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CHRISTIE COMMANDS LARGE RE-ELECTION LEAD BUT COATTAILS MAY BE LIMITED, RUTGERS-EAGLETON POLL FINDS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J – Despite concerns of many voters over the economy and taxes, support for Gov. Chris Christie's re-election continues to grow. According to the latest Rutgers-Eagleton Poll, 64 percent of New Jersey registered voters now say Christie should be re-elected, up five points from November 2012. Just over a quarter say it is time for someone new.

In a matchup against New Jersey state Senator Barbara Buono, the only declared Democratic candidate, Christie overwhelms Buono, 63 percent to 21 percent. He even scores a decisive win among voters most concerned about the economy and taxes, despite the disapproval of his handling of these issues reported by the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll last week.

"We continue to see strong support for the governor's re-election post-Sandy," said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. "Christie is riding high on 86 percent approval of his handling of the storm. Consideration of his performance on the economy and taxes is so far on the back-burner that few voters are taking them into account in their voting decision."

Buono, on the other hand, faces an uphill battle on name recognition. Two-thirds of voters have no opinion of the challenger or admit they do not know who she is. Only 20 percent have a favorable impression of the likely Democratic nominee, while 13 percent have an unfavorable impression. Even so, this is a significant improvement since November, when 82 percent could not give an opinion on Buono and just 11 percent had a favorable impression of her.

"To her benefit, the 15-point improvement in name recognition has mostly come on the positive side," noted Redlawsk. "But Buono has a long way to go before voters know her well enough to give her serious consideration."

Christie's re-election support does not yet translate into good news for legislative Republicans in the aggregate. At this early stage, 25 percent of voters say they plan to vote for Republicans for the Legislature in 2013, while 40 percent say they will vote for Democrats. Not surprisingly, another quarter has no preference this early in the election season.

Results are from a poll of 796 adults conducted statewide among both landline and cell phone households from Jan. 30 – Feb. 3. Within this sample is a subsample of 698 registered voters reported on here; this subsample has a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points.

Christie on winning streak with most voters, including Democrats

As the 2013 election cycle begins, 15 percent of voters say they are following the gubernatorial election “very closely,” while another 33 percent are following it “somewhat closely.” But Christie’s lead is just as strong among those paying careful attention as those who admit they are paying little attention so far.

A plurality of Democrats, 47 percent, says Christie should be re-elected, while 40 percent say it is time for someone new. But 68 percent of independents and 87 percent of Republicans say the governor should be re-elected.

After closing in November, a small gender gap has reopened, with women eight points less likely than men to say Christie deserves another term, but that still leaves 60 percent of women on his side. Christie receives particularly strong support from the Sandy-battered exurban and shore regions (75 percent and 72 percent, respectively).

When matched against Buono, Christie still leads among Democrats, 42 percent to 38 percent. He also leads the head-to-head competition with 67 percent of independents and 93 percent of Republicans. With Buono on the ballot, the gender gap becomes slightly more pronounced, with women 10 points less likely than men to vote for Christie. At the same time, women are only one point more likely to vote for Buono, instead becoming more uncertain. As a result, Christie leads among men, 68 percent to 20 percent, and among women, 58 percent to 21 percent.

Even 35 percent of those who voted for former Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine in 2009 say they will vote for Christie over Buono, while Buono only holds 42 percent of Corzine voters.

Buono still mostly unknown

Beyond Christie’s post-Sandy surge, Buono is significantly disadvantaged because she remains largely unknown statewide. Even 61 percent of Democratic voters have no impression of her. But 32 percent of Democrats are favorable while only seven percent have an unfavorable impression. On the bright side for Buono, the percentage of Democrats favorable toward her has more than doubled since November, up 18 points.

Among independents, 74 percent have no opinion of Buono, 12 percent view her favorably, and 14 percent are unfavorable. Buono remains unknown to 62 percent of Republicans, with another 14 percent favorable and 24 percent unfavorable. Buono is also mostly unknown among such typical Democratic supporters as women (69 percent), black voters (72 percent) and voters belonging to public union households (69 percent).

Buono’s Democratic base is somewhat split about her candidacy: 17 percent are very satisfied and 32 percent are somewhat so. Another 22 percent of Democrats are either somewhat or very unsatisfied while 29 percent are unsure.

