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NEW JERSEY VOTERS TELL GOV. CHRISTIE 2-1 TO COME HOME, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; GOV. IN DISTANT FOURTH PLACE IN GOP PRESIDENTIAL RACE

New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie's presidential bid is crashing, as only 8 percent of Garden State Republicans back him, a distant fourth place, and all voters say 61 - 33 percent that the governor should drop out of the presidential race, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Donald Trump leads the GOP presidential pack in New Jersey with 31 percent, followed by Dr. Ben Carson with 16 percent, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida with 15 percent, Gov. Christie with 8 percent and Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas with 7 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. No other Republican tops 4 percent, with 6 percent undecided.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is the pick of 56 percent of New Jersey Democrats, with 23 percent for Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, 2 percent for former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley and 12 percent undecided.

Only 53 percent of New Jersey Republicans say Christie should stay in the race, while 40 percent say he should drop out. Democrats say 77 - 16 percent that Christie should drop out and independent voters agree 66 - 31 percent.

Among Republicans, 21 percent say they "would definitely <u>not</u> support" Trump, with 19 percent saying "no way" to former Florida Gov. Jeb. Bush and 18 percent saying no to Christie.

"New Jersey voters think 2-1 that Gov. Christopher Christie should drop the dream that seemed so possible a couple of years ago, before Bridgegate – a story that Democrats stoked for better than a year and that drove the Gov's poll numbers down, down, down," said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll.

"Even four out of 10 of his fellow Republicans want him to pull the plug."

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"Gov. Christie scores an anemic 8 percent, way behind Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson and Sen. Marco Rubio among Republican presidential voters in his home state," Carroll added.

"If it's any consolation, Gov. Jeb Bush, the long-anticipated leader among so-called moderates, gets only 4 percent in New Jersey.

"Trump, Bush and Christie lead Quinnipiac University's 'no-way' list of candidates Republicans say they would not support.

"The abysmal poll numbers cap a terrible week for the absentee governor, as he's dumped from tonight's prime-time Republican debate and he sees his party's minority in the State Assembly dwindle even further."

The presidential campaign is distracting Christie from his duties as governor, voters say 63-33 percent.

New Jersey voters disapprove 55 - 39 percent of the job Christie is doing as governor, near his lowest grade ever. He gets negative approval ratings for handling key issues:

- 36-57 percent for handling the economy and jobs;
- 35-56 percent for handling the state budget;
- 36 55 percent for handling education.

Voters are divided 46 - 48 percent on whether Christie is honest and trustworthy or not. They say 53 - 43 percent that he does <u>not</u> care about their needs and problems, but say 64 - 33 percent that he is a strong leader.

"How's he doing in Trenton? Terrible. A rock-bottom overall rating on job performance and negative numbers on how he handles schools, the budget and the economy and jobs," Carroll said.

From November 4-8, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,456 New Jersey voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points. The survey includes 481 Republicans with a margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points, and 538 Democrats with a margin of error of +/- 4.2 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 Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Jim Gilmore, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, John Kasich, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, and Donald Trump, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS									
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		Tea	CONSE	RVATIVE	Mod/					
	Tot	Party	Very	Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom			
D 1	4.0		2.0	1.0	60	2.0	F 0			
Bush	4%	_	3%	1%	6%	3%	5%			
Carson	16	14	18	12	17	14	18			
Christie	8	7	1	15	9	9	8			
Cruz	7	14	10	11	1	8	6			
Fiorina	4	11	7	2	2	1	6			
Gilmore	_	_	-	_	-	_	-			
Graham	_	_	-	_	-	_	-			
Huckabee	_	1	-	_	-	_	-			
Jindal	1	_	3	_	-	2	-			
Kasich	3	_	1	2	6	3	4			
Pataki	_	_	-	_	-	_	-			
Paul	1	4	-	_	3	3	-			
Rubio	15	5	15	17	15	17	14			
Santorum	1	_	2	_	-	_	1			
Trump	31	41	36	28	29	38	23			
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	_	-	_	2	_	2			
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	_	-	_	4	_	3			
DK/NA	6	3	3	10	4	2	10			

1A. (If candidate chosen q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	REGISTERED	REPUBLICANS		
	CANDIDATE	CHOSEN Q1		
		CANDIDATE C	F CHOICE	Q1
	Tot	Carson	Rubio	Trump
Made up	36%	14%	25%	57%
Might change	63	83	75	43
DK/NA	1	3	_	-

2. (If Registered Republican) Are there any of these candidates you would definitely not support for the Republican nomination for president: Bush, Carson, Christie, Cruz, Fiorina, Gilmore, Graham, Huckabee, Jindal, Kasich, Pataki, Paul, Rubio, Santorum, or Trump? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	REGIST	ERED RE		NS CAL PHI			
		Tea	CONSER		Mod/		
	Tot	Party	Very	Smwht	Lib	Men	Wom
Bush	19%	31%	24%	18%	16%	22%	16%
Carson	7	3	1	2	16	7	7
Christie	18	18	10	20	22	17	18
Cruz	8	4	2	3	18	10	7
Fiorina	8	3	3	7	13	9	7
Gilmore	11	10	6	14	12	12	10
Graham	13	13	9	17	13	16	10
Huckabee	14	5	7	14	19	16	12
Jindal	10	13	8	11	12	10	11
Kasich	11	23	9	14	9	11	10
Pataki	13	13	8	19	12	17	10
Paul	17	10	14	22	15	12	22
Rubio	5	8	4	2	8	6	3
Santorum	11	5	4	17	12	14	9
Trump	21	13	15	16	30	13	30
No/No one	23	18	29	24	18	27	19
DK/NA	7	5	10	3	8	7	7

3. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, and Bernie Sanders, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY									
	LIBERAL Mod/									
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom				
Clinton	56%	55%	65%	53%	52%	60%				
O'Malley	2	-	2	4	3	2				
Sanders	23	40	23	16	30	18				
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	1				
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	2	2	8	5	5				
DK/NA	12	3	8	17	9	15				

3A. (If candidate chosen q3) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the primary?

