

Philadelphia  
 400 Likely voters in 4 Philadelphia suburbs only  
 – Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery.  
 August 28-31, 2006

**FINAL WEIGHTED TOPLINES**

	<b>TOTAL N= 400</b>	<b>MEN 186</b>	<b>WOMEN 214</b>
Gender			
Men .....	48	100	0
Women.....	52	0	100
County			
Bucks .....	25	25	25
Chester.....	19	19	19
Delaware .....	23	23	23
Montgomery .....	34	34	34
Party registration			
Democratic.....	37	33	40
Republican .....	54	56	52
Independent /Non-partisan .....	9	11	8

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address?

yes.....	100	100	100
no .....	TERMINATE		
(don't know).....	TERMINATE		

2. How likely are you to vote in the 2006 election for Senate, Governor and other offices-- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

almost certain.....	85	88	83
probably .....	15	12	17
50-50 .....	TERMINATE		
probably not .....	TERMINATE		
definitely not .....	TERMINATE		
(don't know).....	TERMINATE		

**TOTAL                      MEN                      WOMEN**

3. How serious a problem is crime and gun violence in Pennsylvania – would you say it is very, somewhat, not very, or not serious at all?

Very serious .....	48	41	54
Somewhat serious .....	40	41	40
Not very serious .....	8	12	4
Not serious at all .....	3	5	1
Not sure/refused.....	2	1	2
<b>Serious .....</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Not serious .....</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>

Now, I am going to read you some statements, and I want you to tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement. Please tell me how much you either agree or disagree with that statement where 10 means you totally agree with the statement, zero means you totally disagree with that statement and 5 means you neither agree nor disagree with that statement. You can be anywhere in between 0 and 10. **[don't know=99]**

**RANDOMIZE Q4-Q6**

4. \_If we really want to reduce crime and gun violence, the whole Philadelphia region has to work together -- the suburbs and the city.

<b>MEAN.....</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>
10 .....	42	37	47
8-9 .....	21	20	22
6-7 .....	12	11	13
5 .....	14	17	12
0-4 .....	11	16	6
(Don't know) .....	0	0	0
<b>6-10 .....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>0-4 .....</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>

5. \_**SSA:** If we really want to increase the safety and security of families in Pennsylvania, the state needs to make sustained investments in education and economic opportunities so our young people have hope for the future.

<b>MEAN.....</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>
10 .....	50	45	55
8-9 .....	20	20	19
6-7 .....	12	13	11
5 .....	12	14	10
0-4 .....	6	7	5
(Don't know) .....	0	0	0
<b>6-10 .....</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>0-4 .....</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**TOTAL                      MEN                      WOMEN**

6. **\_SSB:** If we really want to reduce crime and gun violence in Pennsylvania, the state needs to make sustained investments in education and economic opportunities so our young people have hope for the future.

<b>MEAN.....</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>
10 .....	36	29	43
8-9 .....	27	26	29
6-7 .....	13	14	13
5 .....	14	16	12
0-4 .....	9	16	3
(Don't know) .....	0	0	0
<b>6-10 .....</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>0-4 .....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>

Now, I am going to read you some proposals being considered by the Pennsylvania State Legislature to address crime and safety issues. Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one.

**READ FIRST COMPONENT.** Would you STRONGLY favor, SOMEWHAT favor, somewhat OPPOSE, or STRONGLY oppose that proposal?

**REPEAT PROMPT EVERY THIRD PROPOSAL**

**RANDOMIZE Q7-Q15**

7. **\_SSA:** Reform the state's laws on firearms to allow cities and municipalities greater control over regulating guns and firearms in their locality.

Strongly favor.....	52	46	58
Somewhat favor.....	22	21	24
Somewhat oppose.....	11	13	8
Strongly oppose.....	12	19	5
(Don't know) .....	3	1	5
<b>Favor .....</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Oppose .....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>

8. **\_SSB:** Reform the state's laws on firearms to allow cities and municipalities greater control over regulating guns and firearms in their locality, and give Philadelphia the right to enforce even stronger controls.

Strongly favor.....	55	46	64
Somewhat favor.....	18	14	22
Somewhat oppose.....	9	12	7
Strongly oppose.....	17	29	6
(Don't know) .....	0	0	1
<b>Favor .....</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Oppose .....</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>

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9. \_Require that owners of firearms report lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours or face a fine for an unintentional failure to report, or a criminal charge for an intentional failure to report.

Strongly favor.....	58	59	58
Somewhat favor.....	22	17	26
Somewhat oppose.....	8	8	9
Strongly oppose.....	11	15	6
(Don't know) .....	1	0	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>

10. \_Create a statewide limit on the purchasing of handguns to no more than one gun in any thirty day period. Licensed gun dealers, antique collectors, and law enforcement would be exempt.

