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NEW JERSEY: DEMOCRATS IN GOOD POSITION TO NAB REPUBLICAN HOUSE SEATS

Trump, tax reform drag down GOP prospects

West Long Branch, NJ – Democrats have a 19 point advantage over Republicans in the generic House ballot among all registered voters in the Garden State. This would be a huge gain for Democrats even in a blue state like New Jersey. If this result holds in November it has the potential to switch control of the five congressional seats currently held by Republicans here. The ***Monmouth University Poll*** finds that poor public opinion of Donald Trump leads the list of factors behind the New Jersey GOP's underlying problems. The recently enacted federal tax reform plan doesn't help either since most New Jerseyans think they are getting the short end of the stick. The Gateway tunnel project has less of an impact, mainly because so few of the commuters who are directly affected by it live in Republican-held districts.

Democrats have a formidable 19 point advantage in the statewide generic Congressional ballot test. If the election for the House of Representatives was held today, 54% of registered voters in New Jersey say they would vote or lean toward voting for the Democratic candidate in their district compared with 35% who would support the Republican. This gap is significantly wider than the generic House vote edge of 9 points (50% Democrats to 41% for Republicans) measured in a national *Monmouth University Poll* last month.

If this result holds, it would mark a substantially better result for Congressional Democrats in New Jersey than in recent elections. Democrats won the statewide House vote by 8 points (53% to 45%) in 2016 and an even smaller 2 points (50% to 48%) in the 2014 midterm. Moreover, the poll finds that the overall swing is coming mainly from GOP-held seats.

In the five House seats currently held by a Republican, voter preference is split nearly evenly at 46% for the GOP candidate and 44% for the Democrat. The aggregate vote from these five districts in the

past two House elections averaged a sizable 22 point advantage for the Republicans (59% - 38% in 2016 and 61% - 38% in 2014). On the other hand, the poll's vote share in the seven seats currently held by Democrats – 59% Dem to 28% GOP – is in line with the average 30 point advantage Democrats held in these districts in both 2016 (65% - 32%) and 2014 (62% - 36%).

“This is pretty astounding. Not only are New Jersey Democrats doing better on the generic House ballot statewide, but the shift is coming almost entirely from districts currently held by the GOP. If these results hold, we could be down to just one or two – or maybe even zero – Republican members in the state congressional delegation after November,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Murray added: “Voters will certainly take a closer look at the quality of the candidates nominated by the Democratic Party in each of these seats this fall. That could certainly change the equation in any individual district. However, these results suggest that New Jersey Republicans are facing hurricane-force headwinds right now.”

The main factor feeding this electoral environment is the decidedly negative view New Jersey residents have of Pres. Trump. Just 34% approve of the job he is doing and 61% disapprove. His rating is slightly better, but still in negative territory, among residents in the state's five GOP-held congressional districts at 43% approve and 53% disapprove. In the seven Democratic districts, the president gets a 29% approve and 66% disapprove rating.

Another potential drag on GOP prospects is the fact that the recently enacted federal tax reform plan is not particularly popular in New Jersey. Just 35% of state residents approve of the plan and 46% disapprove (including 32% who strongly disapprove). This is more negative than national opinion on the new tax code, which garnered a 41% approve and 42% disapprove rating in Monmouth's national poll last month. Nearly half (49%) of New Jerseyans expect that their own federal taxes will go up because of the new changes and just 19% expect their taxes to go down. Another 25% expect to feel no impact. These state results are more pessimistic than the national mood, with a smaller 37% of the country expecting their federal taxes to go up, 23% expecting them to go down, and 31% expecting no change.

In GOP-held House districts, 42% of residents approve of the tax plan and 46% disapprove. Still, 47% of these residents expect their federal taxes to go up. In Democratic-held districts, just 31% of residents approve of the tax plan and 46% disapprove, with 51% of these residents expecting their taxes to go up.

A majority of state residents (56%) say that New Jersey taxpayers will do worse under the new tax code compared to taxpayers in other parts of the country. Just 6% say New Jersey will be better off and 29% say New Jersey taxpayers will do about the same as other Americans. Residents in GOP-held

House districts (64%) are even more likely than those in Democratic-held districts (51%) to feel they will fare worse than taxpayers in other parts of the country.

“Most New Jerseyans feel like they’ve ended up with the short end of the stick from these tax reforms. That’s what makes this plan a particularly tough sell for Republican House candidates here,” said Murray.

