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**PENNSYLVANIA GOV. STUCK IN A SLUMP,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
SESTAK RUNS BEST AMONG POSSIBLE DEM. CHALLENGERS**

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, who has struggled with low job-approval ratings during his first two years in office, is stuck with a negative 39 – 49 percent rating, one of his lowest scores ever, according to a Quinnipiac University poll release today.

This compares to a negative 36 – 42 percent job approval in a January 29 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. In today's survey, men are divided with 47 percent approving of Gov. Corbett and 44 percent disapproving. Women disapprove 53 – 33 percent. Disapproval is 74 – 13 percent among Democrats and 47 – 41 percent among independent voters, while Republicans approve 67 – 27 percent.

Pennsylvania voters say 53 – 35 percent that Corbett does not deserve reelection next year. In an early look at the 2014 governor's race former U.S. Rep. Joseph Sestak tops Corbett 47 – 38 percent. Results for other possible Democratic challengers are:

- Corbett gets 42 percent to environmentalist John Hanger's 41 percent;
- Corbett at 40 percent to businessman Tom Knox' 39 percent;
- Corbett gets 42 percent to State Treasurer Rob McCord's 38 percent;
- Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski tops Corbett 44 – 38 percent;
- U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz at 42 percent to Corbett's 39 percent;
- State Sen. Mike Stack at 40 percent to Corbett's 39 percent;
- Corbett and businessman Tom Wolf tied 39 – 39 percent.

“It's still early, but Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett is going nowhere, and maybe even sliding a little as he prepares for what could be a tough reelection fight,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

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“Pennsylvania voters, especially women, don’t like Gov. Corbett and are ready to consider several possible Democratic challengers, especially former Congressman Joseph Sestak, Mayor Ed Pawlowski and U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz,” Malloy added. “The fact that these relative unknowns top or tie Corbett signals a tough road to reelection.”

Pennsylvania voters give their governor a negative 39 – 44 percent favorability rating.

Sestak gets a 27 – 14 percent favorability, with 58 percent who don’t know enough about him to form an opinion. For the other possible Democratic challenges the don’t know enough factor ranges from 67 percent to 89 percent.

Voters disapprove 58 – 28 percent of the job the State Legislature is doing, brushing up against the all-time low score, a 59 – 25 percent disapproval in a May 13, 2010, Quinnipiac University poll.

Voters approve 48 – 34 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Robert Casey Jr. is doing and give U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey a 43 – 32 percent job approval rating.

Pennsylvania voters are divided 46 – 43 percent on whether it’s a good idea or bad idea to increase the number of people in the state eligible for Medicaid.

From March 6 – 11, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,116 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 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 and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were John Hanger the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Hanger	41%	13%	75%	29%	39%	43%
Corbett	42	75	10	47	48	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	-	2	3	2	2
DK/NA	13	10	13	19	9	19

2. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Knox the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Knox	39%	6%	79%	29%	34%	43%
Corbett	40	77	9	39	49	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3	4	3	4
DK/NA	16	13	10	27	12	19

3. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Rob McCord the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
McCord	38%	12%	71%	26%	33%	42%
Corbett	42	77	11	40	48	37
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	1	7	5	1
DK/NA	16	10	16	26	14	18

4. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Ed Pawlowski the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Pawlowski	44%	15%	78%	29%	41%	46%
Corbett	38	73	7	44	47	31
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	3	3	2	4
DK/NA	13	8	12	22	9	17

5. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Allyson Schwartz the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Schwartz	42%	13%	77%	35%	39%	45%
Corbett	39	71	8	39	45	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	3	3	3	3
DK/NA	15	14	12	20	12	18

6. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Sestak the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Sestak	47%	16%	87%	34%	41%	53%
Corbett	38	73	7	35	46	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	3	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	1	6	3	2
DK/NA	11	11	5	22	9	13

7. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Mike Stack the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Stack	40%	15%	75%	27%	38%	42%
Corbett	39	71	5	35	45	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	4	7	3	4
DK/NA	17	11	15	30	14	20

8. (Split Sample) If the election for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Tom Wolf the Democrat and Tom Corbett the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Wolf	39%	8%	79%	24%	36%	42%
Corbett	39	77	7	34	46	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	3	3	2	2
DK/NA	18	12	11	36	14	22

