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## CHRISTIE DRAGGED FURTHER UNDER THE BRIDGE

## Drop in Sandy satisfaction after Hoboken claims

Public opinion of Chris Christie has further eroded since the Bridgegate emails were released last month. The Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll found the governor's job approval rating has dropped 20 points over the past year. In addition to growing suspicion of his involvement in the toll lane closures, New Jerseyans grade Christie’s handling of Superstorm Sandy recovery much less positively than they did when he was running for re-election.

Currently, Gov. Christie's job rating stands at 50\% approve to $44 \%$ disapprove among New Jersey residents and 49\% approve to 46\% disapprove among the state's registered voters. His approval numbers have dropped 9 points since the January Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll which was taken just days after the state first learned that it was "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee." Christie's job rating has now dropped by a total of 15 points since the scandal and it is off by 20 points from the high water mark of $70 \%$ recorded twelve months ago. In fact, the $49 \%$ voter approval number in the current poll is the first time Christie's positive job rating has dipped below the $50 \%$ mark since 2011.

Three-in-four (77\%) Republicans stick by Christie but this is still a decline from the 89\% approval rating he had among GOP residents as the Bridgegate scandal was just starting to break. Approval has dropped among independents from 62\% in January to 54\% now and among Democrats from $38 \%$ in January to $31 \%$ now.
"This hole is getting deeper. Christie's image as the hero of Sandy is now just a fading memory," said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute.

The governor's personal ratings have also shifted in the past month. Last month's poll showed New Jerseyans moving from the "favorable" column into a wait-and-see mode. The current poll finds
that some of them have now developed a more negative opinion of Christie. Currently $42 \%$ of New Jerseyans have a favorable opinion of Chris Christie as a person and $37 \%$ have an unfavorable opinion, with $21 \%$ offering no view on Christie. One month ago, those numbers stood at $44 \%$ favorable, $28 \%$ unfavorable and $28 \%$ with no opinion. This is a far cry from one year ago, when the governor's personal rating was $70 \%$ favorable to just $19 \%$ unfavorable, with only $11 \%$ having no opinion.

More than 9-in-10 (92\%) New Jerseyans have been following the Bridgeate story. The number who believe the governor is not being completely honest about what he knows about the incident has grown from $51 \%$ last month to $61 \%$ today. That increase comes from Democrats - up 15 points to $82 \%$, independents - up 5 points to $60 \%$, and Republicans - up 9 points to $28 \%$.

Half (50\%) of those residents who have been following the story now think the governor was personally involved in the decision to close the George Washington Bridge toll lanes, while $40 \%$ maintain he was not involved. This marks a reversal from just one month ago when only $34 \%$ said he was involved compared to $52 \%$ who said he was not.

New Jerseyans are now split on whether the retaliatory actions alleged in the Bridgegate scandal are politics as usual for the Christie administration (49\%) or not (46\%). One month ago, most (55\%) of the public was inclined to think that this was an unusual occurrence.

It doesn't help that the Bridgate scandal has been compounded by charges from the mayor of Hoboken that the governor's administration withheld Sandy aid unless an unrelated development project was approved in that town. Nearly 8-in-10 (79\%) New Jerseyans have heard about this allegation and they are more inclined to believe (49\%) rather than doubt (40\%) the Hoboken mayor's claims. Among those who have heard a lot about this issue, $58 \%$ say they believe the mayor's story. In general, 6 -in-10 New Jerseyans say it is either very (28\%) or somewhat (32\%) likely that the Christie administration would use Sandy relief funding to exercise political power over local officials.

With Sandy becoming enmeshed in the growing controversies, views of the Christie administration's handling of the recovery have taken a significant hit. Currently just 4-in-10 New Jerseyans would give the administration a grade of A (10\%) or B (30\%) for its Sandy recovery efforts. Another $32 \%$ give a C and 1-in-4 give a poor grade of D (16\%) or F (9\%). Just five months ago, as the governor was in the midst of his re-election campaign, a whopping 7-in-10 New Jerseyans gave his office's Sandy efforts an A (35\%) or B (37\%).

Overall, though, most New Jerseyans (55\%) say they are at least somewhat satisfied with the state's recovery efforts so far. However, this number is down from $66 \%$ in December and $76 \%$ in September. Interestingly, $57 \%$ are still at least somewhat confident that the federal relief funds are being spent wisely, down slightly from 62\% in September.
"While the governor’s Sandy grades have taken a big hit, New Jerseyans believe that federal funds are generally being used well. However, that opinion combines both the federal efforts and the state efforts in many people's minds. These views may shift based on how the second wave of funding is used," said Murray.

