Survey of Pennsylvania Voter Sentiment on Legislative Redistricting

Summary of Findings

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Key Findings

This summary provides an overview of the findings of a survey of 901 Pennsylvania registered voters focused on attitudes about government reform, specifically emphasizing redistricting reform.

A large portion of Pennsylvania voters express support for reforming the procedures and practices of state government. Seven in ten (70%) registered voters believe state government needs reformed and sizable majorities support specific reforms to campaign finance laws, the operations of the state legislature, redistricting, and state and local government financing.

Given the support that voters express for reform of government in both general sentiment and for specific circumstances, it is consistent *that large portions (67%) support the use of an independent commission to draw state legislative district lines*, including majorities of Democrats, independents, and Republicans in every region of the state.

Responses to open-ended items about the current redistricting process suggest that *voters support redistricting reform because they believe redistricting is currently a partisan activity*; this notion is confirmed when respondents were directly asked about the way the current system functions. Most voters believe the current system of drawing legislative districts allows party leaders to put party interests ahead of voter interests (72%), creates polarization and gridlock (70%), lets elected officials choose their voters rather than voters choosing them (65%), and gives voters fewer choices on election day (62%).

These feelings are why three in five (59%) registered voters are more likely to vote for a legislator who votes to use an independent commission for redistricting.
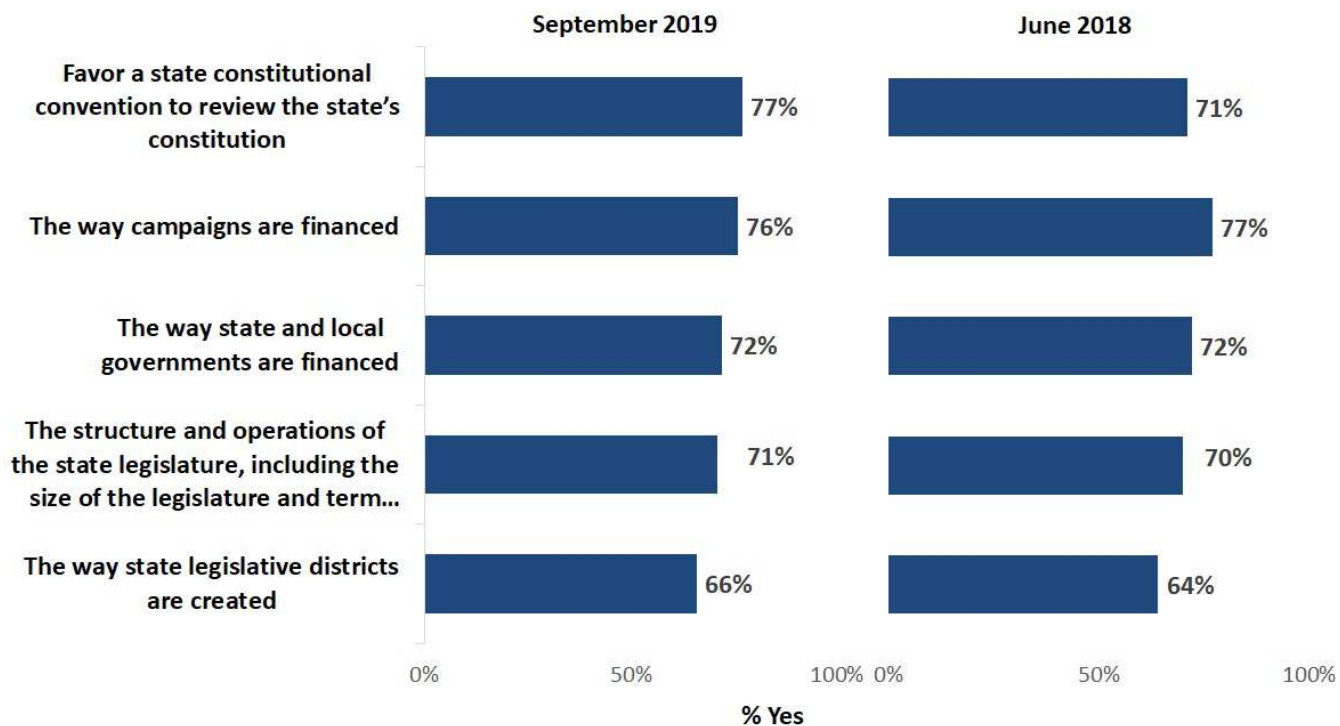
Voter Interest in Governmental Reform

A large portion of Pennsylvania voters express support for reforming the procedures and practices of state government. Seven in ten (70%) registered voters believe state government needs reformed and sizable majorities support specific reforms to campaign finance laws, the operations of the state legislature, redistricting, and state and local government financing (see Figure 1).   The desire for reform is so strong that more than three in four (77%) voters say they support a constitutional convention. Public support for such reforms has been consistently high over time.

