

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013

EDITOR'S NOTE: ATTENTION POLITICAL, ASSIGNMENT EDITORS, Professor David Redlawsk may be contacted at 319-400-1134 (cell), 732-932-9384, ext. 285 (office), or redlawsk@rutgers.edu. Visit our blog at <http://eagletonpollblog.wordpress.com> for text and tables. Follow the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RutgersEagletonPoll> and Twitter @EagletonPoll.

**NEW JERSEYANS SUPPORT MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE, SAME-SEX MARRIAGE;
NO CHRISTIE COATTAILS FOR REPUBLICANS IN LEGISLATURE**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – New Jerseyans remain unwavering in their strong support for a constitutional amendment raising the state's minimum wage, according to a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. More than three-quarters of registered voters say they will vote yes on the November ballot question which will increase the minimum wage by one dollar to \$8.25 per hour. Only 18 percent oppose the measure. A large majority of Republicans plan to vote for the increase, despite Gov. Chris Christie's earlier veto of a similar measure.

“Support for a higher minimum wage indexed for inflation has been overwhelming since the question was placed on the ballot,” said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. “Voters are very sympathetic to the idea that the lowest wage workers need an increase.”

Garden Staters also want a chance to vote on same-sex marriage: 67 percent want the question on the ballot, while 25 percent do not. If given the opportunity, 59 percent would vote to legalize same-sex marriage, while 30 percent would vote no, and 11 percent are unsure.

The Legislature has not placed same-sex marriage on the ballot so far, and it is unclear if it will. “But Democrats have every incentive to do so, given strong support for the proposition among their base,” said Redlawsk. “The question would certainly energize key Democratic constituencies.”

Recent polling shows Christie leading state Sen. Barbara Buono by 32 points in the governor's race, but voters appear ready to stick with Democrats in the Legislature. A statewide ballot test shows voters prefer generic Democrats over Republicans by 16 points. These results are similar to the last Rutgers-Eagleton Poll in April. However, favorable impressions of the Democrat-controlled state Legislature are down by double digits: 30 percent report a favorable impression, as compared to 41 percent in April. Unfavorable impressions are up six points, to 26 percent.

“While Democrats worry about low turnout due to both the U.S. Senate special election three weeks earlier and the lack of enthusiasm so far for Buono, the preference for Democrats in the Legislature remains strong,” noted Redlawsk. “As always with statewide generic ballot tests, some individual races are likely to be much closer. These questions do not get at specific races.”

Results are from a poll of 888 New Jersey adults conducted statewide among both landline and cell phone households from June 3-9 with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points. The subsample of 763 registered voters reported here has a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points.

Strong support for minimum wage across typical divides

With 77 percent of all registered voters supporting the minimum wage constitutional amendment, support is both wide and deep. Even a majority of political conservatives now support the change, 55 percent to 35 percent, up eight points from April. More than seven in 10 Christie supporters favor the amendment despite the governor's opposition, while 91 percent of Buono backers favor the increase. Majority support for the amendment also crosses party lines: 94 percent of Democrats (up three points) and 64 percent of Republicans (up seven points) are in favor. Almost 70 percent of independents agree.

Though majorities of both men and women favor the amendment, women are stronger supporters, 83 percent to 71 percent for men. Support decreases as income increases, though almost three-quarters in the highest income bracket still support the measure. In comparison, 86 percent in the lowest income bracket would vote for the amendment.

“Unless something changes rather dramatically over the next few months, there seems little doubt of the amendment passing,” said Redlawsk. “Even if Democratic turnout is lower than normal, or if an unusually high number vote for Christie, approval of the measure seems likely. However, a strong campaign against the increase could conceivably have some effect.”

Most would vote for same-sex marriage

Despite opposition from some Democratic leaders who do not want to subject what they say is a civil right to a referendum, two-thirds of New Jersey voters want the opportunity to have their say on same-sex marriage.

Although Christie initially called for a vote, preferences in the gubernatorial race make little difference in responses. Seventy percent of those planning to vote for Christie want a referendum on the issue in November as do 63 percent of Buono backers.

Women are more likely to support putting same-sex marriage to a vote than men, 70 percent compared to 63 percent, and 71 percent of voters under 40 also want the chance to vote on the issue.

