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**CHRISTIE MAINTAINS HIGH RATINGS,
BUT VOTERS STILL DISAPPROVE OF HIS PERFORMANCE ON TOP PROBLEMS**

More than half of voters continue to express no opinion on Buono

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J – A year after his response to Hurricane Sandy sent Gov. Chris Christie's ratings into record territory, a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll finds New Jersey registered voters continue to embrace him, if not quite as strongly. Christie's 66 percent positive job rating remains the envy of most politicians, even though it has dropped four points since June. During the same period, disapproval of Christie has increased six points to 31 percent, still well below its pre-Sandy highs.

"It was inevitable that the governor's ratings would drop from their high point during the run-up to an election, but Christie continues to bask in broad support," said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University.

Even as voters continue to report strong general approval of Christie's performance, they also pan his specific efforts on the economy and taxes, seen as the two most important issues facing the state. Only 42 percent approve of Christie's handling of the economy and jobs, unchanged since June, but the 34 percent approval of his performance on taxes is a seven-point decline over that period. Regardless, disapproval of specific issues is not significantly affecting overall voter support for Christie.

While 60 percent feel favorable toward the governor and only 32 percent hold an unfavorable impression, favorability has dipped four points since June. "Voters continue to like him," noted Redlawsk. "He's seen in such a positive light and is able to overcome disapproval on individual issues."

Democratic challenger state Sen. Barbara Buono does not benefit much from any Christie ratings slippage. More than half of voters still do not know or have an impression of her, even after a summer of campaigning. However, among those with an impression, her favorability has improved five points to 27 percent; her unfavorability has dropped two points since June to 22 percent.

Neither candidate's running mate is well known. Among respondents, Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno is viewed favorably by a 2 to 1 margin, but 71 percent have no opinion. Milly Silva, Buono's running mate, fares even worse: 79 percent of voters have no opinion of her, 13 percent feel unfavorable and only 9 percent are favorable.

Results are from a poll of 925 New Jersey adults conducted statewide among both landline and cell phone households from Sept 3-9. The subsample of 814 registered voters reported on here has a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points.

Governor's popularity dips on specific issues

Christie's overall 60 percent favorability is driven by 64 percent of independents and 87 percent of Republicans. Democrats are slightly negative now: 43 percent favorable to 47 percent unfavorable.

On job performance, half of Democrats approve of the governor, down six points from June, while 89 percent of Republicans approve, up two points. Independents are slightly more negative: their approval has dropped seven points to 70 percent. Overall, Christie's job grade also has declined five points since June. Now, 53 percent award him a grade of A or B.

"These ratings are very good, and most would be happy to have them, despite some slippage. As we pass the Sandy one-year mark and enter the final two months of the campaign, other issues are becoming more visible. But so far Christie's support is holding up exceedingly well," said Redlawsk.

Christie's post-Sandy efforts continue to drive his overall approval, with 79 percent approving the job he is doing on Sandy recovery. Approval cuts across party lines. Those personally affected by the storm also approve overwhelmingly.

Christie's performance on other issues, however, fails to top 50 percent. This is especially true on voters' most important issues, the economy and taxes, where partisanship runs deep. Just over one-third call the economy and jobs important, while another 26 percent name taxes, followed by education at 13 percent.

Only 35 percent of those who chose the economy and jobs as most important approve of Christie's performance on the issue. While 60 percent of Republicans approve of the governor's performance on the economy, 58 percent of Democrats disapprove.

Attitudes towards taxes are similar. Among those whose main concern is taxes, only 33 percent approve of Christie's handling of the issue, and 68 percent of Democrats disapprove. A bare majority of Republicans approve of his performance on taxes and independents are slightly more likely to disapprove than approve of Christie's job performance on both issues: 54 percent disapprove on the economy and jobs, and 57 percent on taxes.

Support of Christie's performance on education has remained steady since June: 44 percent of all voters approve and 49 percent disapprove. Republicans are more than twice as likely as Democrats to back the governor. Independents are slightly more likely to disapprove than approve. Among the 13 percent of voters who call education the state's most pressing problem, 88 percent disapprove of Christie's performance and only 8 percent are positive.