9. Is your opinion of Tom Corbett favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	39%	69%	12%	36%	45%	33%
Unfavorable	44	22	68	42	41	48
Hvn't hrd enough	14	7	18	18	11	17
REFUSED	2	2	2	4	3	2

	Alghny	Philly	NthEst	SthEst	NthWst	SthWst	Cntrl
Favorable	37%	22%	43%	41%	48%	37%	41%
Unfavorable	53	50	41	41	36	45	45
Hvn't hrd enough	8	24	15	17	11	15	11
REFUSED	2	4	-	1	5	4	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Tom Corbett favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	FAVORABLE....						
	Mar 13	Jul 13	May 13	Apr 8	Mar 3	High	Low
	2013	2010	2010	2010	2010	May 13	Jul 21
						2010	2009
Favorable	39	44	49	47	43	49	38
Unfavorable	44	11	13	13	7	13	6
Hvn't hrd enough	14	44	36	38	48	36	55
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	1	1

10. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of John Hanger favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	6%	5%	9%	3%	8%	5%
Unfavorable	5	8	1	4	6	4
Hvn't hrd enough	89	86	90	92	86	91
REFUSED	-	1	-	-	-	-

11. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Tom Knox favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	9%	4%	15%	8%	11%	7%
Unfavorable	7	8	5	8	9	6
Hvn't hrd enough	83	88	79	84	79	87
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	1	-

TREND: Is your opinion of Tom Knox favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Mar 13 2013	Dec 17 2009	Sep 30 2009	Jul 21 2009
Favorable	9	9	10	10
Unfavorable	7	4	4	4
Hvn't hrd enough	83	87	85	85
REFUSED	-	1	1	1

12. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Rob McCord favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	12%	8%	18%	10%	9%	13%
Unfavorable	5	8	5	2	8	3
Hvn't hrd enough	83	84	77	87	83	83
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	-	1

13. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Ed Pawlowski favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	9%	5%	16%	3%	10%	7%
Unfavorable	5	8	1	5	7	3
Hvn't hrd enough	87	87	83	92	83	89
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	-	-

14. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Allyson Schwartz favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	22%	8%	37%	23%	19%	25%
Unfavorable	11	16	2	13	15	6
Hvn't hrd enough	67	76	61	62	65	68
REFUSED	1	-	-	2	1	-

15. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Joe Sestak favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	27%	18%	40%	23%	31%	24%
Unfavorable	14	21	6	13	18	11
Hvn't hrd enough	58	61	53	64	51	64
REFUSED	-	-	1	-	-	-

TREND: Is your opinion of Joe Sestak favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (*Low also 18% May 2009)

	Mar 13 2013	Jul 14 2010	May 13 2010	Apr 8 2010	Mar 2 2010	FAVORABLE....	
						High May 13 2010	Low Mar 2 2010*
Favorable	27	31	32	20	18	32	18
Unfavorable	14	20	14	11	6	14	6
Hvn't hrd enough	58	47	52	68	74	52	74
REFUSED	-	2	2	1	1	2	1

16. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Mike Stack favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	9%	6%	15%	6%	10%	8%
Unfavorable	4	6	1	6	6	3
Hvn't hrd enough	86	88	84	87	84	89
REFUSED	-	-	1	-	-	1

17. (Split Sample) Is your opinion of Tom Wolf favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Favorable	10%	7%	16%	9%	13%	8%
Unfavorable	5	6	2	6	7	3
Hvn't hrd enough	85	87	82	85	80	88
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	-	-

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling his job as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	67%	13%	41%	47%	33%
Disapprove	49	27	74	47	44	53
DK/NA	12	7	13	12	9	14

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	34%	42%	37%	41%	48%	47%	39%	37%
Disapprove	57	45	51	53	43	41	52	50
DK/NA	8	13	12	6	9	12	9	13

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Tom Corbett is handling his job as Governor?

