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NEW JERSEY TUNES OUT ON PENSION PAYMENTS

Gov. Christie job ratings remain stable

Public opinion of Chris Christie continues on an even keel since dropping precipitously after the Bridgegate story broke in January. The *Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll* also finds that few New Jerseyans are paying attention to issues surrounding the state budget pension fund contributions. While most favor a millionaire's tax to help pay the state's pension obligation, less than half feel the same about raising the corporate business tax.

Currently, Gov. Christie's job rating stands at 50% approve to 42% disapprove among New Jersey residents and 49% approve to 43% disapprove among the state's registered voters. His job approval numbers are basically the same as polls taken in April and February. Also, 45% of New Jerseyans have a favorable opinion of Christie as a person and 38% have an unfavorable opinion. Compared to April, positive views of Christie have risen by 5 points and negative views have risen by 3 points. Those having no opinion of Christie as a person have dropped from 25% in April to 17% in the current poll.

"Governor Christie's job rating took a significant hit in the aftermath of the Bridgegate email revelations, but those numbers bottomed out within a month," said Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute. "His personal rating also dropped, with the scandal causing many New Jerseyans to say they didn't know what to make of Christie's character. Those views are taking a little longer to settle."

Bridgegate may dominate the national headlines where Chris Christie is concerned, but his decision to forego scheduled pension contributions this year and significantly cut next year's payment has been the overriding issue in Trenton this month. Outside the state capital, though, most New Jerseyans are paying little attention. *[Note: All the poll interviews were conducted after a court decision last week*]

upheld the governor's action and nearly all the interviews were conducted after the legislature passed its budget on Thursday. The interviewing period ended Sunday, before the Governor enacted the budget with line-item vetoes.]

There is no question that most Garden State residents (62%) believe that the state's pension costs are out of control. Only 18% believe these costs are being managed wisely. This opinion is somewhat, but not much, more positive than the 78% who said the costs were out of control in September 2010, shortly after Christie took office and before the pension reforms enacted in 2011 that created a set schedule of payments.

Among those who say the costs are out of control, just 1-in-3 (35%) say that Gov. Christie carries a lot of blame for it. Many more (59%) say the state legislature shoulders a lot of the blame for this problem, including majorities of Democrats (56%), Republicans (56%) and independents (63%) alike. However, the poll found that few residents have formed an opinion of recent developments on the pension issue.

When asked about Christie's decision to put off the scheduled payments, nearly half (49%) of New Jerseyans say they have no opinion on it. Among the remainder, 38% disapprove of the governor's action and just 13% approve. For those who have an opinion, Democrats (44% disapprove to 4% approve), Republicans (31% disapprove to 20% approve), and independents (35% disapprove to 18% approve) alike are more likely to disapprove rather than approve of Christie's move.

Democrats in the legislature passed a budget that included the scheduled pension payments, funded by increased tax rates on people earning over one million dollars and on businesses in the state. The New Jersey public likes the former idea, but not the latter. Specifically, 66% say that increasing the so-called "millionaires tax" is a good idea and just 29% say it is a bad idea. On the other hand, only 40% say raising the corporate business tax to make the pension payments is a good idea while 52% say it is a bad idea.

"Republican legislators argued that both tax hikes would send job creators fleeing from the state. It seems that the New Jersey public, however, makes a distinction on the potential negative consequences of raising taxes on businesses versus high-earning individuals," said Murray.

Most Democrats (79%) and independents (65%) favor a millionaires tax hike, while just 44% of Republicans feel the same. When it comes to raising taxes on businesses, most Republicans (66%) and independents (54%) say it is a bad idea, while Democrats are somewhat more positive (43% bad idea and 50% good idea). Regardless, Gov. Christie always said he would veto both tax hikes.

In vetoing these new taxes, the governor had a choice on which spending items in the budget he could cut to offset the lower revenue. When weighed against making cuts in aid to schools and municipalities, more New Jerseyans (48%) say the pension payments should be delayed rather than cuts

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to local aid (27%). On the other hand, more Garden State residents favor laying off state workers (44%) rather than delaying scheduled pension payments (35%). These latter results on pitting pension payments against layoffs are nearly identical to a poll taken in February 2009, the last year of Jon Corzine's administration.

Looking ahead for ways to reduce future pension costs, nearly 6-in-10 (58%) Garden State residents support the idea of putting all newly hired state workers on a defined contribution plan and only 29% disapprove. Support levels for this idea are nearly identical to those found in a September 2010 poll (61% approve and 27% disapprove) and higher than in March 2008 (52% approve and 37% disapprove).

