

STATE NAVIGATE POLL BRIEFING

PENNSYLVANIA

2026 GENERAL ELECTION - STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 143

HD-143 Tim Hayes (D) · Shelby Labs (R) · Chris Gambino (Forward Ind.)

GOVERNOR Josh Shapiro (D) · Stacy Garritty (R)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election · Middle Bucks County

AT A GLANCE



ELECTION DATE

November 3, 2026



FIELD DATES

Sep 18 - Sep 20, 2026



SAMPLE SIZE

n = 367 LV



MARGIN OF ERROR

±5.1%

Pennsylvania State House of Representatives District 143 (Middle Bucks Co.) - weighted to the likely-voter electorate

METHODOLOGY

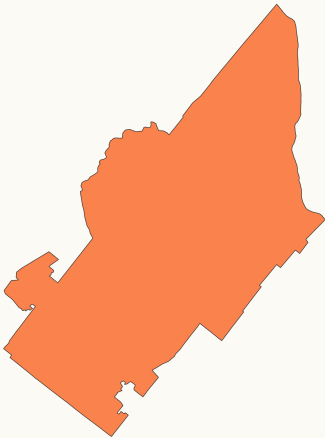
State Navigate surveyed 367 likely voters in Pennsylvania's 143rd State House District from September 18-20, 2026. Text messages were sent to voters by AllianceForge, which directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by L2 and results were weighted by gender, race, age, education, party registration, and township to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate. The margin of error is 5.1% at a 95% confidence level. This survey was designed and conducted by the State Navigate Polling Team, and was not sponsored by any candidate or candidate's committee.

DISTRICT DNA • HD-143 (LV)



STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 143

A State House district in middle Bucks County. Republican incumbent Shelby Labs is running for re-election against Democrat Tim Hayes, with Forward Independent candidate Chris Gambino also on the ballot.



