

STATE NAVIGATE POLL BRIEFING

PENNSYLVANIA

2026 GENERAL ELECTION - STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 187

HD-187 Rachel Cuevas (D) · Gary Day (R)
GOVERNOR Josh Shapiro (D) · Stacy Garrity (R)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election · Western Lehigh County

AT A GLANCE



ELECTION DATE

November 3, 2026



FIELD DATES

Sep 18 - Sep 20, 2026



SAMPLE SIZE

n = 307 LV



MARGIN OF ERROR

±5.6%

Pennsylvania State House of Representatives District 187 (Western Lehigh Co.) - weighted to the likely-voter electorate

METHODOLOGY

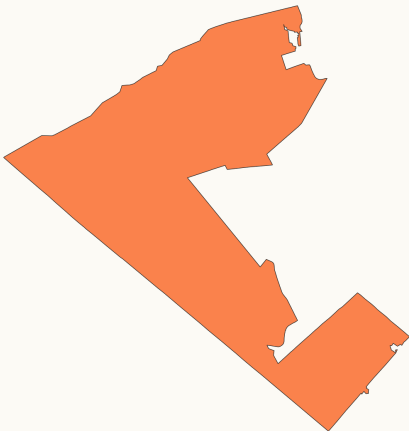
State Navigate surveyed 307 likely voters in Pennsylvania's 187th State House District from September 18-20, 2026. Text messages were sent to voters by AllianceForge, which directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by L2 and 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 5.6% 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-187 (LV)



STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 187

A State House district in western Lehigh County. Republican incumbent Gary Day is running for re-election against Democrat Rachel Cuevas. HD-187 sits entirely within State Senate District 16.