While Gov. Christie's ratings have taken a hit, the public also expresses some concern about the legislature's conduct of the Bridgegate investigation. A majority (56\%) of New Jerseyans say that the special committee is more interested in going after the governor compared to 1 -in-3 (32\%) who say it is more interested in learning the facts of the case. On top of that, the state legislature's job rating has declined in the past month, from a decidedly positive $47 \%$ approve to $35 \%$ disapprove one month ago to a more negative $41 \%$ approve to $45 \%$ disapprove in the current poll.
"While the governor has certainly taken a hit in public opinion, the poll also has a word of warning for the legislature. Tread carefully with the investigation," said Murray.

There is no doubt, though, that developments over the past month have put Christie on the defensive as far as his constituents are concerned. New Jerseyans now say the governor is more concerned about his own political future (56\%) than he is with governing the state (35\%). This marks the first time that a majority of state residents say the governor is putting his own career ahead of New Jersey's interests.

Even with the swirling controversy, nearly 2-in-3 (65\%) New Jerseyans believe that Chris Christie still intends to run for president in 2016. This number is basically unchanged from the $69 \%$ who felt that way after the governor’s resounding re-election victory last year. However, fewer Garden State residents now believe he has the right temperament to be president (41\%) than did so last fall (56\%).

The Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll was conducted by telephone with 803 New Jersey adults from February 19 to 23, 2014. This sample has a margin of error of $\pm 3.5$ 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 |  | AWARE OF LANE CLOSURES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Approve | 50\% | 49\% | 56\% | 31\% | 54\% | 77\% | 55\% | 46\% | 48\% | 55\% | 56\% |
| Disapprove | 44\% | 46\% | 35\% | 64\% | 38\% | 20\% | 41\% | 47\% | 47\% | 35\% | 38\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 6\% | 6\% | 9\% | 5\% | 8\% | 4\% | 5\% | 8\% | 5\% | 9\% | 6\% |


| TREND: All adults | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. | Sept. | April | Feb. | Dec. | Sept. | July | April | Feb. | Oct. | Aug. | May | Feb. | Sept. | July |
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| :---: |
| Approve |


| TREND: Registered | Feb. | Jan. | Dec. | Sept. | April | Feb. | Dec. | Sept. | July | April | Feb. | Oct. | Aug. | May | Feb. | Sept. | July | April |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| voters | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 |
| Feb. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | $49 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Disapprove | $46 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | 690 | 470 | 698 | 674 | 694 | 697 | 726 | 715 | 678 | 692 | 709 | 693 | 730 | 725 | 718 | 726 | 747 | 719 |

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

|  | TOTAL | REGISTERED VOTER |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF LANE CLOSURES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Approve | 41\% | 38\% | 51\% | 47\% | 36\% | 40\% | 41\% | 40\% | 36\% | 48\% | 60\% |
| Disapprove | 45\% | 47\% | 35\% | 38\% | 50\% | 49\% | 46\% | 44\% | 52\% | 33\% | 27\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 14\% | 14\% | 14\% | 15\% | 14\% | 12\% | 13\% | 16\% | 13\% | 19\% | 12\% |


| TREND: Registered Voters | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 2014 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Dec. } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 2013 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Dec. } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2012 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Oct. } \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Aug. } \\ & 2011 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Approve | 38\% | 47\% | 44\% | 38\% | 41\% | 40\% | 43\% | 32\% | 34\% | 37\% | 34\% | 33\% | 35\% |
| Disapprove | 47\% | 35\% | 38\% | 36\% | 42\% | 35\% | 34\% | 43\% | 45\% | 41\% | 42\% | 45\% | 48\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 14\% | 18\% | 19\% | 27\% | 17\% | 25\% | 22\% | 25\% | 21\% | 23\% | 24\% | 22\% | 17\% |
| Unwtd N | 690 | 470 | 698 | 674 | 694 | 697 | 726 | 715 | 678 | 692 | 709 | 693 | 730 |
| TREND: Registered | May | Feb. | July | April | Feb. | July | Feb. | Sept. | July | April | March | Oct. | Feb. |
| Voters Continued | 2011 | 2011 | 2010 | 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 | 2008 | 2008 | 2008 | 2007 | 2007 |
| Approve | 32\% | 29\% | 25\% | 19\% | 24\% | 31\% | 23\% | 29\% | 27\% | 28\% | 25\% | 32\% | 34\% |
| Disapprove | 48\% | 45\% | 49\% | 57\% | 49\% | 48\% | 55\% | 50\% | 47\% | 55\% | 53\% | 43\% | 42\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 20\% | 26\% | 26\% | 24\% | 27\% | 22\% | 22\% | 21\% | 26\% | 17\% | 22\% | 25\% | 23\% |
| Unwtd N | 725 | 718 | 747 | 719 | 716 | 792 | 721 | 709 | 889 | 720 | 719 | 688 | 681 |

