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## **Christie maintains solid lead**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Public Policy Polling’s newest survey of the New Jersey Governor’s race finds Chris Christie continuing to lead Jon Corzine, by a 44-35 margin this month.

Christie had led 50-36 in PPP’s most recent poll of the contest. Both candidates losing support is largely a result of independent Chris Daggett’s being included for the first time. 13% of respondents say they plan to vote for him at this time.

Christie’s winning 79% of the Republican vote, while just 64% of Democrats say they plan to vote for Corzine. Christie also has a 48-29 lead among independent voters.

Each candidate has seen their negatives go up over the last seven weeks. Previously Christie’s favorability was 42/32 and it’s now 45/41. For Corzine an already weak 33/56 number has now worsened to 32/60.

It’s hard to say whether Daggett is hurting Christie or Corzine. He’s getting 15% of the Democratic vote to 7% of the Republican vote, but his supporters say their second choice is Christie by a 48-32 margin. His supporters seem to be Democratic leaning voters who can’t quite bring themselves to vote for a Republican.

“It’s looking like it’s going to be tougher and tougher for Jon Corzine to pull this thing out,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Hard attacks on Christie haven’t closed the gap enough and the presence of Daggett in the race is giving disaffected Democrats an outlet to cast a protest vote.”

PPP will have new numbers on the popularity of Barack Obama and his health care plan in the state tomorrow and on Thursday will look at whether Democrats might be better off with Newark Mayor Cory Booker or Congressman Frank Pallone on the ballot instead of Jon Corzine.

PPP surveyed 500 New Jersey voters from September 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.5%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

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## New Jersey Survey Results

**Q1** The candidates for Governor this fall are Republican Chris Christie, Democrat Jon Corzine, and independent Chris Daggett. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Chris Christie, press 1. If Jon Corzine, press 2. If Chris Daggett, press 3. If you're undecided, press 4.

*Christie*..... 44%  
*Corzine* ..... 35%  
*Daggett*..... 13%  
*Undecided*..... 7%

**Q2** Is your second choice for Governor Chris Christie or Jon Corzine? If Chris Christie, press 1. If Jon Corzine, press 2. If you don't know, press 3. (Asked only of Daggett voters)

*Christie*..... 48%  
*Corzine* ..... 32%  
*Don't Know* ..... 20%

**Q3** Are you solidly committed to your current choice for Governor, or is there a chance you could vote for another candidate? If you are solidly committed, press 1. If there is a chance you could vote for another candidate, press 2.

*Solidly Committed*..... 78%  
*Could Change Mind*..... 22%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chris Christie? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 45%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 41%  
*Not Sure*..... 14%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jon Corzine? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 32%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 60%  
*Not Sure*..... 8%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chris Daggett? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Favorable*..... 21%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 16%  
*Not Sure*..... 63%

**Q7** In the 2005 race for Governor did you vote for Democrat Jon Corzine or Republican Doug Forrester? If Jon Corzine, press 1. If Doug Forrester, press 2. If you didn't vote or don't remember, press 3.