	REGISTERE	ED DEMOCRATS	
		E CHOSEN Q3	
		CANDIDATE O	F CHOICE Q3
	Tot	Clinton	Sanders
Made up	55%	60%	45%
Might change	43	37	55
DK/NA	2	3	_

4. (If Registered Democrat) Are there any of these candidates you would definitely not support for the Democratic nomination for president: Clinton, O'Malley, or Sanders? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS										
	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY										
	LIBERAL Mod/										
	Tot	Very	Smwht	Cons	Men	Wom					
Clinton	11%	2%	7%	17%	16%	7%					
O'Malley	19	22	14	20	13	23					
Sanders	11	10	8	13	15	8					
No/No one	50	53	62	44	46	54					
DK/NA	17	13	13	20	18	16					

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

	m - t-	D	D	T1	1.6	F-7		YRS		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	39%	68%	18%	35%	40%	37%	35%	45%	37%	38%
Disapprove	55	24	78	62	54	56	61	50	56	55
DK/NA	6	8	4	3	6	7	4	5	7	7

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

					AGE IN	GE IN YRS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	28%	53%	8%	24%	30%	25%	26%	27%	28%	30%
No	65	38	87	71	64	67	68	66	68	60
DK/NA	7	9	5	6	6	8	6	6	4	11

11. Do you think Chris Christie should stay in the race for President or should drop out of the race for President?

							AGE IN	YRS		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Stay in	33%	53%	16%	31%	35%	32%	28%	36%	37%	32%
Drop out	61	40	77	66	60	62	64	60	58	62
DK/NA	6	7	7	3	5	6	8	4	4	6

12. Which comes closer to your point of view; Chris Christie should stay in office as Governor because he can still serve effectively while running for President, or Chris Christie should resign from his job as Governor because he cannot serve effectively while running for president?

							AGE IN	YRS		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Stay in office	45%	73%	21%	44%	48%	43%	40%	47%	46%	45%
Resign	51	24	74	52	48	53	59	50	51	45
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	4	5	1	3	4	9

13. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New Jersey today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

							AGE IN	AGE IN YRS			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Very satisfied	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	7%	2%	2%	4%	
Smwht satisfied	36	49	31	32	33	39	40	36	34	38	
Smwht dissatisfied	36	30	38	39	35	36	39	37	37	36	
Very dissatisfied	24	16	28	25	27	21	14	24	28	20	
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	-	2	

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling - the economy and jobs?

							AGE IN	YRS		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
7	2.00	600	170	200	200	2.40	200	400	2.40	240
Approve	36%	62%	17%	32%	38%	34%	39%	40%	34%	34%
Disapprove	57	31	78	60	55	59	60	53	61	52
DK/NA	7	7	5	8	6	8	1	7	4	14

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling - the state budget?

							AGE IN YRS				
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Approve	35%	60%	14%	32%	37%	33%	28%	35%	40%	36%	
Disapprove	56	32	78	59	56	56	65	58	54	49	
DK/NA	9	8	8	9	7	11	6	7	6	16	

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling - education?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		YRS 35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	36%	62%	17%	34%	38%	35%	28%	40%	39%	36%
Disapprove	55	31	76	57	51	58	68	54	55	47
DK/NA	9	8	7	9	11	7	4	6	6	17

17. Would you say that Chris Christie - is honest and trustworthy or not?

							AGE IN YRS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		
Yes	46%	76%	24%	42%	47%	46%	34%	48%	46%	57%		
No	48	21	69	51	48	48	62	49	49	35		
DK/NA	6	3	7	6	5	6	4	4	5	8		

18. Would you say that Chris Christie - cares about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

							AGE IN YRS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		
Yes	43%	71%	22%	39%	45%	42%	37%	46%	44%	47%		
No	53	25	74	59	51	55	63	52	52	47		
DK/NA	3	4	4	2	4	3	_	2	4	6		

19. Would you say that Chris Christie - has strong leadership qualities or not?

							AGE IN YRS					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		
Yes	64%	89%	45%	61%	68%	62%	59%	72%	65%	62%		
No	33	11	53	35	31	36	41	26	32	35		
DK/NA	2	1	3	4	2	3	-	2	3	3		

20. Do you think the 2016 presidential campaign is or is not distracting Chris Christie from his duties as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom		YRS 35-49		
Distracting Not distracting	63% 33	42% 55	79% 17	70% 28	61% 36	65% 30	57% 42	64% 33	67% 31	63% 28
DK/NA	4	3	4	2	3	5	1	3	2	9