“We would expect that as the campaign progresses Buono will become better known and Democrats, at least, will probably gravitate toward her,” said Redlawsk. “Republicans, of course, will

stick with their guy, so the real question is whether Buono will peel away enough independents to pull off what looks right now like an improbable outcome.”

Christie’s coattails

Despite Christie’s soaring popularity and poll numbers, GOP state legislators do not fare as well with voters; one-quarter of voters remain undecided and a generic question about party preferences for the Legislature puts Democrats up 15 points statewide.

Among voters who favor the governor’s re-election, 34 percent plan to vote Republican, 28 percent will support Democrats and 29 percent remain unsure. Among those wanting Christie out, two-thirds will vote for Democrats in the Legislature, while only 11 percent will support Republicans. Sixteen percent are unsure.

Partisans are largely settled on their preferences: 76 percent of Democrats and 77 percent of Republicans will vote for legislative candidates of their own parties. Independents, however, remain uncertain, with 26 percent preferring Democrats, 18 percent favoring Republicans and 41 percent undecided. Statewide, Republicans get a plurality of voters only among those in the top income bracket (36 percent) and those living in the exurban and shore regions (39 percent and 31 percent, respectively).

“It’s very early but the numbers we see across the state are at least as good for Democrats as we found throughout 2011, when generic ballot tests showed them up between 10 and 15 points,” said Redlawsk. “That year, Democrats held on to their majorities even as the governor campaigned for a Republican Legislature. While Christie’s coattails could help some Republican candidates, the odds currently favor Democrats retaining legislative control.”

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Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release of February 12, 2013 are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are New Jersey Registered Voters; all percentages are of weighted results.

Q. I'd like to ask about some people and groups. Please tell me if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion.

	Gov Chris Christie	State Sen Barbara Buono	State Sen Pres Steven Sweeney
Favorable	70%	20%	26%
Unfavorable	20%	13%	19%
No Opn/Don't Know (vol)	10%	67%	56%
Unwgt N=	695	698	698

Recent Trends

	Christie			Buono
	11/12	9/12	8/12	11/12
Favorable	67%	48%	49%	11%
Unfavorable	25%	42%	40%	7%
No Opn/Don't Know (vol)	9%	10%	11%	72%
Unwgt N=	1105	787	911	1107

GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black
Favorable	59%	71%	88%	59%	70%	80%	74%	66%	74%	55%
Unfavorable	29%	20%	5%	31%	18%	13%	19%	21%	18%	33%
DK/No Opn	12%	9%	7%	10%	11%	7%	6%	13%	9%	13%
Unwt N=	250	277	152	162	363	159	369	326	516	65

	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	54%	65%	75%	79%
Unfavorable	30%	23%	19%	13%
DK/No Opn	16%	12%	6%	8%
Unwt N=	88	205	223	179

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Favorable	66%	69%	69%	85%	73%	70%	70%	64%
Unfavorable	23%	23%	22%	7%	15%	21%	21%	25%
DK/No Opn	10%	8%	9%	8%	11%	9%	8%	12%
Unwt N=	144	219	91	101	169	195	203	125

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	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Favorable	63%	68%	73%	69%	76%	51%	74%
Unfavorable	22%	22%	19%	22%	16%	38%	17%
DK/No Opn	15%	10%	9%	9%	8%	11%	9%
Unwt N=	83	219	109	143	141	111	526

STATE SENATOR BARBARA BUONO

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black
Favorable	32%	12%	14%	27%	19%	14%	19%	20%	19%	23%
Unfavorable	7%	14%	24%	10%	11%	24%	15%	11%	15%	5%
DK/No Opn	61%	74%	62%	63%	70%	62%	66%	69%	66%	72%
Unwt N=	251	278	153	163	365	159	372	326	519	65

	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	29%	21%	16%	16%
Unfavorable	17%	13%	15%	7%
DK/No Opn	54%	66%	68%	76%
Unwt N=	88	205	224	181

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Favorable	22%	24%	15%	13%	17%	25%	19%	16%
Unfavorable	11%	13%	17%	16%	15%	15%	13%	8%
DK/No Opn	67%	63%	68%	71%	67%	61%	69%	76%
Unwt N=	144	219	92	102	169	196	203	127