RECENT ELECTION RESULTS IN HD-143

2024 President: Trump +5.5



2022 Governor: Shapiro +10.9



2022 U.S. Senate: Oz +0.1

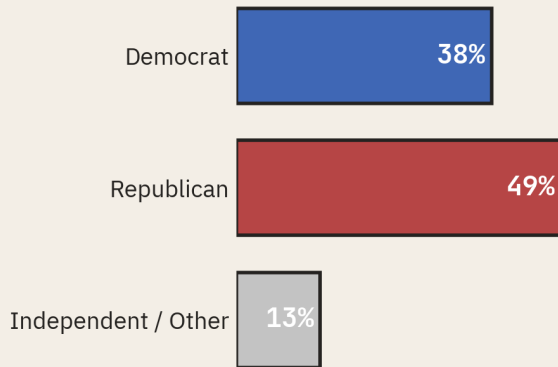


2024 State House: Labs +12.7

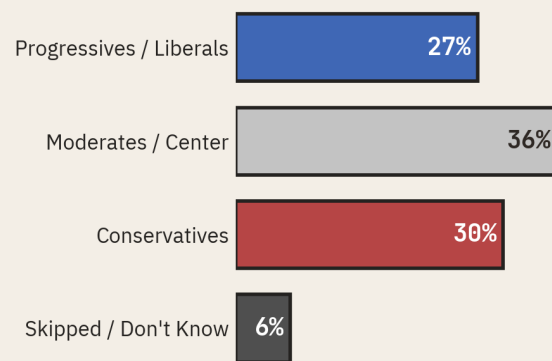


DISTRICT DNA - SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

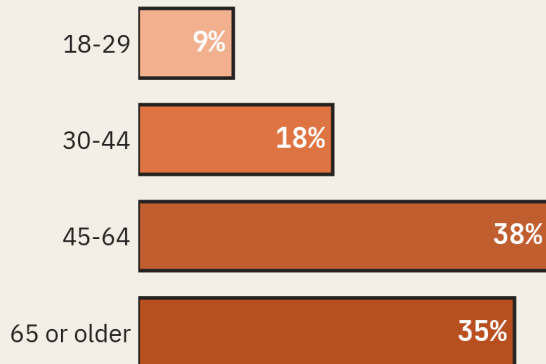
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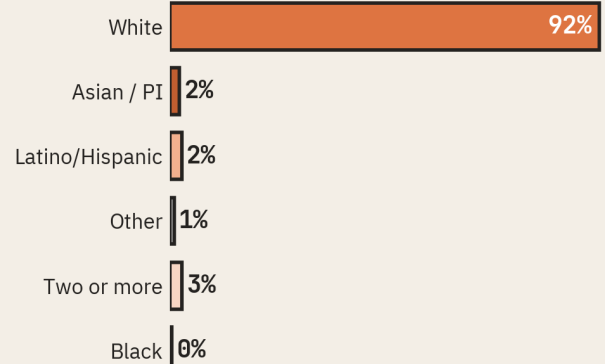
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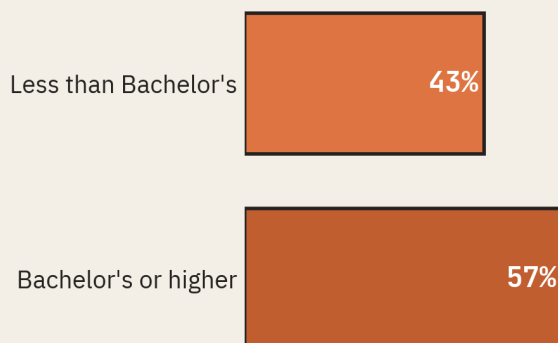
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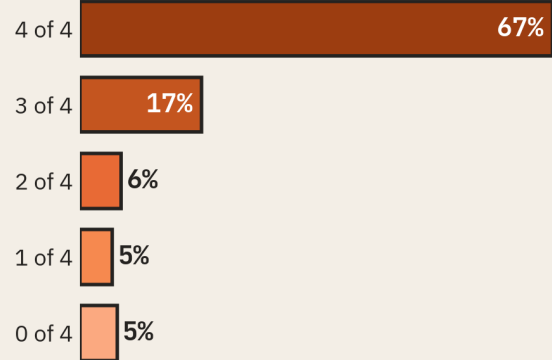
RACE / ETHNICITY



EDUCATION



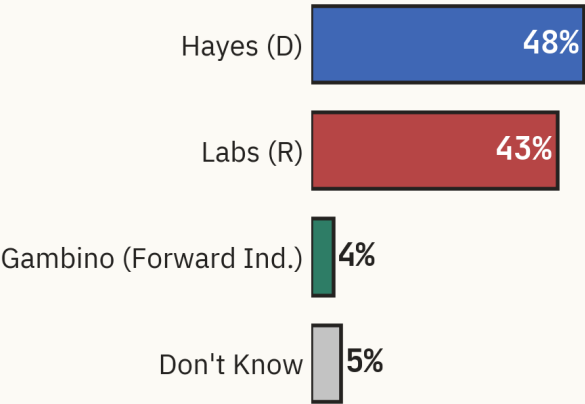
VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)



THE SNAPSHOTS

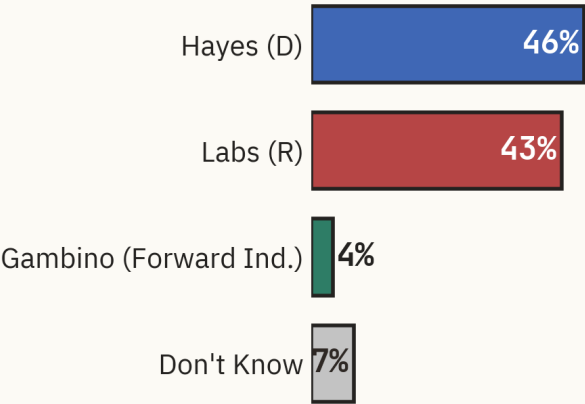
STATE HOUSE (HD-143) WITH LEANERS

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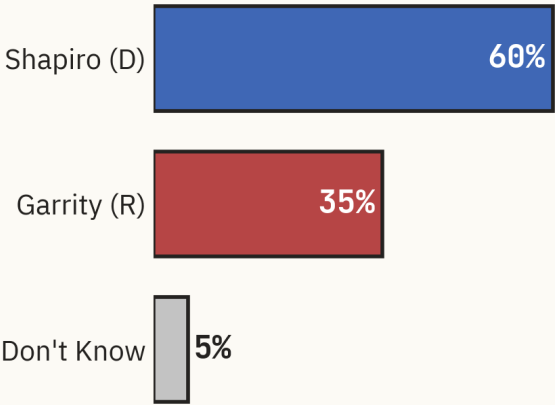
STATE HOUSE (HD-143) BEFORE UNDECIDED PUSH

