

### Stockton Poll: Christie leads Buono by 40 pts.

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Republican New Jersey Governor Chris Christie leads his Democratic opponent State Senator Barbara Buono by 40 percentage points, according to a poll conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute.

Christie garners 64 percent of those intending to vote, while Buono receives slightly more than 24 percent, with 10 percent not sure or voting for someone else.

The poll was conducted with 741 likely voters from June 8-13. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. The survey has a margin of error of +/-3.6 percent. The Stockton Polling Institute is part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

"Governor Christie's appearances with President Obama, and his handling of Sandy, clearly have boosted Christie's campaign for reelection," said Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Likely voters were asked: "Would Governor Christie's close working relationship with President Obama on the storm recovery make you more likely or less likely to vote for the governor, or would it make no difference?" 26 percent said they were more likely to vote for Christie, 3 percent were less likely and 71 percent said it made no difference or were unsure.

"Christie's relationship with Obama helps him most with Democrats and independents, with 30 percent of Democrats and 27 percent of independents being more likely to vote for Christie. Still 23 percent of Republicans are more likely to vote for Christie," said Douglas. "And with only 3 percent of Republicans saying his relationship with Obama makes them more likely to vote for Christie, 3 percent were less likely and 71 percent said it made no difference or were unsure."

Part of Christie's success can be attributed to 60 percent of those surveyed believing New Jersey is going in the right direction, while 26 percent feel that it is off on the wrong track, the poll says

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No. He supports gun control legislation so therefore I won't vote for him.

He's not too unlikely to pull a Charlie Crist. More likely to be nominated by Democrats for President in 2016 than by

