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GOV. CHRISTIE JOB APPROVAL AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Handling of Sandy earns highest grade among all issues

Governor Chris Christie's job approval rating, which has been solidly positive for more than a year, has moved significantly higher in the latest ***Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll***. The New Jersey governor gets positive marks for his handling of Superstorm Sandy, while his grades on other state issues have ticked up slightly.

Currently, Governor Christie earns a 67% approve to 21% disapprove job rating among all Garden State residents. Among registered voters, his rating stands at 69% approve to 22% disapprove. In September, his job approval rating was in the mid-50s for both groups.

The 85% of Republicans who give the governor a "thumbs up" are joined by 68% of independents and 57% of Democrats. Prior to this poll, Christie had never broken the 40%-mark among Garden State Democrats. The current results show no evidence of a gender gap which was apparent in past polls – 68% of men and 66% of women approve of the governor's job performance. Christie also gets positive ratings from a majority (52%) of public worker households – the first time this has happened during his tenure.

Now that Gov. Christie has officially thrown his hat into the ring for 2013, fully 6-in-10 (61%) registered voters say that the incumbent deserves a second term, up from 50% in a September poll. By a 2 to 1 margin, residents say that the governor is more focused on governing the state of New Jersey (61%) than he is with his own political future (30%). This is a reversal from February of this year, when more residents said the governor put his own concerns (48%) before the state's (39%).

"While the governor's political ambitions are no secret, his constituents feel they do not necessarily detract from pursuing what is best for the state, especially when it comes to recovering from Sandy," said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Specifically, New Jerseyans approve of the way Gov. Christie worked with Pres. Barack Obama after the storm, a move which caused consternation among some national Republican leaders. Overall, 61% of state residents say the governor's cooperation with the president will help the state in the long run. Just 3% say it will hurt New Jersey and 33% say it will have no impact. A similar 60% say that Christie's positive relationship with Obama regarding the storm will actually help the governor's political future. Only 5% believe Christie's ambitions will be hurt by the move and 31% say it will have no impact. Garden State Republicans are somewhat less likely to say the governor's political future will be helped (45%), but not much more likely to say he will actually be hurt (10%) by the Obama association.

Overall, the Christie administration receives very high marks for its handling of Sandy. Fully 61% of New Jerseyans grade these efforts an "A" and 24% give them a "B." Another 7% give a "C" grade and few give a "D" (3%) or "F" (3%).

The Sandy recovery certainly weighs on New Jerseyans' minds, but it is not the only issue facing the state. When asked to name, in their own words, New Jersey's one or two most important issues, residents put property taxes (31%), jobs (30%), and storm recovery (23%) at the top of the list. The economy (19%), education (10%), and health care (8%) are also mentioned by about 1-in-10 residents or more. In a poll conducted earlier this year, property taxes (42%) and jobs (42%) tied for first, with education (20%) and general economic concerns (19%) placing behind.

"Sandy has put its mark on the kickoff for next year's gubernatorial race. The question is which issue will be most important to voters eleven months from now," said Murray.

When it comes to controlling costs and cutting waste, a key issue in Chris Christie's 2009 campaign, the administration gets good grades from a majority of constituents – 17% give an "A" and 37% a "B," while less than 1-in-6 give either a "D" (8%) or "F" (7%). The 54% who give positive grades on this issue is up from 47% in April.

On the issue of education, just under half of New Jerseyans give Gov. Christie an "A" (11%) or "B" (34%) for improving the state's schools, compared to just 2-in-10 who say he has earned only a "D" (10%) or "F" (10%). The 45% who give the governor positive grades on this issue is up from 37% in April.

On the perennial issue of property taxes, though, the governor's grades have hardly moved. More residents still give him a "D" (15%) or "F" (17%) than award him an "A" (7%) or "B" (23%). The 30% positive grades are basically unchanged from 28% in April, although the negative grades are down by 5 points.