Christie does slightly better with voters on crime and drugs: 49 percent approve and 33 percent disapprove of his approach and 18 percent are unsure. Democrats are more split, 41 percent approving and 40 percent disapproving. Sixty percent of Republicans and 53 percent of independents approve.

Christie also does fairly well on the state budget. Almost half (47 percent) approve of his performance, compared to 42 percent who disapprove and 11 percent who are unsure. Republicans, by nearly 2 to 1 (70 percent to 37 percent), are much more likely to back Christie's work.

“Now, as in June, Christie’s ratings on these ‘most important problems’ are nowhere near as positive as his overall ratings,” said Redlawsk. “The force of Christie’s personality and his Sandy performance appear to override significant disapproval on key issues.”

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, despite serving at Christie’s side the past four years, remains virtually unknown by the general public. Fully 71 percent of registered voters have no impression of her. Of those who do, favorable views prevail by a 2 to 1 margin. Not surprisingly, Republicans are the most favorable (26 percent versus 8 percent unfavorable), but even Democrats are more favorable than unfavorable, 16 percent to 9 percent.

Lack of name recognition plagues Buono

Despite increased media coverage and earning more attention in the spring, Buono gained little name recognition over the summer. As the campaign enters its final months, 51 percent of voters have no impression of the Democrat, a three-point improvement since June. More important, half of all Democrats don’t know or have no opinion of the candidate. Among those with an impression, 40 percent are favorable and 10 percent are unfavorable.

Even more independent voters (53 percent) have no impression of the challenger, and among those who do, 26 are unfavorable and 20 percent favorable. Among the half of Republicans with an opinion, most (38 percent) are unfavorable.

“This lack of name recognition greatly hampers Buono’s chances,” said Redlawsk, “and given the cost of buying media in New Jersey and her relative lack of funding so far, improving her standing will be difficult. Even with improved favorability, it’s simply not yet enough to overcome Christie’s built-in advantages.”

Voters in public employee union households are most likely to know Buono, but even among this key Democratic constituency, 40 percent profess to have no opinion about her. Among those who do, 39 percent are favorable, but 21 percent are unfavorable.

Buono’s running mate, Milly Silva, is even less known to voters and to her own party as well. Eighty-one percent of Democrats have no impression of her, while 14 percent view her favorably and 5 percent unfavorably. Only 6 percent of independents have a favorable impression of Silva; 16 percent are unfavorable, and the rest report no impression at all. More Republicans have an impression of Silva, but they are overwhelmingly negative: 5 percent favorable versus 22 percent unfavorable.

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Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release of September 13, 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.

Registered Voters

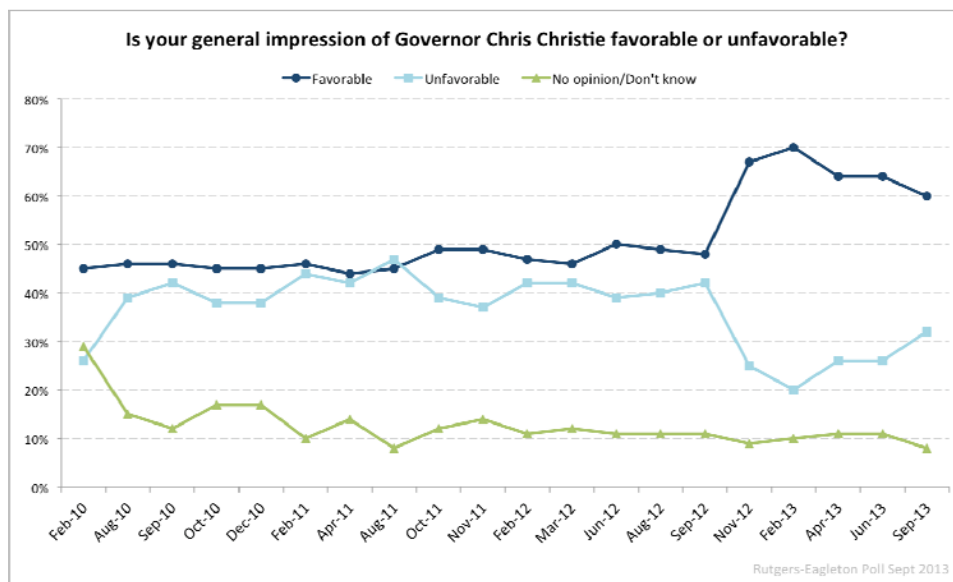
	Gov. Chris Christie	State Sen. Barbara Buono	Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno	Union Leader Milly Silva
Favorable	60%	27%	20%	9%
Unfavorable	32%	22%	10%	13%
No Opn/Don't Know Person	8%	51%	71%	79%
Unwgt N=	812	810	810	811

