Frequencies - Legislative District 2
Stockton Polling Institute
Oct. 17-20, 2013

Q1. If the election for New Jersey governor were held today, would you vote for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Barbara Buono	183	28.7	28.7	28.7
	Republican Chris Christie	374	58.6	58.6	87.3
	SOMEONE ELSE	7	1.1	1.1	88.4
	NOBODY	9	1.4	1.4	89.7
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	60	9.4	9.4	99.1
	REFUSE	6	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q1A. At this time, would you say you lean more toward voting for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Barbara Buono	5	.8	8.1	8.1
	Republican Chris Christie	5	.8	8.6	16.7
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	50	7.8	83.3	100.0
	Total	60	9.4	100.0	
Missing	System	578	90.6		
Total		638	100.0		

COMBINED: If the election for New Jersey governor were held today, would you vote for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Barbara Buono	188	29.4	29.4	29.4
	Republican Chris Christie	379	59.4	59.4	88.9
	SOMEONE ELSE	7	1.1	1.1	89.9
	NOBODY	9	1.4	1.4	91.3
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	50	7.8	7.8	99.1
	REFUSE	6	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q2. If the election for state Senate were held today, would you vote for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Jim Whelan	341	53.5	53.5	53.5
	Republican Frank Balles	208	32.6	32.6	86.1
	SOMEONE ELSE	4	.6	.6	86.7
	NOBODY	13	2.0	2.0	88.7
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	67	10.6	10.6	99.3
	REFUSE	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q2A. At this time, would you say you lean more toward voting for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Jim Whelan	10	1.6	14.9	14.9
	Republican Frank Balles	10	1.6	14.9	29.8
	SOMEONE ELSE	1	.1	1.2	31.0
	NOBODY	1	.2	1.4	32.4
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	46	7.1	67.6	100.0
	Total	67	10.6	100.0	
Missing	System	571	89.4		
Total		638	100.0		

COMBINED: If the election for state Senate were held today, would you vote for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Jim Whelan	351	55.0	55.0	55.0
	Republican Frank Balles	218	34.2	34.2	89.2
	SOMEONE ELSE	5	.7	.7	90.0
	NOBODY	14	2.2	2.2	92.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	46	7.1	7.1	99.3
	REFUSE	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q3. Which of the following best describes your overall opinion of Jim Whelan:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	132	20.7	20.7	20.7
	Somewhat favorable	257	40.2	40.2	60.9
	Somewhat unfavorable	86	13.5	13.5	74.5
	Very unfavorable	58	9.1	9.1	83.6
	Or are you not familiar with him?	89	13.9	13.9	97.5
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	13	2.1	2.1	99.6
	REFUSE	3	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q4. Which of the following best describes your overall opinion of Frank Balles:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	62	9.7	9.7	9.7
	Somewhat favorable	169	26.4	26.4	36.1
	Somewhat unfavorable	80	12.5	12.5	48.7
	Very unfavorable	60	9.5	9.5	58.1
	Or are you not familiar with him?	253	39.7	39.7	97.8
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	13	2.1	2.1	99.9
	REFUSE	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q5. If the election for state Assembly were held today, which two candidates would you vote for?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Vincent Mazzeo	232	19.8	19.8	19.8
	Democrat Nick Russo	221	18.9	18.9	38.7
	Republican John Amodeo	264	22.6	22.6	61.3
	Republican Chris Brown	251	21.5	21.5	82.8
	SOMEONE ELSE	13	1.1	1.1	83.9
	NOBODY	28	2.4	2.4	86.3
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	159	13.6	13.6	99.9
	REFUSE	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	1169	100.0	100.0	

Q5A. At this time, would you say you lean more toward voting for:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Vincent Mazzeo	14	1.2	7.3	7.3
	Democrat Nick Russo	10	.9	5.2	12.4
	Republican John Amodeo	12	1.0	6.3	18.7
	Republican Chris Brown	7	.6	3.8	22.5
	SOMEONE ELSE	7	.6	3.7	26.2
	NOBODY	39	3.3	20.1	46.3
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	99	8.5	51.3	97.5
	REFUSE	5	.4	2.5	100.0
	Total	193	16.5	100.0	
Missing	System	976	83.5		
Total		1169	100.0		

