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Corzine and Christie In Tight Race for New Jersey Governor

A new survey conducted by *Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research* for Stan Greenberg and James Carville's organization *Democracy Corps* puts Governor Corzine within striking distance of Republican Chris Christie. The survey shows that Corzine now trails Christie by just 5 points in a three-way race and 6 points in a two-way matchup. Christie leads Corzine 40 to 35 percent, with Independent candidate Chris Daggett attracting 10 percent of the vote. In a two-way trial heat, Christie leads Corzine 43 to 37 percent.

As voters learn more about Chris Christie, his negative ratings appear to be rising. His negative ratings are now as high as his positives—32 percent view him favorably, 31 percent unfavorably.

Meanwhile, the Republican brand continues to carry negative connotations in New Jersey. The Democratic Party generates a more positive reaction than their Republican counterparts, receiving a favorable-unfavorable rating of 40 to 39 percent compared to a favorable-unfavorable rating of 29 to 43 percent for the Republican Party.

These results are based on a Democracy Corps survey conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner from August 11-12, 2009 among 620 likely voters in New Jersey. The margin of error is +/- 4.1 percent.



You can find this release as well as the full survey results at <http://www.democracycorps.com/>. Democracy Corps intends to conduct polling and release survey data in the New Jersey Governor's race every two weeks between now and Election Day.

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