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**FOR MORE THAN HALF OF NEW JERSEY VOTERS
LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS A REFERENDUM ON CHRISTIE**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J – More than half of New Jersey voters most likely to turn out for November's legislative elections, say their vote will be in support or opposition to Gov. Chris Christie, according to a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. While Democrats continue to hold a double-digit lead in statewide generic ballot tests, a majority of likely voters sees the election as a referendum on Christie: 28 percent will vote to support the governor while 26 percent will vote to oppose him.

Among all likely voters including those leaning towards a party, 48 percent support Democrats for the Assembly and 33 percent support Republicans, a 15 point margin. Half say they want a Democratic controlled legislature, while 40 percent want Republicans to take over. But among just those who say their vote will express support or opposition to Christie, Assembly Democrats lead by only 10 points, 49 percent to 39 percent. Christie-motivated voters cut the desire for Democratic control in half, with 51 percent preferring Democratic control and 46 percent preferring Republicans.

“While turnout is likely to be very low, voters motivated by Christie may be more likely to show up, and if so, the statewide margin may well be tighter than our overall numbers,” said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. “Voters need a reason to turn out in legislative elections, and Christie is apparently giving many of them that reason.”

Results are from a poll of 903 adults, including a sample of 821 registered and 603 likely voters conducted among both landline and cell phone households from Oct. 6-9. The sample of registered voters reported here has a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points, while the likely voter sample has a margin of +/-4.0 percentage points.

Gov. Christie driving many voters

With legislative elections less than one month away, 54 percent of likely voters say they will vote to demonstrate support for (28 percent) or opposition to (26 percent) Gov. Christie, while 42 percent say their vote has nothing to do with the governor. Among those who hold a favorable impression of Christie, 50 percent say they are voting to support him, while 59 percent of those with a

negative opinion say they are voting to demonstrate opposition to Christie.

Among Republicans, 64 percent say they will turn out to support Christie, while 27 percent say their vote will have nothing to do with him. A small number (6 percent) say they will turn out to oppose the Republican governor. Democrats are less motivated: only 48 percent say they will vote to show opposition to Christie, while 40 percent say their vote is not about him, and 6 percent say they want to support the governor.

Independents are much more split, with 27 percent saying their vote will show support for Christie, and 18 percent saying they are motivated by opposition. Half of independents, however, say turning out will have nothing to do with Christie.

Most voters continue to favor Democrats; Christie motivation could shake things up

Among registered voters in statewide generic ballot tests, Democrats hold a 43 percent to 28 percent lead over Republicans for the Assembly and a 45 percent to 29 percent lead for the Senate when leaners are included. This 15-point Assembly lead is up from 10 points in an August Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. The lead holds up among likely voters, 48 percent for Assembly Democrats to 33 percent for Republicans, and 49 percent for Senate Democrats versus 35 percent for Republicans.

The preference for Democratic control among registered voters has changed little from its 13 point margin in August. Today 50 percent of registered voters prefer Democratic control to act as a check on Gov. Christie while 38 percent hope Republicans win to support the governor's plans. Among likely voters the margin is similar, 50 percent to 40 percent.

Independent voters were evenly split in the August Eagleton Poll generic ballot tests. The new numbers show a slight move toward the Democrats among likely voters, with 38 percent now saying they will vote for Assembly Democrats and 31 percent for Republicans.

Considering only likely voters who say their vote will be to support or oppose Gov. Christie improves the outlook for Republicans. While voters are evenly split on whether their vote is about the governor, those turning out because of Christie prefer Assembly Democrats 49 percent to 39 percent, a 10-point margin. Those who say their vote has nothing to do with the governor prefer Democrats by a much wider 20-point margin, 48 percent to 28 percent. Results are similar in the State Senate ballot test.

“Legislative elections usually have low turnout, so it’s hard to know who will actually vote,” said Redlawsk. “If we think of Christie as a motivator and assume those voters are much more likely to turn out, Republicans may surprise with some upsets. Of course, our results are a statewide overview and can’t tell us about individual races that may turn on local dynamics.”

