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Southern NJ Voters Have High Opinion of Obama and Christie

Jobs and the Economy Top List of Concerns

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Galloway Township, NJ- A Stockton College/Zogby poll of southern NJ voters shows 57 percent of the voters give President Obama good marks and 53 percent view Gov. Christie favorably. Only 46 percent felt NJ was moving in the right direction.

The poll was administered to 1,200 likely voters in NJ Congressional Districts 1, 2, 3 between Sept. 21 and 23 and has a margin of error of $\pm 2.9\%$. Results are rounded to the nearest whole percent.

Sharon Schulman, executive director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton that commissioned the poll, noted that likely voters overwhelmingly believe that "jobs and the economy" is the biggest issue facing the U.S. today. "More than 66 percent of the respondents had this as their top issue. The next closest concern was at 27 percent and that was healthcare/insurance/prescription drugs. All others on the list fell lower."

"We also asked them how they felt about Gov. Christie's plans to invest in and promote Atlantic City and his decision to end subsidies to horse racing in NJ. On both questions respondents agreed at slightly more than 60 percent," said Schulman.

The poll also looked at specific races in each of the three Congressional Districts (n=400 and MOE= $\pm 5\%$).

Congressional District 1: 59 percent would vote for incumbent Congressman Rob Andrews (D) if the election was held today. 24 percent would vote for Dale Glading (R) and 15 percent were not sure. 65 percent had a favorable opinion of Andrews. 22 percent had a favorable opinion of Glading, however, Glading also had 67 percent who were not familiar enough with him to give an opinion. 53 percent approved of Andrews' job performance.

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Congressional District 2: 59 percent would vote for incumbent Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R) if the election was held today. 25 percent would vote for Gary Stein (D) and 13 percent were not sure. 68 percent had a favorable opinion of LoBiondo. 18 percent had a favorable opinion of Stein, however, Stein also had 72 percent who were not familiar enough with him to give an opinion. 56 percent approved of LoBiondo's job performance.

Congressional District 3: This race is closer with 38 percent saying they would vote for incumbent Congressman John Adler (D) if the election was held today. 30 percent would vote for John Runyon (R), and 7.6 percent would vote for NJ Tea Party member Paul DeStafano and 23 percent were not sure. 55 percent had a favorable opinion of Adler. 41 percent had a favorable opinion of Runyon, however, Runyon also had 35 percent who were not familiar enough with him to give an opinion. 80 percent were not familiar enough with DeStafano to give an opinion. 38 percent approved of Adler's job performance.

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