

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #18729



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Poll Results: Pennsylvania Does Not Want Assistant Coach McQueary on Sidelines for Saturday Game Against Nebraska SurveyUSA poll data from the state of Pennsylvania, conducted for KDKA-TV Pittsburgh: Pennsylvanians are not yet of one mind on Joe Paterno: * 46% say Paterno is a scape-goat, but:

- * 44% say Paterno participated in the cover-up of criminal behavior.
- * 13% expect Paterno to be charged with a crime, But:
- * 47% say he should be allowed to coach this Saturday's game against Nebraska. * The tide has turned against assistant coach Mike McQueary, initially seen as a whistle-blower, now possibly seen as part of a cover-up. 65% say McQueary should not be allowed on the sidelines for this weekend's football game (a decision that was made by University officials after the field period for this survey).
- * Twice as many say McQueary participated in a criminal cover-up as say he helped expose criminal activity. * 24% today say Penn State actively enabled Jerry Sandusky to commit crimes against children, up from 16%, when SurveyUSA asked the question on 11/08/11. See [interactive tracking graph](#), a SurveyUSA exclusive. * Penn State alumni (33% of those following news stories) see the matter differently than do others in Pennsylvania. 58% of alumni say Paterno is a scapegoat, compared to 41% of the rest of the state. 58% of alumni want Paterno on the sidelines for Saturday's game against Nebraska, compared to 41% of the rest of the state. 17% of alumni say Penn State "did what it could" to protect children, compared to 9% of the rest of the state. **Second Mile "Knew All Along" about Penn State Sandusky, Should Be Shut Down:** * Officials at The Second Mile foundation, where children allegedly were preyed upon by adult predators, by 3:2 "knew all along" about Jerry Sandusky's behavior, Pennsylvanians say.
- * 21% expect officials at the Second Mile to face criminal charges.
- * By 4:3, respondents say The Second Mile should be shut down. Roman Catholics by 16 points want Second Mile to be shut down, twice the margin as non Catholics. **Cell-phone respondents and home-phone respondents included in this research.** SurveyUSA interviewed 800 state of PA adults 11/10/11. Of those interviewed, 712 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 (76% of adults) were interviewed on their home phone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondents who do not use a home phone (24% of adults) were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, laptop, tablet or other electronic device.

1 Are you following news stories out of Penn State University?

800 Adults	All	Penn State Alum		Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race		Cell Phone / Lan		Income			
		Yes	No	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Cell Ph	Landlin	< \$40K	\$40K -	> \$80K	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-2.2%																			
Yes	89%	96%	86%	92%	87%	86%	90%	92%	89%	88%	91%	90%	86%	88%	89%	85%	89%	94%	
No	9%	3%	12%	6%	12%	11%	9%	7%	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	10%	9%	13%	9%	4%	
Not Sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Adults	100%	30%	70%	47%	53%	28%	29%	22%	21%	58%	42%	86%	9%	24%	76%	36%	37%	27%	

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Yes	89%	90%	90%	80%	88%	94%	91%	89%	89%	
No	9%	9%	9%	15%	11%	4%	8%	9%	9%	
Not Sure	2%	1%	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Adults	100%	29%	69%	5%	22%	7%	15%	12%	39%	

2 Which of these 3 statements do you most agree with: Penn State did what it could to prevent crimes against children. Penn State looked the other way, and could have done more. Penn State actively enabled Jerry Sandusky to commit crimes against children.

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.7%																			
Did What It Could	11%	17%	9%	12%	11%	16%	5%	10%	15%	11%	12%	10%	18%	11%	11%	15%	12%	5%	
Looked The Other Way	60%	54%	63%	63%	57%	57%	62%	59%	61%	60%	60%	62%	47%	63%	59%	57%	60%	64%	
Enabled Sandusky	24%	22%	25%	22%	27%	24%	25%	27%	21%	25%	24%	23%	32%	19%	26%	23%	24%	26%	
Not Sure	4%	7%	3%	3%	5%	3%	7%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%	5%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Following PSU Storie	100%	33%	67%	49%	51%	27%	30%	23%	21%	57%	43%	86%	9%	24%	76%	35%	37%	28%	