Republicans strongest in Northwest and Shore counties

Given the demographics of New Jersey, it is not surprising that Republicans get their greatest support in exurban (northwest) and shore counties. While likely urban voters favor Assembly Democrats by a 64 percent to 22 percent margin, shore county voters are split: 37 percent for Republicans and 36 percent for Democrats, while exurban voters give 41 percent to Republican candidates and 39 to Democrats. Combined, Camden and South Jersey voters plan to vote Democratic by a 57 percent to 28 percent margin, while likely suburban voters support Assembly Democrats 45 percent to 35 percent.

Anger at Trenton and state government that doesn't work

Forty-nine percent of likely voters say they agree with the statement "I get angry when thinking about the government in Trenton" while 45 percent disagree. Among those who hold a favorable impression of the Governor, 39 percent still get angry when thinking of state government, while 53 percent disagree. Among those unfavorable towards Christie, 61 percent are angered by Trenton and 34 are not. Republicans are less likely to be angry: 43 percent agree that Trenton angers them, compared to 47 percent of Independents and 56 percent of Democrats.

Anger at the government in Trenton shows similar effects for those with a favorable impression of Democrats in the legislature: 49 percent are angry, while 46 percent are not. Among those with a favorable impression of Republicans in the legislature, only 36 percent say state government angers them, while 60 percent say it does not.

Likewise, 49 percent of likely voters agree with the statement "The government in Trenton no longer works" while 40 percent disagree. Among those who like Christie, 41 percent agree with the statement and 48 percent disagree. A large majority (60 percent) unfavorable towards the governor think Trenton does not work, while only 30 percent disagree. Of those favorable toward Democrats in the legislature 46 percent say Trenton does not work, and 43 percent think it does. Republican supporters see it differently, with only 38 percent agreeing and 55 percent disagreeing.

"The evidence is that Gov. Christie drives a lot of attitudes about what's happening in Trenton," said Redlawsk. "Republicans are simply happier with how things are going there."

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Rutgers-Eagleton Poll October 6-9, 2011
Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release of October 14, 2011 are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are Registered Voters (RV) or Likely Voters (LV) as indicated.

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. First, [next]: [ROTATE]

Favorability Summary, October 2011
Registered Voters

	Dems in Legislat	Reps in Legislat	Pres. Obama	Gov. Christie	U.S. Congress	Tea Party
Favorable	35%	24%	50%	49%	20%	22%
Unfavorable	40%	39%	40%	39%	62%	51%
No opn/DK	25%	28%	9%	12%	19%	27%
Unwght N	819	817	821	819	820	820

Q. For the following, tell me if you agree or disagree. First, [next]: [ROTATE]

I get angry thinking about the New Jersey state government in Trenton.

	LV	RV
Agree	49%	48%
Disagree	45%	45%
DK	7%	7%
Unwght N	602	816

Likely Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Education			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Middle	Conserv	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Agree	56%	47%	43%	55%	49%	41%	49%	49%	48%	49%
Disagree	38%	44%	54%	37%	45%	52%	44%	44%	44%	46%
DK	6%	9%	4%	8%	6%	7%	7%	7%	8%	5%
Unwght N	196	258	135	136	304	151	126	156	175	142

	Employment				Race		Age			
	Full Time	Part Time	Retired	Not Empl	White	Black	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Agree	51%	48%	48%	45%	49%	58%	43%	49%	55%	44%
Disagree	44%	46%	43%	45%	44%	34%	51%	45%	42%	43%
DK	5%	6%	9%	10%	7%	8%	6%	6%	3%	13%
Unwght N	274	54	147	121	466	64	56	257	154	125

	Income				Gender		Region				
	> 50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
Agree	45%	51%	52%	46%	46%	52%	54%	48%	52%	54%	38%
Disagree	46%	45%	45%	44%	47%	42%	40%	45%	44%	40%	53%
DK	10%	4%	4%	10%	7%	6%	6%	7%	4%	6%	9%
Unwght N	135	163	113	87	292	310	82	216	96	104	104

