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**CHRISTIE RATINGS STABILIZE, BUT MOST NEW JERSEYANS SEE SCANDAL AS A SERIOUS ISSUE FOR GOVERNOR**

**Large majorities negative about internal review's objectivity, Port Authority 9/11 controversies, and administration officials withholding records**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – Nearly three months into the George Washington Bridge lane closing controversy, New Jersey registered voters remain skeptical of the response by Gov. Chris Christie and his administration to the burgeoning scandals, according to a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. While Christie has stemmed the fall in his personal ratings after a double-digit drop in the wake of “Bridgegate”, voters are generally negative about Christie’s truthfulness and recent developments in the investigation.

Half of voters have a favorable impression of the governor while 42 percent feel unfavorable, essentially unchanged since February. Job performance numbers also show little change: 55 percent approve and 41 percent disapprove. But, just 22 percent fully believe Christie’s explanation regarding the lane closures while 26 percent say they somewhat believe him. The largest group, 49 percent, says they do not believe him at all. As for the recent taxpayer-funded report commissioned by the governor’s office that cleared Christie of all wrongdoing, nearly two-thirds say the internal review does not offer an objective assessment, versus three in ten who say it does.

In addition, a large majority says former Christie administration officials who are refusing to respond to a state legislative committee subpoena should be required to do so despite invoking their Fifth Amendment right to not incriminate themselves. Two-thirds say they should be required to provide the records anyway, while 27 percent believe they should be allowed to withhold them.

Voters overwhelmingly condemn the Port Authority’s alleged use of September 11 artifacts, including steel from the twin towers, as gifts to towns with mayors whose endorsement Christie wanted to win for his 2013 re-election, as reported by *The New York Times*. Three-quarters say this was not appropriate, while only 14 percent say it was and another 10 percent are unsure.

Taken altogether, almost seven in ten voters see the set of issues surrounding the developing investigations as serious: 26 percent say they are extremely serious for Gov. Christie, while another 41 percent sees them as very serious. Only a quarter of voters say the allegations are not very serious, and just 7 percent say they are not serious at all.

“Governor Christie appears to have stemmed the decline in his personal and job performance ratings, following their precipitous drop with Bridgegate, but he is not out of the woods yet,” said David

Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. “Not only has he failed to regain any lost ground, but the news that the U.S. Attorney has convened a grand jury investigation ramps up the stakes. Given the underlying skepticism about the administration’s actions, Christie’s continued positive ratings may not hold up for the long term.”

Results are from a statewide poll of 816 New Jersey adults contacted by live callers on both landlines and cell phones from March 31 to April 6, 2014. This release reports on a subsample of 731 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points.

**Republicans back the governor on scandals; Democrats and independents less so**

For the most part, Republicans continue to stick by their fellow GOP governor as the scandals plaguing Christie’s administration continue to develop. Just under half of GOP voters say they fully believe Christie’s explanation for the lane closures while another 31 percent say they somewhat believe him. Only 18 percent of Republicans do not believe Christie at all.

This is in stark contrast to the three-quarters of Democrats and 41 percent of independents who do not believe the governor at all. Only 9 percent of Democrats say they believe him fully, and another 13 percent say somewhat. Independents are somewhat more positive, with 22 percent fully and 34 percent somewhat believing.

“Republicans remain fairly convinced the governor has not done anything wrong,” noted Redlawsk. “Even so, they are not nearly as upbeat about Christie as they were before Bridgegate. Democrats are completely dubious about all of this; whatever reservoir of good will Christie once had with them is simply gone.”

A majority of Republicans back Christie’s recently released internal review, with 56 percent seeing the report as an objective assessment of the events and the governor’s role compared to 34 percent who do not. The numbers flip for both Democrats and independents, with 78 percent of Democrats and 63 percent of independents saying the report is not objective.

