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great deal of money is at a real disadvantage, said Sharon Schulman, executive director of the Hughes Center.

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Neither presidential candidate is viewed positively. Fifty-eight percent view Clinton unfavorably, and 56 percent have negative views of Trump.

Voters were asked whether it is more important for members of Congress to reach compromise on issues or to stand firm on principles. By a large margin, voters feel it is more important to reach compromise (64 percent) than to stand firm on principles (31 percent) with 6 percent unsure.

More than while 10 percent feel both parties are working equally hard. Despite the Republican trend in the presidential and House races, 23 percent think the Democrats are doing more to solve problems compared to 13 percent saying Republicans are.

Regarding statewide ballot questions, respondents overwhelmingly reject a proposed Constitutional amendment to expand casino gaming to locations 72 miles away from Atlantic City by a margin of 91 percent to 9 percent. The district is home to the Atlantic City casino industry. Half say the fact that new casinos would be located in North Jersey makes them more likely to oppose the amendment.

A majority of 56 percent support a second proposed Constitutional amendment to dedicate increased state gasoline taxes to road projects, with 40 percent opposing it and 4 percent unsure.

Sixteen percent identify the economy as the No. 1 issue in the election, and another 8 percent identified jobs. Nine percent say terrorism or security is the main issue, and 7 percent identified immigration.

Finally, early soundings on next year the field of possible Republican candidates largely unknown in South Jersey except for Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. and Lieut. Gov. Kim Guadagno. Kean, the son of former Gov. Thomas Kean, is recognized by 65 familiar to 41 percent. All other officials mentioned Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick, Evesham Mayor Randy Brown, Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli, and businessman Joseph Rullo are recognized by 11 percent or less.

On the Democratic side, three possible candidates are familiar to at least one in five voters: declared candidate Phil Murphy, 22 percent; Assemblyman John Wisniewski, 24 percent; and Tom Byrne, son of former Gov. Brendan Byrne, 25 percent.

A majority of 66 percent do not support any one candidate at this early stage. Seven percent say they support Kean, while 5 percent support Guadagno and 4 percent support Murphy.

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Methodology

The survey was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy (www.stockton.edu/hughescenter). Live interviewers on the Stockton University campus called both landlines and cell phones from