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NEW JERSEY: CHOICE WORDS FOR “BEACHGATE”

Most think state is now worse off because of Gov. Christie

West Long Branch, NJ – The past few weeks have been no day at the beach for New Jersey’s governor... except for that day at the beach, of course. The latest *Monmouth University Poll* finds Chris Christie’s job rating at an all-time low, although he avoids the ignominy of single-digit approval. Christie’s behavior during the recent state shutdown did him no favors among his Garden State constituents, with two-thirds expressing negative views about his day at the shore. A majority of the public feels that New Jersey is worse off now because of Christie’s time in office.

Currently, just 15% of New Jersey adults approve of the job Christie is doing as governor while 80% disapprove. Only 30% of Christie’s fellow Republicans give positive marks to his job performance, joining just 15% of independents and only 7% of Democrats who feel the same. Both the state legislature – 23% approve and 61% disapprove – and Pres. Donald Trump – 35% approve and 58% disapprove – garner better ratings than Christie. Monmouth’s prior Christie rating was taken just over a year ago (27% approve and 63% disapprove in May 2016).

“It really is difficult to drive approval ratings into the single digits barring something like a criminal conviction. However, you have to admire Christie’s seeming tenacity for trying to get his numbers down to that level,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute. “In reality, Christie may have found the floor for his ratings, but it’s a level where most of his constituents now feel his time on office has hurt the state.”

The poll found that a majority of Garden State residents (55%) feel the state is actually worse off because of Christie’s time as governor. This marks a significant increase from a year ago when 41% felt this way. Just 15% say the state is better off today because of Christie’s tenure and 28% say it is about the same as it was before he took office.

When asked to assign blame for this month's government shutdown, most New Jerseyans (54%) actually find the governor and the state legislature equally at fault for the budget standoff. Another 28% put more of the blame on Christie and 14% put more of the blame on the legislature. On the other hand, Christie's R&R on a state beach that was closed to the public received decidedly negative reviews from the overwhelming majority of Garden State residents.

Fully 86% have seen the photos of Christie sitting on the beach with his family during the government shutdown. When asked to describe how those images made them feel, two-thirds of the public expressed a negative sentiment, with "disgusted" (7%) being the most commonly used word. Anger (7%) and disbelief (6%) were also frequently mentioned themes. Nearly 1-in-5 residents described their reaction in terms of the governor's character, using words such as "selfish" (5%), "hypocrite" (4%), and "arrogant" (3%). Another 6% of those polled simply used some form of profanity to express their sentiments about Christie's beach day. Fewer than 1-in-10 New Jerseyans have anything positive to say or even report not being bothered by the incident in any way.



“This is New Jerseyans telling it like it is, but the governor has said that he basically doesn’t care what they think. This just confirms what most of his constituents have suspected for the past three years,” said Murray.

About 8-in-10 Garden State residents (79%) feel that Christie puts his own political future before the good of the state. Just 14% say he is more concerned with governing New Jersey. These results are basically in line with public opinion over the past two years.

Specifically on the state budget stalemate, two-thirds of New Jerseyans (66%) were aware that the shutdown was caused by disagreement over a proposal to change how the Horizon Blue Cross health insurance provider operates. Overall, only 16% of the public are inclined to believe the official line that this legislation was motivated by a desire to make Horizon more transparent. Most (54%) think it was probably driven by some sort of political payback against the insurer. Among those who were already aware that Horizon was at the center of the budget impasse, just 18% say the proposal was about transparency and fully 63% say it was about political payback.

“Neither the governor nor the bill’s legislative sponsors made a persuasive case about why this bill was necessary, especially to Horizon subscribers who are largely satisfied with their insurance provider,” said Murray.

More than 8-in-10 New Jerseyans report being satisfied with their current health insurance provider. This includes 90% of Horizon subscribers – 48% very satisfied and 42% somewhat satisfied – and 84% of those who hold policies with other providers – 48% very satisfied and 36% somewhat satisfied.

The *Monmouth University Poll* also measured public opinion of New Jersey’s two U.S. senators. Cory Booker earns a 49% approve and 30% disapprove rating. Bob Menendez, who is currently under indictment, earns a 41% approve and 35% disapprove rating. Both senators’ ratings are largely within the range of where they have been for the past two years, although Booker’s “disapprove” number has gone up as he has become better known within the state.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from July 6 to 9, 2017 with 800 New Jersey adults. The results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percent. 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.]