RECENT ELECTION RESULTS IN HD-187

2024 President: Trump +9.4



2022 Governor: Shapiro +6.4



2022 U.S. Senate: Oz +3.7

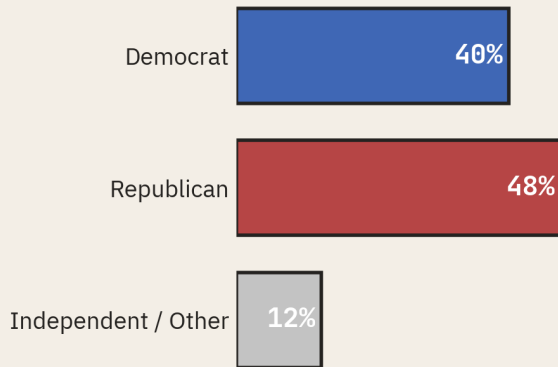


2024 State House: Day +10.7

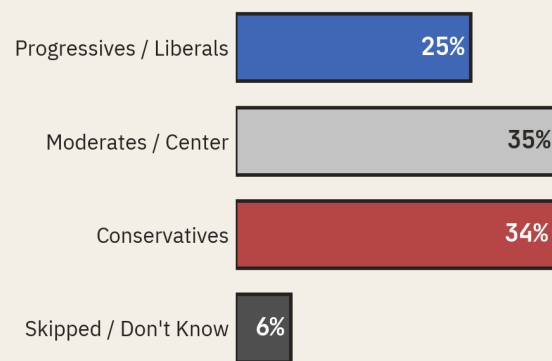


DISTRICT DNA - SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

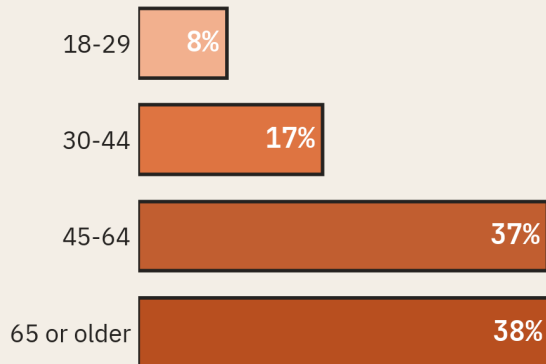
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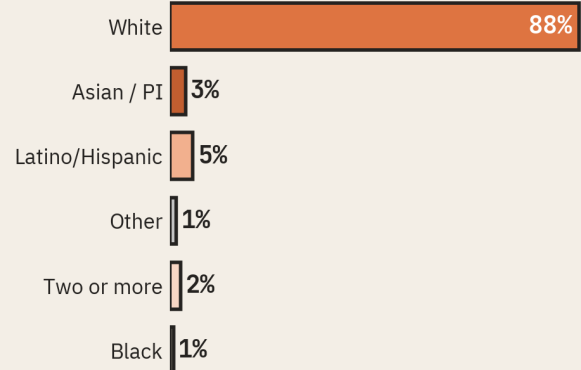
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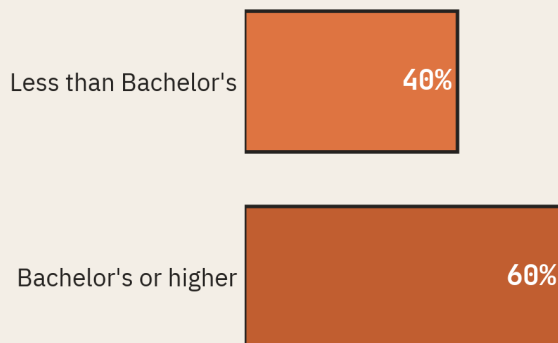
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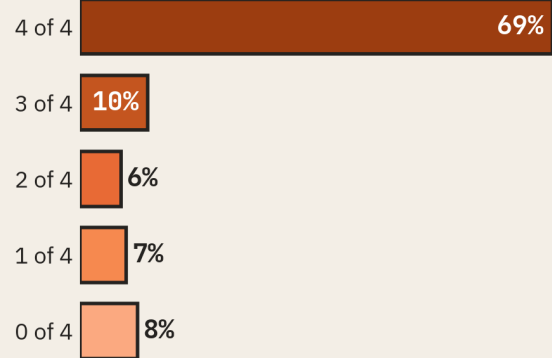
RACE / ETHNICITY



EDUCATION



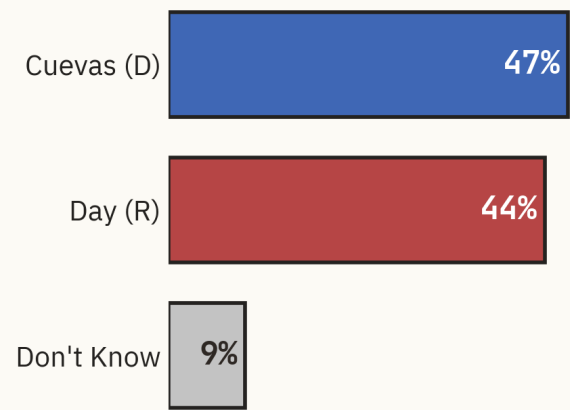
VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)