Just over 4-in-10 registered voters (43%) say the tax plan will have a major impact on their Congressional vote this year and another 25% say it will have a minor impact. Democrats (54%) are more likely than independents (38%) and Republicans (36%) to say this will have a major impact on their vote choice. Just over one-third of voters (36%) say this issue simply strengthens the party choice they would typically make, 10% say it makes them more likely to switch to a Democratic vote and 7% say it makes them more likely to switch to a Republican vote. Another 6% are unsure of which way it will affect their vote in the end.

“Much of the impact of the tax reforms is already baked into Congressional vote preferences. The key factor now seems to be how it will affect turnout. Democrats are more motivated by this issue than Republicans,” said Murray.

The poll also drilled down to see how many New Jerseyans will be impacted by the new cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction that is part of this plan. Nearly 4-in-10 New Jersey residents (38%) say they file a federal tax return with deductions itemized on Schedule A. This conforms with a report by the [Tax Policy Center](#) showing that 41.2% of all federal returns from New Jersey in 2015 took the SALT deduction – placing New Jersey third, behind only Maryland (45.7%) and Connecticut (41.3%), in the proportion of filers who use this deduction. Importantly, just over half (51%) of New Jersey’s itemizers report that their SALT deduction is greater than \$10,000, another 32% report it is below \$10,000 and the remainder are unsure. Taken together, about one-fifth of all New Jerseyans report exceeding the \$10,000 SALT deduction on their federal tax returns, including identical percentages of residents in Democratic (20%) and Republican (20%) House districts.

Most itemizers (77%) are aware that the SALT deduction will be capped at \$10,000 on next year’s returns. Nearly 4-in-10 of the itemizers (38%) say the cap will have a lot of impact on the amount of federal taxes they pay, 37% say it will have a little impact, 15% say it will have no impact, and 10% are unsure of the impact. Among those who currently exceed the \$10,000 SALT cap, 49% say it will have a lot of impact on their federal tax burden and 40% say it will have a little impact, with the remainder saying it will have no impact (7%) or are unsure (4%).

Another federal policy that has been touted as a potential campaign issue in New Jersey is the Gateway project, which includes construction of a second rail tunnel under the Hudson River. Three-in-four residents say building this tunnel is either very (39%) or somewhat (36%) important to the state’s

economy. However, less than half of the public say the project is either very (19%) or somewhat (24%) important to them personally.

About 1-in-4 New Jerseyans (26%) report that they travel to New York City at least a few times a month and 27% of residents report that they usually travel by train when they do go to New York. Taken together, about 9% of New Jerseyans can be considered to be regular rail commuters to New York City. Two-thirds of this group say that building a new rail tunnel is very (43%) or somewhat (24%) important to them.

The impact of this issue on the 2018 midterms appears to be extremely limited, though, because the vast majority of these commuters (79%) are concentrated in House districts held by Democrats, which happen to be closest to the city. Just under 1-in-10 voters (9%) in the two North Jersey seats currently held by the GOP are regular rail commuters to New York. However, regular NYC rail commuters statewide are much more likely to be Democrats (55%) than Republicans (11%) to begin with – and this pattern holds in CD7 and CD11.

“I’ve seen a lot of reporting on how the Gateway project could be the hot button issue in the 2018 House races in New Jersey. I’ve had my doubts and these numbers back that up. Yes, two-thirds of rail commuters say this project is important to them, but the overwhelming majority of these folks live in districts that are already safely controlled by Democrats. Even in the two North Jersey seats currently held by Republicans, rail commuters are largely Democratic partisans to begin with. There could be an impact if the contests in those two districts are close and this issue spurs some Democrats who do not usually vote in midterms to turn out this time. I am not discounting the importance of that, but it will be marginal in the grand scheme of the 2018 campaign,” said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from April 6 to 10, 2018 with 703 New Jersey adults, including a subset of 632 registered voters. The results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percent for the full sample and +/- 3.9 percent for voters. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

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

[Q1 held for future release.] [Q2-3 previously released.]

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	April 2018	July 2017
Approve	34%	35%
Disapprove	61%	58%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	6%
(n)	(703)	(800)

[Q5-6, Q8-11 and Q13-19 previously released.] [Q7 and Q12 held for future release.]

[THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY: *moe=+/-3.9%*]
 20/20A. If the election for U.S. Congress was held today, would you vote for the Republican or the Democratic candidate in your district? [If OTHER/UNDECIDED: At this time do you lean more toward the Republican or more toward the Democratic candidate?] [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

Registered voters with leaners	April 2018
Republican	35%
Democratic	54%
(VOL) Other candidate	2%
(VOL) Would not vote	0%
(VOL) Don't know	9%
(n)	(632)

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December?
 [Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?]

All adults	April 2018
Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	32%
(VOL) Don't know	19%
(n)	(703)

[THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY: *moe=+/-3.9%*]

22. Will this new tax plan have a major impact, minor impact, or no impact on your vote for Congress this year?

Registered voters only	April 2018
Major impact	43%
Minor impact	25%
No impact	24%
(VOL) Don't know	7%
(n)	(632)

[THE FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY: *moe=+/-3.9%*]

22A. Does this issue just strengthen the party choice you would typically make, or will you actually consider voting for a different party than you typically do? [If DIFFERENT PARTY: Does it make you more likely to vote Republican or Democrat this year?]

Registered voters only	April 2018
Strengthen party choice	36%
Different, more likely Republican	7%
Different, more likely Democrat	10%
(VOL) Different party, not sure	6%
(VOL) Different, more likely indep.	2%
(VOL) Don't know	15%
No impact (from Q22)	24%
(n)	(632)

23. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
Go up	49%
Go down	19%
Stay about the same	25%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(703)

24. Do you think New Jersey taxpayers will do better than taxpayers in other parts of the country under this new tax plan, will New Jerseyans do worse, or will they do about the same?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
Do better	6%
Do worse	56%
Do about the same	29%
(VOL) Don't know	9%
(n)	(703)

25. Do you fill out a schedule A form on your federal taxes to itemize your deductions or do you take the standard deduction?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
Itemize/schedule A	38%
Standard deduction	45%
(VOL) Sometimes itemize	1%
(VOL) Don't know	16%
(n)	(703)

[Questions 25A-25C were asked of those who answered "SCHEDULE A" to Q25; n=328, moe=+/-5.4%.]

25A. On Schedule A, you can include a deduction for the state and local taxes you pay. This is usually the combined amount of New Jersey income and property taxes you pay. As far as you know was the amount of the state and local tax deduction on your Schedule A form this year more than \$10,000 or less than \$10,000?

<i>Schedule A filers only</i>	April 2018
More than \$10,000	51%
Less than \$10,000	32%
(VOL) Did not itemize/file this year	2%
(VOL) Don't know	15%
(n)	(328)

25B. Have you heard that this particular deduction will be capped at \$10,000 next year, or have you not heard this?

<i>Schedule A filers only</i>	April 2018
Heard	77%
Not heard	23%
(n)	(328)

25C. How much do you think this new cap on the amount you can deduct for state and local taxes will affect the federal taxes you pay next year – a lot, a little, or not at all?

<i>Schedule A filers only</i>	April 2018
A lot	38%
A little	37%
Not at all	15%
(VOL) Don't know	10%
(n)	(328)

[Q26-35 held for future release.]

36. How often do you travel into New York City – more than once week, a few times a month, a few times a year, less often, or never?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
More than once a week	7%
A few times a month	19%
A few times a year	35%
Less often	20%
Never	18%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(703)

36A. How often do you use the train when you go to New York City – all the time, most of the time, just some of the time, or never?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
All the time	15%
Most of the time	12%
Just some of the time	24%
Never	30%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
<i>Do not travel to NYC (from Q36)</i>	18%
(n)	(703)

37. Have you heard of plans to build a second rail tunnel under the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey, or have you not heard about this?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
Heard	64%
Not heard	36%
(n)	(703)

[QUESTIONS 38 & 39 WERE ROTATED]

38. How important is it to the New Jersey economy that this new rail tunnel gets built – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
Very important	39%
Somewhat important	36%
Not too important	12%
Not at all important	8%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(703)

39. How important is it to you personally that this new rail tunnel gets built – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

