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NEW JERSEY: PARTY-SWITCHING CD02 INCUMBENT TRAILS

Dems lead for US House, Senate and President

West Long Branch, NJ – The Democratic challenger has an edge against the previously Democratic incumbent in New Jersey’s 2nd Congressional District. The **Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll** finds that Jeff Van Drew’s party switch is more of an issue for district voters than Amy Kennedy’s famous in-laws. The two candidates are on basically equal footing when it comes to understanding the needs of South Jersey. In the presidential election, this district flipped from Democrat in 2012 to Republican in 2016, and it looks like it might flip back again next month.

Among all registered voters, Kennedy is supported by 49% and Van Drew is supported by 44%. Another 1% say they will support a third party candidate and 5% are undecided. Among likely voters in a high turnout scenario, Kennedy holds a 50% to 44% edge. She maintains that lead in a lower turnout model with 51% supporting her to 44% for Van Drew. It should be noted that these leads are all within the survey’s margin of error.

Kennedy holds a 94% to 1% advantage among Democratic voters while Van Drew has an 89% to 8% lead among his now-fellow Republicans. Independents prefer Kennedy by a 50% to 40% margin. The challenger has a sizable lead of 54% to 39% in her home county (Atlantic) but also has a small edge in the incumbent’s own backyard. She holds a 48% to 43% lead in Cape May and Cumberland counties, which Van Drew represented in the state legislature for 16 years before winning his current office in 2018. The Republican holds a lead in the rest of the district of 51% to 45% for Kennedy. Running as a Democrat for the then-open seat two years ago, Van Drew won Atlantic County by nearly 15 points and Cape May and Cumberland counties combined by 13 points. He lost the remainder of the district by 6 points.

“Cape May and Cumberland county voters got used to supporting Van Drew on the Democratic ticket. This time around many of them are sticking with the party rather than the candidate,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Nearly half of NJ02 voters are bothered by Van Drew being elected as a Democrat but now running for reelection as a Republican. This includes 35% who say it bothers them a lot and 12% a little, while 51% say it does not bother them. Nearly 9-in-10 Democrats (87%) and half of independents (46%) are bothered by the incumbent's change of party affiliation, compared with 15% of Republicans who feel that way. Of note, 12% of Van Drew's constituents say they were not aware of his party change.

District voters are split on what they think of Van Drew – 40% have a favorable opinion and 41% have an unfavorable view. Kennedy gets a 39% favorable and 31% unfavorable rating. A majority of NJ02 voters say the incumbent understands which issues are most important in South Jersey (34% great deal and 21% some), but a similar number say the same about the lesser-known challenger (24% great deal and 25% some). Another 32% say Van Drew does not understand South Jersey and 13% are unsure, while 28% say Kennedy does not understand South Jersey and 23% are unsure.

Two-thirds of voters (68%) are aware that Kennedy married into the famous political family from Massachusetts. Most voters (60%) say this connection has no impact on them while 20% see it as a positive and 17% see it as a negative.

“Kennedy was born and raised in the district and that connection is apparently what most voters are judging her on rather than her last name,” said Murray.

In the presidential election, Joe Biden holds a small lead over Donald Trump in the district – 48% to 45% among all registered voters, 50% to 45% among likely voters in a high turnout election, and 49% to 45% in a low turnout election. Trump won this district by 5 points in 2016 after Barack Obama prevailed by 8 points four years earlier.

The incumbent president gets an upside down job rating – 45% approve and 51% disapprove – in the district. Just 41% have a favorable view of Trump personally and 52% have an unfavorable opinion of him. Biden gets a split 45% favorable and 48% unfavorable rating.

“Van Drew scored a major coup when he brought the president to Wildwood earlier this year. That event certainly stoked Trump's base, but it fired up Democratic voters as well. This Obama-Trump district could be going back to blue next month,” said Murray.

Similar numbers of Democrats (69%) and Republicans (68%) in NJ02 say they are more enthusiastic this year compared to past elections. However, Republicans (51%) are much more likely to feel *very optimistic* about how the presidential race will turn out than Democrats (18%) are.

