



TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Brock McCleary, President
Date: December 1, 2015
RE: Key Poll Findings – Pennsylvania Statewide Survey

Direction of Pennsylvania

Following the trend of our recent Pennsylvania statewide polls, almost two-thirds of voters continue to say things in Pennsylvania are on the wrong track (64%, September: 63%). Just 20% of likely voters say things are headed in the right direction. A majority of voters of all three political parties say things are on the wrong track (Republicans: 10% right direction, 75% wrong track; Democrats: 27%/56%, Independents: 30%/51%).

Syrian Refugees

A mere 29% of likely voters in the state favor “allowing Syrian refugees to resettle in Pennsylvania” while 60% oppose the policy. Three-in-four Republicans oppose allowing Syrian refugees to resettle in the state (19% favor), as do a majority of both Democrats (37% favor, 50% oppose) and Independents (35%/51%). Both self-identified Conservative voters (14% favor, 76% oppose) and Moderates (31%/56%) oppose allowing Syrian refugees to resettle in Pennsylvania, while a majority of Liberals favor this (60%/32%). Opposition to allowing refugees holds across the state (Scranton/Lehigh Valley: 34%/52%, South Central: 29%/59%, Northern Tier: 22%/67%, Pittsburgh/Southwest: 25%/66%, Philadelphia/Southeast: 32%/58%).

METHODOLOGY:

The question regarding Syrian refugee resettlement was added, at the expense of Harper Polling, to a live-operator statewide omnibus survey featuring questions from a variety of clients. The sample size for the survey is 546 likely voters in Pennsylvania and the margin of error is +/-4.19%. Responses were gathered through land line and cell phone interviews using live operators. The survey was conducted November 18-24, 2015 by Harper Polling. The total percentages for responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.