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**CLINTON BLOOMS OVER CHRISTIE IN GARDEN STATE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
BOOKER TOPS LITTLE-KNOWN CHALLENGER BY 10 POINTS**

Despite his favorite son status, New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie trails former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton 50 – 42 percent in an early look at the 2016 presidential race in the Garden State, measured in a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Secretary Clinton has double-digit leads over other possible Republican contenders, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds:

- 54 – 34 percent over former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush;
- 55 – 35 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 57 – 34 percent over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

There is a large gender gap in the Clinton-Christie matchup as women back the Democrat 54 – 38 percent, while men are divided with 47 percent for Christie and 44 percent for Clinton. She leads 85 – 10 percent among Democrats and 48 – 42 percent among independent voters. Republicans go to Christie 85 – 7 percent.

“As Gov. Christopher Christie traipses around the nation, his presidential potential seems alive, but former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the adopted girl next door, easily beats him in his home state,” said Maurice Carroll, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Gov. Christie does better against Clinton in New Jersey than the other Republicans. Here he looks like another Woodrow Wilson.”

New Jersey voters give Clinton a 60 – 38 percent favorability rating. Christie gets a split 47 – 47 percent favorable score. The other Republicans all get mixed favorability ratings:

- 32 – 33 percent for Bush.
- 31 – 33 percent for Paul
- 34 – 31 percent for Huckabee.

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New Jersey voters say 55 – 39 percent that Christie would not be a good president. Democrats say no 79 – 16 percent and independent voters agree 55 – 39 percent. Republicans say 72 – 23 percent that Christie would make a good president.

Christie should run for president, 46 percent of voters say, while 49 percent say he should stay home.

“His New Jersey neighbors don’t think Christie would be a good President and almost half of them don’t want him to run,” Carroll said.

U.S. Senate Race

Democratic first-term U.S. Sen. Cory Booker leads Republican challenger Jeff Bell 47 – 37 percent. Republicans back Bell 84 – 9 percent. Behind Booker are Democrats 85 – 3 percent and independent voters 42 – 34 percent.

By a 47 – 27 percent margin, New Jersey voters have a favorable opinion of Booker. The challenger does not ring a bell with voters, as 77 percent don’t know enough about him to form an opinion. That includes 68 percent of Republicans, 83 percent of Democrats and 77 percent of independent voters.

“Hardly anyone knows Jeff Bell. Still, U.S. Sen. Cory Booker’s lead is barely in double digits,” Carroll said. “Two-thirds of Republicans don’t know their Senate candidate, but more than 80 percent back him.”

Voters approve 47 – 27 percent of the job Booker is doing and say 48 – 31 percent he deserves a full six-year term in the Senate.

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez gets a 45 – 34 percent approval rating.

President Barack Obama gets a negative 44 – 52 percent job approval rating, nearly matching his lowest rating ever in New Jersey, a negative 43 – 52 percent score in an October 13, 2011, Quinnipiac University poll.

“Even in true-blue New Jersey, President Barack Obama’s approval numbers are in the swamp,” Carroll said.

From July 31 – August 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,148 New Jersey 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, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Cory Booker the Democrat and Jeff Bell the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Booker	47%	9%	85%	42%	40%	53%	49%	49%	45%
Bell	37	84	3	34	42	32	26	37	40
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	-	3	3	4	2	5	2	3
DK/NA	13	6	8	19	12	13	18	11	11

2. Is your opinion of Cory Booker favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	47%	26%	70%	43%	44%	49%	43%	46%	49%
Unfavorable	27	47	9	28	33	22	20	27	28
Hvn't hrd enough	23	25	18	25	20	26	35	24	19
REFUSED	3	2	3	4	3	4	2	3	4

TREND: Is your opinion of Cory Booker favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Aug 06 2014	Jul 09 2013	Jun 10 2013	Feb 21 2013	Jan 23 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Feb 21 2013	Low Aug 06 2014
Favorable	47	56	57	59	54	59	47
Unfavorable	27	16	14	11	16	11	27
Hvn't hrd enough	23	27	25	28	29	28	23
REFUSED	3	2	3	1	2	1	3

3. Is your opinion of Jeff Bell favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	16%	31%	5%	16%	21%	11%	14%	14%	18%
Unfavorable	5	1	9	5	8	4	6	4	7
Hvn't hrd enough	77	68	83	77	69	83	78	81	72
REFUSED	2	-	3	2	2	2	2	1	3

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	50%	7%	85%	48%	44%	54%	54%	50%	48%
Christie	42	85	10	42	47	38	39	42	43
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	2	2	-	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	3	4
DK/NA	4	3	3	5	4	5	4	5	4

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Aug 06 2014	Feb 20 2013
Clinton	50	49
Christie	42	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	1
DK/NA	4	5

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	54%	12%	89%	54%	49%	59%	63%	56%	51%
Bush	34	78	5	32	37	32	28	33	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	1	2	4	1	3	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	5	-	4	4	2	1	4	4
DK/NA	6	3	4	8	6	6	4	7	5

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	55%	16%	92%	52%	49%	61%	60%	56%	54%
Paul	35	73	4	34	40	31	34	36	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	-	3	3	2	-	1	4
DK/NA	6	6	3	8	6	6	5	5	6

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	57%	16%	91%	56%	51%	62%	65%	59%	53%
Huckabee	34	76	4	32	36	32	26	32	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	2	4	-	3	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	-	4	4	2	2	2	4
DK/NA	4	2	3	6	5	4	4	4	4

8. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	60%	21%	91%	61%	54%	64%	71%	62%	56%
Unfavorable	38	76	7	37	44	33	25	38	41
Hvn't hrd enough	1	2	-	2	1	1	2	-	1
REFUSED	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	-	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Aug 06 2014	Feb 20 2013	Jun 12 2008	Feb 21 2008	Dec 13 2007	FAVORABLE.....	
						High	Low
						Feb 20 2013	Dec 13 2007
Favorable	60	67	51	50	43	67	43
Unfavorable	38	29	45	43	42	29	42
Hvn't hrd enough	1	3	2	5	11	3	11
REFUSED	1	1	2	3	4	1	4

9. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	47%	82%	24%	47%	51%	44%	50%	48%	46%
Unfavorable	47	14	70	49	45	49	47	46	48
Hvn't hrd enough	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	4	1
REFUSED	3	3	4	2	3	3	2	2	4

TREND: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (*High also 69% Jan 2013, Feb 2013)

	Aug 06 2014	Jul 10 2013	Jun 10 2013	Apr 24 2013	Mar 26 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High	Low
						Mar 26 2013*	Aug 12 2008
Favorable	47	66	63	66	69	69	21
Unfavorable	47	27	27	24	22	22	7
Hvn't hrd enough	2	3	4	5	6	6	69
REFUSED	3	4	6	4	4	4	2

10. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	32%	57%	15%	31%	38%	28%	19%	32%	38%
Unfavorable	33	11	50	33	34	33	26	36	36
Hvn't hrd enough	33	29	33	35	27	38	53	31	25
REFUSED	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	2

11. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	31%	47%	8%	37%	42%	23%	34%	32%	31%
Unfavorable	33	16	53	29	37	30	24	33	37
Hvn't hrd enough	34	36	38	32	20	45	42	34	30
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	2

12. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	34%	61%	12%	36%	39%	30%	29%	33%	36%
Unfavorable	31	13	50	28	33	29	23	33	32
Hvn't hrd enough	35	26	38	35	27	41	48	34	30
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Cory Booker is handling his job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	47%	25%	73%	42%	41%	51%	52%	47%	44%
Disapprove	27	47	8	29	34	22	17	29	30
DK/NA	26	28	19	29	25	27	31	24	26

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

	Aug 06 2014	Apr 09 2014
Approve	47	47
Disapprove	27	25
DK/NA	26	28

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	45%	28%	69%	40%	42%	48%	48%	46%	45%
Disapprove	34	54	11	39	39	30	16	35	38
DK/NA	21	18	20	21	19	22	36	19	16

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

	Aug 06 2014	Apr 09 2014	Apr 24 2013	Mar 27 2013	Feb 21 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Nov 28 2012	Low Feb 20 2008
Approve	45	43	44	40	36	56	30
Disapprove	34	39	32	37	41	29	31
DK/NA	21	18	24	22	23	14	39

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	44%	10%	83%	34%	40%	48%	52%	44%	41%
Disapprove	52	90	13	61	57	48	42	53	55
DK/NA	4	-	4	5	3	4	6	3	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Aug 06 2014	Apr 09 2014	Jul 09 2013	Jun 10 2013	Apr 24 2013	APPROVE.....	
						High Jun 10 2009	Low Oct 13 2011
Approve	44	49	53	53	57	68	43
Disapprove	52	48	41	41	38	25	52
DK/NA	4	4	6	5	5	7	5

18. Do you feel that Cory Booker deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Deserves	48%	25%	77%	41%	44%	51%	58%	47%	47%
No/Does not	31	52	8	34	39	24	18	33	34
DK/NA	21	23	15	25	17	25	25	20	19

TREND: Do you feel that Cory Booker deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	Aug 06 2014	Apr 09 2014
Yes/Deserves	48	47
No/Does not	31	28
DK/NA	21	25

19. Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	39%	72%	16%	39%	43%	36%	39%	39%	39%
No	55	23	79	55	50	59	55	56	55
DK/NA	6	5	5	6	6	6	5	5	6

TREND: Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Aug 06 2014	Apr 09 2014	Mar 26 2013	Dec 21 2010	Nov 09 2010
Yes	39	35	41	25	24
No	55	57	44	63	61
DK/NA	6	8	15	13	15

20. Would you like to see Chris Christie run for President in 2016 or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	46%	70%	30%	46%	50%	42%	49%	47%	43%
No	49	25	65	49	44	53	45	49	52
DK/NA	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	3	6

TREND: Would you like to see Chris Christie run for President in 2016 or not?

	Aug 06	Apr 09	Mar 26
	2014	2014	2013
Yes	46	43	46
No	49	52	47
DK/NA	5	5	8

21. As you may know, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor if the Governor does not complete his or her term. Do you think Kim Guadagno would make a good governor if it becomes necessary, or not, or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Good governor	16%	24%	9%	16%	19%	14%	16%	17%	16%
No	17	9	22	19	18	16	15	15	20
Hvn't hrd enough	66	66	68	64	63	69	69	67	63
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1

TREND: As you may know, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor if the Governor does not complete his or her term. Do you think Kim Guadagno would make a good governor if it becomes necessary, or not, or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Aug 06	Aug 08
	2014	2013
Yes/Good governor	16	15
No	17	7
Hvn't hrd enough	66	77
REFUSED	1	1

52. Senator Robert Menendez is asking the Justice Department to pursue evidence obtained by U.S. investigators that the Cuban government concocted an elaborate plot to smear him with allegations that he cavorted with underage prostitutes. Have you heard or read anything about this?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	56%	57%	52%	59%	61%	53%	21%	52%	72%
No	42	43	46	40	38	46	77	46	28
DK/NA	1	-	2	-	1	2	2	2	1