THE SNAPSHOTS

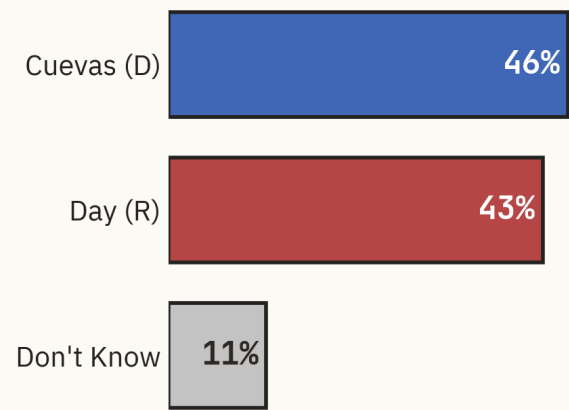
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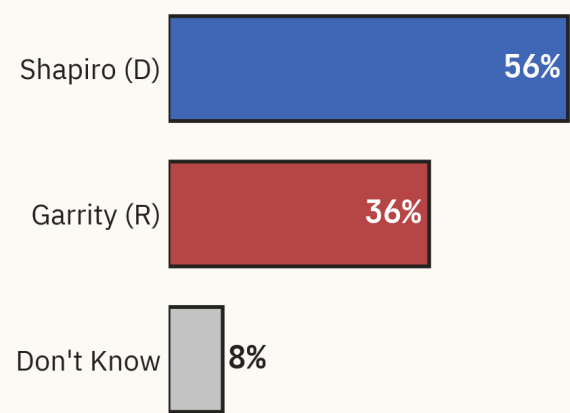
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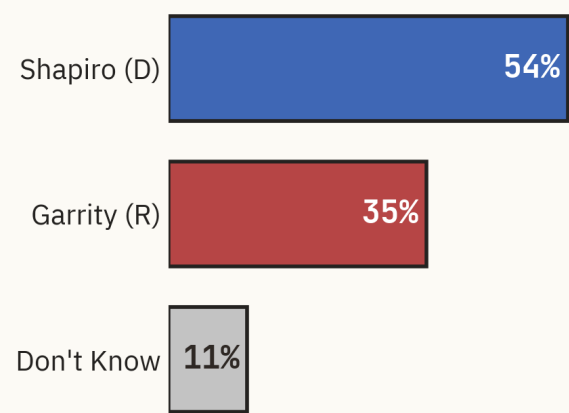
GOVERNOR WITH LEANERS

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



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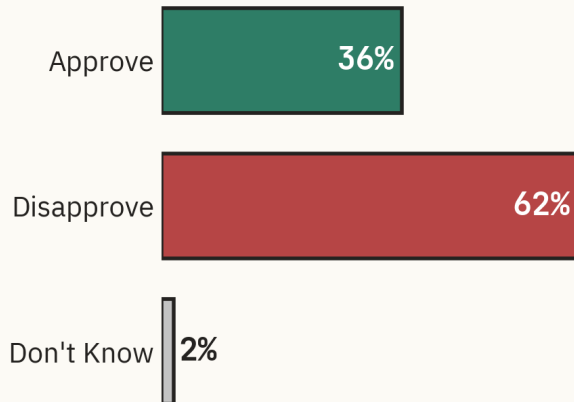


Rachel Cuevas (D) leads 47-44 with leaners in HD-187 (a 3-point margin), with 9% undecided. Governor Shapiro leads the top of the ticket 56-36.

