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SURVEY OF PENNSYLVANIANS SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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#### **Key Findings**

The March 2014 Franklin & Marshall College Poll of registered Democrats finds that Tom Wolf retains a sizable lead in the Democratic primary race for governor, although many voters (46%) remain undecided at the moment. Tom Wolf's name recognition and favorability scores remain the highest among the Democratic candidates. Nearly three in four (71%) registered Democrats have seen a television commercial for governor. Most (85%) of these respondents have seen a Wolf advertisement, but many have seen a McCord (42%) or McGinty (39%) ad.

#### The 2014 Democratic Gubernatorial Primary

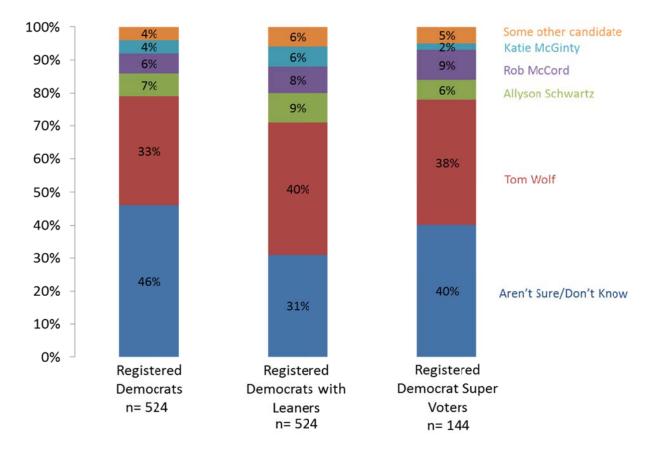
Tom Wolf continues to lead the Democratic gubernatorial field. Wolf leads his closest challenger, Representative Allyson Schwartz, 33% to 7%, similar to the lead he held in the February Poll. Rob McCord (6%) and Katie McGinty (4%) remain well behind Wolf and nearly half (46%) of registered Democrats are still undecided (see Figure 1). Half (51%) of Wolf voters report they are "certain" to vote for him, making his share of certain voters larger than any other candidates. There are minor differences in preference based on a respondent's voting history in the last five primary elections: Wolf's vote share (38%) is slightly larger and McCord (9%) rises to second place, although many (40%) of these regular primary voters remain undecided. Tom Wolf's lead continues to be relatively consistent throughout the various demographic subgroups as it was in February (see Table 1).





Figure 1. Pennsylvania Democratic Gubernatorial Primary Preference, March 2014

If the Democratic primary election for governor were being held today and the candidates included (rotated), Rob McCord, Allyson Schwartz, Katie McGinty, and Tom Wolf, would you vote for ...?



In February, nearly two in three (65%) registered Democrats had seen a television commercial for governor, and almost all (88%) of those respondents had seen a Wolf advertisement and almost none had seen advertising from another candidate. Now, nearly three in four (71%) registered Democrats have seen a television commercial for governor. Most (85%) of these respondents have seen a Wolf advertisement, but many have seen a McCord (42%) or McGinty (39%) ad as well.

Registered Democrats say that education (31%) and the economy (19%) are the issues they will most consider when choosing a gubernatorial candidate. Fracking (6%), taxes (5%), budget (5%), and health care (4%) also receive mentions as key issues. The personal



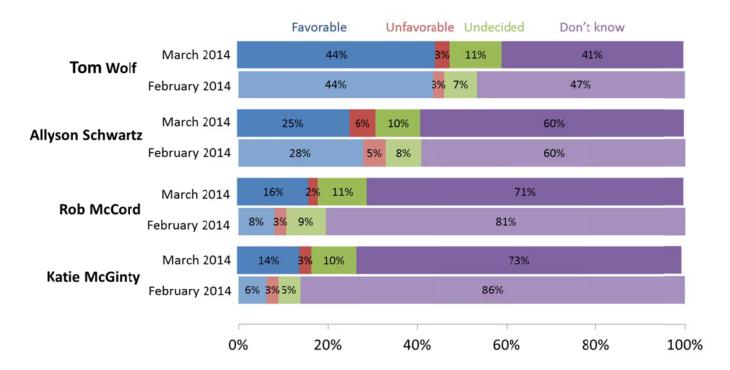


characteristic respondents commonly want in their next gubernatorial candidate includes honesty (40%), a strong character (12%), and being caring (12%). Democrats' preferences on the issues and characteristics they want in a gubernatorial candidate are consistent with the February poll.

Currently, two in five (45%) registered Democrats have a favorable opinion of Tom Wolf and only three percent express an unfavorable opinion of him. Most Democratic candidates are little known, as Figure 2 reveals.

Figure 2. Pennsylvania Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates' Favorability Ratings, February and March 2014

Is your opinion of [FILL name] favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about [FILL name] to have an opinion?







#### Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted March 25-31, 2014. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College under the direction of the poll's Director Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Head Methodologist Berwood Yost, and Project Manager Jacqueline Redman. The data included in this release represent the responses of 524 registered Democratic voters in Pennsylvania. The sample of registered voters was obtained from Voter Contact Services. Survey results were weighted (region and gender) using an iterative weighting algorithm to reflect the known distribution of those characteristics as reported by the Pennsylvania Department of State.

The sample error for this survey is +/- 4.3 percentage points. In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions.





## **Attachment A**

#### **Gubernational Primary: Pennsylvania Democrats March 2014**

If the Democratic primary election for governor were being held today and the candidates included *(rotated)*, Rob McCord, Allyson Schwartz, Katie McGinty, Tom Wolf, would you vote for ...?

		Tom Wolf	Allyson Schwartz	Rob McCord	Katie McGinty	Some other candidate	Do not know
Ideology*							
	Liberal	37%	10%	5%	2%	1%	45%
	Moderate	31%	6%	9%	5%	5%	44%
	Conservative	35%	5%	3%	4%	8%	45%
Gender							
	Male	36%	6%	4%	3%	5%	46%
	Female	30%	7%	8%	5%	3%	47%
Age*							
	Under 35	7%	6%	4%	4%	2%	77%
	35-54	32%	7%	4%	2%	5%	51%
	Over 55	37%	7%	7%	5%	4%	41%
Education				.,.		.,,	
<u> Luuoutioii</u>	HS or less	38%	2%	7%	6%	5%	43%
	Some college	33%	10%	5%	3%	5%	44%
	College degree	29%	8%	6%	3%	3%	51%
Income**	College degree	2370	070	070	370	370	J 1 /0
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	35-75	41%	4%	8%	4%	6%	36%
_	Over 75	34%	12%	4%	3%	4%	42%
Race	\ \ /  - : 4 -	0.40/	70/	70/	F0/	40/	400/
	White	34%	7%	7%	5%	4%	43%
	Nonwhite	24%	6%	5%	2%	2%	61%
Marital Sta		0.10/	201	001	407	40/	2001
	Single, Never Married	21%	2%	8%	1%	1%	66%
	Married	36%	8%	5%	4%	4%	43%
	Not currently married	32%	5%	8%	6%	5%	43%
Religious							
	Protestant	37%	6%	5%	4%	4%	44%
	Catholic	35%	4%	6%	4%	7%	43%
	Other, unaffiliated	25%	10%	7%	4%	1%	53%
Born Agai	n Christian or Fundamenta	list					
	Yes	34%	6%	7%	3%	4%	46%
	No	32%	7%	6%	5%	4%	46%
Gun Owne	r						
	Yes	38%	4%	4%	7%	8%	39%
	No	31%	8%	7%	3%	3%	48%
Region*	-						
- 3	Philadelphia	35%	11%	5%	0%	2%	47%
	Northeast	32%	6%	8%	6%	6%	42%
	Allegheny	31%	2%	4%	3%	10%	50%
	Southwest	35%	0%	2%	7%	5%	51%
	Northwest	24%	2%	14%	8%	5%	48%
	Central	38%	2%	10%	7%	1%	43%
	Southeast	30%	16%	4%	1%	2%	47%
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, .,	Fulltime	34%	8%	6%	4%	4%	44%
	Other	25%	5%	7%	4%	3%	56%
	Retired	36%	6%	6%	4%	4%	44%

<sup>\*</sup> p<0.01





<sup>\*\*</sup> p<0.05

## **Marginal Frequency Report**

Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you CURRENTLY REGISTERED to vote at your present address?

100% Yes 0% No

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

100% Democrat

RightDir. All in all, do you think things in Pennsylvania are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	Headed in Right Direction	Off on the Wrong Track	Don't know
Mar 2014	22%	66%	11%
Feb 2014	21%	68%	11%

MIP\_PA. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT problem facing PENNSYLVANIA TODAY?

Feb	Mar		
2014	2014		
25%	32%	Education, school	
23%	23%	Unemployment, personal finances	
16%	10%	Government, politicians	
5%	6%	Taxes	
6%	5%	Energy issues, gas prices	
3%	5%	Economy	
3%	3%	Healthcare, insurance	
1%	3%	Crime, drugs, violence, guns	
4%	2%	Roads, infrastructure	
1%	2%	Social issues	
1%	1%	Senior issues, social security	
1%	1%	Environment	
1%	0%	Civil liberties	
1%	0%	Retaining, attracting businesses	
1%	0%	Housing, real estate	
3%	3%	Other	
7%	6%	Don't know	





IntFav. Please let me know your opinion of some people involved in politics today. Is your opinion of [FILL name] favorable, unfavorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about [FILL name] to have an opinion? (rotated)

