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Final Top Line Survey Results
SP&R Spring Omnibus Statewide Poll – Allstate Insurance
Sample Size: 750 Registered Voters
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INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a brief survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Great, thank you...

Q1. Do you think Pennsylvania is going in the right direction, or do you think it has gotten on the wrong track?

1. Right direction	191	26%
2. Wrong track	435	58%
3. Undecided	124	16%

Q2. What is the single most important problem facing Pennsylvania today? That is, the one that you would like to see resolved by your state elected officials. (DO NOT READ CHOICES – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Property Taxes.....	60	08%	Politicians/Government.....	27	04%
Other Taxes (general).....	15	02%	Corruption (general)	3	00%
Crime/Violence/Drugs.....	6	01%	Federal (Obama/Congress)	3	00%
Economy/Jobs.....	146	19%	State (Corbett/Harrisburg)	11	01%
Economy (general)	40	05%	County/local	3	00%
Jobs (general)	91	12%	General anti-incumbent	2	00%
Currently unemployed	4	01%	Other	5	01%
Fear of losing job	2	00%	Environment/Pollution.....	6	01%
Stagnant wages/COLA	3	00%	Health & Welfare.....	24	03%
Business Slowdown	3	00%	Healthcare (general)	19	03%
Other	3	00%	Healthcare (reform)	1	00%
Transportation/Growth.....	9	01%	Social Security	1	00%
Street/road conditions	7	01%	Medicare	2	00%
Traffic congestion	1	00%	Other	2	00%
Other	2	00%	Education/Schools.....	171	23%
Gov't Spending/Budget.....	163	22%	Morality/Family Values.....	13	02%
Gov't spending (general)	55	07%	Abortion	5	01%
Out of control (federal)	5	01%	Gay marriage	1	00%
Out of control (state)	63	08%	Religion	1	00%
Out of control (local)	3	00%	Illegal immigration	2	00%
Budget (general)	35	05%	Other	4	01%
Other	2	00%	Quality of Life.....	1	00%
Marcellus Shale/Gas drilling.....	32	04%	Neighborhoods/housing	1	00%
			Undecided.....	40	05%
			Other.....	37	05%

Thinking about transportation issues...

Q3. Do you think the public highways and roadways in Pennsylvania have become more safe or less safe in recent years, or have they basically stayed about the same?

1. More safe	74	10%
2. Less safe	286	38%
3. About the same	373	50%
4. Undecided	17	02%

Q4. What is the single biggest threat to public safety on our roads and highways today – drunk driving, excessive speeding, accidents from things like inexperienced teen drivers, accidents from distracted drivers, inadequate or poor signage on roads and highways, an increase in motorists and truck traffic or something else? (ROTATE ITEMS – ONE ANSWER ONLY)

1. Drunk driving	82	11%
2. Excessive speeding	83	11%
3. Accidents from inexperienced teen drivers	21	03%
4. Accidents from distracted drivers	366	49%
5. Inadequate/poor signage	24	03%
6. Increased motorists and truck traffic	83	11%
7. Other (DO NOT READ)	76	10%
8. Undecided (DO NOT READ)	16	02%

Q5. According to independent studies, vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for teenagers accounting for forty one percent of deaths among teen-drivers ages 16 to 17 in Pennsylvania. Should Pennsylvania implement tougher laws to reduce the number of accidents and deaths caused by teen drivers, should they weaken the laws or are the current laws adequate?

1. Implement tougher laws	433	58%
2. Weaken the laws	6	01%
3. Current laws are adequate	258	34%
4. Undecided (DO NOT READ)	49	07%

Q6. Currently most states limit the number of teen passengers to no more than one in a car, with exceptions for family members, when the vehicle is being driven by someone with a junior license up to 18 years of age. Should Pennsylvania pass a similar law instituting passenger limits as a way to reduce the risk of accidents involving teen drivers?

1. Yes	566	75%
2. No	157	21%
3. Undecided	26	03%

Q7. Currently, teens need to spend fifty (50) hours of behind-the-wheel training before they can be tested to receive their driver's license. Do you support or oppose increasing the amount of hours from 50 up to 65 so teens get more experience driving both at night time and during inclement weather? (TEST INTENSITY – strongly or somewhat support or oppose)

1. Strongly support	478	64%	Total Support: 77%
2. Somewhat support	98	13%	Total Oppose: 20%
3. Strongly oppose	53	07%	
4. Somewhat oppose	96	13%	
5. Undecided	25	03%	

Q8. Pennsylvania already has a law requiring seatbelt usage, but law enforcement officials cannot stop cars when someone is unrestrained. Most states go further than Pennsylvania and allow law enforcement officials to stop and fine drivers, when drivers or their passengers are not wearing seat belts. Should Pennsylvania pass a law to allow law enforcement officials to stop and fine TEEN DRIVERS, 17 years old or younger, if they or their passengers (also 17 and younger) are not wearing seatbelts?

1. Yes	528	70%
2. No	198	26%
3. Undecided	22	03%

Now, I just have a few more questions for demographic purposes and we'll be through...

Q9. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

1. Republican	315	42%
2. Democrat	375	50%
3. Independent/other	60	08%

Q10. What is your age according to the following brackets: 18 - 29, 30 - 44, 45 - 59 or 60 and over?

1. 18-29	60	08%
2. 30-44	195	26%
3. 45-59	255	34%
4. 60+	240	32%

Q11. Do you currently have children who are licensed drivers ages 16 to 18 living in the household?

1. Yes	73	10%
2. No	677	90%

Q12. Do you consider yourself to be conservative or liberal when thinking about politics?

1. Conservative	379	51%
2. Liberal	210	28%
3. Moderate	130	17%
4. Undecided	25	03%
5. Refuse	6	01%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Gender:

1. Male	360	48%
2. Female	390	52%

Area:

45	(06%)	1. Northwest [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
83	(11%)	2. Southwest [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
90	(12%)	3. The "T"/Central [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin, Juniata]
98	(13%)	4. Northeast/Lehigh Valley [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
120	(16%)	5. South Central [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks]
157	(21%)	6. Southeast [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
82	(11%)	7. Allegheny County
75	(10%)	8. Philadelphia

Times voted last four generals:

1X	166	22%
2X	191	25%
3X	147	20%
4X	246	33%

Methodology: This statewide survey was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. in conjunction with sponsoring organizations. Interviews were conducted March 27 – 31, 2011 with 750 registered voters. Only voters with prior vote history in G09, G08, G07 and/or G06 were contacted. Interviews were randomly selected and conducted via telephone using the professionally-trained survey research staff from the Harrisburg telephone call center of SP&R. Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the state's electorate is achieved based on party affiliation, geography, gender, age and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted. The margin of error for a sample size of 750 interviews is +/-3.58% at the 95% confidence level, but higher for subgroups of respondents.