Strongly favor.....	66	62	70
Somewhat favor.....	15	16	15
Somewhat oppose.....	6	8	4
Strongly oppose.....	11	14	9
(Don't know) .....	1	1	2
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>

11. \_Change state law to allow the City of Philadelphia to enact an ordinance limiting the sale of handguns to no more than one gun in any thirty day period.

Strongly favor.....	73	65	80
Somewhat favor.....	10	13	8
Somewhat oppose.....	5	6	4
Strongly oppose.....	9	13	5
(Don't know) .....	2	2	3
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>

12. \_Change state law to allow the City of Philadelphia to enact a ban on the sale and ownership of assault weapons, like AK-47s.

Strongly favor.....	72	65	78
Somewhat favor.....	9	8	10
Somewhat oppose.....	6	10	4
Strongly oppose.....	11	16	7
(Don't know) .....	1	0	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>81</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>

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13. **\_SSA:** Amend the state constitution to revise existing strict standards on search and seizure and bring them into line with the federal standards, which would make it easier for law enforcement to search for illegally obtained guns.

Strongly favor.....	50	47	53
Somewhat favor.....	20	19	20
Somewhat oppose.....	13	14	12
Strongly oppose.....	15	17	13
(Don't know) .....	2	3	2
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>

14. **\_SSB:** Amend the state constitution to revise existing strict standards on search and seizure and bring them into line with the federal standards, which would make it easier for law enforcement to search for illegal guns.

Strongly favor.....	52	50	54
Somewhat favor.....	23	28	18
Somewhat oppose.....	10	7	13
Strongly oppose.....	12	13	11
(Don't know) .....	3	3	4
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>

15. **\_Require** all police departments in the state to trace and report any firearm recovered from a juvenile under 18 who was illegally in possession of the firearm, so that we know where juvenile criminals are getting guns illegally.

Strongly favor.....	84	81	86
Somewhat favor.....	13	14	11
Somewhat oppose.....	2	1	3
Strongly oppose.....	1	2	0
(Don't know) .....	1	1	0
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

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**READ:** The federal assault weapon ban expired in 2004 and has not been renewed.

16. **SSA:** Do you favor or oppose banning the future sale or ownership of assault weapons like AK-47s in the state of Pennsylvania?

IF FAVOR/OPPOSE - Is that strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose?

Strongly favor.....	67	61	72
Somewhat favor.....	9	12	7
Somewhat oppose.....	6	7	5
Strongly oppose.....	16	20	13
(Don't know) .....	2	1	3
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>

17. **SSB:** Do you favor or oppose banning the future sale or ownership of assault weapons like AK-47s in the state of Pennsylvania with a grandfather clause for those who already own such weapons, to pass a background check and register the weapon to keep it.

IF FAVOR/OPPOSE - Is that strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose?

Strongly favor.....	55	50	60
Somewhat favor.....	17	17	17
Somewhat oppose.....	7	8	7
Strongly oppose.....	18	24	13
(Don't know) .....	2	2	3
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>

**TOTAL                      MEN                      WOMEN**

**RESUME ASKING ALL**

18. Thinking about the issues we have been discussing, which comes closest to your view --

***[READ AND ROTATE]***

Statement A: Cracking down on illegal guns, gun runners, and violent criminals who use stolen guns in their crimes is good for everyone in the state, including law-abiding gun-owners.

OR

Statement B: Anytime a politician talks about cracking down on guns, their end goal is to take away the rights of gun-owners.

Cracking down is good, strongly .....	66	61	71
Cracking down is good, not so strongly .....	11	13	9
Goal is to take away rights, not so strongly .....	5	6	3
Goal is to take away rights, strongly .....	16	16	15
(Don't know) .....	3	4	1
<b>Cracking down good .....</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Goal is to take away rights.....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>

**TOTAL                      MEN                      WOMEN**

Now, I am going to read you some proposals being considered by the Pennsylvania State Legislature that would require significant new investments of state funding. Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one even though it would require new state funding.

**READ FIRST COMPONENT.** Would you **STRONGLY** favor, **SOMEWHAT** favor, somewhat **OPPOSE**, or **STRONGLY** oppose that proposal?

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**RANDOMIZE Q19-Q26**

19. \_Provide more state assistance to local school districts to establish peer mediation and dispute resolution programs to prevent violence among children and teenagers.

Strongly favor.....	52	52	53
Somewhat favor.....	30	24	35
Somewhat oppose.....	9	10	8
Strongly oppose.....	8	13	3
(Don't know) .....	1	1	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>82</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>

20. \_Increase funding for intensive supervision, case management and other resources directed at juvenile offenders in order to prevent them from committing another crime.