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

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	July	May	July	May	Feb.	Sept.	June	April	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Sept.	April	Feb.
<i>Second term</i>	2017	2016	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013
Approve	15%	27%	36%	35%	48%	46%	50%	51%	50%	59%	65%	61%	63%	70%
Disapprove	80%	63%	58%	54%	44%	39%	42%	41%	44%	32%	25%	24%	26%	17%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	10%	6%	11%	8%	15%	9%	8%	6%	8%	10%	15%	11%	14%
(n)	(800)	(806)	(503)	(500)	(805)	(802)	(800)	(803)	(803)	(541)	(802)	(783)	(806)	(803)

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	Dec.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.	Oct.	Aug.	May	Feb.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.
<i>First term</i>	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	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%
(n)	(816)	(805)	(803)	(804)	(803)	(817)	(802)	(807)	(801)	(801)	(801)	(804)	(803)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	July	May	July	May	Feb.	Sept.	June	April	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Sept.	April	Feb.
<i>Second term</i>	2017	2016	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013
Approve	15%	26%	34%	35%	47%	46%	49%	51%	49%	58%	65%	63%	65%	70%
Disapprove	80%	65%	60%	56%	46%	42%	43%	43%	46%	35%	27%	24%	26%	16%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	8%	6%	9%	6%	12%	8%	6%	6%	7%	8%	13%	10%	13%
(n)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(470)	(698)	(674)	(694)	(697)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	Dec.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.	Oct.	Aug.	May	Feb.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.
<i>First term</i>	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	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%
(n)	(726)	(715)	(678)	(692)	(709)	(693)	(730)	(725)	(718)	(726)	(747)	(719)	(716)

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

<i>All adults</i>	July
	2017
Approve	23%
Disapprove	61%
(VOL) Don't know	16%
(n)	(800)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	July	May	July	May	Feb.	Sept.	June	April	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Sept.	April	Feb.
<i>Second term</i>	2017	2016	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013
Approve	23%	29%	32%	33%	37%	35%	36%	38%	38%	47%	44%	38%	41%	40%
Disapprove	62%	53%	51%	48%	46%	46%	48%	46%	47%	35%	38%	36%	42%	35%
(VOL) Don't know	15%	19%	17%	19%	17%	19%	17%	15%	14%	18%	19%	27%	17%	25%
(n)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(470)	(698)	(674)	(694)	(697)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	Dec.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.	Oct.	Aug.	May	Feb.	Sept.	July	April	Feb.
<i>First term</i>	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	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%
(n)	(726)	(715)	(678)	(692)	(709)	(693)	(730)	(725)	(718)	(726)	(747)	(719)	(716)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	July	Feb.	Sept.	July	April	March	Oct.	Feb.
<i>First term</i>	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007
Approve	31%	23%	29%	27%	28%	25%	32%	34%
Disapprove	48%	55%	50%	47%	55%	53%	43%	42%
(VOL) Don't know	22%	22%	21%	26%	17%	22%	25%	23%
(n)	(792)	(721)	(709)	(889)	(720)	(719)	(688)	(681)

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

All adults	July 2017
Approve	35%
Disapprove	58%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(800)

[QUESTIONS 5 & 6 WERE ROTATED]

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?

All adults	July 2017
Approve	41%
Disapprove	35%
(VOL) Don't know	24%
(n)	(800)

TREND: Registered voters	July 2017	May 2016	July 2015	May 2015	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2014	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Dec. 2013	April 2013	Feb. 2013
Approve	41%	41%	38%	42%	49%	45%	47%	51%	49%	47%	44%	41%
Disapprove	35%	31%	38%	38%	27%	30%	34%	31%	30%	27%	38%	31%
(VOL) Don't know	23%	28%	23%	20%	24%	26%	19%	18%	21%	26%	18%	28%
(n)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(698)	(694)	(697)

TREND: Registered voters continued	April 2012	Feb. 2012	Oct. 2011	Aug. 2011	May 2011	July 2010	Oct. 2008	April 2008	Jan. 2008
Approve	40%	41%	43%	38%	46%	38%	34%	41%	37%
Disapprove	25%	26%	29%	33%	28%	33%	25%	31%	25%
(VOL) Don't know	35%	33%	28%	29%	26%	29%	41%	28%	37%
(n)	(692)	(709)	(693)	(730)	(725)	(747)	(900)	(720)	(698)

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?

