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CORZINE SURGES AHEAD IN GOVERNOR’S RACE

Democrat Leads by 18 Percent Among Likely Voters

Democrat John Corzine has opened up a commanding lead over Republican Doug Forrester in the race for governor of New Jersey. The latest *Star-Ledger/Eagleton-Rutgers Poll* found that Corzine leads Forrester 49 percent to 31 percent among likely voters, with 2 in 10 likely voters still undecided. The lead widens to 20 points – 48 percent for Corzine and 28 percent for Forrester – among registered voters.

The statewide poll, conducted Sept. 6-9, also found:

- Reducing property taxes should be the top priority of the next governor, followed by eliminating corruption among state elected officials.
- Controversy out-poll issues. One-third of registered voters had heard of each candidate’s property tax relief plan, but more than half of the voters had heard about Corzine’s decision to convert a mortgage loan into a gift for a former girlfriend who leads a major labor union local. One-third also were familiar with legal issues surrounding Forrester’s business interests.
- Voters rated the candidates evenly on who would do the best job of reducing property taxes, but Corzine out-poll Forrester on most other issues.
- Those polled were more likely to say Corzine had been ethical in his business dealings than Forrester, but rated the two evenly in terms of whether they would be beholden to special interests as governor.

The latest poll data allocates those leaning toward Corzine or Forrester in their

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vote choice. Even without allocating the leaning voters, Corzine maintains a lead of 20 percent over Forrester among registered voters. Corzine's lead has increased substantially since just after the Republican primary in June, when the *Star-Ledger*/Eagleton-Rutgers Poll showed Corzine with a lead of 43 percent to 33 percent among registered voters.

Poll Director Murray Edelman attributed Forrester's decline in the poll to national and state factors: "This drop for Forrester has come in the context of an all-time low in President Bush's job approval, stories and images of mismanagement of the hurricane relief effort by the Republican Administration, and questions about Forrester's business dealings," Edelman said.

While Corzine's lead has increased, sizable percentages of supporters of both candidates said they might change their minds: 47 percent of registered voters backing or leaning toward Forrester, and 39 percent of registered voters supporting or leaning toward Corzine.

The figures show that additional shifts are possible before the Nov. 8 election. "There is still plenty of room for this race to change when you add the large number of undecided voters with the number that might change their minds," Edelman said.

Corzine is still perceived more favorably than Forrester, but both candidates have lost ground since June, possibly as a result of the negativity of the race. Corzine's favorability rating has dropped from 51 percent in June to 48 percent now, and Forrester has dropped a bit further, from 41 percent to 35 percent. Voters are still making up their minds, however, with 34 percent offering no opinion about Forrester, and 23 percent having no opinion about Corzine.

Voters said that reducing property taxes should be the top priority of the next governor ((26 percent), followed by eliminating corruption among state elected officials (16 percent). In identifying which candidate would do a better job on key issues, Corzine has a large advantage in improving the quality of education and increasing access to quality health care. Forrester's highest rating came on reducing the property tax burden, but he trails Corzine by three percentage points (33 percent for Corzine to 30 percent for Forrester).

Opinion has shifted over who would do a better job of eliminating corruption among state elected officials, one of the key issues in Forrester's campaign. The two

candidates ran roughly even on the issue in June, but Corzine is ahead of Forrester by six points among registered voters (31 percent to 25 percent) in the latest poll.

The survey also found that voters, at least in the case of Corzine, had greater awareness of controversy compared to policy issues in the race. Half of registered voters said they had heard or read about Corzine having converted a mortgage loan into a gift for a former girlfriend, Carla Katz, president of a Communications Workers of America local that represents state employees. Thirty-one percent had heard of the legal issues surrounding BeneCard Services Inc., an insurance company that Forrester owns, and an affiliated insurance company in Washington, D.C.

Does awareness of the controversies make a difference? Thirty-nine percent said knowledge of the gift to Katz would make them less likely to vote for Corzine, while 54 percent said it would not make a difference. The breakdown was similar when asked about Forrester and his business interests.

In terms of issues, 33 percent of voters had heard of Corzine's property tax relief plan, and 34 percent had heard of Forrester's property tax relief plan. The impact of the plans was the same for both candidates. Of the small numbers that knew of each plan, over half said that it would not make any difference in their vote. Of those saying that the candidate's tax plan would impact their vote for him, 7 in 10 said it would make them more likely to vote for that candidate.

