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**WHILE MOST NJ REPUBLICANS STAND BY CHRISTIE, DEMOCRATS ABANDON HIM
Favorability and Job Ratings Drop to Pre-Sandy Levels**

Note: Two-thirds of this poll was completed before the recent allegations by Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer that Sandy aid was withheld from her city due to her unwillingness to support a development linked to Gov. Christie's allies.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – Following a second week of revelations about “Bridgegate,” Gov. Chris Christie’s job approval and favorability ratings have dropped dramatically among New Jerseyans, with Democrats driving the decline, according to a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. Following more than a year of strong bipartisan support, Christie’s favorability rating is now 46 percent favorable to 43 percent unfavorable, down from 65 percent favorable just before his landslide re-election. This drop in support is led by a 26-point decline among Democrats.

Voters are slightly more positive about Christie’s performance as governor, with 53 percent approving how he handles the job. But this is down 15 points since November; well below the 66 to 73 percent support Christie had enjoyed throughout the year since Superstorm Sandy. Asked to grade the Governor, 43 percent now award Christie an A or B – down 16 points– and 29 percent assign either a D or F, compared to just 18 percent two months ago.

Christie’s ratings drop is driven by a very large decline among Democrats while most Republicans – and many independents – continue to stand by the Governor. In November, 45 percent of Democrats were favorable, but with new challenges to Christie’s bipartisan leadership, only 19 percent of Democrats are now positive. Democratic approval of Christie’s job performance has dropped from 51 percent to 29 percent. While noticeably down from November, Republicans are still very positive: 78 percent feel favorable, and 83 percent approve of the job Christie is doing. Independent support has also dropped some, but a majority continues to favor Christie.

Christie’s ratings are noticeably lower among those who travel across the George Washington Bridge at least once a week, at 37 percent favorable. Those who use the bridge less often are more positive, with 45 percent favorable, compared to 51 percent favorable among voters who never use the bridge. His job approval follows a similar pattern for these commuters.

“Other polls taken immediately after the bridge scandal broke showed relatively small effects,” noted David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. “But with another week of revelations, damage appears to have been done. The

good will the Governor built up among Democrats with his handling of the Sandy aftermath is gone, at least for now.”

Results are from a statewide poll of 826 New Jersey adults with a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percentage points, contacted by live callers on both landlines and cell phones from Jan 14 – 19. Within this sample are 757 registered voters, with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points.

“Bridgagate” sinking in

Christie’s ratings have been negatively affected by the “Bridgagate” revelations and the resulting media onslaught. Only five percent of New Jerseyans say they have heard nothing about the scandal. Overall, residents are generally skeptical of Christie, with more than half saying it is somewhat or very unlikely that his advisors acted without his knowledge. And more than half do not believe the explanation Christie gave at his January 9 press conference.

The scandal has created clear partisan differences over what happened. Republicans mostly support Christie: two-thirds think the Governor was likely unaware of what his staff was doing, and 80 percent at least partially accept his explanation. But only a quarter of Democrats think Christie was unaware of his aides’ actions; instead, over half say it is very unlikely Christie was out of the loop. Moreover, 62 percent of Democrats do not believe at all Christie’s explanation for what happened.

“The re-emergence of strong partisan differences in believing the Governor returns us to a pre-Sandy political environment,” said Redlawsk. “Before the storm, Governor Christie’s term was defined by sharp splits, with Democrats generally negative and Republicans very positive. Once Christie proved his leadership after Sandy, partisan differences became quite small right through the election in November. But Democrats are once again very unhappy with the Governor.”

Whether or not they think Christie is telling the truth, New Jerseyans overwhelmingly blame Christie’s “tough-guy” persona for the conduct of his staff: more than 70 percent say the Governor’s attitude contributed at least somewhat to his staff’s reported behavior. Even six in ten Republicans believe Christie’s demeanor has at least somewhat encouraged these events.

But New Jerseyans are split on whether the state legislature should continue investigating the claims: 49 percent say continue, while 47 percent say the legislature should move on to more important issues. More than half of Democrats want the investigation to continue (57 percent) but majorities of both independents (53 percent) and Republicans (59 percent) want the legislature to move on.