COMBINED: If the election for state Assembly were held today, which two candidates would you vote for?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat Vincent Mazzeo	239	20.5	20.5	20.5
	Democrat Nick Russo	226	19.4	19.4	39.8
	Republican John Amodeo	270	23.1	23.1	62.9
	Republican Chris Brown	253	21.6	21.6	84.5
	SOMEONE ELSE	17	1.4	1.4	85.9
	NOBODY	57	4.9	4.9	90.9
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	104	8.9	8.9	99.8
	REFUSE	3	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	1169	100.0	100.0	

Q6. I'm going to ask how favorable or unfavorable your overall opinion is about the Assembly candidates I just named: John Amodeo

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	113	17.7	17.7	17.7
	Somewhat favorable	183	28.6	28.6	46.4
	Somewhat unfavorable	47	7.3	7.3	53.7
	Very unfavorable	24	3.7	3.7	57.4
	Not familiar	262	41.1	41.1	98.5
	NOT SURE /DK	10	1.5	1.5	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q7. I'm going to ask how favorable or unfavorable your overall opinion is about the Assembly candidates I just named: Chris Brown

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	108	16.9	16.9	16.9
	Somewhat favorable	148	23.2	23.2	40.1
	Somewhat unfavorable	50	7.9	7.9	48.0
	Very unfavorable	25	3.9	3.9	51.9
	Not familiar	299	46.8	46.8	98.6
	NOT SURE /DK	9	1.4	1.4	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q8. I'm going to ask how favorable or unfavorable your overall opinion is about the Assembly candidates I just named: Vincent Mazzeo

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	71	11.2	11.2	11.2
	Somewhat favorable	142	22.3	22.3	33.5
	Somewhat unfavorable	58	9.1	9.1	42.6
	Very unfavorable	26	4.1	4.1	46.7
	Not familiar	331	51.8	51.8	98.5
	NOT SURE /DK	9	1.5	1.5	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q9. I'm going to ask how favorable or unfavorable your overall opinion is about the Assembly candidates I just named: Nick Russo

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	51	8.1	8.1	8.1
	Somewhat favorable	151	23.6	23.6	31.7
	Somewhat unfavorable	60	9.5	9.5	41.2
	Very unfavorable	26	4.2	4.2	45.3
	Not familiar	336	52.6	52.6	97.9
	NOT SURE /DK	13	2.1	2.1	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q10. If Governor Chris Christie endorses a candidate for state Senate or Assembly, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MORE LIKELY	188	29.4	29.4	29.4
	LESS LIKELY	174	27.2	27.2	56.6
	NO DIFFERENCE	252	39.5	39.5	96.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	22	3.4	3.4	99.5
	REFUSE	3	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q11. Do you believe that New Jersey is headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	RIGHT DIRECTION	330	51.7	51.7	51.7
	WRONG TRACK	208	32.6	32.6	84.2
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	96	15.0	15.0	99.2
	REFUSE	5	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q12. Which areas of the New Jersey state budget should be priorities? You may name up to three.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Property taxes	381	19.9	21.8	21.8
	Jobs	356	18.6	20.4	42.2
	Health care	268	14.0	15.3	57.5
	K-12 education	260	13.6	14.9	72.4
	Higher education	169	8.8	9.7	82.1
	Environment	108	5.7	6.2	88.3
	State worker's pensions	106	5.5	6.0	94.3
	Transportation	59	3.1	3.4	97.7
	Or some other area (SPECIFY)	24	1.3	1.4	99.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	11	.6	.6	99.7
	REFUSE	6	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	1747	91.2	100.0	
Missing	System	168	8.8		
Total		1915	100.0		