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Undecided	Don't know
BARACK OBAM	IA					
Mar 2014	41%	27%	6%	17%	8%	1%
Feb 2014	47%	27%	7%	11%	8%	1%
ROB McCORD						
Mar 2014	5%	11%	1%	1%	11%	71%
Feb 2014	3%	5%	2%	1%	9%	81%
ALLYSON SCH	VARTZ					
Mar 2014	8%	17%	3%	3%	10%	60%
Feb 2014	10%	18%	3%	2%	8%	60%
TOM WOLF						
Mar 2014	20%	25%	2%	1%	11%	41%
Feb 2014	20%	24%	2%	1%	7%	47%
KATIE McGINTY						
Mar 2014	4%	10%	1%	2%	10%	73%
Feb 2014	1%	5%	2%	1%	5%	86%

Vote\_May. Many people will vote in the primary election for Governor in May; however, many other people will not. What would you say are the chances of your voting in the May primary? Are you...

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
68%	70%	Certain to vote
18%	18%	Will you probably vote
10%	9%	Are the chances fifty-fifty you will vote, or
4%	3%	Don't you think that you will vote in the primary election
1%	1%	Don't Know

Prim. When it comes to primary elections, do you...

	Always vote	Usually vote	Only sometimes vote	Rarely vote
Mar 2014	52%	29%	14%	4%
Feb 2014	55%	27%	13%	5%

DemPrimG. If the Democratic primary election for governor were being held today and the candidates included *(rotated)*, Rob McCord, Allyson Schwartz, Katie McGinty, and Tom Wolf, would you vote for ...

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
36%	33%	Tom Wolf
9%	7%	Allyson Schwartz
3%	6%	Rob McCord
1%	4%	Katie McGinty
2%	4%	Some other candidate
48%	46%	Don't Know





CertGov Are you absolutely CERTAIN you will vote for: [FILL preferred candidate=DemPrimG] in the election, or are you still making up your mind? (270 named candidate)

46% Absolutely certain 54% Still making up mind

LeanGov. As of today, do you lean more to..., or are you leaning toward some other candidate? (244 no named candidate)

16% Tom Wolf

5% Allyson Schwartz

4% Rob McCord

4% Katie McGinty

4% Some other candidate

67% Aren't sure how you would vote, Don't Know

GovIss. What issue will be most important to you when considering which democratic candidate for governor you support?

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
23%	31%	Education
19%	19%	Economy/Job Market
6%	6%	Energy Issues - fracking
8%	5%	Personal characteristic
7%	5%	Taxes
3%	5%	Budget - pensions
4%	4%	Healthcare
1%	2%	Social Issues
3%	1%	Equal rights/fairness
2%	1%	Benefits for senior citizens
1%	1%	Marijuana Legalization
1%	0%	Gun Control
1%	0%	Infrastructure
1%	0%	Minimum Wage
1%	0%	Women's rights
0%	1%	Nothing
4%	8%	Other
14%	13%	Don't Know





GovChar And what personal characteristic or quality are you most looking for in a candidate for governor?

Feb 2014	Mar 2014	
35%	40%	Honesty
12%	12%	Integrity – strong character
11%	12%	Caring – wants to help people; best interest of the people
4%	5%	Trustworthy
1%	4%	Effective
2%	3%	Fairness
3%	2%	Responsible - willingness to compromise
2%	2%	Experienced
2%	2%	Intelligent/intellectual
1%	2%	Family oriented
3%	1%	Committed - to the state; to citizens
2%	1%	Progressive
1%	1%	Understanding
3%	0%	Willingness to make tough choices
2%	0%	Problem solver - creative
1%	0%	Moderate/Center
1%	0%	Well Spoken
1%	2%	Nothing
5%	6%	Other
8%	8%	Do not know

GovAd1 Have you seen any commercials for the candidates for governor, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Mar 2014	71%	28%	1%
Feb 2014	65%	34%	1%

GovAd2 Which candidate's commercials have you seen? (354 who have seen commercials)

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
88%	85%	Tom Wolf
5%	42%	Rob McCord
3%	39%	Katie McGinty
10%	7%	Allyson Schwartz
5%	10%	Other candidate
21%	11%	Don't Know

<sup>\*</sup>Totals may exceed 100% because multiple responses were accepted

GovDebate Have you watched any of the debates held among the candidates for governor, or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Mar 2014	4%	96%	0%
Feb 2014	4%	96%	1%





VoteOth. If [FILL preferred candidate=DemPrimG] does not win the Democratic nomination for Governor, who do you think you will vote for in the November election? Will you vote for the Democratic candidate, Tom Corbett, some other candidate, or will you probably not vote in the November election?

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
64%	62%	Democratic candidate
5%	7%	Tom Corbett
13%	15%	Some other candidate
3%	2%	Probably not vote in the November election
15%	14%	Don't Know

RatePres. How would you rate the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Would you say he is doing... an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job as President?