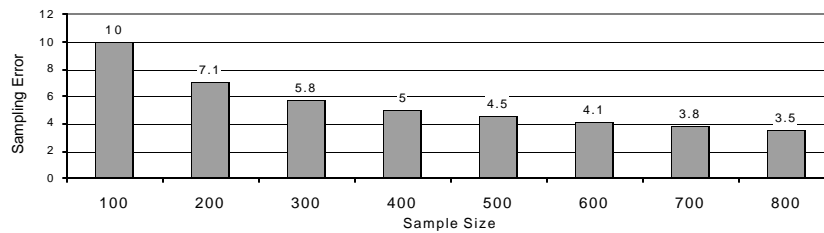
On the issue of ethics in their financial dealings, 40 percent said Corzine has been ethical and 27 percent said he has not been ethical. Thirty-two percent said Forrester has been ethical, while 25 percent said he has not been ethical. This could reflect the negative publicity about Forrester's business interests, but it might also reflect that more people said they did not know enough to offer an opinion about Forrester (43 percent) than Corzine (33 percent). Also, the two are rated evenly on whether they would be beholden to special interests, with 39 percent of voters saying yes in each case.

BACKGROUND MEMO – RELEASE (EP 155-2) September 12, 2005

The latest *Star-Ledger*/Eagleton-Rutgers Poll was conducted from September 6 to 9 with a scientifically selected random sample of 865 New Jersey adults. The random sample of 865 New Jersey adults yielded 673 registered voters and 414 likely voters. Likely voters were identified based on intention to vote, interest in the campaign, and previous voting history. All of the figures in this release are based on the statewide samples of registered voters and likely voters.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sample drawn from that population. The sampling error for the statewide sample of 673 registered voters is ± 3.8 percent, at a 95 percent confidence interval. The sampling error for the statewide sample of 414 likely voters is ± 4.8 percent, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey registered voters were found to have a favorable opinion of a gubernatorial candidate, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure would be between 46.2 and 53.8 percent (50 ± 3.8) had all New Jersey registered voters been interviewed, rather than just a sample. Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. The following chart shows the relationship between sample size and sampling error.

Sample Size and Sampling Error



Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects. The verbatim wording of all questions referred to in this release are as follows:

As you may know, there will be an election for governor of New Jersey this fall, November of 2005. How much interest do you have in the upcoming gubernatorial election – a lot, some, a little, or none at all? (RL2)

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A Little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>DK/RF</u>	(n)
Registered Voters	46%	31%	14%	8%	2%	(673)
<u>Party ID</u>						
---Democrat	44%	33%	14%	7%	2%	252
---Republican	52%	33%	11%	4%	---	165
---Independent	50%	27%	14%	7%	2%	164
<u>Race</u>						
---White	47%	31%	12%	8%	2%	541
---Nonwhite	39%	30%	19%	11%	2%	114
<u>Age</u>						
---18-29	22%	35%	22%	18%	4%	101
---30-49	42%	37%	13%	7%	2%	273
---50-64	59%	25%	10%	6%	---	145
---65+	56%	21%	15%	7%	1%	149
<u>Education</u>						
---High school and below	41%	26%	18%	12%	3%	281
---Some college and above	49%	34%	11%	5%	1%	387
<u>Region of State</u>						
---North	49%	27%	13%	11%	1%	249
---Central	43%	35%	14%	6%	2%	210
---South	46%	31%	14%	7%	2%	195
June 2005						
Registered Voters	51%	29%	12%	7%	2%	600
February 2005						
Registered Voters	55%	29%	10%	5%	1%	678

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people are not able to vote because they are sick or they just do not have the time. How likely would you say you are to vote in the upcoming election for Governor in November, 2005 –very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, not at all likely? (RL3)

