



TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Brock McCleary, President  
Date: March 9, 2016  
RE: Key Poll Findings – Pennsylvania Statewide Republican Primary Survey

**Presidential Ballot**

*Q: If the Republican primary election for President were held today, who would you vote for: Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Marco Rubio, OR Donald Trump?*

	% of vote
<b>Carson</b>	11%
<b>Cruz</b>	17%
<b>Kasich</b>	10%
<b>Rubio</b>	19%
<b>Trump</b>	36%
<b>Undecided</b>	8%

In the race for the Republican nomination for President, Donald Trump leads in Pennsylvania with more than a third of the vote (36%), followed by Marco Rubio (19%) and Ted Cruz (17%). Trump leads in all regions of the state, with Rubio making inroads in the Philadelphia/Southeast region (27%), Scranton/Lehigh Valley (21%), Cruz gaining in the Northern Tier (27%), and Kasich tying with Cruz for second in the Pittsburgh/Southwest region (22%). Trump also has the advantage among Very Conservatives (30%), Somewhat Conservatives (38%) and Moderates (45%). Very Conservative voters choose Cruz second (23%), while Somewhat Conservatives (22%) and Moderates (21%) choose Rubio.

Eighty-four percent of likely Republican primary voters say it is “very important that Republicans nominate a candidate who can beat Hillary Clinton.” By comparison, 78% of likely Democratic voters say it is “very important” to pick a candidate “who can beat Donald Trump.”

**Wall Street vs. Growth of Government**

Three-in-four likely Republican primary voters say “growth of government and regulations” (75%) is holding our country back more than “abuse of power on Wall Street” (17%). This opinion is the exact opposite of Democratic primary voters on this topic. Very Conservatives (83%) and Somewhat Conservatives (81%) overwhelmingly say growth of government is more of a problem, while Moderates narrowly say “abuse of power on Wall street” (48-45%).

*METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 353 likely Republican primary voters in Pennsylvania and the margin of error is +/-5.22%. Responses were gathered through land line interviews conducted using Interactive Voice Response (IVR). The survey was conducted March 1-2, 2016 by Harper Polling. The total percentages for responses may not equal 100% due to rounding. At the time of the survey, Ben Carson was still a candidate in the race.*