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**NEW JERSEY VOTERS GIVE CHRISTIE HISTORIC 4-1 DISAPPROVAL,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
GOV KNEW ABOUT BRIDGEGATE, VOTERS SAY 3-1**

New Jersey voters disapprove 77 – 19 percent of the job Gov. Christopher Christie is doing, the lowest approval rating for any governor in any state in more than 20 years of the Quinnipiac University Poll, according to results released today.

Voters say 48 – 43 percent that Gov. Christie personally ordered the “Bridgegate” traffic jam on the George Washington Bridge in 2013, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Voters also say 71 – 22 percent that Gov. Christie knew his aides were causing “Bridgegate.” His potential involvement in the scandal should be investigated further, 56 percent of voters say, while 41 percent say it has been investigated enough.

Christie gets negative ratings from every party, gender, racial and age group measured, ranging from a negative 39 – 53 percent among Republicans to 9 – 90 percent among Democrats.

Looking at Christie’s personal qualities, New Jersey voters say:

- 71 – 24 percent that he is not honest and trustworthy;
- 67 – 28 percent that he does not care about their needs and problems;
- 51 – 46 percent that he does not have strong leadership qualities.

Garden State voters say 69 – 24 percent that President-elect Donald Trump should not offer Christie a job in his administration.

“How the mighty have fallen. Remember four years ago, when Republican leaders were pleading with New Jersey Gov. Christopher Christie to run for president and he looked like a sure thing for reelection – which he was? Now the neighbors have handed him the most dubious of honors, the lowest approval rating ever measured for a governor in the states surveyed by the Quinnipiac University Poll,” said Assistant Poll Director Maurice Carroll.

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“The Gov’s job approval numbers get worse every time anyone looks. The last time we looked, May 18, he had a 64 – 29 percent disapproval rating,” Carroll added.

“This could be a long final year for Gov. Christie.”

Only 3 percent of New Jersey voters give Christie an **A** for the job he has been doing as governor, other grades are:

**B** – 16 percent;

**C** – 24 percent;

**D** – 22 percent;

**F** – 36 percent.

“If Christie were a student, his marks would be terrible, mostly D and F,” Carroll said.

### **President Obama, U.S. Senators, Governor’s Race**

New Jersey voters approve 56 – 36 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, his best score since a 57 – 38 percent approval in an April 24, 2013, survey shortly after his reelection.

U.S. Sen. Cory Booker gets a 56 – 25 percent approval rating, his highest score ever.

Voters approve 40 – 34 percent of the job U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez is doing, his first positive score since a 46 – 33 percent rating in a January 21, 2015, Quinnipiac University poll.

In an early look at the 2017 New Jersey governor’s race, with no candidates mentioned, 44 percent of voters say they will vote for the Democratic candidate and 30 percent say they will vote Republican. The unnamed Democrat leads 34 – 27 percent among independent voters.

Two possible contenders remain largely unknown as 67 percent of voters don’t know enough about Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno to form an opinion of her and 85 percent don’t know enough about Democrat Phil Murphy.

President-elect Donald Trump remains unpopular in New Jersey, with a negative 38 – 51 percent favorability rating.

From November 28 – December 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,318 New Jersey voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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, North Carolina, Georgia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	56%	15%	90%	51%	49%	62%	52%	42%
Disapprove	36	77	6	38	42	31	42	49
DK/NA	8	8	4	11	9	7	5	9

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	66%	60%	50%	51%	41%	53%	47%	91%	68%
Disapprove	25	32	42	44	52	40	46	4	22
DK/NA	8	8	8	5	8	7	7	5	10

2. 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	19%	39%	9%	16%	22%	17%	16%	25%
Disapprove	77	53	90	80	74	79	80	69
DK/NA	4	8	1	3	4	4	4	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	15%	18%	21%	19%	24%	17%	20%	15%	18%
Disapprove	83	79	75	74	72	77	75	83	80
DK/NA	2	3	5	7	4	5	5	2	2

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	28%	28%	33%	26%	30%	27%	26%	30%
Disapprove	54	55	50	58	54	54	56	52
DK/NA	18	17	17	16	17	19	18	18