All adults	July 2017
Approve	49%
Disapprove	30%
(VOL) Don't know	20%
(n)	(800)

TREND: Registered voters	July 2017	May 2016	July 2015	May 2015	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2014	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Dec. 2013
Approve	50%	53%	45%	51%	51%	42%	48%	47%	47%	37%
Disapprove	31%	21%	24%	21%	21%	23%	25%	23%	20%	21%
(VOL) Don't know	20%	27%	31%	27%	27%	35%	27%	30%	32%	43%
(n)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(698)

[Q7 held for future release.]

8. 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]

TREND: All adults	July 2017	May 2016	July 2015	May 2015	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2014	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Jan. 2014	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2012	Feb. 2012
Governing the state of NJ	14%	13%	17%	16%	25%	33%	32%	35%	35%	42%	44%	61%	39%
His own political future	79%	79%	76%	70%	66%	56%	55%	54%	56%	47%	38%	30%	48%
(VOL) Both equally	2%	3%	4%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	5%	6%	12%	5%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	7%
(n)	(800)	(806)	(503)	(500)	(805)	(802)	(800)	(803)	(803)	(541)	(783)	(816)	(803)

9. Do you think New Jersey is currently better off or worse off because of Christie's time as governor, or is it about the same as it was before he took office?

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	July 2017	May 2016
Better off	15%	21%
Worse off	55%	41%
About the same	28%	34%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	4%
(n)	(800)	(806)

10. Were you aware that New Jersey state offices and services shut down for three days because the governor and legislature could not reach a budget deal, or didn't you hear about the state shutdown?

<i>All adults</i>	July 2017
Aware	95%
Didn't hear	5%
(n)	(800)

11. Who is more to blame for this shutdown – Governor Christie or the state legislature – or are both equally to blame?

<i>All adults</i>	July 2017
Gov. Christie	28%
State legislature	14%
Both equally	54%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(800)

12. The shutdown was caused by a disagreement over proposed legislation to change how the Horizon Blue Cross health insurance provider operates in the state. Were you aware or not aware of this proposal?

<i>All adults</i>	July 2017
Aware	66%
Not aware	34%
(n)	(800)

13. Do you think this proposal was more about making Horizon's operations more transparent or was it more about getting some type of political payback against Horizon?

<i>All adults</i>	July 2017
More transparent	16%
Political payback	54%
(VOL) Don't know	30%
(n)	(800)

14. Have you seen the pictures of Chris Christie sitting on a state park beach that was closed to the public during the shutdown, or have you not seen these pictures?

<i>All adults</i>	July 2017
Yes, seen	86%
No, not seen	14%
(n)	(800)

15. What is the first word that comes to mind to describe how you felt when you saw those pictures? [VERBATIM ANSWERS WERE RECORDED]

All adults	July 2017
Disgusted	7%
Angry, outraged	7%
Disappointed	4%
Unbelievable, surprised, ridiculous	6%
Disgraceful, horrible	2%
Embarrassed	1%
Sad, upset, confused	2%
Jerk, profanity used	6%
Selfish, disregard	5%
Entitled	2%
Arrogant	3%
Hypocrite	4%
Typical, not surprised	3%
Takes nerve, guts	1%
Unfair, taken advantage of	4%
Stupid, idiot, dumb move	4%
Doesn't care anymore, bad governor	2%
Other negative comment	2%
Physical appearance	3%
Laughed, amused	2%
Fake news, upset with media	1%
Not bothered	6%
His right, good for him	2%
Other general comment	2%
No response	4%
Not seen pictures [Q14]	14%
(n)	(800)

[Q16-25 held for future release.]

26. Are you currently covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

27. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your main health insurance provider?