**Even Republicans condemn alleged political use of 9/11 artifacts**

Republicans are not so much on Christie’s side when it comes to some past actions of the Port Authority and refusals by former Christie officials to hand over documents to the legislative committee investigating the scandals, joining Democrats and independents in condemning both, though to differing degrees. Half of GOP voters say it was inappropriate if Port Authority officials used 9/11 artifacts as gifts to help Christie’s reelection, while 34 percent find it permissible and 16 percent are unsure. Democrats and independents overwhelmingly see such an action as improper – at 87 percent and 78 percent, respectively.

Results are similar regarding former Christie staff members who are claiming their Fifth Amendment right to be able to withhold documents. Seventy-six percent of Democrats, 65 percent of independents, and even 57 percent of Republicans say that these officials should be required to provide records anyway.

**Scandals issues seen as serious for Christie**

Between the allegations of Bridgegate, claims about favoritism by the Christie administration in providing Sandy relief funds, the use of the Port Authority to further the administration's political aims, and conflicts of interest for Christie appointees to the Port Authority, it is unsurprising that most voters see this set of issues as problematic for Christie. Democrats, unsurprisingly, are most likely to believe these allegations are serious: 39 percent say they are extremely serious, while 42 percent see them as very serious. Just 17 percent do not think the issues are particularly serious.

Independents share Democrats' views for the most part. One quarter says the situation is extremely serious and another 40 percent very serious; 25 percent say not very serious, while just 6 percent say not at all serious. Republicans are not as worried, but almost half still say the allegations are serious, though only 9 percent say extremely so; 35 percent say they are not very serious, and 14 percent say not at all serious.

**Christie's ratings steady; some see a change in his governing tone post-Bridgegate**

Christie's favorability and job numbers have settled back into their pre-Sandy state, with Democrats mostly against and Republicans mostly in support of him. Independents generally continue to support Christie and his performance, though not nearly to the extent that Republicans do. After a large drop in Christie's Sandy-specific rating, the governor has stabilized at 53 percent approving of his job on Sandy – somewhat better than his now-lukewarm or even negative ratings on other issues like taxes (39 percent approval), education (46 percent approval), the state budget (43 percent approval), and crime and drugs (50 percent approval).

Some observers have suggested that Gov. Christie has become less aggressive in the way he governs now than he was before Bridgegate but most voters see no real change. A quarter of voters say Christie has become less forceful in his tone, while 6 percent say he has become more forceful. But 61 percent say his tone is the same.

The current scandals have also significantly influenced voters' views of the most important problem facing New Jersey today. While most voters continue to see the economy and jobs (25 percent) or taxes (27 percent) as most important, as usual, 15 percent report that government corruption and abuse of power is the number one issue. In comparison, only 3 percent name Sandy recovery as most important.

“The continuing saga of Bridgegate and its related allegations has become a ‘new normal’ for New Jersey voters,” said Redlawsk. “Christie is weathering this on a personal level, and in the overall perception of his performance. But he has lost Democrats, and overall there has been an increase in disapproval on specific issues. Combined with the fact that Sandy recovery is no longer the positive narrative it was for voters, the governor will likely find getting bipartisan agreement for his agenda harder than it was when he was riding high.”

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**Questions and Tables**

The questions covered in the release of April 8, 2014 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. First, 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. If you do not know the name, just say so.**