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Favorable	17%	23%	16%	20%	17%	18%	21%
Unfavorable	17%	10%	16%	11%	15%	13%	12%
DK/No Opn	66%	67%	69%	69%	67%	69%	67%
Unwt N=	84	220	109	143	142	111	529

STATE SENATE PRESIDENT STEVEN SWEENEY

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black
Favorable	33%	19%	24%	24%	26%	27%	29%	23%	24%	33%
Unfavorable	13%	19%	30%	17%	14%	33%	24%	14%	21%	8%
DK/No Opn	54%	61%	46%	59%	59%	40%	47%	63%	55%	58%
Unwt N=	251	278	153	163	365	159	372	326	519	65

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	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	28%	23%	26%	28%
Unfavorable	17%	17%	22%	18%
DK/No Opn	55%	60%	52%	55%
Unwt N=	88	205	224	181

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Favorable	35%	27%	22%	25%	26%	31%	22%	22%
Unfavorable	14%	21%	21%	22%	19%	18%	17%	23%
DK/No Opn	52%	52%	56%	53%	56%	51%	61%	54%
Unwt N=	144	219	92	102	169	196	203	127

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Favorable	27%	28%	25%	29%	18%	25%	25%
Unfavorable	13%	14%	18%	23%	27%	25%	18%
DK/No Opn	60%	58%	57%	48%	55%	50%	57%
Unwt N=	84	220	109	143	142	111	529

Q. Now I am going to list some specific areas where I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing. First: [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

	Hurricane Sandy recovery	Education and Schools	Crime and drugs	The state budget	NJ's economy and jobs	High Taxes
Approve	86%	54%	51%	49%	45%	40%
Disapprove	11%	39%	30%	38%	46%	52%
Don't know (vol)	3%	7%	18%	13%	9%	8%
Unwgt N=	695	693	694	695	693	690

NOTE: Crosstabs previously reported in the [Rutgers-Eagleton Poll release of February 8, 2013](#).

Q. There will be an election for New Jersey governor in November. How closely have you followed news about the election so far? Very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

Very closely	15%
Fairly closely	33%
Not too closely	34%
Not at all closely	18%
Unwgt N=	692

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black
Very closely	16%	14%	16%	18%	12%	22%	18%	13%	15%	18%
Fairly closely	32%	30%	41%	34%	32%	33%	32%	34%	34%	26%
Not too closely	36%	38%	23%	30%	38%	28%	31%	36%	34%	35%
Not at all closely	16%	18%	20%	18%	18%	17%	19%	18%	17%	21%
Unwt N=	247	278	153	162	361	159	370	322	516	64

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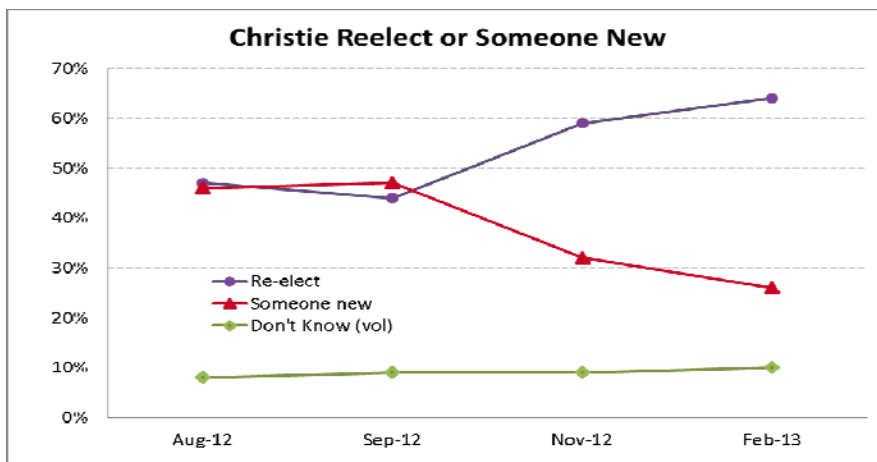
	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Very closely	6%	14%	22%	14%
Fairly closely	21%	32%	34%	39%
Not too closely	49%	30%	27%	37%
Not at all closely	24%	24%	17%	9%
Unwt N=	87	202	224	179

