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**NEW JERSEY VOTERS: OBAMA DOES NOT DESERVE A SECOND TERM;  
REPUBLICANS SOMEWHAT SATISFIED WITH CHOICES**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – Only 43 percent of New Jersey’s registered voters think President Barack Obama deserves to be re-elected in 2012, down from 48 percent in February 2011, according to a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. Another 47 percent say Obama does not deserve to be re-elected, up from 39 percent in February. Meanwhile, the state’s Republican voters are not overly enthusiastic about their potential nominees, with only 3 percent “very satisfied,” 56 percent “somewhat satisfied” and 31 percent “not satisfied” with the GOP field.

“The continuing economic climate, coupled with voter frustration at Washington, has created feelings of discontent that are clearly hurting the president’s chances for re-election,” said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. “The dramatic decline in support for Obama comes mostly from independents. Even so, it doesn’t seem Republicans are particularly happy with their options.”

Results are from a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll of 615 registered voters conducted among both landline and cell phone households from August 9 - 15, with a margin of error for the full sample of +/- 3.9 percentage points.

**Independents drive Obama re-election down sharply**

While 80 percent of Democrats continue to support Obama, only 7 percent of Republicans want to see him re-elected, half of the 14 percent who said so in February 2011. Independents have turned away from Pres. Obama, with only 33 percent saying he deserves a second term, while 47 percent say the president does not deserve re-election.

About 20 percent of independents want to see the deficit crisis in Washington resolved only using across-the-board budget cuts, and more than three-quarters of them say Obama does not deserve a new term. But so do nearly half of the 42 percent of independents who want both tax increases and cuts.

“Despite his best efforts to find middle ground, the president is losing favor with independent voters here,” noted Redlawsk. “It seems possible this is a direct repudiation of his approach to the debt crisis and the economy. Most independents want at least some tax increases on the rich to help fix the

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deficit, and many may feel Obama has failed to follow through on his own demands for increased revenues. Given more independents were against rather than for the debt ceiling agreement, this seems one likely reason for Obama's decline in New Jersey."

### **Ambivalent, angry and frustrated voters oppose Obama second term**

Support for a second term is strongly related to voters' impressions of the president; 88 percent with a favorable impression support re-election. The same percentage with an unfavorable view says Obama does not deserve a second term. Among the 12 percent uncertain about the President, 43 percent do not support a second term, compared to 24 percent who do.

Anger and frustration with Washington generally spills over to opposing Obama's re-election. Large percentages of voters are angry (73 percent) or believe Washington "no longer works" (69 percent). Among these groups, support for a second Obama term is weak: half of those angered by Washington do not support a second term, as do 54 percent of those believing Washington is dysfunctional. Forty percent of angry voters support a second term, but only 37 percent who see Washington as broken agree.

"Most voters are angry and certain Washington doesn't work. But that anger is not only directed at the president," Redlawsk said. "We recently showed that more New Jerseyans actually blame Republicans in Congress for the debt ceiling crisis – Tea Party and mainstream – but the anger at Washington spreads well beyond the House and Senate chambers."

### **Many Voters say Obama does not understand them**

While a slim majority of voters says that "President Obama understands people like me," 44 percent disagree. Those who say Obama understands them are very supportive of re-election, with 72 percent saying he deserves a new term. Among voters who think Obama does not understand them, a whopping 86 percent say the president should not be returned to office.

"People want the president to show empathy and having nearly half of voters believe Obama does not understand them is a recipe for failure," said Redlawsk, who noted 18 months ago, only 36 percent thought he was "disconnected from people like me."

At the same time, voters are less likely to hold more extreme views of the president than in a September 2010 Rutgers-Eagleton Poll, when 25 percent said the administration was "un-American" and 39 percent saw the President as a "socialist." Only 15 percent now see the administration as un-American, while 29 percent still perceive Obama as a socialist.

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**Republicans less than completely satisfied with choices**

A majority (56 percent) of New Jersey Republicans and GOP-leaning independents report being only “somewhat satisfied” with their choices for a 2012 challenger. Just 3 percent reported being very satisfied; 31 percent are not satisfied with the current field of candidates, and another 10 percent are not sure how they feel.

