



In CD 2, LoBo crushing opponent by 20 points

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The Stockton Polling Institute released its second poll of the 2nd Congressional District showing Republican incumbent Frank LoBiondo leading Democratic challenger Cassandra Shober by a margin of 54 percent to 34 percent. In the September poll, Congressman LoBiondo had a similar lead of 55 percent to 34 percent.

In the race for the United States Senate seat, incumbent Democratic Senator Robert Menendez still leads Republican challenger Joseph Kyrillos by a 56 to 33 percent margin in the 2nd Congressional District. The margin is the same as the first poll conducted in September.

"The Senate and the Congressional races show remarkable stability over the course of a month with Senator Menendez and Congressman LoBiondo holding on to the same leads they had in the previous Stockton Polling Institute poll," said Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Of all those surveyed, 64 percent have a favorable opinion of LoBiondo, while 18 percent have an unfavorable opinion, with 18 percent unsure or unfamiliar with him. This was similar to his 62 percent favorable to 19 percent unfavorable ratings from the previous 2nd Congressional District poll.

Cassandra Shober improved her recognition in that 49 percent had an opinion of her while only 44 percent had an opinion of her in the last poll. In this poll, 32 percent had a favorable opinion of her and 17 percent had an unfavorable opinion. That is somewhat improved from the previous 31 percent favorable and 13 percent unfavorable in the previous poll.

LoBiondo's job performance in this poll (56 percent excellent and 35 percent fair or poor) is essentially the same as in the last (57 percent excellent or good and 36 percent fair or poor).

Only 18 percent of the voters approve of the job performance of Congress (up from 14 percent), while 81 percent disapprove (down from 84 percent).

In the presidential race, incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama leads Republican challenger Mitt Romney by 52 to 39 percent in this southern New Jersey congressional district. This represents substantial movement from the 57 – 35 percent margin that President Obama held over Governor Romney in the earlier September poll.

The Stockton Polling Institute again asked likely voters their opinion of Governor Chris Christie. Voters in the 2nd Congressional District rated his job performance essentially the same with 48 percent of likely voters rating Christie's job performance as excellent or good, while 51 percent rate his performance fair or poor. In the previous poll, the margin was 47 – 51, a statistically insignificant difference.

However, his favorability ratings are slightly better and improved, with 51 percent viewing him very or somewhat favorably, while 44 percent view him somewhat or very unfavorably. In the previous poll, Christie had a 51 percent favorable and 46 percent unfavorable margin.

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

Interviews are conducted at the Stockton Polling Institute by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 609 likely voters from Oct. 20 – 24, 2012. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. The previous poll referenced was conducted with 624 likely voters from Sept. 19 – 24, 2012. All prospective respondent households in the source telephone list have the same chance of joining the sample because of the random digital dialing system (RDD). Data were weighted based on United States Census demographic data. The survey has a margin of error of +/-4.0 percent.

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Nice job, Republicans. When you pick weak candidates, you lose. But will you learn your lesson from this? Of course not. I'm sure we're going to get the next RINOs in line for each respective office: perhaps Jen Beck or Jon Bramnick for U.S. Senate in 2014, and either Chris Christie or Mitt Romney again (his ego won't let him accept rejection, even against an extremely unpopular incumbent President) in 2016. The tide has changed, and what the public wants is a GOP that's socially left-center and fiscally conservative, not the other way around. If the party doesn't evolve, it will put itself on the verge of extinction. There's no reason for the GOP to continue existing if it's not going to offer real differences from the policies offered by the Democrats.

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Sounds like your idea of the ideal GOP candidate is Joe Kyrillos.

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