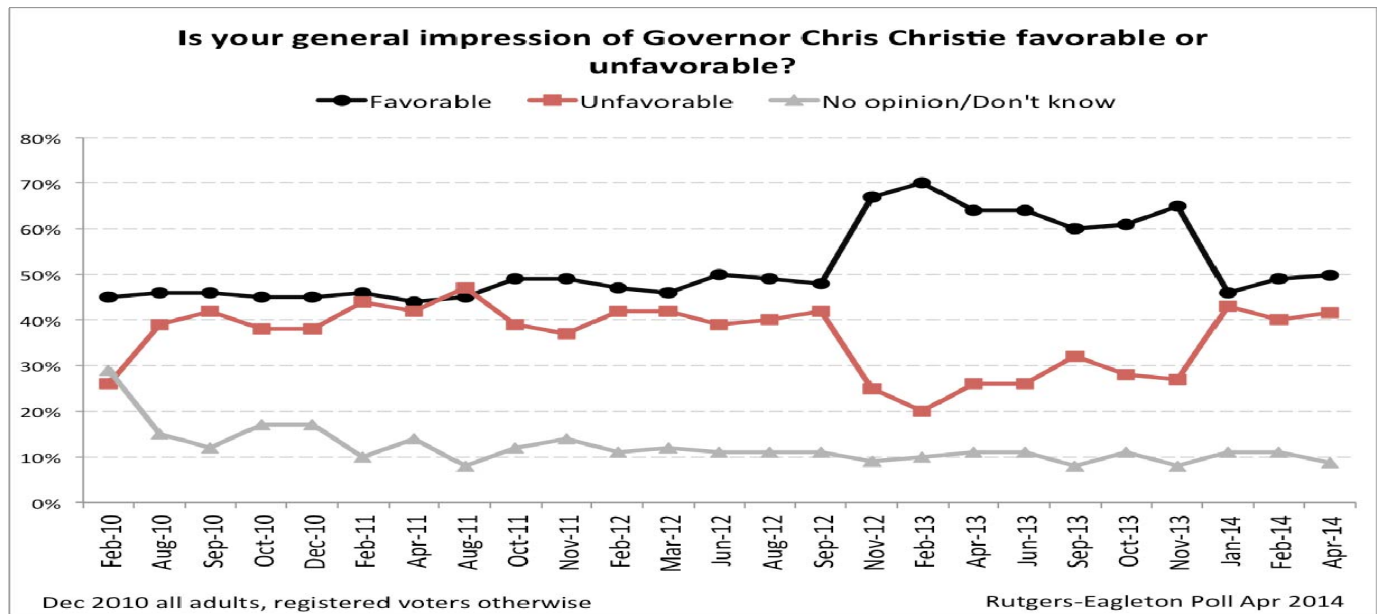
**GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE**

**REGISTERED  
VOTERS**

Favorable	50%
Unfavorable	42%
No opn/don't know person	9%
Unwgt N=	727

**Trend**

	2/14	1/14	11/13	10/13	9/13	6/13	4/13	2/13	11/12	9/12	8/12	6/12	3/12	2/12	11/11	10/11	8/11	4/11	2/11	
	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV
Fav	49%	46%	65%	61%	60%	64%	64%	70%	67%	48%	49%	50%	46%	47%	49%	49%	45%	44%	46%	
Unfav	40%	43%	27%	28%	32%	26%	26%	20%	25%	42%	40%	39%	42%	42%	37%	39%	47%	42%	44%	
DK	11%	11%	8%	11%	8%	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	14%	12%	8%	14%	10%	
N=	726	754	800	798	812	761	816	695	1105	787	911	1,064	514	910	752	803	613	769	810	



**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	Party ID		Ideology				Gender		Believe Christie's Explanation		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Fully	Somewhat	Not at all
Favorable	25%	55%	82%	25%	53%	75%	52%	48%	94%	75%	15%
Unfavorable	63%	37%	13%	70%	37%	16%	40%	43%	3%	17%	74%
DK/No Opn	12%	8%	6%	5%	10%	9%	8%	9%	2%	8%	12%
Unwt N=	248	307	151	178	381	149	375	352	171	182	347

**Christie Ratings/GW Bridge April 2014  
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Region				
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Favorable	37%	47%	56%	55%	56%
Unfavorable	55%	43%	36%	35%	39%
DK/No Opn	8%	10%	8%	10%	5%
Unwt N=	102	250	118	125	132

**Q. Please rate how Chris Christie is handling his job as governor, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.**

