

## Pennsylvania 8th



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|                                  | Likely Voters | Certain Voters | Party Identification |          |             | Geography |       | Hierarchical Vote  |                       |                 |                  |               | Bush Job Approval |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
|                                  |               |                | Republican           | Democrat | Independent | North     | South | Strong Fitzpatrick | Weak/Lean Fitzpatrick | Undecided/Other | Weak/Lean Murphy | Strong Murphy | Approve           | Disapprove |
| Weighted Proportion              | 100%          | 79%            | 51%                  | 34%      | 15%         | 60%       | 40%   | 37%                | 9%                    | 3%              | 11%              | 39%           | 34%               | 58%        |
| <b>1. Voter Motivation Index</b> |               |                |                      |          |             |           |       |                    |                       |                 |                  |               |                   |            |
| Mean                             | 7.71          | 9.00           | 7.80                 | 7.54     | 7.84        | 7.78      | 7.62  | 7.86               | 7.91                  | 6.95            | 5.68             | 8.20          | 8.20              | 7.48       |
| <b>2. Preference</b>             |               |                |                      |          |             |           |       |                    |                       |                 |                  |               |                   |            |
| Republican Fitzpatrick           | 44%           | 46%            | 72%                  | 11%      | 26%         | 42%       | 47%   | 100%               | 75%                   | 0%              | 0%               | 0%            | 92%               | 14%        |
| Other-Consider Fitzpatrick       | 1%            | 1%             | 1%                   | 1%       | 1%          | 1%        | 0%    | 0%                 | 9%                    | 0%              | 0%               | 0%            | 1%                | 1%         |
| Undecided-Lean Fitzpatrick       | 2%            | 2%             | 2%                   | 1%       | 1%          | 2%        | 1%    | 0%                 | 16%                   | 0%              | 0%               | 0%            | 3%                | 1%         |
| Democrat Murphy                  | 46%           | 49%            | 21%                  | 76%      | 61%         | 48%       | 43%   | 0%                 | 0%                    | 0%              | 61%              | 100%          | 1%                | 74%        |
| Other-Consider Murphy            | 1%            | 0%             | 0%                   | 1%       | 1%          | 0%        | 1%    | 0%                 | 0%                    | 0%              | 5%               | 0%            | 0%                | 1%         |
| Undecided-Lean Murphy            | 4%            | 1%             | 0%                   | 7%       | 8%          | 3%        | 5%    | 0%                 | 0%                    | 0%              | 34%              | 0%            | 1%                | 6%         |
| Other                            | 1%            | 1%             | 2%                   | 0%       | 0%          | 2%        | 0%    | 0%                 | 0%                    | 34%             | 0%               | 0%            | 1%                | 1%         |
| Undecided                        | 2%            | 2%             | 2%                   | 3%       | 3%          | 2%        | 2%    | 0%                 | 0%                    | 66%             | 0%               | 0%            | 2%                | 2%         |
| Total Fitzpatrick                | 47%           | 48%            | 75%                  | 13%      | 27%         | 46%       | 48%   | 100%               | 100%                  | 0%              | 0%               | 0%            | 95%               | 16%        |
| Total Murphy                     | 50%           | 50%            | 21%                  | 85%      | 69%         | 50%       | 50%   | 0%                 | 0%                    | 0%              | 100%             | 100%          | 2%                | 82%        |
| <b>3. Certainty</b>              |               |                |                      |          |             |           |       |                    |                       |                 |                  |               |                   |            |
| Certain                          | 79%           | 84%            | 83%                  | 75%      | 77%         | 81%       | 78%   | 100%               | 0%                    | 100%            | 0%               | 100%          | 85%               | 77%        |
| May Vote for Opponent            | 21%           | 16%            | 17%                  | 25%      | 23%         | 20%       | 22%   | 0%                 | 100%                  | 0%              | 100%             | 0%            | 15%               | 24%        |
| <b>Hierarchical Vote</b>         |               |                |                      |          |             |           |       |                    |                       |                 |                  |               |                   |            |
| Strong Fitzpatrick               | 37%           | 39%            | 62%                  | 8%       | 23%         | 37%       | 38%   | 100%               | 0%                    | 0%              | 0%               | 0%            | 81%               | 10%        |
| Weak/Lean Fitzpatrick            | 9%            | 9%             | 13%                  | 5%       | 5%          | 9%        | 10%   | 0%                 | 100%                  | 0%              | 0%               | 0%            | 14%               | 6%         |
| Undecided/Other                  | 3%            | 3%             | 4%                   | 3%       | 3%          | 4%        | 3%    | 0%                 | 0%                    | 100%            | 0%               | 0%            | 3%                | 2%         |
| Weak/Lean Murphy                 | 12%           | 7%             | 4%                   | 20%      | 18%         | 11%       | 12%   | 0%                 | 0%                    | 0%              | 100%             | 0%            | 1%                | 18%        |
| Strong Murphy                    | 39%           | 43%            | 17%                  | 65%      | 51%         | 40%       | 37%   | 0%                 | 0%                    | 0%              | 0%               | 100%          | 0%                | 64%        |