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	Christie Impression			Dems in State Leg Impression			Reps in State Leg Impression		
	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin
Agree	39%	61%	51%	49%	51%	45%	36%	59%	42%
Disagree	53%	34%	42%	46%	44%	44%	60%	35%	47%
DK	8%	5%	7%	5%	5%	11%	4%	6%	11%
Unwght N	318	223	60	200	272	125	166	283	144

	Vote Motivation			Trenton Doesn't Work		
	Support Christie	Oppose Christie	Neither	Agree	Disagree	DK
Agree	43%	71%	41%	75%	23%	22%
Disagree	50%	28%	51%	22%	72%	45%
DK	8%	2%	7%	3%	5%	33%
Unwght N	173	147	250	301	235	63

The New Jersey state government in Trenton no longer works.

	LV	RV
Agree	49%	47%
Disagree	40%	43%
DK	10%	11%
Unwght N	600	815

Likely Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Education			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Middle	Conserv	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Agree	53%	51%	42%	53%	50%	44%	51%	47%	52%	48%
Disagree	38%	38%	50%	34%	40%	46%	40%	43%	37%	42%
DK	9%	11%	8%	12%	9%	9%	9%	10%	11%	11%
Unwght N	196	258	135	136	302	152	126	156	174	141

	Employment				Race		Age			
	Full Time	Part Time	Retired	Not Empl	White	Black	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Agree	52%	39%	52%	44%	51%	56%	35%	50%	57%	46%
Disagree	38%	49%	39%	44%	39%	34%	48%	42%	35%	42%
DK	10%	11%	9%	12%	10%	10%	17%	8%	8%	12%
Unwght N	273	54	146	121	465	64	56	257	153	124

	Income				Gender		Region				
	> 50K	50K-100K	100K-150K	150K+	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
Agree	42%	57%	55%	41%	46%	52%	53%	48%	50%	53%	44%
Disagree	49%	33%	36%	49%	45%	36%	37%	43%	44%	38%	39%
DK	8%	10%	8%	10%	8%	12%	10%	9%	6%	9%	18%
Unwght N	135	161	113	87	292	308	82	213	97	104	104

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	Christie Impression			Dems in State Leg Imp			Reps in State Leg Imp		
	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin
Agree	41%	60%	49%	47%	56%	42%	38%	60%	41%
Disagree	48%	30%	42%	43%	38%	43%	55%	31%	43%
DK	10%	10%	9%	10%	7%	15%	7%	9%	15%
Unwght N	318	222	59	200	273	122	166	282	144

	Vote Motivation			Anger at Trenton		
	Support Christie	Oppose Christie	Neither	Yes	No	DK
Agree	46%	67%	43%	76%	24%	23%
Disagree	45%	28%	46%	19%	65%	28%
DK	10%	5%	11%	5%	10%	49%
Unwght N	173	146	250	295	263	41

Q. Now, please think about the election for your representatives to the General Assembly. Do you plan to vote for [ROTATE: Democrats or Republicans] for the New Jersey Assembly or do you plan to skip the election this time?

	LV	RV
Republicans	28%	28%
Democrats	44%	43%
Skip the election	-	10%
Other (vol)	2%	2%
A Democrat and a Republican (vol)	2%	2%
DK/Not Sure	24%	15%
Unwght N	597	815

Q. [ASK ONLY IF DK/NOT SURE] Are you leaning toward voting for Democrats for the New Jersey Assembly or for Republicans? [ROTATE PARTIES; SAME ORDER]

	LV	RV
Republicans	20%	19%
Democrats	15%	14%
Other (vol)	2%	2%
A Democrat and a Republican (vol)	1%	1%
DK/not sure	63%	65%
Unwght N	139	186