	Trend...													
	4/14 RV	1/14 RV	11/13 RV	10/13 RV	9/13 RV	6/13 RV	4/13 RV	2/13 RV	11/12 RV	9/12 RV	8/12 RV	6/12 RV	3/12 RV	2/12 RV
A	13%	12%	21%	21%	17%	24%	21%	24%	28%	18%	15%	15%	12%	16%
B	31%	31%	38%	39%	36%	34%	39%	40%	33%	29%	30%	31%	31%	27%
C	24%	27%	22%	21%	23%	24%	22%	22%	22%	22%	25%	24%	25%	24%
D	16%	15%	10%	9%	13%	9%	10%	9%	11%	15%	13%	15%	13%	14%
F	16%	14%	8%	9%	10%	8%	7%	4%	5%	15%	16%	14%	17%	18%
DK	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Unwt N=	730	751	800	798	813	759	819	698	573	788	913	1,063	516	914

	Trend...				
	11/11 RV	10/11 RV	8/11 RV	4/11 RV	2/11 RV
A	18%	14%	13%	14%	14%
B	28%	30%	25%	32%	24%
C	21%	27%	18%	20%	26%
D	17%	14%	24%	14%	15%
F	13%	14%	19%	21%	19%
DK	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Unwt N=	752	799	612	390	416

**Registered Voters**

	Party ID		Ideology				Gender		Believe Christie's Explanation		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	Fully	Somewhat	Not at all
A	6%	11%	31%	6%	12%	23%	12%	13%	40%	9%	2%
B	20%	34%	45%	17%	35%	41%	33%	30%	48%	50%	13%
C	23%	28%	15%	27%	22%	21%	25%	23%	9%	32%	26%
D	25%	13%	5%	26%	15%	6%	16%	16%	2%	5%	28%
F	25%	15%	3%	24%	15%	8%	14%	18%	1%	3%	30%
DK	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Unwt N=	251	307	151	178	382	150	376	354	171	183	348

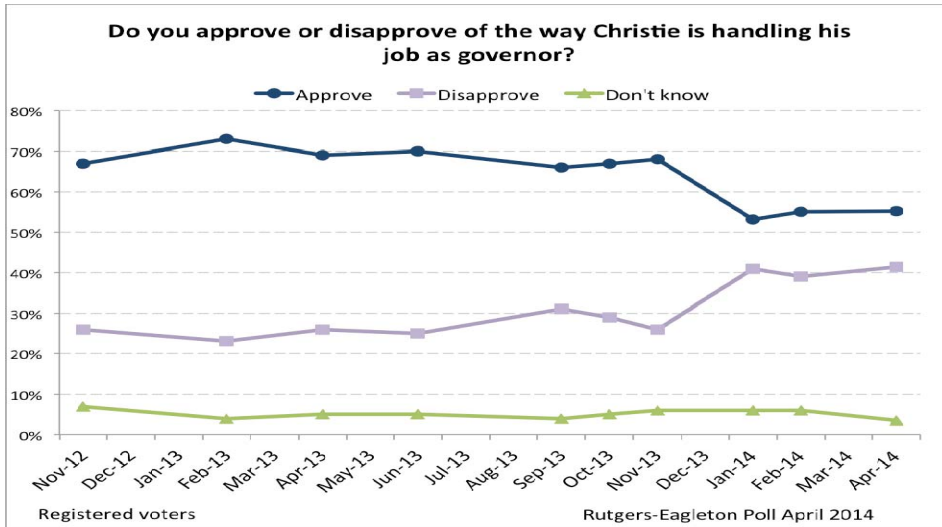
	Region				
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
A	5%	12%	15%	10%	21%
B	28%	30%	36%	33%	31%
C	25%	26%	22%	26%	17%
D	17%	18%	16%	17%	11%
F	26%	14%	10%	13%	19%
DK	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Unwt N=	103	251	119	125	132

**Q. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as governor?**

	REGISTERED VOTERS	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	55%	94%	11%
Disapprove	41%	4%	88%
Don't know	4%	2%	1%
Unwgt N=	724	361	303

**Trend ...**

	2/14	1/14	11/13	10/13	9/13	6/13	4/13	2/13	11/12
	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV
Approve	55%	53%	68%	67%	66%	70%	68%	73%	67%
Disapprove	39%	41%	26%	29%	31%	25%	26%	23%	26%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%
Unwgt N=	725	747	795	794	809	756	810	696	533



