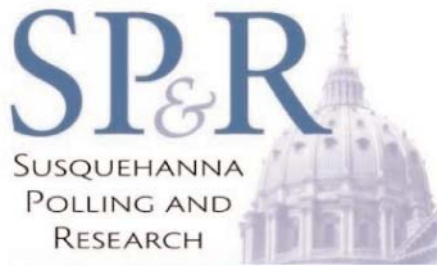


Legal Reform Coalition 2011 Statewide Survey





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Final Top Line Survey Results
PA Statewide Poll – Legal Reform Coalition
Sample Size: 800 Registered Voters
Conducted: February 24-March 1, 2011

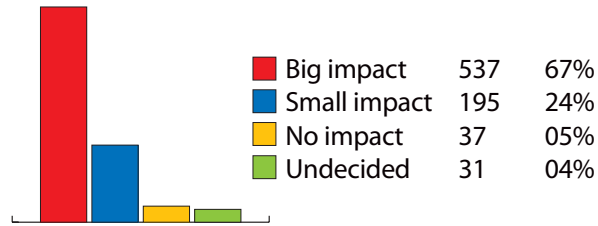
Q1. What should be the top priority for state elected officials in Harrisburg to concentrate on – improving the overall business climate and creating jobs, improving education and public schools, fighting crime and drugs, improving roads and transportation, strengthening the healthcare system or something else?

1. Improving business climate/job creation	377	47%
2. Improving public schools/education	139	17%
3. Fighting crime and drugs	36	05%
4. Improving roads and transportation	29	04%
5. Strengthening health care system	105	13%
6. Undecided	25	03%
7. Other	89	11%

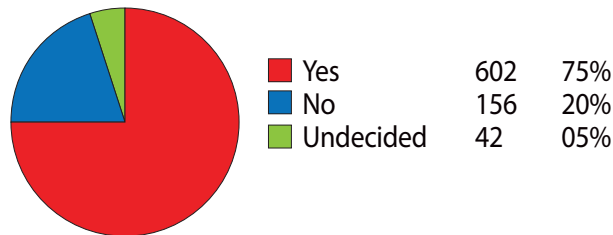
Q2. Do you believe the number of lawsuits in Pennsylvania is too high, too low, or about right?

1. Too high	432	54%
2. Too low	10	01%
3. About right	149	19%
4. Undecided	210	26%

Q3. What impact do you think lawsuits against businesses and employers have on the overall costs of things like goods, services and products for consumers – a big impact, a small impact or no impact at all?



Q4. Some people believe our state elected officials in Harrisburg should do more to improve the overall legal climate in Pennsylvania as a way to cut down on both the amount of lawsuits as well as suits that are frivolous or unnecessary, while others are opposed to making changes to the legal system on the grounds that they will only deny legitimate victims the right to be fully compensated for their injuries. In your opinion, do you think state government needs to do more to improve the overall legal climate in Pennsylvania?



Q5. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for the state legislature in Harrisburg who supports making changes to the legal climate in Pennsylvania as a way to cut down on the amount of lawsuits as well as suits that are frivolous or unnecessary, or would this have no impact on your vote?

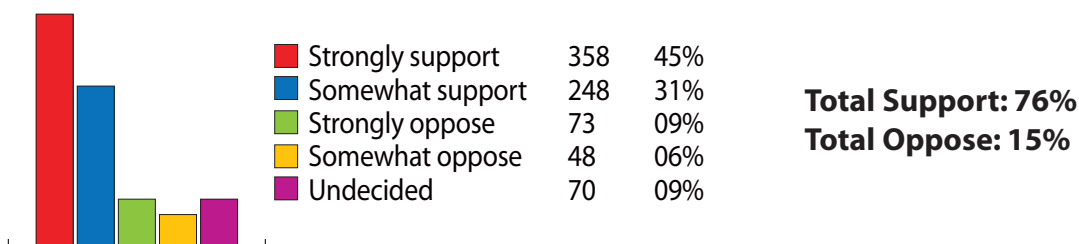
1. Much more likely	239	30%	Total More Likely: 60%
2. Somewhat more likely	241	30%	
3. Much less likely	29	04%	Total Less Likely: 06%
4. Somewhat less likely	18	02%	
5. No Impact	246	31%	
6. Undecided	28	03%	

Thinking more specifically about lawsuits against businesses or individuals...