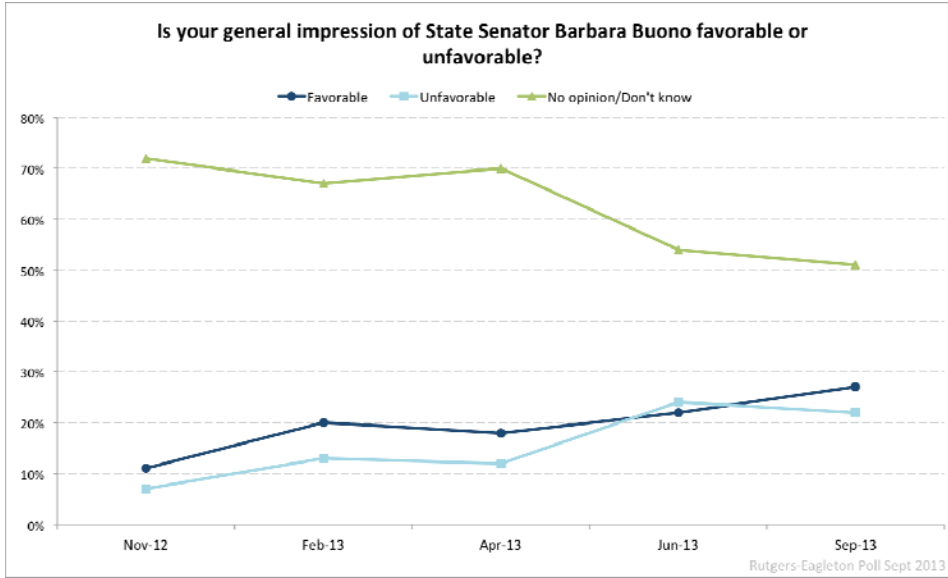
CHRISTIE Trend

	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	12/10	10/10	9/10
	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	Adults	RV	RV
Fav	64%	64%	70%	67%	48%	49%	50%	46%	47%	49%	49%	45%	44%	46%	45%	45%	46%
Unfav	26%	26%	20%	25%	42%	40%	39%	42%	42%	37%	39%	47%	42%	44%	38%	38%	42%
DK	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	14%	12%	8%	14%	10%	17%	17%	12%
N=	761	816	695	1105	787	911	1,064	514	910	752	803	613	769	810	906	879	911

BUONO Trend

	6/13	4/13	2/13	11/12
	RV	RV	RV	RV
Fav	22%	18%	20%	11%
Unfav	24%	12%	13%	7%
DK	54%	70%	67%	72%
N=	762	817	698	1107





CHRIS CHRISTIE
Registered Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Favorable	43%	64%	87%	41%	63%	79%	60%	60%	63%	54%	60%	59%	63%
Unfavorable	47%	26%	10%	52%	29%	14%	31%	32%	31%	34%	30%	33%	30%
DK/No Opn	9%	10%	3%	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	6%	12%	10%	8%	7%
Unwt N=	306	312	173	210	403	179	362	450	604	183	119	418	275

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Favorable	53%	60%	66%	66%	59%	62%	65%	52%
Unfavorable	37%	33%	26%	32%	29%	28%	29%	42%
DK/No Opn	11%	7%	9%	1%	12%	10%	6%	5%
Unwt N=	169	241	116	98	161	207	237	198

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Favorable	46%	60%	62%	58%	73%	42%	53%	65%
Unfavorable	42%	33%	29%	33%	21%	48%	37%	29%
DK/No Opn	12%	7%	9%	9%	5%	11%	10%	7%
Unwt N=	102	253	156	165	136	124	58	605

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**BARBARA BUONO
Registered Voters**

