

# Poll: N.J. voters prefer Obama to Christie in the White House

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TRENTON — In a second poll released today, New Jersey voters prefer President Barack Obama in the White House over their own Gov. Chris Christie.

A poll of 1,000 likely New Jersey voters found Obama beating Christie 51 percent to 33.5 percent. The poll, performed by Stockton College and Zogby using live interviews, had a margin of error of 3.2 percentage points.

"We also asked if they agreed or disagreed that Christie should run for President in 2012, 68.8% of the voters somewhat or strongly disagreed with him running," said Hughes Center Executive Director Sharon Schulman.

Obama holds a higher approval rating in New Jersey than the governor, with 65.6 percent holding a favorable view of the president and 48.8 percent a favorable view of Christie.

"We explored reasons as to why those with an unfavorable opinion of the Governor felt that way," said Schulman. "79.2% of the respondents did not like the way he treats the NJEA and teachers. This was evenly split among Democrats and Republicans. Other strong reasons were his policies, handling of the state budget and the way he treats unions. These results split along party lines with Democrats having more unfavorable opinions than Republicans.

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