

# **Obama and Menendez Lead In New Jersey**

Christie Job Performance at 50%

When asked about the “Build Our Future Bond Act,” 72 percent of likely voters support the public question, 21 percent oppose and 8 percent are not sure/don’t know/refuse to answer.

Proponents of the “Build Our Future Bond Act” say the \$750 million will be invested in academic and research facilities in colleges and universities in New Jersey. Institutions receiving funds must provide 25 percent match of the capital funding for projects by the Bond Act.

“Certainly opinions can change, but with the less than three weeks to election day, likely New Jersey voters have expressed their strong support for the higher education bond act,” said Douglas.

By a majority, but by a lesser margin, likely New Jersey voters favor the Public Question that allows changes in compensation for judges with 62 percent favoring the change in the New Jersey Constitution, 30 percent opposed and 9 percent not sure/don’t know/refuse to answer.

Although New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is not on the ballot this year, respondents were asked about his job performance as Governor. Half of the respondents rated his job performance as excellent or good, 48 percent rated his job performance as fair or poor. Two percent responded as not sure/don’t know/refuse to answer.

Governor Christie’s favorability ratings were slightly better than his job performance numbers with 52 percent viewing him favorably, 42 percent viewing him unfavorably and 5 percent responded as not sure/don’t know/refuse to answer/unfamiliar.

## **Methodology**

Interviews are conducted at the Stockton Polling Institute by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 811 likely voters from October 12<sup>th</sup> to October 18<sup>th</sup>. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. All prospective respondent households in the source telephone list have the same chance of joining the sample because of the random digital dialing system (RDD). The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percent at 95% confidence level. Data is weighted according to United States Census Bureau demographics for New Jersey voter age population.

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