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	Very <u>likely</u>	Somewhat <u>likely</u>	Not too <u>likely</u>	Not at all <u>likely</u>	<u>DK/RF</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Registered Voters	76%	13%	4%	5%	2%	(673)
<u>Party ID</u>						
---Democrat	75%	16%	4%	4%	1%	252
---Republican	84%	11%	1%	3%	2%	165
---Independent	80%	10%	5%	4%	2%	164
<u>Race</u>						
---White	78%	11%	4%	5%	1%	541
---Nonwhite	65%	24%	4%	5%	2%	114
<u>Age</u>						
---18-29	53%	27%	7%	13%	---	101
---30-49	76%	13%	5%	3%	3%	273
---50-64	85%	9%	2%	4%	---	145
---65+	83%	9%	2%	4%	2%	149
<u>Education</u>						
---High school and below	72%	14%	5%	7%	3%	281
---Some college and above	80%	13%	3%	4%	1%	387
<u>Region of State</u>						
--North	76%	12%	4%	6%	2%	249
--Central	74%	15%	6%	5%	1%	210
--South	81%	13%	1%	4%	2%	195

Corzine-Forrester

If the election for governor were held today, for whom would you vote (ROTATE) Jon Corzine, the Democrat, Doug Forrester, the Republican or some other candidate for governor? (G1)

[Includes "Leaners" from G1a]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	<u>Corzine</u>	<u>Forrester</u>	<u>Some other</u>	<u>Wouldn't Vote</u>	<u>DK/RF Undecided</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Likely Voters	49%	31%	---	1%	19%	(414)
Registered Voters	48%	28%	---	3%	22%	(673)
---Democrat	81%	5%	---	2%	12%	252
---Republican	11%	70%	---	1%	18%	165
---Independent	43%	26%	---	3%	29%	164
<u>Race</u>						
---White	44%	32%	---	3%	21%	541
---Nonwhite	67%	6%	---	3%	25%	114
<u>Age</u>						
---18-29	53%	18%	---	4%	24%	101
---30-49	46%	29%	---	3%	22%	273
---50-64	50%	30%	---	3%	17%	145
---65+	45%	30%	---	2%	23%	149
<u>Education</u>						
---High school and below	48%	25%	---	5%	23%	281
---Some college and above	48%	30%	---	2%	21%	387
<u>Region of State</u>						
---North	46%	28%	---	6%	20%	249
---Central	53%	25%	---	1%	21%	210
---South	44%	29%	---	2%	25%	195

Corzine-Forrester

If the election for governor were held today, for whom would you vote (ROTATE) Jon Corzine, the Democrat, Doug Forrester, the Republican or some other candidate for governor? (G1)

[Not including "Leaners" from G1a]

	<u>Corzine</u>	<u>Forrester</u>	<u>Some other</u>	<u>Wouldn't Vote</u>	<u>DK/Undecided</u>	<u>(n)</u>
POLL 155 / Sept 2005						
Registered Voters	41%	21%	8%	3%	27%	(673)
June 2005						
Registered Voters	43%	33%	6%	2%	17%	600
May 2005						
Registered Voters	42%	29%	9%	3%	17%	519
February 2005						
Registered Voters	46%	23%	12%	2%	17%	678

Are you very sure about voting for [FILL NAME – Q.G1/Q.G1a]; or might you change your mind before Election Day? (G2)

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID “JON CORZINE OR DOUG FORRESTER” IN Q.G1 OR Q.G1a]

[Includes “Leaners” from G1a]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	<u>Very Sure</u>	<u>Might Change</u>	<u>DK/RF</u>	<u>(n=505)</u>
Registered Voters				
Corzine	59%	39%	1%	320
Forrester	51%	47%	3%	185

Are you very sure about voting for [FILL NAME – Q.G1/Q.G1a]; or might you change your mind before Election Day? (G2)

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID “JON CORZINE OR DOUG FORRESTER” IN Q.G1 OR Q.G1a]

[Does not include “Leaners” from G1a]

Sept 2005				
Registered Voters				
Corzine	67%	31%	2%	(273)
Forrester	64%	36%	1%	(141)
June 2005				
Registered Voters				
Corzine	61%	37%	2%	(255)
Forrester	59%	40%	2%	(195)
February 2005				
Registered Voters				
Corzine	57%	42%	1%	(373)
Forrester	46%	52%	2%	(156)

Which would you say is more important to you in deciding whom to support in the Gubernatorial election - [ROTATE] the candidates' positions on the issues, OR the candidates' personal qualities? (G3)