Q13. What would you say has happened to property taxes in New Jersey during the past three years? Have property taxes:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Increased a lot	313	49.0	49.0	49.0
	Increased a little	227	35.6	35.6	84.6
	Stayed the same	39	6.1	6.1	90.7
	Decreased a little	27	4.3	4.3	95.0
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	26	4.1	4.1	99.1
	REFUSE	6	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q14. A question on the New Jersey ballot asks whether to raise the state's minimum wage from $7.25 an hour to $8.25 an hour and to provide annual cost of living increases. Would you support or oppose the minimum wage proposal?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	478	74.9	74.9	74.9
	OPPOSE	137	21.5	21.5	96.4
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	21	3.3	3.3	99.7
	REFUSE	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Q14A. If the minimum wage proposal did not include annual cost of living raises, would you support or oppose raising the state's minimum wage?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	66	10.4	41.8	41.8
	OPPOSE	71	11.1	44.7	86.4
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	21	3.4	13.6	100.0
	Total	158	24.8	100.0	
Missing	System	480	75.2		
Total		638	100.0		

Q15. A question on the New Jersey ballot asks whether to allow veterans groups to use money raised in raffles and games of chance to fund their operations. Currently they can use that money only for educational, charitable, or other public purposes. Would you

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	485	76.0	76.0	76.0
	OPPOSE	103	16.2	16.2	92.3
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	46	7.3	7.3	99.5
	REFUSE	3	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	638	100.0	100.0	

Frequencies – LD2 Poll 2 demographics

D1. Which category describes your age:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18 to 29	16	2.6	2.6	2.6
	30 to 49	118	18.8	18.8	21.4
	50 to 64	231	36.9	36.9	58.3
	Or 65 and older?	260	41.5	41.5	99.8
	REFUSE	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

D2. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	24	3.8	3.8	3.8
	NO	598	95.5	95.5	99.4
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	1	.2	.2	99.5
	REFUSE	3	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

D3. Which of the following best represents your race?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White	497	79.4	79.4	79.4
	Black or African American	75	12.0	12.0	91.4
	Asian or Pacific	10	1.6	1.6	93.0
	Native American	5	.8	.8	93.8
	Or do you identify with more than one race	29	4.6	4.6	98.4
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	4	.6	.6	99.0
	REFUSE	6	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

D4. Which of the following best describes your highest level of education?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than high school	8	1.3	1.3	1.3
	High school graduate	125	20.0	20.0	21.2
	Some college	210	33.5	33.5	54.8
	Or a four-year college degree or higher	280	44.7	44.7	99.5
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	1	.2	.2	99.7
	REFUSE	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

D5. Which of the following general categories best represents your household income last year before taxes?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than $50,000	172	27.5	27.5	27.5
	$50,000 to less than $100,000	229	36.6	36.6	64.1
	$100,000 to $150,000	89	14.2	14.2	78.3
	Or more than $150,000	60	9.6	9.6	87.9
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	13	2.1	2.1	89.9
	REFUSE	63	10.1	10.1	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

D6. Sex

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MALE	304	48.6	48.6	48.6
	FEMALE	322	51.4	51.4	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

Which party do you consider yourself a member of:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	242	38.7	38.7	38.7
	Republican	200	31.9	31.9	70.6
	Unaffiliated	169	27.0	27.0	97.6
	Or some other party?	3	.5	.5	98.1
	REFUSE	12	1.9	1.9	100.0
	Total	626	100.0	100.0	

Methodology

Interviews were conducted at the Stockton Polling Institute by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 626 likely voters from Oct. 17-20, 2013. Respondents qualified as likely voters if they said they are registered to vote in New Jersey, voted in the November 2012 general election, and are likely or almost certain to vote on Nov. 5. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. All prospective respondent households in the source telephone list have the same chance of joining the sample because of random selection. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percent at 95% confidence level. Data is weighted based on United States Census Bureau demographics for the 2nd Legislative District population.

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