Assembly Vote: Likely Voters, Including Leaners

	ALL LVs	Party ID			Ideology				Education			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work	
Republicans	33%	2%	31%	88%	7%	29%	68%	31%	30%	39%	30%	
Democrats	48%	89%	37%	4%	85%	46%	16%	49%	46%	44%	56%	
Other (vol)	2%	0%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	
A Dem and a Rep (vol)	2%	0%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	
DK/not sure	15%	8%	24%	5%	6%	20%	12%	17%	21%	13%	7%	
Unwght N	597	196	257	135	136	301	151	124	154	174	142	

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	Employment				Race		Age			
	Full Time	Part Time	Retired	Not Empl	White	Black	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republicans	30%	36%	38%	33%	41%	4%	20%	33%	37%	35%
Democrats	53%	53%	43%	42%	41%	81%	62%	48%	45%	44%
Other (vol)	2%	2%	4%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%
A Dem and a Rep (vol)	3%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%
DK/not sure	13%	9%	13%	25%	13%	14%	17%	15%	13%	16%
Unwght N	272	54	145	121	461	64	56	256	153	123

	Income				Gender		Region				
	> 50K	50K-100K	100K-150K	150K+	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
Republicans	25%	30%	43%	39%	37%	28%	22%	35%	41%	28%	37%
Democrats	54%	54%	46%	47%	43%	53%	64%	45%	38%	57%	36%
Other (vol)	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	5%
A Dem and a Rep (vol)	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	3%
DK/not sure	16%	13%	8%	10%	15%	15%	13%	16%	15%	13%	18%
Unwght N	135	163	112	84	291	306	81	212	97	103	104

	Christie Impression			Dems in State Leg Impression			Reps in State Leg Impression		
	Fav	Unfav	No	Fav	Unfav	No	Fav	Unfav	No
			Opin			Opin			Opin
Republicans	56%	7%	13%	6%	61%	21%	75%	12%	30%
Democrats	23%	79%	58%	85%	22%	37%	12%	76%	33%
Other (vol)	2%	1%	7%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
A Dem and a Rep (vol)	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	2%	3%
DK/not sure	16%	12%	20%	7%	12%	34%	11%	8%	32%
Unwght N	315	222	59	200	271	121	165	282	142

	Vote Motivation			Anger at Trenton			Trenton Doesn't Work		
	Support Christie	Oppose Christie	Neither	Yes	No	DK	Yes	No	DK
Republicans	71%	5%	27%	28%	38%	29%	31%	37%	25%
Democrats	13%	87%	48%	55%	43%	31%	52%	45%	43%
Other (vol)	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
A Dem and a Rep (vol)	4%	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
DK/not sure	11%	7%	20%	14%	13%	35%	14%	13%	29%
Unwght N	172	146	248	294	261	41	299	234	62

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?

	LV	RV
Republican	32%	29%
Democrat	47%	45%
Skip the election	-	11%
Other (vol)	2%	2%
DK/not sure	20%	14%
Unwght N	597	815

Q. [ASK ONLY IF DK/NOT SURE] Are you leaning toward voting for the Democrat for the New Jersey State Senate or for the Republican? [ROTATE PARTIES; SAME ORDER]

	LV	RV
Republicans	12%	12%
Democrats	12%	13%
Other (vol)	1%	1%
DK/Not sure	75%	73%
Unwght N	121	162

Senate Vote: Likely voters, Including Leanners:

	Party ID				Ideology			Education			
	ALL LVs	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mid	Con	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Republicans	35%	2%	33%	91%	8%	31%	68%	33%	32%	39%	34%
Democrats	49%	92%	37%	4%	87%	47%	18%	48%	50%	47%	54%
Other (vol)	2%	0%	4%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
DK/not sure	15%	5%	26%	5%	4%	20%	12%	18%	16%	12%	12%
Unwght N	597	195	258	135	135	301	152	124	154	174	142

	Employment			Race			Age			
	FT	PT	Retired	Not	White	Black	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republicans	32%	37%	41%	33%	43%	0%	17%	35%	37%	40%
Democrats	52%	55%	42%	47%	40%	88%	68%	49%	45%	44%
Other (vol)	1%	0%	4%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%
DK/not sure	15%	8%	13%	19%	14%	12%	14%	15%	15%	14%
Unwght N	273	54	145	120	462	63	55	257	153	123