If the Legislature puts the question on the November ballot, New Jersey would join the list of states legalizing same-sex marriage. While support has weakened since April by three points to 59 percent, opposition has not grown. Instead, slightly more are simply unsure of where they stand.

Among those who want the chance to vote, 72 percent favor same-sex marriage and 20 percent would veto the measure. Among those who do not want the issue on the ballot, 59 percent would vote against same-sex marriage if it ends up there.

“Opponents of same-sex marriage appear to recognize it is likely to pass and are therefore opposed to giving it that chance,” noted Redlawsk. “This is quite different from most states over the last decade, where opponents pushed to get the question on the ballot to defeat it.”

While large majorities of Democrats (68 percent) and independents (63 percent) would vote for same-sex marriage, Republicans remain strongly opposed, with only 37 percent contemplating a yes vote. Even fewer conservatives of any stripe (27 percent) would vote yes.

Christie coattails seem ‘short’

Democrats continue to hold a double-digit lead over Republicans in a test between the two parties in November’s state Senate and Assembly races.

Christie has some sway among those who like him, but it is not overwhelming: 35 percent of those favoring the governor will vote GOP for the Assembly, but 27 percent will vote for Democrats. Disliking Christie has a very strong effect: 67 percent of this group plans to support Democratic Assembly candidates, while only 5 percent support Republicans.

Because Democrats significantly outnumber Republicans, GOP chances are hurt in these statewide ballot tests since few voters expect to cross party lines with their legislative vote. Eighty percent of Democrats and 75 percent of Republicans will vote for their own parties in the Assembly, and most of the others are undecided so far.

Independents, however, are leaning Republican, with 17 percent preferring Democrats (down 3 points), 21 percent favoring Republicans (up two points) and 31 percent undecided – numbers very different from the strong independent support Christie gets in his own re-election effort.

Republicans lead only among a few groups – conservatives (62 percent support), exurban voters (37 percent) and shore county voters (31 percent). Those with a favorable impression of the Legislature are 30 points more likely to vote for Democrats than Republicans, while those feeling unfavorable side with Republicans by a only a 2-point margin.

Similar results are seen for the state Senate, where Christie backers are also eight points more likely to vote for Republicans. Sixty-nine percent of his detractors will vote for a Senate Democrat, while only 8 percent will vote GOP.

As with the Assembly, most partisans will vote their party for state Senate. Independents once again lean toward Republicans at 25 percent, with another 19 percent saying they will vote for Democrats (down six points) and 32 percent unsure. Republicans in the state Senate do no better with winning over demographic groups than does the GOP in the Assembly.

“These generic ballot tests are useful for giving us the big picture, and so far we see no statewide movement toward the GOP,” said Redlawsk. “Two years ago the statewide numbers were less favorable toward Democrats but they ended up picking up one Assembly seat. Again, the dynamic can change due to local issues, and the question of who will show up at the polls is likely to matter even more than usual.”

###

QUESTIONS AND TABLES BEGIN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release of June 17, 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.

	The New Jersey State Legislature						April 2013							
Favorable	30%						41%							
Unfavorable	26%						20%							
No Opn/Don't Know (vol)	43%						39%							
Unwgt N=	760						816							
	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black	18-39	40-64	65+	
Favorable	36%	25%	29%	30%	32%	27%	30%	30%	31%	27%	31%	27%	36%	
Unfavorable	20%	29%	34%	26%	23%	36%	31%	22%	27%	26%	20%	30%	26%	
DK/No Opn	44%	46%	37%	44%	45%	38%	39%	47%	42%	46%	49%	43%	38%	
Unwt N=	287	279	175	191	382	165	343	417	563	67	137	390	233	
	Income				Education									
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work						
Favorable	29%	30%	33%	23%	27%	32%	34%	27%						
Unfavorable	20%	27%	23%	38%	29%	22%	24%	32%						
DK/No Opn	51%	43%	44%	39%	44%	46%	42%	41%						
Unwt N=	154	179	118	103	164	187	199	195						
	Region					Union Household								
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union							
Favorable	32%	28%	28%	32%	32%	32%	29%							
Unfavorable	31%	24%	21%	29%	30%	31%	26%							
DK/No Opn	36%	47%	50%	39%	39%	37%	45%							
Unwt N=	84	265	136	118	157	95	567							

NOTE: QUESTIONS ON EVALUATIONS OF GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE AND THE NJ GOVERNOR'S RACE WERE PLACED BEFORE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. THESE QUESTIONS ARE DETAILED IN THE POLL RELEASES OF [JUNE 12](#) AND [JUNE 14, 2013](#).

