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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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SANDY WON'T CHANGE THEIR VACATION PLANS, NEW JERSEY VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL; MENEDEZ GETS SMALL BOUNCE AFTER BIG DROP

New Jersey voters say 85 – 13 percent that they are not changing their summer vacation plans because of Hurricane Sandy, as 74 percent say the Garden State's recovery from Sandy is going "very well" or "somewhat well," according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Voters approve 85 – 10 percent of the way Gov. Christopher Christie is handling the recovery from Sandy, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Voter ratings of other agencies and insurance companies for handling of Sandy recovery are:

- 43 percent rate the Federal Emergency Management Agency "excellent" or "good," with 47 percent saying "not so good" or "poor;"
- 70 percent rate the state government "excellent" or "good," with 24 percent saying "not so good" or "poor;"
- 74 percent rate their local government "excellent" or "good," with 18 percent saying "not so good" or "poor;"
- 25 percent rate insurance companies "excellent" or "good," with 56 percent saying "not so good" or "poor."

"Call Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, or Snooki and The Situation for you younger folks, but don't invite Sandy. New Jersey voters say Sandy has not changed their vacation plans" said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Will the Shore open for business in the summer? Voters are happy with the recovery.

"Gov. Christopher Christie's Sandy performance is still a huge political plus.

"Garden State voters think governments – state and local – are doing a good job on recovery. FEMA gets mixed marks. Insurance companies get a thumbs down."

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New Jersey voters say 69 – 23 percent, including 75 – 22 percent among Shore area voters, that building sand dunes and sea walls to protect ocean front communities is a good idea, even if they block some views.

Voters also support 73 – 22 percent, including 73 – 21 percent at the Shore, having the government buy flood-threatened properties and allow no further development on those sites.

“Better safe than scenic. Those Shore dwellers who say dunes would spoil their views don’t get much sympathy – even from their neighbors in Shore areas. In fact, New Jersey voters say 72 – 22 percent that government has the right to block someone’s ocean view with a dune or seawall,” Carroll said.

“And voters are ready to break the cycle of flooding and recovery by having the government buy flood-prone properties and giving them back to Mother Nature.”

Sen. Menendez Approval

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez’ job approval rating has bounced back to 40 – 37 percent from a negative 36 – 41 percent approval rating in a February 20 Quinnipiac University poll. The negative rating, in the wake of allegations of impropriety, marked a 15-point drop from a 51 – 33 percent approval January 23.

New Jersey voters are divided 35 – 36 percent, with 29 percent undecided, on whether Sen. Menendez is honest and trustworthy. Last month, voters said 44 – 28 percent that he is not honest and trustworthy.

Voters say 40 – 35 percent, with 25 percent undecided, that they are satisfied with the way Menendez is handling this matter. The controversy is worth investigation, 53 percent of voters say, while 30 percent say it is politically motivated.

“The fall-out from those scandal stories has wounded Sen. Robert Menendez, but it looks like he has stopped the bleeding and even recovered a little,” Carroll said.

“A substantial number of voters say the attacks are ‘just politics,’ but a majority thinks the allegations should be investigated.”

From March 19 – 24, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,129 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Menendez is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	40%	23%	63%	33%	40%	40%	33%	62%
Disapprove	37	60	14	43	44	32	44	14
DK/NA	22	17	23	24	16	28	23	25

	COLLEGE DEG	AGE IN YRS.....	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
	Yes No	18-34 35-54 55+	<50K 50-100 >100K
Approve	40%	40%	41%
Disapprove	40	36	30
DK/NA	20	24	29

HEARD OF CONTROVERSY Q17

	Yes	No
Approve	41%	39%
Disapprove	44	21
DK/NA	15	40

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Menendez is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013	Jan 23 2013	Nov 28 2012	Jul 18 2012	APPROVE..... High Low Nov 28 2012 Feb 20 2008
Approve	40	36	51	56	46	56 30
Disapprove	37	41	33	29	32	29 31
DK/NA	22	23	15	14	22	14 39

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Frank Lautenberg is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	42%	33%	57%	38%	44%	41%	41%	54%
Disapprove	33	54	14	35	36	29	36	19
DK/NA	25	13	28	27	20	29	23	27

	COLLEGE DEG	AGE IN YRS.....	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
	Yes No	18-34 35-54 55+	<50K 50-100 >100K
Approve	42%	43%	36%
Disapprove	35	31	22
DK/NA	23	26	42

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Frank Lautenberg is handling his job as United States Senator? (*High also 55% Sep 1999 & Jul 1999)