In New Jersey's U.S. Senate contest, incumbent Democrat Cory Booker leads Republican challenger Rik Mehta by 47% to 39% among registered voters in the 2nd district. Booker's lead stands at 48% to 40% among likely voters in a high turnout scenario and 47% to 41% in a low turnout model.

Governor Phil Murphy garners a positive job rating from voters in this South Jersey district – 50% approve and 43% disapprove.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone and online from September 26 to October 1, 2020 with 588 registered voters in New Jersey’s 2nd Congressional District sampled from a voter list file. The question results in this release have a margin of error +/- 4.1 percentage points. 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.)

[Note: Voters who report already casting their ballots were asked, “In the election for X, did you vote for...” for Q1-3.]

1. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your district was held today, would you vote for ... Jeff Van Drew the Republican, Amy Kennedy the Democrat, or another candidate? [NAMES WERE ROTATED] [If UNDECIDED: If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Jeff Van Drew or Amy Kennedy?]

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct.
(with leaners)	2020
Jeff Van Drew	44%
Amy Kennedy	49%
Another candidate	1%
(VOL) No one	<1%
(VOL) Undecided	5%
(n)	(588)

2. If the election for President was today, would you vote for ... Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian, Howie Hawkins of the Green Party, or another candidate? [NAMES WERE ROTATED] [If UNDECIDED: If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Donald Trump or Joe Biden?]

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct.
(with leaners)	2020
Donald Trump	45%
Joe Biden	48%
Jo Jorgensen	2%
Howie Hawkins	<1%
Another candidate	2%
(VOL) No one	<1%
(VOL) Undecided	3%
(n)	(588)

3. If the election for U.S. Senate was today, would you vote for ... Rik Mehta the Republican, Cory Booker the Democrat, or another candidate? [NAMES WERE ROTATED] [If UNDECIDED: If you had to vote for one of the following candidates at this moment, who do you lean toward – Rik Mehta or Cory Booker?]

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct.
(with leaners)	2020
Rik Mehta	39%
Cory Booker	47%
Another candidate	4%
(VOL) No one	1%
(VOL) Undecided	8%
(n)	(588)

4. Do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the 2020 presidential election? [Is that very or somewhat optimistic/pessimistic]?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Oct. 2020
Very optimistic	32%
Somewhat optimistic	28%
Somewhat pessimistic	17%
Very pessimistic	19%
(VOL) Neither, don't care	2%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(588)

5. How motivated are you to vote in the November election for president – very motivated, somewhat motivated, or not that motivated?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Oct. 2020
Very motivated	88%
Somewhat motivated	8%
Not that motivated	4%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(n)	(588)

6. Compared to past elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as past elections?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Oct. 2020
More enthusiastic	63%
Less enthusiastic	11%
About the same	25%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(588)

7. Please tell me if your general impression of each of the following people is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion. [NAMES WERE ROTATED]

Donald Trump

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Oct. 2020
Favorable	41%
Unfavorable	52%
No opinion	7%
(n)	(588)

Joe Biden

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Oct. 2020
Favorable	45%
Unfavorable	48%
No opinion	7%
(n)	(588)

Jeff Van Drew

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Oct. 2020
Favorable	40%
Unfavorable	41%
No opinion	19%
(n)	(588)

Amy Kennedy

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Favorable	39%
Unfavorable	31%
No opinion	30%
(n)	(588)

[QUESTIONS 8 & 9 WERE ROTATED]

8. How much does Jeff Van Drew understand which issues are most important in South Jersey – a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Great deal	34%
Some	21%
Not much	13%
Not at all	19%
(VOL) Don't know	13%
(n)	(588)

9. How much does Amy Kennedy understand which issues are most important in South Jersey – a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Great deal	24%
Some	25%
Not much	15%
Not at all	13%
(VOL) Don't know	23%
(n)	(588)

10. Were you aware that Congressman Van Drew changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican last year, or hadn't you heard about this?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Aware	88%
Not heard	12%
(n)	(588)

11. Does it bother you that Van Drew was elected to office as a Democrat but is running for re-election as a Republican – does it bother you a lot, a little, or not at all?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
A lot	35%
A little	12%
Not at all	51%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(588)