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	42%	23%	28%	21%	30%	26%	28%	37%	26%
Disapprove	39	61	58	56	55	53	54	50	62
DK/NA	19	16	14	22	15	20	18	14	12

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	56%	30%	78%	56%	49%	62%	57%	48%		
Disapprove	25	49	10	25	31	20	26	33		
DK/NA	18	21	12	19	19	18	17	19		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	58%	62%	55%	52%	48%	57%	53%	70%	65%	
Disapprove	23	22	27	28	36	24	29	10	18	
DK/NA	19	16	18	20	16	20	18	20	17	

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	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	40%	30%	55%	33%	38%	42%	38%	36%		
Disapprove	34	46	21	38	43	26	38	36		
DK/NA	26	24	25	29	19	32	24	28		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	36%	42%	38%	44%	32%	42%	37%	40%	55%	
Disapprove	31	33	38	34	46	28	37	28	26	
DK/NA	33	25	24	22	22	30	26	32	19	

6. If the 2017 election for governor were being held today, do you think you would vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Democratic	44%	8%	83%	34%	35%	51%	43%	31%		
Republican	30	75	3	27	36	25	35	40		
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	5	2	3	-	3		
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1		
DK/NA	23	15	13	33	27	20	21	26		
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Democratic	51%	45%	41%	41%	32%	41%	37%	64%	62%	
Republican	21	31	34	34	43	33	38	5	19	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	5	1	1	1	2	1	2	4	6	
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	
DK/NA	24	22	23	23	23	24	23	27	13	

7. Is your opinion of Phil Murphy favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	9%	5%	15%	7%	9%	9%	10%	5%		
Unfavorable	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	4		
Hvn't hrd enough	85	89	80	87	84	85	84	89		
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	2		
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	7%	13%	11%	8%	8%	7%	8%	15%	12%	
Unfavorable	1	7	6	4	6	4	5	2	8	
Hvn't hrd enough	90	79	83	85	85	88	87	78	79	
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	-	

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	18%	25%	10%	22%	22%	14%	22%	20%		
Unfavorable	14	6	19	13	15	13	19	11		
Hvn't hrd enough	67	68	70	62	63	71	58	68		
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	2	1	1		
	AGE IN	YRS.....			WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Favorable	15%	17%	19%	18%	24%	18%	21%	6%	17%	
Unfavorable	10	17	16	13	18	13	15	20	6	
Hvn't hrd enough	75	65	64	67	57	67	63	74	76	
REFUSED	-	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	

9. What letter grade would you give Chris Christie for the job he has been doing as Governor: A, B, C, D, or F?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
A	3%	6%	-	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%		
B	16	28	6	17	18	14	16	18		
C	24	32	16	25	28	20	26	28		
D	22	18	25	21	24	20	26	21		
F	36	14	53	35	26	44	30	27		
DK/NA	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	2		

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A	4%	2%	1%	3%	5%	1%	3%	-	-
B	16	14	16	16	17	17	17	5	16
C	23	22	27	20	28	26	27	15	14
D	21	28	19	20	27	21	24	22	17
F	33	33	36	40	22	34	28	56	53
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	-

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	24%	49%	11%	21%	27%	22%	23%	30%		
Unfavorable	70	47	85	73	66	73	74	65		
Hvn't hrd enough	4	3	4	3	4	3	1	2		
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	3	2	1	2		

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	22%	22%	27%	24%	30%	24%	27%	16%	22%
Unfavorable	72	74	68	71	67	72	70	75	71
Hvn't hrd enough	5	3	2	2	2	2	2	9	4
REFUSED	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	-	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Favorable	38%	81%	6%	39%	49%	29%	40%	55%		
Unfavorable	51	12	84	47	39	61	51	37		
Hvn't hrd enough	6	3	8	7	7	6	5	4		
REFUSED	5	4	2	7	5	4	4	4		

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	29%	36%	45%	43%	56%	40%	48%	5%	25%
Unfavorable	59	52	46	49	37	51	44	76	67
Hvn't hrd enough	7	7	4	4	4	5	4	12	6
REFUSED	6	5	5	4	3	5	4	7	2