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Favorable	40%	20%	13%	39%	26%	13%	26%	28%	25%	32%	23%	29%	27%
Unfavorable	10%	26%	38%	13%	21%	40%	26%	19%	27%	12%	18%	23%	25%
DK/No Opn	50%	53%	49%	48%	53%	47%	48%	54%	48%	55%	59%	48%	47%
Unwt N=	304	312	174	210	401	179	360	450	603	183	118	417	275

	Income				Education				
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Coll Grad	Work
Favorable	26%	28%	32%	20%	20%	29%	25%	32%	
Unfavorable	13%	22%	23%	32%	21%	20%	23%	24%	
DK/No Opn	61%	50%	45%	48%	59%	51%	51%	44%	
Unwt N=	169	241	116	98	162	206	236	197	

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Favorable	35%	32%	23%	23%	21%	39%	31%	25%
Unfavorable	12%	22%	28%	20%	29%	21%	29%	22%
DK/No Opn	53%	47%	49%	58%	50%	40%	39%	53%
Unwt N=	102	252	155	166	135	123	58	604

**KIM GUADAGNO
Registered Voters**

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Favorable	16%	19%	26%	16%	18%	29%	21%	19%	21%	18%	15%	21%	21%
Unfavorable	9%	11%	8%	14%	8%	9%	11%	9%	12%	5%	7%	10%	12%
DK/No Opn	75%	69%	66%	69%	74%	62%	68%	73%	67%	77%	79%	69%	67%
Unwt N=	305	312	173	210	401	179	361	449	601	184	117	416	277

	Income				Education				
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Coll Grad	Work
Favorable	20%	19%	21%	17%	17%	21%	18%	23%	
Unfavorable	8%	11%	10%	13%	8%	10%	9%	11%	
DK/No Opn	73%	70%	69%	70%	75%	69%	73%	66%	
Unwt N=	168	241	116	98	162	205	237	197	

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Favorable	19%	14%	19%	18%	33%	17%	19%	20%
Unfavorable	9%	10%	10%	9%	9%	15%	17%	8%
DK/No Opn	72%	76%	71%	72%	58%	67%	64%	72%
Unwt N=	102	254	155	165	134	124	58	603

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MILLY SILVA
Registered Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Favorable	14%	6%	5%	12%	8%	5%	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%	7%	9%
Unfavorable	5%	16%	22%	8%	11%	25%	16%	10%	14%	9%	9%	15%	12%
DK/No Opn	81%	79%	73%	80%	80%	70%	75%	82%	78%	80%	81%	78%	79%
Unwt N=	305	312	174	210	401	180	361	450	603	183	118	417	276

	Income				Education				
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work	
Favorable	11%	6%	15%	4%	9%	10%	7%	9%	
Unfavorable	9%	11%	13%	19%	8%	11%	14%	17%	
DK/No Opn	80%	82%	72%	77%	83%	80%	79%	75%	
Unwt N=	169	241	116	98	162	206	237	197	

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Favorable	11%	10%	4%	8%	9%	11%	16%	8%
Unfavorable	9%	12%	15%	15%	13%	14%	10%	13%
DK/No Opn	80%	78%	81%	77%	77%	75%	74%	80%
Unwt N=	102	253	155	166	135	123	58	605

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.

	9/13 RV	Trend													
		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	11/11 RV	10/11 RV	8/11 RV	4/11 RV	2/11 RV
A	17%	24%	21%	24%	28%	18%	15%	15%	12%	16%	18%	14%	13%	14%	14%
B	36%	34%	39%	40%	33%	29%	30%	31%	31%	27%	28%	30%	25%	32%	24%
C	23%	24%	22%	22%	22%	22%	25%	24%	25%	24%	21%	27%	18%	20%	26%
D	13%	9%	10%	9%	11%	15%	13%	15%	13%	14%	17%	14%	24%	14%	15%
F	10%	8%	7%	4%	5%	15%	16%	14%	17%	18%	13%	14%	19%	21%	19%
DK	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Unwgt N=	813	759	819	698	573	788	913	1,063	516	914	752	799	612	390	416

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
A	9%	18%	33%	8%	20%	24%	18%	17%	19%	15%	18%	16%	18%
B	29%	40%	44%	24%	39%	45%	38%	34%	37%	34%	37%	36%	34%
C	29%	21%	13%	29%	21%	18%	22%	24%	22%	23%	22%	23%	22%
D	19%	12%	6%	25%	10%	6%	14%	13%	13%	15%	11%	14%	15%
F	13%	8%	4%	14%	9%	6%	8%	11%	9%	11%	10%	10%	10%
DK	1%	2%	%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Unwt N=	306	312	174	210	403	180	361	452	605	183	118	418	277

