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## **Yet Another Poll Finds 65 Percent Support Marcellus Drilling Tax/Fee**

A new [poll by Franklin & Marshall College](#) released today found 65 percent of adults in Pennsylvania support a tax/fee on Marcellus Shale natural gas drillers. 72 percent of those surveyed opposed more natural gas drilling in state-owned forests. Other poll results--

- 72 percent believe proceeds from a drilling tax should be shared by both the state and local communities where drilling takes place;
- 35 percent feel natural gas drilling has improved PA quality of life;
- 39 percent believe benefits of drilling outweigh environmental damage;
- 35 percent say potential damage from drilling outweighs economic benefits;
- 53 percent of Pennsylvanians believe the state is headed in the wrong direction; and
- 32 percent approve of Gov. Corbett's performance, up 1 percent from March.

This poll is just the most recent showing [overwhelming and historic support](#) by Pennsylvania voters and the public for a natural gas severance tax or fee.