Asked an open-ended question about their preference, 40 percent of Republican voters could not name any candidate, about the same as in a February poll (42 percent). Among Republicans and leaners, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney (16 percent, three points higher than February) and Texas Gov. Rick Perry (14 percent) are essentially tied. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is a distant third at 6 percent, one point higher than Minnesota Congresswoman Michelle Bachman.

“The general sense that Republicans nationwide are still searching for a standard-bearer to take on President Obama is reinforced in New Jersey,” said Redlawsk. “Governor Christie’s numbers say nothing more than Republicans take him at his word that he is not running for president.”

**Tea Party Republicans more satisfied, also split between Romney and Perry**

Tea Party supporters (52 percent of Republicans) feel differently about their choices than do other Republicans. Almost seven-in-10 (68 percent) are more likely to be at least somewhat satisfied, compared to only 47 percent of other Republicans, and less likely to have no preference (only one-third cannot name a choice). As was true in February, Romney is the candidate of choice among Tea Party supporters (20 percent). Perry is easily within the margin of error for this small subsample at 16 percent, nine points higher than Bachman.

**Perry May Shake up Race**

Perry’s candidacy may cause New Jersey Republicans to re-evaluate the field – only about half were surveyed after his announcement. After he entered the race, GOP satisfaction for their candidates increased 11 points to 61 percent “Even with a small sample, we see a trend toward fewer Republicans favoring Romney and more naming Perry,” Redlawsk said.

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Rutgers-Eagleton Poll August 9-15, 2011  
Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release of August 25, 2011 are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are Registered Voters.

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

**Favorability Summary, August 2011**

|             | Pres.<br>Obama | Gov.<br>Christie | U.S.<br>Congress | Tea<br>Party | Sen.<br>Lautenberg | Sen.<br>Menendez | State Sen Pres<br>Sweeney | Dems<br>in Legislat | Reps<br>in Legislat |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Favorable   | 44%            | 45%              | 14%              | 23%          | 37%                | 35%              | 18%                       | 32%                 | 27%                 |
| Unfavorable | 44%            | 47%              | 73%              | 54%          | 30%                | 28%              | 24%                       | 42%                 | 46%                 |
| No opn/DK   | 12%            | 8%               | 13%              | 23%          | 33%                | 37%              | 57%                       | 26%                 | 28%                 |
| N=          | 609            | 615              | 613              | 613          | 615                | 615              | 614                       | 612                 | 614                 |

**Q. Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election, does President Obama deserve to be re-elected to another term?**

|     |     |
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| Yes | 43% |
| No  | 47% |
| DK  | 10% |
| N=  | 610 |

|     | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|-----|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|     | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Yes | 80%      | 33% | 7%  | 88%              | 4%    | 24%     | 11%                  | 59%   | 34%     | 66%      | 45% | 17% |
| No  | 11%      | 55% | 88% | 6%               | 88%   | 44%     | 89%                  | 28%   | 53%     | 22%      | 44% | 78% |
| DK  | 10%      | 12% | 5%  | 6%               | 8%    | 33%     | 0%                   | 13%   | 13%     | 13%      | 11% | 5%  |
| N=  | 190      | 300 | 116 | 263              | 268   | 72      | 139                  | 330   | 121     | 105      | 361 | 115 |

|     | Education  |           |           |           | Race  |       |      |       | Employment |           |        |          |
|-----|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|     | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Yes | 45%        | 48%       | 38%       | 40%       | 30%   | 84%   | 68%  | 65%   | 42%        | 39%       | 40%    | 53%      |
| No  | 43%        | 43%       | 49%       | 53%       | 59%   | 7%    | 23%  | 30%   | 47%        | 51%       | 54%    | 33%      |
| DK  | 12%        | 9%        | 13%       | 7%        | 11%   | 9%    | 9%   | 5%    | 11%        | 9%        | 7%     | 14%      |
| N=  | 131        | 136       | 191       | 137       | 416   | 73    | 51   | 42    | 270        | 72        | 153    | 97       |

|     | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|-----|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|     | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Yes | 51%    | 40%        | 36%         | 43%   | 39%    | 47%    |
| No  | 40%    | 50%        | 48%         | 51%   | 49%    | 46%    |
| DK  | 10%    | 9%         | 16%         | 6%    | 13%    | 8%     |
| N=  | 133    | 137        | 88          | 107   | 303    | 306    |

