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**VOTERS AGREE AS CHRISTIE DROPS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE APPEAL;
STRONGLY SUPPORT MARRIAGE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J – As wedding bells ring for the first same-sex marriages in the Garden State, a majority of New Jersey voters agree with today's decision by Gov. Chris Christie to drop the state's appeal of the ruling that made New Jersey the 14th state to adopt marriage equality, according to a new Rutgers-Eagleton Poll.

Reflecting continuing changes in public opinion, support for legalizing same-sex marriage is now at 61 percent, versus 27 percent who oppose and 12 percent who are unsure. For the first time, a plurality of Republicans supports allowing same-sex couples to marry.

Opinion on the appeal is somewhat less lopsided; 53 percent say the state should accept the decision, while 40 percent side wanted it appealed to the state Supreme Court.

"Beliefs about same-sex marriage have shifted rapidly," said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers. "Fully one-quarter of today's supporters tell us they were previously opposed. Not long ago, a ruling like this would have created a significant backlash. Now most voters agree with it."

Even as they concur with the decision and Christie's decision to drop the appeal, a large majority of voters would still prefer to be the final decision makers. Sixty-two percent say voters should get to weigh in, compared to 23 percent who believe the decision should lie with the courts and 10 percent who want to give the Legislature final say.

"This apparent contradiction occurs partly because 81 percent of those who oppose same-sex marriage want it left to voters, while proponents are far less likely to say voters need to make the decision," noted Redlawsk. "A majority may like the outcome of the court ruling, but any time voters are asked if they should get a chance to decide an issue, they are very likely to say yes."

New Jersey voters are split on whether same-sex marriage should be decided by individual states (44 percent) or by the federal government (47 per cent). Ten percent are unsure. Supporters prefer a federal role, while opponents say the issue should be decided state by state.

Results are from a poll of 799 registered voters conducted statewide by live callers with both landline and cell phone households from Oct. 7-13. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points.

Most voters did not want appeal to go forward

Nearly six in 10 voters agree with Superior Court Judge Mary Jacobson's ruling allowing same-sex marriage to start today. One-third oppose the ruling, and 8 percent are undecided.

Support is widespread. Half of Christie's re-election supporters favor the ruling, while 79 percent of state Sen. Barbara Buono's voters back the decision. But while a 49 percent to 37 percent plurality of Republicans now supports marriage equality, only 41 percent agree with this particular court ruling. Besides self-identified conservative Republicans and evangelical and other highly religious New Jerseyans, other demographic groups support the court decision.

Slightly fewer (but still a majority) wanted Christie to abandon any appeal of the court's ruling as he has now done. The state's appeal garnered support only from those generally opposed to same-sex marriage – including Republicans, conservatives, born-again Christians and those who most frequently attend religious services. Older voters and shore county residents also wanted the appeal to continue. Still, half of Christie voters opposed the appeal.

"Many voters who wanted the appeal held out some hope that the judge would be overruled," said Redlawsk. "But others see the Supreme Court as the final arbiter and, although happy with the judge's ruling, wanted an appeal to affirm it. Gov. Christie obviously saw the writing on the wall in withdrawing the appeal; there was little chance he would win."

Voters still want to make the decision

Voters seem to be contradictory. Although supporting the court ruling, voters also widely agree with the governor that they should decide on same-sex marriage. Virtually every group wants voters to make the decision, including more than half of the new law's supporters and 70 percent of Christie voters. Even large majorities of those with a gay or lesbian family member, friend or co-worker want voters to decide.

Sixty percent of minority voters want the issue decided by voters, a clear disconnect from the marriage as a civil right not subject to vote position urged by many minority leaders.

Democrats and liberals are among the relatively few groups split on the question: 46 percent of Democrats want voters to decide, 32 percent favor a court decision and 16 percent prefer legislation. Liberals show a similar pattern, with 42 percent calling for a vote. The most educated respondents show less support for voting compared to other groups: 47 percent say voters should decide, 37 percent want a court decision and 12 percent prefer legislative action.

