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**NEW JERSEY SUPPORT FOR HUDSON RAIL TUNNEL IS UP,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CHRISTIE'S TWO TERMS MAINLY A FAILURE, VOTERS SAY 2-1**

A total of 84 percent of New Jersey voters say it is “very important” or “somewhat important” to add a Hudson River rail tunnel connecting New Jersey and Manhattan, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

This compares to 75 percent who said the new tunnel was very or somewhat important in a November 11, 2015, poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

The federal government should provide funding to build a new rail tunnel, New Jersey voters say 73 – 23 percent.

A total of 58 percent of New Jersey voters say having a good mass transit system is “very important” or “somewhat important” to their daily life.

Voters disapprove 65 – 18 percent of the way Gov. Christopher Christie is handling mass transit between New Jersey and New York.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo fares a little better as New Jersey voters disapprove 40 – 32 percent of the way he is handling bi-state mass transit.

Gov. Christie’s overall job approval, a negative 18 – 77 percent, remains at historically low levels. Republicans are divided 46 – 47 percent, while every other listed party, gender, education, age or racial group disapproves by wide margins.

Gov. Christie’s two terms are “mainly a failure,” 65 percent of voters say, while 25 percent say they are “mainly a success.”

By an anemic 50 – 37 percent, Republicans say Christie’s two terms were mostly a success. Every other group turns thumbs down by wide margins.

“Every day brings new horror stories of foul-ups at Pennsylvania Station and New Jersey voters are listening. Their message to the politicians: Build that tunnel!” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“New Jersey and New York send far more money to Washington than Washington sends back. The late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan used to make a detailed annual indignant report. Now, New Jersey voters want the feds to put up a few billions for the tunnel,” Carroll added.

“New Jerseyans to Gov. Christopher Christie: Thumbs down. Many of his fellow Republicans aren’t fans.”

New Jersey voters support 52 – 32 percent a “millionaire’s tax” to help balance the state budget.

By a wider 67 – 31 percent, voters support “raising taxes on people who earn more than one million dollars to help fund public employee pensions.”

But voters oppose 61 – 35 percent “raising taxes across the board to help fund public employee pensions.”

In another contradiction, Garden State voters say 51 – 40 percent that the state has an obligation to fix public employee pensions, even if it means raising taxes. Voters oppose 53 – 40 percent reducing pensions for new state workers.

Public Schools

A total of 67 percent of New Jersey voters say the state’s public schools are “excellent” or “good.” A total of 73 percent of voters say their local schools are “excellent” or “good.”

The quality of New Jersey’s public schools is getting better, 13 percent say, while 25 percent say it is getting worse and 53 percent say it’s the same.

Looking again at the “millionaire’s tax,” voters support it 69 – 27 percent if the money goes to the state’s public schools.

All public schools in New Jersey should get the same state funding per student, 51 percent of voters say, while 44 percent support the current system where schools in low-income districts get more funding per student.

From April 26 – May 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,209 New Jersey voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	18%	46%	4%	18%	22%	15%	22%	24%
Disapprove	77	47	94	76	75	80	76	68
DK/NA	5	7	2	6	4	5	3	8
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	16%	18%	19%	21%	27%	19%	23%	10%
Disapprove	76	81	78	74	69	76	72	87
DK/NA	8	-	3	5	5	5	5	3

13. Do you think Chris Christie's two terms as Governor were mainly a success or mainly a failure?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Success	25%	50%	9%	31%	29%	22%	27%	32%
Failure	65	37	84	57	61	68	66	56
DK/NA	10	14	7	12	10	10	8	12
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Success	24%	26%	24%	27%	32%	26%	29%	17%
Failure	57	70	66	64	59	63	61	71
DK/NA	19	4	10	9	9	11	10	11

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is handling mass transit between New York and New Jersey?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	18%	31%	10%	21%	23%	13%	21%	22%
Disapprove	65	42	80	62	65	66	64	54
DK/NA	17	27	10	18	12	21	16	24
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	15%	20%	19%	19%	28%	15%	21%	12%
Disapprove	67	67	64	64	56	62	59	76
DK/NA	18	12	18	17	16	23	19	12
	AREA.....				Philly		COMMUTE TO NYC	
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	land	Shore	Yes	No	
Approve	19%	18%	22%	15%	17%	22%	17%	
Disapprove	74	68	57	65	58	72	64	
DK/NA	7	13	21	20	25	6	18	

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way New York Governor Andrew Cuomo is handling mass transit between New York and New Jersey?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	32%	20%	38%	32%	32%	32%	27%	28%
Disapprove	40	52	36	41	45	36	46	40
DK/NA	28	28	26	26	23	32	27	32
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	34%	30%	33%	29%	29%	26%	28%	40%
Disapprove	35	46	41	41	47	40	43	34
DK/NA	31	24	26	30	24	33	29	26
	AREA.....					COMMUTE TO NYC		
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Yes	No	
Approve	42%	36%	25%	27%	25%	29%	32%	
Disapprove	40	43	43	33	41	56	38	
DK/NA	18	21	31	41	34	15	30	