Figure 1:

Support For Government Reform, Pennsylvania Registered Voters

Do you think each of the following areas of state government need to be reformed, or not?

	September 2019	June 2018
Favor a state constitutional convention to review the state's constitution	77%	71%
The way campaigns are financed	76%	77%
The way state and local governments are financed	72%	72%
The structure and operations of the state legislature, including the size of the legislature and term...	71%	70%
The way state legislative districts are created	66%	64%

% Yes

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Redistricting Reform

Given the support that voters express for reform of government in both general sentiment and for specific circumstances, it is consistent that large portions support the use of an independent commission to draw state legislative district lines (see Figure 2). A majority of Democrats, independents, and Republicans support the use of an independent commission to draw legislative boundaries. Table A-1 shows that support for using an independent commission is high across demographic, geographic, and political groups in the state.

Figure 2:

Redistricting Preferences, Pennsylvania Registered Voters

Do you think state legislative districts should be created by an independent commission or do you think these districts should continue to be drawn by state legislators?
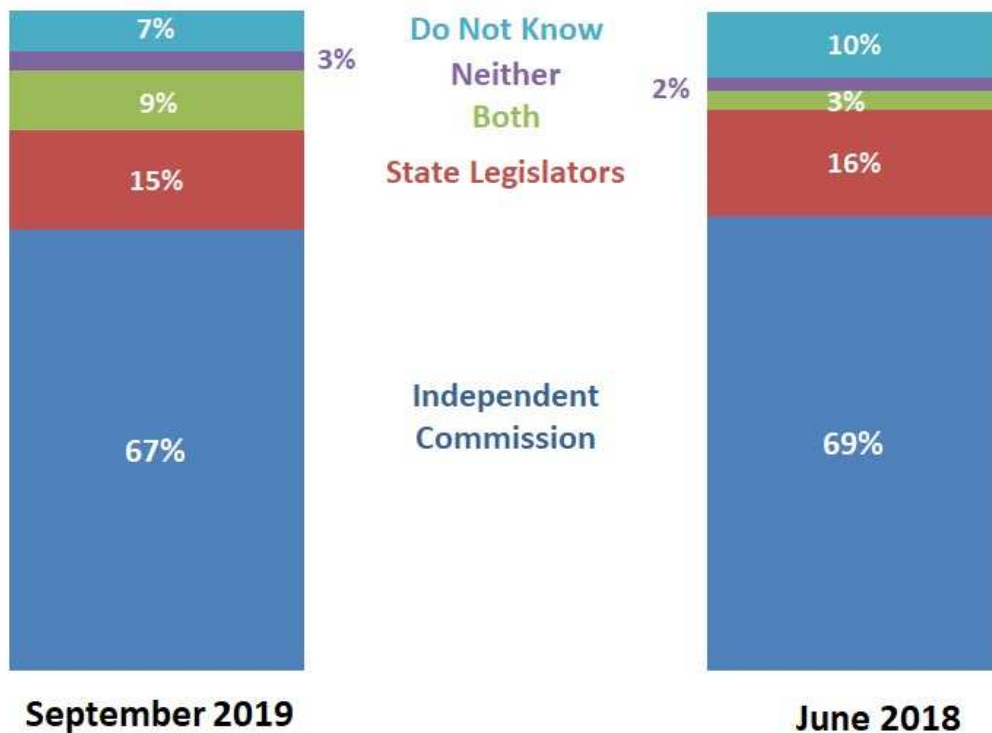
Half (50%) of registered voters feel sufficiently knowledgeable to discuss how voter maps are drawn in the state.[1] Table A-2 shows differences in self-reported knowledge by demographic, geographic, and political characteristics. Nearly two in five registered voters who believe they are knowledgeable about how voter maps are drawn mentions some sort of partisan bias when they describe what they know and another one in four cite some sort of problem that results from current procedures. One in five voters says that an independent commission is the solution to how maps are currently drawn, while another one in five suggest partisanship needs to be removed from the process.