"Voters aren't purposely contradictory," said Redlawsk. "Perhaps, those who support same-sex marriage assume it would pass, which would reinforce other positive decisions. Opponents probably see voters as the only hope, since they have lost in the courts and Legislature. No matter what side they are on, an appeal to voters may seem like the best bet."

For voters, same-sex marriage not a top issue

The new poll is mostly consistent with earlier polling on the issue. Last spring, a large majority of respondents wanted same-sex marriage on the ballot. Now, a plurality of Republicans supports the

issue for the first time, 49 percent to 37 percent, with 13 percent undecided. Conservatives, however, oppose same-sex marriage by a 19-point margin. Democrats are strong supporters at 71 percent, while 58 percent of independents agree.

Most voters with a position on the issue have not changed their minds, but 20 percent have revised their opinion over time; 90 percent of those have become supporters.

Seventy-four percent of marriage equality supporters have “always” held that view, but a quarter of those have strengthened their position. This shift is especially apparent among Republicans and older voters, of whom over a third say they have changed their minds in support of same-sex marriage.

The vast majority of opponents – 91 percent – say they always have been against same-sex marriage, while only 7 percent say they have changed their minds and become opponents.

Most voters know someone who is gay or lesbian but same-sex marriage is not seen as a top priority. One quarter call it among their most important issues. Thirty-six percent see the issue as only somewhat important, while 37 percent say it is not important at all.

A large majority of same-sex marriage supporters say the issue is not that important: just 31 percent say it is among the top issues to them personally. Opponents are even less likely to see the issue as very important. Only 24 percent put it anywhere near the top. Those with a gay or lesbian family member (36 percent) or friend (31 percent) are more likely than most to say same-sex marriage is one of their most important issues.

Who decides, states or federal government?

Voters are split on whether states should decide individually on same-sex marriage or the federal government should decide for all states. Sixty-one percent of marriage-equality supporters prefer the federal government, while 68 percent of opponents want the issue settled state-by-state.

More than 60 percent of Democrats and liberals favor a federal decision. About half of women, middle-aged voters, the best-educated and more secular voters, and those who have a gay or lesbian family member, friend, or co-worker feel the same.

Republicans and conservatives strongly support individual state decisions, as do more than half of male voters. Independents favor letting states decide, 48 percent to 40 percent. Younger voters also lean this way, as do Catholics, Protestants and those who attend religious services more frequently.

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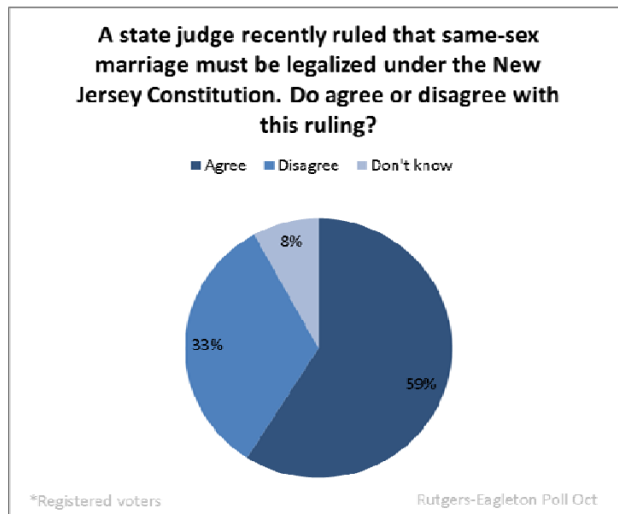
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Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release of October 21, 2013 are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are Registered Voters for the gubernatorial election unless otherwise indicated; all percentages are of weighted results.

Q. On another topic, a state judge recently ruled that same-sex marriage MUST be legalized under the New Jersey Constitution, since same-sex couples will be denied federal benefits if the state continues to only allow civil unions. Do you agree or disagree with this ruling?