12. Were you aware that Amy Kennedy is married to a member of the Kennedy family from Massachusetts, that included President John F. Kennedy, Senator Ted Kennedy and other well-known politicians, or hadn't you heard about this?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Aware	68%
Not heard	32%
(n)	(588)

13. Do you see it as a positive or negative that Amy Kennedy is related to the famous political family, or does it have no impact on you either way?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Positive	20%
Negative	17%
No impact	60%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(588)

[QUESTIONS 14 & 15 WERE ROTATED]

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

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Approve	45%
Disapprove	51%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(588)

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Oct. 2020
Approve	50%
Disapprove	43%
(VOL) Don't know	7%
(n)	(588)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from September 26 to October 1, 2020 with a random sample of 588 voters in New Jersey's 2nd Congressional District drawn from a list of registered voters. This includes 200 contacted by a live interviewer in English (80 on a landline telephone and 120 on a cell phone) and 388 conducted online in English recruited via email invitation from a voter list file. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for party registration, age, gender, race, education, and region based on state voter registration list information and U.S. Census information (CPS 2018 supplement). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (phone field) and Aristotle (phone and email voter samples). For results based on the full voter sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 4.1 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.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)	
REGISTERED VOTERS	
<i>Party Registration</i>	
30%	Republican
38%	Other/none
32%	Democrat
<i>Self-Reported Party</i>	
29%	Republican
44%	Independent
26%	Democrat
<i>Gender</i>	
50%	Male
50%	Female
<i>Age</i>	
23%	18-34
21%	35-49
27%	50-64
28%	65+
<i>Race</i>	
81%	White, non-Hispanic
9%	Black
7%	Hispanic
2%	Asian
1%	Other
<i>Education</i>	
66%	No degree
34%	4 year degree

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
REGISTERED VOTERS		588	4.1%
SELF-REPORTED	<i>Republican</i>	171	7.5%
PARTY ID	<i>Independent</i>	245	6.3%
	<i>Democrat</i>	159	7.8%
IDEOLOGY	<i>Liberal</i>	149	8.0%
	<i>Moderate</i>	195	7.0%
	<i>Conservative</i>	218	6.6%
GENDER	<i>Male</i>	307	5.6%
	<i>Female</i>	281	5.9%
AGE	<i>18-49</i>	175	7.4%
	<i>50-64</i>	171	7.5%
	<i>65+</i>	235	6.4%
INCOME	<i><\$50K</i>	106	9.5%
	<i>\$50 to <100K</i>	186	7.2%
	<i>\$100K+</i>	217	6.7%
COUNTY	<i>Atlantic</i>	216	6.7%
	<i>Cape May/Cumberland</i>	168	7.6%
	<i>Other</i>	204	6.9%
RACE	<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	456	4.6%
	<i>Other</i>	90	10.3%
RACE EDUCATION	<i>White, no degree</i>	208	6.8%
	<i>White, 4 year degree</i>	245	6.3%

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Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY HOUSE CD02 -- 10/05/20

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
1. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your district was held today, would you vote for Jeff Van Drew the Republican, Amy Kennedy the Democrat, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Jeff Van Drew	44%	89%	40%	1%	8%	29%	81%	51%	37%
	Amy Kennedy	49%	8%	50%	94%	89%	63%	15%	41%	57%
	Other	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	[VOL] No one	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	[VOL] Undecided	5%	2%	9%	2%	2%	7%	5%	6%	4%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
1. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your district was held today, would you vote for Jeff Van Drew the Republican, Amy Kennedy the Democrat, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Jeff Van Drew	42%	47%	44%	32%	51%	44%	39%	43%	51%
	Amy Kennedy	50%	49%	50%	59%	44%	54%	54%	48%	45%
	Other	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
	[VOL] No one	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	[VOL] Undecided	8%	3%	3%	6%	5%	2%	7%	7%	2%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
1. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives in your district was held today, would you vote for Jeff Van Drew the Republican, Amy Kennedy the Democrat, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Jeff Van Drew	46%	25%	53%	32%
	Amy Kennedy	48%	65%	39%	66%
	Other	1%	1%	1%	1%
	[VOL] No one	1%	0%	1%	0%
	[VOL] Undecided	4%	8%	6%	2%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
2. If the election for President was today, would you vote for Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian, Howie Hawkins of the Green Party, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Donald Trump	45%	89%	40%	3%	10%	27%	82%	54%	36%
	Joe Biden	48%	8%	48%	96%	86%	64%	14%	40%	57%
	Jo Jorgensen	2%	0%	4%	0%	0%	5%	0%	3%	0%
	Howie Hawkins	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Other	2%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	3%
	[VOL] No one	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Undecided	3%	1%	6%	0%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY HOUSE CD02 -- 10/05/20