Responses to these open-ended items suggest that voters support redistricting reform because they view it as partisan and this notion is confirmed when respondents were directly asked about the way the current system functions. Figure 3 shows that most voters believe the current system of drawing legislative districts allows party leaders to put party interests ahead of voter interests, creates polarization and gridlock, lets elected officials choose their voters rather than voters choosing them, and gives voters fewer choices on election day.

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[1] Respondents were randomly assigned into one of two question formats when asking about knowledge. Half of respondents were asked if they felt they knew enough about "gerrymandering" to join in a conversation about the topic while the other half were asked if they felt they knew enough about "how voter maps are drawn" to join in a conversation about the topic. There were no significant differences in self-reported knowledge by question wording.

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Figure 3:

Feelings About Redistricting Outcomes, Pennsylvania Registered Voters

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the current system of drawing legislative districts in Pennsylvania? The current system of drawing legislative districts in Pennsylvania...

Allows party leaders to put party interests ahead of voters' interests	72%
Creates polarization and gridlock	70%
Allows elected officials to choose their own voters instead of voters choosing their elected officials	65%
Gives voters less choice on Election Day	62%
Prevents voters from holding their representatives accountable	61%
Works because legislators know their districts	38%
Works fine as is and should be left alone	18%

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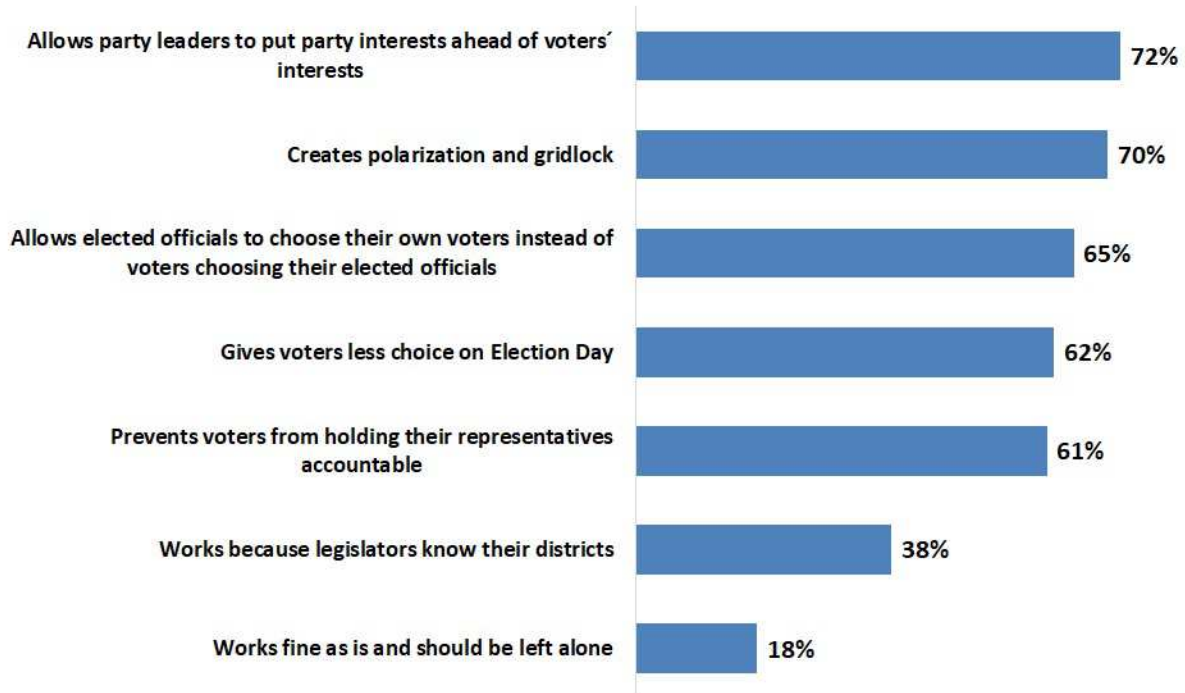
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Methodology

The survey findings presented in this release are based on the results of interviews conducted August 20 – September 10, 2019. The interviews were conducted at the Center for Opinion Research at Franklin & Marshall College. The poll was designed and administered by the staff of the Center for Opinion Research and was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania. The data included in this summary represent the responses of 901 Pennsylvania registered voters, including 426 Democrats, 353 Republicans, and 122 independents. The sample of registered voters was obtained from L2, formerly Labels & Lists, and Marketing Systems Group. All sampled respondents were notified by letter about the survey. Interviews were completed over the phone and online depending on each respondent's preference. Survey results were weighted (age, gender, education, and party registration) using an iterative weighting algorithm to reflect the known distribution of those characteristics as reported by the Pennsylvania Department of State and exit polls from the 2018 Pennsylvania mid-term elections (specifically education).