All adults	July 2017
Very satisfied	44%
Somewhat satisfied	36%
Somewhat dissatisfied	8%
Very dissatisfied	4%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
No coverage [Q26]	6%
(n)	(800)

28. Do you currently get your main health insurance through Horizon Blue Cross or through some other provider?

All adults	July 2017
Horizon Blue Cross	39%
Some other provider	54%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
No coverage [Q26]	6%
(n)	(800)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from July 6 to 9, 2017 with a random sample of 800 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 493 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 307 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 3.5 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>Self-Reported</i>	
20% Republican	
41% Independent	
39% Democrat	
48% Male	
52% Female	
27% 18-34	
36% 35-54	
37% 55+	
62% White	
13% Black	
17% Hispanic	
9% Asian/Other	

<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>			
		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		800	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	758	3.6
	No	42	15.1
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	181	7.3
PARTY ID	Independent	309	5.6
	Democrat	301	5.7
GENDER	Male	391	5.0
	Female	409	4.9
AGE	18-34	122	8.9
	35-54	248	6.2
	55+	430	4.7
RACE	White non-Hispanic	592	4.0
	Other	182	7.3
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	316	5.5
	4 year degree	477	4.5
INCOME	<\$50K	137	8.4
	\$50 to <100K	244	6.3
	\$100K+	354	5.2
REGION	North	361	5.2
	Central	210	6.8
	South	207	6.8

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
2/C1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as governor?	Approve	15%	15%	8%	30%	15%	7%	18%	12%	12%
	Disapprove	80%	80%	80%	63%	80%	89%	77%	83%	86%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	5%	4%	12%	7%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2/C1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as governor?	Approve	15%	17%	15%	12%	14%	16%	17%	13%	15%
	Disapprove	78%	78%	80%	81%	80%	80%	78%	81%	81%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	7%	5%	4%	7%	6%	4%	5%	6%	4%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
2/C1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as governor?	Approve	15%	14%	15%
	Disapprove	80%	82%	78%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	5%	4%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
3/C2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?	Approve	23%	23%	21%	15%	21%	29%	21%	25%	29%
	Disapprove	61%	62%	42%	69%	65%	52%	62%	59%	54%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	16%	15%	36%	16%	14%	19%	17%	16%	17%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3/C2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?	Approve	19%	22%	21%	26%	24%	20%	21%	24%	20%
	Disapprove	67%	59%	62%	59%	60%	62%	59%	60%	65%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	14%	19%	17%	16%	16%	17%	20%	16%	14%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
3/C2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?	Approve	18%	25%	27%
	Disapprove	66%	58%	58%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	16%	17%	15%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
4/C3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	35%	37%	18%	80%	38%	11%	39%	32%	23%
	Disapprove	58%	57%	73%	14%	54%	86%	54%	63%	71%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	6%	6%	8%	6%	9%	3%	7%	5%	6%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
4/C3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	39%	41%	47%	16%	38%	30%	28%	38%	37%
	Disapprove	55%	52%	48%	77%	56%	64%	68%	57%	55%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	5%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	5%	7%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
4/C3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	33%	35%	40%
	Disapprove	61%	59%	55%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	6%	6%	5%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
5/C4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	41%	41%	36%	22%	29%	63%	36%	45%	38%
	Disapprove	35%	35%	30%	50%	44%	18%	41%	30%	34%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	24%	23%	34%	28%	26%	20%	23%	25%	28%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5/C4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	35%	48%	38%	47%	39%	45%	50%	46%	34%
	Disapprove	33%	37%	39%	29%	35%	35%	31%	31%	42%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	32%	15%	24%	25%	26%	21%	19%	23%	24%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
5/C4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	45%	40%	40%
	Disapprove	37%	37%	32%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	18%	23%	27%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
6/C5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	49%	50%	47%	19%	40%	75%	48%	51%	46%
	Disapprove	30%	31%	26%	56%	38%	10%	35%	26%	32%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	20%	20%	28%	26%	22%	15%	18%	23%	22%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6/C5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	49%	52%	46%	57%	46%	56%	50%	52%	50%
	Disapprove	27%	33%	32%	25%	32%	26%	30%	31%	29%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	24%	16%	22%	18%	22%	17%	20%	17%	21%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
6/C5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	54%	47%	49%
	Disapprove	32%	30%	25%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	14%	22%	26%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
8/C7. Do you think Chris Christie is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future?	More concerned with governing the state of New Jersey	14%	14%	12%	24%	15%	8%	17%	11%	9%
	More concerned about his own political future	79%	80%	74%	63%	78%	88%	76%	83%	85%
	(VOL) Both equally	2%	2%	4%	6%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	4%	4%	11%	6%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8/C7. Do you think Chris Christie is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future?	More concerned with governing the state of New Jersey	18%	14%	17%	8%	15%	13%	10%	17%	13%
	More concerned about his own political future	77%	77%	75%	88%	79%	80%	80%	78%	81%
	(VOL) Both equally	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	4%	5%	5%	2%	4%	5%	7%	4%	3%