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
2. If the election for President was today, would you vote for Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian, Howie Hawkins of the Green Party, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Donald Trump	43%	47%	44%	35%	51%	43%	38%	49%	48%
	Joe Biden	46%	49%	53%	53%	43%	53%	51%	47%	47%
	Jo Jorgensen	4%	0%	0%	2%	0%	3%	3%	0%	1%
	Howie Hawkins	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Other	3%	1%	0%	6%	1%	0%	2%	3%	0%
	[VOL] No one	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Undecided	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	5%	0%	4%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
2. If the election for President was today, would you vote for Donald Trump the Republican, Joe Biden the Democrat, Jo Jorgensen the Libertarian, Howie Hawkins of the Green Party, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Donald Trump	46%	30%	53%	33%
	Joe Biden	47%	64%	38%	65%
	Jo Jorgensen	2%	0%	3%	1%
	Howie Hawkins	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Other	2%	2%	3%	0%
	[VOL] No one	0%	1%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Undecided	3%	3%	4%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
3. If the election for U.S. Senate was today, would you vote for Rik Mehta the Republican, Cory Booker the Democrat, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Rik Mehta	39%	81%	34%	1%	7%	20%	77%	48%	31%
	Cory Booker	47%	11%	44%	96%	91%	62%	13%	42%	53%
	Other	4%	2%	7%	2%	0%	7%	3%	4%	4%
	[VOL] No one	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
		[VOL] Undecided	8%	5%	15%	1%	2%	10%	7%	6%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
3. If the election for U.S. Senate was today, would you vote for Rik Mehta the Republican, Cory Booker the Democrat, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Rik Mehta	35%	44%	40%	32%	44%	37%	36%	40%	43%
	Cory Booker	49%	44%	49%	56%	40%	54%	50%	48%	44%
	Other	6%	2%	3%	3%	6%	2%	3%	2%	6%
	[VOL] No one	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
		[VOL] Undecided	9%	9%	7%	6%	9%	6%	10%	7%

Monmouth University Poll -- NEW JERSEY HOUSE CD02 -- 10/05/20

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
3. If the election for U.S. Senate was today, would you vote for Rik Mehta the Republican, Cory Booker the Democrat, or another candidate? [with leaners] [Names were rotated]	Rik Mehta	41%	21%	46%	30%
	Cory Booker	45%	70%	35%	64%
	Other	5%	2%	7%	0%
	[VOL] No one	1%	1%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Undecided	9%	6%	10%	5%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
4. Do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the 2020 presidential election? [Is that very or somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)?]	Very optimistic	32%	51%	27%	18%	22%	21%	48%	35%	28%
	Somewhat optimistic	28%	25%	24%	39%	31%	34%	24%	26%	30%
	Somewhat pessimistic	17%	11%	19%	21%	23%	18%	14%	14%	21%
	Very pessimistic	19%	9%	26%	18%	21%	24%	11%	22%	16%
	[VOL] Neither	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
4. Do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the 2020 presidential election? [Is that very or somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)?]	Very optimistic	26%	40%	33%	27%	39%	26%	28%	41%	27%
	Somewhat optimistic	26%	27%	32%	30%	26%	31%	31%	23%	30%
	Somewhat pessimistic	21%	15%	15%	16%	17%	18%	18%	15%	18%
	Very pessimistic	26%	13%	14%	22%	16%	24%	18%	18%	21%
	[VOL] Neither	1%	3%	3%	4%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	3%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
4. Do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the 2020 presidential election? [Is that very or somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)?]	Very optimistic	33%	22%	41%	17%
	Somewhat optimistic	27%	34%	24%	34%
	Somewhat pessimistic	16%	23%	12%	24%
	Very pessimistic	20%	18%	19%	22%
	[VOL] Neither	2%	2%	3%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	1%	4%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
5. How motivated are you to vote in the November election for president - very motivated, somewhat motivated, or not that motivated?	Very motivated	88%	91%	81%	96%	91%	84%	91%	87%	90%
	Somewhat motivated	8%	5%	12%	4%	5%	11%	6%	7%	8%
	Not that motivated	4%	4%	6%	0%	4%	4%	2%	6%	2%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
5. How motivated are you to vote in the November election for president - very motivated, somewhat motivated, or not that motivated?	Very motivated	80%	94%	95%	73%	94%	91%	85%	86%	94%
	Somewhat motivated	13%	4%	4%	16%	2%	7%	10%	7%	6%
	Not that motivated	7%	2%	1%	11%	4%	1%	5%	6%	0%