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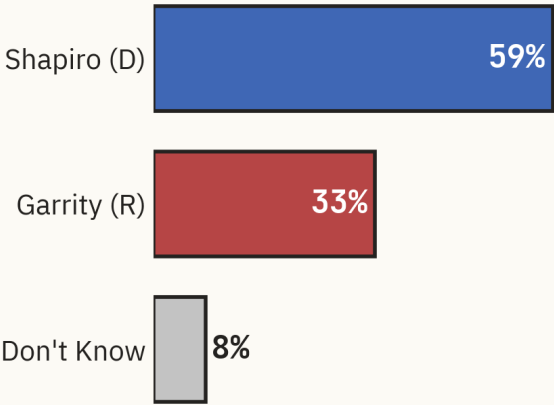
GOVERNOR WITH LEANERS

If the election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (undecideds allocated via leaner follow-up)



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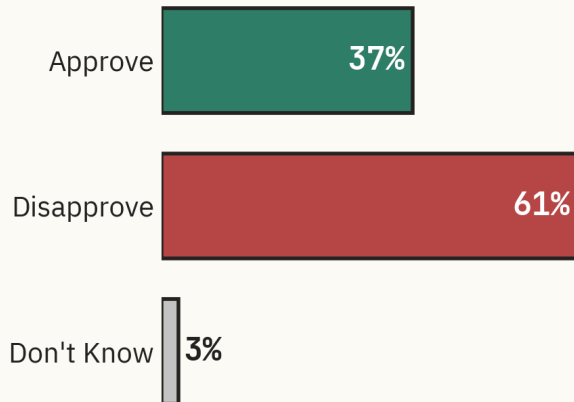


Tim Hayes (D) leads 48-43 with leaners in HD-143 (a 5-point margin), with 5% undecided. Chris Gambino (Forward Ind.) draws 4%. Governor Shapiro leads the top of the ticket 60-35.

EXECUTIVE APPROVALS

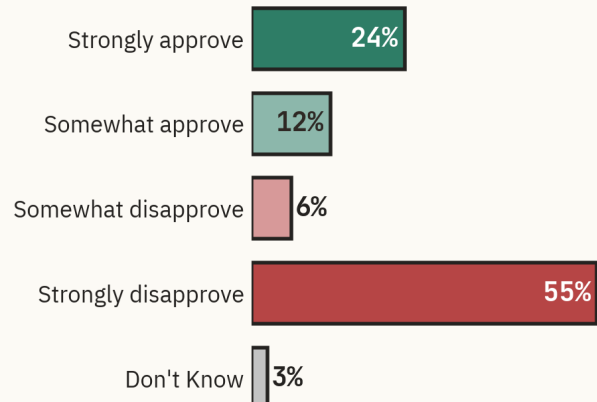
PRESIDENT TRUMP JOB APPROVAL

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?



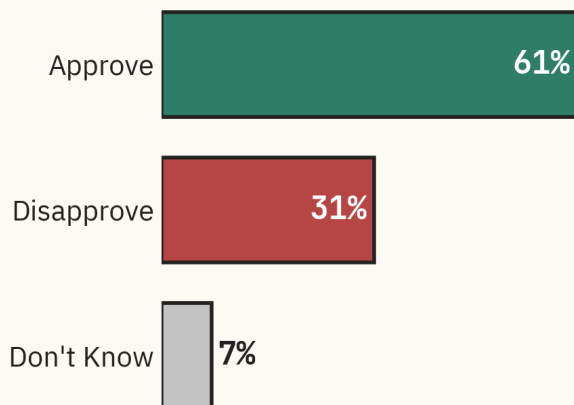
PRESIDENT TRUMP JOB APPROVAL (DETAILED)