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		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
8/C7. Do you think Chris Christie is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future?	More concerned with governing the state of New Jersey	14%	12%	16%
	More concerned about his own political future	81%	81%	76%
	(VOL) Both equally	2%	3%	3%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	4%	4%	5%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
9/C8. Do you think New Jersey is currently better off or worse off because of Christies time as governor, or is it about the same as it was before he took office?	Better off	15%	16%	13%	34%	17%	4%	18%	14%	11%
	Worse off	55%	54%	60%	20%	52%	75%	52%	57%	63%
	About the same	28%	28%	26%	44%	29%	20%	29%	27%	26%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
9/C8. Do you think New Jersey is currently better off or worse off because of Christies time as governor, or is it about the same as it was before he took office?	Better off	19%	15%	17%	11%	15%	15%	13%	16%	18%
	Worse off	54%	50%	53%	60%	56%	53%	57%	57%	51%
	About the same	24%	33%	28%	27%	27%	29%	28%	25%	29%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
9/C8. Do you think New Jersey is currently better off or worse off because of Christies time as governor, or is it about the same as it was before he took office?	Better off	14%	17%	17%
	Worse off	56%	50%	60%
	About the same	29%	32%	21%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	2%	2%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
10/C9. Were you aware that New Jersey state offices and services shut down for three days because the governor and legislature could not reach a budget deal, or didnt you hear about the state shutdown?	Aware	95%	96%	86%	94%	95%	96%	94%	96%	93%	97%	95%
	Didnt hear	5%	4%	14%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%	3%	5%

		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE		
		White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	North	Central	South
10/C9. Were you aware that New Jersey state offices and services shut down for three days because the governor and legislature could not reach a budget deal, or didnt you hear about the state shutdown?	Aware	97%	92%	94%	98%	94%	97%	97%	96%	96%	96%
	Didnt hear	3%	8%	6%	2%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
11/C10. Who is more to blame for this shutdown - Governor Christie or the state legislature - or are both equally to blame?	Gov. Christie	28%	28%	28%	14%	26%	37%	27%	29%	30%
	State legislature	14%	14%	12%	29%	17%	4%	19%	9%	10%
	Both equally	54%	55%	47%	55%	53%	57%	49%	59%	57%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	3%	3%	13%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
11/C10. Who is more to blame for this shutdown - Governor Christie or the state legislature - or are both equally to blame?	Gov. Christie	26%	29%	27%	30%	26%	32%	25%	28%	31%
	State legislature	16%	16%	15%	12%	13%	15%	8%	16%	19%
	Both equally	55%	52%	56%	54%	58%	50%	62%	54%	47%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
11/C10. Who is more to blame for this shutdown - Governor Christie or the state legislature - or are both equally to blame?	Gov. Christie	31%	29%	27%
	State legislature	12%	15%	16%
	Both equally	55%	52%	54%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	4%	4%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
12/C11. The shutdown was caused by a disagreement over proposed legislation to change how the Horizon Blue Cross health insurance provider operates in the state. Were you aware or not aware of this proposal?	Aware	66%	67%	52%	69%	68%	61%	68%	64%	48%	70%	75%
	Not aware	34%	33%	48%	31%	32%	39%	32%	36%	52%	30%	25%

		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE		
		White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	North	Central	South
12/C11. The shutdown was caused by a disagreement over proposed legislation to change how the Horizon Blue Cross health insurance provider operates in the state. Were you aware or not aware of this proposal?	Aware	73%	53%	60%	75%	48%	71%	76%	64%	69%	66%
	Not aware	27%	47%	40%	25%	52%	29%	24%	36%	31%	34%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
13/C12. Do you think this proposal was more about making Horizons operations more transparent or was it more about getting some type of political payback against Horizon?	More about making Horizons operations more transparent	16%	17%	11%	21%	19%	11%	16%	16%	16%
	More about getting some type of political payback against Horizon	54%	54%	57%	39%	58%	58%	54%	55%	54%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	30%	29%	33%	40%	24%	31%	30%	29%	31%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13/C12. Do you think this proposal was more about making Horizons operations more transparent or was it more about getting some type of political payback against Horizon?	More about making Horizons operations more transparent	16%	16%	17%	14%	16%	17%	11%	18%	19%
	More about getting some type of political payback against Horizon	56%	53%	55%	53%	55%	53%	58%	58%	53%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	28%	31%	28%	33%	29%	30%	31%	24%	27%

