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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012

Poll: Runyan with 10 point lead on Adler

U.S. Rep. Jon Runyan (R., N.J.) has a 10 point lead on Democratic challenger Shelley Adler in their campaign for a South Jersey House seat, according to a Stockton Polling Institute survey of likely voters.

Runyan is up 49-39 in Jersey's third district, which includes parts of Burlington and Ocean counties. National Democrats have made the seat one of their prime targets, but the poll, released Wednesday afternoon, indicates that Adler has a lot of ground to make up in the four-and-a-half weeks before Election Day.

"With 12 percent of voters undecided, candidate Adler still has an opportunity to close the lead on Runyan, though Runyan is clearly in a better position," said Daniel J. Douglas, director of Stockton's the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

He said the poll is the first independent poll on the race to be released to the public.

Stockton surveyed 614 likely voters from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. The findings have a 4 percent margin of error.

Not surprisingly, voters are unhappy with Congress (only 10 percent approve of its job performance) but, as is often the case, like their local Congressman.

The poll found 51 percent of likely voters in the district have a favorable opinion of Runyan, compared to 26 percent who see him unfavorably; 21 percent were unsure or unfamiliar with him.

Thirty-nine percent had a favorable view of Adler; 26 percent have an unfavorable opinion and about a third are unfamiliar with her or unsure of their opinion.

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not surprising. maybe voters realize that mrs adler is a carpet-bagger who does not even live in the district, and that runyan's moderate republicanism is the right fit for south jersey?

— hannibal barca

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Nix to Shelley. We don't need another Harvard egghead in Washington D.C. Haven't we suffered enough already?

— Wilhelm Von Humboldt

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i'm with you WVH, but my man romney has an MBA/JD from harvard...

— hannibal barca

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Glad I don't live in the cesspool of NJ. When a know-nothing meathead wins elections, the state is in trouble.

You're right Wilhelm NJ residents are so much better off with former football players in office.

— sharkymachine

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Big Bird...DUCK!!!!

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