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|     | Obama Admin un-American |          | Obama socialist |          | Obama understands people like me |          | Angry about Washington |          | Washington no longer works |          |
|-----|-------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
|     | Agree                   | Disagree | Agree           | Disagree | Agree                            | Disagree | Agree                  | Disagree | Agree                      | Disagree |
| Yes | 13%                     | 50%      | 19%             | 57%      | 72%                              | 8%       | 40%                    | 48%      | 37%                        | 61%      |
| No  | 86%                     | 38%      | 78%             | 30%      | 17%                              | 86%      | 50%                    | 40%      | 54%                        | 34%      |
| DK  | 1%                      | 12%      | 3%              | 13%      | 11%                              | 7%       | 9%                     | 12%      | 9%                         | 6%       |
| N=  | 89                      | 485      | 177             | 367      | 308                              | 269      | 447                    | 143      | 420                        | 144      |

**[REPUBLICANS AND R LEANERS ONLY]**

**Q. In the Presidential election, which Republican would you prefer as the nominee to run against President Obama? Just tell me the name; if you don't know that's ok, just say so**

**[List of candidates receiving more than 3% of responses]**

|                  | ALL | Gender |        | Tea Party Impression |       |         |
|------------------|-----|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|---------|
|                  |     | Male   | Female | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin |
| Mitt Romney      | 16% | 12%    | 21%    | 20%                  | 14%   | 11%     |
| Rick Perry       | 14% | 19%    | 8%     | 16%                  | 12%   | 11%     |
| Chris Christie   | 6%  | 5%     | 6%     | 1%                   | 19%   | 2%      |
| Michelle Bachman | 5%  | 5%     | 5%     | 9%                   | 0%    | 2%      |
| Rudy Guilliani   | 4%  | 4%     | 5%     | 4%                   | 2%    | 7%      |
| Other Names      | 15% | 19%    | 11%    | 17%                  | 12%   | 14%     |
| DK               | 40% | 36%    | 44%    | 33%                  | 41%   | 53%     |
| N=               | 182 | 95     | 87     | 92                   | 42    | 45      |

**[REPUBLICANS AND R LEANERS ONLY]**

**Q. Given the Republicans who now say they are running for president in 2012, how satisfied are you with your choices? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied or not satisfied?**

|                    | ALL | Gender |        | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Before/After Perry Announce |       |
|--------------------|-----|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                    |     | Male   | Female | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Before                      | After |
| Very satisfied     | 3%  | 4%     | 2%     | 5%                   | 0%    | 2%      | 2%                          | 4%    |
| Somewhat satisfied | 56% | 57%    | 53%    | 63%                  | 37%   | 51%     | 50%                         | 61%   |
| Not satisfied      | 31% | 31%    | 31%    | 22%                  | 58%   | 27%     | 35%                         | 27%   |
| DK                 | 11% | 7%     | 14%    | 10%                  | 5%    | 20%     | 13%                         | 8%    |
| N=                 | 184 | 96     | 88     | 94                   | 41    | 45      | 90                          | 94    |

[ALL RESPONDENTS]

Q. For each of the following, tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement. First, [ROTATE]

I get angry thinking about the government in Washington.