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Very closely	17%	12%	12%	21%	13%	14%	20%	14%
Fairly closely	29%	39%	38%	27%	29%	37%	29%	37%
Not too closely	36%	35%	27%	34%	34%	34%	33%	33%
Not at all closely	19%	14%	22%	18%	24%	15%	19%	15%
Unwt N=	143	217	91	102	167	193	202	127

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Very closely	18%	15%	16%	13%	17%	22%	15%
Fairly closely	30%	33%	32%	31%	35%	40%	31%
Not too closely	42%	36%	28%	35%	28%	25%	36%
Not at all closely	10%	15%	25%	21%	20%	13%	19%
Unwt N=	83	218	109	142	140	110	524

Q. Thinking ahead, do you think Governor Chris Christie should be reelected to another term, or is it time for someone new?

		Trend			Christie Favorability			2009 Vote	
		11/12 RV	9/12 RV	8/12 RV	Fav	Unfav	No Opin /DK	Christie	Corzine
Reelect	64%	59%	44%	47%	85%	7%	32%	85%	39%
Someone new	26%	32%	47%	46%	9%	82%	36%	9%	46%
Don't know	10%	9%	9%	8%	6%	10%	32%	6%	15%
Unwgt N=	693	1102	787	910	496	134	62	318	197



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	Following Election				Sandy recovery	Most Important Problem		
	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely		Economy and jobs	High Taxes	Education and Schools
Reelect	64%	60%	64%	69%	71%	66%	71%	46%
Someone new	27%	32%	26%	16%	18%	25%	21%	43%
Don't know	8%	8%	10%	14%	12%	9%	8%	12%
Unwgt N=	110	229	224	124	73	246	217	62

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Black
Reelect	47%	68%	87%	47%	66%	79%	68%	60%	69%	39%
Someone new	40%	24%	9%	38%	25%	17%	25%	27%	22%	46%
Don't know	13%	9%	4%	15%	9%	4%	6%	13%	9%	15%
Unwgt N=	251	275	152	163	361	158	368	325	515	65

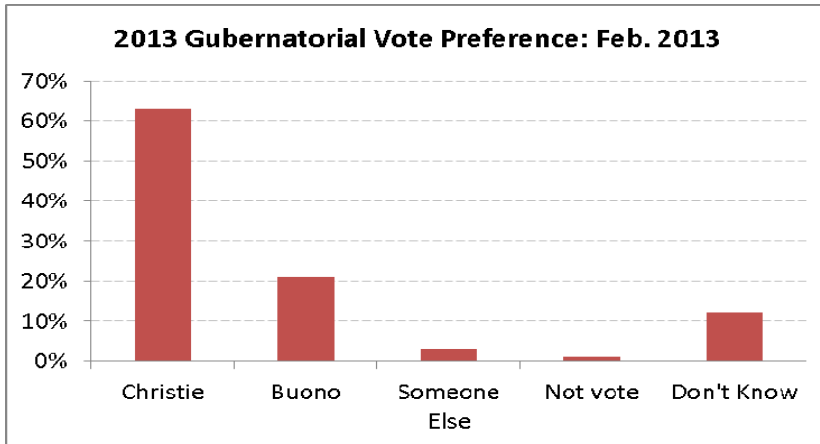
	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Reelect	40%	59%	71%	75%
Someone new	46%	31%	20%	16%
Don't know	14%	9%	9%	9%
Unwgt N=	87	204	224	178

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Reelect	59%	60%	66%	80%	68%	59%	66%	63%
Someone new	33%	27%	28%	12%	23%	30%	25%	28%
Don't know (vol)	8%	12%	7%	8%	10%	11%	9%	10%
Unwgt N=	143	218	91	102	168	195	202	125

	Region				Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	Public	No Union	
Reelect	57%	57%	75%	61%	72%	49%	67%
Someone new	37%	31%	19%	26%	19%	41%	24%
Don't know (vol)	6%	12%	6%	13%	8%	9%	10%
Unwgt N=	84	219	109	142	139	111	524

Q. And, if the election for governor were being held today and the candidates were [ROTATE ORDER: Republican Chris Christie and Democrat Barbara Buono], for whom would you vote?