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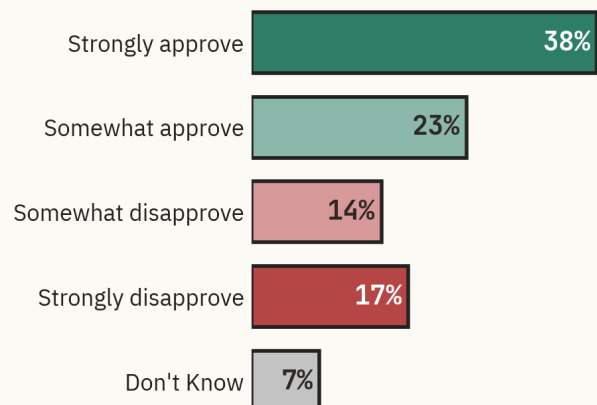
GOV. SHAPIRO JOB APPROVAL

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Josh Shapiro is doing as Governor?



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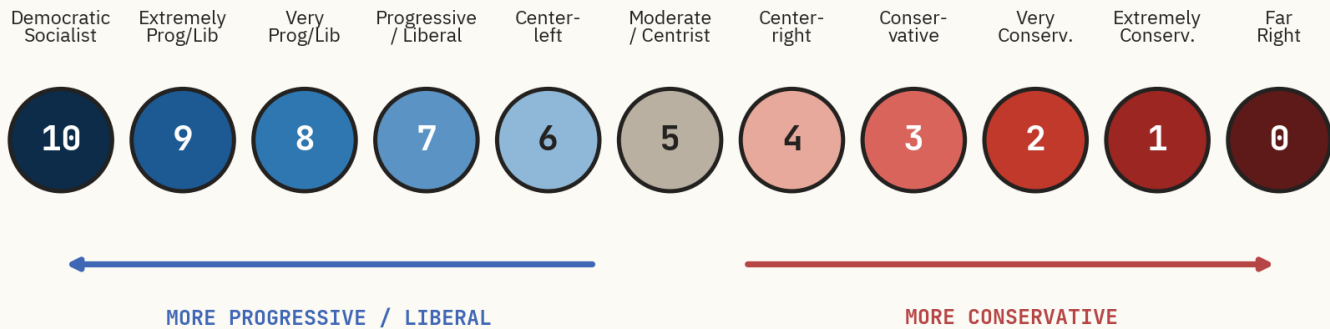
President Trump is underwater in HD-143 (37% approve / 61% disapprove), while Gov. Shapiro sits at 61% approve / 31% disapprove. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

SURVEY IDEOLOGY

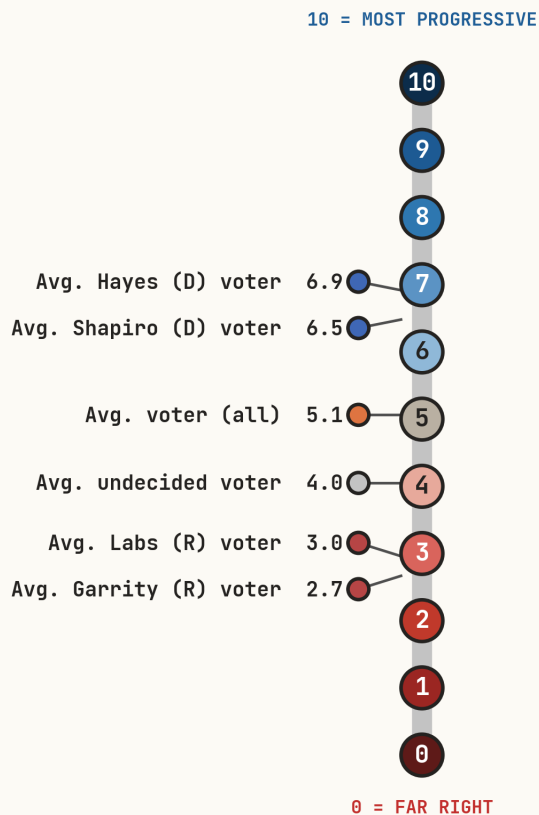
THE SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