	Registered Voters	Position on S-S Marriage		Christie Appeal		Who Should Decide in NJ		
		Support	Oppose	Appeal	Accept	Courts	Leg.	Voters
Agree	59%	81%	20%	33%	83%	87%	69%	49%
Disagree	33%	17%	77%	60%	13%	10%	30%	43%
Don't know	8%	3%	3%	6%	4%	3%	1%	8%
Unwgt N=	762	440	218	316	385	171	75	467



REGISTERED VOTERS

	Gay/Lesbian Family Member		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Agree	63%	58%	66%	50%	63%	57%
Disagree	31%	34%	29%	39%	33%	34%
Don't know	5%	9%	5%	11%	5%	9%
Unwgt N=	216	511	460	278	323	379

	Christie Fav		Buono Fav			2013 Gov Vote	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	DK	Christie	Buono
Agree	52%	75%	80%	41%	59%	50%	79%
Disagree	39%	21%	17%	50%	32%	42%	19%
Don't know	8%	4%	3%	9%	10%	8%	2%
Unwgt N=	475	202	207	242	309	442	214

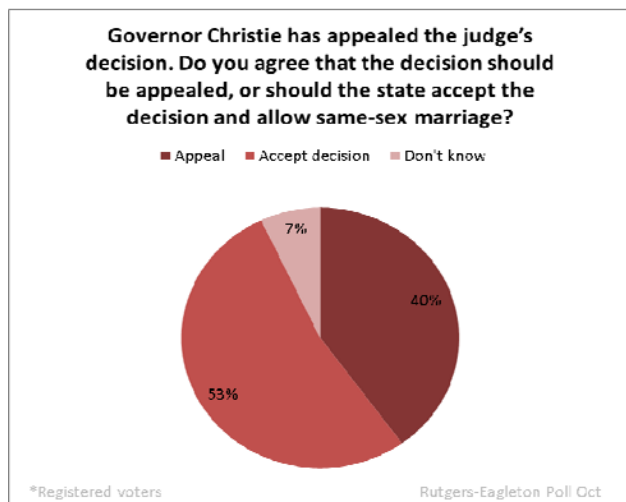
	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Agree	70%	59%	41%	79%	61%	34%	55%	63%	60%	59%	73%	61%	58%	48%
Disagree	24%	32%	49%	17%	29%	60%	38%	29%	33%	31%	24%	31%	33%	43%
Don't know	6%	9%	10%	4%	10%	7%	7%	8%	7%	10%	3%	9%	9%	9%
Unwgt N=	274	318	164	191	365	188	376	386	590	138	82	138	275	267

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Agree	58%	52%	66%	64%	44%	62%	37%	63%	59%	70%
Disagree	34%	44%	27%	25%	53%	30%	52%	34%	34%	23%
Don't know	7%	4%	7%	10%	3%	8%	11%	3%	6%	7%
Unwgt N=	339	136	60	180	104	344	198	109	99	326

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Agree	59%	59%	56%	70%	51%	49%	54%	60%	71%
Disagree	34%	32%	40%	22%	40%	37%	40%	32%	24%
Don't know	7%	9%	4%	8%	9%	14%	6%	9%	4%
Unwgt N=	106	253	118	132	153	142	196	225	189

Q. Governor Christie has appealed the judge's decision since he believes that voters should decide the issue rather than the courts. Do you agree that the decision should be appealed, or should the state accept the decision and allow same-sex marriage?