<i>All adults</i>	April 2018
Very important	19%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	20%
Not at all important	36%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(703)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from April 6 to 10, 2018 with a random sample of 703 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 421 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 282 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Trol Dahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and SSI (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). 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>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>ALL ADULTS</i>	<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>
<i>Self-Reported</i>	<i>Self-Reported</i>
21% Republican	22% Republican
41% Independent	39% Independent
38% Democrat	39% Democrat
48% Male	49% Male
52% Female	51% Female
28% 18-34	25% 18-34
36% 35-54	37% 35-54
36% 55+	38% 55+
60% White	61% White
13% Black	12% Black
17% Hispanic	16% Hispanic
10% Asian/Other	11% Asian/Other

<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>		<i>ALL ADULTS</i>		<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	
		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>	<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>		703	3.7%		
<i>REGISTERED VOTER</i>	Yes	632	3.9%	632	3.9%
	No	71	11.6%		
<i>SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID</i>	Republican	152	8.0%	144	8.2%
	Independent	276	5.9%	237	6.4%
	Democrat	262	6.1%	241	6.3%
<i>GENDER</i>	Male	342	5.3%	309	5.6%
	Female	361	5.2%	323	5.5%
<i>AGE</i>	18-34	142	8.2%	116	9.1%
	35-54	231	6.5%	210	6.8%
	55+	320	5.5%	298	5.7%
<i>RACE</i>	White non-Hispanic	473	4.5%	431	4.7%
	Other	201	6.9%	175	7.4%
<i>COLLEGE GRADUATE</i>	No degree	310	5.6%	263	6.1%
	4 year degree	389	5.0%	365	5.1%
<i>INCOME</i>	<\$50K	163	7.7%	134	8.5%
	\$50 to <100K	202	6.9%	182	7.3%
	\$100K+	285	5.8%	269	6.0%
<i>NJ HOUSE DISTRICT CONTROL</i>	Democrat	416	4.8%	373	5.1%
	Republican	277	5.9%	249	6.2%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	34%	35%	26%	85%	35%	7%	42%	27%	23%	38%
	Disapprove	61%	61%	62%	14%	58%	91%	54%	68%	72%	59%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	3%	11%	1%	7%	2%	4%	5%	6%	3%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	40%	45%	18%	35%	34%	27%	34%	39%
	Disapprove	56%	50%	78%	61%	63%	66%	62%	60%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%	2%

		NJ House District Control	
		Dem	GOP
Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	29%	43%
	Disapprove	66%	53%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	4%

		REG VOTER	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3			RACE 2
		Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White
Q20. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] If the election for U.S. Congress was held today, would you vote for the Republican or the Democratic candidate in your district? (with leaners)	Republican	35%	90%	37%	2%	41%	29%	25%	37%	39%	47%
	Democrat	54%	5%	40%	96%	46%	61%	64%	50%	51%	45%
	[VOL]Other	2%	1%	4%	0%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%
	[VOL]Not vote	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	[VOL]Dont know	9%	4%	19%	2%	10%	9%	10%	9%	9%	7%

		RACE 2	COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			NJ House District Control	
		Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Dem	GOP
Q20. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] If the election for U.S. Congress was held today, would you vote for the Republican or the Democratic candidate in your district? (with leaners)	Republican	16%	35%	34%	32%	29%	40%	28%	46%
	Democrat	69%	54%	54%	56%	57%	52%	59%	44%
	[VOL]Other	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%
	[VOL]Not vote	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	[VOL]Dont know	13%	9%	10%	11%	11%	7%	10%	9%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q21. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December? [PROBE] Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or somewhat?	Strongly approve	14%	15%	7%	30%	16%	2%	22%	6%	12%	14%
	Somewhat approve	21%	21%	24%	36%	21%	14%	22%	20%	22%	19%
	Somewhat disapprove	14%	13%	21%	9%	18%	15%	9%	20%	14%	15%
	Strongly disapprove	32%	32%	30%	10%	28%	49%	33%	31%	32%	31%
	[VOL] Dont Know	19%	19%	19%	15%	17%	21%	15%	23%	20%	20%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q21. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December? [PROBE] Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or somewhat?	Strongly approve	14%	16%	10%	13%	15%	9%	15%	16%
	Somewhat approve	23%	25%	17%	23%	18%	22%	23%	20%
	Somewhat disapprove	14%	14%	16%	14%	16%	16%	16%	14%
	Strongly disapprove	33%	28%	35%	30%	35%	30%	29%	34%
	[VOL] Dont Know	16%	17%	22%	20%	16%	23%	17%	15%