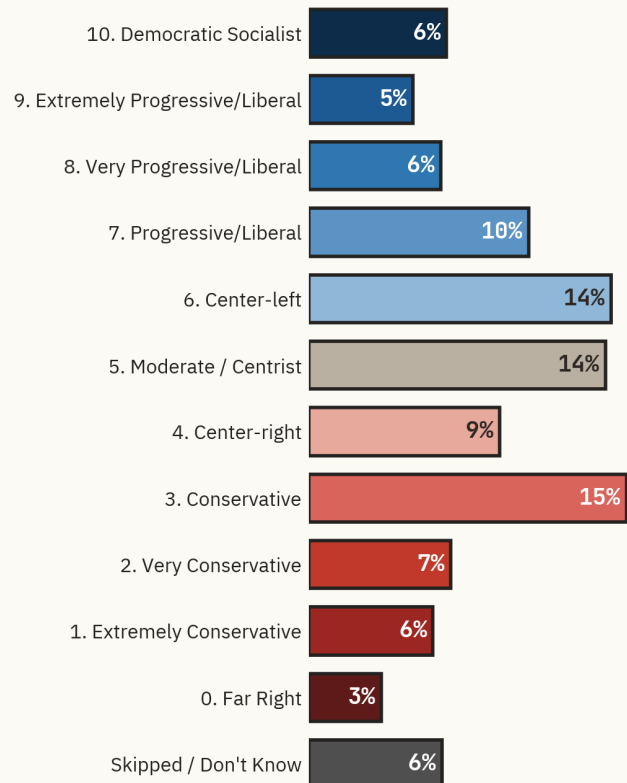
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

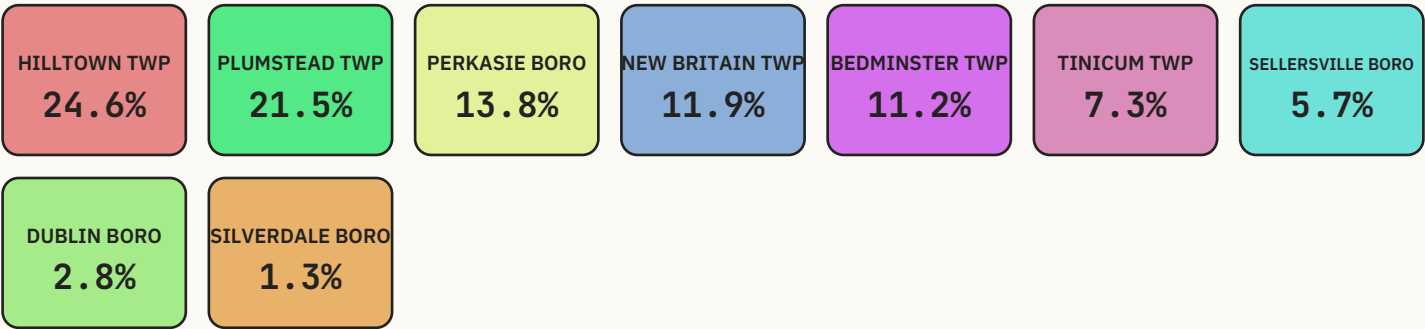


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 6.1% skipped the question. Group averages are computed among those who did place themselves (overall mean 5.1).