Impact on presidential hopes

More than half of New Jerseyans feel Christie’s lengthy *mea culpa* was more about damage control for a future presidential run than a sincere apology, and half also think the scandal sheds light on how a future President Christie and his team would act once in the Oval Office. Again, Republicans mostly stick by the Governor, with nearly half seeing Christie’s apology as heartfelt. But 70 percent of Democrats and 49 percent of independents disagree with GOPers, believing the apology was more about a presidential run. Meanwhile, two-thirds of Republicans do not believe the scandal provides insight into a Christie presidency, but just as many Democrats say that it does.

More than two-thirds of all New Jerseyans think the scandal has been at least somewhat damaging to Christie's presidential hopes; even 55 percent of Republicans see some damage. At the same time, most report little effect on their likelihood of voting for Christie if he runs for president. Only 23 percent of registered voters say the scandal would lower at least somewhat their chance of supporting Christie. But another 17 percent say they would not have voted for him in any case. Even with recent events, sixty percent of voters nonetheless think Christie will run in 2016.

Perhaps summarizing the effects of events over the past two weeks, Christie does poorly in a head-to-head matchup with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Among registered voters, Christie loses New Jersey 34 percent to 55 percent for Clinton. "It remains very early in the 2016 presidential cycle," said Redlawsk. "If the Governor can put this behind him within the next couple of months, and assuming events transpired as he says, then there is every reason to think he can recover in time to mount a strong 2016 campaign. But if it goes on much longer than that, or if allegations continue to build, Christie will have his hands full right here in New Jersey."

GWB having little effect in most key areas; but Sandy ratings take a hit

With the media focusing on the bridge scandal, the Governor's favorability and job performance ratings have taken a significant hit. But no significant change has occurred in New Jerseyans' assessments of Christie's performance in several key areas, including the economy, taxes, and crime.

On the economy and jobs, 45 percent of voters approved Christie's performance in November. Today approval stands at 44 percent, with 46 percent disapproving. Taxes tell a similar story: 42 percent approved of the way Christie was handling taxes in November, dropping only slightly to 38 percent approval and 54 percent disapproval. Half continue to approve of Christie's performance on crime and drugs, compared to 53 percent two months ago.

A more significant shift has occurred on approval of Christie's performance on education, down six points to 48 percent approval. The Governor announced his desire for a longer school day and year in his State of the State speech, placing some brief focus on the issue.

Further, perceptions of Sandy recovery performance have also dropped significantly, from 80 percent approval in November to 69 percent approval now.

"Changes in perceptions of the Governor's Sandy performance are probably due to the shift of Democrats away from the Governor's camp and the recent claims by Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer that Sandy recovery aid was tied to supporting a development linked to Gov. Christie's allies," noted Redlawsk. "Zimmer's claims may have particularly influenced respondents we talked to on Saturday and Sunday after that story broke."

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Questions and Tables

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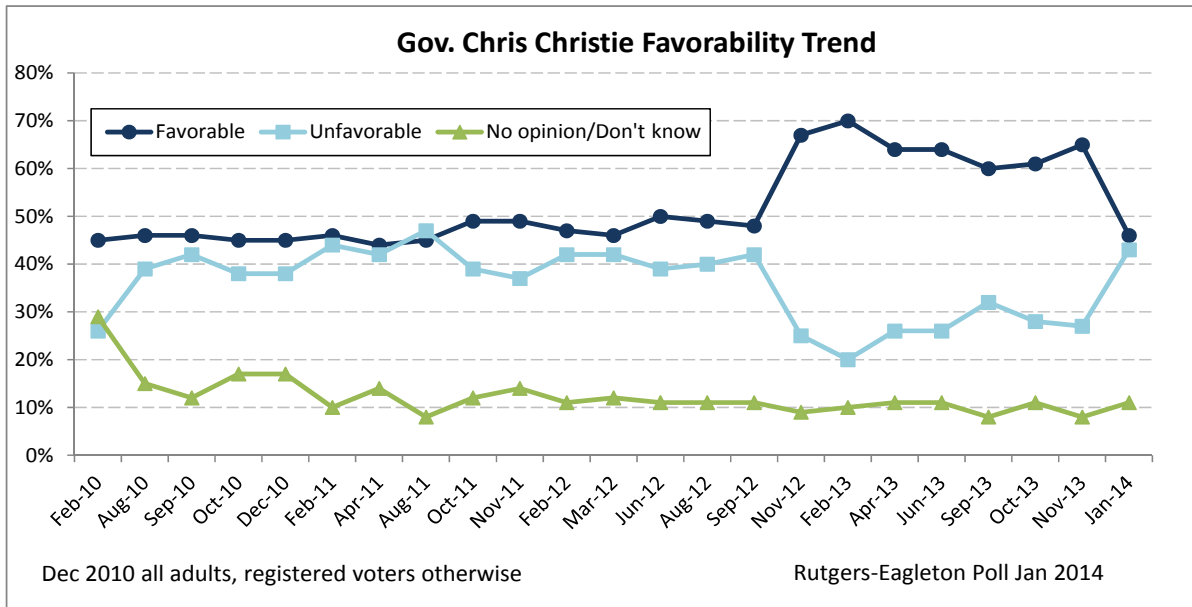
Q. I'd like to ask about some people and groups. Please tell me if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion.

GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE

	REGISTERED VOTERS	ALL ADULTS
Favorable	46%	46%
Unfavorable	43%	41%
No opn/don't know person	11%	13%
Unwgt N=	754	823

Trend

	11/13 RV	10/13 RV	9/13 RV	6/13 RV	4/13 RV	2/13 RV	11/12 RV	9/12 RV	8/12 RV	6/12 RV	3/12 RV	2/12 RV	11/11 RV	10/11 RV	8/11 RV	4/11 RV	2/11 RV
Fav	65%	61%	60%	64%	64%	70%	67%	48%	49%	50%	46%	47%	49%	49%	45%	44%	46%
Unfav	27%	28%	32%	26%	26%	20%	25%	42%	40%	39%	42%	42%	37%	39%	47%	42%	44%
DK	8%	11%	8%	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	14%	12%	8%	14%	10%
N=	800	798	812	761	816	695	1105	787	911	1,064	514	910	752	803	613	769	810



REGISTERED VOTERS

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Favorable	19%	55%	78%	21%	45%	76%	50%	42%
Unfavorable	69%	33%	15%	71%	41%	18%	40%	46%
DK/No Opn	12%	13%	7%	8%	14%	6%	10%	12%
Unwt N=	274	314	151	185	380	167	367	387

**Christie Ratings/GW Bridge Jan 2014
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Favorable	19%	55%	78%	21%	45%	76%	50%	42%
Unfavorable	69%	33%	15%	71%	41%	18%	40%	46%
DK/No Opn	12%	13%	7%	8%	14%	6%	10%	12%
Unwt N=	274	314	151	185	380	167	367	387

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	< Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Favorable	37%	45%	51%	47%	43%	30%	45%	48%	43%	58%
Unfavorable	54%	44%	36%	42%	48%	52%	43%	45%	48%	31%
DK/No Opn	10%	11%	13%	10%	9%	18%	11%	7%	9%	11%
Unwt N=	75	456	218	621	110	109	249	119	118	159

Q. Please rate how Chris Christie is handling his job as governor, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

	Trend...												
	1/14 RV	11/13 RV	10/13 RV	9/13 RV	6/13 RV	4/13 RV	2/13 RV	11/12 RV	9/12 RV	8/12 RV	6/12 RV	3/12 RV	2/12 RV
A	12%	21%	21%	17%	24%	21%	24%	28%	18%	15%	15%	12%	16%
B	31%	38%	39%	36%	34%	39%	40%	33%	29%	30%	31%	31%	27%
C	27%	22%	21%	23%	24%	22%	22%	22%	22%	25%	24%	25%	24%
D	15%	10%	9%	13%	9%	10%	9%	11%	15%	13%	15%	13%	14%
F	14%	8%	9%	10%	8%	7%	4%	5%	15%	16%	14%	17%	18%
DK	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Unwt N=	751	800	798	813	759	819	698	573	788	913	1,063	516	914

