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Poll shows Pa. voters divided over Corbett

Corbett is not popular, but he is not the target of collective wrath, as his approval numbers are similar to those of the last three governors.

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania voters gave their new Republican governor a mixed reception in an approval poll released Wednesday, saying they are divided over his performance.

Gov. Tom Corbett's overall job approval was 45 percent in the poll by Public Opinion, which had been conducted three times in the past two years. That's a significant increase from the poll taken in May 2010, when Corbett's approval rating was at only 30 percent.

Significantly, 45 percent of the state's voters said Corbett needs to be more aggressive in addressing the state's needs, compared to 40 percent who thought he was already getting the job done.

The poll found that 39 percent of the voters said Corbett's focus on reducing property tax should be increased, while 31 percent said it should be reduced.

As for Corbett's performance, 37 percent rated him as good, 33 percent rated him as fair, 23 percent rated him as poor and 7 percent didn't offer an opinion.

Corbett said he was pleased with the approval numbers but added that he knew there were going to be complaints and that he would continue to do the job.

The public opinion poll found that 56 percent of the voters thought Corbett's opponent, Democrat Tom Wolf, was doing a good job as the Democratic candidate.

The poll found that 69 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's job performance in the past six months, up from 57 percent in May 2010.

The poll also found that 74 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's budget, compared to only 18 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 69 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's unemployment insurance, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 70 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's education system, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 71 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's health care system, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 72 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's energy policy, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 73 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's economy, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 74 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's transportation, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 75 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's environment, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 76 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's public safety, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 77 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's crime, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 78 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's drug policy, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 79 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's immigration, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 80 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's environment, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 81 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's energy policy, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 82 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's economy, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 83 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's transportation, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 84 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's environment, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 85 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's crime, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 86 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's drug policy, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 87 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's immigration, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.

The poll found that 88 percent of the voters approved of Corbett's handling of the state's environment, compared to only 17 percent who disapproved.