	Income				Gender			Region			
	> 50K	50K-100K	100K-150K	150K+	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
Republicans	25%	33%	43%	36%	39%	30%	25%	36%	42%	30%	39%
Democrats	57%	53%	50%	46%	44%	54%	67%	46%	40%	59%	35%
Other (vol)	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	4%
DK/not sure	15%	13%	7%	14%	15%	15%	8%	17%	17%	9%	21%
Unwght N	135	163	112	85	291	306	80	213	97	103	104

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	Christie Impression			Dems in State Leg Impression			Reps in State Leg Impression		
	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin
Republicans	59%	8%	13%	7%	63%	24%	80%	12%	29%
Democrats	23%	81%	57%	87%	23%	39%	11%	77%	37%
Other (vol)	1%	1%	7%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
DK/not sure	16%	10%	23%	6%	12%	36%	9%	9%	32%
Unwght N	316	221	59	200	272	120	166	282	141

	Vote Motivation			Anger at Trenton			Trenton Doesn't Work		
	Support Christie	Oppose Christie	Neither	Yes	No	DK	Yes	No	DK
Republicans	74%	5%	28%	29%	40%	34%	32%	40%	26%
Democrats	14%	89%	49%	56%	44%	32%	53%	47%	37%
Other (vol)	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%
DK/not sure	10%	5%	21%	13%	14%	31%	13%	11%	37%
Unwght N	173	146	248	293	262	41	298	234	63

[NOT ASKED OF THOSE CERTAIN THEY WILL NOT VOTE]

Q. Republicans say they need to win in November so that the governor's plans for change will not be blocked. Democrats say they need to win so they can continue to act as a check on Governor Christie's plans. Thinking about this, would you prefer that the Democrats or the Republicans win control of the legislature this coming fall?

	LV	RV
Republicans	40%	38%
Democrats	50%	50%
DK	10%	12%
Unwght N	595	778

Likely Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Education			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Middle	Conserv	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Republicans	4%	44%	91%	8%	37%	78%	41%	39%	43%	35%
Democrats	92%	40%	4%	89%	50%	15%	47%	47%	48%	59%
DK	5%	16%	5%	3%	13%	7%	12%	13%	8%	6%
Unwght N	195	256	135	134	302	150	122	155	174	141

	Employment				Race		Age			
	Full Time	Part Time	Retired	Not Empl	White	Black	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Republicans	38%	44%	44%	39%	47%	5%	30%	37%	46%	44%
Democrats	53%	50%	43%	50%	43%	84%	62%	53%	44%	44%
DK	9%	5%	13%	12%	10%	11%	8%	10%	10%	12%
Unwght N	272	54	145	120	460	64	55	255	151	125

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	> 50K	50K- <100K	100K- <150K	150K+	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurban		
Republicans	28%	37%	44%	49%	46%	34%	30%	43%	49%	34%	42%
Democrats	57%	52%	53%	46%	46%	54%	62%	47%	39%	59%	42%
DK	15%	11%	3%	5%	8%	12%	8%	10%	12%	7%	15%
Unwght N	133	162	112	85	289	306	80	214	96	103	102

	Christie Impression			Dems in State Leg Impression			Reps in State Leg Impression		
	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin	Fav	Unfav	No Opin
Republicans	69%	7%	14%	10%	71%	28%	83%	14%	43%
Democrats	22%	86%	54%	84%	24%	46%	12%	80%	34%
DK	9%	7%	32%	6%	6%	26%	5%	6%	23%
Unwght N	316	220	58	199	270	121	165	281	141

	Vote Motivation			Anger at Trenton			Trenton Doesn't Work		
	Support Christie	Oppose Christie	Neither	Agree	Disagree	DK	Agree	Disagree	DK
Republicans	84%	4%	35%	34%	47%	36%	37%	45%	34%
Democrats	11%	94%	49%	56%	44%	43%	54%	48%	41%
DK	5%	2%	16%	10%	9%	21%	9%	7%	25%
Unwght N	172	145	249	292	261	41	297	232	63

[NOT ASKED OF THOSE CERTAIN THEY WILL NOT VOTE]

Q. Some people say they will vote this fall because they want to demonstrate [ROTATE: support for, or opposition to] Governor Christie. What about you? Would you say you are turning out to vote to demonstrate support for Christie, or opposition to Christie, or does Christie have nothing to do with your vote?