The sample error for a survey with a sample size of 901 using standard calculations is +/- 3.3 percentage points, but including the estimated design effects from weighting for this survey produces a sample error of +/- 5.6 percentage points. In addition to sampling error, this poll is also subject to other sources of non-sampling error. Generally speaking, two sources of error concern researchers most. Non-response bias is created when selected participants either choose not to participate in the survey or are unavailable for interviewing. Response errors are the product of the question and answer process. Surveys that rely on self-reported behaviors and attitudes are susceptible to biases related to the way respondents process and respond to survey questions.

Attachment A-1

Redistricting Preferences: Registered Voters, Pennsylvania, September 2019

Do you think state legislative districts should be created by an independent commission or do you think these districts should continue to be drawn by state legislators?

	Independent Commission	State Legislative Leaders	Both	Neither	Do not know
Party**					
Republican	63%	19%	7%	3%	8%
Democrat	66%	14%	12%	2%	6%
Independent or something else	78%	7%	6%	4%	6%
Ideology*					
Liberal	73%	9%	11%	3%	4%
Moderate	75%	12%	7%	1%	5%
Conservative	60%	20%	8%	4%	8%
Gender*					
Male	70%	13%	9%	5%	4%
Female	63%	17%	9%	1%	10%
Age*					
Under 35	60%	15%	16%	3%	6%
35-54	71%	12%	7%	4%	6%
Over 55	67%	17%	6%	2%	8%
Education*					
HS or less	57%	20%	6%	5%	12%
Some college	64%	17%	12%	2%	6%
College degree	75%	9%	8%	2%	4%
Income*					
Under 35	63%	15%	10%	2%	11%
35-75	64%	20%	8%	2%	5%
Over 75	76%	11%	7%	2%	4%
Race					
White	70%	13%	9%	2%	6%
Nonwhite	50%	25%	7%	3%	15%
Marital Status*					
Single, Never Married	62%	15%	15%	3%	6%
Married	70%	13%	7%	3%	7%
Not currently married	63%	18%	7%	2%	9%
Religious Affiliation					
Protestant	68%	15%	7%	3%	7%
Catholic	63%	19%	9%	2%	7%
Other, unaffiliated	67%	12%	10%	3%	7%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist*					
Yes	60%	17%	10%	5%	7%
No	70%	14%	9%	2%	6%
Region					
Philadelphia	69%	14%	11%	3%	4%
Northeast	65%	13%	8%	3%	11%
Allegheny	70%	19%	5%	3%	3%
Southwest	57%	18%	18%	3%	5%
Northwest	59%	22%	7%	0%	13%
Central	71%	12%	10%	4%	4%
Southeast	68%	15%	7%	2%	8%
Employment**					
Fulltime	70%	12%	10%	3%	6%
Other	57%	23%	9%	3%	9%
Retired	68%	14%	7%	3%	8%

* p<0.01   ** p<0.05

Source: Survey conducted August 20 – September 10, 2019

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Attachment A-2

Understanding of Redistricting: Registered Voters, Pennsylvania, September 2019

If you hear someone talking about [RANDOMIZE: gerrymandering / how voter maps are drawn] in Pennsylvania, do you feel like you know enough to join the conversation, or not?

	Yes	No	Do not know
Party			
Republican	46%	53%	1%
Democrat	53%	45%	1%
Independent or something else	59%	39%	2%
Ideology*			
Liberal	62%	38%	1%
Moderate	55%	44%	1%
Conservative	45%	53%	2%
Gender*			
Male	65%	34%	1%
Female	38%	60%	2%
Age			
Under 35	54%	45%	1%
35-54	64%	35%	1%
Over 55	39%	59%	2%
Education			
HS or less	33%	66%	2%
Some college	47%	53%	1%
College degree	68%	30%	2%
Income*			
Under 35	37%	62%	1%
35-75	42%	58%	1%
Over 75	66%	32%	2%
Race			
White	51%	48%	1%
Nonwhite	49%	50%	1%
Marital Status**			
Single, Never Married	58%	41%	2%
Married	52%	47%	1%
Not currently married	39%	59%	2%
Religious Affiliation*			
Protestant	45%	54%	0%
Catholic	51%	47%	3%
Other, unaffiliated	57%	41%	2%
Born Again Christian or Fundamentalist*			
Yes	40%	60%	0%
No	56%	42%	2%
Region			
Philadelphia	55%	41%	4%
Northeast	53%	46%	2%
Allegheny	46%	53%	1%
Southwest	41%	57%	2%
Northwest	47%	52%	1%
Central	49%	50%	1%
Southeast	60%	39%	1%
Employment*			
Fulltime	58%	41%	1%
Other	49%	48%	4%
Retired	39%	61%	1%
* p<0.01 ** p<0.05			