New Jerseyans remain pessimistic about property tax reform. Only 39% believe it is likely that they will see significantly lower taxes in the next few years, which is slightly higher than the 35% who felt that way over a year ago (August 2011) but lower than the 49% who felt optimistic about property

taxes in July 2010. Gov. Christie’s saving grace, though, is that most do not blame him for the current situation. When asked who is most responsible for not bringing down property taxes, 32% of residents select the state legislature. This is nearly twice as many as those who place the lion’s share of the blame on municipal governments (18%), the governor (17%), or local school districts (15%).

All in all, more than 4-in-10 (42%) New Jerseyans say the governor can lay claim to major accomplishments in his term so far. This is up from 31% who said the same in September and 24% who felt that way over a year ago (August 2011). Another 41% say the governor can point to minor accomplishments, and just 11% say he has no accomplishments to date.

Other poll findings include President Obama’s job approval ratings among the state’s registered voters, which now stand at 58% approve to 35% disapprove in New Jersey. It measured 54% approve to 41% disapprove back in April.

The poll also found that the state legislature now has a net positive job rating, 44% approve to 33% disapprove. Opinion was reversed in September – 32% positive to 42% negative. In fact, this is the first net positive rating for the legislature in Monmouth polls going back to 2007, suggesting that Sandy has had a broad impact on improving public opinion of government operations at all levels.

The *Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll* was conducted by telephone with 816 New Jersey adults from November 29 to December 2, 2012. This sample has a margin of error of ± 3.4 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute and originally published by the Asbury Park Press and its sister publications (Courier-Post, Courier News, Daily Journal, Daily Record, and Home News Tribune).

DATA TABLES

The questions referred to in this release are as follows:

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as governor?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Approve	67%	69%	52%	57%	68%	85%	68%	66%	52%	71%
Disapprove	21%	22%	19%	30%	20%	7%	19%	23%	37%	17%
(VOL) Don't know	12%	9%	29%	13%	12%	9%	13%	11%	11%	12%

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	Dec. 2012	Sept. 2012	July 2012	April 2012	February 2012	October 2011	August 2011	May 2011	February 2011	September 2010	July 2010	April 2010	February 2010
Approve	67%	53%	52%	51%	52%	54%	48%	47%	47%	45%	44%	41%	33%
Disapprove	21%	35%	36%	35%	38%	38%	42%	49%	40%	38%	44%	44%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	12%	11%	12%	14%	10%	9%	9%	5%	12%	17%	12%	15%	52%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	816	805	803	804	803	817	802	807	801	801	801	804	803

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	Dec. 2012	Sept. 2012	July 2012	April 2012	February 2012	October 2011	August 2011	May 2011	February 2011	September 2010	July 2010	April 2010	February 2010
Approve	69%	55%	53%	50%	55%	55%	50%	46%	49%	44%	45%	42%	31%
Disapprove	22%	36%	35%	38%	37%	37%	41%	49%	41%	40%	43%	44%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	9%	10%	12%	12%	9%	8%	8%	5%	9%	16%	12%	13%	53%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	726	715	678	692	709	693	730	725	718	726	747	719	716

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Approve	44%	43%	48%	51%	40%	46%	44%	44%	39%	46%
Disapprove	33%	34%	25%	26%	38%	35%	35%	31%	40%	31%
(VOL) Don't know	23%	22%	27%	23%	23%	20%	21%	25%	21%	23%

TREND: All Adults	Dec. 2012	Sept. 2012	July 2012	April 2012	Feb. 2012	Oct. 2011	Aug. 2011	May 2011	Feb. 2011	July 2010	April 2010	Feb. 2010	July 2009	Feb. 2009	Sept. 2008	July 2008	April 2008	March 2008	Oct. 2007	Feb. 2007
Approve	44%	32%	35%	38%	35%	35%	35%	33%	30%	24%	20%	26%	30%	25%	29%	27%	29%	28%	33%	35%
Disapprove	33%	42%	43%	38%	39%	43%	47%	47%	44%	49%	56%	46%	47%	52%	47%	45%	53%	50%	41%	40%
(VOL) Don't know	23%	26%	22%	24%	26%	22%	19%	20%	26%	27%	24%	28%	23%	23%	23%	28%	18%	22%	26%	25%
Unwtd N	816	805	803	804	803	817	802	807	801	801	804	803	923	803	808	1004	803	805	801	801