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		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
13/C12. Do you think this proposal was more about making Horizons operations more transparent or was it more about getting some type of political payback against Horizon?	More about making Horizons operations more transparent	17%	16%	16%
	More about getting some type of political payback against Horizon	54%	54%	58%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	29%	30%	26%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
14/C13. Have you seen the pictures of Chris Christie sitting on a state park beach that was closed to the public during the shutdown, or have you not seen these pictures?	Yes, seen	86%	87%	73%	94%	80%	88%	84%	88%	86%	84%
	No, not seen	14%	13%	27%	6%	20%	12%	16%	12%	14%	16%

		AGE 3	RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
			55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
14/C13. Have you seen the pictures of Chris Christie sitting on a state park beach that was closed to the public during the shutdown, or have you not seen these pictures?	Yes, seen	88%	91%	78%	85%	88%	82%	88%	89%	87%
	No, not seen	12%	9%	22%	15%	12%	18%	12%	11%	13%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
14/C13. Have you seen the pictures of Chris Christie sitting on a state park beach that was closed to the public during the shutdown, or have you not seen these pictures?	Yes, seen	88%	83%
	No, not seen	12%	17%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
15/C14. What is the first word that comes to mind to describe how you felt when you saw those pictures?	Disgusted	7%	7%	3%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	5%
	Angry, outraged	7%	7%	9%	7%	3%	11%	5%	8%	10%
	Disappointed	4%	4%	0%	6%	2%	4%	5%	2%	5%
	Unbelievable, surprised, ridiculous	6%	6%	0%	3%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
	Disgraceful, horrible	2%	3%	0%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%
	Embarrassed	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Sad, upset, confused	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	5%
	Jerk, profanity used	6%	5%	13%	2%	9%	4%	6%	5%	5%
	Selfish, disregard	5%	5%	9%	3%	3%	9%	2%	8%	6%
	Entitled	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%
	Arrogant	3%	3%	5%	2%	5%	2%	5%	2%	3%
	Hypocrite	4%	4%	0%	1%	3%	6%	4%	3%	8%
	Typical, not surprised	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%
	Takes nerve, guts	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Unfair, taken advantage of	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	8%	3%	5%	5%
	Stupid, idiot, dumb move	4%	5%	1%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
	Doesnt care anymore, bad governor	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
	Other negative comment	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%
	Physical appearance	3%	4%	0%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%
	Laughed, amused	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%
	Fake news, upset with media	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	Not bothered	6%	7%	0%	14%	8%	1%	8%	5%	2%
	His right, good for him	2%	2%	5%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%
Other general comment	2%	2%	6%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	
No response	4%	4%	3%	7%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	
Not seen Christie pics [C13]	14%	13%	27%	6%	20%	12%	16%	12%	14%	

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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+
15/C14. What is the first word that comes to mind to describe how you felt when you saw those pictures?	Disgusted	7%	9%	9%	3%	5%	10%	4%	6%	9%
	Angry, outraged	7%	4%	6%	8%	7%	6%	4%	11%	5%
	Disappointed	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
	Unbelievable, surprised, ridiculous	6%	4%	4%	8%	7%	5%	7%	6%	4%
	Disgraceful, horrible	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%
	Embarrassed	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	Sad, upset, confused	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	Jerk, profanity used	7%	4%	6%	5%	8%	2%	10%	5%	4%
	Selfish, disregard	6%	5%	4%	9%	5%	6%	11%	3%	5%
	Entitled	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	Arrogant	3%	3%	5%	0%	3%	4%	1%	5%	3%
	Hypocrite	2%	2%	2%	6%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%
	Typical, not surprised	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%
	Takes nerve, guts	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
	Unfair, taken advantage of	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%
	Stupid, idiot, dumb move	2%	6%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%
	Doesnt care anymore, bad governor	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	0%	4%
	Other negative comment	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%
	Physical appearance	4%	5%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%
	Laughed, amused	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%
	Fake news, upset with media	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Not bothered	10%	6%	7%	4%	6%	7%	2%	9%	8%
	His right, good for him	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Other general comment	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	
No response	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	
Not seen Christie pics [C13]	16%	12%	9%	22%	15%	12%	18%	12%	11%	