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**4. Bush Job Approval**

Approve      34%  
Disapprove    58%  
Not Sure      8%

**5. Gender**

Female      51%  
Male        49%

**6. Age** (from voter file match)

18-44      32%  
45-64      37%  
65-74      16%  
75+        15%

**7/8a. Race**

Hispanic/Latino    1%  
White                96%  
Black                2%  
Asian/Other        1%

**9. Party Identification**

Republican      51%  
Democrat        34%  
Independent/Other 15%

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|                   |               |                | Republican           | Democrat | Independent | North     | South | Strong Fitzpatrick | Weak/Lean Fitzpatrick | Undecided/Other | Weak/Lean Murphy | Strong Murphy | Approve           | Disapprove |
|                   | 100%          | 79%            | 51%                  | 34%      | 15%         | 60%       | 40%   | 37%                | 9%                    | 3%              | 11%              | 39%           | 34%               | 58%        |
| Approve           | 34%           | 36%            | 55%                  | 8%       | 20%         | 33%       | 35%   | 73%                | 51%                   | 34%             | 4%               | 0%            | 100%              | 0%         |
| Disapprove        | 58%           | 56%            | 35%                  | 87%      | 73%         | 60%       | 56%   | 16%                | 37%                   | 37%             | 90%              | 96%           | 0%                | 100%       |
| Not Sure          | 8%            | 8%             | 10%                  | 6%       | 7%          | 7%        | 9%    | 11%                | 12%                   | 30%             | 6%               | 4%            | 0%                | 0%         |
| Female            | 51%           | 51%            | 46%                  | 65%      | 39%         | 47%       | 58%   | 45%                | 47%                   | 70%             | 42%              | 60%           | 51%               | 51%        |
| Male              | 49%           | 49%            | 54%                  | 35%      | 62%         | 53%       | 43%   | 55%                | 53%                   | 30%             | 58%              | 40%           | 49%               | 49%        |
| 18-44             | 32%           | 32%            | 33%                  | 28%      | 38%         | 33%       | 31%   | 33%                | 41%                   | 63%             | 29%              | 27%           | 36%               | 27%        |
| 45-64             | 37%           | 39%            | 38%                  | 36%      | 36%         | 39%       | 33%   | 35%                | 37%                   | 33%             | 20%              | 45%           | 36%               | 38%        |
| 65-74             | 16%           | 17%            | 17%                  | 15%      | 17%         | 12%       | 23%   | 20%                | 19%                   | 4%              | 11%              | 14%           | 19%               | 15%        |
| 75+               | 15%           | 12%            | 13%                  | 21%      | 9%          | 16%       | 13%   | 12%                | 3%                    | 0%              | 40%              | 15%           | 9%                | 20%        |
| Hispanic/Latino   | 1%            | 1%             | 1%                   | 1%       | 1%          | 1%        | 1%    | 1%                 | 1%                    | 3%              | 1%               | 2%            | 1%                | 1%         |
| White             | 96%           | 97%            | 95%                  | 96%      | 98%         | 95%       | 97%   | 96%                | 93%                   | 80%             | 99%              | 97%           | 96%               | 97%        |
| Black             | 2%            | 1%             | 3%                   | 3%       | 0%          | 3%        | 1%    | 3%                 | 4%                    | 17%             | 0%               | 0%            | 2%                | 1%         |
| Asian/Other       | 1%            | 1%             | 1%                   | 1%       | 1%          | 1%        | 1%    | 0%                 | 2%                    | 0%              | 1%               | 1%            | 1%                | 1%         |
| Republican        | 51%           | 51%            | 100%                 | 0%       | 0%          | 54%       | 47%   | 84%                | 73%                   | 59%             | 18%              | 23%           | 83%               | 30%        |
| Democrat          | 34%           | 33%            | 0%                   | 100%     | 0%          | 28%       | 43%   | 7%                 | 19%                   | 26%             | 58%              | 57%           | 8%                | 50%        |
| Independent/Other | 15%           | 16%            | 0%                   | 0%       | 100%        | 19%       | 11%   | 9%                 | 8%                    | 15%             | 25%              | 20%           | 9%                | 19%        |