	Registered Voters	Position on S-S Marriage		State Judge Ruling		Who Should Decide in NJ		
		Support	Oppose	Agree	Disagree	Courts	Leg.	Voters
Appeal	40%	20%	82%	22%	72%	12%	14%	56%
Accept decision	53%	78%	11%	74%	21%	84%	78%	39%
Don't know	7%	2%	7%	4%	7%	4%	8%	5%
Unwgt N=	768	444	217	434	267	171	76	473



REGISTERED VOTERS

	Gay/Lesbian Family Member		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Appeal	34%	42%	32%	51%	38%	40%
Accept	58%	51%	62%	39%	58%	51%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%	9%	4%	9%
Unwgt N=	218	517	463	283	322	387

	Christie Fav		Buono Fav		2013 Gov Vote		
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	DK	Christie	Buono
Appeal	50%	21%	22%	59%	39%	53%	19%
Accept	43%	74%	75%	36%	50%	41%	77%
Don't know	7%	5%	3%	5%	11%	6%	4%
Unwgt N=	478	202	208	246	310	447	215

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Appeal	26%	44%	57%	21%	38%	66%	42%	38%	39%	40%	34%	36%	42%	47%
Accept	67%	48%	37%	75%	53%	31%	51%	55%	55%	51%	62%	57%	52%	42%
Don't know	7%	8%	6%	4%	9%	4%	7%	8%	6%	9%	5%	7%	6%	11%
Unwgt N=	279	317	165	194	367	189	378	390	596	138	83	138	277	270

	Religion				Born Again Christian		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.			
							Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never	
Appeal	43%	51%	32%	30%	58%	39%	56%	48%	42%	27%
Accept	49%	44%	60%	63%	36%	54%	34%	46%	50%	67%
Don't know	8%	5%	8%	8%	6%	6%	10%	6%	8%	6%
Unwgt N=	343	135	63	179	104	347	200	109	102	326

	Region			Education					
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Appeal	47%	35%	45%	26%	54%	46%	43%	39%	33%
Accept	49%	58%	47%	63%	42%	41%	48%	55%	64%
Don't know	4%	8%	8%	11%	4%	13%	8%	6%	3%
Unwgt N=	103	255	118	137	155	145	198	226	190

Q. Do you think the decision whether or not to legalize same-sex marriage should be left up to each state individually, or do you think it should be decided for all states by the federal government so that every state has the same rules?

	Registered Voters	Position on S-S Marriage		State Judge Ruling		Christie Appeal		Who Should Decide in NJ		
		Support	Oppose	Agree	Disagree	Appeal	Accept	Courts	Leg.	Voters
Each state individually	44%	34%	68%	34%	62%	65%	30%	12%	30%	61%
Fed. government	47%	61%	24%	59%	29%	26%	64%	85%	61%	31%
Don't know	10%	5%	8%	7%	9%	9%	6%	3%	9%	8%
Unwgt N=	760	441	215	429	263	316	385	171	76	469

	Gay/Lesbian Family Member		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Each state	42%	46%	42%	50%	39%	47%
Fed. Gov.	51%	45%	51%	39%	53%	43%
Don't know	8%	9%	7%	11%	8%	9%
Unwgt N=	219	512	463	280	321	385

REGISTERED VOTERS

	Christie Fav		Buono Fav		2013 Gov Vote		
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	DK	Christie	Buono
Each state	52%	30%	30%	61%	41%	58%	25%
Fed. Gov.	37%	65%	64%	32%	45%	34%	68%
Don't know	11%	6%	7%	7%	13%	9%	8%
Unwgt N=	475	201	206	244	306	445	213

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Each state	29%	48%	63%	27%	40%	72%	52%	37%	46%	39%	47%	38%	45%	47%
Fed. Gov.	63%	40%	30%	65%	48%	23%	40%	52%	47%	46%	43%	51%	48%	42%
Don't know	8%	13%	7%	8%	12%	5%	8%	11%	7%	15%	10%	11%	7%	11%
Unwgt N=	276	314	165	190	365	188	376	384	591	139	80	137	276	267

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Each state	46%	53%	40%	34%	54%	46%	52%	49%	44%	38%
Fed. Gov.	44%	37%	56%	57%	36%	44%	38%	44%	42%	54%
Don't know	10%	9%	4%	9%	10%	10%	10%	7%	14%	8%
Unwgt N=	342	134	63	177	104	345	198	110	101	324

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Each state	44%	47%	40%	33%	53%	44%	49%	48%	33%
Fed. Gov.	39%	47%	50%	56%	40%	43%	42%	45%	57%
Don't know	17%	7%	10%	10%	7%	13%	9%	7%	10%
Unwgt N=	105	252	117	133	153	143	198	223	190

Q. Who should decide whether same-sex marriage should be allowed in New Jersey? Is it the courts, the state legislature, or the voters?