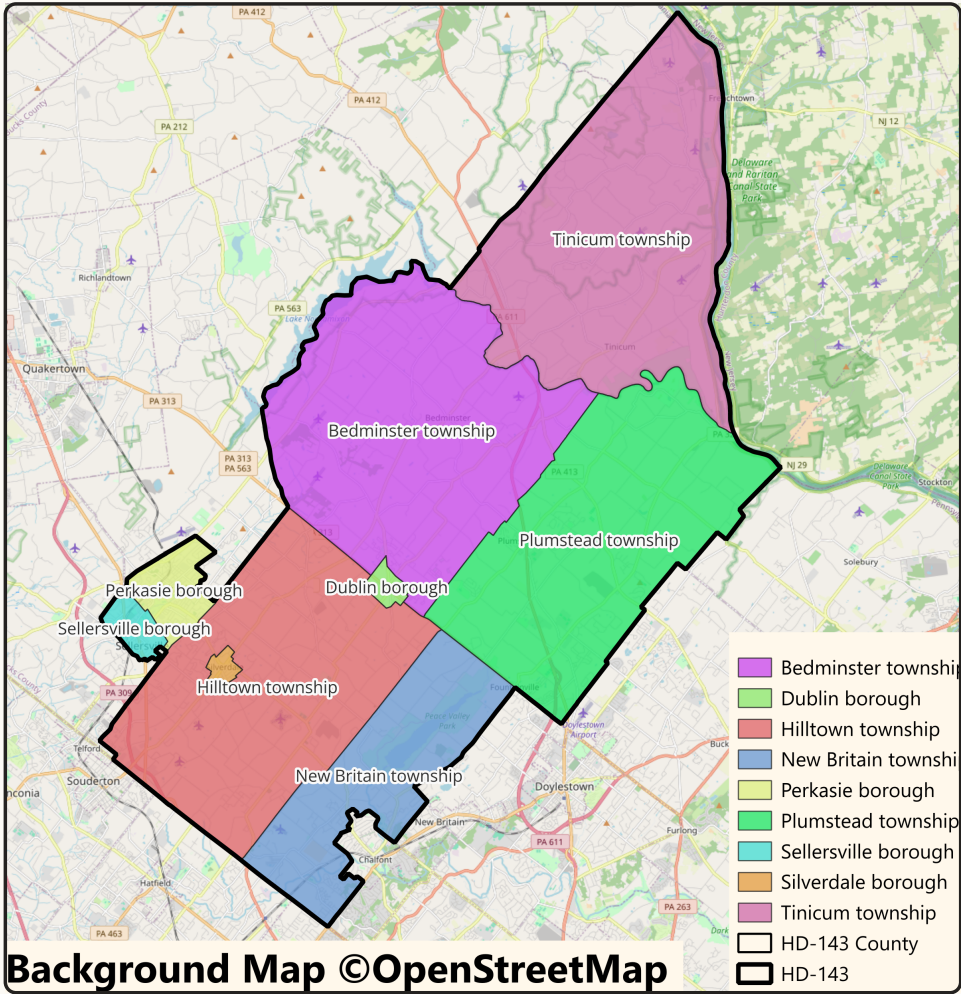
APPENDIX • REGIONS & WEIGHTS

State House of Representatives District 143 was weighted by region. Cards show each region's share of the weighted likely-voter sample. The map shows the regions that make up the district.

REGION WEIGHTS • SHARE OF WEIGHTED SAMPLE



HD-143 BY REGION



Regions that make up State House of Representatives District 143.

TEAM NOTES & ANALYSIS

The following analysis from the State Navigate polling team examines the forces shaping this race.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON UNDECIDED VOTERS

The few undecideds tilt toward Hayes.

Only 5% of voters in our survey say they are undecided on the HD-143 race, a relatively small sample size. But there may be good news for Hayes in this group: 49% say they disapprove of Trump, while just 26% approve. And none of the undecided voters say they plan to vote for Garrity in the gubernatorial race, while 47% say they'll vote for Shapiro and the rest say they don't know. Given the small sample size, though, these numbers should be taken with a grain of salt, but there's other indications that undecideds might ultimately lean a bit more Democratic. For example, none of Garrity's voters are undecided in the House race, while 4% of Shapiro's are.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON CROSSOVER VOTING

Crossover voting only goes one way in the 143rd.

As a purple state, crossover voting isn't new in Pennsylvania, and we can expect to see some of that across the state, as Shapiro continues to overperform downballot candidates. However, it appears that at least in the 143rd House district, crossover voting only goes one way: 0% of Garrity voters plan to vote for Hayes in the House race, while 14% of Shapiro voters say they'll be voting for Labs.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON THE SPOILER EFFECT

Gambino may be costing Labs votes.

While only 4% of poll respondents say they plan to vote for Gambino, that's still almost as large as the margin between Hayes and Labs. And it could be hurting Labs: among voters that say they plan to vote for Garrity in the gubernatorial race, 6% also plan to vote for Gambino, while just 2% of Shapiro voters say the same. 4% of voters that identify as Republicans plan to vote for Gambino, compared to just 2% of those that identify as Democrats. While these are small differences, in a close race small differences can add up.

MICHAEL FOLEY ON THE LACK OF GAPS

Crosstabs are wonky.

The HD-143 crosstabs are a bit counterintuitive: unlike in the other HDs and SDs we polled, those with less than a Bachelor's degree and males are more likely to support the Democratic state house candidate, Hayes. Whether this is due in part to the presence of Gambino on the ballot or relatively small subsample sizes (150-180 weighted respondents) is unknown.

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