*Corzine* ..... 53%  
*Forrester*..... 38%  
*Not Sure/Don't Remember*..... 9%

**Q8** Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

*McCain*..... 46%  
*Obama*..... 48%  
*Someone Else/Don't Remember*..... 7%

**Q9** If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 19%  
*Moderate*..... 52%  
*Conservative*..... 29%





**Q10** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 53%

*Man*..... 47%

**Q11** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat* ..... 39%

*Republican*..... 33%

*Independent/Other*..... 28%

**Q12** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

*Hispanic*..... 12%

*White* ..... 73%

*African American* ..... 9%

*Other*..... 6%

**Q13** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 12%

*30 to 45*..... 24%

*46 to 65*..... 45%

*Older than 65*..... 19%

**Q14**

*201*..... 11%

*609*..... 19%

*732*..... 26%

*856*..... 16%

*908*..... 14%

*973*..... 14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Corzine	Forrester	Not Sure/Don't Remember
<b>Governor</b>				
<b>Christie</b>	44%	18%	79%	55%
<b>Corzine</b>	35%	62%	4%	9%
<b>Daggett</b>	13%	13%	13%	13%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	7%	4%	24%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Corzine	Forrester	Not Sure/Don't Remember
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>				
<b>Christie</b>	48%	36%	74%	18%
<b>Corzine</b>	32%	43%	15%	28%
<b>Don't Know</b>	20%	21%	11%	54%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Corzine	Forrester	Not Sure/Don't Remember
<b>Change Mind</b>				
<b>Solidly Committed</b>	78%	75%	82%	68%
<b>Could Change Mind</b>	22%	25%	18%	32%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Corzine	Forrester	Not Sure/Don't Remember
<b>Christie Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	22%	77%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	65%	10%	33%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	13%	13%	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Corzine	Forrester	Not Sure/Don't Remember
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	56%	2%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	60%	35%	93%	67%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	10%	4%	14%

	Base	2005 Vote		
		Corzine	Forrester	Not Sure/Don't Remember
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	21%	19%	24%	25%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	16%	16%	16%	11%
<b>Not Sure</b>	63%	65%	60%	63%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Governor</b>				
<b>Christie</b>	44%	76%	14%	44%
<b>Corzine</b>	35%	9%	63%	23%
<b>Daggett</b>	13%	9%	16%	20%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	6%	8%	13%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>				
<b>Christie</b>	48%	57%	42%	58%
<b>Corzine</b>	32%	21%	41%	14%
<b>Don't Know</b>	20%	22%	17%	28%





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	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Change Mind</b>				
<b>Solidly Committed</b>	78%	83%	74%	62%
<b>Could Change Mind</b>	22%	17%	26%	38%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Christie Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	74%	17%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	13%	72%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	13%	11%	34%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	8%	56%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	60%	87%	34%	57%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	4%	10%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	21%	22%	18%	38%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	16%	15%	18%	12%
<b>Not Sure</b>	63%	64%	64%	50%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Governor</b>				
Christie	44%	10%	39%	75%
Corzine	35%	65%	39%	9%
Daggett	13%	14%	13%	12%
Undecided	7%	10%	8%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>				
Christie	48%	25%	66%	32%
Corzine	32%	64%	21%	27%
Don't Know	20%	11%	13%	41%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Change Mind</b>				
Solidly Committed	78%	82%	71%	86%
Could Change Mind	22%	18%	29%	14%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Christie Favorability</b>				
Favorable	45%	16%	40%	73%
Unfavorable	41%	72%	44%	17%
Not Sure	14%	12%	16%	10%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>32%</b>	57%	33%	16%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>60%</b>	28%	60%	80%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	15%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	11%	23%	25%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>16%</b>	16%	13%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>63%</b>	73%	64%	55%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Governor</b>			
<b>Christie</b>	<b>44%</b>	43%	45%
<b>Corzine</b>	<b>35%</b>	35%	36%
<b>Daggett</b>	<b>13%</b>	12%	14%
<b>Undecided</b>	<b>7%</b>	10%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>			
<b>Christie</b>	<b>48%</b>	49%	48%
<b>Corzine</b>	<b>32%</b>	33%	30%
<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>20%</b>	19%	21%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Change Mind</b>			
<b>Solidly Committed</b>	<b>78%</b>	80%	75%
<b>Could Change Mind</b>	<b>22%</b>	20%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Christie Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>45%</b>	44%	47%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>41%</b>	43%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	13%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>32%</b>	32%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>60%</b>	59%	61%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	9%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	20%	23%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>16%</b>	12%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>63%</b>	69%	57%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Governor</b>				
Christie	44%	12%	79%	48%
Corzine	35%	64%	7%	29%
Daggett	13%	15%	7%	16%
Undecided	7%	9%	7%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>				
Christie	48%	27%	50%	77%
Corzine	32%	54%	30%	3%
Don't Know	20%	19%	20%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Change Mind</b>				
Solidly Committed	78%	79%	89%	62%
Could Change Mind	22%	21%	11%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Christie Favorability</b>				
Favorable	45%	15%	78%	49%
Unfavorable	41%	73%	12%	32%
Not Sure	14%	12%	10%	20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	60%	7%	22%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	60%	28%	85%	74%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	11%	7%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	21%	17%	19%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	16%	15%	19%	13%
<b>Not Sure</b>	63%	68%	63%	57%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Governor</b>					
<b>Christie</b>	44%	26%	53%	4%	30%
<b>Corzine</b>	35%	37%	29%	84%	37%
<b>Daggett</b>	13%	29%	11%	6%	20%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	8%	7%	6%	14%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>					
<b>Christie</b>	48%	35%	55%	38%	47%
<b>Corzine</b>	32%	46%	26%	62%	15%
<b>Don't Know</b>	20%	19%	19%	-	38%