19. How important is having a good mass transit system to your daily life; very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Very important	37%	25%	45%	37%	37%	38%	38%	22%
Smwht important	21	21	20	24	21	22	23	23
Not so important	17	18	14	19	18	15	18	19
Not important at all	24	36	20	20	24	25	21	36
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very important	40%	45%	35%	28%	31%	31%	31%	48%
Smwht important	24	19	24	19	23	22	23	20
Not so important	19	11	17	19	18	19	19	13
Not important at all	17	25	23	32	27	28	28	17
DK/NA	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
	AREA.....					COMMUTE TO NYC		
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Yes	No	
Very important	54%	38%	30%	41%	23%	86%	30%	
Smwht important	19	26	22	15	22	7	24	
Not so important	13	18	17	20	14	5	18	
Not important at all	14	18	30	24	40	2	27	
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	

20. Do you commute to New York City to work or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Commute	13%	11%	13%	14%	15%	10%	15%	7%
No	87	89	87	86	85	90	85	93
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Yes/Commute	14%	18%	14%	3%	16%	7%	12%	14%
No	86	82	86	97	84	93	88	86
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	AREA.....				
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore
Yes/Commute	19%	14%	18%	3%	8%
No	81	86	82	97	92
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-

20a. (If commute to NYC q20) How do you get to work: by car, train, bus, or ferry?

COMMUTE TO NYC Q20

Car	34%
Train	42
Bus	17
Ferry	3
DK/NA	3

21. Have you considered moving or changing your current job due to your daily commute, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes	13%	9%	15%	13%	12%	14%	14%	6%
No	75	77	74	77	77	74	77	77
NO COMMUTE (VOL)	11	13	10	10	11	11	9	16
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Yes	18%	17%	12%	3%	10%	11%	10%	17%
No	81	77	78	65	78	76	77	73
NO COMMUTE (VOL)	1	6	10	29	12	13	12	9
DK/NA	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	1

	AREA.....					COMMUTE TO NYC	
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Yes	No
Yes	19%	12%	17%	12%	6%	35%	10%
No	69	78	70	76	81	64	77
NO COMMUTE (VOL)	11	9	13	11	12	-	13
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1

22. There is currently one rail tunnel carrying Amtrak and NJ Transit trains between New Jersey and Manhattan. How important do you think it is to repair the existing rail tunnel between New Jersey and Manhattan; very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Very important	80%	70%	85%	79%	75%	84%	82%	73%
Smwht important	15	24	10	15	18	12	13	17
Not so important	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Not important at all	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	5
DK/NA	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Very important	74%	80%	80%	85%	71%	85%	78%	83%
Smwht important	18	16	14	11	19	11	15	15
Not so important	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-
Not important at all	2	3	2	1	5	1	3	1
DK/NA	5	-	2	2	3	2	3	1

	AREA.....					COMMUTE TO NYC	
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Yes	No
Very important	84%	83%	83%	75%	71%	87%	79%
Smwht important	14	14	11	16	19	10	15
Not so important	-	1	1	2	1	1	1
Not important at all	2	1	2	6	2	-	3
DK/NA	-	1	3	2	6	2	2

23. How important do you think it is to add a second rail tunnel between New Jersey and Manhattan; very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Very important	53%	44%	66%	45%	51%	56%	57%	43%
Smwht important	31	31	26	38	32	31	29	38
Not so important	7	14	3	6	7	6	7	7
Not important at all	4	5	2	6	6	2	3	6
DK/NA	4	6	3	5	4	5	5	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Very important	34%	64%	56%	57%	47%	53%	51%	59%
Smwht important	47	22	29	28	32	34	33	28
Not so important	10	8	5	5	9	6	7	6
Not important at all	2	5	5	4	6	2	4	4
DK/NA	7	1	4	6	6	5	5	2

	AREA.....					COMMUTE TO NYC	
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Yes	No
Very important	70%	60%	45%	44%	42%	68%	51%
Smwht important	23	29	38	32	38	26	32
Not so important	6	6	8	10	5	3	7
Not important at all	2	3	4	10	3	2	5
DK/NA	-	2	5	4	12	1	5

24. Do you think the federal government should provide funding to build a new rail tunnel between New Jersey and Manhattan, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Yes/Should	73%	61%	86%	65%	70%	75%	73%	63%
No	23	35	10	31	28	18	23	32
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	3	6	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Should	65%	77%	77%	73%	64%	73%	69%	82%
No	32	22	17	20	33	21	27	14
DK/NA	3	1	6	7	3	6	4	4

	AREA.....					COMMUTE TO NYC	
	Urban	SbUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore	Yes	No
Yes/Should	85%	75%	69%	68%	65%	79%	72%
No	13	21	25	27	28	19	23
DK/NA	2	3	6	5	7	1	5

25. To help balance the state budget, do you support or oppose the so-called "millionaire's tax"?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Support	52%	30%	71%	44%	51%	53%	58%	42%
Oppose	32	49	18	38	38	27	29	38
DK/NA	16	21	11	18	11	20	13	21

