

Polling Results

November 6, 2006 - Menendez Has 5-Point Lead In Senate Race, Quinnipiac University New Jersey Poll Finds

In the New Jersey Senate race, Democratic incumbent U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez has a 48 - 43 percent likely voter lead over Republican State Sen. Tom Kean, Jr., according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Nine percent remain undecided and 8 percent of those who name a candidate say they might change their mind before Election Day.

This compares to a 49 - 44 percent Sen. Menendez lead in an October 31 poll by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

In this latest survey, Republican likely voters back Kean 92 - 5 percent, while Democrats back Menendez 85 - 10 percent. Independent voters back Menendez 48 - 36 percent, compared to 47 - 43 percent October 31.

Women back the Democrat 47 - 44 percent, while men back him 48 - 42 percent.

"It looks like Sen. Robert Menendez has survived the ethics questions blocking his quest for a full term in the Senate, but in New Jersey you never count out a Republican named Tom Kean until the votes are tallied," said Clay F. Richards, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

From October 30 - November 5, Quinnipiac University surveyed 917 New Jersey likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio and nationally as a public service and for research. For additional data -- www.quinnipiac.edu and quicklinks or call (203) 582-5201.

1. If the 2006 election for senator were being held today, and the candidates were Robert Menendez the Democrat and Tom Kean Jr. the Republican for whom would you vote?(If undecided q1) As of today, do you lean more toward Menendez or Kean? This table includes Leaners.

	LIKELY VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Menendez	48%	5%	85%	48%	48%	47%
Kean Jr.	43	92	10	36	42	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	9	3	4	15	8	9

	Urban	SubUrbn	ExUrbn	Philly land	Shore
Menendez	64%	49%	33%	47%	43%
Kean Jr.	21	44	58	40	49
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	13	6	8	11	7

1a. (If candidate choice q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY CHOOSING CAND Q1.....					
	CAND CHOICE Q1					
	Tot	RM	TK	Rep	Dem	Ind
Made up	92%	93%	91%	92%	96%	88%
Might change	8	7	8	8	3	12
DK/NA	-	-	1	-	1	-