Issues poll – N.J. statewide
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Stockton Polling Institute
Weighted frequencies

Q1. Do you think New Jersey is going in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	RIGHT DIRECTION	263	36.4	36.4	36.4
	WRONG TRACK	322	44.7	44.7	81.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	135	18.7	18.7	99.7
	REFUSE	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q2. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Phil Murphy?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	103	14.2	14.2	14.2
	Somewhat favorable	183	25.3	25.3	39.6
	Somewhat unfavorable	67	9.3	9.3	48.9
	Or very unfavorable	124	17.2	17.2	66.1
	UNFAMILIAR	74	10.2	10.2	76.3
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	168	23.3	23.3	99.6
	REFUSE	3	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q3. How would you rate Phil Murphy's job performance so far as governor of New Jersey:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Excellent	44	6.1	6.8	6.8
	Good	206	28.5	31.7	38.5
	Fair	176	24.4	27.2	65.7
	Or poor?	100	13.8	15.4	81.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	121	16.7	18.6	99.7
	REFUSE	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	648	89.8	100.0	
Missing	System	74	10.2		
Total		722	100.0		

Q4. Do you think the United States is going in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	RIGHT DIRECTION	193	26.7	26.7	26.7
	WRONG TRACK	455	63.0	63.0	89.8
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	73	10.1	10.1	99.8
	REFUSE	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q5. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Trump?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very favorable	113	15.6	15.6	15.6
	Somewhat favorable	112	15.5	15.5	31.1
	Somewhat unfavorable	80	11.1	11.1	42.2
	Or very unfavorable	373	51.7	51.7	93.9
	UNFAMILIAR	1	.2	.2	94.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	34	4.8	4.8	98.9
	REFUSE	8	1.1	1.1	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q6. How would you rate Donald Trump's job performance as president:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Excellent	78	10.8	10.8	10.8
	Good	133	18.4	18.4	29.2
	Fair	134	18.5	18.6	47.8
	Or poor?	367	50.8	50.9	98.7
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	8	1.1	1.1	99.7
	REFUSE	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	721	99.8	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.2		
Total		722	100.0		

Q7. Marijuana use is currently illegal in New Jersey except for medical purposes. Would you support or would you oppose legalizing marijuana in New Jersey for recreational use?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	355	49.1	49.1	49.1
	OPPOSE	318	44.0	44.0	93.2
	WOULD DECRIMINALIZE (VOL)	10	1.3	1.3	94.5
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	39	5.3	5.3	99.8
	REFUSE	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q8. In your own words, what is the one main reason you would support legalizing marijuana in New Jersey?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	TAX REVENUES	87	12.0	24.4	24.4
	SAFER THAN ALCOHOL/TOBACCO	39	5.5	11.1	35.5
	SAFER THAN OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS	39	5.4	10.9	46.4
	REDUCE LAW ENFORCEMENT/PRISON COSTS	38	5.3	10.8	57.2
	DEPRIVE CRIMINALS OF DRUG PROFITS	31	4.2	8.6	65.9
	WOULD CREATE JOBS	9	1.2	2.5	68.4
	MEDICAL OR HEALTH BENEFITS	53	7.3	14.9	83.2
	WEED BAN DISCRIMINATES AGAINST MINORITIES	10	1.3	2.7	85.9
	OTHER (SPECIFY)	28	3.8	7.8	93.7
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	7	1.0	1.9	95.6
	HARMLESS, SAME AS ALCOHOL	15	2.1	4.4	100.0
	Total	355	49.1	100.0	
Missing	System	367	50.9		
Total		722	100.0		

Q9. In your own words, what is the one main reason you would oppose legalizing marijuana in New Jersey?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	ADDICTIVE	36	5.0	11.3	11.3
	LEADS TO HARDER DRUGS/GATEWAY DRUG	76	10.5	23.8	35.1
	HARMFUL TO HEALTH	62	8.6	19.6	54.8
	THREAT TO TRAFFIC SAFETY	32	4.4	10.0	64.8
	TOO HARD TO REGULATE	11	1.5	3.4	68.1
	ECONOMIC BENEFITS OVERBLOWN	11	1.5	3.4	71.5
	INCREASED GOVERNMENT/SOCIAL SERVICES COSTS	8	1.0	2.4	73.9
	STILL A FEDERAL CRIME	8	1.0	2.4	76.3
	INCREASED CRIME	12	1.6	3.6	79.9
	OTHER (SPECIFY)	29	4.1	9.2	89.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	9	1.3	2.9	92.0
	13	11	1.5	3.3	95.3
	14	15	2.0	4.7	100.0
	Total	318	44.0	100.0	
Missing	System	404	56.0		
Total		722	100.0		