Q. There will also be elections for the New Jersey state legislature in November. Please think about the election for your representatives to the *General Assembly*. Do you plan to vote for [ROTATE: Democrats or Republicans] for the General Assembly, or do you plan to skip the election this time?

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW OR REFUSED]

Q. Are you leaning toward voting for [ROTATE] Democrats for the New Jersey Assembly or for Republicans?

	June 13		April 13	
	Without Leanners	With Leanners	Without Leanners	With Leanners
Democrat	40%	42%	23%	26%
Republican	24%	27%	38%	44%
Other (vol)	2%	2%	2%	2%
Some Dems/some Reprs (vol)	3%	3%	2%	2%
Not vote (vol)	12%	13%	9%	9%
Don't know/not sure (vol)	19%	13%	26%	16%
Unwgt N=	750	751	811	814

Without Leanners

	Christie Fav		Buono Favorability			NJ Leg Favorability			Christie v Buono	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	No Opn/ DK	Fav	Unfav	No Opn/ DK	Christie	Buono
Democrat	27%	67%	66%	16%	40%	51%	34%	36%	22%	76%
Republican	35%	5%	8%	49%	20%	21%	36%	20%	39%	4%
Other	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%
Some Ds/some Rs	4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Not vote	12%	10%	8%	8%	16%	7%	7%	19%	13%	8%
Don't know/not sure	21%	13%	13%	21%	20%	17%	17%	21%	21%	8%
Unwgt N=	496	182	165	205	379	229	205	314	456	189

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Black	18-39	40-64	65+
Democrat	80%	17%	3%	71%	35%	14%	34%	45%	33%	77%	46%	37%	38%
Republican	2%	21%	75%	7%	18%	62%	30%	19%	31%	3%	12%	29%	29%
Other	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%
Some D/some R	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	5%	2%	4%
Not vote	7%	23%	4%	12%	16%	4%	11%	13%	11%	9%	24%	9%	6%
Don't know	8%	31%	14%	7%	25%	17%	17%	20%	19%	9%	11%	22%	22%
Unwgt N=	288	274	174	189	376	164	338	412	553	67	137	383	230

	Income				HS or Less	Education		
	<50K	50K-100K	100K-150K	150K+		Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Democrat	44%	44%	40%	38%	39%	37%	37%	46%
Republican	18%	21%	23%	34%	22%	28%	24%	24%
Other	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%
Some D/some R	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Not vote	16%	17%	15%	8%	15%	13%	13%	9%
Don't know	16%	15%	18%	15%	18%	17%	20%	19%
Unwgt N=	153	179	116	103	163	183	197	193

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Democrat	61%	46%	28%	43%	23%	47%	38%
Republican	17%	16%	37%	25%	31%	24%	26%
Other	0%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Some D/some R	2%	2%	4%	1%	6%	3%	3%
Not vote	6%	16%	12%	10%	13%	8%	13%
Don't know	13%	18%	18%	21%	24%	14%	18%
Unwt N=	84	262	135	115	154	95	560

Q. Now think about the election for your representative to the *State Senate*. Do you plan to vote for [ROTATE: the Democrat or the Republican] for the New Jersey Senate or do you plan to skip the election this time?

[ASK ONLY IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW OR REFUSED]

Q. Are you leaning toward voting for [ROTATE] the Democrat for the New Jersey State Senate or for the Republican?

	June 13		April 13	
	Without Leaners	With Leaners	Without Leaners	With Leaners
Democrat	42%	44%	26%	28%
Republican	26%	29%	43%	46%
Other (vol)	2%	3%	3%	4%
Not vote (vol)	11%	11%	6%	6%
Don't know/not sure (vol)	19%	13%	22%	17%
Unwgt N=	750	751	809	813