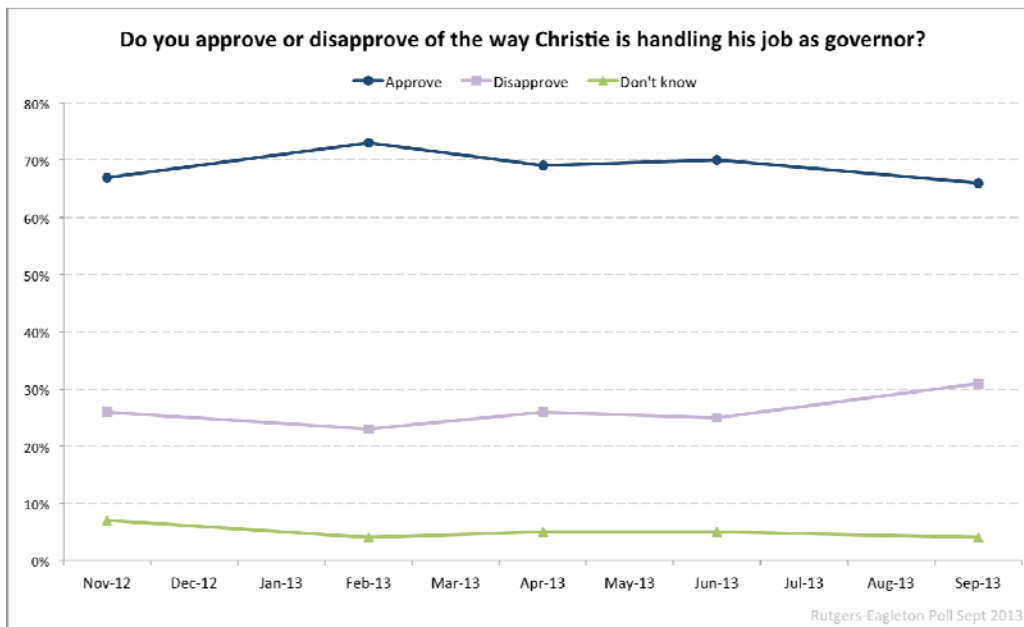
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	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
A	19%	20%	10%	24%	20%	15%	19%	15%
B	28%	36%	49%	39%	31%	35%	41%	33%
C	19%	23%	21%	22%	17%	25%	22%	25%
D	14%	15%	13%	7%	14%	12%	12%	16%
F	18%	6%	6%	8%	15%	12%	6%	9%
DK	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	1%
Unwt N=	169	240	116	98	163	207	236	198

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
A	17%	16%	18%	18%	18%	13%	9%	19%
B	32%	34%	37%	30%	49%	26%	38%	38%
C	23%	24%	26%	22%	18%	26%	24%	23%
D	15%	12%	12%	18%	10%	19%	18%	12%
F	10%	13%	6%	11%	5%	16%	11%	8%
DK	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Unwt N=	101	254	156	166	136	123	58	607

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

	Trend					Christie Favorability	
	9/13 RV	6/13 RV	4/13 RV	2/13 RV	11/12 RV	Favorable	Unfavorable
Approve	66%	70%	68%	73%	67%	93%	14%
Disapprove	31%	25%	26%	23%	26%	5%	82%
Don't know	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	2%	4%
Unwt N=	809	756	810	696	533	492	258