	LV	RV
Support for Christie	28%	27%
Opposition to Christie	26%	25%
Nothing to do with Vote	42%	44%
DK	5%	4%
Unwght N	598	780

Likely Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Education			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mid	Con	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Support Christie	6%	27%	65%	6%	23%	59%	32%	29%	29%	22%
Oppose Christie	49%	18%	6%	48%	25%	7%	27%	25%	22%	31%
Neither	40%	51%	27%	43%	48%	29%	36%	39%	45%	46%
DK	5%	5%	2%	3%	5%	5%	5%	7%	4%	2%
Unwght N	194	259	134	135	303	150	122	156	175	142

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	Full Time	Part Time	Retired	Not Empl	White	Black	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+
Support Christie	22%	31%	36%	29%	33%	7%	16%	26%	30%	34%
Oppose Christie	29%	23%	21%	26%	22%	42%	31%	27%	30%	18%
Neither	46%	42%	36%	39%	41%	45%	42%	45%	38%	40%
DK	3%	3%	6%	7%	4%	6%	11%	3%	2%	8%
Unwght N	274	54	146	119	464	63	55	255	154	125

	Income				Gender		Region				
	> 50K	50K-100K	100K-150K	150K+	Male	Female	Urban	Suburb	Exurb	Phil/South	Shore
Support Christie	25%	26%	31%	28%	31%	24%	19%	30%	34%	24%	29%
Oppose Christie	33%	28%	25%	20%	22%	29%	32%	26%	23%	28%	18%
Neither	34%	41%	40%	52%	40%	43%	44%	38%	41%	45%	46%
DK	8%	4%	3%	0%	6%	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	7%
Unwght N	133	163	113	86	291	307	81	214	96	104	103

	Christie Impression			Dems in State Leg Impression			Reps in State Leg Impression		
	Fav	Unfav	No	Fav	Unfav	No	Fav	Unfav	No
			Opin			Opin			Opin
Support Christie	50%	3%	3%	9%	46%	22%	53%	12%	29%
Oppose Christie	3%	59%	17%	43%	15%	20%	7%	44%	11%
Neither	41%	34%	74%	44%	37%	49%	37%	40%	51%
DK	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%	9%	3%	3%	9%
Unwght N	318	220	59	198	272	123	166	281	142

	Anger at Trenton			Trenton Doesn't Work		
	Agree	Disagree	DK	Agree	Disagree	DK
Support Christie	24%	31%	32%	26%	31%	26%
Oppose Christie	37%	16%	7%	35%	18%	13%
Neither	35%	49%	45%	36%	48%	46%
DK	3%	5%	17%	3%	4%	15%
Unwght N	293	263	41	300	232	63

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New Jersey Statewide Poll

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone from October 6-9, 2011 with a scientifically selected random sample of 903 New Jersey adults. This sample contains a weighted subsample of 821 registered voters and 603 likely voters used in this release. 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. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 723 landline respondents supplemented with 180 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 603 likely voters is +/-4.0 percentage points, 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 54.0 and 46.0 percent (50 +/-4.0) had all New Jersey

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likely 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.

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Weighted Sample Characteristics			
821 New Jersey Registered Voters			
35% Democrat	48% Male	13% 18-29	70% White
47% Independent	52% Female	44% 30-49	11% Black
18% Republican		23% 50-64	13% Hispanic
		19% 65+	4% Asian
			3% Other/Multiracial