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Support	40%	64%	57%	48%	47%	54%	51%	56%
Oppose	39	25	30	32	40	26	33	31
DK/NA	21	11	13	20	13	20	16	13

26. To help balance the state budget, do you support or oppose reducing pension benefits for new state workers?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Support	40%	53%	27%	49%	44%	37%	50%	35%
Oppose	53	43	68	43	51	56	44	56
DK/NA	6	4	5	8	5	8	5	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Support	30%	43%	45%	41%	48%	39%	44%	34%
Oppose	63	55	51	50	45	53	49	61
DK/NA	7	2	5	10	6	8	7	6

27. Do you believe the state of New Jersey has an obligation to fix public employee pensions, even if it means raising taxes, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Obligation	51%	36%	67%	43%	51%	51%	51%	50%
No	40	60	23	47	44	37	44	40
DK/NA	9	4	10	10	5	12	5	10
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Obligation	58%	52%	52%	47%	50%	51%	51%	53%
No	34	40	41	42	45	40	42	36
DK/NA	7	8	7	11	5	9	7	11

28. Would you support or oppose raising taxes on people who earn more than one million dollars to help fund public employee pensions?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	67%	41%	85%	61%	62%	72%	62%	66%
Oppose	31	58	12	36	36	26	36	32
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Support	71%	69%	67%	65%	57%	70%	64%	74%
Oppose	28	29	31	30	42	26	34	24
DK/NA	1	2	2	4	1	4	2	2

29. Would you support or oppose raising taxes across the board to help fund public employee pensions?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	35%	18%	46%	33%	34%	36%	33%	30%
Oppose	61	80	47	63	63	58	64	63
DK/NA	5	2	6	4	3	6	3	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Support	43%	39%	31%	33%	35%	28%	32%	42%
Oppose	52	60	65	61	63	65	64	54
DK/NA	5	2	5	6	3	7	5	4

30. Would you say the public schools in New Jersey are excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Excellent	12%	10%	14%	11%	9%	14%	16%	9%
Good	55	55	54	56	57	53	61	54
Not so good	19	22	21	18	21	18	15	23
Poor	8	11	6	8	6	9	5	8
DK/NA	6	2	6	7	7	5	3	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Excellent	6%	15%	13%	13%	10%	16%	13%	9%
Good	54	56	58	51	55	61	58	52
Not so good	26	15	17	20	22	15	18	22
Poor	9	12	5	7	8	4	6	10
DK/NA	5	2	6	9	5	5	5	7

	HvKids InPubSchl
Excellent	16%
Good	56
Not so good	13
Poor	9
DK/NA	6

31. Would you say your local public schools in New Jersey are excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG Yes	COLLEGE DEG No
Excellent	30%	28%	34%	26%	32%	28%	38%	24%
Good	43	43	38	48	43	42	45	43
Not so good	16	15	18	16	17	16	11	20
Poor	8	10	7	7	6	10	4	8
DK/NA	3	5	3	3	2	4	2	6

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Excellent	26%	33%	35%	27%	31%	33%	32%	28%
Good	37	47	42	47	44	45	44	40
Not so good	20	10	17	15	17	12	15	19
Poor	15	10	4	6	7	5	6	12
DK/NA	3	-	3	6	2	5	4	2

	HvKids InPubSchl
Excellent	43%
Good	42
Not so good	11
Poor	4
DK/NA	-

32. Would you say that the quality of New Jersey's public schools is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Better	13%	15%	14%	12%	17%	10%	10%	11%
Worse	25	28	22	28	24	26	27	21
The same	53	49	55	52	54	53	57	57
DK/NA	8	8	9	8	6	11	6	11

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Better	13%	16%	12%	14%	12%	9%	10%	19%
Worse	29	28	24	20	25	24	24	27
The same	49	55	55	54	57	57	57	47
DK/NA	9	1	9	12	6	10	8	8

	HvKids InPubSchl
Better	18%
Worse	25
The same	52
DK/NA	4

33. Would you support or oppose the so-called "millionaire's tax", if the money went to New Jersey's public schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	69%	40%	87%	65%	66%	72%	64%	60%
Oppose	27	55	9	32	32	23	32	37
DK/NA	4	5	4	3	2	6	4	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Support	70%	79%	64%	65%	56%	67%	62%	81%
Oppose	28	18	31	30	41	28	34	14
DK/NA	3	3	5	6	3	4	4	5

	HvKids InPubSchl
Support	75%
Oppose	20
DK/NA	5

34. Do you think that New Jersey should continue using the current formula for public school funding, where schools in low income districts get more state funding per student than other schools, or do you think that all school districts should get the same state funding per student?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More for low income	44%	20%	60%	40%	44%	45%	46%	33%
Same for all	51	73	36	54	54	49	48	62
DK/NA	5	6	3	5	3	6	5	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
More for low income	52%	49%	43%	36%	37%	43%	40%	53%
Same for all	46	47	52	57	59	51	55	44
DK/NA	2	4	4	7	4	6	5	3

	HvKids InPubSchl
More for low income	51%
Same for all	47
DK/NA	2