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013	Jan 23 2013	Nov 28 2012	Sep 05 2012	APPROVE..... High Low Jul 27 2000* Feb 20 2008
Approve	42	48	50	49	44	55 39
Disapprove	33	32	34	33	36	22 31
DK/NA	25	19	16	19	20	23 29

16. Would you say that Robert Menendez is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	35%	21%	53%	27%	36%	33%	29%	44%
No	36	56	17	40	44	30	40	25
DK/NA	29	23	30	32	21	37	30	32

	COLLEGE DEG	AGE IN YRS.....	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
Yes	No	18-34 35-54 55+	<50K 50-100 >100K
Yes	33%	35%	34%
No	41	33	28
DK/NA	26	31	38

HEARD OF CONTROVERSY Q17

	Yes	No
Yes	36%	34%
No	44	16
DK/NA	20	51

TREND: Would you say that Robert Menendez is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013	Sep 20 2006	Jun 15 2006
Yes	35	28	33	38
No	36	44	24	21
DK/NA	29	28	43	41

17. Have you heard or read anything about the controversy surrounding Senator Menendez and his ties to a political donor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes	73%	78%	72%	72%	76%	70%	76%	61%
No	25	19	25	26	22	27	21	39
DK/NA	2	4	3	2	2	3	3	-

	COLLEGE DEG	AGE IN YRS.....	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME
Yes	No	18-34 35-54 55+	<50K 50-100 >100K
Yes	82%	67%	42%
No	16	30	53
DK/NA	2	2	5

TREND: Have you heard or read anything about the controversy surrounding Senator Menendez and his ties to a political donor?

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013
Yes	73	70
No	25	28
DK/NA	2	2

18. Does this controversy make you think less favorably of Senator Menendez or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Less favorably	41%	59%	30%	41%	43%	39%	47%	20%
No difference	47	34	58	44	48	46	40	77
DK/NA	12	7	12	15	9	14	14	4

	COLLEGE DEG	AGE IN YRS.....	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
	Yes No	18-34 35-54 55+	<50K 50-100 >100K					
Less favorably	47%	37%	32%	41%	43%	33%	41%	51%
No difference	41	51	51	48	46	55	47	39
DK/NA	12	12	16	11	11	12	12	10

HEARD OF CONTROVERSY Q17

	Yes	No
Less favorably	49%	19%
No difference	46	51
DK/NA	4	30

TREND: Does this controversy make you think less favorably of Senator Menendez or doesn't it make a difference?

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013
Less favorably	41	48
No difference	47	40
DK/NA	12	12

19. Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the way Senator Menendez is handling this matter?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Satisfied	40%	26%	54%	35%	43%	37%	38%	51%
Not satisfied	35	49	21	38	37	33	36	27
DK/NA	25	25	25	27	20	30	26	22

	COLLEGE DEG	AGE IN YRS.....	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME					
	Yes No	18-34 35-54 55+	<50K 50-100 >100K					
Satisfied	38%	41%	30%	42%	43%	41%	47%	33%
Not satisfied	38	33	30	35	35	32	30	43
DK/NA	24	26	40	23	22	27	23	24

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19. (cont'd) Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the way Senator Menendez is handling this matter?

	Yes	No
Satisfied	46%	25%
Not satisfied	40	21
DK/NA	14	55

TREND: Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the way Senator Menendez is handling this matter?

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013
Satisfied	40	28
Not satisfied	35	42
DK/NA	25	30

20. Do you think the controversy surrounding Senator Menendez and his ties to a political donor is worth investigating or do you think it is politically motivated?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Worth investigating	53%	70%	39%	54%	56%	50%	55%	48%
Politically motivatd	30	18	41	27	25	34	27	37
BOTH (VOL)	5	4	6	5	7	4	5	6
DK/NA	12	7	14	14	12	13	13	9

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Worth investigating	52%	53%	50%	53%	54%	51%	52%	58%
Politically motivatd	32	28	26	30	32	31	32	27
BOTH (VOL)	6	4	2	6	5	3	5	6
DK/NA	9	14	22	11	10	14	11	9

	HEARD OF CONTROVERSY Q17	
	Yes	No
Worth investigating	56%	46%
Politically motivatd	34	21
BOTH (VOL)	6	2
DK/NA	5	31

TREND: Do you think the controversy surrounding Senator Menendez and his ties to a political donor is worth investigating or do you think it is politically motivated?

