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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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CHRISTIE UP 2-1 IN NEW JERSEY GOV RACE THAT NEVER WAS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; REPUBLICAN GOV TAKES ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF DEMOCRATS

The New Jersey governor's race, where Republican incumbent Gov. Christopher Christie maintained leads of about 2-1 for months, ends with the governor leading State Sen. Barbara Buono, his Democratic challenger, 61 – 33 percent among likely voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll completed last night and released today.

This compares to Christie's 64 – 31 percent lead in an October 29 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University. Today, 6 percent of voters are undecided and 6 percent of those who name a candidate say there's a "good chance" they will change their mind by tomorrow's Election Day.

Christie leads 66 – 29 percent among men and 57 – 36 percent among women, 94 – 5 percent among Republicans and 64 – 29 percent among independent voters. He even gets 30 percent of Democrats, to Buono's 64 percent.

"That weekend bus ride around the Garden State must have felt like a victory tour for Gov. Christopher Christie" said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Sen. Barbara Buono gave it a good New Jersey try, but she wasn't stronger than the Christie Storm. Quinnipiac's final numbers say blow-out.

"The only uncertainty is the State Legislature. Christie talked up Republican candidates in the final days, but those legislative district lines were drawn for Democrats.

"With his appeal to independent voters, and even Democrats, Christie-for-President 2016 begins a few minutes after 8 o'clock tomorrow night."

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New Jersey likely voters give Christie a 64 – 29 percent favorability, including 65 – 27 percent among independent voters. His favorability among Democrats is a negative 39 – 52 percent.

“Favorability ratings that high make Christie the envy of the governors in the other eight states polled by Quinnipiac University,” Carroll said. “And a 60 – 32 percent favorability rating among women might be unheard-of for a Republican office-holder.”

Buono ends the campaign with a negative 27 – 32 percent favorability and 37 percent of voters who still don’t know enough about her to form an opinion.

From October 30 – November 3, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,388 New Jersey likely voters in the election for governor, with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 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 Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Barbara Buono the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Buono or Christie? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Buono	33	5	64	29	29	36	28	57
Christie	61	94	30	64	66	57	67	33
SOMEONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
DK/NA	6	1	6	6	4	7	4	9

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Buono	37	30	40	28	30	39	30	34
Christie	57	63	52	66	67	56	67	58
SOMEONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1
DK/NA	5	6	7	5	2	5	3	8

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 4 2013	Oct 29 2013	Oct 17 2013	Oct 10 2013	Sep 25 2013
Buono	33	31	33	33	30
Christie	61	64	62	62	64
SOMEONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	1	1
DK/NA	6	5	5	4	5

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Will you definitely vote for (Candidate of choice), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for (Candidate not chosen)? IF CHANGE MIND: Would you say there's a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN		
	Tot	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE	
		Buono	Christie
Def vote for cand	88	87	88
Unlikely to change	5	5	4
Good chance change	6	7	6
DK/NA	1	1	1

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Will you definitely vote for (Candidate of choice), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for (Candidate not chosen)? IF CHANGE MIND: Would you say there's a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 4 2013	Oct 29 2013	Oct 17 2013	Oct 10 2013	Sep 25 2013
Def vote for cand	88	85	87	87	86
Unlikely to change	5	8	6	6	5
Good chance change	6	5	6	7	8
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	1

1b. (If candidate chosen q1) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (Candidate of choice), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE		
	Tot	Buono	Christie
Very enthusiastic	44	29	53
Somewht enthusiastic	43	50	39
Not so enthusiastic	8	13	5
Not enthush at all	4	6	3
DK/NA	1	1	1

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (Candidate of choice), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 4 2013	Oct 29 2013	Oct 17 2013	Oct 10 2013	Sep 25 2013
Very enthusiastic	44	39	48	48	50
Somewht enthusiastic	43	47	39	41	37
Not so enthusiastic	8	8	9	7	8
Not enthush at all	4	5	4	3	4
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	64%	93%	39%	65%	69%	60%	70%	36%
Unfavorable	29	6	52	27	25	32	25	50
Hvn't hrd enough	2	-	4	2	3	2	1	8
REFUSED	4	-	4	6	3	5	4	5

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	61%	67%	63%	65%	67%	65%	64%	66%
Unfavorable	35	25	28	31	29	28	30	28
Hvn't hrd enough	1	3	5	2	2	5	3	1
REFUSED	3	6	4	2	2	2	3	5

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....				
	Nov 4 2013	Oct 29 2013	Oct 17 2013	Oct 10 2013	Sep 25 2013
Favorable	64	65	63	63	67
Unfavorable	29	29	31	31	27
Hvn't hrd enough	2	2	3	2	2
REFUSED	4	3	3	4	4

3. Is your opinion of Barbara Buono favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	27%	6%	51%	25%	25%	29%	25%	38%
Unfavorable	32	55	9	34	35	30	36	6
Hvn't hrd enough	37	37	38	36	37	36	36	51
REFUSED	4	2	3	6	3	5	3	5

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	35%	22%	31%	27%	26%	32%	25%	29%
Unfavorable	32	32	24	38	35	23	31	35
Hvn't hrd enough	30	41	41	31	37	37	41	33
REFUSED	3	5	4	4	2	7	3	3

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Favorable	27	26	28	29	23
Unfavorable	32	37	36	35	36
Hvn't hrd enough	37	35	34	34	40
REFUSED	4	3	2	2	1