	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	Nov 15 2012	Jun 27 2012	Jun 12 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Sep 29 2011	Low Jun 27 2012
Approve	39	36	40	35	36	50	35
Disapprove	49	42	38	50	47	32	50
DK/NA	12	23	23	15	17	18	15

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Approve	28%	35%	18%	32%	36%	21%			
Disapprove	58	49	71	55	54	62			
DK/NA	14	16	12	14	10	17			
	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	27%	28%	24%	27%	35%	40%	26%	23%	
Disapprove	58	59	60	62	52	52	60	61	
DK/NA	16	13	16	10	13	8	15	16	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?
(*Low also 25% Dec 2009)

	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	Nov 15 2012	Jun 12 2012	Mar 15 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Apr 10 2003	Low May 13 2010*
Approve	28	33	36	27	29	49	25
Disapprove	58	46	43	51	54	24	59
DK/NA	14	20	21	21	17	27	16

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob Casey Jr. is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Approve	48%	37%	66%	43%	45%	52%			
Disapprove	34	46	19	38	40	29			
DK/NA	17	16	14	18	15	20			
	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HSHOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	49%	48%	50%	53%	46%	50%	48%	48%	
Disapprove	35	34	35	32	38	28	37	36	
DK/NA	16	18	16	15	16	22	14	17	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob Casey Jr. is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	Nov 15 2012	Jun 12 2012	Mar 14 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High May 28 2009	Low Dec 16 2010
Approve	48	44	49	51	46	56	39
Disapprove	34	36	37	29	27	21	29
DK/NA	17	21	14	20	26	23	32

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pat Toomey is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Approve	43%	58%	31%	41%	46%	39%			
Disapprove	32	19	44	33	34	29			
DK/NA	26	23	25	26	20	31			
	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	35-54	55+	
Approve	40%	44%	42%	44%	45%	43%	41%	45%	
Disapprove	35	30	33	30	31	32	33	30	
DK/NA	25	26	25	26	24	25	26	25	

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pat Toomey is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	Nov 15 2012	Jun 12 2012	Mar 14 2012	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 15 2011	Low Jun 12 2012
Approve	43	43	43	40	42	45	40
Disapprove	32	25	28	27	28	28	27
DK/NA	26	32	29	32	31	27	32

32. Do you feel that Tom Corbett deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom			
Yes/Deserves	35%	59%	12%	34%	42%	28%			
No/Does not	53	33	77	48	48	57			
DK/NA	12	8	11	18	10	15			
	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	ANNUAL <50K	HS HOLD 50-100	INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	35-54	55+	
Yes/Deserves	29%	37%	33%	36%	39%	40%	33%	33%	
No/Does not	59	50	53	56	51	50	54	54	
DK/NA	12	13	14	8	9	10	13	13	

TREND: Do you feel that Tom Corbett deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013
Yes/Deserves	35	31
No/Does not	53	51
DK/NA	12	18

33. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Pennsylvania today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very satisfied	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%
Smwht satisfied	41	52	33	40	45	37
Smwht dissatisfied	38	35	41	35	33	41
Very dissatisfied	18	10	23	21	17	19
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Very satisfied	2%	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%
Smwht satisfied	41	41	38	43	43	57	37	36
Smwht dissatisfied	38	38	36	37	42	28	43	39
Very dissatisfied	19	18	21	19	12	12	18	20
DK/NA	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in Pennsylvania today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Mar 13 2013	Jan 29 2013	Nov 15 2012	Jun 12 2012	Mar 15 2012	VERY+SMWHT SAT High Jun 05 2002	VERY+SMWHT SAT Low Dec 15 2010
Very satisfied	3	3	5	3	3	8	2
Smwht satisfied	41	42	46	40	40	60	35
Smwht dissatisfied	38	37	31	39	38	22	37
Very dissatisfied	18	18	17	17	19	8	25
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	-	3	1

34. As you may know Medicaid is a government program that pays for health care for low-income people and others with certain disabilities. Do you think that increasing the number of people eligible for Medicaid coverage in Pennsylvania is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Good idea	46%	29%	64%	45%	39%	52%
Bad idea	43	63	24	44	49	38
DK/NA	11	8	12	12	12	10

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC <50K	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC 50-100	ANNUAL HSHOLD INC >100K	AGE IN YRS..... 18-34	AGE IN YRS..... 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+
Good idea	47%	45%	53%	41%	39%	43%	46%	46%
Bad idea	43	44	38	49	52	53	43	40
DK/NA	9	11	10	10	9	4	10	13