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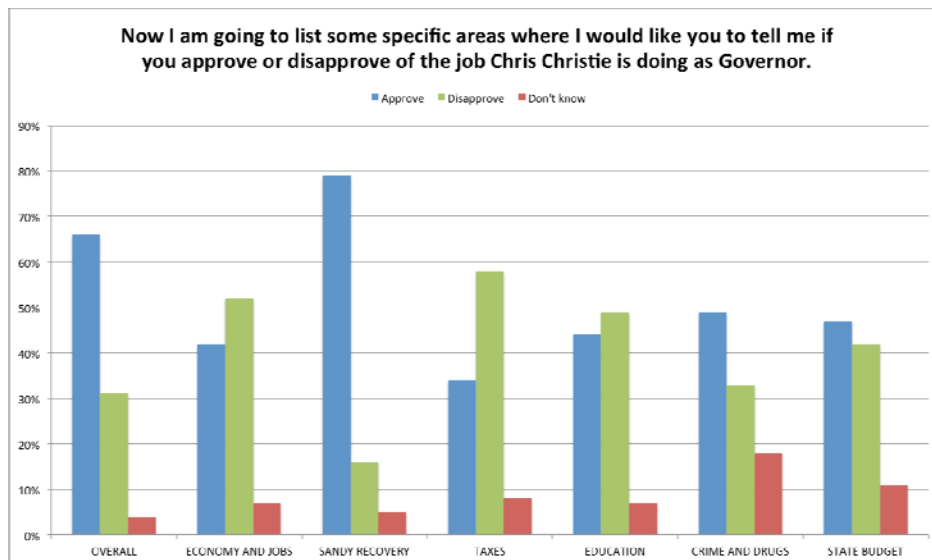
	Party ID		Ideology				Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	50%	70%	89%	45%	69%	87%	68%	63%	69%	60%	68%	63%	67%
Disapprove	45%	26%	10%	51%	27%	12%	29%	32%	29%	33%	29%	33%	27%
Don't know	5%	4%	1%	3%	5%	1%	3%	5%	2%	7%	2%	3%	6%
Unwgt N=	304	310	174	208	402	179	359	450	602	182	118	416	275

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	59%	65%	71%	74%	64%	66%	70%	60%
Disapprove	35%	32%	26%	25%	29%	30%	27%	39%
Don't know	6%	3%	3%	1%	7%	4%	3%	2%
Unwgt N=	169	240	116	97	162	206	234	198

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	58%	64%	67%	63%	78%	51%	58%	69%
Disapprove	35%	32%	31%	32%	21%	44%	40%	28%
Don't know	7%	4%	3%	5%	1%	5%	2%	4%
Unwt N=	101	252	156	165	135	123	58	604

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]

	NJ's economy and jobs	Taxes	Hurricane Sandy recovery	Education and Schools	Crime and drugs	The state budget
Approve	42%	34%	79%	44%	49%	47%
Disapprove	52%	58%	16%	49%	33%	42%
Don't know	7%	8%	5%	7%	18%	11%
Unwgt N=	805	811	809	811	808	812



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NJ's Economy and Jobs

	RV	Christie Favorability		Most Imp Prob
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Econ and Jobs
Approve	42%	58%	15%	35%
Disapprove	52%	35%	82%	60%
Don't know	7%	7%	4%	5%
Unwgt N=	805	485	259	266

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	33%	42%	60%	26%	45%	54%	46%	38%	44%	37%	52%	38%	38%
Disapprove	58%	54%	33%	67%	49%	38%	49%	54%	49%	57%	45%	55%	51%
Don't know	8%	4%	7%	6%	6%	8%	5%	8%	7%	6%	2%	7%	12%
Unwgt N=	306	306	172	208	400	177	358	447	597	183	118	415	272

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	34%	40%	47%	55%	39%	42%	44%	40%
Disapprove	58%	56%	44%	43%	49%	53%	50%	54%
Don't know	8%	5%	9%	2%	12%	5%	6%	6%
Unwgt N=	168	236	115	97	162	205	232	197

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	33%	37%	46%	46%	48%	30%	31%	45%
Disapprove	60%	56%	46%	48%	46%	64%	64%	48%
Don't know	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%
Unwt N=	102	251	152	165	135	124	58	598

Taxes

	RV	Christie Favorability		Most Imp Prob
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Taxes
Approve	34%	46%	13%	33%
Disapprove	58%	45%	83%	60%
Don't know	8%	9%	4%	7%
Unwgt N=	811	491	259	222

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	24%	35%	51%	21%	35%	51%	36%	33%	37%	26%	36%	32%	37%
Disapprove	68%	57%	37%	73%	56%	41%	56%	58%	55%	63%	53%	61%	54%
Don't know	7%	8%	12%	6%	9%	8%	8%	9%	8%	11%	11%	7%	9%
Unwgt N=	307	309	174	210	402	179	360	451	604	182	118	416	277