Q10. Keeping in mind that all responses are confidential and we do not know your name, which of the following statements would best describe the impact legalizing marijuana would have on you? You can just say the number of the statement.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	One: You do not use marijuana and would not if it were legal.	541	74.9	74.9	74.9
	Two: You do not use marijuana but would try it if it were legal.	107	14.8	14.8	89.7
	Three: You currently use marijuana and would continue to if it were legal.	66	9.1	9.1	98.8
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	4	.5	.5	99.3
	REFUSE	5	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q11. Turning to different issues, would you support or would you oppose raising state taxes on households with annual income of more than one million dollars?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	493	68.3	68.3	68.3
	OPPOSE	206	28.5	28.5	96.8
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	23	3.2	3.2	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q12. Would you support or would you oppose state government providing tuition-free community college for all New Jerseyans?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	526	72.9	72.9	72.9
	OPPOSE	175	24.2	24.2	97.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	21	2.9	2.9	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q13. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept the way they are?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MORE STRICT	538	74.6	74.6	74.6
	LESS STRICT	32	4.5	4.5	79.1
	KEPT THE WAY THEY ARE	138	19.1	19.1	98.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	13	1.7	1.7	99.9
	REFUSE	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q14. Would you support or would you oppose a federal law banning semi-automatic rifles?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	539	74.7	74.7	74.7
	OPPOSE	158	21.9	21.9	96.6
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	25	3.4	3.4	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q15. Do you support or do you oppose allowing undocumented immigrants brought to this country as children to remain in the United States and apply for citizenship?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SUPPORT	541	74.9	74.9	74.9
	OPPOSE	142	19.7	19.7	94.5
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	38	5.2	5.2	99.8
	REFUSE	2	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q16. Which one of the following do you think should happen regarding legal immigration into the United States:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	More immigrants should be allowed in	125	17.3	17.3	17.3
	Fewer immigrants should be allowed in	196	27.1	27.1	44.4
	Immigration levels should remain the same	330	45.6	45.6	90.1
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	68	9.5	9.5	99.5
	REFUSE	3	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

Q17. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	The Republican	233	32.3	32.3	32.3
	The Democrat	346	47.9	47.9	80.2
	A THIRD/INDEPENDENT PARTY	30	4.1	4.1	84.3
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	101	14.0	14.0	98.3
	REFUSE	12	1.7	1.7	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

PHONE. Have I reached you on a cell phone or on a regular landline telephone?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Cell phone	320	44.3	44.3	44.3
	Landline phone	387	53.7	53.7	97.9
	COMPUTER/VOIP (VOL)	2	.2	.2	98.2
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	3	.4	.4	98.6
	REFUSE	10	1.4	1.4	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

D1. Which category describes your age:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18 to 29	96	13.3	13.3	13.3
	30 to 49	174	24.1	24.1	37.5
	50 to 64	230	31.9	31.9	69.3
	Or 65 and older?	219	30.4	30.4	99.7
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	1	.1	.1	99.9
	REFUSE	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

D2. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino, or not?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YES	60	8.3	8.3	8.3
	NO	655	90.7	90.7	99.0
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	3	.4	.4	99.4
	REFUSE	4	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

D3. Which of the following best describes your race:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	White	524	72.6	72.6	72.6
	Black or African American	76	10.5	10.5	83.1
	Asian or Pacific	27	3.8	3.8	86.9
	Native American	1	.1	.1	87.1
	Or do you identify with more than one race?	61	8.4	8.4	95.5
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	13	1.8	1.8	97.3
	REFUSE	20	2.7	2.7	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

D4. Which of the following best describes your highest level of education:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Did not graduate from high school	11	1.5	1.5	1.5
	High school graduate	131	18.2	18.2	19.8
	Some college or associate's degree	202	28.0	28.0	47.7
	A four-year college degree	197	27.3	27.3	75.0
	Or a graduate or professional degree?	178	24.6	24.6	99.6
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	3	.4	.4	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

D5. Which of the following general categories best represents your household income last year before taxes:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than $25,000	64	8.9	8.9	8.9
	$25,000 to less than $50,000	107	14.9	14.9	23.7
	$50,000 to less than $100,000	194	26.9	26.9	50.6
	$100,000 to $150,000	146	20.2	20.2	70.8
	Or more than $150,000?	123	17.0	17.0	87.8
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	31	4.2	4.2	92.0
	REFUSE	58	8.0	8.0	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

D6. I'm required to verify: are you:

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Male	331	45.8	45.8	45.8
	Or female?	390	54.1	54.1	99.9
	NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW	1	.1	.1	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	

REGION. Region of NJ

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	North Jersey	502	69.5	69.5	69.5
	South Jersey	220	30.5	30.5	100.0
	Total	722	100.0	100.0	