|          |     |
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| Agree    | 73% |
| Disagree | 24% |
| DK       | 3%  |
| N=       | 613 |

|          | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|          | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Agree    | 70%      | 74% | 75% | 72%              | 78%   | 59%     | 76%                  | 76%   | 63%     | 75%      | 72% | 79% |
| Disagree | 26%      | 24% | 21% | 24%              | 20%   | 37%     | 24%                  | 21%   | 31%     | 19%      | 26% | 18% |
| DK       | 4%       | 2%  | 4%  | 3%               | 3%    | 4%      | 0%                   | 3%    | 6%      | 6%       | 2%  | 3%  |
| N=       | 191      | 303 | 115 | 265              | 267   | 75      | 140                  | 330   | 123     | 106      | 365 | 114 |

|          | Education  |           |           |           | Race  |       |      |       | Employment |           |        |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|          | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Agree    | 77%        | 65%       | 75%       | 77%       | 75%   | 68%   | 66%  | 77%   | 75%        | 65%       | 77%    | 68%      |
| Disagree | 21%        | 34%       | 20%       | 20%       | 23%   | 26%   | 34%  | 15%   | 23%        | 30%       | 18%    | 29%      |
| DK       | 2%         | 1%        | 5%        | 3%        | 3%    | 6%    | 0%   | 8%    | 2%         | 4%        | 5%     | 3%       |
| N=       | 130        | 137       | 194       | 138       | 420   | 73    | 51   | 42    | 273        | 72        | 152    | 97       |

|          | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|----------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|          | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Agree    | 66%    | 75%        | 81%         | 77%   | 70%    | 76%    |
| Disagree | 30%    | 21%        | 19%         | 20%   | 27%    | 21%    |
| DK       | 4%     | 4%         | 0%          | 4%    | 3%     | 3%     |
| N=       | 134    | 137        | 89          | 107   | 307    | 306    |

The government in Washington no longer works.

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Agree    | 69% |
| Disagree | 24% |
| DK       | 7%  |
| N=       | 613 |

|          | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|          | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Agree    | 63%      | 71% | 76% | 61%              | 81%   | 58%     | 79%                  | 67%   | 63%     | 67%      | 71% | 72% |
| Disagree | 31%      | 23% | 14% | 31%              | 16%   | 23%     | 17%                  | 28%   | 23%     | 25%      | 22% | 21% |
| DK       | 6%       | 6%  | 10% | 7%               | 3%    | 19%     | 4%                   | 5%    | 14%     | 8%       | 7%  | 7%  |
| N=       | 190      | 302 | 116 | 263              | 267   | 74      | 140                  | 328   | 123     | 105      | 364 | 115 |

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|          | Education  |           |           |           | Race  |       |      |       | Employment |           |        |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|          | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Agree    | 75%        | 59%       | 65%       | 80%       | 75%   | 55%   | 57%  | 52%   | 71%        | 48%       | 76%    | 69%      |
| Disagree | 18%        | 37%       | 23%       | 16%       | 18%   | 39%   | 34%  | 40%   | 21%        | 48%       | 18%    | 23%      |
| DK       | 7%         | 4%        | 12%       | 4%        | 7%    | 6%    | 9%   | 8%    | 8%         | 4%        | 7%     | 7%       |
| N=       | 131        | 137       | 192       | 138       | 419   | 71    | 51   | 42    | 273        | 72        | 151    | 97       |

|          | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|----------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|          | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Agree    | 69%    | 64%        | 74%         | 78%   | 69%    | 69%    |
| Disagree | 24%    | 27%        | 21%         | 19%   | 25%    | 23%    |
| DK       | 7%     | 9%         | 6%          | 3%    | 5%     | 8%     |
| N=       | 133    | 137        | 88          | 107   | 305    | 307    |

**The Obama administration is un-American.**

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Agree    | 15% |
| Disagree | 80% |
| DK       | 5%  |
| N=       | 610 |

|          | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|          | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Agree    | 5%       | 16% | 28% | 6%               | 25%   | 8%      | 42%                  | 7%    | 6%      | 7%       | 11% | 34% |
| Disagree | 93%      | 79% | 62% | 93%              | 66%   | 86%     | 52%                  | 90%   | 86%     | 89%      | 84% | 59% |
| DK       | 2%       | 5%  | 10% | 1%               | 9%    | 6%      | 7%                   | 3%    | 9%      | 4%       | 5%  | 7%  |
| N=       | 191      | 301 | 115 | 265              | 264   | 74      | 139                  | 331   | 121     | 104      | 364 | 115 |

