestak	33%
Toomey	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3
DK/NA	15

40p. (PA only) If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Katie McGinty the Democrat and Pat Toomey the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot
McGinty	32%
Toomey	48
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2
DK/NA	17

40q. (PA only) Is your opinion of Pat Toomey favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	46%
Unfavorable	23
Hvn't hrd enough	30
REFUSED	1

40r. (PA only) Is your opinion of Joe Sestak favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot
Favorable	22%
Unfavorable	17
Hvn't hrd enough	61
REFUSED	1

40s. (PA only) Is your opinion of Katie McGinty favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot
Favorable	15%
Unfavorable	11
Hvn't hrd enough	74
REFUSED	1

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (FL) Rick Scott / (OH) John Kasich / (PA) Tom Wolf - is handling his job as Governor?

	FL Scott	OH Kasich	PA Wolf
Approve	45%	61%	45%
Disapprove	44	28	39
DK/NA	10	11	17

42-43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (FL) Bill Nelson, Marco Rubio / (OH) Sherrod Brown, Rob Portman / (PA) Bob Casey Jr., Pat Toomey - is handling his job as United States Senator?

	FL.....		OH.....		PA.....	
	Nelson	Rubio	Brown	Portman	Casey Jr.	Toomey
	FL	FL	OH	OH	PA	PA
Approve	45%	57%	47%	45%	51%	49%
Disapprove	30	31	29	26	25	26
DK/NA	25	12	25	30	24	24

43a. (PA only) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kathleen Kane is handling her job as State Attorney General?

	Tot
Approve	20%
Disapprove	54
DK/NA	26

43b. (PA only) Do you think Kathleen Kane should resign as State Attorney General or not?

	Tot
Yes/Resign	49%
No	27
DK/NA	24