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Enabled Sandusky	24%	27%	23%	**	27%	20%	17%	21%	28%
Not Sure	4%	7%	3%	**	6%	9%	3%	7%	3%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.7%																			
Yes	47%	58%	41%	48%	46%	48%	42%	47%	51%	45%	49%	49%	36%	50%	46%	55%	48%	35%	
No	44%	34%	49%	47%	42%	42%	50%	42%	39%	47%	40%	43%	45%	37%	46%	34%	43%	57%	
Not Sure	9%	8%	10%	6%	13%	9%	8%	12%	9%	8%	11%	9%	19%	13%	8%	11%	9%	8%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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No	44%	43%	44%	**	55%	33%	35%	29%	48%									
Not Sure	9%	11%	9%	**	6%	5%	11%	13%	11%									
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.6%																		
Yes	21%	28%	18%	24%	18%	22%	16%	21%	28%	19%	24%	21%	26%	18%	22%	21%	20%	22%
No	65%	60%	67%	67%	63%	63%	70%	65%	58%	67%	62%	65%	58%	62%	65%	62%	66%	68%
Not Sure	14%	12%	15%	9%	19%	15%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	20%	12%	17%	14%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.6%										
Yes	21%	24%	20%	**	21%	28%	15%	30%	20%	
No	65%	59%	67%	**	66%	64%	75%	58%	61%	
Not Sure	14%	17%	13%	**	13%	8%	9%	12%	19%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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Helped Expose	27%	34%	23%	32%	22%	22%	18%	34%	38%	20%	36%	27%	25%	16%	30%	21%	27%	33%	
Participated In Cover-up	51%	43%	55%	51%	52%	59%	57%	46%	40%	58%	43%	50%	57%	59%	49%	56%	52%	47%	
Not Sure	22%	23%	21%	17%	26%	19%	25%	21%	22%	22%	21%	23%	18%	25%	21%	22%	21%	21%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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Participated In Cover-up	51%	50%	53%	**	53%	49%	51%	45%	53%	
Not Sure	22%	23%	21%	**	22%	18%	18%	28%	22%	
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Participated In Cover-up	44%	30%	50%	43%	45%	43%	54%	42%	32%	49%	37%	41%	56%	41%	44%	36%	40%	59%	
Not Sure	10%	12%	9%	8%	12%	9%	8%	11%	11%	8%	11%	10%	11%	7%	10%	14%	7%	6%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.5%																		
Yes	13%	13%	14%	13%	14%	24%	11%	10%	8%	17%	9%	11%	23%	19%	12%	16%	11%	13%
No	67%	68%	67%	74%	61%	62%	68%	73%	66%	65%	70%	69%	61%	64%	68%	62%	71%	69%
Not Sure	19%	19%	20%	13%	25%	14%	21%	17%	26%	18%	21%	20%	16%	17%	20%	22%	17%	18%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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No	67%	71%	66%	**	66%	72%	66%	68%	68%
Not Sure	19%	18%	20%	**	21%	20%	20%	21%	18%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Knew All Along	35%	37%	34%	41%	30%	43%	31%	36%	30%	37%	33%	34%	41%	36%	34%	35%	37%	34%
Just Found Out	24%	22%	25%	24%	24%	27%	21%	23%	26%	24%	24%	24%	25%	24%	24%	23%	27%	21%
Not Sure	41%	40%	42%	36%	46%	30%	48%	41%	44%	40%	43%	42%	34%	40%	41%	42%	36%	45%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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No	30%	31%	30%	32%	28%	35%	21%	35%	30%	28%	33%	31%	23%	32%	29%	27%	37%	26%	
Not Sure	49%	45%	51%	43%	56%	37%	62%	49%	49%	50%	49%	51%	46%	46%	50%	50%	44%	54%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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Continue To Operate	41%	47%	38%	43%	39%	39%	43%	44%	38%	41%	41%	41%	44%	41%	41%	40%	44%	39%
Shut Down	33%	31%	33%	36%	29%	39%	29%	30%	31%	34%	30%	31%	38%	31%	33%	32%	31%	34%
Not Sure	27%	22%	29%	21%	32%	22%	28%	26%	31%	25%	29%	28%	18%	28%	26%	28%	25%	27%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Shut Down	33%	30%	33%	**	37%	26%	32%	32%	31%	
Not Sure	27%	24%	27%	**	24%	26%	20%	35%	28%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Following PSU Storie	100%	29%	70%	5%	21%	7%	15%	12%	39%	

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

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.