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	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	31%	29%	40%	44%	33%	33%	39%	31%
Disapprove	60%	61%	54%	52%	56%	61%	52%	61%
Don't know	9%	10%	6%	5%	12%	6%	9%	8%
Unwgt N=	169	240	115	98	163	207	234	198

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	27%	31%	43%	30%	41%	21%	27%	38%
Disapprove	62%	61%	50%	60%	50%	74%	66%	53%
Don't know	11%	7%	7%	9%	9%	5%	7%	9%
Unwt N=	102	252	155	166	136	124	58	604

Hurricane Sandy Recovery

	RV	Christie Favorability		Personally Affected by Sandy	
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Yes	No
Approve	79%	87%	67%	79%	79%
Disapprove	16%	9%	28%	17%	15%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%
Unwgt N=	809	490	258	352	447

	Party ID		Ideology				Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	78%	79%	83%	78%	79%	83%	80%	78%	79%	80%	85%	78%	75%
Disapprove	19%	16%	11%	17%	17%	12%	16%	16%	16%	16%	13%	17%	18%
Don't know	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	2%	5%	8%
Unwgt N=	304	310	174	210	400	179	359	450	601	183	119	415	275

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	72%	86%	82%	83%	71%	77%	82%	83%
Disapprove	23%	9%	15%	14%	18%	20%	13%	14%
Don't know	5%	5%	3%	2%	11%	3%	4%	3%
Unwgt N=	167	240	116	97	161	206	236	197

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	78%	79%	82%	77%	79%	78%	87%	79%
Disapprove	17%	16%	14%	16%	17%	22%	13%	15%
Don't know	6%	4%	4%	7%	4%	1%	0%	6%
Unwt N=	102	252	155	166	134	123	58	603

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Education and Schools

	RV	Christie Favorability		Most Imp Prob Educ & Schools		
		Favorable	Unfavorable			
Approve	44%	61%	11%	8%		
Disapprove	49%	31%	85%	88%		
Don't know	7%	8%	4%	4%		
Unwgt N=	811	491	259	97		

	Party ID		Ideology				Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	30%	49%	65%	28%	46%	60%	51%	38%	46%	39%	43%	45%	42%
Disapprove	64%	45%	25%	66%	47%	33%	44%	53%	47%	55%	54%	47%	48%
Don't know	6%	6%	10%	6%	7%	7%	5%	9%	8%	6%	4%	7%	10%
Unwgt N=	307	309	174	210	402	179	359	452	603	183	117	418	276

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	39%	46%	47%	47%	48%	40%	52%	34%
Disapprove	54%	50%	42%	47%	42%	51%	43%	61%
Don't know	7%	3%	12%	5%	10%	8%	6%	5%
Unwgt N=	169	240	116	97	163	207	236	196

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	42%	40%	49%	44%	47%	38%	36%	46%
Disapprove	54%	51%	42%	47%	50%	59%	61%	46%
Don't know	3%	9%	8%	9%	3%	4%	3%	8%
Unwt N=	102	253	156	165	135	124	58	604

Crime and Drugs

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Favorable	Unfavorable
Approve	49%	63%	29%
Disapprove	33%	22%	50%
Don't know	18%	15%	21%
Unwgt N=	808	489	258

	Party ID		Ideology				Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	41%	53%	60%	37%	52%	60%	52%	46%	54%	41%	55%	47%	47%
Disapprove	40%	32%	20%	43%	30%	26%	32%	34%	28%	43%	33%	34%	32%
Don't know	19%	15%	20%	20%	18%	14%	15%	20%	18%	16%	13%	19%	21%
Unwgt N=	306	308	174	209	401	178	357	451	601	182	118	416	274

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	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	47%	50%	53%	57%	44%	49%	55%	46%
Disapprove	39%	36%	25%	25%	34%	38%	27%	35%
Don't know	14%	14%	22%	18%	22%	13%	18%	19%
Unwgt N=	168	239	115	98	163	206	234	196

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	48%	48%	51%	43%	58%	44%	53%	50%
Disapprove	37%	36%	25%	36%	29%	39%	36%	31%
Don't know	15%	16%	23%	21%	13%	17%	11%	19%
Unwt N=	102	253	154	164	135	124	58	601