Without Leaners

	Christie Fav		Buono Fav			NJ Leg Favorability			Christie v Buono	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	No Opn/DK	Fav	Unfav	No Opn/DK	Christie	Buono
Democrat	29%	69%	68%	17%	42%	50%	33%	41%	24%	79%
Republican	37%	8%	13%	51%	20%	22%	44%	19%	42%	5%
Other (vol)	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Not vote (vol)	11%	6%	5%	6%	16%	7%	6%	17%	12%	5%
Don't know/not sure (vol)	21%	12%	12%	22%	20%	19%	15%	21%	20%	7%
Unwgt N=	495	182	164	206	379	229	206	313	456	188

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Black	18-39	40-64	65+
Democrat	81%	19%	4%	76%	34%	18%	36%	46%	34%	75%	49%	38%	39%
Republican	2%	25%	77%	6%	22%	62%	33%	20%	33%	8%	14%	31%	30%
Other	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Not vote	5%	21%	6%	9%	14%	5%	11%	11%	9%	8%	23%	7%	6%
Don't know	9%	32%	10%	7%	26%	14%	16%	21%	21%	8%	11%	21%	22%
Unwgt N=	288	274	174	188	376	164	339	411	553	67	137	384	229

**2013 NJ Ballot June
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Income				HS or Less	Education		Grad Work
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+		Some Coll	Coll Grad	
Democrat	47%	46%	46%	40%	39%	39%	41%	48%
Republican	19%	23%	22%	40%	26%	28%	25%	26%
Other	3%	1%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%
Not vote	13%	12%	16%	7%	14%	10%	12%	9%
Don't know	18%	17%	14%	11%	17%	21%	19%	15%
Unwgt N=	153	179	116	102	162	184	196	193

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
Democrat	57%	48%	30%	44%	28%	49%	41%
Republican	19%	19%	37%	25%	35%	23%	28%
Other	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Not vote	4%	12%	11%	13%	13%	8%	11%
Don't know	16%	19%	18%	16%	22%	17%	18%
Unwt N=	84	262	136	115	153	95	560

Q. In November, New Jersey voters will vote on an amendment to the state constitution to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.25 with automatic annual cost of living increases. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this constitutional amendment?

	<u>June 13</u>	<u>April 13</u>
Support	77%	76%
Oppose	18%	20%
Don't know	5%	4%
Unwgt N=	759	816

	Christie Favorability		Buono Favorability			Christie v Buono	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	No Opn/DK	Christie	Buono
Support	71%	91%	90%	61%	80%	71%	91%
Oppose	22%	6%	8%	33%	14%	23%	8%
Don't know	7%	3%	2%	6%	6%	6%	2%
Unwgt N=	501	184	164	207	387	460	190

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black	18-39	40-64	65+
Support	94%	68%	64%	89%	82%	55%	71%	83%	74%	89%	82%	77%	74%
Oppose	4%	25%	30%	9%	13%	35%	25%	11%	20%	10%	16%	18%	19%
Don't know	2%	8%	7%	2%	5%	10%	4%	6%	6%	1%	2%	6%	8%
Unwt N=	287	279	175	190	382	165	342	417	560	68	137	390	232

	Income				HS or Less	Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K		Some Coll	Coll Grad	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Support	86%	80%	81%	74%	77%	80%	78%	75%	
Oppose	12%	17%	16%	20%	18%	15%	18%	19%	
Don't know	3%	2%	4%	7%	5%	5%	4%	6%	
Unwt N=	153	179	118	103	164	188	199	193	

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	Shore	Public	No Union
Support	79%	80%	75%	81%	70%	80%	76%
Oppose	15%	15%	17%	17%	24%	15%	19%
Don't know	5%	5%	8%	2%	6%	4%	5%
Unwt N=	83	265	137	117	157	95	567

Q. The state legislature is considering putting a question on legalizing same-sex marriage on the ballot this November to let voters decide. Do you think voters should decide whether to legalize same sex marriage in New Jersey?