	Trend...	11/11 RV	10/11 RV	8/11 RV	4/11 RV	2/11 RV
A		18%	14%	13%	14%	14%
B		28%	30%	25%	32%	24%
C		21%	27%	18%	20%	26%
D		17%	14%	24%	14%	15%
F		13%	14%	19%	21%	19%
DK		2%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Unwt N=		752	799	612	390	416

Registered Voters

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female
A	3%	13%	30%	6%	11%	22%	15%	10%
B	19%	38%	42%	16%	33%	47%	33%	30%
C	31%	27%	19%	28%	29%	20%	27%	27%
D	25%	11%	5%	27%	14%	3%	15%	15%
F	22%	10%	4%	22%	13%	6%	10%	17%
DK	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Unwt N=	272	314	150	185	378	166	365	386

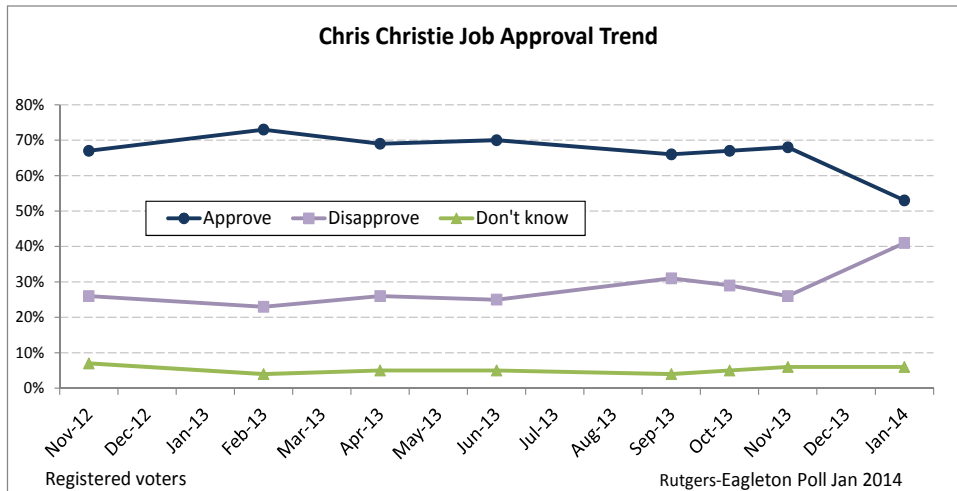
Christie Ratings/GW Bridge Jan 2014
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+ < Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	
A	15%	12%	13%	14%	6%	6%	12%	15%	6%	22%
B	24%	30%	37%	31%	36%	25%	34%	28%	32%	32%
C	24%	30%	22%	26%	24%	29%	29%	33%	21%	20%
D	20%	14%	14%	15%	17%	17%	12%	13%	24%	15%
F	17%	13%	13%	13%	15%	20%	12%	11%	17%	10%
DK	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Unwt N=	74	455	217	620	109	107	248	119	119	158

Q. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as governor?

REGISTERED VOTERS Trend...

	1/14	11/13	10/13	9/13	6/13	4/13	2/13	11/12	Christie Favorability	
	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	RV	Fav	Unfav
Approve	53%	68%	67%	66%	70%	68%	73%	67%	96%	13%
Disapprove	41%	26%	29%	31%	25%	26%	23%	26%	2%	83%
Don't know	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	2%	4%
Unwgt N=	747	795	794	809	756	810	696	533	356	311



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	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female
Approve	29%	60%	83%	28%	53%	82%	59%	47%
Disapprove	64%	33%	13%	66%	40%	15%	37%	45%
Don't know	7%	7%	4%	6%	7%	3%	5%	8%
Unwgt N=	270	312	151	181	376	168	365	382

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	< Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Approve	45%	53%	56%	54%	49%	36%	50%	59%	50%	66%
Disapprove	49%	41%	38%	41%	40%	54%	41%	38%	45%	30%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	5%	10%	10%	8%	3%	5%	3%
Unwt N=	74	453	215	616	109	107	247	118	119	156

Q. Now I am going to list some specific areas where I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing. First: [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

REGISTERED VOTERS

	NJ's economy and jobs	Taxes	Education and Schools	Hurricane Sandy recovery	Crime and drugs	The state budget
Approve	44%	38%	48%	69%	50%	43%
Disapprove	46%	54%	46%	26%	29%	42%
Don't know	10%	8%	7%	6%	20%	15%
Unwgt N=	734	744	746	748	735	744