TREND: Registered Voters	Dec. 2012	Sept. 2012	July 2012	April 2012	Feb. 2012	Oct. 2011	Aug. 2011	May 2011	Feb. 2011	July 2010	April 2010	Feb. 2010	July 2009	Feb. 2009	Sept. 2008	July 2008	April 2008	March 2008	Oct. 2007	Feb. 2007
Approve	43%	32%	34%	37%	34%	33%	35%	32%	29%	25%	19%	24%	31%	23%	29%	27%	28%	25%	32%	34%
Disapprove	34%	43%	45%	41%	42%	45%	48%	48%	45%	49%	57%	49%	48%	55%	50%	47%	55%	53%	43%	42%
(VOL) Don't know	22%	25%	21%	23%	24%	22%	17%	20%	26%	26%	24%	27%	22%	22%	21%	26%	17%	22%	25%	23%
Unwtd N	726	715	678	692	709	693	730	725	718	747	719	716	792	721	709	889	720	719	688	681

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Approve	61%	58%	76%	89%	57%	17%	59%	63%	63%	60%
Disapprove	32%	35%	15%	7%	34%	77%	33%	31%	31%	33%
(VOL) Don't know	7%	6%	10%	4%	9%	6%	8%	6%	6%	7%

TREND: Registered voters	December 2012	April 2012	February 2012	October 2011	August 2011	May 2011	September 2010	July 2010	April 2010	February 2010	October 2009	July 2009
Approve	58%	54%	51%	47%	52%	60%	47%	51%	54%	53%	54%	59%
Disapprove	35%	41%	42%	46%	39%	36%	44%	42%	41%	38%	33%	29%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	5%	6%	7%	9%	4%	9%	6%	5%	9%	14%	12%
Unwtd N	726	692	709	693	730	725	726	747	719	716	785	792

4. In your opinion, what are the most important one or two issues facing the state of New Jersey right now? [LIST WAS NOT READ] [Note: Results add to more than 100% because multiple responses were accepted.]

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER		TREND: Feb. 2012
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No	
Property taxes	31%	32%	23%	26%	32%	37%	29%	32%	30%	31%	42%
Income tax	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%	9%	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%
Sales tax	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%
Other tax, general taxes	6%	6%	6%	3%	7%	7%	6%	5%	4%	6%	3%
Jobs	30%	28%	38%	32%	29%	26%	28%	31%	25%	31%	42%
The economy/downturn	19%	21%	11%	18%	20%	22%	19%	20%	24%	18%	19%
State budget, govt spending	5%	6%	3%	4%	7%	5%	7%	3%	3%	6%	8%
Education/public schools	10%	11%	6%	11%	10%	11%	8%	12%	18%	8%	20%
Higher education	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%
Same-sex marriage	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Transportation	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%	6%	2%	2%
Environment	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%
Health insurance, care	8%	8%	9%	8%	8%	10%	7%	9%	8%	8%	5%
Crime, guns, violence	4%	3%	7%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%
Public pensions/benefits	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Housing	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Illegal immigration	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Auto insurance	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
SANDY cleanup/recovery	23%	24%	22%	23%	24%	25%	20%	26%	31%	21%	n/a
Other	3%	2%	7%	2%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	6%
Nothing/no answer	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	1%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%

5. I'd like you to grade the Christie administration on how it has handled specific issues over the past year. For each one I read, please give a letter grade of A, B, C, D or F for failing. What grade would you give the Christie administration for [READ ITEM]? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

Controlling costs and cutting waste

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
A - Highest grade	17%	17%	17%	12%	16%	29%	20%	13%	12%	18%
B	37%	37%	40%	30%	41%	44%	40%	35%	33%	38%
C	25%	26%	19%	31%	23%	18%	22%	28%	32%	23%
D	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	4%	6%	9%	8%	7%
F - Failing grade	7%	7%	8%	9%	6%	3%	6%	7%	10%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	7%	6%	9%	9%	6%	2%	6%	7%	5%	7%