	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013
Worth investigating	53	60
Politically motivatd	30	23
BOTH (VOL)	5	4
DK/NA	12	12

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Christie is handling the recovery from Hurricane Sandy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	85%	91%	81%	85%	86%	83%	88%	79%
Disapprove	10	7	13	9	9	11	8	16
DK/NA	5	2	7	7	4	6	4	5

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	AGE IN 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	INCOME >100K
Approve	86%	84%	92%	85%	82%	81%	81%	91%
Disapprove	9	11	6	9	13	12	13	6
DK/NA	5	5	1	7	6	7	6	3

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Approve	83%	84%	87%	79%	90%	86%	80%	85%
Disapprove	11	9	9	15	7	9	12	12
DK/NA	6	6	4	7	3	5	8	3

24. What is your impression of how well New Jersey's recovery from Hurricane Sandy is going; would you say very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Very well	13%	18%	12%	9%	14%	11%	13%	10%
Somewhat well	61	62	59	64	62	60	63	58
Somewhat badly	17	16	17	17	14	19	17	23
Very badly	5	2	5	5	5	5	4	6
DK/NA	5	2	7	5	5	6	4	3

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	AGE IN 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	INCOME >100K
Very well	10%	15%	33%	11%	7%	17%	9%	14%
Somewhat well	67	57	56	61	62	57	61	66
Somewhat badly	16	17	10	19	17	15	18	15
Very badly	3	5	1	3	7	5	7	3
DK/NA	4	6	-	6	7	7	5	3

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Very well	14%	13%	12%	9%	15%	11%	19%	12%
Somewhat well	62	60	64	64	56	62	53	62
Somewhat badly	14	16	16	14	21	18	17	18
Very badly	2	3	6	7	6	4	5	7
DK/NA	8	7	2	7	2	5	6	2

25. Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the pace of New Jersey's recovery from Hurricane Sandy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Satisfied	55%	63%	55%	51%	59%	51%	57%	42%
Not Satisfied	38	30	39	41	36	40	36	50
DK/NA	7	7	6	7	5	9	7	8

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	AGE IN 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	INCOME >100K
Satisfied	57%	53%	76%	59%	44%	52%	51%	63%
Not Satisfied	36	40	22	36	47	40	45	31
DK/NA	7	7	1	6	9	9	4	6

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Satisfied	56%	56%	54%	55%	53%	53%	54%	56%
Not Satisfied	37	36	38	37	45	39	39	41
DK/NA	7	9	7	8	2	7	7	2

26. How would you rate - FEMA's, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, handling of the recovery from Hurricane Sandy; excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Excellent	5%	2%	8%	4%	4%	6%	4%	12%
Good	38	39	44	35	36	40	39	29
Not so good	33	32	32	36	35	30	32	35
Poor	14	17	7	15	18	12	14	15
DK/NA	9	10	9	9	7	11	10	9

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	AGE IN 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	INCOME >100K
Excellent	3%	7%	8%	5%	4%	10%	3%	5%
Good	41	37	46	43	33	36	38	44
Not so good	31	34	31	29	37	30	34	30
Poor	14	14	8	16	15	15	18	13
DK/NA	10	8	7	7	11	9	7	9

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Excellent	6%	4%	8%	5%	5%	4%	9%	6%
Good	41	39	36	39	38	37	41	41
Not so good	30	33	30	32	37	33	32	30
Poor	15	13	15	15	14	15	11	17
DK/NA	8	11	10	9	6	10	7	6

27. How would you rate - the state government's handling of the recovery from Hurricane Sandy; excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Excellent	9%	9%	10%	8%	9%	10%	10%	6%
Good	61	71	60	59	64	59	65	53
Not so good	19	14	19	21	17	20	16	29
Poor	5	2	5	6	4	5	4	7
DK/NA	6	4	6	5	5	6	6	5

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Excellent	9%	10%	16%	11%	6%	10%	7%	14%
Good	64	60	69	60	59	55	60	68
Not so good	17	19	10	18	23	21	24	10
Poor	4	6	2	6	5	7	4	4
DK/NA	6	6	3	5	7	7	5	4

				Philly		Own	Rent	HmDamaged
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	Home	Home	BySandy
Excellent	6%	8%	10%	14%	10%	8%	10%	11%
Good	67	58	67	55	62	62	59	58
Not so good	16	24	14	12	22	19	21	19
Poor	6	3	3	12	2	4	7	8
DK/NA	5	6	5	7	4	7	3	4

28. How would you rate - your local government's handling of the recovery from Hurricane Sandy; excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Excellent	19%	20%	19%	18%	20%	17%	22%	10%
Good	55	61	55	55	55	55	53	64
Not so good	13	9	15	14	13	14	11	18
Poor	5	3	4	6	6	5	4	6
DK/NA	7	7	7	7	6	9	8	2