NJ's economy and jobs

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Approve	44%	72%	17%	70%	15%
Disapprove	46%	18%	75%	20%	78%
Don't know	10%	10%	8%	10%	8%
Unwgt N=	734	353	303	396	288

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Approve	28%	49%	69%	28%	43%	66%	51%	38%
Disapprove	64%	40%	23%	60%	48%	26%	41%	51%
Don't know	8%	11%	8%	11%	9%	7%	8%	11%
Unwt N=	267	303	150	174	375	164	354	380

Taxes

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Approve	38%	61%	15%	58%	14%
Disapprove	54%	30%	80%	33%	81%
Don't know	8%	9%	6%	8%	5%
Unwgt N=	744	355	313	398	294

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Approve	19%	42%	68%	20%	38%	61%	43%	34%
Disapprove	74%	48%	26%	70%	55%	32%	52%	56%
Don't know	8%	10%	6%	10%	8%	7%	5%	11%
Unwt N=	272	307	150	182	376	165	362	382

Education and Schools

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Approve	48%	75%	21%	72%	20%
Disapprove	46%	16%	75%	20%	77%
Don't know	7%	9%	4%	9%	3%
Unwt N=	746	353	313	399	295

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Approve	30%	53%	70%	32%	48%	64%	52%	44%
Disapprove	65%	37%	25%	65%	44%	27%	41%	50%
Don't know	5%	9%	5%	3%	8%	10%	7%	6%
Unwt N=	272	309	150	181	377	166	363	383

Sandy recovery

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Approve	69%	88%	51%	88%	45%
Disapprove	26%	7%	44%	9%	49%
Don't know	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%
Unwt N=	748	356	314	400	296

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Approve	61%	71%	82%	58%	70%	81%	70%	68%
Disapprove	34%	21%	14%	36%	25%	16%	24%	27%
Don't know	4%	8%	3%	6%	6%	4%	5%	6%
Unwt N=	272	311	151	184	376	167	363	385

Crime and drugs

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Approve	50%	69%	33%	67%	30%
Disapprove	29%	13%	45%	15%	48%
Don't know	20%	18%	22%	18%	22%
Unwt N=	735	350	308	396	290

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	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Approve	39%	53%	69%	39%	51%	63%	58%	44%
Disapprove	39%	28%	12%	34%	31%	17%	28%	31%
Don't know	22%	19%	18%	27%	18%	20%	15%	25%
Unwt N=	265	307	149	177	372	165	359	376

The state budget

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Approve	43%	72%	16%	69%	15%
Disapprove	42%	13%	72%	17%	76%
Don't know	15%	14%	13%	14%	9%
Unwt N=	744	357	308	402	292

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Approve	23%	52%	68%	26%	44%	62%	49%	38%
Disapprove	63%	34%	18%	60%	42%	24%	42%	43%
Don't know	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	14%	9%	19%
Unwt N=	272	308	150	178	379	167	365	379

Q. Turning to some recent news, how much have you heard about the controversy over the closing of local access lanes to the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee that happened last September, creating massive gridlock – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

ALL ADULTS

A lot	78%
A little	17%
Nothing at all	5%
Unwgt N=	824

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
A lot	75%	76%	89%	78%	77%	81%	80%	76%
A little	19%	17%	11%	18%	16%	16%	16%	17%
Nothing at all	6%	7%	0%	4%	7%	3%	4%	7%
Unwt N=	305	350	153	204	413	180	403	421

	GWB Commuter			Region				
	Weekly+	< weekly	Never	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
A lot	81%	79%	77%	79%	78%	81%	72%	78%
A little	13%	17%	16%	15%	19%	16%	20%	12%
Nothing at all	6%	4%	7%	5%	3%	3%	7%	10%
Unwt N=	84	496	239	118	279	134	124	169

Q. At a press conference last week, Governor Christie apologized to the people of New Jersey and Fort Lee, blaming top advisors in his administration for the lane closings. He announced that he had fired those responsible. Christie said he personally had been unaware that his staff had been involved. How likely do you think it is that top Christie advisors acted without the governor's knowledge? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

