**Governor:** AG Josh Shapiro leads State Sen. Doug Mastriano 78% - 17% among Black voters 50+ in Pennsylvania. While this is a large lead for Shapiro, it suggests Republicans are making in-roads, as Democrats often win 90% or more of Black voters 50+. Shapiro’s advantage is larger among women (+65) than men (+54). He wins nearly all self-described liberals and leads among moderates 82% - 14%, but Mastriano is up by 3-points among the 21% of Black voters 50+ who identify as conservatives. Shapiro’s image (68% fav/16% unfav) is significantly stronger than Mastriano’s (15/53), and it is notable at this point that 32% of Black voters 50+ either have no opinion of Mastriano or have never heard of him.

**Senator:** LG John Fetterman holds a similar advantage as Shapiro, ahead of Dr. Mehmet Oz 76% - 16% in the race for Senate. There is a gender gap, with Oz relatively stronger among Black men 50+, though still trailing by 54-points. Although Fetterman’s image is net-negative with conservatives, he narrowly leads among them, unlike Shapiro. However, Fetterman does relatively worse than Shapiro among Moderates. Fetterman’s image (63% fav/18% unfav) has a decisive advantage over Oz’s (14/68).

**Political Environment:** Black voters 50+ are a strongly Democratic leaning group in Pennsylvania elections, and while most are supporting the Democratic candidates in this survey, there are areas of weakness. Two-thirds think the country is off on the wrong track, a majority say the same thing about the state, current motivation to vote in November lags voters 50+ overall, and Biden’s job approval is at just 67% - 30%. A Democrat leads on the generic Congressional ballot 75% - 17%, below historical margins. Black voters 50+ rate guns as the clear top issue in the race for Senate. They also place voting rights and Social Security/Medicare at higher levels of importance to their vote this November than 50+ voters overall. On inflation, gas prices are the top area of concern, but Black voters 50+ are relatively more concerned about rising food and housing costs than voters 50+ overall.

### 2022 Ballots – Among Black Voters 50+

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## Candidate Images – Among Black Voters 50+

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How well would you say the U.S. economy is working for you personally?

- % Very/Somewhat Well
  - Overall: 46%
  - Women: 49%
  - Men: 43%
  - Liberals: 53%
  - Moderates: 49%
  - Conservatives: 36%

How motivated to vote are you in the 2022 general election for Governor and Congress?

- % - 10 - Extremely Motivated
  - Overall: 79%
  - Women: 78%
  - Men: 80%
  - Liberals: 89%
  - Moderates: 75%
  - Conservatives: 71%

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Q: Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote for **Senate**.

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Guns (25%)  
SS & Medicare (12%)  
Voting Rights (12%)  

**Men**

Guns (20%)  
Inflation (17%)  
Honesty in Gov’t (13%)
Q: Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote for Governor.

- Inflation and rising costs: 21%
- Honesty in Government: 20%
- Voting rights: 15%
- Jobs and the economy: 11%
- Abortion: 8%
- Education: 5%
- Health care: 4%
- Election security: 4%
- Environment and climate change: 4%
- Immigration and border security: 3%
- Taxes: 2%
- State spending: 2%

Women:
- Inflation: 24%
- Hon in Gov’t: 18%

Men:
- Inflation: 17%
- Voting Rights: 15%

Q: Would you say that things in Pennsylvania are going in the right direction or would you say that they are seriously off on the wrong track?

- Right Direction
  - Overall: 43 +66 -13
  - Women: 42 +64 -14
  - Men: 44 +68 -11

Q: How comfortable are you with your state’s voting process and rules for this year’s elections?

- Comfortable
  - Overall: 81 15
  - Women: 80 16
  - Men: 82 14

Biggest Concern on Inflation/Costs:
- Food: 34%
- Gasoline: 37%
- Housing: 17%
- Electricity: 4%

Vote Method for November:
- Early In-Person: 30%
- Absentee/Mail: 30%
- Election Day: 56%

All data on slide is among Black Voters 50+
**Key Issues:** Huge majorities of Black voters 50+ in Pennsylvania say they would be more likely to support a candidate for Senate who supports protecting Medicare and Social Security from cuts, allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug prices, and expanding access to quality, affordable long-term care. There are no significant differences between Black women and Black men 50+, with both groups overwhelmingly positively impacted. Supporting these issues gets strong positive intensity, and backing is broad among Liberals, Moderates, and Conservatives.