		Trend 11/12	Christie Favorability			Buono Favorability		
			Fav	Unfav	No Opn	Fav	Unfav	No Opn
Christie	63%	60%	81%	12%	35%	38%	79%	67%
Buono	21%	22%	9%	58%	31%	45%	13%	15%
Someone else (vol)	3%	2%	1%	8%	4%	4%	3%	2%
Not vote (vol)	1%	2%	0%	4%	2%	0%	4%	1%
Don't know (vol)	12%	13%	9%	18%	27%	13%	1%	14%
Unwgt N=	690	1097	494	130	63	129	95	466



	Following Election				Most Important Problem				2009 Vote	
	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Sandy recovery	Economy and Jobs	High Taxes	Education Schools	Christie	Corzine
Christie	64%	63%	62%	65%	67%	64%	67%	46%	88%	35%
Buono	21%	23%	23%	13%	14%	22%	15%	35%	3%	42%
Someone else (vol)	4%	2%	2%	3%	6%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%
Not vote (vol)	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%
Don't know (vol)	8%	11%	11%	19%	13%	10%	16%	13%	7%	19%
Unwgt N=	110	227	224	123	73	246	214	60	318	197

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Black
Christie	42%	67%	93%	48%	62%	83%	68%	58%	70%	32%
Buono	38%	14%	4%	32%	21%	8%	20%	21%	16%	40%
Someone else (vol)	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Not vote (vol)	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know (vol)	16%	14%	1%	15%	14%	4%	8%	17%	10%	22%
Unwgt N=	248	274	153	160	362	157	368	322	512	64

	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Christie	38%	61%	68%	72%
Buono	42%	18%	18%	16%
Someone else (vol)	4%	4%	2%	1%
Not vote (vol)	4%	2%	0%	0%
Don't know (vol)	12%	15%	12%	11%
Unwgt N=	87	202	223	178

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K-100K	100K-150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Christie	55%	60%	72%	79%	65%	60%	66%	58%
Buono	33%	22%	12%	10%	21%	24%	18%	20%
Someone else (vol)	1%	4%	3%	0%	1%	3%	4%	4%
Not vote (vol)	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know (vol)	9%	13%	12%	12%	13%	11%	11%	17%
Unwgt N=	139	219	91	102	167	193	201	126

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Christie	52%	56%	69%	64%	74%	48%	66%
Buono	26%	25%	16%	22%	14%	31%	19%
Someone else (vol)	5%	3%	2%	3%	1%	6%	2%
Not vote (vol)	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	5%	0%
Don't know (vol)	14%	15%	13%	10%	9%	10%	13%
Unwt N=	84	218	108	140	140	111	521

**Q. As of today, State Senator Barbara Buono is the only Democrat who has announced plans to run against Chris Christie for Governor. As a Democrat, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat unsatisfied, or very unsatisfied with Buono as the Democratic challenger?
[ASKED ONLY OF DEMOCRATS]**

		Buono Favorability	
		Favorable	No Opn/DK
Very satisfied	17%	30%	12%
Somewhat satisfied	32%	46%	24%
Somewhat unsatisfied	15%	12%	16%
Very unsatisfied	7%	4%	6%
Don't know (vol)	29%	8%	42%
Unwgt N=	251	76	154

	Ideology		Gender		Age		
	Lib	Mod	Male	Female	18-39	40-64	65+
Very satisfied	17%	16%	19%	16%	22%	14%	17%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	34%	30%	34%	34%	30%	34%
Somewhat unsatisfied	16%	17%	19%	12%	13%	16%	17%
Very unsatisfied	8%	5%	8%	6%	3%	9%	8%
Don't know (vol)	29%	28%	24%	32%	28%	32%	24%
Unwgt N=	101	128	128	123	76	112	63

Q. There will also be elections for the state legislature in November. Please think about the election for your representatives to the General Assembly and Senate. Do you plan to vote for Democrats or for Republicans for the New Jersey legislature in November?