	Registered Voters	Position on S-S Marriage		State Judge Ruling		Christie Appeal	
		Support	Oppose	Agree	Disagree	Appeal	Accept
The courts	23%	32%	6%	34%	7%	7%	36%
The state legislature	10%	13%	7%	11%	9%	4%	15%
The voters	62%	52%	81%	51%	80%	86%	45%
Don't know	6%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Unwgt N=	764	444	216	432	264	317	388

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	Gay/Lesbian Family Member		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
The courts	24%	23%	27%	16%	28%	20%
The state legislature	12%	9%	11%	9%	10%	10%
The voters	60%	62%	57%	70%	58%	65%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%
Unwgt N=	218	517	463	283	322	387

REGISTERED VOTERS

	Christie Fav		Buono Fav			2013 Gov Vote	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	DK	Christie	Buono
The courts	16%	39%	36%	12%	22%	14%	38%
The state legislature	8%	14%	14%	7%	10%	8%	15%
The voters	70%	42%	46%	78%	60%	74%	42%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	3%	8%	4%	5%
Unwgt N=	477	202	207	246	307	447	215

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
The courts	32%	19%	14%	36%	23%	9%	20%	25%	22%	24%	24%	25%	21%	22%
The state leg.	16%	7%	6%	15%	10%	3%	10%	10%	10%	12%	8%	9%	12%	10%
The voters	46%	70%	74%	42%	62%	85%	68%	56%	62%	60%	64%	58%	61%	64%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	7%	4%	4%	2%	8%	6%	5%	4%	8%	5%	5%
Unwgt N=	276	315	167	192	365	189	376	388	596	137	81	137	278	268

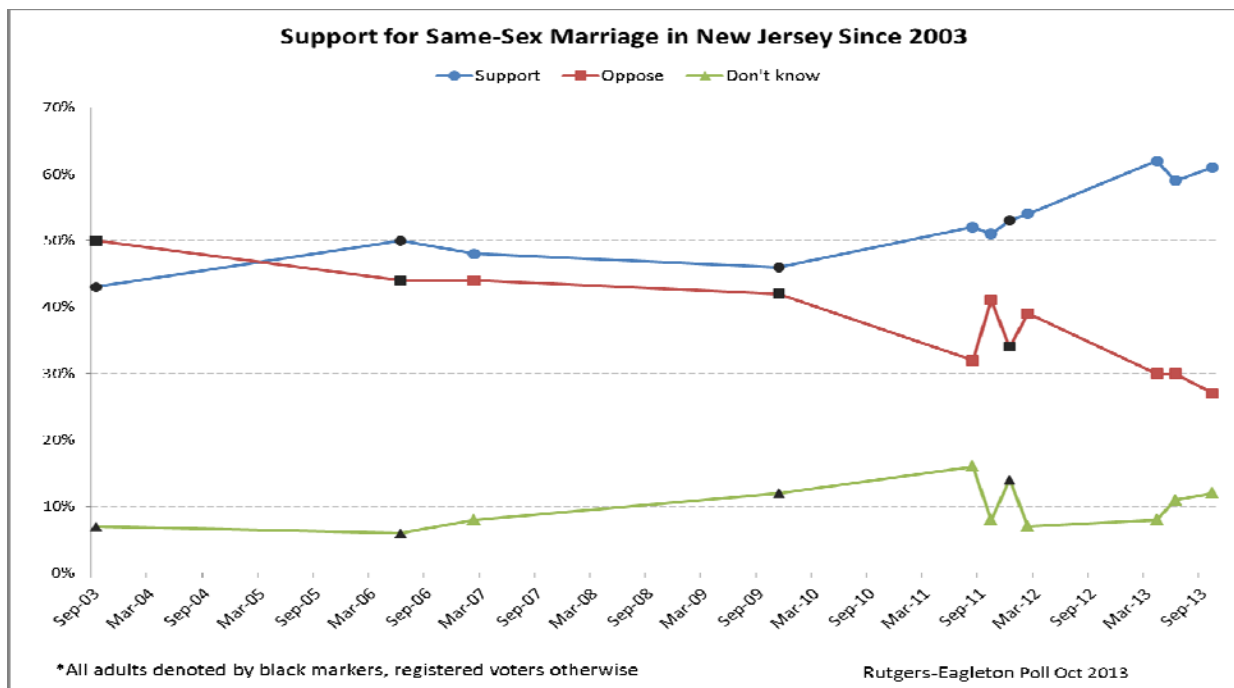
	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
The courts	18%	17%	33%	33%	15%	20%	20%	18%	20%	27%
The state leg.	11%	9%	11%	9%	8%	12%	10%	8%	10%	11%
The voters	66%	70%	52%	51%	74%	63%	64%	73%	63%	57%
Don't know	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%	6%	6%	1%	7%	6%
Unwgt N=	343	136	63	178	105	347	198	110	101	328