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes	24%	48%	10%	21%	28%	19%	22%	32%			
No	71	46	88	74	67	76	74	62			
DK/NA	5	6	2	5	5	5	4	6			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes	18%	24%	25%	27%	30%	24%	27%	12%	16%		
No	79	72	71	65	65	71	68	85	79		
DK/NA	3	4	5	8	5	5	5	3	4		

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes	28%	53%	12%	27%	35%	22%	31%	37%			
No	67	42	85	69	60	73	65	61			
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	2			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes	28%	30%	29%	26%	40%	28%	34%	18%	17%		
No	65	67	67	71	57	68	63	80	77		
DK/NA	8	3	4	3	3	4	3	2	6		

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes	46%	72%	30%	45%	50%	43%	48%	51%			
No	51	25	68	54	48	54	50	46			
DK/NA	3	3	1	1	3	3	2	3			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes	39%	45%	51%	41%	51%	48%	49%	32%	37%		
No	58	52	47	56	47	49	48	64	61		
DK/NA	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	4	2		

15. Would you like to see President-elect Trump offer Governor Christie a job in his administration or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No
Yes	24%	41%	15%	22%	27%	22%	22%	30%		
No	69	53	79	72	65	71	72	63		
DK/NA	7	7	6	6	7	7	6	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	19%	23%	27%	25%	28%	24%	26%	16%	17%	
No	79	73	65	67	65	70	68	77	78	
DK/NA	2	4	8	8	7	6	6	7	5	

15a. (If yes q15) Is that more because you think it would be good for the country to have Christie serve in the Trump administration or more because you don't want Christie to continue to serve as Governor of New Jersey?

	YES Q15.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Good for country	72%	77%	68%	75%	81%
Don't want Christie	23	22	25	22	17
DK/NA	4	2	7	3	2

16. Would you say the overall quality of life in New Jersey is; excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG		Yes	No
Excellent	5%	7%	4%	4%	7%	4%	7%	6%		
Good	58	59	60	58	61	56	65	54		
Not so good	29	26	28	32	26	32	24	31		
Poor	7	7	7	6	6	7	3	8		
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Excellent	10%	6%	3%	3%	9%	5%	7%	-	2%	
Good	64	61	58	50	60	60	60	49	63	
Not so good	21	29	30	35	26	29	27	41	27	
Poor	5	4	9	9	5	6	6	9	6	
DK/NA	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	1	2	



35. Thinking about the controversy surrounding the September 2013 traffic jam on the George Washington Bridge; do you believe Governor Christie personally ordered the traffic jam or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Yes/Ordered	48%	25%	66%	48%	46%	50%	42%	37%			
No	43	68	26	43	44	41	49	54			
DK/NA	9	7	7	10	10	9	9	9			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Yes/Ordered	63%	54%	42%	38%	40%	39%	40%	71%	72%		
No	29	39	50	49	51	51	51	22	24		
DK/NA	7	6	8	13	9	9	9	7	3		

36. Do you believe Christie was aware that his aides were causing this traffic jam or do you believe his aides were acting without his knowledge?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Christie was aware	71%	52%	86%	72%	67%	74%	75%	63%			
Aides acted alone	22	42	10	22	26	20	20	30			
DK/NA	7	6	4	6	7	7	5	7			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Christie was aware	72%	77%	71%	65%	67%	71%	69%	82%	76%		
Aides acted alone	21	18	24	26	26	24	25	11	18		
DK/NA	7	6	4	8	7	5	6	6	5		

37. Do you think Christie's potential involvement in the Bridgegate controversy has been investigated enough or do you think Christie's potential involvement in the Bridgegate controversy should be investigated more?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Investigated enough	41%	69%	19%	45%	47%	36%	47%	51%			
Investigated more	56	29	78	54	51	61	49	47			
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Investigated enough	26%	48%	44%	45%	51%	47%	49%	19%	23%		
Investigated more	73	48	53	53	46	50	48	77	77		
DK/NA	1	4	3	2	3	3	3	3	1		