New Jerseyans, though, are not in favor of making cuts to the benefits of current state workers. Just 38% approve of reducing pension benefits for the current state workforce while 53% disapprove. These numbers are nearly identical to a poll taken in March 2008 (39% approve and 54% disapprove) and slightly more disapproving than a poll taken in September 2010 (46% approve and 46% disapprove). Among current and former public workers, 25% approve of this idea and 71% disapprove. Among New Jerseyans who have not worked for a state or local agency, 43% approve of making cuts to current workers' benefits and 48% disapprove.

"Few New Jerseyans feel that the pension system has been shored up during Christie's term, but they mostly blame the legislature and aren't really paying close attention to recent developments. This gives the governor a fairly free hand to make his next move," said Murray. He added, "The specter of Bridgegate still hangs over the governor, but the scandal hasn't inflicted any additional damage since the initial revelations in January."

It has been nearly six months since the public learned about emails ordering lane closures at the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee. Despite the lack of any direct evidence, more New Jerseyans continue to believe that the governor was personally involved in the decision to close the lanes (46%) than say he was not involved (42%), which is similar to the results of polls taken in April and February. The public also believes that Christie is more concerned about his own political future (55%) than governing the state of New Jersey (32%). These numbers are basically unchanged from polls taken over the past four months.

Garden State residents may feel that the governor has not come clean about the Bridgegate scandal, but they don't hold the special legislative committee investigating those charges in particularly high regard. Nearly 6-in-10 (58%) say the committee is more interested in going after the governor while only 26% say the committee's primary aim is to learn the facts of the case. Public opinion of the committee has not changed since February. The poll also finds that opinion of the state legislature overall remains in the same negative territory it has occupied for the past four months. The legislature's current

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job rating registers at 38% approve to 44% disapprove among all adults and 36% approve to 48% disapprove among registered voters.

The *Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll* was conducted by telephone with 800 New Jersey adults from June 25 to June 29, 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?

				Ī	TOTAL	RE	GISTE VOTE			PA	RTY ID			GEN	DER		PUB WOR				
						Ye	S	No	Der	n	Ind	Rep) I	∕lale	Fema	le `	Yes	No			
	Approv	е			50%	499	%	53%	379	6	50%	76%	6 5	53%	47%	5 3	3%	55%			
	Disapp	rove			42%	439	%	35%	549	6	39%	23%	6 3	38%	45%	6	4%	35%			
	(VOL) [Don't kn	IOW		9%	8%	6	12%	9%	, D	11%	0%		0%	8%	4	4%	10%			
TREND: All adults	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Jan. 2014	Dec. 2013	Sept. 2013	April 2013	Feb. 2013	Dec. 2012	Sept. 2012	July 2012	April 2012	Feb. 2012	Oct. 2011	Aug. 2011	May 2011	Feb. 2011	Sept. 2010	July 2010	April 2010	Feb. 2010
Approve	50%	51%	50%	59%	65%	61%	63%	70%	67%	53%	52%	51%	52%	54%	48%	47%	47%	45%	44%	41%	33%
Disapprove	42%	41%	44%	32%	25%	24%	26%	17%	21%	35%	36%	35%	38%	38%	42%	49%	40%	38%	44%	44%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	9%	8%	6%	8%	10%	15%	11%	14%	12%	11%	12%	14%	10%	9%	9%	5%	12%	17%	12%	15%	52%
Unwtd N	800	803	803	541	802	783	806	803	816	805	803	804	803	817	802	807	801	801	801	804	803
TREND:	June	April	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Sept.	April	Feb.	Dec.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.	Oct.	Aug.	May	Feb.	Sept.	Julv	April	Feb.
Registered voters	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010
Approve	49%	51%	49%	58%	65%	63%	65%	70%	69%	55%	53%	50%	55%	55%	50%	46%	49%	44%	45%	42%	31%
Disapprove	43%	43%	46%	35%	27%	24%	26%	16%	22%	36%	35%	38%	37%	37%	41%	49%	41%	40%	43%	44%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	6%	6%	7%	8%	13%	10%	13%	9%	10%	12%	12%	9%	8%	8%	5%	9%	16%	12%	13%	53%
Unwtd N	717	690	690	470	698	674	694	697	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?