The State Budget

	RV	Christie Favorability	
		Favorable	Unfavorable
Approve	47%	67%	14%
Disapprove	42%	22%	80%
Don't know	11%	11%	6%
Unwgt N=	812	491	260

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Approve	37%	45%	70%	31%	48%	66%	50%	44%	51%	37%	43%	48%	48%
Disapprove	52%	44%	17%	59%	40%	25%	42%	42%	39%	50%	44%	43%	37%
Don't know	10%	11%	12%	10%	12%	8%	7%	14%	10%	14%	13%	8%	15%
Unwgt N=	307	311	173	209	404	179	361	451	603	184	118	418	276

	Income				Education			
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Approve	38%	49%	49%	58%	44%	47%	49%	47%
Disapprove	50%	38%	43%	39%	39%	43%	40%	46%
Don't know	12%	12%	7%	4%	17%	10%	11%	7%
Unwgt N=	169	240	116	97	163	206	237	197

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Approve	40%	41%	52%	48%	57%	39%	52%	48%
Disapprove	52%	44%	39%	42%	32%	53%	40%	40%
Don't know	7%	14%	9%	10%	11%	8%	7%	12%
Unwt N=	102	253	156	165	136	124	58	605

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

	9/13 RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Job Approval	
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Approve	Disapprove
The economy and jobs	34%	33%	34%	33%	33%
Taxes, including property taxes	26%	32%	18%	29%	21%
Education and schools	13%	9%	23%	9%	21%
Crime and drugs	8%	6%	8%	7%	8%
Government spending	7%	8%	3%	9%	3%
Health Care	7%	7%	9%	7%	8%
Hurricane Sandy recovery	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Something else	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Don't know (vol)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Unwgt N=	812	492	260	527	247

Listing only issues getting 5% or more mentions overall

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	White	Non-White	18-39	40-64	65+
Economy and jobs	38%	32%	29%	42%	29%	32%	31%	36%	32%	36%	33%	36%	28%
Taxes	22%	28%	32%	19%	29%	29%	27%	25%	29%	20%	20%	28%	28%
Educ. and Schools	14%	14%	8%	21%	10%	7%	12%	13%	13%	13%	19%	10%	13%
Crime and Drugs	8%	6%	9%	4%	9%	8%	8%	7%	5%	13%	12%	4%	10%
Gov. Spending	3%	9%	12%	4%	7%	12%	8%	6%	8%	6%	4%	9%	6%
Health Care	9%	6%	5%	9%	8%	3%	7%	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	7%
Unwt N=	305	312	174	209	404	179	360	452	604	183	118	418	276

	Income				Education				
	<50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work	
Economy and jobs	34%	34%	39%	29%	32%	37%	32%	33%	
Taxes	16%	30%	24%	30%	21%	26%	30%	25%	
Educ. and Schools	10%	13%	16%	10%	6%	10%	15%	20%	
Crime and Drugs	14%	8%	2%	6%	14%	7%	7%	4%	
Gov. Spending	5%	6%	7%	15%	9%	5%	5%	10%	
Health Care	12%	6%	6%	7%	11%	8%	6%	5%	
Unwt N=	168	241	116	98	162	206	237	198	

	Region					Union Household		
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	Public	Private	No
Economy and jobs	39%	34%	32%	33%	30%	37%	38%	33%
Taxes	18%	27%	25%	25%	34%	23%	23%	27%
Educ. and Schools	15%	12%	12%	16%	11%	22%	18%	11%
Crime and Drugs	14%	10%	7%	4%	2%	5%	11%	8%
Gov. Spending	4%	6%	11%	8%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Health Care	5%	8%	7%	7%	8%	4%	5%	8%
Unwt N=	102	253	156	165	136	124	58	605

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The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone September 3-9, 2013 with a scientifically selected random sample of 925 New Jersey adults. Of these, 814 were registered voters. 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 782 landline and 143 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. The sampling error for 814 registered voters is +/-3.4 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 46.6 and 53.4 percent (50 +/-3.4) 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.

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Weighted Sample Characteristics			
814 New Jersey Registered Voters			
40% Democrat	47% Male	13% 18-29	68% White
38% Independent	53% Female	32% 30-49	14% Black
21% Republican		30% 50-64	8% Hispanic
		25% 65+	10% Asian/Other/Multi