Q6. In lawsuits dealing with injuries or defective products, individuals or businesses sometimes pay all the costs of damages even though they may only be partly responsible for the accident. Generally speaking, should individuals or businesses be required to pay 100% of the damages when they are only partly to blame?

1. Yes	81	10%
2. No	655	82%
3. Undecided	60	07%
4. Refuse	4	01%

Q7. Would you support or oppose a law which says that individuals or businesses should only have to pay for damages proportionate to their level of blame, even if it means some plaintiffs will not be able to recover 100% of the damages?

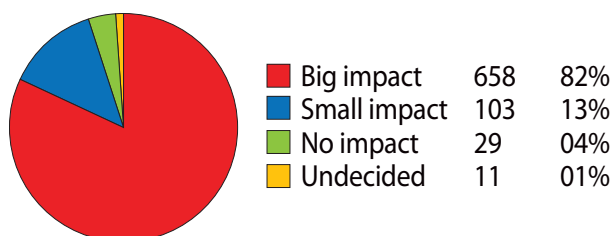


Q8. Currently, businesses can be sued at any time after they sell a piece of equipment or product if a consumer believes they were later injured by that product. Should consumers be able to sue a business at any time regardless of how long ago they purchased a product, or should time restrictions be placed on how long a business can be sued if a product or piece of equipment it sold was found to have operated safely for a number of years?

1. Let people sue at any time	163	20%
2. Place time restrictions on lawsuits	569	71%
3. Undecided	64	08%
4. None/other	4	01%

Thinking more about lawsuits against hospitals and doctors....

Q9. What impact do you think lawsuits against hospitals, doctors and other medical professionals have on the costs of providing medical care and other health care services for patients and consumers – a big impact, a small impact or no impact at all?



Q10. Should doctors and other medical professionals be allowed to express sympathy or personally apologize for unintended outcomes on a medical procedure as a way to improve communications with their patients, without the fear of having these statements used against them in a court of law? Allowing this would not infringe upon a person's right to sue or pursue other legal action.

1. Yes	673	84%
2. No	58	07%
3. Undecided	66	08%

Q11. Under Pennsylvania law, a practice known as “venue shopping” allows attorneys to get trials moved to counties that have a reputation for handing out more generous jury awards to victims in personal injury cases. Should state law be changed so that lawsuits can only be filed in counties where the defendant resides or where the injury or damages occur?

1. Yes	686	86%
2. No	73	09%
3. Undecided	40	05%

Q12. Currently, juries that are called upon to decide on the amount of money that should be awarded to victims in personal injury cases are not allowed to be informed about other monies the victim might have been awarded from other sources to compensate for the same injury. For example, this could include monies given to the victim from medical, or disability insurance or other court awards. Generally speaking, should juries be allowed to be told about ALL of the monies a victim has received in numerous actions regarding the same injury, even if this results in smaller jury awards?

1. Yes	593	74%
2. No	171	21%
3. Undecided	36	05%

Q13. Currently personal injury attorneys receive 30% or more of the awards given to the victims for the legal services they provide in personal injury lawsuits. Do you think attorneys’ fees should be capped at a certain percentage, or should they be able to make this decision in conjunction with their clients?

1. Cap attorneys’ fees at a certain percentage	464	58%
2. Let attorneys make this decision with clients	291	36%
3. Undecided	38	05%
4. Other	7	01%

Methodology: This survey was commissioned by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry. Completed interviews were conducted February 24-March 1, 2011 with 800 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 Susquehanna Polling and Research. 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 800 interviews is +/-3.46% at the 95% confidence level, but higher for subgroups of respondents.