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"Pollsters can have honest differences about methodological choices," he said in a [long statement posted to his Twitter account](#) on Monday afternoon. "... but there are times when clear methodological problems raise concerns about the enterprise."

A Stockton spokeswoman said Murray's public dispute shocked polling institute officials, but the institute stood by the survey in a statement.

"I respect the work done by Mr. Murray at Monmouth, but we stand by our poll results," executive director Michael Klein said. "We recognize the demographics in the poll are not entirely reflective of the population, and weight our results accordingly."

Stockton's survey of 531 likely voters found [Menendez with a 45 to 43 percent lead over Hugin](#), five weeks out from the Nov. 6 midterm elections. Libertarian Murray Sabrin came in at 3 percent with an additional 8 percent of voters undecided.

"With a two-point lead falling within the poll's margin of error, the Senate race at this point is up for grabs," Klein said in releasing the poll.

"Bob Hugin has been attacking Senator Menendez on ethics with a heavy advertising campaign. However, with so many voters still undecided, the race is still up for grabs." Klein said in releasing the poll.