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		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
5. How motivated are you to vote in the November election for president - very motivated, somewhat motivated, or not that motivated?	Very motivated	91%	81%	88%	95%
	Somewhat motivated	5%	17%	5%	4%
	Not that motivated	5%	2%	7%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
6. Compared to past elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as past elections?	More enthusiastic	63%	68%	56%	69%	67%	60%	65%	62%	65%
	Less enthusiastic	11%	7%	13%	12%	15%	12%	9%	9%	13%
	About the same	25%	24%	31%	18%	17%	28%	25%	29%	21%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%

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		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
6. Compared to past elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as past elections?	More enthusiastic	56%	72%	65%	52%	68%	66%	65%	59%	66%
	Less enthusiastic	14%	7%	11%	18%	7%	10%	15%	9%	9%
	About the same	30%	21%	23%	29%	25%	23%	20%	31%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
6. Compared to past elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as past elections?	More enthusiastic	65%	56%	65%	65%
	Less enthusiastic	10%	16%	9%	12%
	About the same	25%	28%	26%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	1%	1%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
7A. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Donald Trump?	Favorable	41%	81%	35%	3%	7%	22%	78%	46%	35%
	Unfavorable	52%	14%	55%	91%	89%	70%	15%	45%	59%
	No opinion	7%	5%	10%	5%	4%	8%	7%	9%	6%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
7A. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Donald Trump?	Favorable	37%	44%	42%	30%	45%	41%	36%	41%	46%
	Unfavorable	53%	50%	54%	63%	47%	55%	55%	50%	50%
	No opinion	10%	7%	4%	7%	8%	4%	9%	8%	5%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
7A. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Donald Trump?	Favorable	43%	21%	48%	32%
	Unfavorable	52%	64%	44%	67%
	No opinion	5%	15%	8%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
7B. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Joe Biden?	Favorable	45%	10%	41%	93%	81%	58%	13%	36%	54%
	Unfavorable	48%	87%	46%	5%	12%	32%	82%	55%	40%
	No opinion	7%	4%	13%	2%	6%	10%	5%	9%	5%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
7B. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Joe Biden?	Favorable	39%	49%	53%	48%	41%	49%	45%	45%	46%
	Unfavorable	51%	45%	44%	43%	49%	48%	46%	46%	51%
	No opinion	10%	6%	4%	9%	10%	3%	9%	9%	3%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
7B. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Joe Biden?	Favorable	45%	58%	36%	61%
	Unfavorable	50%	28%	57%	36%
	No opinion	6%	14%	7%	2%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
7C. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Jeff Van Drew?	Favorable	40%	80%	33%	7%	7%	27%	74%	47%	34%
	Unfavorable	41%	7%	43%	77%	77%	54%	9%	34%	48%
	No opinion	19%	13%	24%	16%	16%	19%	18%	20%	18%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
7C. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Jeff Van Drew?	Favorable	36%	46%	39%	30%	45%	40%	39%	43%	38%
	Unfavorable	36%	43%	47%	44%	38%	45%	39%	44%	40%
	No opinion	28%	11%	13%	26%	18%	15%	22%	13%	21%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
7C. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Jeff Van Drew?	Favorable	41%	29%	46%	30%
	Unfavorable	42%	48%	34%	57%
	No opinion	18%	23%	20%	13%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
7D. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Amy Kennedy?	Favorable	39%	9%	36%	79%	72%	49%	13%	28%	50%
	Unfavorable	31%	67%	23%	3%	6%	15%	61%	36%	26%
	No opinion	30%	25%	41%	18%	22%	36%	26%	36%	24%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
7D. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Amy Kennedy?	Favorable	31%	43%	48%	37%	37%	46%	40%	40%	36%
	Unfavorable	29%	34%	28%	22%	36%	28%	28%	30%	35%
	No opinion	39%	23%	23%	41%	27%	26%	31%	30%	29%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
7D. Please tell me if your general impression of... is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion: Amy Kennedy?	Favorable	40%	46%	30%	59%
	Unfavorable	32%	20%	36%	23%
	No opinion	28%	34%	34%	18%