ALL ADULTS

	ADULTS	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Very likely	20%	34%	7%	31%	6%
Somewhat likely	22%	34%	9%	35%	8%
Somewhat unlikely	16%	13%	16%	15%	13%
Very unlikely	40%	16%	68%	17%	72%
Don't know	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%
Unwgt N=	824	391	334	446	316

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Very likely	11%	23%	32%	11%	17%	35%	22%	17%
Somewhat likely	15%	24%	36%	12%	24%	30%	22%	23%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	16%	13%	15%	18%	13%	15%	16%
Very unlikely	54%	35%	17%	58%	40%	20%	39%	41%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Unwt N=	307	349	152	204	415	179	403	421

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal			Region			
	Weekly+	< weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Very likely	21%	17%	24%	22%	13%	14%	20%	21%	17%	25%
Somewhat likely	21%	23%	20%	21%	28%	14%	21%	27%	24%	26%
Somewhat unlikely	7%	17%	17%	14%	21%	17%	17%	13%	18%	15%
Very unlikely	49%	40%	36%	40%	35%	54%	39%	38%	38%	32%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	3%	0%	2%	3%
Unwt N=	84	496	239	663	129	119	278	134	125	168

Q. Do you fully believe Governor Christie's explanation of what happened, somewhat believe his explanation, or not believe it at all?

ALL ADULTS

		Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Fully believe	20%	40%	3%	36%	2%
Somewhat believe	33%	43%	20%	44%	17%
Not believe it at all	42%	13%	75%	16%	79%
Don't know	4%	4%	2%	4%	2%
Unwgt N=	824	392	333	447	315

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	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Fully believe	9%	24%	39%	9%	17%	42%	23%	18%
Somewhat believe	26%	37%	41%	26%	34%	37%	30%	35%
Not believe it at all	62%	33%	19%	62%	44%	18%	41%	43%
Don't know	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Unwt N=	306	350	152	204	415	178	402	422

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Fully believe	22%	18%	24%	23%	13%	17%	18%	24%	16%	27%
Somewhat believe	21%	36%	31%	31%	42%	22%	33%	33%	42%	34%
Not believe it at all	53%	42%	38%	43%	38%	57%	43%	38%	36%	36%
Don't know	3%	3%	7%	3%	7%	3%	5%	5%	6%	3%
Unwt N=	84	495	240	664	128	118	279	134	125	168

Q. Do you think Governor Christie's response to the lane closings is [ROTATE] more about making a heartfelt apology to New Jerseyans, OR more about trying to keep the scandal from damaging his potential presidential campaign?]

ALL ADULTS

	ADULTS	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
More about a heartfelt apology	29%	51%	7%	47%	5%
More about his presidential campaign	55%	27%	84%	33%	87%
Both equally (vol)	10%	13%	5%	13%	4%
Don't know	6%	8%	4%	7%	4%
Unwgt N=	825	393	333	447	315

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Heartfelt apology	15%	35%	47%	17%	26%	48%	29%	28%
Presidential campaign	70%	49%	33%	69%	56%	37%	54%	55%
Both equally (vol)	9%	9%	14%	8%	12%	8%	10%	10%
Don't know	5%	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%
Unwt N=	307	349	153	203	415	180	404	421

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Heartfelt apology	27%	27%	32%	30%	23%	21%	29%	34%	26%	32%
Presidential campaign	62%	58%	45%	54%	57%	64%	55%	56%	55%	45%
Both equally (vol)	8%	9%	13%	11%	10%	8%	9%	5%	13%	16%
Don't know	3%	6%	9%	5%	10%	7%	7%	4%	7%	6%
Unwt N=	84	495	241	664	129	119	278	134	125	169

Q. How much do you think Governor Christie's tough guy attitude and approach to his critics encourages this kind of behavior among his aides? Is it very much, somewhat, or not much at all?