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Marginal Frequency Report

Responses may not total 100% due to rounding.

REG. Some people are registered to vote, and many others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

    Yes   100%
    No   0%

RegPARTY. Are you currently registered as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something else?

    Republican   40%
    Democrat   48%
    Independent   10%
    Something else   3%

RightDir All in all, do you think things in Pennsylvania are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	Headed in Right Direction	**Off on the Wrong Track**	**Do not know**
Sep 2019	**48%**	**40%**	**12%**
Jul 2019	51%	36%	13%
Mar 2019	49%	37%	15%
Oct 2018	51%	37%	11%
Sep 2018	51%	36%	14%
Aug 2018	46%	36%	18%
Jun 2018	45%	39%	16%
Mar 2018	46%	40%	15%
Sep 2017	37%	48%	16%
May 2017	31%	50%	19%
Feb 2017	35%	52%	13%
Mar 2016	24%	66%	10%
Feb 2016	21%	67%	12%
Jan 2016	21%	67%	12%
Oct 2015	26%	62%	12%
Aug 2015	32%	54%	13%
Jun 2015	36%	47%	17%
Mar 2015	39%	47%	15%
Oct 2014	28%	61%	11%
Sep 2014	29%	60%	11%
Aug 2014	27%	61%	13%
Jun 2014	30%	59%	11%
Jan 2014	25%	62%	13%

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	Headed in Right Direction	Off on the Wrong Track	Do not know
Oct 2013	25%	61%	13%
Aug 2013	26%	62%	12%
May 2013	28%	58%	13%
Aug 2012	31%	56%	13%
Jun 2012	30%	57%	13%
Feb 2012	31%	56%	13%
Jan 2012	38%	47%	15%
Oct 2011	38%	49%	13%
Aug 2011	34%	53%	13%
Mar 2011	37%	53%	10%
Oct 2010	27%	64%	9%
Sep 2010	31%	59%	10%
Aug 2010	30%	58%	12%
May 2010	35%	55%	10%
Mar 2010	32%	58%	10%

MIP_PA. What do you think is the most important problem facing Pennsylvania today?

	Sep 2019	Jul 2019	Mar 2019	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Jun 2018	Mar 2018	Sep 2017	May 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016
Taxes	**15%**	16%	14%	14%	12%	10%	12%	15%	11%	12%	11%	7%	10%	9%
Education, school	**10%**	13%	12%	9%	11%	13%	7%	9%	11%	17%	16%	13%	12%	18%
Government, politicians	**14%**	12%	9%	14%	14%	16%	13%	16%	30%	22%	24%	45%	47%	38%
Unemployment, personal finances	**8%**	12%	6%	12%	9%	14%	5%	12%	9%	8%	12%	13%	9%	8%
Crime, drugs, violence, guns	**10%**	8%	9%	7%	6%	6%	8%	10%	6%	5%	5%	1%	2%	3%
Healthcare, insurance	**5%**	7%	7%	8%	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	8%	4%	2%	1%	2%
Economy, finances	**6%**	4%	9%	5%	6%	3%	9%	5%	7%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Roads, infrastructure, transportation	**8%**	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	7%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	1%	2%
Environment	**3%**	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Values, morals	**1%**	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Global events	**2%**	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Energy issues, gas prices	**1%**	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	0%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Immigration	**2%**	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Bipartisanship	**0%**	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Senior issues, social security	**1%**	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Justice system, Lawyers	**1%**	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Align with political views/platforms	**0%**	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Welfare	**1%**	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Population, urban sprawl	**1%**	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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	Sep 2019	Jul 2019	Mar 2019	Oct 2018	Sep 2018	Aug 2018	Jun 2018	Mar 2018	Sep 2017	May 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Jan 2016
Social issues	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	6%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%
Retaining, attracting businesses	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%
Racism	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Daycare	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Civil liberties	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Personal illness, health problems	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Housing and real estate	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Transportation, availability	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Population loss, movement out of state	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Do not know	8%	9%	10%	10%	14%	12%	14%	13%	5%	7%	6%	3%	5%	8%

Represent. Do you feel that your elected members of the state house and senate are generally representative of residents in your community, or not?