EXECUTIVE APPROVALS

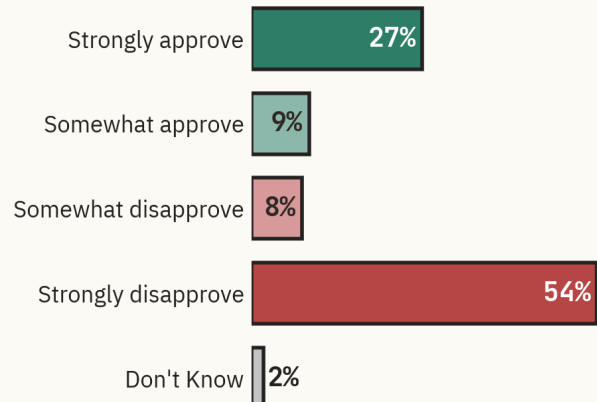
PRESIDENT TRUMP JOB APPROVAL

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



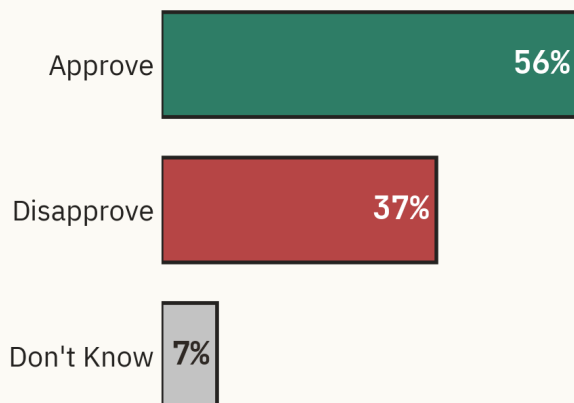
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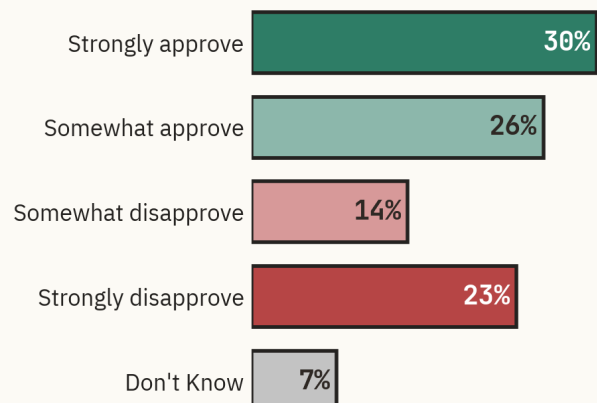
GOV. SHAPIRO JOB APPROVAL

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



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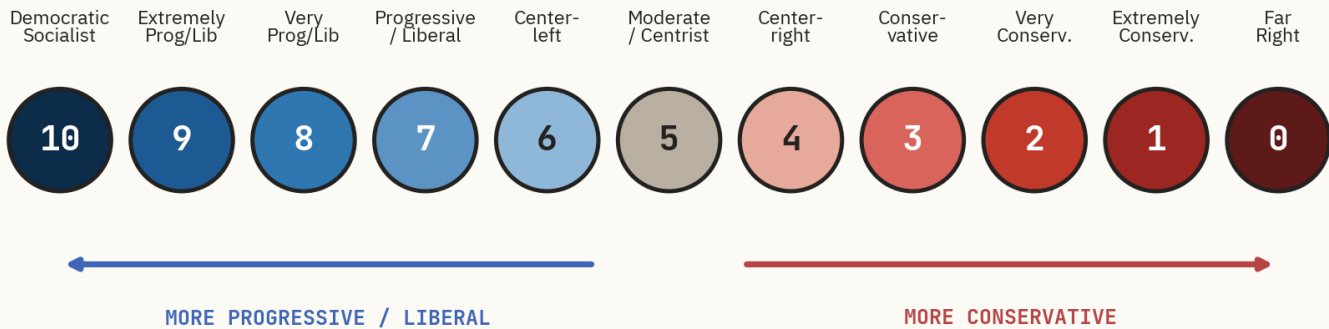
President Trump is underwater in HD-187 (36% approve / 62% disapprove), while Gov. Shapiro sits at 56% approve / 37% disapprove. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

SURVEY IDEOLOGY

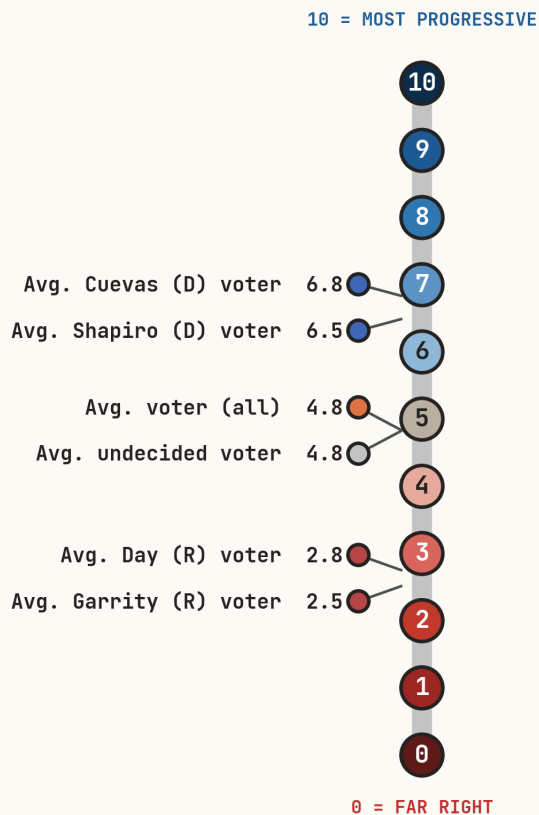
THE SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