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Excellent	20%	17%	24%	20%	16%	11%	21%	25%
Good	56	55	58	56	55	58	56	53
Not so good	10	15	13	14	13	16	13	10
Poor	6	5	4	6	5	7	5	5
DK/NA	8	7	2	4	12	9	6	7

				Philly		Own	Rent	HmDamaged
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	Home	Home	BySandy
Excellent	14%	21%	24%	19%	13%	20%	14%	20%
Good	67	53	49	47	65	54	57	54
Not so good	8	16	13	12	14	12	19	16
Poor	8	3	7	8	4	5	7	8
DK/NA	4	8	7	14	3	9	4	2

29. How would you rate - the insurance companies' handling of the recovery from Hurricane Sandy; excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Excellent	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%
Good	22	28	22	19	21	23	23	19
Not so good	31	32	34	29	32	29	30	37
Poor	25	17	25	30	28	23	23	30
DK/NA	19	20	16	20	17	21	21	10

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	
	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Excellent	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%
Good	23	22	38	21	18	17	22	27
Not so good	27	33	33	28	33	37	30	25
Poor	23	26	12	30	26	23	30	24
DK/NA	24	16	12	18	21	18	16	22

				Philly		Own	Rent	HmDamaged
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	Home	Home	BySandy
Excellent	3%	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	2%	6%
Good	14	21	31	25	20	22	23	25
Not so good	40	29	21	26	39	26	40	24
Poor	24	28	20	23	28	26	21	32
DK/NA	19	18	23	23	12	22	13	13

30. Have you already or do you expect to change your vacation plans this summer because of Hurricane Sandy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes/Change plans	13%	11%	10%	16%	12%	14%	10%	25%
No	85	88	88	81	85	85	88	74
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	3	2	2	1

	COLLEGE DEG		AGE IN YRS.....			ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	
	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	<50K	50-100	>100K
Yes/Change plans	12%	14%	19%	16%	8%	15%	12%	14%
No	87	84	80	81	90	82	87	84
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	1

				Philly		Own	Rent	HmDamaged
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	Home	Home	BySandy
Yes/Change plans	19%	17%	10%	13%	6%	11%	19%	23%
No	78	81	88	87	91	88	78	76
DK/NA	3	2	3	-	3	2	3	1

31. Some have suggested that the government should build dunes or sea walls along the shore to protect ocean front communities from storms, even if it blocks ocean views for some homes. Do you think that is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea	69%	72%	69%	70%	66%	73%	71%	70%
Bad idea	23	20	23	23	27	19	21	26
DK/NA	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	5

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	AGE IN 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	HOUSEHOLD INCOME >100K
Good idea	70%	69%	71%	71%	68%	69%	74%	66%
Bad idea	22	23	25	21	23	20	19	28
DK/NA	8	8	4	8	9	11	8	6

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Good idea	72%	73%	61%	63%	75%	68%	74%	69%
Bad idea	22	18	29	28	22	24	20	24
DK/NA	6	10	10	9	4	8	6	7

32. Do you think government has the right to block someone's ocean view by building a dune or a sea wall or doesn't the government have the right to do that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes/Has right	72%	69%	77%	71%	70%	73%	74%	70%
No, not	22	24	18	22	25	19	19	24
DK/NA	7	7	5	7	5	8	7	6

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	AGE IN 35-54	AGE IN YRS..... 55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	HOUSEHOLD INCOME >100K
Yes/Has right	79%	67%	70%	77%	69%	65%	77%	76%
No, not	17	25	29	20	21	27	19	20
DK/NA	4	8	2	3	9	8	4	3

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Yes/Has right	69%	73%	67%	71%	77%	74%	68%	74%
No, not	23	19	25	24	19	20	27	20
DK/NA	8	7	8	5	5	7	5	6

33. There are proposals for a government program to buy flood threatened properties and allow no further development on those sites. Do you think that is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Good idea	73%	74%	77%	71%	71%	75%	76%	67%
Bad idea	22	23	18	23	26	18	19	26
DK/NA	5	3	5	6	3	7	5	7

	COLLEGE DEG Yes	DEG No	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-54	55+	ANNUAL <50K	HOUSEHOLD 50-100	INCOME >100K
Good idea	77%	71%	64%	79%	72%	69%	78%	75%
Bad idea	19	23	35	18	19	26	18	21
DK/NA	4	6	1	3	8	5	4	4

	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Own Home	Rent Home	HmDamaged BySandy
Good idea	69%	76%	73%	72%	73%	74%	70%	75%
Bad idea	26	18	23	24	21	20	26	22
DK/NA	6	6	4	4	7	6	4	3