Strongly favor.....	51	51	50
Somewhat favor.....	36	31	40
Somewhat oppose.....	7	8	6
Strongly oppose.....	6	9	3
(Don't know) .....	1	1	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>

21. \_Create a low-interest loan fund for police agencies to purchase equipment such as bullet proof vests.

Strongly favor.....	67	67	67
Somewhat favor.....	23	21	24
Somewhat oppose.....	6	7	5
Strongly oppose.....	4	5	3
(Don't know) .....	1	0	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
22. <b>_SSA:</b> Increase funding for long-term investments such as quality pre-school care and education and other programs like Head Start that pay off in lower crime over time.			
Strongly favor.....	51	44	58
Somewhat favor.....	32	35	30
Somewhat oppose.....	11	12	9
Strongly oppose.....	6	9	3
(Don't know) .....	0	0	0
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>83</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>
23. <b>_SSB:</b> Invest in comprehensive plans based on the latest research that combine tough new penalties with investments in education and opportunities for young people.			
Strongly favor.....	42	39	45
Somewhat favor.....	36	33	39
Somewhat oppose.....	10	13	8
Strongly oppose.....	8	13	3
(Don't know) .....	4	2	5
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>78</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>
24. <b>_</b> Invest in approaches that focus on changing behavior and the underlying culture of violence as well as tougher enforcement and penalties.			
Strongly favor.....	47	45	49
Somewhat favor.....	32	29	35
Somewhat oppose.....	11	12	10
Strongly oppose.....	7	10	4
(Don't know) .....	3	4	2
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>79</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>
25. <b>_SSA:</b> Fund more grants for local governments to put more police on the street.			
Strongly favor.....	53	48	57
Somewhat favor.....	30	27	32
Somewhat oppose.....	7	7	8
Strongly oppose.....	8	16	1
(Don't know) .....	2	2	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>83</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>

**TOTAL                      MEN                      WOMEN**

26. **\_SSB:** Fund more grants for local governments to put more police on the street even it means raising taxes.

Strongly favor.....	31	29	33
Somewhat favor.....	38	30	45
Somewhat oppose.....	16	19	15
Strongly oppose.....	13	21	7
(Don't know) .....	1	2	1
<b>Favor</b> .....	<b>69</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>

**The few remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.**

27. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)?

**[IF INDEPENDENT:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

strong Republican .....	23	21	26
not-so-strong Republican .....	14	16	12
independent - lean Republican .....	4	5	3
<b>Republican</b> .....	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>
independent .....	13	13	13
<b>Democrat</b> .....	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
independent - lean Democratic.....	8	8	7
not-so-strong Democrat .....	9	11	7
strong Democrat .....	23	17	27
(Other) .....	4	5	2
(Don't know) .....	3	3	3

	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN
28. What is your age?			
<b>IF REFUSED:</b> I am going to read you some categories. Stop me when we get to your category.			
18-24 years .....	3	3	3
25-29 .....	4	4	4
30-34 .....	4	6	3
35-39 .....	9	8	10
40-44 .....	8	10	7
45-49 .....	10	9	10
50-54 .....	14	15	13
55-59 .....	12	11	12
60-64 .....	9	10	9
65-69 .....	8	8	9
70-74 .....	7	8	7
Over 7411 .....	7	15	
(refused/don't know).....	0	0	0
29. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?			
<b>[CIRCLE ONE - DO NOT READ]</b>			
8 - 11th grade.....	2	2	2
High school graduate .....	21	25	17
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech).....	3	4	2
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree) .....	17	16	18
College graduate.....	34	29	38
Post-graduate school.....	23	23	22
(don't know) .....	2	2	1
30. Do you have any children at home under the age of 18?			
yes.....	33	35	30
no .....	65	62	68
(don't know/refused).....	2	3	2
31. Does anyone in your household own any firearms?			
Yes, own firearm(s).....	24	32	18
No, do not own firearm(s) .....	71	64	78
Not sure/refused .....	4	5	4
32. Are you a current member of a labor union? <b>(IF NOT CURRENT MEMBER, ASK:)</b> Is anyone in your household a current or retired member of a union?			
Yes, current member of a labor union .....	12	18	7
Yes, current member in household.....	4	3	5
Yes, retired member in household.....	9	9	9
<b>All YES, combined .....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>
No, no one in household is union member .....	72	67	77
(Not sure) .....	2	3	2

**TOTAL                      MEN                      WOMEN**

33. Do you think of yourself as a born again Christian or do you not think of yourself that way?

Born-again Christian .....	20	22	18
Not born again.....	74	73	76
(Don't know) .....	6	5	6

34. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

**(IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?**

White .....	88	86	89
Black .....	6	7	5
Hispanic .....	0	1	0
Asian .....	1	1	1
(Other).....	1	2	1
(Don't know /Refuse).....	4	3	4

35. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_And finally, strictly for verification purposes, can I have just your first name?