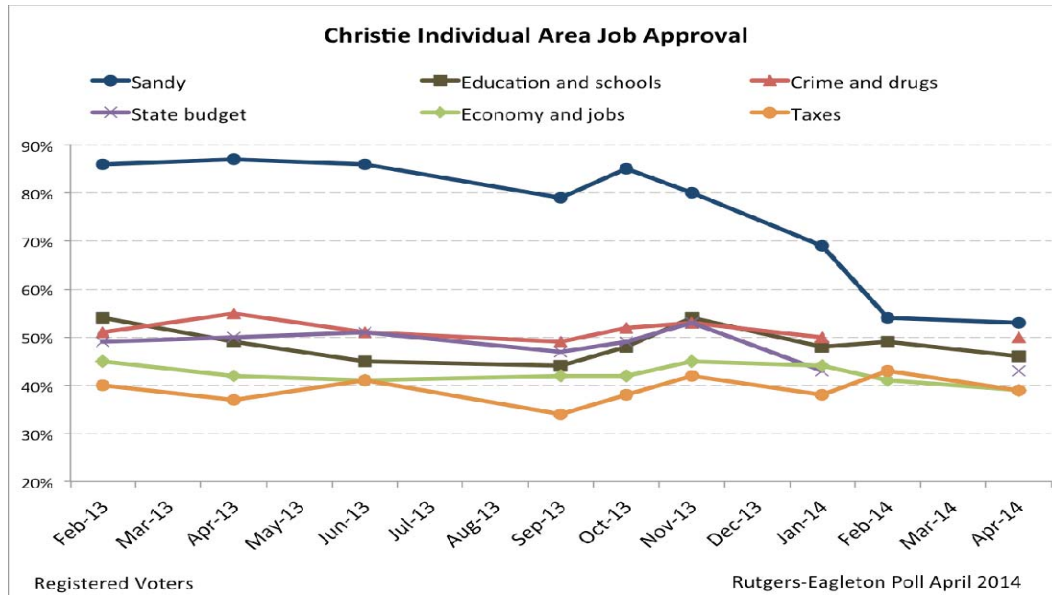
	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Believe Christie's Explanation		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Fully	Somewhat	Not at all
Approve	29%	62%	86%	30%	57%	83%	59%	52%	97%	83%	21%
Disapprove	67%	34%	10%	67%	39%	14%	40%	43%	2%	12%	76%
Don't know	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%	5%	3%
Unwt N=	251	303	150	178	377	149	374	350	170	182	344

	Region				
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Approve	41%	51%	64%	60%	62%
Disapprove	55%	44%	34%	38%	34%
Don't know	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%
Unwt N=	101	248	118	125	132

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]

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	NJ's economy and jobs	Taxes	Education and schools	Hurricane Sandy recovery	Crime and drugs	The state budget
Approve	39%	39%	46%	53%	50%	43%
Disapprove	51%	54%	45%	37%	27%	43%
Don't know	10%	7%	8%	9%	23%	14%
Unwgt N=	720	723	725	721	712	723



**NJ's Economy and Jobs**

	ALL	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	39%	62%	15%
Disapprove	51%	28%	77%
Don't know	10%	9%	8%
Unwgt N=	720	360	300

**Christie Ratings/GW Bridge April 2014**  
**Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Approve	23%	43%	61%	27%	40%	53%	42%	37%	31%	37%	43%	45%	44%
Disapprove	68%	47%	29%	64%	50%	36%	49%	53%	62%	51%	49%	46%	48%
Don't know	9%	10%	9%	9%	10%	11%	10%	10%	7%	12%	8%	9%	9%
Unwt N=	246	304	149	175	378	148	371	349	103	247	118	122	130

**Taxes**

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	39%	61%	16%
Disapprove	54%	34%	77%
Don't know	7%	5%	7%
Unwgt N=	723	361	301