3. Is your general impression of Chris Christie favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

|  | TOTAL | REGISTERED VOTER |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF LANE CLOSURES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Favorable | 42\% | 43\% | 37\% | 22\% | 44\% | 74\% | 44\% | 40\% | 42\% | 41\% | 41\% |
| Unfavorable | 37\% | 39\% | 30\% | 55\% | 32\% | 16\% | 35\% | 39\% | 43\% | 25\% | 29\% |
| No opinion | 21\% | 18\% | 32\% | 23\% | 23\% | 9\% | 20\% | 21\% | 14\% | 34\% | 30\% |


| TREND: | February | January | February | September |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favorable | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Unfavorable | $42 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| No opinion | $37 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $21 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ |


| TREND: Registered | February | January | February | September |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| voters only: | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Favorable | $43 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Unfavorable | $39 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| No opinion | $18 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | 690 | 470 | 697 | 715 |

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

|  | TOTAL | REGISTERED |  |  |  | PARTY ID |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF LANE |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind |  | Male | Female | Lot | CLOSURES |  |
| Little | None |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Governing the state of NJ | $\mathbf{3 5 \%}$ | $36 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $37 \%$ |  |
| His own political future | $56 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $54 \%$ |  |
| (VOL) Both equally | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |  |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $6 \%$ |  |


| TREND: | February | January | September | December | February |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Governing the state of NJ | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 |
| His own political future | $35 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| (VOL) Both equally | $56 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

5. Do you think Chris Christie is planning to run for president in 2016, or not?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { REGISTERED } \\ & \text { VOTER } \end{aligned}$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF LANE CLOSURES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Yes | 65\% | 66\% | 59\% | 63\% | 66\% | 67\% | 68\% | 62\% | 69\% | 60\% | 53\% |
| No | 26\% | 25\% | 31\% | 30\% | 25\% | 22\% | 24\% | 28\% | 22\% | 31\% | 42\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 9\% | 9\% | 10\% | 7\% | 9\% | 11\% | 8\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 5\% |


| TREND: | February | December |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 2014 | 2013 |
| No | $65 \%$ | $69 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $26 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

6. Do you think Chris Christie does or does not have the right temperament to be president?

| Does | TOTAL <br> 41\% | REGISTERED VOTER |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF LANE CLOSURES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
|  |  | 39\% | 51\% | 25\% | 46\% | 63\% | 46\% | 37\% | 41\% | 44\% | 36\% |
| Does not | 54\% | 57\% | 45\% | 73\% | 50\% | 30\% | 49\% | 59\% | 56\% | 50\% | 55\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 7\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 9\% |


| TREND: | February | January | September |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Does | 2014 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Does not | $41 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $54 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

7. How much have you read or heard about issues surrounding George Washington Bridge toll lane closures in Fort Lee last year - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

|  | TOTAL | REGISTERED VOTER |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female |
| A lot | 67\% | 71\% | 48\% | 66\% | 66\% | 72\% | 69\% | 65\% |
| A little | 25\% | 23\% | 34\% | 27\% | 26\% | 18\% | 22\% | 28\% |
| Nothing at all | 8\% | 6\% | 18\% | 7\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 7\% |


| TREND: | February | January <br> 2014* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A lot | 67\% | 53\% |
| A little | 25\% | 30\% |
| Nothing at all | 8\% | 17\% |
| Unwtd $N$ | 803 | 541 |

[QUESTIONS 8 THROUGH 11 WERE ASKED ONLY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE LANE CLOSURES IN FORT LEE: $n=751$, moe=+/-3.6\%]
8. Do you think the governor himself was or was not personally involved in the decision to close the toll lanes?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{REG} \\ \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RED } \\ & \text { R } \end{aligned}$ |  | RTY |  |  | ER | AWAR CL | LANE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little |
| Was involved | 50\% | 50\% | 48\% | 69\% | 45\% | 25\% | 52\% | 47\% | 52\% | 43\% |
| Was not involved | 40\% | 40\% | 43\% | 20\% | 46\% | 69\% | 41\% | 40\% | 40\% | 41\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% | 10\% | 5\% | 7\% | 13\% | 8\% | 17\% |


| TREND: | February | January |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Was involved | 2014 | 2014 |
| Was not involved | $50 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $40 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ |

9. Do you think this kind of action is politics as usual in the Christie administration or do you think that this was unusual?

|  | TOTAL | REGISTERED VOTER Yes $\qquad$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF LANE CLOSURES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little |
| Politics as usual | 49\% | 49\% | 53\% | 62\% | 49\% | 29\% | 52\% | 47\% | 51\% | 44\% |
| Unusual | 46\% | 46\% | 42\% | 35\% | 45\% | 66\% | 43\% | 48\% | 44\% | 50\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% |
|  |  | TREND: |  |  | Februa | Januar |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Politics as usual |  |  | 2014 | 2014 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 49\% | 39\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Unusual |  |  | 46\% | 55\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | (VOL) Don't know |  |  | 5\% | 7\% |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Unwtd $N$ |  |  | 751 | 474 |  |  |  |  |

10. Based on what you have read or heard so far, do you believe Chris Christie has been completely honest about what he knows about the incident, or not?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{REG} \\ \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | RED |  | RTY |  |  | ER | AWA CL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LANE } \\ & \text { रES } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little |
| Been completely honest | 33\% | 33\% | 32\% | 15\% | 34\% | 62\% | 34\% | 32\% | 34\% | 31\% |
| Not been completely honest | 61\% | 61\% | 64\% | 82\% | 60\% | 28\% | 62\% | 61\% | 61\% | 62\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 9\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5\% | 7\% |


| TREND: | February | January |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Been completely honest | 2014 | 2014 |
| Not been completely honest | $33 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $5 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | 751 | $9 \%$ |

11. Do you think the legislative committee that is investigating this incident is more interested in learning the facts of the case or more interested in going after the governor?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{REG} \\ \mathrm{~V} \end{gathered}$ | RED R |  | ARTY |  |  |  | AWAR CL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LANE } \\ & \text { RES } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little |
| Learning the facts of the case | 32\% | 33\% | 25\% | 40\% | 34\% | 18\% | 32\% | 32\% | 35\% | 26\% |
| Going after the governor | 56\% | 55\% | 61\% | 44\% | 55\% | 77\% | 56\% | 55\% | 54\% | 61\% |
| (VOL) Both | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 13\% | 6\% | 2\% | 7\% | 8\% | 8\% | 5\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 8\% |

12. How much have you read or heard about claims that the Christie administration withheld Sandy relief money for Hoboken - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} \text { REG } \\ \mathrm{V} \end{gathered}$ | RED |  | ARTY ID |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { E OF } \\ & \text { OSUR } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| A lot | 34\% | 36\% | 23\% | 39\% | 30\% | 35\% | 36\% | 32\% | 48\% | 7\% | 5\% |
| A little | 45\% | 46\% | 44\% | 45\% | 49\% | 42\% | 45\% | 46\% | 41\% | 55\% | 52\% |
| Nothing at all | 21\% | 18\% | 33\% | 16\% | 21\% | 22\% | 19\% | 22\% | 11\% | 39\% | 44\% |

13. The mayor of Hoboken claims that members of the Christie administration told her that the town would not get Sandy relief funding if the mayor did not approve an unrelated development project. Do you tend to believe or not believe the mayor's claim?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} \text { REG } \\ \mathrm{V} \end{gathered}$ | RED |  | ARTY ID |  |  | ER | AWA | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{OF} \mathrm{HC} \\ & \mathrm{OR} \mathrm{CL} \end{aligned}$ | KEN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Believe | 49\% | 49\% | 47\% | 66\% | 49\% | 21\% | 48\% | 50\% | 58\% | 47\% | 38\% |
| Not believe | 40\% | 39\% | 43\% | 28\% | 38\% | 64\% | 42\% | 38\% | 37\% | 43\% | 38\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 11\% | 11\% | 10\% | 6\% | 13\% | 15\% | 10\% | 12\% | 5\% | 10\% | 24\% |

14. In general, how likely is it that the Christie administration would use Sandy relief funding to exercise political power over local officials - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

|  | TOTAL | REGISTERED VOTER |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF HOBOKEN MAYOR CLAIMS |  |  |
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|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Very likely | 28\% | 29\% | 24\% | 40\% | 25\% | 12\% | 31\% | 25\% | 42\% | 23\% | 16\% |
| Somewhat likely | 32\% | 31\% | 33\% | 35\% | 32\% | 27\% | 27\% | 36\% | 26\% | 35\% | 34\% |
| Not too likely | 21\% | 21\% | 22\% | 14\% | 25\% | 31\% | 24\% | 19\% | 14\% | 26\% | 23\% |
| Not at all likely | 16\% | 16\% | 17\% | 11\% | 15\% | 26\% | 16\% | 17\% | 16\% | 14\% | 22\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 5\% |

15. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with New Jersey's Sandy recovery effort so far? [Is that very or somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied)?]