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|----------------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                  |      | Female | Male | 18-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75+  | White | Non-White | Female<br>< 60 | Female<br>60+ | Male<br>< 60 | Male<br>60+ |
| Weighted Proportion              | 100% | 51%    | 49%  | 32%   | 37%   | 16%   | 15%  | 96%   | 4%        | 32%            | 20%           | 26%          | 22%         |
| <b>1. Voter Motivation Index</b> |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Mean                             | 7.71 | 7.77   | 7.65 | 7.85  | 8.02  | 8.17  | 6.20 | 7.75  | 6.85      | 7.79           | 7.75          | 8.11         | 7.12        |
| <b>2. Preference</b>             |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Republican Fitzpatrick           | 44%  | 39%    | 49%  | 48%   | 41%   | 54%   | 32%  | 44%   | 44%       | 39%            | 39%           | 53%          | 45%         |
| Other-Consider Fitzpatrick       | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 1%    | 1%    | 1%    | 0%   | 1%    | 5%        | 1%             | 0%            | 2%           | 0%          |
| Undecided-Lean Fitzpatrick       | 2%   | 1%     | 2%   | 1%    | 2%    | 2%    | 0%   | 2%    | 2%        | 1%             | 1%            | 2%           | 2%          |
| Democrat Murphy                  | 46%  | 52%    | 39%  | 42%   | 52%   | 39%   | 45%  | 46%   | 34%       | 51%            | 55%           | 41%          | 36%         |
| Other-Consider Murphy            | 1%   | 1%     | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 1%    | 3%   | 1%    | 1%        | 0%             | 3%            | 0%           | 0%          |
| Undecided-Lean Murphy            | 4%   | 1%     | 7%   | 1%    | 1%    | 2%    | 20%  | 4%    | 0%        | 2%             | 0%            | 0%           | 15%         |
| Other                            | 1%   | 1%     | 1%   | 3%    | 1%    | 0%    | 0%   | 1%    | 10%       | 2%             | 1%            | 2%           | 0%          |
| Undecided                        | 2%   | 3%     | 1%   | 4%    | 2%    | 1%    | 0%   | 2%    | 7%        | 4%             | 1%            | 1%           | 1%          |
| Total Fitzpatrick                | 47%  | 41%    | 52%  | 51%   | 44%   | 57%   | 32%  | 46%   | 50%       | 41%            | 40%           | 56%          | 48%         |
| Total Murphy                     | 50%  | 55%    | 46%  | 43%   | 53%   | 43%   | 68%  | 51%   | 34%       | 53%            | 58%           | 41%          | 51%         |
| <b>3. Certainty</b>              |      |        |      |       |       |       |      |       |           |                |               |              |             |
| Certain                          | 79%  | 82%    | 76%  | 78%   | 85%   | 81%   | 68%  | 79%   | 80%       | 83%            | 81%           | 79%          | 73%         |
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| Weak/Lean Fitzpatrick            | 9%   | 8%     | 10%  | 12%   | 9%    | 11%   | 2%   | 9%    | 16%       | 8%             | 9%            | 14%          | 6%          |
| Undecided/Other                  | 3%   | 5%     | 2%   | 7%    | 3%    | 1%    | 0%   | 3%    | 16%       | 6%             | 2%            | 3%           | 1%          |
| Weak/Lean Murphy                 | 12%  | 9%     | 14%  | 11%   | 6%    | 8%    | 30%  | 12%   | 4%        | 9%             | 10%           | 7%           | 21%         |
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**Gender**

Female    Male

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**Gender/Age**

White    Non-White    Female < 60    Female 60+    Male < 60    Male 60+

**4. Bush Job Approval**

|            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Approve    | 34% | 34% | 34% | 38% | 33% | 40% | 20% | 34% | 30% | 38% | 27% | 33% | 35% |
| Disapprove | 58% | 58% | 59% | 49% | 60% | 54% | 77% | 59% | 47% | 54% | 64% | 56% | 62% |
| Not Sure   | 8%  | 9%  | 7%  | 13% | 7%  | 6%  | 4%  | 8%  | 23% | 9%  | 9%  | 11% | 3%  |

**5. Gender**

|        |     |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Female | 51% | 100% | 0%   | 55% | 53% | 55% | 37% | 52% | 42% | 100% | 100% | 0%   | 0%   |
| Male   | 49% | 0%   | 100% | 45% | 47% | 45% | 63% | 48% | 58% | 0%   | 0%   | 100% | 100% |

**6. Age** (from voter file match)

|       |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 18-44 | 32% | 34% | 30% | 100% | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 32% | 30% | 55% | 0%  | 55% | 0%  |
| 45-64 | 37% | 38% | 36% | 0%   | 100% | 0%   | 0%   | 36% | 54% | 45% | 28% | 45% | 25% |
| 65-74 | 16% | 17% | 15% | 0%   | 0%   | 100% | 0%   | 16% | 11% | 0%  | 44% | 0%  | 33% |
| 75+   | 15% | 11% | 20% | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 100% | 16% | 5%  | 0%  | 28% | 0%  | 43% |

**7/8a. Race**

|                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hispanic/Latino | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 2%  | 1%  | 1%  | 0%   | 30% | 1%  | 1%  | 2%  | 2%  |
| White           | 96% | 97% | 95% | 96% | 94% | 97% | 99% | 100% | 0%  | 96% | 98% | 94% | 96% |
| Black           | 2%  | 2%  | 2%  | 3%  | 3%  | 2%  | 0%  | 0%   | 52% | 3%  | 1%  | 3%  | 1%  |
| Asian/Other     | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 1%  | 0%  | 0%  | 0%   | 18% | 1%  | 0%  | 1%  | 1%  |

**9. Party Identification**

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Republican        | 51% | 46% | 56% | 52% | 52% | 53% | 44% | 51% | 55% | 47% | 44% | 56% | 56% |
| Democrat          | 34% | 43% | 24% | 30% | 33% | 31% | 47% | 34% | 36% | 43% | 43% | 19% | 30% |
| Independent/Other | 15% | 12% | 20% | 18% | 15% | 16% | 9%  | 16% | 9%  | 10% | 13% | 25% | 14% |