Q: Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for Senate that advocated this position?

- Support protecting Medicare from cuts and ensure America’s seniors get the healthcare they need. 78% Much More Likely, 93% Total More Likely
- Support protecting Social Security from cuts to workers’ earned benefits. 78% Much More Likely, 93% Total More Likely
- Support allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices. 74% Much More Likely, 92% Total More Likely
- Expand access to quality, affordable long-term care for the elderly, from home care to nursing homes. 64% Much More Likely, 90% Total More Likely

**Importance of Social Security**
- Liberals 94%
- Moderates 89%
- Conservatives 83%

**Importance of Medicare**
- % extremely/very important on vote
  - Liberals 91%
  - Moderates 85%
  - Conservatives 78%

**Protect Medicare**
- 95%
- 87%

**Protect S.S. Funding**
- 94%
- 88%

**Medicare Rx Prices**
- 93%
- 86%

**Affordable LTC**
- 93%
- 81%

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**Key Issues:** Several policy positions have a strong positive impact on Black voters 50+ supporting a candidate for governor this November. All five issues tested would benefit a candidate backing them, ranging from 83% more likely to 91%. There are limited differences by gender, and support for each spans the ideological spectrum.

Q: Please tell me if would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for Governor that advocated this position??

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<td>Provide funding to allow seniors needing daily support to receive care at home rather than having to enter a costly nursing home.</td>
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<td>Support fixing the nursing home and homecare worker shortage by increasing the minimum wage for all working Pennsylvanians.</td>
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<td>Support paid family medical leave so family members can take care of newborns, sick children, aging parents, and siblings or spouses/partners without losing their jobs or incomes.</td>
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<td>Support creating Keystone Saves, a retirement savings program for the 40% of Pennsylvania workers who do not have access to one through their employer, so that they have an option to contribute a portion of their paychecks to their retirement.</td>
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**Protect from Property Taxes**
- **Liberals:** 91%
- **Moderates:** 93%
- **Conservatives:** 89%

**Care At Home**
- **Liberals:** 93%
- **Moderates:** 93%
- **Conservatives:** 83%

**Min Wage Increase**
- **Liberals:** 94%
- **Moderates:** 89%
- **Conservatives:** 73%

**Paid Family Medical Leave**
- **Liberals:** 93%
- **Moderates:** 87%
- **Conservatives:** 74%

**Keystone Saves**
- **Liberals:** 85%
- **Moderates:** 85%
- **Conservatives:** 72%

% more likely to support a candidate for Governor that advocated this position

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AARP commissioned the bipartisan polling team of Fabrizio Ward & Impact Research to conduct a survey. The firms interviewed 1382 likely Pennsylvania voters, which includes a statewide representative sample of 500 likely voters, with an oversample of 550 likely voters age 50 and older and an additional oversample of 328 Black likely voters age 50 and older, between June 12-19. The interviews were conducted via landline, cellphone, and SMS-to-web. The margin of sampling error for the 500 statewide sample is ±4.4%; for the 855 total sample of voters 50+ is ±3.3%; for the 433 total sample of Black voters 50+ is ±4.7%.

Due to rounding, answer choices may not always add up to 100%. Data in this report is among the Black 50+ universe. Partisan crosstabs in this report represent how people identify themselves when asked, not how they are registered on the voter file.

For more information about this survey, contact Kate Bridges at kbridges@aarp.org. Media inquiries contact tthiessen@aarp.org.

### GENDER
- 59% female
- 41% male

### AARP
- 49% are AARP members

### IDEOLOGY
- 35% Liberal
- 33% Moderate
- 21% Conservative
- 11% Other

### EDUCATION
- Less than 4-Year College: 67%
- 4-Year College Graduate+: 33%

### EMPLOYMENT
- Employed: 46%
- Unemployed: 6%
- Retired: 44%
- Other: 4%

### LIVING IN...
- Rural: 9%
- Urban: 53%
- Suburban: 34%

### PARTY ID
- Democrat: 83%
- Independent: 6%
- Republican: 11%

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