	June 13	April 13
Yes	67%	69%
No	25%	25%
Don't know	8%	6%
Unwgt N=	753	810

	Christie Favorability		Buono Favorability			Christie v Buono	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	No Opn/DK	Christie	Buono
Yes	67%	62%	68%	69%	65%	70%	63%
No	24%	31%	27%	26%	24%	23%	31%
Don't know	8%	7%	5%	6%	11%	7%	6%
Unwgt N=	494	184	165	204	383	454	189

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black	18-39	40-64	65+
Yes	67%	71%	60%	72%	69%	55%	63%	70%	71%	44%	71%	68%	60%
No	27%	19%	33%	21%	23%	36%	29%	22%	23%	41%	22%	25%	29%
Don't know	6%	11%	7%	7%	9%	9%	8%	9%	6%	15%	7%	8%	11%
Unwt N=	286	278	171	191	375	165	338	415	554	67	135	387	231

	Income				Education				
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work	
Yes	60%	62%	69%	83%	55%	67%	72%	71%	
No	29%	30%	23%	14%	33%	28%	18%	24%	
Don't know	11%	8%	8%	3%	12%	5%	10%	5%	
Unwt N=	149	180	117	103	162	184	198	194	

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	Shore	Public	No Union
Yes	61%	67%	71%	61%	69%	68%	68%
No	28%	23%	20%	34%	24%	24%	23%
Don't know	12%	9%	9%	4%	7%	8%	9%
Unwt N=	84	264	137	113	155	95	563

**2013 NJ Ballot June
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Religion			Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Catholic	Protestant	Other	Yes	No	At least once/ Wk.	Almost every wk.	Once/ month	Seldom/ Never
Yes	67%	64%	66%	56%	69%	59%	61%	66%	73%
No	25%	25%	27%	40%	22%	33%	27%	22%	21%
Don't know	8%	10%	8%	4%	9%	8%	12%	12%	6%
Unwt N=	353	146	163	77	375	198	84	90	276

Q. If the question is placed on the ballot, will you vote for or against legalizing same-sex marriage in New Jersey?

	June 13	April 13
For	59%	62%
Against	30%	30%
Don't know	11%	8%
Unwgt N=	754	804

	Same-sex Marriage on Ballot		Christie Favorability		Buono Favorability			Christie v Buono No	
	Yes	No	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	Opn/DK	Christie	Buono
For	72%	31%	56%	65%	75%	50%	56%	55%	69%
Against	20%	59%	33%	27%	18%	39%	31%	35%	23%
Don't know	8%	11%	11%	9%	7%	11%	13%	11%	8%
Unwgt N=	500	184	495	184	163	204	386	457	189

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Black	18-39	40-64	65+
For	68%	63%	37%	80%	61%	27%	53%	64%	63%	44%	66%	61%	47%
Against	22%	26%	48%	13%	25%	63%	35%	26%	29%	37%	21%	29%	43%
Don't know	10%	11%	15%	7%	14%	10%	12%	10%	8%	19%	13%	10%	10%
Unwt N=	288	274	174	192	375	165	339	415	558	67	136	387	231

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	> 150K	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
For	51%	61%	62%	75%	42%	55%	69%	68%
Against	37%	28%	29%	23%	44%	30%	24%	25%
Don't know	12%	12%	9%	2%	14%	15%	7%	8%
Unwt N=	152	178	115	102	162	186	196	195

	Region					Union Household	
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	No Union
For	62%	59%	62%	56%	56%	59%	59%
Against	26%	29%	24%	34%	38%	31%	30%
Don't know	12%	13%	14%	10%	6%	10%	11%
Unwt N=	84	265	136	116	153	95	564

**2013 NJ Ballot June
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Religion			Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Catholic	Protestant	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk	Almost every wk	Once/ month	Seldom/ Never
Yes	57%	46%	67%	36%	58%	37%	45%	64%	73%
No	33%	47%	18%	58%	32%	50%	42%	25%	17%
Don't know	10%	7%	15%	6%	9%	13%	14%	11%	9%
Unwt N=	352	148	165	76	377	197	85	91	277

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll June 3-9, 2013

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone June 3-9, 2013 with a scientifically selected random sample of 888 New Jersey adults. Of these, 763 were registered voters reported here. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey registered voter 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 593 landline and 170 cell phone registered voters, 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 763 registered voters is +/-3.6 percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey registered voters favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.4 and 53.6 percent (50 +/-3.6) 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 Opinion Access Corporation and 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.

Weighted Sample Characteristics 763 New Jersey Registered Voters			
41% Democrat	47% Male	14% 18-29	69% White
37% Independent	53% Female	32% 30-49	14% Black
22% Republican		30% 50-64	8% Hispanic
		24% 65+	9% Asian/Other/Multi