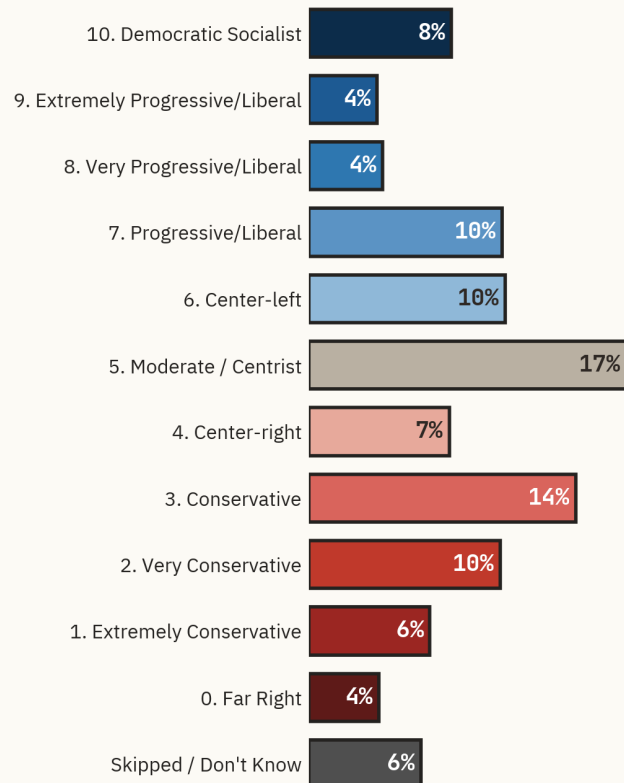
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

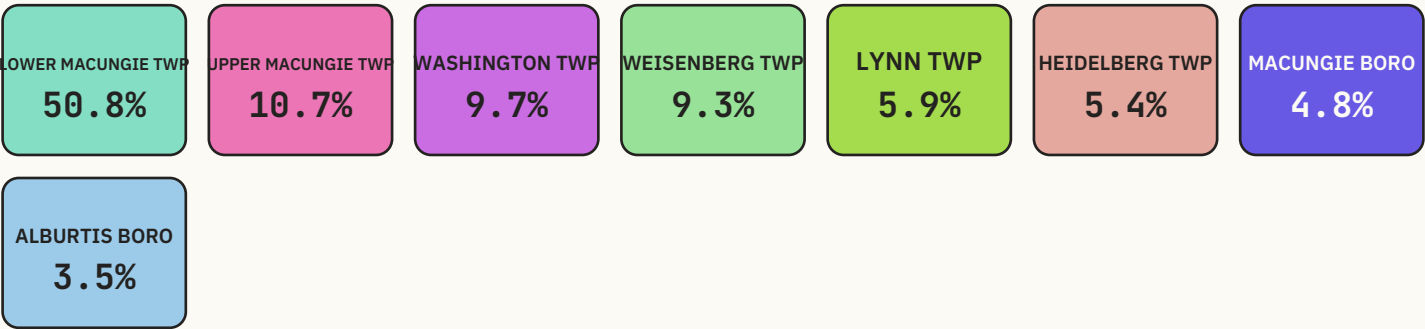


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 5.9% skipped the question. Group averages are computed among those who did place themselves (overall mean 4.8).

