

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #18723

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PA Split on Whether Joe Paterno Should Resign, But Majority Call for Penn State University President To Step Down: 51% of Pennsylvanians following news stories about Penn State University say University President Graham Spanier should resign, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted for KDKA-TV News in Pittsburgh. Pennsylvanians are divided about head football coach Joe Paterno. 40% say Paterno should resign, 45% say he should not. Both individuals, though not accused of crimes, have been swept up in a sexual molestation case that has already resulted in 3 arrests and the forced resignation of 2 senior Penn State administrators. * Just 13% say Penn State did what it could to prevent crimes against children.

* 65% say Penn State looked the other way and could have done more to protect children.

* 16% say Penn State actively enabled former football coach Jerry Sandusky to commit crimes. Support for Paterno, age 84, is directly related to age. The younger you are, the more likely you want Paterno to resign. The older you are, the more likely you want Paterno to stay. Penn State alumni are more forgiving of Paterno, less forgiving of Spanier. Alumni by more than 2:1 call for the resignation of President Spanier, 57% to 27%. By contrast, a majority of alumni (51%) say Paterno should stay. 84% expect there to be more developments in the case. **Cell-phone respondents and home-phone respondents included in this research.** SurveyUSA interviewed 800 PA adults 11/07/11. 100% of interviews were completed after a press conference by the PA attorney general. Of those interviewed, 604 were familiar with news stories and were asked the substantive questions in the survey. The survey was conducted multi-mode. Respondents who use a home phone (77% of adults) were interviewed on their home phone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondents who do not use a home phone (23% of adults) were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, laptop, tablet or other electronic device. In this survey, there is a material difference in the responses of cell-phone respondents. Cell respondents call for Paterno's resignation 48% to 33%. Home-phone respondents oppose Paterno's resignation, 38% to 48%.

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800 Adults Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3%	All	Penn State Alum		Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race		Cell Phone / Lan	
		Yes	No	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Cell Ph	Landlin
Yes	75%	85%	73%	76%	75%	63%	76%	84%	83%	70%	83%	77%	63%	67%	78%
No	21%	13%	23%	21%	21%	32%	20%	15%	13%	26%	14%	19%	33%	28%	19%
Not Sure	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	1%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	27%	71%	47%	53%	29%	29%	22%	20%	58%	42%	86%	9%	23%	77%

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Yes	75%	72%	78%	75%	76%	74%	75%
No	21%	27%	20%	18%	22%	20%	21%
Not Sure	4%	2%	3%	7%	2%	7%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	6%	22%	8%	14%	13%	37%

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%															
Yes	40%	39%	41%	40%	41%	50%	40%	36%	35%	45%	35%	39%	59%	48%	38%
No	45%	51%	44%	46%	44%	34%	45%	45%	57%	40%	51%	47%	20%	33%	48%
Not Sure	15%	10%	15%	14%	16%	16%	15%	20%	9%	16%	14%	14%	21%	19%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Following PSU Storie	100%	30%	68%	48%	52%	24%	29%	24%	23%	53%	47%	88%	7%	21%	79%

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Did What It Could	13%	13%	12%	14%	11%	13%	12%	12%	14%	13%	13%	12%	12%	12%	13%
Looked The Other Way	65%	67%	67%	65%	66%	69%	61%	66%	67%	64%	67%	67%	55%	65%	66%
Enabled Sandusky	16%	16%	16%	13%	18%	13%	16%	16%	17%	15%	17%	15%	23%	15%	16%
Not Sure	6%	4%	5%	8%	5%	5%	11%	5%	2%	8%	4%	5%	10%	8%	6%
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Know All That There Is To Know	6%	9%	4%	7%	4%	6%	3%	9%	6%	4%	7%	6%	3%	3%	6%	
Not Sure	11%	11%	9%	9%	12%	6%	13%	7%	16%	10%	11%	10%	9%	6%	12%	
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Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.