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Corzine Carries Four-Point Lead Into Election Day

New Jersey Governor Contest Comes Down to the Wire

A new survey conducted for Stan Greenberg and James Carville's organization *Democracy Corps* shows a New Jersey gubernatorial race that remains very close, with Democratic Governor Jon Corzine holding a four-point edge over Republican Chris Christie among the electorate most likely to turn out on Election Day. Corzine leads Christie 41 percent to 37 percent among these voters, with independent Chris Daggett receiving 15 percent of the vote. Among a higher-turnout electorate, Corzine leads Christie 41 percent to 36 percent.¹ When Daggett voters are pushed to choose one of the two major party candidates, Corzine leads 47 to 41 percent.

There is a significant bloc of 8 percent of the electorate that remains undecided, which can still have an impact on the final margin in the race, especially considering the anti-incumbent mood in New Jersey and across the country.

Voters continue to have negative perceptions of all three candidates. Corzine and Christie both have net favorability ratings of -8 points—39 to 47 percent favorable-unfavorable and 35 to 43 percent favorable-unfavorable, respectively—while Daggett's negatives are double his positives (16 to 32 percent favorable-unfavorable).

These results are based on a Democracy Corps survey conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner from October 29 – November 1, 2009 among 606 likely voters in New Jersey. The margin of error is +/- 4.0 percent. You can find this release as well as the full survey results at <http://www.democracycorps.com/>.

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¹ In previous surveys, we have reported the higher-turnout figure.