		NJ House District Control	
		Dem	GOP
Q21. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress in December? [PROBE] Do you [approve/disapprove] strongly or somewhat?	Strongly approve	12%	17%
	Somewhat approve	19%	25%
	Somewhat disapprove	14%	15%
	Strongly disapprove	32%	31%
	[VOL] Dont Know	23%	11%

		REG VOTER	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3			RACE 2
		Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White
Q22. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] Will this new tax plan have a major impact, minor impact, or no impact on your vote for Congress this year?	Major impact	43%	36%	38%	54%	44%	43%	42%	40%	47%	43%
	Minor impact	25%	33%	27%	19%	26%	25%	27%	31%	18%	27%
	No impact	24%	27%	28%	20%	26%	23%	23%	22%	28%	26%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	3%	7%	6%	4%	10%	9%	6%	7%	5%

		RACE 2	COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			NJ House District Control	
		Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Dem	GOP
Q22. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] Will this new tax plan have a major impact, minor impact, or no impact on your vote for Congress this year?	Major impact	44%	42%	45%	39%	48%	41%	41%	48%
	Minor impact	23%	23%	30%	24%	19%	34%	25%	26%
	No impact	22%	27%	21%	27%	26%	22%	27%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	8%	5%	10%	7%	4%	8%	5%

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		REG VOTER	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
		Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q22A. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] Does this issue just strengthen the party choice you would typically make, or will you actually consider voting for a different party than you typically do? [PROBE:] Does it make you more likely to vote Republican or Democrat?	Strengthen party choice you typically make	36%	47%	19%	48%	40%	33%	40%	38%
	Different party, more likely Republican	7%	9%	11%	1%	6%	7%	9%	8%
	Different party, more likely Democrat	10%	4%	9%	14%	8%	12%	8%	11%
	[VOL] Different party, not sure which way	6%	2%	10%	3%	5%	6%	4%	6%
	[VOL] Different party, more likely to vote independent, other	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	15%	9%	20%	12%	12%	19%	15%	15%
	No impact [Q22]	24%	27%	28%	20%	26%	23%	23%	22%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q22A. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] Does this issue just strengthen the party choice you would typically make, or will you actually consider voting for a different party than you typically do? [PROBE:] Does it make you more likely to vote Republican or Democrat?	Strengthen party choice you typically make	31%	38%	34%	35%	38%	28%	35%	43%
	Different party, more likely Republican	4%	8%	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%
	Different party, more likely Democrat	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	9%	10%
	[VOL] Different party, not sure which way	6%	5%	7%	5%	7%	6%	8%	5%
	[VOL] Different party, more likely to vote independent, other	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	16%	11%	21%	14%	16%	22%	15%	9%
	No impact [Q22]	28%	26%	22%	27%	21%	27%	26%	22%

		NJ House District Control	
		Dem	GOP
Q22A. [REG VOTERS ONLY:] Does this issue just strengthen the party choice you would typically make, or will you actually consider voting for a different party than you typically do? [PROBE:] Does it make you more likely to vote Republican or Democrat?	Strengthen party choice you typically make	34%	40%
	Different party, more likely Republican	5%	9%
	Different party, more likely Democrat	9%	11%
	[VOL] Different party, not sure which way	7%	4%
	[VOL] Different party, more likely to vote independent, other	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	16%	13%
	No impact [Q22]	27%	21%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q23. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same?	Go up	49%	48%	54%	33%	49%	60%	43%	55%	51%	49%
	Go down	19%	20%	14%	28%	18%	13%	26%	13%	17%	22%
	Stay about the same	25%	25%	27%	29%	28%	21%	27%	24%	26%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	7%	5%	10%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	6%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q23. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same?	Go up	49%	45%	55%	51%	46%	57%	49%	44%
	Go down	18%	21%	15%	17%	23%	15%	14%	26%
	Stay about the same	27%	27%	23%	26%	25%	21%	29%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%	7%	8%	5%