Yes, definitely	12%
Yes, probably	41%
No, probably not	23%
No, definitely not	18%
Do not know	6%

Decide. Do you feel that your elected members of the state house and senate make decisions based on the best interests of your community, or not?

Yes, definitely	12%
Yes, probably	32%
No, probably not	30%
No, definitely not	21%
Do not know	6%

GERRY1. If you hear someone talking about [**RANDOMIZE**: gerrymandering / how voter maps are drawn] in Pennsylvania, do you feel like you know enough to join the conversation, or not?

	Gerrymandering n=412	How voter maps are drawn n=489
Yes, definitely	29%	24%
Yes, probably	20%	29%
No, probably not	22%	21%
No, definitely not	28%	25%
Do not know	1%	1%

GERRY2. What have you heard or read about [phrase]?

	Gerrymandering *n=200*	How voter maps are drawn *n=258*
Always favor one party or the other based on which party is in control	19%	9%
It is wrong/unfair	8%	7%
Gerrymandering is a problem	6%	8%
Republicans are at fault	6%	5%
Based on population	0%	10%
Both parties at fault	8%	2%
Problem: how voting districts are divided	7%	3%
Problem: favors republicans	6%	3%
Gerrymandering (no further details)	1%	7%
Drawn by parties only to get more votes	3%	5%
Drawn by the party in power	3%	3%
Districts have been gerrymandered, in general	3%	3%
The recent re-districting in PA has improved gerrymandering	2%	2%
A threat to voter rights	2%	1%
Back room politics	2%	1%
Problem: favors democrats	2%	1%
Should not have been ruled by State Supreme Court	1%	1%
Heard negative things, in general	1%	0%
Racism involved/biased against minorities	1%	0%
Other	14%	22%
Do not know	5%	6%

Responses may total over 100% because multiple responses were accepted

GERRY3. What if anything should be done about [phrase]?

	Gerrymandering *n=154*	How voter maps are drawn *n=158*
A NON-partisan, independent commission needed to re-draw districts	17%	16%
Fair representation	6%	9%
Abolish/get rid of it	15%	2%
Should be drawn not to benefit either party	7%	7%
Counties shouldn't be divided	1%	8%
Base it on population, not on party	3%	5%
A bi-partisan commission needed to re-draw districs	3%	4%
Disallow changing it based on party; pass laws to prevent it	4%	1%
Does not need to be changed, is better now	3%	2%
Any changes should be approved by the public	2%	1%
Use a computer algorithm to fairly draw maps	1%	2%
City (urban) and rural areas should have separate maps	1%	2%
Change back to how it was before most recent changes	1%	1%
Use California's approach	1%	0%
Make state and federal maps identical	0%	1%
Nothing, left as is	7%	11%
Other	17%	17%
Do not know	14%	13%

Responses may total over 100% because multiple responses were accepted

PAgov1. Generally speaking, do you think Pennsylvania's state government needs reform, or not?

	Sep 2019	Jun 2018	Jan 2016	Jan 2010
Yes	70%	72%	82%	78%
No	20%	16%	10%	13%
Do not know	10%	12%	8%	9%

PAgov2. How strongly do you feel about this (*Pennsylvania's state government needs reform*): Very strongly, somewhat strongly, not too strongly, not strongly at all?

	Sep 2019 *n=618*	Jun 2018 *n=337*	Jan 2016 *n=277*	Jan 2010 *n=901*
Very strongly	53%	47%	64%	51%
Somewhat strongly	38%	47%	32%	40%
Not too strongly	8%	5%	3%	6%
Not strongly at all	1%	0%	0%	2%
Do not know	0%	1%	0%	1%

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INTREF. The following are several specific areas of the state government. Do you think each of the following areas of state government need to be reformed, or not? Do you think...

		Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No, probably not	No, not at all	Don't know
The way campaigns are financed	Sep 2019	57%	19%	9%	6%	9%
	Jun 2018	57%	20%	8%	5%	9%
The structure and operations of the state legislature, including the size of the legislature and term limits for elected officials	Sep 2019	52%	19%	16%	6%	7%
	Jun 2018	50%	20%	14%	7%	9%
The way state legislative districts are created	Sep 2019	38%	28%	13%	6%	15%
	Jun 2018	43%	21%	14%	8%	14%
The way state and local governments are financed	Sep 2019	43%	29%	12%	4%	12%
	Jun 2018	37%	35%	9%	5%	15%

Redistrict. State legislative districts are currently re-drawn every ten years based on changes to the state's population. New legislative districts are re-drawn by state legislators and the state supreme court. Do you think state legislative districts should be created by an independent commission or do you think these districts should continue to be drawn by state legislators?

	Sep 2019	Jun 2018
Independent commission	67%	69%
State legislators	15%	16%
Both	9%	3%
Neither	3%	2%
Do not know	7%	10%

ConCon. Pennsylvania's constitution establishes the fundamental law of the state, ensuring basic rights to citizens, outlining the structure of state government, and providing rules by which state legislators are elected and how they conduct the state's business. The state's current constitution was adopted in 1874 and the last constitutional convention was held in 1967. Would you favor or oppose a state constitutional convention to review the state's constitution?

	Sep 2019	Jun 2018	Jan 2010
Strongly favor	44%	39%	45%
Somewhat favor	33%	32%	27%
Somewhat oppose	8%	11%	10%
Strongly oppose	10%	9%	10%
Do not know	6%	10%	8%

INTCS. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the current system of drawing legislative districts in Pennsylvania? The current system of drawing legislative districts in Pennsylvania…

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
Allows party leaders to put party interests ahead of voters´ interests	51%	21%	9%	14%	6%
Allows elected officials to choose their own voters instead of voters choosing their elected officials	41%	24%	10%	17%	7%
Gives voters less choice on Election Day	39%	23%	16%	13%	9%
Creates polarization and gridlock	41%	29%	9%	7%	14%
Works fine as is and should be left alone	6%	12%	29%	49%	5%
Prevents voters from holding their representatives accountable	35%	26%	15%	14%	10%
Works because legislators know their districts	12%	26%	29%	27%	6%

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INTMT. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about [**RANDOMIZE**: redistricting / drawing voter maps]. Do you agree or disagree that...

Redistricting n =453 *Drawing voter maps n = 448*		Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not know
Gerrymandering cuts voters out?	Redistricting	56%	17%	5%	4%	18%
	Drawing voter maps	48%	22%	8%	5%	17%
Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around?	Redistricting	90%	7%	2%	0%	1%
	Drawing voter maps	90%	7%	1%	1%	2%
Redistricting should be transparent?	Redistricting	83%	8%	3%	3%	2%
	Drawing voter maps	82%	10%	2%	1%	5%
Redistricting should be fair to all voters?	Redistricting	92%	5%	1%	1%	0%
	Drawing voter maps	89%	7%	1%	1%	1%
District maps should not benefit one party over the other?	Redistricting	89%	5%	2%	2%	1%
	Drawing voter maps	84%	9%	2%	2%	2%
Maps drawn by citizens will favor citizens?	Redistricting	33%	32%	13%	9%	14%
	Drawing voter maps	36%	31%	16%	7%	11%
Nothing changes until redistricting changes?	Redistricting	28%	34%	20%	9%	9%
	Drawing voter maps	26%	37%	22%	8%	8%
Voting districts belong to voters, not parties?	Redistricting	74%	13%	8%	4%	1%
	Drawing voter maps	71%	14%	7%	5%	3%

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MTTOP. Which one of these statements [read / show list of items to which respondent strongly agreed] do you think is the most important reason for [needing redistricting reform / changing the way voter maps are drawn]?