TREND:	December 2012	April 2012	August 2011	February 2011	July 2010
A - Highest grade	17%	18%	12%	18%	21%
B	37%	29%	22%	23%	22%
C	25%	26%	34%	27%	24%
D	8%	11%	14%	13%	12%
F - Failing grade	7%	10%	14%	14%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	7%	5%	4%	4%	6%
Unwtd N	816	804	802	801	801

Providing property tax relief

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
A - Highest grade	7%	6%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	3%	8%
B	23%	23%	24%	21%	25%	26%	24%	22%	19%	24%
C	31%	32%	24%	32%	30%	34%	30%	32%	32%	31%
D	15%	15%	13%	11%	17%	17%	14%	15%	18%	14%
F - Failing grade	17%	17%	13%	20%	15%	10%	16%	17%	25%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	7%	18%	10%	8%	5%	9%	8%	4%	9%

TREND:	December 2012	April 2012	August 2011	February 2011	July 2010
A - Highest grade	7%	11%	4%	5%	10%
B	23%	17%	16%	19%	21%
C	31%	27%	30%	24%	24%
D	15%	16%	17%	18%	15%
F - Failing grade	17%	21%	26%	27%	23%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	8%	6%	8%	6%
Unwtd N	816	804	802	801	801

Improving our schools

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
A - Highest grade	11%	10%	16%	7%	12%	15%	11%	10%	8%	11%
B	34%	34%	29%	32%	34%	38%	38%	29%	26%	36%
C	27%	26%	29%	26%	26%	30%	26%	27%	26%	27%
D	10%	10%	9%	12%	9%	7%	9%	11%	14%	9%
F - Failing grade	10%	12%	4%	15%	9%	3%	7%	14%	22%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	9%	8%	13%	8%	11%	8%	9%	9%	3%	11%

TREND:	December 2012	April 2012	August 2011	February 2011	July 2010
A - Highest grade	11%	13%	8%	10%	12%
B	34%	24%	20%	22%	17%
C	27%	25%	26%	22%	22%
D	10%	14%	17%	15%	12%
F - Failing grade	10%	16%	23%	26%	32%
(VOL) Don't know	9%	7%	5%	5%	5%
Unwtd N	816	804	802	801	801

6. And what grade would you give the Christie administration for handling Superstorm Sandy?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
A - Highest grade	61%	61%	63%	58%	64%	68%	62%	61%	62%	61%
B	24%	25%	20%	26%	24%	17%	24%	24%	26%	24%
C	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%
D	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	2%	1%	3%
F - Failing grade	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%

7. Looking ahead to next year's election for Governor, do you think that Chris Christie should be re-elected, or do you think that it is time to have someone else in office?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Should be re-elected	60%	61%	55%	45%	62%	89%	63%	58%	43%	65%
Time for someone else	29%	29%	32%	43%	26%	8%	26%	32%	41%	26%
(VOL) Don't know	11%	10%	13%	12%	12%	3%	11%	10%	16%	9%

TREND: Registered voters only	December 2012	September 2012
Should be re-elected	61%	50%
Time for someone else	29%	45%
(VOL) Don't know	10%	5%
Unwtd N	726	715

8. Thinking about Chris Christie's term as governor so far, would you say that he has major accomplishments, minor accomplishments, or no real accomplishments to point to?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Major accomplishments	42%	44%	34%	28%	43%	69%	41%	44%	36%	44%
Minor accomplishments	41%	40%	49%	51%	39%	28%	42%	41%	46%	40%
No real accomplishments	11%	12%	10%	14%	13%	3%	12%	10%	15%	10%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	5%	8%	7%	5%	0%	5%	5%	3%	6%

TREND:	December 2012	September 2012	August 2011	May 2011	February 2011
Major accomplishments	42%	31%	24%	23%	25%
Minor accomplishments	41%	43%	40%	40%	39%
No real accomplishments	11%	21%	34%	34%	34%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	5%	3%	2%	2%
Unwtd N	816	805	802	807	801