		ΤΟΤΑΙ	R	EGISTE VOTE			PARTY I	D		GEND	ER		BLIC RKER	
			Ye	es	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	М	ale	Female	Yes	No	
Approve		38%	36	%	54%	41%	36%	40%	39	9%	38%	32%	41%	
Disapprove		44%	48	%	23%	40%	47%	47%	46	5%	42%	57%	40%	
(VOL) Don't kno	w	18%	17	%	23%	20%	17%	14%	15	5%	20%	11%	19%	
TREND: Registered	June	April	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Sept.	April	Feb.	Dec.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.	Oct.
Voters	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011
Approve	36%	38%	38%	47%	44%	38%	41%	40%	43%	32%	34%	37%	34%	33%
Disapprove	48%	46%	47%	35%	38%	36%	42%	35%	34%	43%	45%	41%	42%	45%
(VOL) Don't know	17%	15%	14%	18%	19%	27%	17%	25%	22%	25%	21%	23%	24%	22%
Unwtd N	717	690	690	470	698	674	694	697	726	715	678	692	709	693
TREND: Registered	Aug.	May	Feb.	July	April	Feb.	July	Feb.	Sept.	July	April	March	Oct.	Feb.
Voters Continued	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007
Approve	35%	32%	29%	25%	19%	24%	31%	23%	29%	27%	28%	25%	32%	34%
Disapprove	48%	48%	45%	49%	57%	49%	48%	55%	50%	47%	55%	53%	43%	42%
(VOL) Don't know	17%	20%	26%	26%	24%	27%	22%	22%	21%	26%	17%	22%	25%	23%
Unwtd N	730	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	REGIS VOT			PARTY ID		GEND	ER		IBLIC RKER
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Favorable	45%	46%	37%	32%	46%	72%	47%	42%	34%	49%
Unfavorable	38%	39%	34%	49%	35%	23%	33%	43%	56%	32%
No opinion	17%	15%	29%	20%	19%	6%	19%	15%	9%	19%
	TREND: All adults		ine)14	April 2014	February 2014	January 2014	February 2013	v Septer 201		
	Favorable	45	5%	40%	42%	44%	70%	52%	6	
	Unfavorable	38	3%	35%	37%	28%	19%	34%	6	
	No opinion	17	7%	25%	21%	28%	11%	15%	6	
	Unwtd N	8	00	803	803	541	803	805	5	
	TREND: Registered voters only	20	ine)14	April 2014	February 2014	January 2014	February 2013	201	2	
	Favorable	46	5%	41%	43%	46%	71%	54%	6	
	Unfavorable	39	9%	37%	39%	31%	18%	34%	6	
	No opinion	15	5%	22%	18%	23%	10%	13%	6	
	Unwtd N	7	17	690	690	470	697	71	5	

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		TERED FER		PARTY II	D	GE	NDER	PUB WORI	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Governing the state of NJ	32%	32%	32%	24%	31%	51%	33%	31%	22%	35%
His own political future	55%	56%	51%	65%	55%	34%	55%	56%	68%	51%
(VOL) Both equally	7%	6%	9%	3%	8%	10%	7%	6%	4%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	7%
TREND:		June 2014	April 2014	Febru 201		anuary 2014	September 2013	December 2012	February 2012	/
Governing the state	of NJ	32%	35%	35%	6	42%	44%	61%	39%	
His own political fut	ure	55%	54%	56%	6	47%	38%	30%	48%	
(VOL) Both equally		7%	7%	5%	,	6%	12%	5%	6%	
(VOL) Don't know		6%	4%	4%	,	5%	6%	4%	7%	
Unwtd N		800	803	803	}	541	783	816	803	

5. Do you think that the state of New Jersey is managing the costs of its pension system wisely or have the costs gotten out of control?

	TOTAL		TERED TER		PARTY ID		GEN	IDER	-	BLIC RKER
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Managing wisely	18%	16%	30%	28%	11%	16%	21%	15%	15%	19%
Costs out of control	62%	66%	38%	51%	70%	67%	64%	60%	70%	59%
(VOL) Don't know	20%	18%	33%	22%	20%	17%	15%	25%	15%	22%
	Mana	TREND: Managing wisely			Septer 201 8% 78	10 %	September 2005 13% 59%			
	Costs out of control (VOL) Don't know Unwtd N	62% 20%	149		28%					
		800	80	1	800					

[QUESTIONS 5A/5B WERE ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAID PENSION COSTS ARE OUT OF CONTROL: n=526, moe=+/-4.3 %. QUESTIONS WERE ROTATED]

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		TOTAL	REGIS VO			PARTY ID		GEN	NDER	-	BLIC RKER
			Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
	A lot	35%	35%	39%	43%	34%	23%	30%	40%	52%	28%
	A little	44%	43%	49%	40%	46%	46%	45%	43%	34%	49%
	Not at all	18%	19%	7%	14%	18%	29%	22%	14%	13%	20%
	(VOL) Don't know	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%

5A. How much is Governor Christie to blame for this – a lot, a little, or not at all?