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
The courts	19%	27%	21%	24%	19%	12%	15%	25%	37%
The state leg.	11%	9%	14%	12%	7%	9%	6%	12%	12%
The voters	68%	59%	58%	58%	67%	70%	73%	58%	47%
Don't know	2%	5%	8%	7%	7%	9%	5%	5%	4%
Unwgt N=	103	253	117	134	157	145	198	226	189

Q. Do you personally support or oppose legalizing same-sex marriage in New Jersey?

	Registered Voters	State Judge Ruling		Christie Appeal		State or Fed Gov Decide		Who Should Decide in NJ		
		Agree	Disagree	Appeal	Accept	State	Fed	Courts	Leg.	Voters
Support	61%	83%	31%	31%	90%	47%	80%	87%	76%	52%
Oppose	27%	9%	64%	56%	5%	41%	14%	7%	19%	36%
Don't know	12%	8%	6%	13%	5%	12%	6%	6%	5%	13%
Unwgt N=	752	427	262	311	384	342	340	169	74	464

	Gay/Lesbian Family Member		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker		Personal Importance of Issue		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	One of few	Somewhat	Not at all
Support	65%	60%	71%	44%	68%	58%	76%	69%	47%
Oppose	22%	29%	20%	40%	23%	30%	24%	25%	32%
Don't know	13%	11%	9%	17%	9%	12%	0%	7%	21%
Unwgt N=	214	507	456	277	316	380	147	273	276



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	Christie Fav		Buono Fav		DK	2013 Gov Vote	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav		Christie	Buono
Support	56%	76%	83%	46%	57%	54%	79%
Oppose	31%	17%	12%	40%	28%	33%	16%
Don't know	13%	7%	5%	13%	15%	13%	5%
Unwgt N=	467	201	207	237	304	437	214

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	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	71%	58%	49%	80%	64%	34%	58%	63%	62%	61%	71%	65%	61%	49%
Oppose	21%	27%	37%	13%	23%	53%	29%	25%	26%	28%	20%	20%	28%	39%
Don't know	7%	15%	13%	7%	14%	13%	12%	11%	12%	11%	9%	14%	11%	12%
Unwgt N=	273	310	163	191	361	183	366	386	587	136	80	134	273	265

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Support	60%	46%	72%	70%	42%	64%	34%	53%	69%	78%
Oppose	25%	45%	18%	20%	52%	23%	51%	33%	17%	14%
Don't know	15%	8%	10%	10%	6%	14%	15%	14%	14%	8%
Unwgt N=	334	135	62	177	105	339	198	109	97	320