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>Position on issues</u> 74%	<u>Personal qualities</u> 10%	<u>Both</u> 11%	<u>Neither</u> 1%	<u>Other</u> 1%	<u>DK/RF</u> 3%	<u>(n)</u> (673)
<u>Party ID</u>							
---Democrat	83%	7%	8%	---	---	2%	252
---Republican	71%	11%	16%	2%	---	1%	165
---Independent	72%	11%	11%	2%	1%	3%	164
<u>Race</u>							
---White	74%	9%	12%	1%	1%	2%	541
---Nonwhite	80%	13%	4%	---	---	2%	114
<u>Age</u>							
---18-29	80%	12%	2%	2%	---	4%	101
---30-49	78%	9%	10%	---	1%	2%	273
---50-64	73%	10%	14%	2%	---	1%	145
---65+	64%	11%	17%	2%	---	6%	149
<u>Education</u>							
---High school and below	72%	12%	11%	1%	---	5%	281
---Some college and above	76%	9%	11%	2%	1%	1%	387
<u>Region of State</u>							
---North	74%	11%	10%	2%	---	2%	249
---Central	72%	10%	12%	1%	1%	3%	210
---South	77%	9%	11%	---	---	3%	195

Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people. If you haven't heard of them or don't have an opinion of them, just tell me and we'll move on. [IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:] Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion? [ROTATE] (PF1-PF2)

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	Favorable	Unfavorable	Not Heard of	No opinion	DK/RF	(n)
JON CORZINE						
Registered Voters	48%	22%	2%	23%	5%	(673)
Party ID						
--Democrat	70%	8%	2%	17%	3%	252
--Republican	27%	44%	1%	21%	7%	165
--Independent	44%	24%	1%	26%	5%	165
June 2005 Registered Voters	51%	25%	3%	18%	3%	600
May 2005 Registered Voters	44%	25%	4%	24%	3%	519
February 2005 Registered Voters	53%	22%	9%	15%	2%	678
DOUGLAS FORRESTER						
Registered Voters	35%	22%	4%	34%	5%	673
Party ID						
--Democrat	22%	34%	6%	35%	4%	251
--Republican	66%	7%	4%	20%	3%	166
--Independent	30%	21%	2%	40%	7%	163
June 2005 Registered Voters	41%	23%	6%	26%	5%	600
May 2005 Registered Voters	38%	14%	18%	27%	3%	519
February 2005 Registered Voters	25%	15%	29%	26%	5%	678

Now I'm going to read to you a list of issues that the next Governor of New Jersey may address.
Which one of the following issues should be the top priority for the next Governor to address?
(READ AND ROTATE) (MP 1)

	<u>Sept 2005, Poll 155/ Registered voters</u>	<u>June 2005, Poll 154/ Registered voters</u>	<u>May 2005, Poll 153/ Registered Voters</u>
<u>(n)</u>	(673)	(600)	(519)
<u>Dealing with the state's budget crisis</u>	13%	12%	13%
<u>Improving the quality of education</u>	15%	11%	17%
<u>Protecting the state from terrorist attacks</u>	9%	11%	9%
<u>Reducing property taxes</u>	26%	34%	26%
<u>Increasing access to quality healthcare</u>	12%	13%	15%
<u>Eliminating corruption among state elected officials</u>	16%	17%	14%
<u>None of the above</u>	1%	1%	*
<u>Other</u>	4%	1%	4%
<u>Don't know/refused</u>	4%	2%	2%

Regardless of which candidate for governor you support, which one of the candidates, (ROTATE AND READ OPTIONS #1-2), do you think would do the best job of...(READ AND ROTATE A-F) [IF SOME OTHER CANDIDATE, ASK:] If you had to choose between (READ OPTIONS #1-2)...? (CA1)

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<u>Which one of the candidates would do the best job of?</u>	<u>Corzine</u>	<u>Forrester</u>	<u>None of the above</u>	<u>All the same/equal</u>	<u>DK/RF</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Dealing with the state's budget crisis	39%	26%	4%	---	30%	(673)
Improving the quality of education	39%	18%	4%	3%	35%	(673)
Protecting the state from terrorist attacks	28%	21%	7%	7%	37%	(673)
Reducing property taxes	33%	30%	6%	1%	31%	(673)
Increasing access to quality healthcare	39%	19%	5%	1%	36%	(673)
Eliminating corruption among state elected officials	31%	25%	10%	2%	32%	(673)