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Approve	18%	44%	65%	19%	41%	60%	42%	37%	32%	35%	45%	38%	48%
Disapprove	71%	50%	30%	71%	53%	35%	52%	55%	61%	55%	52%	55%	46%
Don't know	11%	5%	4%	11%	6%	5%	6%	8%	8%	10%	3%	7%	6%
Unwt N=	247	305	150	175	379	150	372	351	103	249	117	125	129

**Education and Schools**

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	46%	69%	22%
Disapprove	45%	23%	73%
Don't know	8%	9%	5%
Unwgt N=	725	361	304

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Approve	30%	50%	68%	32%	47%	64%	50%	44%	41%	43%	48%	48%	56%
Disapprove	61%	43%	22%	63%	44%	25%	43%	48%	54%	49%	43%	41%	36%
Don't know	8%	7%	10%	5%	8%	10%	7%	9%	5%	8%	9%	11%	8%
Unwt N=	251	304	151	177	380	149	372	353	103	249	119	123	131

**Hurricane Sandy Recovery**

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	53%	72%	32%
Disapprove	37%	19%	61%
Don't know	9%	9%	7%
Unwgt N=	721	360	300



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**Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Approve	38%	57%	74%	37%	56%	69%	56%	51%	45%	50%	61%	58%	55%
Disapprove	53%	34%	18%	56%	34%	24%	36%	39%	44%	39%	32%	33%	38%
Don't know	9%	10%	8%	7%	10%	8%	8%	10%	11%	12%	7%	8%	6%
Unwt N=	248	303	150	177	377	148	371	350	101	247	118	125	130

**Crime and drugs**

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	50%	68%	29%
Disapprove	27%	14%	44%
Don't know	23%	18%	27%
Unwt N=	712	356	296

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Approve	35%	51%	73%	41%	50%	62%	55%	46%	41%	50%	60%	43%	54%
Disapprove	41%	23%	14%	30%	28%	20%	28%	27%	39%	24%	22%	31%	25%
Don't know	24%	26%	13%	29%	21%	17%	17%	28%	20%	26%	18%	26%	21%
Unwt N=	246	299	148	171	376	145	365	347	101	244	116	121	130

**The state budget**

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Fav	Unfav
Approve	43%	66%	16%
Disapprove	43%	21%	73%
Don't know	14%	13%	11%
Unwt N=	723	362	300

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Approve	20%	50%	67%	30%	42%	63%	45%	40%	28%	40%	47%	49%	51%
Disapprove	63%	39%	19%	59%	42%	25%	42%	44%	54%	43%	44%	43%	34%
Don't know	17%	11%	14%	11%	15%	12%	12%	15%	17%	17%	10%	8%	14%
Unwt N=	246	306	151	177	379	149	372	351	101	249	119	124	130

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

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

Taxes, including property taxes	27%
The economy and jobs	25%
Government corruption and abuse of power	15%
Education and schools	11%
Government spending	6%
Crime and drugs	6%
Health care	3%
Hurricane Sandy recovery	3%
Something else	3%
Don't know	1%
Unwgt N=	728

**[NOTE: A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT POLITICAL ISSUES AND CURRENT EVENTS WAS ASKED AT THIS POINT IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE. RESERVED FOR LATER RELEASE.]**

**Q. Let's turn to the recent controversy over the George Washington Bridge lane closures in Fort Lee. In a press conference in January, Governor Christie said the closing was done without his knowledge by staff members acting on their own. Do you fully believe Governor Christie's explanation of what happened, somewhat believe his explanation, or not believe it at all?**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Fully believe	22%	43%	2%	39%	1%
Somewhat believe	26%	39%	11%	40%	8%
Not believe it at all	49%	14%	87%	19%	89%
Don't know	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%
Unwgt N=	722	358	304	392	301

	Party ID			Gender		Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Fully believe	9%	22%	49%	23%	22%	15%	17%	25%	27%	31%
Somewhat believe	13%	34%	31%	25%	27%	15%	27%	31%	27%	27%
Not believe it at all	75%	41%	18%	49%	49%	70%	51%	41%	45%	38%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	4%
Unwt N=	249	305	147	370	352	101	250	117	123	131