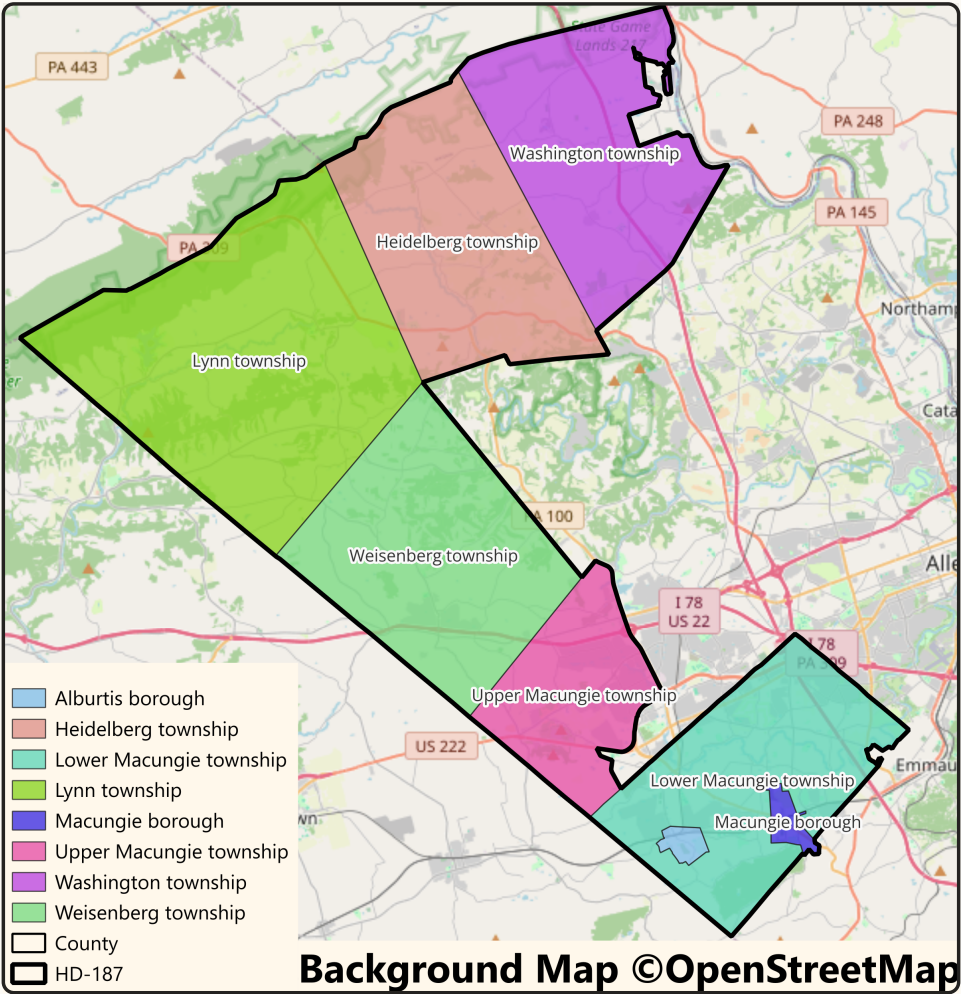
APPENDIX · REGIONS & WEIGHTS

State House of Representatives District 187 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-187 BY REGION



Regions that make up State House of Representatives District 187.

TEAM NOTES & ANALYSIS

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

MARY RADCLIFFE ON UNDECIDED VOTERS

The undecideds lean toward Cuevas.

9% of voters in the survey say they are undecided on the HD-187 race, a relatively small sample size, though a bit larger than in the other districts we surveyed. But there may be some good news for Cuevas in this group: 68% say they disapprove of Trump, and they break for Shapiro in the gubernatorial race by 36 points (though over half are undecided in that race as well). 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, 7% of Shapiro voters are undecided in the House race, compared with just 1% of Garrity voters.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON CROSSOVER VOTING

Crossover voting only goes one way in the 187th.

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 187th House district, crossover voting only goes one way: 0% of Garrity voters plan to vote for Cuevas in the House race, while 10% of Shapiro voters say they'll be voting for Day.

MARY RADCLIFFE ON VOTER PROPENSITY

The most reliable voters lean Republican.

Among voters who have voted in all 4 of the last 4 general elections, Day leads Cuevas 50% to 43%. Among the rest of the electorate, though, Cuevas has a much larger 56% to 30% lead over Day. Even though 4-out-of-4 voters make up nearly 70% of the likely electorate, Cuevas' significant lead among less frequent voters is driving her overall lead. We see a similar split between the most frequent voters and everyone else in the gubernatorial race, though Shapiro's relative strength has him leading both groups: he leads 4-out-of-4 voters 50% to 43%, but leads among everyone else by an enormous 68% to 22%, a 46-point advantage over Garrity.

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