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	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Change Mind</b>					
<b>Solidly Committed</b>	78%	76%	78%	83%	72%
<b>Could Change Mind</b>	22%	24%	22%	17%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Christie Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	40%	52%	5%	33%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	50%	35%	82%	46%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	9%	14%	14%	21%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	39%	25%	82%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	60%	45%	67%	12%	66%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	16%	8%	6%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	21%	32%	21%	11%	19%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	16%	21%	14%	18%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	63%	46%	65%	70%	62%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Governor</b>					
<b>Christie</b>	44%	33%	42%	49%	43%
<b>Corzine</b>	35%	22%	40%	36%	36%
<b>Daggett</b>	13%	33%	10%	9%	13%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	11%	8%	6%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>					
<b>Christie</b>	48%	33%	63%	50%	57%
<b>Corzine</b>	32%	50%	13%	32%	19%
<b>Don't Know</b>	20%	17%	25%	18%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Change Mind</b>					
<b>Solidly Committed</b>	78%	75%	72%	81%	79%
<b>Could Change Mind</b>	22%	25%	28%	19%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Christie Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	45%	44%	44%	47%	42%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	41%	33%	45%	43%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	14%	22%	11%	10%	19%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	32%	28%	33%	32%	34%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	60%	56%	63%	60%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	17%	4%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	21%	28%	18%	22%	18%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	16%	11%	20%	14%	16%
<b>Not Sure</b>	63%	61%	61%	64%	65%

	Base	Area Code					
		201	609	732	856	908	973
<b>Governor</b>							
<b>Christie</b>	44%	31%	49%	45%	44%	50%	42%
<b>Corzine</b>	35%	42%	27%	33%	39%	31%	45%
<b>Daggett</b>	13%	19%	12%	16%	9%	11%	10%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	7%	11%	6%	8%	8%	4%

	Base	Area Code					
		201	609	732	856	908	973
<b>Daggett Voters' Second Choice</b>							
<b>Christie</b>	48%	10%	45%	46%	78%	79%	61%
<b>Corzine</b>	32%	38%	47%	33%	14%	13%	30%
<b>Don't Know</b>	20%	51%	9%	21%	8%	8%	8%





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		201	609	732	856	908	973
<b>Change Mind</b>							
<b>Solidly Committed</b>	<b>78%</b>	71%	79%	76%	83%	79%	76%
<b>Could Change Mind</b>	<b>22%</b>	29%	21%	24%	17%	21%	24%

	Base	Area Code					
		201	609	732	856	908	973
<b>Christie Favorability</b>							
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>45%</b>	32%	51%	50%	34%	51%	46%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>41%</b>	53%	31%	38%	48%	36%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	15%	18%	12%	18%	13%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		201	609	732	856	908	973
<b>Corzine Favorability</b>							
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>32%</b>	34%	30%	32%	39%	24%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>60%</b>	56%	63%	60%	52%	69%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	10%	7%	7%	9%	7%	9%

	Base	Area Code					
		201	609	732	856	908	973
<b>Daggett Favorability</b>							
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	11%	23%	27%	11%	20%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>16%</b>	21%	17%	12%	19%	10%	18%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>63%</b>	68%	61%	61%	70%	70%	52%