9. How likely is it that the state will enact reforms in the next few years to significantly lower property taxes – very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Very likely	7%	7%	11%	8%	7%	7%	9%	5%	3%	8%
Somewhat likely	32%	32%	30%	32%	29%	38%	29%	35%	32%	32%
Not too likely	28%	30%	18%	28%	29%	27%	30%	26%	28%	28%
Not at all likely	27%	26%	31%	25%	30%	22%	27%	26%	31%	26%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	5%	10%	8%	4%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%

TREND:	December 2012	August 2011	February 2011	September 2010	July 2010	February 2010	April 2006
Very likely	7%	4%	8%	3%	10%	8%	6%
Somewhat likely	32%	31%	32%	19%	39%	34%	20%
Not too likely	28%	28%	24%	22%	18%	29%	17%
Not at all likely	27%	33%	31%	53%	30%	27%	51%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%
Unwtd N	816	802	801	801	801	803	803

10. Who is most responsible for NOT bringing down property taxes in New Jersey – the governor, the state legislature, town governments, or local school districts?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
The governor	17%	17%	14%	26%	12%	10%	14%	19%	22%	16%
The state legislature	32%	32%	31%	25%	34%	45%	30%	34%	31%	33%
Town governments	18%	18%	20%	18%	19%	15%	19%	17%	20%	17%
Local school districts	15%	16%	10%	9%	20%	19%	18%	13%	13%	16%
(VOL) Other	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	13%	12%	19%	18%	11%	7%	13%	13%	10%	14%

11. Do you think Chris Christie is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey OR more concerned about his own political future? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Governing the state of NJ	61%	63%	51%	50%	64%	81%	60%	62%	61%	62%
His own political future	30%	29%	37%	41%	27%	13%	31%	29%	34%	29%
(VOL) Both equally	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	3%	7%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%

TREND:	December 2012	February 2012
Governing the state of NJ	61%	39%
His own political future	30%	48%
(VOL) Both equally	5%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	7%
Unwtd N	816	803

[QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 WERE ROTATED]

12. Do you think the way Governor Christie worked with President Obama after Superstorm Sandy will help or hurt the governor's own political future, or will it have no impact?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Help	60%	59%	67%	69%	61%	45%	57%	63%	59%	61%
Hurt	5%	6%	4%	2%	6%	10%	6%	5%	6%	5%
No impact	31%	32%	24%	24%	32%	42%	33%	29%	34%	30%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%	5%	5%	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%

13. Do you think the way Governor Christie worked with President Obama after Superstorm Sandy will help or hurt New Jersey in the long run, or will it have no impact?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Help	61%	61%	62%	71%	59%	51%	58%	64%	65%	60%
Hurt	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	3%
No impact	33%	34%	31%	24%	37%	41%	38%	29%	32%	34%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%	7%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%

The *Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll* was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute on November 29 to December 2, 2012 with a statewide random sample of 816 adult residents, including 616 contacted on a landline telephone and 200 on a cell phone. Live interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, Inc. and the telephone sample was obtained from Survey Sampling International. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey questionnaire design, data weighting and analysis. For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups, such as separate figures reported by gender or party identification, are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>POLL DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>			
36% Dem	49% Male	28% 18-34	65% White
43% Ind	51% Female	39% 35-54	12% Black
21% Rep		33% 55+	14% Hispanic
			9% Asian/Other
<i>Registered Voter Sample (weighted)</i>			
37% Dem	48% Male	23% 18-34	69% White
40% Ind	52% Female	40% 35-54	11% Black
23% Rep		37% 55+	13% Hispanic
			7% Asian/Other

	<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>									
	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>REGISTERED VOTER</i>		<i>PARTY ID</i>			<i>GENDER</i>		<i>PUBLIC WORKER</i>	
		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Dem</i>	<i>Ind</i>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Unweighted N</i>	816	726	90	283	343	150	396	420	198	611
<i>moe</i>	3.4%	3.6%	10.3%	5.8%	5.3%	8.0%	4.9%	4.8%	7.0%	4.0%

It is the Monmouth University Polling Institute's policy to conduct surveys of all adult New Jersey residents, including voters and non-voters, on issues that affect the state. Specific voter surveys are conducted when appropriate during election cycles.

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