	Region				Education				
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Support	60%	63%	61%	67%	52%	50%	56%	63%	75%
Oppose	29%	26%	26%	18%	38%	32%	35%	24%	19%
Don't know	11%	11%	13%	15%	10%	18%	9%	13%	7%
Unwgt N=	102	248	117	134	151	142	198	220	185

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE]

Q. Have you always SUPPORTED same-sex marriage, or have you changed your mind on this issue?

	Registered Voters	Gay/Lesbian Family Member		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Always supported	74%	76%	72%	75%	67%	74%	73%
Changed mind	25%	23%	26%	23%	29%	24%	24%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%
Unwgt N=	442	134	293	313	121	209	208

REGISTERED VOTERS

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age		
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	35-49	50-64	65+
Always	74%	77%	63%	80%	70%	69%	73%	74%	73%	74%	87%	70%	60%
Changed	24%	21%	35%	20%	27%	30%	24%	25%	25%	24%	13%	27%	37%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	3%	4%
Unwgt N=	196	176	69	151	225	57	205	237	352	78	87	169	131

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE]

Q. Have you always OPPOSED same-sex marriage, or have you changed your mind on this issue?

	Registered Voters	Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
Always Opposed	91%	91%	91%	94%	91%
Changed mind	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Unwgt N=	217	99	113	78	124

REGISTERED VOTERS

	Party ID			Ideology		Gender		Race	Age	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	50-64	65+
Always	93%	93%	87%	91%	93%	90%	93%	90%	89%	96%
Changed	3%	7%	12%	8%	6%	9%	5%	7%	10%	2%
Don't know	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%
Unwgt N=	55	91	68	86	101	116	101	163	74	99

Q. How important is the issue of same-sex marriage to you personally? Is it:

	Registered Voters	Position on S-S Marriage		Gay/Lesbian Fam Mbr		Gay/Lesbian Friend		Gay/Lesbian Coworker	
		Support	Oppose	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Most important issue	5%	6%	6%	11%	3%	7%	3%	5%	6%
One of a few very important issues	20%	25%	18%	25%	17%	24%	13%	19%	22%
A somewhat important issue	36%	41%	33%	35%	36%	40%	30%	43%	31%
Not an important issue at all	37%	27%	43%	27%	42%	29%	52%	33%	38%
Don't know	2%	%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	%	2%
Unwgt N=	765	444	218	219	517	463	284	323	387

REGISTERED VOTERS

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Most	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	8%	5%	3%	7%
One of few	24%	19%	13%	27%	19%	13%	16%	23%	20%	20%	26%	20%	18%	18%
Somewhat	37%	34%	38%	37%	34%	39%	33%	38%	39%	32%	34%	34%	43%	29%
Not at all	32%	39%	42%	30%	39%	40%	44%	31%	34%	40%	32%	37%	35%	43%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	0%	4%	1%	2%
Unwgt N=	275	316	167	192	366	189	378	387	596	139	81	137	277	270

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Most	7%	6%	0%	4%	8%	5%	6%	7%	3%	5%
One of few	17%	20%	18%	27%	20%	18%	18%	23%	21%	20%
Somewhat	37%	40%	40%	32%	45%	36%	32%	37%	39%	37%
Not at all	38%	33%	41%	33%	26%	39%	41%	33%	37%	34%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%
Unwgt N=	343	136	63	180	105	347	199	110	102	328

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Most	10%	2%	1%	11%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%
One of few	17%	20%	26%	17%	21%	19%	18%	19%	25%
Somewhat	34%	37%	40%	33%	36%	29%	40%	37%	37%
Not at all	40%	40%	31%	33%	38%	44%	35%	37%	33%
Don't know	0%	1%	3%	5%	1%	4%	2%	2%	0%
Unwgt N=	103	254	117	134	157	145	199	226	190

Q. Do any of the following apply to you?

	Gay/Lesbian Family Member	Gay/Lesbian Friend	Gay/Lesbian Coworker
Yes	32%	64%	45%
No	65%	35%	50%
Don't know	3%	1%	6%
Unwgt N=	761	763	759

You have someone in your family who is gay or lesbian.