5B. How much is the state legislature to blame for this - a lot, a little, or not at all?

(VOL) Don't know

Unwtd N

	TOTAL	REGIS VOT	TERED FER		PARTY ID		GEN	NDER	-	BLIC RKER
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
A lot	59%	59%	57%	56%	63%	56%	61%	57%	48%	62%
A little	32%	32%	30%	32%	31%	34%	28%	35%	39%	29%
Not at all	4%	4%	4%	6%	2%	7%	7%	2%	8%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	5%	9%	7%	4%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%

[QUESTIONS 6-7 WERE ROTATED]

6. Do you approve or disapprove of reducing pension benefits for current government workers?

	TOTAL		TERED TER		PARTY ID		GEI	NDER	-	blic Rker
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Approve	38%	39%	33%	30%	42%	48%	43%	34%	25%	43%
Disapprove	53%	52%	59%	63%	49%	44%	50%	57%	71%	48%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	8%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	9%	5%	9%
	TRE	ND:		June 2014	Septer 201		March 2008*]		
	Appro	ove		38%	469	%	39%			
	Disap	prove		53%	469	%	54%			

* Note: Question wording in March 2008 poll was: "Now, I'm going to read you some other proposals to reduce the state budget. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of each. Reducing pensions for government workers"

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7. Do you approve or disapprove of having all newly hired government employees use a 401(k) type plan rather than receive a set pension when they retire?

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	TOTAL		TERED TER		PARTY ID)	GEI	NDER	-	BLIC RKER
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Approve	58%	58%	57%	46%	66%	64%	63%	54%	49%	61%
Disapprove	29%	29%	30%	41%	20%	26%	26%	31%	39%	26%
(VOL) Don't know	13%	13%	13%	13%	14%	10%	11%	15%	11%	13%
	TREND	ND:		June 2014	Septer 201		March 2008*			
	Appro	ve		58%	619	%	52%			
	Disap	prove		29%	279	%	37%			
	(VOL)	Don't kno	w	13%	119	%	11%			
	Unwto	d N		800	80	1	316			

* Note: Question wording in March 2008 poll was: "Now, I'm going to read you some other proposals to reduce the state budget. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of each. Having all newly hired government employees use a 401(k) plan rather than receive a set pension when they retire"

8. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Christie's decision to put off making scheduled payments to the state's pension system, or do you have no opinion on this?

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		TOTAL	REGIS ⁻ VOT			PARTY ID		GEN	NDER	-	BLIC RKER
			Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
	Approve	13%	14%	12%	4%	18%	20%	18%	9%	7%	15%
	Disapprove	38%	40%	23%	44%	35%	31%	35%	41%	63%	30%
	No opinion	49%	46%	65%	52%	47%	49%	47%	50%	29%	55%

9. Do you think the governor did or did not have other options for making the pension payments, or do you have no opinion on this?

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-		TOTAL	REGIS VOT			PARTY ID		GEN	NDER	-	BLIC RKER
			Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
	Did have	34%	36%	22%	38%	36%	25%	34%	34%	53%	28%
	Did not have	9%	9%	9%	6%	10%	16%	10%	8%	8%	10%
	No opinion	57%	55%	69%	56%	55%	60%	56%	58%	39%	62%

[QUESTIONS 10-11 WERE ROTATED]

10. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise taxes on people who earn more than one million dollars in order to make the scheduled pension payments?

	TOTAL	REGIS ⁻ VOT			PARTY ID		GE	NDER	-	BLIC RKER
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Good idea	66%	64%	79%	79%	65%	44%	63%	69%	67%	66%
Bad idea	29%	31%	18%	16%	30%	52%	34%	24%	29%	29%
No opinion	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%

11. Do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to raise taxes on New Jersey incorporated businesses in order to make the scheduled pension payments?

