



Stockton Polling Institute: LoBiondo Leads Shober in 2nd Congressional District; Obama Over Romney; Menendez Leads Kyrillos

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Galloway, NJ – The Stockton Polling Institute today released a poll of the 2nd congressional district showing Republican incumbent Frank LoBiondo leading Democratic challenger Cassandra Shober by a margin of 55 percent to 35 percent.

The Stockton Polling Institute is part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The poll was conducted with 624 likely voters from September 19 – 24. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. The survey has a margin of error of +/-4.0 percent.

New Jersey's 2nd congressional district includes all of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem and parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties.

"Congressman LoBiondo's lead is expected given his 18 years in Congress," said Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Of all those surveyed, 62 percent have a very or somewhat favorable opinion of the LoBiondo, while 19 percent have a somewhat or very unfavorable opinion, with 18 percent unsure or unfamiliar with him.

For Shober, 56 percent of those surveyed are unfamiliar or not sure of what they think of her.

LoBiondo's job performance stands in contrast to likely voters' views of Congress, with 57 percent rating his job performance as excellent or good and 36 percent rating his performance as fair or poor. Only 14 percent of the voters approve of the job performance of Congress, while 84 percent disapprove.

In the race for the United States Senate seat incumbent Democratic Senator Robert Menendez leads Republican challenger Joseph Kyrillos by a 56 to 33 percent margin in the 2nd congressional district.

In the presidential race, incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama leads Republican challenger Mitt Romney by 57 to 35 percent in this southern New Jersey congressional district.

Although not on this year's ballot, 47 percent of likely voters rate New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's job performance as excellent or good, while 51 percent rate his performance fair or poor. However his favorability ratings are slightly better, with 51 percent viewing him very or somewhat favorably, while 46 percent view him somewhat or very unfavorably.

Methodology

Interviews are conducted at the Stockton Polling Institute by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 624 likely voters from September 19 – 24. 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 the random digital dialing system (RDD). Data were weighted based on United States Census demographic data. The survey has a margin of error of ± 4.0 percent.

About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy (www.stockton.edu/hughescenter) at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey. The Center is named for Ambassador William J. Hughes, whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton College.

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