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			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
8. How much does Jeff Van Drew understand which issues are most important in South Jersey - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	34%	62%	31%	5%	7%	25%	60%	38%	29%
	Some	21%	19%	23%	22%	24%	21%	21%	20%	22%
	Not much	13%	7%	15%	20%	16%	19%	6%	13%	14%
	Not at all	19%	5%	15%	40%	39%	20%	6%	16%	21%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	8%	15%	12%	14%	15%	7%	13%	13%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
8. How much does Jeff Van Drew understand which issues are most important in South Jersey - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	25%	41%	39%	25%	37%	33%	34%	36%	31%
	Some	26%	20%	14%	24%	22%	20%	22%	17%	24%
	Not much	14%	11%	15%	17%	14%	14%	12%	14%	15%
	Not at all	15%	20%	22%	21%	13%	22%	17%	20%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	19%	8%	9%	14%	14%	10%	15%	13%	11%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
8. How much does Jeff Van Drew understand which issues are most important in South Jersey - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	36%	19%	40%	27%
	Some	20%	28%	18%	24%
	Not much	14%	14%	13%	15%
	Not at all	20%	17%	18%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	22%	11%	10%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
9. How much does Amy Kennedy understand which issues are most important in South Jersey - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	24%	6%	19%	55%	49%	31%	5%	17%	32%
	Some	25%	17%	28%	30%	31%	33%	18%	23%	27%
	Not much	15%	26%	14%	4%	3%	10%	28%	17%	12%
	Not at all	13%	29%	10%	2%	5%	3%	26%	16%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	23%	22%	30%	10%	13%	22%	23%	27%	19%

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		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
9. How much does Amy Kennedy understand which issues are most important in South Jersey - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	17%	33%	28%	25%	21%	29%	27%	23%	23%
	Some	27%	21%	26%	27%	25%	27%	24%	27%	24%
	Not much	13%	15%	17%	15%	18%	12%	16%	12%	16%
	Not at all	12%	16%	13%	7%	17%	10%	14%	10%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	31%	15%	16%	26%	19%	21%	19%	28%	21%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
9. How much does Amy Kennedy understand which issues are most important in South Jersey - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	26%	25%	21%	34%
	Some	23%	42%	19%	30%
	Not much	15%	10%	18%	8%
	Not at all	14%	9%	16%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	23%	15%	25%	19%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
10. Were you aware that Congressman Van Drew changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican last year, or hadnt you heard about this?	Aware	88%	90%	84%	91%	90%	89%	90%	86%	90%
	Not heard	12%	10%	16%	9%	10%	11%	10%	14%	10%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
10. Were you aware that Congressman Van Drew changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican last year, or hadnt you heard about this?	Aware	79%	94%	95%	82%	87%	93%	86%	87%	90%
	Not heard	21%	6%	5%	18%	13%	7%	14%	13%	10%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
10. Were you aware that Congressman Van Drew changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican last year, or hadnt you heard about this?	Aware	90%	76%	88%	95%
	Not heard	10%	24%	12%	5%