	ADULTS	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Very much	38%	21%	62%	22%	63%
Somewhat	33%	43%	19%	45%	18%
Not much at all	18%	24%	11%	22%	12%
None at all (vol)	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Don't know	8%	9%	6%	7%	6%
Unwgt N=	813	385	331	440	312

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Very much	49%	34%	21%	58%	35%	24%	36%	40%
Somewhat	26%	38%	40%	26%	34%	39%	37%	30%
Not much at all	15%	19%	23%	6%	22%	22%	18%	18%
None at all (vol)	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%
Don't know	7%	8%	11%	7%	7%	11%	7%	9%
Unwt N=	305	344	150	203	410	177	399	414

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Very much	45%	41%	29%	43%	26%	42%	39%	42%	39%	30%
Somewhat	20%	35%	37%	30%	43%	23%	35%	32%	36%	38%
Not much at all	22%	15%	22%	18%	16%	19%	16%	16%	16%	22%
None at all (vol)	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	6%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know	8%	7%	9%	6%	13%	9%	8%	8%	7%	8%
Unwt N=	83	490	235	654	127	117	273	132	125	166

Q. A state legislative committee is investigating the lane closings, requiring officials to provide records and testify. Should the legislature continue its investigation or is it a waste of time to keep focusing on this when there are other more important issues facing New Jersey?

	ADULTS	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Keep investigating	49%	34%	69%	35%	68%
Waste of time	47%	63%	26%	61%	28%
Don't know	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Unwgt N=	824	391	334	446	316

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Keep investigating	57%	43%	38%	67%	45%	39%	49%	49%
Waste of time	37%	53%	59%	29%	51%	59%	48%	46%
Don't know	5%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%
Unwt N=	307	350	151	204	415	178	402	422

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Keep investigating	43%	51%	47%	52%	45%	51%	49%	57%	45%	44%
Waste of time	48%	46%	49%	44%	51%	43%	48%	42%	50%	52%
Don't know	9%	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	0%	5%	5%
Unwt N=	84	495	240	664	128	119	279	134	125	167

Q. Does what happened provide any insight into how Governor Christie and his team would act if Christie were elected president, or do you think this event doesn't tell us very much about what a Christie presidency would be like?

ALL ADULTS

	ADULTS	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Provides insights	52%	29%	82%	30%	84%
Doesn't tell us very much	40%	61%	13%	61%	12%
Don't know	8%	10%	5%	9%	4%
Unwgt N=	812	385	330	441	310

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Provides insights	68%	46%	27%	72%	49%	37%	51%	53%
Doesn't tell us much	25%	45%	64%	21%	41%	56%	42%	38%
Don't know	7%	9%	9%	7%	10%	7%	8%	9%
Unwt N=	305	341	151	201	411	176	398	414

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Provides insights	61%	51%	50%	56%	43%	62%	49%	53%	58%	44%
Doesn't tell us much	22%	43%	39%	38%	44%	27%	42%	44%	34%	47%
Don't know	17%	6%	11%	6%	14%	11%	9%	3%	9%	9%
Unwt N=	82	491	235	654	126	114	275	134	123	166

Q. And how damaging has this been to Governor Christie's presidential ambitions nationally? Has it been very damaging, somewhat damaging, not very damaging, or not at all damaging?

ALL ADULTS

	ADULTS	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove
Very damaging	23%	9%	38%	10%	41%
Somewhat damaging	44%	41%	47%	43%	45%
Not very damaging	18%	26%	8%	25%	8%
Not at all damaging	12%	20%	3%	19%	2%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Unwgt N=	821	392	330	446	313

**Christie Ratings/GW Bridge Jan 2014
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Very damaging	31%	21%	7%	34%	22%	12%	23%	23%
Somewhat damaging	45%	42%	48%	41%	46%	42%	39%	49%
Not very damaging	13%	21%	21%	15%	18%	21%	20%	16%
Not at all damaging	6%	13%	23%	7%	9%	24%	14%	9%
Don't know	5%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	4%	4%
Unwt N=	307	346	153	204	413	179	403	418

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Very damaging	36%	21%	21%	24%	16%	30%	22%	16%	23%	22%
Somewhat damaging	29%	46%	46%	43%	48%	45%	44%	43%	42%	45%
Not very damaging	20%	18%	16%	18%	22%	13%	20%	18%	17%	17%
Not at all damaging	13%	11%	12%	13%	7%	6%	12%	15%	12%	14%
Don't know	2%	4%	4%	3%	7%	6%	2%	7%	6%	2%
Unwt N=	83	493	240	659	130	117	278	132	125	169

Q. How much has this event affected the likelihood you would vote for Governor Christie for president if he runs? Has it made you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for him, or has it had no effect?