	How Serious Issues are for Christie			Most Important Problem	
	Extr	Very	Not very	Gov. corruption/abuse of power	
Fully believe	3%	19%	41%	14%	
Somewhat believe	14%	30%	34%	20%	
Not believe it at all	82%	50%	22%	62%	
Don't know	0%	1%	4%	4%	
Unwt N=	196	281	160	110	

**Q. Last week, lawyers hired by the governor’s office released a taxpayer funded report that found Governor Christie had no involvement in the lane closings. Do you think this internal investigation offers an objective assessment of the governor’s role in Bridgegate, or not?**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Yes	31%	50%	10%	49%	9%
No	63%	42%	86%	44%	88%
Don't know	6%	8%	3%	7%	3%
Unwgt N=	721	360	304	392	299

	Party ID			Gender		Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
Yes	19%	31%	56%	29%	33%	25%	26%	37%	35%	36%
No	78%	63%	34%	66%	60%	71%	67%	58%	59%	57%
Don't know	4%	6%	10%	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	6%	6%
Unwt N=	247	303	150	373	348	100	249	118	123	131

	Believe Christie’s Explanation			How Serious Issues are for Christie			Most Important Problem
	Fully	Some what	Not at all	Extr	Very	Not very	Gov. corruption/abuse of power
Yes	74%	33%	12%	12%	31%	48%	15%
No	21%	58%	86%	84%	63%	48%	81%
Don't know	6%	9%	2%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Unwt N=	170	179	346	197	279	160	109

**Q. The investigation into the lane closing has expanded to include claims about favoritism by the Christie administration in providing Sandy relief funds, the use of the Port Authority to further the administration’s political aims, and conflicts of interest for Christie appointees to the Port Authority. Taken together, how serious do you think these issues are for Governor Christie? Are they extremely serious, very serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Extremely serious	26%	10%	47%	10%	47%
Very serious	41%	40%	40%	41%	41%
Not very serious	23%	35%	7%	34%	7%
Not at all serious	7%	11%	4%	11%	3%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%
Unwgt N=	718	355	304	390	300

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	Party ID			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Extremely serious	39%	25%	9%	27%	25%	34%	31%	20%	21%	21%
Very serious	42%	40%	39%	39%	43%	45%	36%	39%	45%	44%
Not very serious	13%	25%	35%	22%	23%	13%	23%	27%	29%	19%
Not at all serious	4%	6%	14%	9%	5%	5%	5%	12%	4%	12%
Don't know	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	4%
Unwt N=	250	301	146	370	348	101	248	119	122	128

	Believe Christie's Explanation			Most Important Problem Gov. corruption/ abuse of power	Internal Investigation Objective		PA 9/11 Gifts Appropriate		Christie Admin Officials Records Required Allowed to	
	Fully	Some what	Not at all		Yes	No	Yes	No	to provide	withhold
	Extremely serious	4%	14%	44%	41%	10%	35%	8%	32%	32%
Very serious	35%	48%	41%	33%	41%	40%	34%	44%	45%	32%
Not very serious	41%	30%	10%	14%	35%	17%	43%	17%	16%	38%
Not at all serious	15%	7%	3%	8%	10%	6%	15%	5%	5%	12%
Don't know	4%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%
Unwt N=	166	178	347	108	214	454	96	521	477	185

**Q. Reports also say that a Governor Christie appointee to the Port Authority used artifacts from the September 11 attacks, including steel from the twin towers, as gifts to towns with mayors whose endorsement Christie wanted to win for his 2013 re-election. Do you think it was appropriate to distribute 9/11 [READ: "nine eleven"] artifacts as gifts to these towns and mayors, or not?**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Yes	14%	23%	4%	22%	4%
No	76%	63%	90%	65%	91%
Don't know	10%	15%	6%	13%	6%
Unwgt N=	708	350	300	383	295