	Excellent job	Good job	Only a fair job	Poor job	Don't know
Mar 2014	17%	41%	25%	17%	0%
Feb 2014	18%	44%	26%	11%	1%

WhyRPpos Why do you believe President Obama has done [an excellent/a good] job as president? (306 registered voters)

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
33%	26%	Worked against strong opposition; Congress is to blame for lack of progress
21%	24%	Affordable care act - healthcare
18%	23%	He is trying his best
9%	13%	Handling of foreign policy/ affairs: Reduced Military in Middle East; Ended war in Iraq; Iran
12%	9%	Cares about people and those in need and tries to help
6%	9%	Trying to stay true to goals/promises
12%	8%	Has done/is doing a good job/excellent job
8%	8%	Economy has improved
9%	6%	Has made improvements; changes
5%	4%	Clear sense of priorities
4%	4%	Is a good person; heart is in the right place
3%	4%	Intelligent, thoughtful
3%	4%	Looks out for middle class
4%	3%	Strong character
3%	3%	Negative state
1%	2%	Education initiative
3%	1%	Lowered unemployment rates; created jobs
2%	1%	Marriage equality
0%	1%	Immigration Reform
3%	0%	Listens to the people
5%	6%	Other
1%	3%	Do not know

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WhyRPneg Why do you believe President Obama has done [only a fair/a poor] job as president?(216 registered voters)

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
18%	22%	Affordable care act- Made healthcare system worse, ruined healthcare system
7%	17%	Foreign Policy/Affairs
10%	14%	Has not accomplished anything – has not done anything; No change
9%	11%	Not doing enough for the economy; making economy worse
11%	10%	Inability to build legislative approval or backing
14%	8%	Broken promises - has not lived up to his promises
0%	8%	Inexperienced
9%	7%	Incapable
17%	6%	Cannot/did not overcome opposition
3%	5%	Positive statement
11%	4%	Disagree with agenda
6%	3%	Dishonest
4%	2%	Untrustworthy
6%	1%	Unwilling to compromise
1%	1%	Marriage equality
0%	1%	Immigration reform
3%	0%	Does not identity important issues
1%	0%	Has not addressed senior citizen issues – Medicare bill
1%	0%	Pushes Race as an issue
20%	24%	Other
7%	5%	Do not know

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DemPrim16. If the 2016 Democratic primary election for president were being held today and the candidates included *(rotated)*, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Andrew Cuomo, Elizabeth Warren, Martin O'Malley, Howard Dean and Brian Schweitzer, would you vote for ... some other candidate, or aren't you sure how you would vote?

Feb	Mar	
2014	2014	
58%	55%	Hillary Clinton
6%	5%	Joe Biden
7%	4%	Elizabeth Warren
2%	2%	Andrew Cuomo
1%	0%	Howard Dean
3%	5%	Some other candidate
23%	29%	Don't Know





DEMO I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.

CNTY. Region of state (What is the name of the county you live in?)

- 15% Philadelphia
- 13% Northeast
- 12% Allegheny
- 12% Southwest
- 8% Northwest
- 19% Central
- 22% Southeast

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

- 4% 18-24
- 7% 25-34
- 8% 35-44
- 14% 45-54
- 30% 55-64
- 38% 65 and older

EDUC. What was the highest grade level of schooling you have completed?

- 4% Non high school graduate
- 28% High school graduate or GED
- 14% Some college
- 10% Two-year or tech degree
- 23% Four year college degree
- 22% Post graduate degree

MAR. What is your CURRENT marital status...are you single, married, separated, divorced, or a widower?

- 15% Single, Never Married
- 66% Married
- 10% Divorced
- 11% Widow or widower

IDEO. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

- 33% Liberal
- 41% Moderate
- 19% Conservative
- 7% Don't know

GUN. Are you a gun owner?

- 24% Yes
- 76% No





GUN2. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose creating more laws that regulate gun ownership?

55% Strongly favor16% Somewhat favor

10% Somewhat oppose

15% Strongly oppose

4% Don't know

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

2% Yes 98% No

RACE. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background?

84% White 16% Non-white

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

32% Protestant

35% Catholic

16% Some other religion

17% Not affiliated with any religion

BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

22% Yes 77% No

2% Don't know

WORK. Are you currently working fulltime, part-time, going to school, keeping house or something else?

41% Fulltime

9% Part-time

3% Going to school

4% Keeping house

4% Unemployed

4% Disabled

36% Retired

INC1. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below \$50,000 per year?

15% Under \$25,000

10% \$25-\$35,000

13% \$35-50,000

19% \$50-75,000

15% \$75-100,000

23% Over \$100,000

5% Don't know





#### DONE. Sex of respondent:

42% Male 58% Female