REGISTERED VOTERS

	RV	Christie Favorability		Christie Overall Job Approval		2013 Gov Vote	
		Fav	Unfav	Approve	Disapprove	Christie	Buono
Much more likely	5%	7%	2%	6%	4%	7%	2%
Somewhat more likely	2%	4%	1%	4%	1%	3%	%
Somewhat less likely	8%	8%	6%	7%	8%	9%	6%
Much less likely	15%	4%	26%	5%	28%	7%	20%
No effect	50%	70%	30%	70%	24%	67%	31%
Would not vote for him in any case (vol)	17%	2%	34%	4%	34%	3%	40%
Don't know	3%	4%	1%	4%	1%	4%	1%
Unwgt N=	752	354	315	401	297	326	190

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
Much more likely	3%	6%	7%	2%	4%	11%	8%	3%
Somewhat more likely	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Somewhat less likely	10%	7%	3%	8%	9%	4%	7%	8%
Much less likely	20%	14%	8%	18%	18%	5%	14%	16%
No effect	35%	54%	70%	42%	46%	66%	52%	48%
Would not vote (vol)	29%	12%	6%	28%	17%	6%	14%	20%
Don't know	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Unwt N=	275	315	150	185	382	166	366	386

**Christie Ratings/GW Bridge Jan 2014
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

	GWB Commuter			Heard About GWB Scandal		Region				
	Weekly+	<Weekly	Never	A lot	A little	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South Shore	
Much more likely	8%	5%	5%	5%	4%	1%	7%	3%	5%	6%
Somewhat more likely	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	4%
Somewhat less likely	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	4%	11%	6%	8%	6%
Much less likely	17%	16%	13%	16%	10%	20%	16%	11%	13%	14%
No effect	40%	51%	50%	49%	52%	43%	47%	53%	54%	54%
Would not vote (vol)	19%	16%	18%	18%	18%	25%	14%	21%	16%	14%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	1%	2%	2%
Unwt N=	74	456	217	620	109	108	249	119	119	157

Q. How often do you personally cross the George Washington Bridge to go to or from New York? Is it daily, a few times a week, about once a week, less often, or have you never used the George Washington Bridge?

ALL ADULTS

Daily	2%
A few times a week	3%
Once a week	7%
Less than once a week	60%
Never	28%
Unwgt N=	821

Q. There is a lot of talk about Governor Christie running for president. Do you think he will run in 2016, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS

Yes	60%
No	25%
Don't know	15%
Unwgt N=	750

Q. The 2016 presidential election is far away, but if the election for president were today, and the candidates were [ROTATE ORDER: Republican Chris Christie and Democrat Hillary Clinton], for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED VOTERS

Christie	34%
Clinton	55%
Someone else (vol)	3%
Don't know	8%
Unwgt N=	746

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll January 14-19, 2014

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone using live callers January 14-19, 2014 with a scientifically selected random sample of 826 New Jersey adults. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey adult population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to US Census Bureau data. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 619 landline and 207 cell phone adults, all acquired through random digit dialing.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for 826 adults is +/-3.4 percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey adults favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.6 and 53.4 percent (50 +/-3.4) if all New Jersey registered voters were interviewed, rather than just a sample.

Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded in house by the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. The questionnaire was developed and all data analyses were completed in house. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll is paid for and sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, a non-partisan academic center for the study of politics and the political process.

Weighted Sample Characteristics 826 New Jersey Adults			
41% Democrat	49% Male	18% 18-29	57% White
42% Independent	51% Female	34% 30-49	13% Black
17% Republican		30% 50-64	18% Hispanic
		18% 65+	12% Asian/Other/Multi

Weighted Sample Characteristics 757 New Jersey Registered Voters			
39% Democrat	46% Male	15% 18-29	67% White
42% Independent	54% Female	28% 30-49	13% Black
19% Republican		34% 50-64	11% Hispanic
		23% 65+	8% Asian/Other/Multi