	Party ID			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Yes	7%	11%	34%	17%	10%	14%	13%	17%	13%	14%
No	87%	78%	50%	73%	79%	77%	79%	72%	81%	68%
Don't know	6%	12%	16%	10%	11%	10%	8%	11%	6%	19%
Unwt N=	247	295	147	362	346	100	244	114	121	129

	Believe Christie's Explanation			How Serious Issues are for Christie			Most Important Problem Gov. corruption/ abuse of power
	Fully	Some what	Not at all	Extr	Very	Not very	
	Yes	25%	19%	6%	4%	11%	26%
No	55%	71%	90%	90%	82%	59%	84%
Don't know	20%	11%	4%	5%	7%	15%	11%
Unwt N=	162	178	341	194	277	156	108

**Q. A state legislative committee is investigating the lane closings and other allegations. Some former administration officials are refusing to provide records, relying on their Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate themselves. Should these officials be required to provide records anyway, or should they be allowed to withhold them?**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Required to provide records	67%	56%	81%	57%	81%
Allowed to withhold records	27%	36%	15%	36%	15%
Don't know	6%	8%	4%	7%	3%
Unwgt N=	714	359	297	390	294

	Party ID			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Required to provide	76%	65%	57%	64%	70%	63%	71%	53%	71%	74%
Allowed to withhold	21%	29%	34%	30%	24%	26%	25%	37%	26%	22%
Don't know	3%	6%	10%	6%	6%	11%	4%	10%	3%	4%
Unwt N=	244	302	150	366	348	101	247	117	122	127

	Believe Christie's Explanation			How Serious Issues are for Christie			Most Important Problem
	Fully	Some what	Not at all	Extr	Very	Not very	Gov. corruption/abuse of power
Required to provide	51%	63%	78%	81%	75%	49%	69%
Allowed to withhold	41%	32%	18%	15%	21%	44%	25%
Don't know	8%	4%	4%	3%	4%	7%	7%
Unwt N=	169	178	341	196	276	160	108

**Q. In the wake of these allegations, some say Governor Christie's tone has changed. What do you think? Has Governor Christie been more forceful in the way he governs now, less forceful, or has he acted about the same as he did prior to these controversies?**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
More	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%
Less	26%	22%	31%	23%	31%
Same	61%	65%	56%	65%	56%
Don't know	7%	5%	7%	6%	5%
Unwgt N=	725	361	305	396	300

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	Party ID			Gender		Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
More	8%	5%	7%	8%	5%	8%	6%	4%	9%	5%
Less	27%	28%	20%	29%	24%	23%	31%	24%	21%	26%
Same	57%	61%	67%	57%	64%	59%	55%	70%	66%	61%
Don't know	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%	10%	7%	2%	4%	9%
Unwt N=	249	305	150	373	352	103	250	118	124	130

**Rutgers-Eagleton Poll March 31 – April 6, 2014**

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone using live callers March 31 – April 6, 2014 with a scientifically selected random sample of 816 New Jersey adults, including 731 registered voters. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey adult population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to US Census Bureau data. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 576 landline and 240 cell phone adults, 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. Sampling error should be adjusted to recognize the effect of weighting the data to better match the population. In this poll, the simple sampling error for the 816 adults is +/-3.4 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The adult sample weighting design effect is 1.29, making the adjusted margin of error +/- 3.9 percentage points for the adult sample. The simple sampling error for 731 registered voters is +/-3.6 percentage points. The weighting design effect for the registered voter sample is 1.13, making the adjusted margin of error +/-3.9 percentage points for the registered voter sample.

Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey voters in this sample favor a particular position, we would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.1 and 53.9 percent (50 +/-3.9) if all New Jersey voters had been 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 in house by the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. 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 for the study of politics and the political process.

<b>Weighted Sample Characteristics 731 New Jersey Registered Voters</b>			
36% Democrat	48% Male	13% 18-29	71% White
43% Independent	52% Female	32% 30-49	12% Black
21% Republican		32% 50-64	11% Hispanic
		23% 65+	6% Asian/Other/Multi