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Corzine Closes Gap in New Jersey Governor Race

A new survey conducted for Stan Greenberg and James Carville's organization *Democracy Corps* by *Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research* shows Democratic Governor Jon Corzine narrowing the gap on Republican challenger Chris Christie in the race for Governor. Christie's lead has shrunk from five points to two points since our last survey two weeks ago, and he now leads 43 to 41 percent, with independent Chris Daggett taking 7 percent of the vote.

The Republican brand continues to be an anchor for Christie in the state. The Republican Party's favorability rating remains decidedly negative, with just 32 percent of New Jersey voters rating it favorably against 43 percent who give it a negative rating. On the generic state legislative ballot, the Democratic candidates hold an 8-point edge on the Republicans, 45 to 37 percent. Christie's negative ratings remain as high as his positives, with 35 percent viewing him favorably and 34 percent unfavorably.

These results are based on a Democracy Corps survey conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner from August 25-26, 2009 among 608 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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