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		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
15/C14. What is the first word that comes to mind to describe how you felt when you saw those pictures?	Disgusted	8%	10%	5%
	Angry, outraged	7%	4%	5%
	Disappointed	3%	3%	6%
	Unbelievable, surprised, ridiculous	7%	3%	5%
	Disgraceful, horrible	2%	2%	4%
	Embarrassed	1%	1%	1%
	Sad, upset, confused	2%	2%	3%
	Jerk, profanity used	6%	4%	7%
	Selfish, disregard	7%	8%	2%
	Entitled	1%	2%	2%
	Arrogant	2%	4%	5%
	Hypocrite	4%	4%	3%
	Typical, not surprised	4%	2%	2%
	Takes nerve, guts	0%	1%	1%
	Unfair, taken advantage of	5%	3%	3%
	Stupid, idiot, dumb move	5%	3%	4%
	Doesnt care anymore, bad governor	1%	5%	2%
	Other negative comment	2%	2%	1%
	Physical appearance	3%	3%	4%
	Laughed, amused	2%	4%	1%
	Fake news, upset with media	0%	2%	1%
	Not bothered	5%	9%	7%
	His right, good for him	1%	3%	3%
	Other general comment	4%	2%	1%
	No response	3%	3%	4%
	Not seen Christie pics [C13]	13%	12%	17%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
27/H2. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your main health insurance provider?	Very satisfied	44%	47%	19%	44%	43%	47%	41%	47%	36%
	Somewhat satisfied	36%	36%	40%	36%	34%	39%	40%	33%	35%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	8%	8%	10%	10%	9%	7%	8%	8%	12%
	Very dissatisfied	4%	4%	12%	7%	5%	2%	4%	4%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
No coverage [H1]		6%	5%	18%	3%	8%	5%	6%	6%	12%

		AGE 3		RACE 2		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		35-54	55+	White	Other	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
27/H2. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your main health insurance provider?	Very satisfied	41%	53%	50%	35%	45%	42%	36%	51%	43%
	Somewhat satisfied	41%	33%	34%	41%	35%	39%	32%	37%	41%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	8%	6%	7%	11%	8%	8%	8%	7%	10%
	Very dissatisfied	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	6%	10%	2%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
No coverage [H1]		6%	2%	6%	7%	8%	3%	15%	3%	2%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
27/H2. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your main health insurance provider?	Very satisfied	39%	39%	55%
	Somewhat satisfied	38%	44%	30%
	Somewhat dissatisfied	9%	11%	5%
	Very dissatisfied	5%	3%	5%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	0%	0%
No coverage [H1]		8%	3%	5%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE 3
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
28/H3. Do you currently get your main health insurance through Horizon Blue Cross or through some other provider?	Horizon Blue Cross [Note: "Horizon" and "Blue Cross" are acceptable]	39%	39%	38%	35%	39%	40%	38%	39%	42%
	Some other provider	54%	55%	44%	61%	53%	53%	55%	54%	46%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
	No coverage [H1]		6%	5%	18%	3%	8%	5%	6%	6%

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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+
28/H3. Do you currently get your main health insurance through Horizon Blue Cross or through some other provider?	Horizon Blue Cross [Note: "Horizon" and "Blue Cross" are acceptable]	41%	34%	39%	37%	38%	40%	27%	47%	45%
	Some other provider	52%	63%	54%	56%	53%	57%	58%	50%	53%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	No coverage [H1]	6%	2%	6%	7%	8%	3%	15%	3%	2%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
28/H3. Do you currently get your main health insurance through Horizon Blue Cross or through some other provider?	Horizon Blue Cross [Note: "Horizon" and "Blue Cross" are acceptable]	37%	45%	38%
	Some other provider	54%	51%	57%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	0%	0%
	No coverage [H1]	8%	3%	5%