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## Stockton poll shows Menendez with 12-point lead

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A Friday poll from Stockton University shows incumbent Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez widening his lead to 12 points over GOP challenger Bob Hugin.

The poll, which interviewed 598 likely New Jersey voters, showed voters favored Menendez by 51 percent to 39 percent over Hugin, the former executive of pharmaceutical giant Celgene Corp.

"Our poll indicates that New Jersey's voters oppose the president, and the best way to express that opposition at the ballot box, is to re-elect Sen. Menendez, despite any misgivings they might have about the senator himself," Michael Klein, interim executive director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, said in a statement.

Most statewide polls in the last month have shown Menendez with a single-digit lead over Hugin.

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