

Stockton Poll: Clinton Leads Trump 51-40 Percent; Casino Expansion Opposed

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“New Jersey is a blue state, and it doesn’t appear that the latest headlines have shaken Clinton’s base of Democratic support,” said Sharon Schulman, executive director of the Hughes Center.

But the email publicity appears to have hurt Clinton’s image in the area of trustworthiness. In the Sept. 30 poll, Clinton and Trump were essentially tied (38 percent to 37 percent) on who voters consider more honest and trustworthy. In the latest poll, Trump leads in that category 39 percent to 34 percent. Clinton leads in other candidate comparisons.

Which candidate ...	Sept. 30		Nov. 4	
	Clinton	Trump	Clinton	Trump
Would manage the economy better?	45%	45%	47%	45%
Has a better temperament?	67%	20%	68%	19%
Is more honest and trustworthy?	38%	37%	34%	39%
Would keep the country safer from terrorism?	45%	43%	49%	41%
Would handle foreign policy better?	57%	33%	59%	33%

Majority of likely voters view both candidates unfavorably, although Clinton still polls better with 41 percent viewing her as somewhat or very favorable and 33 percent viewing Trump as somewhat or very favorable. Fifty-one percent have very unfavorable views of Trump, compared to 42 percent for Clinton.

There is a strong gender gap in the presidential contest. Among New Jersey men, Clinton (44 percent) and Trump (43 percent) are essentially tied. But Clinton leads among women 56

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Congress to compromise on issues than to stand firm on principles and not compromise. Sixty-six percent feel it is more important to compromise, while 27 percent feel House members should stick to their principles and 6 percent are unsure. Asked which party is doing more to solve the nation's problems, half said neither party is. Twenty-two percent identify the Democrats and 12 percent identify the Republicans, with 12 percent saying both parties are working equally hard.

Looking ahead to the 2017 gubernatorial election, the poll finds only two Republicans with any significant name recognition among New Jersey voters. Two-thirds (67 percent) say Sen. Thomas Kean Jr., son of former Governor Thomas Kean, is familiar to them, while 41 percent are

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