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			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
11. Does it bother you that Van Drew was elected to office as a Democrat but is running for re-election as a Republican - does it bother you a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	35%	6%	32%	75%	72%	46%	8%	29%	42%
	A little	12%	9%	14%	12%	9%	13%	9%	10%	14%
	Not at all	51%	81%	52%	12%	17%	41%	81%	58%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
11. Does it bother you that Van Drew was elected to office as a Democrat but is running for re-election as a Republican - does it bother you a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	29%	38%	44%	37%	31%	42%	34%	39%	33%
	A little	16%	9%	7%	14%	13%	8%	16%	10%	10%
	Not at all	53%	51%	47%	43%	55%	50%	49%	48%	56%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	2%	6%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
11. Does it bother you that Van Drew was elected to office as a Democrat but is running for re-election as a Republican - does it bother you a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	38%	34%	30%	53%
	A little	9%	25%	9%	10%
	Not at all	51%	40%	58%	37%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
12. Were you aware that Amy Kennedy is married to a member of the Kennedy family from Massachusetts, that included President John F. Kennedy, Senator Ted Kennedy and other well-known politicians, or hadnt you heard about this?	Aware	68%	66%	63%	81%	73%	73%	66%	67%	69%
	Not heard	32%	34%	37%	19%	27%	27%	34%	33%	31%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
12. Were you aware that Amy Kennedy is married to a member of the Kennedy family from Massachusetts, that included President John F. Kennedy, Senator Ted Kennedy and other well-known politicians, or hadnt you heard about this?	Aware	56%	75%	79%	62%	64%	76%	74%	68%	62%
	Not heard	44%	25%	21%	38%	36%	24%	26%	32%	38%

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		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
12. Were you aware that Amy Kennedy is married to a member of the Kennedy family from Massachusetts, that included President John F. Kennedy, Senator Ted Kennedy and other well-known politicians, or hadnt you heard about this?	Aware	73%	49%	70%	81%
	Not heard	27%	51%	30%	19%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
13. Do you see it as a positive or negative that Amy Kennedy is related to the famous political family, or does it have no impact on you either way?	Positive	20%	8%	15%	43%	34%	27%	7%	15%	25%
	Negative	17%	30%	15%	4%	7%	8%	32%	19%	15%
	No impact	60%	59%	66%	51%	56%	64%	57%	64%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
13. Do you see it as a positive or negative that Amy Kennedy is related to the famous political family, or does it have no impact on you either way?	Positive	14%	26%	23%	22%	22%	16%	24%	20%	15%
	Negative	17%	16%	17%	17%	15%	18%	17%	15%	19%
	No impact	65%	57%	56%	58%	63%	61%	57%	62%	62%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	5%	3%	2%	4%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
13. Do you see it as a positive or negative that Amy Kennedy is related to the famous political family, or does it have no impact on you either way?	Positive	20%	23%	21%	20%
	Negative	16%	11%	17%	14%
	No impact	61%	63%	59%	65%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
14. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	45%	88%	40%	6%	10%	29%	82%	52%	39%
	Disapprove	51%	8%	56%	93%	89%	68%	14%	44%	58%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
14. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	43%	45%	48%	35%	51%	44%	41%	46%	50%
	Disapprove	53%	50%	51%	60%	46%	55%	54%	50%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	1%	5%	3%	1%	5%	4%	1%

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		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
14. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	48%	26%	54%	36%
	Disapprove	50%	69%	43%	63%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	5%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
15. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	50%	21%	47%	90%	90%	63%	17%	40%	60%
	Disapprove	43%	73%	43%	6%	6%	31%	75%	53%	32%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	9%	4%	4%	6%	7%	7%	8%

		AGE 3-WAY			INCOME			REGION		
		18-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Atlantic	CapeMay Cumber	Other
15. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	49%	50%	52%	54%	45%	55%	53%	51%	46%
	Disapprove	44%	43%	41%	36%	48%	39%	42%	39%	48%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	8%	10%	7%	6%	5%	10%	7%

		RACE		RACE EDUCATION	
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college
15. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	49%	69%	41%	64%
	Disapprove	44%	25%	50%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	6%	9%	4%