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non- white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	41%	26%	27%	37%	32%	28%	25%	38%	27%	43%	40%	33%	29%	28%
No	56%	71%	73%	62%	66%	68%	72%	60%	71%	53%	59%	64%	68%	70%
Don't know	3%	4%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Unwgt N=	275	313	167	191	365	187	378	383	594	138	80	138	275	268

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Yes	33%	33%	10%	37%	39%	30%	31%	33%	32%	32%
No	65%	66%	86%	59%	60%	69%	67%	58%	68%	66%
Don't know	2%	2%	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%	9%	0%	2%
Unwgt N=	342	135	63	179	102	348	200	109	101	326

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Yes	37%	31%	26%	40%	25%	29%	35%	32%	30%
No	63%	67%	70%	55%	73%	69%	62%	66%	66%
Don't know	1%	2%	4%	6%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%
Unwgt N=	105	252	116	133	155	145	196	226	190

You have a friend or close acquaintance who is gay or lesbian.

	Party ID						Ideology		Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		
Yes	68%	59%	63%	64%	65%	59%	57%	69%	62%	67%	70%	67%	64%	54%		
No	31%	38%	37%	35%	33%	39%	41%	30%	37%	32%	30%	30%	35%	45%		
Don't know	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%		
Unwgt N=	276	314	167	192	366	187	379	384	596	138	80	138	276	269		

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Yes	64%	63%	49%	70%	64%	65%	56%	66%	59%	70%
No	35%	35%	50%	29%	35%	33%	43%	33%	38%	28%
Don't know	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%
Unwgt N=	343	135	63	180	102	349	200	109	101	328

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Yes	72%	68%	52%	65%	55%	52%	62%	63%	73%
No	25%	31%	46%	34%	43%	46%	37%	36%	24%
Don't know	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Unwgt N=	105	253	116	134	155	145	197	227	190

You work with someone who is gay or lesbian.

	Party ID						Ideology		Gender		Race		Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Cons	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+		
Yes	40%	48%	46%	43%	46%	45%	42%	47%	44%	45%	40%	51%	51%	33%		
No	53%	45%	51%	50%	48%	49%	51%	49%	50%	50%	54%	43%	42%	64%		
Don't know	6%	6%	3%	7%	5%	6%	8%	4%	6%	5%	6%	6%	7%	3%		
Unwgt N=	274	313	166	191	366	184	378	381	594	138	80	138	275	266		

	Religion				Born Again		Frequency of Religious Attendance			
	Cath	Prot	Jewish	Other	Yes	No	At least once/wk.	Almost every wk.	About once/mo.	Seldom/ Never
Yes	46%	47%	28%	45%	53%	46%	42%	46%	45%	47%
No	49%	47%	63%	48%	44%	49%	54%	47%	50%	47%
Don't know	5%	5%	8%	7%	3%	5%	4%	7%	5%	6%
Unwgt N=	343	133	63	180	102	347	199	109	101	327

	Region					Education			
	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore	HS or Less	Some Coll	Coll Grad	Grad Work
Yes	56%	48%	36%	44%	36%	32%	40%	46%	57%
No	43%	46%	56%	49%	59%	65%	57%	46%	36%
Don't know	2%	6%	8%	7%	5%	4%	3%	8%	7%
Unwgt N=	104	253	116	132	154	144	196	226	190

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll October 7-13, 2013

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone using live callers October 7-13, 2013 with a scientifically selected random sample of 799 New Jersey registered voters. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey voter 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 664 landline and 135 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 799 registered voters is +/-3.4 percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey registered voters 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.

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**Weighted Sample Characteristics
799 New Jersey Registered Voters**

39% Democrat	47% Male	13% 18-29	68% White
40% Independent	53% Female	33% 30-49	14% Black
21% Republican		30% 50-64	8% Hispanic
		24% 65+	10% Asian/Other/Multi