		Christie Favorability			2009 Vote	
		Favorable	Unfavorable	No Opn/DK	Christie	Corzine
Republicans	25%	31%	9%	18%	43%	3%
Democrats	40%	33%	65%	40%	17%	74%
Other (vol)	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%
Some Dems/some Reps (vol)	5%	5%	3%	5%	6%	5%
Not vote (vol)	2%	2%	2%	8%	1%	0%
Don't know/not sure (vol)	25%	28%	17%	26%	31%	15%
Unwgt N=	688	492	131	63	318	196

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	Christie Generic Reelection		Christie v Buono	
	Reelect	Someone New	Christie	Buono
Republicans	34%	11%	37%	5%
Democrats	28%	67%	25%	80%
Other (vol)	2%	1%	2%	1%
Some Dems/some Reps (vol)	6%	2%	5%	4%
Not vote (vol)	2%	2%	2%	3%
Don't know/not sure (vol)	29%	16%	29%	7%
Unwgt N=	449	170	443	134

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Black
Republicans	4%	18%	77%	11%	20%	57%	29%	22%	31%	2%
Democrats	76%	26%	2%	62%	40%	14%	41%	39%	31%	79%
Other (vol)	1%	4%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Some D/some R (vol)	3%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%
Not vote (vol)	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Don't know (vol)	14%	41%	15%	19%	29%	21%	23%	27%	27%	10%
Unwgt N=	251	274	152	163	359	158	368	320	513	65

	Age			
	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republicans	20%	25%	25%	30%
Democrats	54%	41%	36%	36%
Other (vol)	2%	2%	3%	1%
Some D/some R (vol)	1%	4%	7%	5%
Not vote (vol)	6%	3%	1%	2%
Don't know (vol)	18%	25%	29%	26%
Unwgt N=	88	204	220	176

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Republicans	19%	29%	23%	36%	27%	26%	26%	20%
Democrats	49%	40%	41%	31%	36%	41%	39%	46%
Other (vol)	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Some D/some R (vol)	7%	5%	3%	4%	6%	6%	4%	3%
Not vote (vol)	4%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Don't know (vol)	19%	24%	30%	25%	28%	21%	25%	29%
Unwgt N=	141	217	92	101	163	195	201	127

	Region				Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Republicans	19%	20%	39%	21%	31%	17%	27%
Democrats	55%	46%	33%	41%	26%	42%	40%
Other (vol)	0%	1%	2%	1%	5%	3%	2%
Some D/some R (vol)	5%	4%	1%	10%	4%	6%	5%
Not vote (vol)	0%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%
Don't know (vol)	21%	27%	23%	21%	31%	31%	24%
Unwt N=	83	217	109	142	137	110	521

**Q. Of the following, which is the MOST important problem facing New Jersey today? Is it:
[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

		Christie Favorability			Overall Job Approval	
		Favorable	Unfavorable	No Opin/DK	Approve	Disapprove
The economy and jobs	35%	35%	37%	30%	36%	34%
High Taxes	31%	32%	28%	33%	33%	27%
Hurricane Sandy recovery	11%	13%	7%	2%	12%	8%
Education and Schools	10%	8%	14%	15%	9%	14%
Crime and Drugs	8%	7%	9%	10%	6%	13%
Something else	4%	4%	4%	9%	4%	3%
Don't Know (vol)	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Unwgt N=	695	497	132	63	518	146

NOTE: Crosstabs previously reported in the [Rutgers-Eagleton Poll release of February 8, 2013](#).

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll January 30 – February 3, 2012

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone Jan 30 – Feb 3, 2013 with a scientifically selected random sample of 796 New Jersey adults. Within this sample are 698 registered voters use in this release. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey registered voter population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to 2010 US Census Bureau data. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 586 landline respondents and 210 cell phone respondents, all acquired through random digit dialing.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for 698 registered voters is +/-3.7 percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey registered voters favor a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.3 and 53.7 percent (50 +/-3.7) if all New Jersey registered voters were interviewed, rather than just a sample. Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded by Braun Research Incorporated. The questionnaire was developed and all data analyses were completed in house. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll is paid for and sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, a non-partisan academic center focused on the study and teaching of politics and the political process.

Weighted Sample Characteristics 698 New Jersey Registered Voters			
38% Democrat	47% Male	14% 18-29	74% White
40% Independent	53% Female	32% 30-49	12% Black
22% Republican		30% 50-64	8% Hispanic
		24% 65+	6% Asian/Other/Multi