

Stockton poll has LoBiondo with big lead

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GALLOWAY – The Stockton Polling released a poll of the 2nd Congressional District Thursday, Sept. 27 showing Republican incumbent [Frank LoBiondo](#) leading Democratic challenger [Cassandra Shober](#) by a margin of 55 percent to 35 percent.

The Stockton Polling Institute is part of the WilliamJ.HughesCenter for Public Policy at RichardStocktonCollege.

The poll was conducted with 624 likely voters Sept. 19-24. Interviewers called land lines and cell phones. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.0 percent.

New Jersey's 2nd Congressional District includes all of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem and parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties.

“Congressman LoBiondo’s lead is expected, given his 18 years in Congress,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the HughesCenter.

Of all those surveyed, 62 percent have a very or somewhat favorable opinion of the LoBiondo, while 19 percent have a somewhat or very unfavorable opinion, with 18 percent unsure or unfamiliar with him.

For Shober, 56 percent of those surveyed are unfamiliar or not sure of what they think of her.

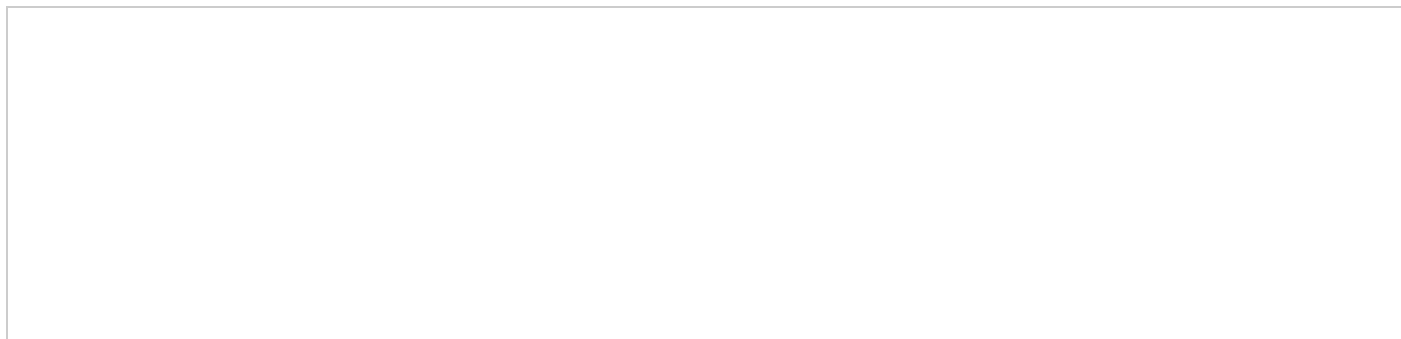
LoBiondo’s job performance stands in contrast to likely voters’ views of Congress, with 57 percent rating his job performance as excellent or good and 36 percent rating his performance as fair or poor. Only 14 percent of the voters approve of the job performance of Congress, while 84 percent disapprove.

In the race for the United States Senate seat, incumbent Democratic Sen. [Robert Menendez](#) leads Republican challenger [Joseph Kyrillos](#) by a 56 to 33 percent margin in the 2nd Congressional District.

In the presidential race, incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama leads Republican challenger Mitt Romney by 57 to 35 percent, according to the poll.

Although not on this year’s ballot, 47 percent of likely voters rate New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie’s job performance as excellent or good, while 51 percent rate his performance fair or poor. However

his favorability ratings are slightly better, with 51 percent viewing him very or somewhat favorably, while 46 percent view him somewhat or very unfavorably.



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