Have you heard or read anything about Jon Corzine’s plan to reduce the property tax burden on homeowners? (PT1) [ROTATE (PT1/PT2) and (PT3/PT4)]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>Yes</u> 33%	<u>No</u> 65%	<u>DK/RF</u> 2%	<u>(n)</u> (673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	32%	66%	2%	252
---Republican	32%	67%	1%	165
---Independent	38%	61%	1%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	34%	65%	1%	541
---Nonwhite	30%	68%	2%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	14%	84%	2%	101
---30-49	35%	64%	1%	273
---50-64	44%	53%	3%	145
---65+	31%	67%	2%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	30%	67%	3%	281
---Some college and above	35%	64%	1%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	34%	64%	2%	249
---Central	29%	68%	3%	210
---South	36%	63%	1%	195

Does the property tax plan make you more likely to vote for Jon Corzine for governor, less likely to vote for him, or doesn’t it make a difference? (PT2)

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID “YES” IN PT1]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>More likely</u> 32%	<u>Less likely</u> 12%	<u>Doesn’t make a difference</u> 51%	<u>DK/RF</u> 4%	<u>(n)</u> (220)
<u>Party ID</u>					
---Democrat	50%	---	46%	4%	80
---Republican	15%	36%	49%	---	53
---Independent	23%	10%	60%	8%	62

Have you heard or read anything about Doug Forrester’s plan to reduce the property tax burden on homeowners? (PT3) **[ROTATE (PT1/PT2) and (PT3/PT4)]**

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>Yes</u> 34%	<u>No</u> 64%	<u>DK/RF</u> 2%	<u>(n)</u> (673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	30%	68%	2%	252
---Republican	41%	57%	2%	165
---Independent	36%	61%	2%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	38%	60%	2%	541
---Nonwhite	21%	77%	2%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	18%	82%	---	101
---30-49	36%	62%	1%	273
---50-64	48%	49%	2%	145
---65+	29%	67%	4%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	31%	67%	2%	281
---Some college and above	37%	61%	2%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	32%	65%	3%	249
---Central	35%	64%	1%	210
---South	39%	59%	2%	195

Does the property tax plan make you more likely to vote for Doug Forrester for governor, less likely to vote for him, or doesn’t it make a difference? (PT4)

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID “YES” IN PT3]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>More likely</u> 30%	<u>Less likely</u> 13%	<u>Doesn’t make a difference</u> 55%	<u>DK/RF</u> 2%	<u>(n)</u> (231)
<u>Party ID</u>					
---Democrat	19%	27%	51%	3%	73
---Republican	48%	3%	48%	1%	69
---Independent	20%	10%	66%	3%	59

From what you have read or heard, do you think Jon Corzine has been ethical in his financial dealings? (CP1) **[ROTATE CP1 and CP2]**

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/RF</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Registered Voters	40%	27%	33%	(673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	54%	17%	29%	252
---Republican	28%	38%	33%	165
---Independent	37%	31%	33%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	40%	28%	32%	541
---Nonwhite	43%	17%	40%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	33%	24%	43%	101
---30-49	43%	25%	31%	273
---50-64	39%	33%	27%	145
---65+	40%	24%	36%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	41%	23%	36%	281
---Some college and above	40%	29%	31%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	43%	26%	32%	249
---Central	43%	25%	32%	210
---South	35%	29%	36%	195

From what you have read or heard, do you think Doug Forrester has been ethical in his financial dealings? (CP2) [ROTATE CP1 and CP2]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/RF</u>	<u>(n)</u>
Registered Voters	32%	25%	43%	(673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	28%	30%	42%	252
---Republican	45%	19%	35%	165
---Independent	32%	24%	44%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	36%	24%	41%	541
---Nonwhite	17%	32%	51%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	21%	27%	52%	101
---30-49	36%	22%	42%	273
---50-64	35%	30%	36%	145
---65+	30%	25%	45%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	29%	27%	44%	281
---Some college and above	34%	24%	42%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	34%	24%	42%	249
---Central	30%	24%	46%	210
---South	34%	27%	39%	195

From what you have read or heard, do you think special interest groups would or would not have too much influence on John Corzine if he is elected governor? (CP3)