	Redistricting *n=448*	Drawing voter maps *n=437*
Gerrymandering cuts voters out	7%	4%
Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around	25%	23%
Redistricting should be transparent	10%	13%
Redistricting should be fair to all voters	20%	18%
District maps should not benefit one party over the other	22%	24%
Maps drawn by citizens will favor citizens	1%	3%
Nothing changes until redistricting changes	1%	2%
Voting districts belong to voters, not parties	12%	11%
Do not know	2%	2%

INTINFLU. How influential are each of the following in motivating you to get involved in political causes? How influential are…

	Very influential	Somewhat influential	Not very influential	Not at all influential	Do not know
Current elected officials	20%	43%	19%	18%	1%
Past elected officials	13%	35%	24%	26%	2%
Civic organizations	13%	41%	21%	23%	2%
Family	22%	35%	17%	25%	1%
Friends	10%	40%	21%	28%	0%
The news media	11%	33%	21%	34%	1%
Celebrities	2%	7%	18%	73%	1%
Members of your social media networks	6%	26%	19%	49%	1%

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INTACT. How willing would you be to do any of the following to encourage your state legislator to support reforming the process the state uses to draws its voter maps? Would you be willing to…

n=725	Very willing	Somewhat willing	Not very willing	Not at all willing	Do not know
Sign a petition	57%	28%	6%	7%	2%
Write a letter to your state legislator	31%	35%	15%	18%	1%
Make a telephone call to your state legislator	30%	35%	16%	17%	2%
Attend an event to support redistricting reform	17%	40%	18%	22%	3%
Volunteer for an organization that supports redistricting reform	11%	33%	23%	30%	3%

VOTE. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a state legislator who supports the use of an independent commission to draw legislative districts in the state or wouldn't it make much difference in how you voted? Is that much [more / less] likely or somewhat [more / less] likely?

Much more likely	30%
Somewhat more likely	29%
Somewhat less likely	3%
Much less likely	3%
Would not make a difference	29%
Do not know	5%

INTORG. Have you ever heard of any of the following organizations that are trying to change the way voter maps are drawn? Have you ever heard of…

	Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No, probably not	No, definitely not	Do not know
FairDistrictsPA	14%	8%	11%	64%	2%
The Committee of 70	10%	5%	11%	71%	2%
Draw the Lines	6%	8%	11%	73%	3%
Common Cause	20%	15%	11%	51%	2%
League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania	56%	16%	4%	23%	2%

DEMO   I now have a final few questions for statistical purposes only.
CNTY. What is the name of the county you live in?

Philadelphia	7%
Northeast	12%
Allegheny	9%
Southwest	7%
Northwest	8%
Central	39%
Southeast	18%

AGE. What was your age on your last birthday?

18-24	7%
25-34	18%
35-44	13%
45-54	19%
55-64	12%
65 and over	31%

EDUC. What was the highest level of schooling you have completed?

Non high school graduate	2%
High school or GED	26%
Some college	19%
Associate's degree or technical degree	14%
Bachelor's degree	19%
Postgraduate degree	20%

MAR. What is your current marital status? Are you single, married, separated, divorced, or a widower?

Single, never married	27%
Married	54%
Separated	0%
Divorced	8%
Widow, widower	10%
Do not know	0%

IDEO1. Politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

extremely liberal	11%
slightly liberal	14%
moderate	35%
slightly conservative	17%
extremely conservative	18%
Do not know	6%

PRTY1. Regardless of how you are registered in politics, as of today, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

Strong Republican	24%
Republican	7%
Lean Republican	12%
Independent	7%
Lean Democrat	12%
Democrat	8%
Strong Democrat	28%
Do not know	2%

LABR. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a labor union?

Yes	17%
No	83%
Do not know	1%

VET. Are you a military veteran?

Yes	10%
No	90%

Hisp. Are you Hispanic or Latino, or not?

Yes	4%
No	96%

RACE_A. Which of the following categories best describes your racial background? White, Black or African American, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or American Indian, Alaska Native?

White	87%
Nonwhite	13%

REL. Do you consider yourself to be Protestant, Catholic, some other religion, or not affiliated with any religion?

Protestant	32%
Catholic	26%
Some other religion	16%
Not affiliated with any religion	26%

BAC. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again Christian or fundamentalist, or not?

Yes	28%
No	70%
Do not know	2%

NumC. How many children under 18 years of age currently live in your household?

.00	73%
1.00	13%
2.00	11%
3.00	3%
4.00	0%

Work. Are you currently working for pay at a job?

Full-time	51%
Part-time	8%
Going to school	4%
Something else? (keeping house/stay at home parent, etc)	3%
Unemployed and looking for work	1%
Disabled	4%
Retired	29%

INCOME_A. And, just for statistical purposes, we need to know if your total family income is above or below $50,000 per year?

Under $25,000	12%
$25,000-$35,000	10%
$35,000-50,000	13%
$50,000-$75,000	19%
$75,000-$100,000	15%
Over $100,000	27%
Do not know	5%

GENDER.

Male   48%
Female   52%