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{array}{r} \text { REG } \\ \mathrm{V} \end{array}$ | RED |  | ARTY |  |  |  | AWA | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{OFH} \\ & \mathrm{OR} \mathrm{CL} \end{aligned}$ | KEN |
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|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Very satisfied | 16\% | 16\% | 17\% | 13\% | 13\% | 26\% | 19\% | 13\% | 18\% | 12\% | 22\% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 39\% | 38\% | 48\% | 33\% | 43\% | 45\% | 43\% | 36\% | 25\% | 49\% | 43\% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 20\% | 22\% | 13\% | 24\% | 20\% | 14\% | 15\% | 25\% | 25\% | 18\% | 18\% |
| Very dissatisfied | 19\% | 19\% | 17\% | 26\% | 16\% | 11\% | 19\% | 19\% | 30\% | 14\% | 11\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% | 4\% | 8\% | 4\% | 4\% | 7\% | 2\% | 8\% | 7\% |


| TREND: | February | December | September | April | February |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very satisfied | 2014 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 |
| Somewhat satisfied | $16 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | $39 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Very dissatisfied | $19 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $6 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Unwtd $N$ | 70 | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |  |

16. How confident are you that federal relief funding for New Jersey's Sandy recovery effort is being spent wisely - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all confident?

|  | TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} \text { REGI } \\ \mathrm{V} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RED } \\ & \text { R } \end{aligned}$ |  | ARTY ID |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { AWA } \\ M \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{OF} \mathrm{HO} \\ & \mathrm{OR} \mathrm{CLA} \end{aligned}$ |  |
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|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
| Very confident | 9\% | 8\% | 15\% | 4\% | 8\% | 20\% | 11\% | 8\% | 10\% | 7\% | 13\% |
| Somewhat confident | 48\% | 49\% | 42\% | 46\% | 47\% | 53\% | 46\% | 49\% | 39\% | 53\% | 50\% |
| Not too confident | 21\% | 21\% | 21\% | 24\% | 24\% | 11\% | 21\% | 21\% | 22\% | 21\% | 19\% |
| Not at all confident | 20\% | 20\% | 21\% | 25\% | 19\% | 12\% | 21\% | 19\% | 29\% | 16\% | 14\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% |


| TREND: | February | September | April | February |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very confident | 2014 | 2013 | $2013^{*}$ | $2013^{*}$ |
| Somewhat confident | $9 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Not too confident | $21 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Not at all confident | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | 803 | 783 | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| * Prior qu | 806 | 803 |  |  |

* Prior question: "How confident are you that federal relief funding for New Jersey's Sandy recovery effort will be spent wisely?"

17. Using a letter grade of A, B, C, D or F for failing; what grade would you give the Christie administration for the state's recovery from Superstorm Sandy?

| A - Highest grade | TOTAL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { REGISTERED } \\ & \text { VOTER } \end{aligned}$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | GENDER |  | AWARE OF HOBOKEN MAYOR CLAIMS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Dem | Ind | Rep | Male | Female | Lot | Little | None |
|  | 10\% | 9\% | 17\% | 6\% | 10\% | 18\% | 13\% | 7\% | 11\% | 7\% | 16\% |
| B | 30\% | 31\% | 28\% | 21\% | 31\% | 46\% | 32\% | 28\% | 24\% | 34\% | 32\% |
| C | 32\% | 33\% | 28\% | 33\% | 37\% | 21\% | 28\% | 37\% | 26\% | 35\% | 37\% |
| D | 16\% | 17\% | 14\% | 20\% | 15\% | 11\% | 19\% | 14\% | 21\% | 16\% | 9\% |
| F - Failing grade | 9\% | 9\% | 12\% | 18\% | 6\% | 2\% | 7\% | 12\% | 17\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 3\% |


| TREND: | February | September | December |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A - Highest grade | 2014 | 2013 | $2012^{*}$ |
| B | $10 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| C | $30 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| D | $32 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| F - Failing grade | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $9 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Unwtd N | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

* Question wording in December 2012 was: "And what grade would you give the Christie administration for handling Superstorm Sandy?"

The Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from February 19 to 23, 2014 with a statewide random sample of 803 adult residents, including 603 contacted via live interview on a landline telephone and 200 via live interview on a cell phone. 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 3.5 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.


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.