|          | Education  |           |           |           | Race  |       |      |       | Employment |           |        |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|          | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Agree    | 23%        | 16%       | 10%       | 12%       | 16%   | 15%   | 10%  | 12%   | 9%         | 20%       | 18%    | 24%      |
| Disagree | 68%        | 82%       | 83%       | 85%       | 77%   | 85%   | 89%  | 88%   | 86%        | 74%       | 76%    | 75%      |
| DK       | 9%         | 2%        | 6%        | 3%        | 7%    | 0%    | 2%   | 0%    | 5%         | 6%        | 6%     | 1%       |
| N=       | 131        | 137       | 192       | 136       | 418   | 73    | 51   | 42    | 272        | 72        | 151    | 96       |

|          | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|----------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|          | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Agree    | 40%    | 50%        | 48%         | 51%   | 49%    | 46%    |
| Disagree | 51%    | 40%        | 36%         | 43%   | 39%    | 47%    |
| DK       | 10%    | 9%         | 16%         | 6%    | 13%    | 8%     |
| N=       | 133    | 137        | 88          | 107   | 303    | 306    |

**President Obama is a socialist.**

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Agree    | 29% |
| Disagree | 61% |
| DK       | 10% |
| N=       | 607 |

|          | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|          | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Agree    | 14%      | 30% | 53% | 13%              | 47%   | 25%     | 63%                  | 17%   | 27%     | 12%      | 26% | 57% |
| Disagree | 76%      | 63% | 32% | 81%              | 42%   | 59%     | 30%                  | 78%   | 54%     | 83%      | 64% | 31% |
| DK       | 10%      | 7%  | 14% | 6%               | 11%   | 16%     | 7%                   | 6%    | 19%     | 5%       | 9%  | 12% |
| N=       | 189      | 300 | 115 | 262              | 264   | 74      | 139                  | 327   | 121     | 104      | 360 | 115 |

|          | Education  |           |           |           | Race  |       |      |       | Employment |           |        |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|          | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Agree    | 37%        | 32%       | 26%       | 23%       | 30%   | 23%   | 35%  | 17%   | 25%        | 40%       | 28%    | 37%      |
| Disagree | 47%        | 62%       | 63%       | 71%       | 58%   | 72%   | 65%  | 72%   | 69%        | 47%       | 62%    | 53%      |
| DK       | 15%        | 6%        | 11%       | 5%        | 11%   | 5%    | 0%   | 11%   | 7%         | 13%       | 10%    | 10%      |
| N=       | 128        | 137       | 191       | 137       | 415   | 71    | 51   | 42    | 272        | 72        | 149    | 95       |

|          | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|----------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|          | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Agree    | 37%    | 28%        | 28%         | 23%   | 29%    | 30%    |
| Disagree | 55%    | 62%        | 65%         | 74%   | 66%    | 57%    |
| DK       | 8%     | 10%        | 7%          | 3%    | 5%     | 14%    |
| N=       | 131    | 136        | 88          | 107   | 305    | 302    |

**President Obama understands people like me.**

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Agree    | 51% |
| Disagree | 44% |
| DK       | 5%  |
| N=       | 610 |

|          | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|          | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Agree    | 82%      | 45% | 16% | 88%              | 17%   | 44%     | 16%                  | 69%   | 41%     | 77%      | 51% | 29% |
| Disagree | 13%      | 50% | 78% | 7%               | 81%   | 41%     | 82%                  | 26%   | 53%     | 16%      | 44% | 69% |
| DK       | 4%       | 5%  | 6%  | 5%               | 2%    | 16%     | 2%                   | 6%    | 6%      | 7%       | 5%  | 2%  |
| N=       | 188      | 303 | 116 | 262              | 267   | 74      | 140                  | 328   | 122     | 104      | 363 | 115 |