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Q23. Under this new tax plan, do you think the federal taxes you pay will go up, go down, or stay about the same?	Go up	51%	47%
	Go down	17%	22%
	Stay about the same	24%	27%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	4%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q24. Do you think New Jersey taxpayers will do better than taxpayers in other parts of the country under this new tax plan, will New Jerseyans do worse, or will they do about the same?	Do better	6%	5%	11%	7%	5%	6%	5%	6%	7%	7%
	Do worse	56%	57%	48%	60%	57%	56%	60%	52%	37%	63%
	Do about the same	29%	28%	35%	25%	29%	29%	28%	29%	41%	25%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	10%	6%	8%	9%	9%	7%	12%	15%	5%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q24. Do you think New Jersey taxpayers will do better than taxpayers in other parts of the country under this new tax plan, will New Jerseyans do worse, or will they do about the same?	Do better	4%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%
	Do worse	64%	61%	47%	51%	65%	46%	56%	66%
	Do about the same	23%	25%	34%	33%	22%	38%	27%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	9%	8%	12%	10%	8%	9%	11%	7%

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Q24. Do you think New Jersey taxpayers will do better than taxpayers in other parts of the country under this new tax plan, will New Jerseyans do worse, or will they do about the same?	Do better	6%	6%
	Do worse	51%	64%
	Do about the same	32%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	6%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
Q25. Do you fill out a schedule A form on your federal taxes to itemize your deductions or do you take the standard deduction?	Itemize_schedule A	38%	41%	15%	48%	36%	35%	37%	39%	21%
	Standard deduction	45%	43%	61%	33%	50%	48%	47%	44%	62%
	[VOL] Sometimes itemize	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	16%	15%	21%	18%	13%	16%	15%	17%	15%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q25. Do you fill out a schedule A form on your federal taxes to itemize your deductions or do you take the standard deduction?	Itemize_schedule A	46%	43%	42%	32%	27%	56%	14%	38%	58%
	Standard deduction	39%	38%	42%	52%	52%	34%	65%	50%	30%
	[VOL] Sometimes itemize	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	19%	16%	14%	21%	8%	21%	12%	10%

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Q25. Do you fill out a schedule A form on your federal taxes to itemize your deductions or do you take the standard deduction?	Itemize_schedule A	36%	42%
	Standard deduction	46%	44%
	[VOL] Sometimes itemize	1%	0%
	[VOL] Dont Know	16%	14%

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Q25A. [SCHEDULE A FILERS ONLY:] On Schedule A, you can include a deduction for the state and local taxes you pay. As far as you know was the amount of the state and local tax deduction on your Schedule A form this year more than or less than \$10,000?	More than \$10,000	51%	48%	55%	51%	53%	47%
	Less than \$10,000	32%	36%	29%	32%	30%	35%
	[VOL] Did not itemize_file this year	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	15%	13%	15%	15%	14%	16%
Unwtd N		328	81	120	121	183	143

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			NJ House District Control	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Dem	GOP
Q25B. [SCHEDULE A FILERS ONLY:] Have you heard that this particular deduction will be capped at \$10,000 next year, or have you not heard this?	Heard	77%	81%	76%	76%	78%	76%
	Not heard	23%	19%	24%	24%	22%	24%
Unwtd N		328	81	120	121	183	143

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			NJ House District Control	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Dem	GOP
Q25C. [SCHEDULE A FILERS ONLY:] How much do you think this new cap on the amount you can deduct for state and local taxes will affect the federal taxes you pay next year - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	38%	30%	34%	50%	44%	30%
	A little	37%	39%	41%	31%	37%	37%
	Not at all	15%	22%	13%	14%	11%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	10%	12%	5%	8%	12%
Unwtd N		328	81	120	121	183	143

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
Q36. How often do you travel into New York City - more than once week, a few times a month, a few times a year, less often, or never?	More than once a week	7%	7%	5%	4%	7%	8%	7%	6%	11%
	A few times a month	19%	18%	25%	17%	15%	22%	21%	17%	29%
	A few times a year	35%	36%	28%	35%	38%	33%	36%	34%	35%
	Less often	20%	21%	16%	22%	21%	20%	19%	22%	16%
	Never	18%	18%	23%	23%	17%	17%	16%	21%	9%
[VOL] Dont Know		1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

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		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q36. How often do you travel into New York City - more than once week, a few times a month, a few times a year, less often, or never?	More than once a week	7%	3%	4%	10%	4%	11%	3%	6%	9%
	A few times a month	16%	15%	12%	29%	16%	24%	21%	12%	25%
	A few times a year	43%	28%	35%	35%	33%	38%	26%	38%	39%
	Less often	20%	25%	24%	16%	22%	18%	18%	23%	20%
	Never	14%	29%	24%	10%	24%	9%	32%	20%	7%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%