	TOTAL	REGISTERED			PARTY ID			NDER	PUBLIC	
	IUTAL	VOT	ΓER		FAILTID				WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Good idea	40%	39%	48%	50%	37%	27%	42%	39%	42%	39%
Bad idea	52%	53%	45%	43%	54%	66%	53%	50%	48%	53%
No opinion	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	6%	5%	11%	10%	7%

[QUESTIONS 12-13 WERE ROTATED]

12. Which of the following would you favor more: laying off state government workers in order to cut costs – OR - putting off current pension payments and increasing future state debt in order to maintain the current level of government services?

			REGISTERED VOTER F				GEI	NDER	PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Laying off state workers	44%	44%	41%	34%	50%	53%	50%	38%	42%	44%
Putting off pension payment	35%	33%	43%	43%	29%	30%	30%	39%	33%	35%
(VOL) Neither	13%	14%	11%	16%	12%	9%	13%	14%	16%	12%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	9%	6%	7%	9%	8%	7%	9%	9%	8%

TREND:	June	February
IREND.	2014	2009
Laying off state workers	44%	44%
Putting off pension payment	35%	34%
(VOL) Neither	13%	15%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	8%
Unwtd N	800	803

13. Which of the following would you favor more: reducing state aid to schools and towns in order to cut costs – OR - putting off current pension payments and increasing future state debt in order to maintain the current level of government services?

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	TOTAL	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GEI	NDER	PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Reducing state aid to schools and towns	27%	27%	30%	21%	34%	27%	32%	23%	32%	26%
Putting off pension payment	48%	47%	51%	52%	44%	47%	46%	49%	37%	51%
(VOL) Neither	18%	19%	12%	19%	16%	16%	15%	20%	22%	16%
(VOL) Don't know	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	9%	7%

14. Turning to the closure of the George Washington Bridge toll lanes in Fort Lee last year. Do you think Governor Christie himself was or was not personally involved in the decision to close the toll lanes?

	TOTAL	TAL REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Was involved	46%	47%	44%	56%	43%	32%	43%	50%	56%	43%
Was not involved	42%	43%	37%	29%	46%	60%	45%	38%	34%	44%
(VOL) Don't know	12%	11%	20%	15%	11%	8%	12%	12%	9%	13%
	TREND:			June 2014		February 2014	January 2014			
	Was involved		46	5%	47%	50%	34%			
	Was not involv	ved	42	2%	38%	40%	52%			
	(VOL) Don't kr	Now	<i>ı</i> 12%		15%	10%	14%			
	Unwtd N		80	00	803	751	474			

15. 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	REGISTERED VOTER		PARTY ID			GEN	NDER	PUBLIC WORKER	
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Learning the facts of the case	26%	25%	32%	37%	21%	16%	24%	28%	35%	23%
Going after the governor	58%	59%	50%	46%	61%	75%	59%	56%	50%	60%
(VOL) Both	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	2%	7%	5%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	10%	10%	14%	10%	12%	7%	10%	11%	8%	11%

TREND:	June 2014	February 2014
Learning the facts of the case	26%	32%
Going after the governor	58%	56%
(VOL) Both	6%	8%
(VOL) Don't know	10%	5%
Unwtd N	800	751

The *Monmouth University/Asbury Park Press Poll* was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from June 25 to June 29, 2014 with a statewide random sample of 800 adult residents, including 586 contacted via live interview on a landline telephone and 214 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.

		P	OLL DEMO	OGRAPH	HICS (weig	ghted)				
	38% Dem	38% Dem 49% Male				30% 18-34				
	43% Ind	51	% Female	3	8% 35-54		13% Bl	ack		
	19% Rep			3	2% 55+		16% Hi 9% As	spanic sian/Other		
		Re	egistered \	/oter Sa	mple (weig	ghted)				
	37% Dem	48	% Male	2	3% 18-34		69% W	hite		
	42% Ind	52	% Female	4	1% 35-54		12% Bl	ack		
	21% Rep			3	86% 55+		13% Hi 6% As	spanic sian/Other		
			MAR	GIN OF	ERROR					
	TOTAL		TERED TER		PARTY ID		GEI	NDER		BLIC RKER
		Yes	No	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	Yes	No
Unweighted N	800	717	83	261	354	172	364	436	223	568
moe	3.5%	3.7%	10.8%	6.1%	5.2%	7.5%	5.1%	4.7%	6.6%	4.1%

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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