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|          | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Agree    | 53%        | 49%       | 47%       | 58%       | 43%   | 85%   | 69%  | 64%   | 58%        | 43%       | 41%    | 57%      |
| Disagree | 43%        | 46%       | 47%       | 39%       | 52%   | 14%   | 26%  | 28%   | 39%        | 54%       | 52%    | 37%      |
| DK       | 4%         | 5%        | 6%        | 3%        | 6%    | 1%    | 4%   | 8%    | 4%         | 3%        | 7%     | 6%       |
| N=       | 130        | 137       | 193       | 136       | 418   | 71    | 51   | 42    | 272        | 72        | 151    | 96       |

|          | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|----------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|          | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Agree    | 55%    | 45%        | 55%         | 57%   | 48%    | 54%    |
| Disagree | 42%    | 51%        | 43%         | 40%   | 46%    | 42%    |
| DK       | 3%     | 4%         | 2%          | 2%    | 5%     | 5%     |
| N=       | 132    | 137        | 88          | 107   | 304    | 306    |

**Government should do more to help middle class people.**

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Agree    | 79% |
| Disagree | 17% |
| DK       | 4%  |
| N=       | 607 |

|          | Party ID |     |     | Obama Impression |       |         | Tea Party Impression |       |         | Ideology |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|-----|-----|
|          | Dem      | Ind | Rep | Fav              | Unfav | No Opin | Fav                  | Unfav | No Opin | Lib      | Mod | Con |
| Agree    | 94%      | 74% | 69% | 91%              | 67%   | 81%     | 59%                  | 87%   | 78%     | 89%      | 82% | 65% |
| Disagree | 3%       | 22% | 28% | 5%               | 30%   | 14%     | 35%                  | 10%   | 17%     | 6%       | 15% | 31% |
| DK       | 3%       | 4%  | 4%  | 4%               | 3%    | 5%      | 6%                   | 2%    | 4%      | 5%       | 3%  | 4%  |
| N=       | 190      | 299 | 114 | 264              | 264   | 74      | 136                  | 330   | 121     | 105      | 364 | 114 |

|          | Education  |           |           |           | Race  |       |      |       | Employment |           |        |          |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|          | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | White | Black | Hisp | Other | Full Time  | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl |
| Agree    | 88%        | 83%       | 77%       | 72%       | 76%   | 94%   | 88%  | 92%   | 81%        | 85%       | 77%    | 75%      |
| Disagree | 11%        | 14%       | 17%       | 25%       | 20%   | 4%    | 11%  | 3%    | 16%        | 14%       | 16%    | 22%      |
| DK       | 1%         | 2%        | 6%        | 3%        | 4%    | 2%    | 1%   | 6%    | 3%         | 1%        | 7%     | 4%       |
| N=       | 131        | 134       | 193       | 137       | 414   | 73    | 51   | 42    | 272        | 70        | 151    | 97       |

|          | Income |            |             |       | Gender |        |
|----------|--------|------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|
|          | < 50K  | 50K- <100K | 100K- <150K | 150K+ | Male   | Female |
| Agree    | 83%    | 82%        | 80%         | 83%   | 73%    | 86%    |
| Disagree | 13%    | 18%        | 16%         | 15%   | 22%    | 12%    |
| DK       | 4%     | 0%         | 5%          | 2%    | 5%     | 2%     |
| N=       | 133    | 136        | 85          | 107   | 301    | 306    |

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**Rutgers-Eagleton Poll August 9-15, 2011**  
New Jersey Statewide Registered Voters Poll

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone from August 9-15, 2011 with a scientifically selected random sample of 615 New Jersey registered voters. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to US Census Bureau data. Data are also weighted to the current NJ voter registration records by party. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 574 landline respondents supplemented with 41 cell phone respondents, 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 615 registered voters is +/-3.9 percent, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey voters favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure would be between 53.9 and 46.1 percent (50 +/-3.9) had all New Jersey voters 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 by the Eagleton Institute of Politics Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University using an in-house CATI system. The questionnaire was developed and all data analysis was 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**  
**615 New Jersey Registered Voters**

|                 |            |           |                      |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 31% Democrat    | 50% Male   | 14% 18-29 | 72% White            |
| 50% Independent | 50% Female | 33% 30-49 | 12% Black            |
| 19% Republican  |            | 29% 50-64 | 9% Hispanic          |
|                 |            | 24% 65+   | 4% Asian             |
|                 |            |           | 3% Other/Multiracial |