**US Senate Race (PA Seats):**

Katie McGinty (D) vs. Pat Toomey (R; Incumbent)

* **TAXES**:
  + McGinty:
    - Expand tax credits that make child care more affordable through bills like the Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act.
    - Level the playing field for workers by closing unfair tax loopholes that incentivize sending shops overseas and put small businesses at a disadvantage.
    - Invest in basic R&D, skilled job training, and nurturing start-up tech businesses in order to reclaim competitive edge in manufacturing and development.
  + Toomey:
    - Believes we should bring spending under control and have a federal government that lives within its means.
    - Supports a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
    - Supports closing special-interest tax loopholes and lowering tax rates for all Americans.
    - Believes that tax reform—if done correctly—would increase paychecks for middle-class families and boost job creation across PA.
* **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**:
  + McGinty:
    - Former Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and Secretary of Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection.
    - Will work to pass commonsense climate protections with investments in energy efficiency and clean energy.
    - Wants to invest in clean, renewable energy and innovative infrastructure technology.
    - Believes we should cut carbon emissions and lower energy costs.
    - In favor of federal regulation of fracking.
    - In support of the UN accord on global warming.
  + Toomey:
    - Fought to eliminate a new EPA regulation that prohibits new coal plant construction.
    - Fought the EPA’s regulation of small irrigation ditches to protect small PA farmers.
    - Opposes the “Clean Power Plan” and the recent UN accord.
    - In favor of fracking.
    - Opposes federal regulation of fracking.
* **WOMEN’S RIGHTS**:
  + McGinty:
    - Believes we should close the pay gap and give women equal pay.
    - Would fight for paid family leave so women can take care of loved ones and keep their jobs.
    - Believes we should fund Planned Parenthood in order to give women access to critical health services such as cancer screenings and contraception.
  + Toomey:
    - Opposes abortion rights, with exceptions made for rape, incest, and in order to save the life of the mother.
    - Voted to stop federal payments to Planned Parenthood.
    - Believes late-term abortions should be banned.
* **GUN RIGHTS**:
  + McGinty:
    - Believes we need commonsense gun safety measures.
    - Advocate for universal background checks and supports closing the terrorist loophole that allows terrorists to have access to guns.
    - Will work to reinstate the civilian ban on military-style weapons and ban civilian access to high magazines.
    - Will fight to legalize the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.
    - Opposes legislation that requires states to recognize permits concealed carry licenses from other states.
  + Toomey:
    - Supports requiring background checks for online gun sales and gun show purchases.
    - Voted against measures to prevent people on the terrorist watch list from buying firearms.
    - Believes no types of weapons, magazines, or bullets should be restricted.
* **LGBT RIGHTS**:
  + McGinty:
    - Will fight to strengthen reporting on hate-crimes.
    - Will fight to expand antidiscrimination protections for LGBT Americans.
    - Will work to ensure that transgender Americans are able to serve in the US military.
    - Will work to ensure that transgender patients have access to services through Medicaid.
  + Toomey:
    - Believes marriage is between a man and a woman.
* **CAMPAIGN FINANCE**:
  + McGinty:
    - Believes we should overturn *Citizens United* because this decision allows the influence of unaccountable dark money to grow and control politics.
  + Toomey:
    - Voted against a plan for an amendment to allow limits to the money raised by outside groups.
* **HEALTH CARE**:
  + McGinty:
    - Helped to expand Medicaid coverage to more than half a million Pennsylvanians as Governor Tom Wolf’s Chief of Staff.
    - Would build on the Affordable Care Act by working to promote access to affordable medical coverage and by lowering out-of-pocket costs.
    - Would fight to lower copays and deductibles and reduce the cost of prescription drugs.
    - Supports full parity of mental and behavioral healthcare with coverage for physical ailments
    - Will fight for families affected by addiction—especially with the recent heroin epidemic.
  + Toomey:
    - Against the Affordable Care Act, believes it has been destructive by increasing taxes, creating higher health care costs, giving patients less freedom, and by eliminating jobs.
    - Believes we should provide individuals the same tax advantages as employers when purchasing insurance.
    - Believes we should relieve physicians of the high cost of liability insurance and enable them to cut back on defensive medicine.
* **NATIONAL SECURITY**:
  + McGinty:
    - Pro-Israel
    - Believes we should fight terrorism both at home and abroad while upholding American values and principles.
    - In opposition to putting boots on the ground in Syria.
    - Supports Iran Deal.
  + Toomey:
    - Opposes putting boots on the ground in Syria.
    - Opposes Iran Deal.
* **MINIMUM WAGE**:
  + McGinty:
    - Boost minimum wage to $15/hour.
  + Toomey:
    - Against proposals to raise minimum wage.
* **SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE**:
  + McGinty:
    - Opposes privatization of Social Security.
    - Will fight to protect Medicare from being turned into a voucher system or shut down entirely.
  + Toomey:
    - Supports allowing young workers to decide whether they want to put a portion of their Social Security tax into a professionally managed account or just having a social security payroll tax.
    - Believes retirement age should be raised.
* **EDUCATION**:
  + McGinty:
    - Would push for universal pre-kindergarten.
    - Would fight to expand high-quality public education.
    - Believes college and technical training must be affordable and available to anyone who is willing to put in the hard work.
    - Supports the refinancing of student debt and supports expanding tax credits for middle-class families, as proposed in the Opportunity Permanence and Consolidation Act.
  + Toomey:
    - Voted to put a cap on climbing interest rates on federal student loans and to lock in interest rates for the life of each year’s student loan.
* **SUPREME COURT**:
  + McGinty:
    - Congress must restore the provisions of the Voting Rights Act struck down by the Supreme Court in 2013 to ensure that no legislative body can deny Americans the right to vote.
    - Believes that Obama’s Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, should be considered for the Senate. She has not stated whether she would support Garland for the Supreme Court or not.
  + Toomey:
    - Does not support Merrick Garland’s nomination for Supreme Court.
    - Stated he would support whomever Donald Trump nominates for Supreme Court, if Trump were to be elected President.
* **TRADE**:
  + McGinty:
    - Opposes Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)
    - In support of extending the Export-Import Bank.
  + Toomey:
    - Opposes Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)
    - In favor of free trade with South Korea, Colombia, and Panama.

**PA Attorney General Race**:

Josh Shapiro (D) vs. State Sen. John Rafferty (R)

**SHAPIRO (D)**:

* Hold big companies and powerful interests accountable
* Ensure safe, clean drinking water
* Take on the Heroin Epidemic
* Promote common sense gun safety
* Bring Integrity Back on Day One
* Protect Seniors and Consumers from Scams
* Advance women’s rights
* Get serious about campus sexual assault
* Reform the criminal justice system
* LGBT equality
* Protect workers from abuse and attacks on their rights
* Protect students from scams and fight for equality
* Protect the future of rural communities

**RAFFERTY (R)**:

* Restoring Integrity
* No Politics Pledge
* Heroin Epidemic
* Child Predator Unit
* School Safety Task Force