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Q36. How often do you travel into New York City - more than once week, a few times a month, a few times a year, less often, or never?	More than once a week	8%	4%
	A few times a month	23%	12%
	A few times a year	35%	36%
	Less often	17%	26%
	Never	17%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
Q36A. How often do you use the train when you go to New York City - all the time, most of the time, just some of the time, or never?	All the time	15%	15%	15%	9%	17%	16%	14%	16%	18%
	Most of the time	12%	13%	8%	8%	14%	13%	13%	11%	16%
	Just some of the time	24%	23%	29%	23%	25%	24%	28%	20%	30%
	Never	30%	31%	23%	36%	25%	30%	28%	31%	26%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	Do not travel to NYC [Q36]	18%	18%	23%	23%	17%	17%	16%	21%	9%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q36A. How often do you use the train when you go to New York City - all the time, most of the time, just some of the time, or never?	All the time	17%	12%	14%	17%	13%	18%	15%	14%	15%
	Most of the time	14%	7%	11%	13%	9%	17%	7%	11%	16%
	Just some of the time	28%	15%	20%	30%	23%	26%	23%	25%	27%
	Never	27%	36%	31%	30%	30%	30%	23%	28%	34%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	Do not travel to NYC [Q36]	14%	29%	24%	10%	24%	9%	32%	20%	7%

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Q36A. How often do you use the train when you go to New York City - all the time, most of the time, just some of the time, or never?	All the time	18%	10%
	Most of the time	12%	13%
	Just some of the time	27%	19%
	Never	26%	36%
	[VOL] Dont Know	0%	1%
Do not travel to NYC [Q36]		17%	21%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q37. Have you heard of plans to build a second rail tunnel under the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey, or have you not heard about this?	Heard	64%	67%	44%	71%	68%	57%	69%	59%	41%	68%
	Not heard	36%	33%	56%	29%	32%	43%	31%	41%	59%	32%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			NJ House District Control	
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Dem	GOP
Q37. Have you heard of plans to build a second rail tunnel under the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey, or have you not heard about this?	Heard	76%	71%	54%	57%	76%	54%	62%	74%	63%	66%
	Not heard	24%	29%	46%	43%	24%	46%	38%	26%	37%	34%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q38. How important is it to the New Jersey economy that this new rail tunnel gets built - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	39%	38%	41%	35%	34%	44%	44%	33%	37%	39%
	Somewhat important	36%	36%	36%	35%	38%	35%	29%	42%	41%	32%
	Not too important	12%	12%	10%	15%	11%	12%	11%	13%	7%	14%
	Not at all important	8%	8%	9%	7%	12%	5%	10%	6%	9%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	6%	4%	8%	4%	5%	6%	5%	7%	4%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q38. How important is it to the New Jersey economy that this new rail tunnel gets built - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	39%	38%	40%	32%	49%	31%	38%	45%
	Somewhat important	35%	36%	36%	38%	32%	36%	38%	32%
	Not too important	13%	11%	12%	13%	9%	16%	12%	9%
	Not at all important	5%	8%	8%	10%	5%	12%	6%	8%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	8%	3%	6%	4%	5%	6%	5%

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Q38. How important is it to the New Jersey economy that this new rail tunnel gets built - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	40%	37%
	Somewhat important	35%	38%
	Not too important	11%	13%
	Not at all important	9%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
Q39. How important is it to you personally that this new rail tunnel gets built - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	19%	19%	16%	8%	17%	27%	21%	17%	22%	21%
	Somewhat important	24%	22%	40%	12%	29%	25%	22%	26%	31%	22%
	Not too important	20%	21%	11%	23%	15%	22%	21%	18%	19%	21%
	Not at all important	36%	36%	33%	55%	39%	24%	36%	36%	27%	35%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
Q39. How important is it to you personally that this new rail tunnel gets built - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	15%	19%	19%	13%	29%	14%	16%	24%
	Somewhat important	21%	19%	32%	25%	22%	27%	27%	20%
	Not too important	20%	18%	21%	19%	20%	18%	19%	23%
	Not at all important	43%	43%	25%	40%	28%	38%	37%	32%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

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		Dem	GOP
Q39. How important is it to you personally that this new rail tunnel gets built - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	19%	18%
	Somewhat important	27%	20%
	Not too important	20%	20%
	Not at all important	32%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	1%