[ROTATE CP3 and CP4]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>Would</u> 39%	<u>Would Not</u> 31%	<u>DK/RF</u> 30%	<u>(n)</u> (673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	31%	43%	27%	252
---Republican	47%	23%	30%	165
---Independent	48%	24%	27%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	42%	30%	28%	541
---Nonwhite	26%	37%	37%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	26%	22%	53%	101
---30-49	45%	32%	23%	273
---50-64	45%	34%	21%	145
---65+	30%	36%	34%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	32%	33%	35%	281
---Some college and above	44%	30%	25%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	38%	31%	31%	249
---Central	43%	29%	28%	210
---South	38%	34%	28%	195

From what you have read or heard, do you think special interest groups would or would not have too much influence on Doug Forrester if he is elected governor? (CP4)
[ROTATE CP3 and CP4]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005 Registered Voters	<u>Would</u> 39%	<u>Would Not</u> 27%	<u>DK/RF</u> 34%	<u>(n)</u> (673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	44%	23%	33%	252
---Republican	28%	41%	31%	165
---Independent	46%	24%	30%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	41%	27%	32%	541
---Nonwhite	33%	26%	41%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	28%	22%	50%	101
---30-49	45%	27%	28%	273
---50-64	43%	31%	26%	145
---65+	31%	28%	41%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	36%	25%	40%	281
---Some college and above	42%	29%	29%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	34%	31%	35%	249
---Central	46%	23%	31%	210
---South	41%	27%	33%	195

Have you heard or read anything about Jon Corzine converting a mortgage loan into a gift for an ex-girlfriend who is also president of a labor union that represents state workers? (SC1) [ROTATE (SC1/SC2) and (SC3/SC4)]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	Yes	No	DK/RF	(n)
Registered Voters	50%	47%	3%	(673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	48%	50%	3%	252
---Republican	58%	39%	3%	165
---Independent	55%	42%	3%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	54%	43%	3%	541
---Nonwhite	37%	61%	2%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	12%	86%	2%	101
---30-49	47%	50%	3%	273
---50-64	69%	31%	1%	145
---65+	64%	30%	6%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	47%	49%	4%	281
---Some college and above	53%	45%	2%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	54%	43%	3%	249
---Central	52%	47%	1%	210
---South	45%	51%	4%	195

Does this information make you more likely to vote for Jon Corzine for governor, less likely to vote for him, or doesn't it make a difference? (SC2)

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID "YES" IN SC1]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	More likely	Less likely	Doesn't make a difference	DK/RF	(n)
Registered Voters	4%	39%	54%	4%	(337)
<u>Party ID</u>					
---Democrat	11	22	67	---	121
---Republican	---	60	35	4	96
---Independent	---	33	62	4	90

Have you heard or read anything about **legal issues** involving Doug Forrester’s company, BeneCard, and an affiliated insurance company in Washington? (SC3)
[ROTATE (SC1/SC2) and (SC3/SC4)]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	Yes	No	DK/RF	(n)
Registered Voters	31%	65%	4%	(673)
<u>Party ID</u>				
---Democrat	29%	68%	3%	252
---Republican	31%	67%	2%	165
---Independent	38%	59%	3%	164
<u>Race</u>				
---White	34%	62%	3%	541
---Nonwhite	19%	76%	4%	114
<u>Age</u>				
---18-29	11%	85%	4%	101
---30-49	27%	71%	3%	273
---50-64	45%	53%	2%	145
---65+	40%	54%	6%	149
<u>Education</u>				
---High school and below	24%	70%	5%	281
---Some college and above	37%	62%	2%	387
<u>Region of State</u>				
---North	39%	58%	2%	249
---Central	30%	67%	3%	210
---South	24%	70%	5%	195

Does this information make you more likely to vote for Doug Forrester for governor, less likely to vote for him, or doesn’t it make a difference? (SC4)

[ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAID “YES” IN SC3]

POLL 155 / Sept 2005	More likely	Less likely	Doesn’t make a difference	DK/RF	(n)
Registered Voters	3%	39%	54%	5%	(211)
<u>Party ID</u>					
---Democrat	4%	51%	38%	7%	72
---Republican	2%	29%	65%	4%	52
---Independent	3%	33%	57%	6%	63