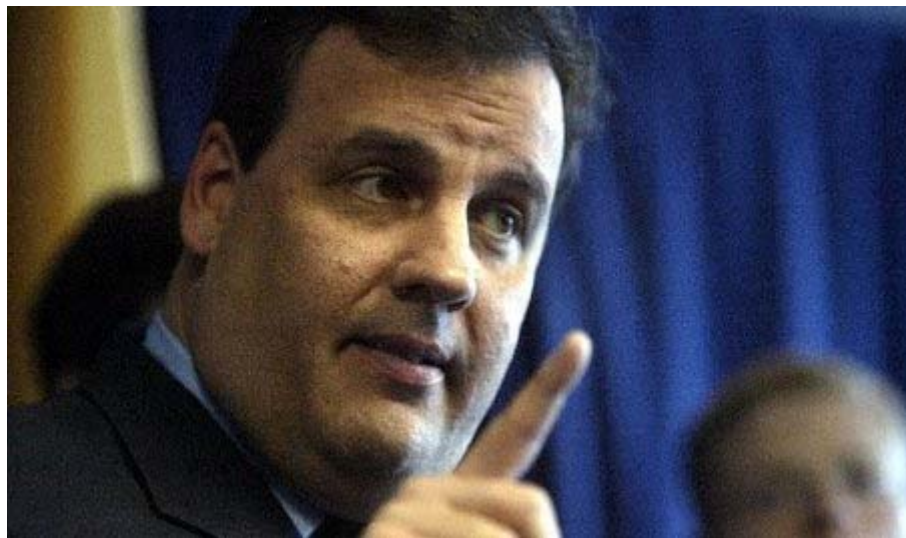


Why these conservatives won't vote for Christie

Posted by [pmulshin](#) July 28, 2009 15:36PM



Noah K. MurrayChris Christie: His

lurch toward liberalism has conservatives upset.

I got the following letter from a couple of conservatives. I think it summarizes the way a lot of conservatives feel about the liberalism of the state GOP establishment and Chris Christie's lurch to the left after he pretended to be a conservative during the primary campaign.

I think it offers a good summation of the opportunity lost this year. If Jon Corzine is to be defeated, it would offer an opportunity to get rid of all the evils listed below, from Abbott to COAH to the robbing of the suburbs to subsidize the corrupt urban Democratic machines.

Christie promises to leave all those issues untouched.

To Jay Webber

Alex DeCroce

Joe Pennacchio 7/27/09

As you are aware, both of us strongly supported Steve Lonegan for Governor, but we spent time today thoroughly researching Chris Christie's website, and reading about each of the issues he lists. We also recently spent time reading a lot of the national Republican platform which the New Jersey State Republican Committee failed to endorse.

(Perhaps you could explain to us why that happened!)

While both documents include statements and positions that conservatives should support, it is more the lack of endorsement of the national platform and the lack of statements on Chris Christie's website that trouble us. Are the State's Republicans really up to the task of pulling us back from the deep abyss into which we have plunged, or is it just rhetoric?

Specific to Chris Christie's campaign, there are a number of conspicuously absent statements. These are issues for which Steve Lonegan had firm positions, which we believe are important to returning New Jersey's fiscal integrity.

Some of them are issues which have attracted much public attention. We would be interested in knowing your thoughts on why these positions are missing from Christie's website...

There's not a word about COAH or local rule, or Abbott v. Burke. There are no specifics about cuts to the income tax, whereas Lonegan suggested a flat 2.9% tax. There is nothing about cutting the size of state government, consolidating departments, or reducing the number of state workers. There's not a word about repealing the Paid Family Leave Act or overturning card check. Nothing about reducing or containing school spending or creating vouchers to help students in failing urban districts. Nothing about illegal immigration, or the NJ Supreme Court's role in Abbott v. Burke or COAH. Nothing about limiting the power of unions or the stranglehold binding arbitration has over school districts and municipalities.

There ARE statements about repealing project Labor Agreements and reducing corporate and business taxes, although, again, few specifics. And there is even verbiage about providing housing in urban areas (Why?)

There are a host of suggestions and initiatives to provide oversight and insure accountability, but we've heard that for too long, and at some point, well-intentioned oversight simply becomes another layer of government bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, a glance at the list of bills you all voted for this year begs the question of how any of you could cast intelligent votes on so much legislation, and also, given a Democratic legislature, why so many of the votes are Yes!

We have friends from New Hampshire who tell us that their State representatives serve for a total compensation of \$100 per year (compared to the \$49,000 that New Jersey legislators make).

A really conservative thing to do would be to do as George Washington and other patriots did, which was to refuse any compensation at all, because they regarded their responsibilities to the people as a sacred honor, not a job.

As long as we have a legislature which receives salaries and benefits which are at least as good or better than the public which they serve, we will never return government to the role of serving the people instead of sucking them dry. That is what the Tea Party movement is all about. Those who disregard or ridicule those citizens who are exercising their democratic rights to protest the smothering effects of out-of-control government will suffer the same consequences as the oppressors in the 18th century.

Most disturbing to us is the fact that the State Republican Committee decided to endorse Chris Christie BEFORE the primary. Given that fact, Steve Lonegan's 43% of the vote is astonishing, and proves that, even without the support of the "Party", New Jersey residents had enough independent thought to choose someone other than the party choice! Why didn't the Republican Committee stay out of the primary process and actually let the PEOPLE decide who they wanted to run against Corzine? THAT WOULD BE DEMOCRACY - rather than whatever you call the despicable manipulation of the Republican machine. The outcome of that election, no doubt, would have been quite different.

We mean no disrespect to any of you personally, but we obviously have a difference of opinion about the role of government in New Jersey.

The time for "business as usual" is over. Unfortunately, Christie's platform attempts to tweak a broken system, rather than break the mold and create a new model. While we certainly have reason to fear another four years of Jon Corzine, we do not believe that Christie's positions will win the hearts of enough conservative New Jerseyans to enable Christie to win in November. He will suffer the same defeat as several previous "moderate" Republican gubernatorial candidates who also failed to appeal to traditional, conservative Republican values.

We welcome your thoughts on salvaging the Republican party in New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

Barbara and Bill Eames

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madinnj says...

I guess they want to burn the party down in hopes that it might have a Phoenix-like rise?

I think they are very wrong that Christie will lose like Schundler and Forrester did the last two times. In fact, I'd challenge them (and you) to name the last real conservative who won a state-wide race in NJ?!

Posted on 07/28/09 at 3:57PM

webeer says...

Fine letter. I am also leary about voting for Christie. Right now, I'm not sure if I can hold my nose and give him my vote or write in Steve Lonegan with the chance of seeing 4 more years of Corzine ineptitude. It's a lose/lose proposition.

As far as the Tea Party movement, I get the premise but the entrenched beaurocrats aren't going to pay it any mind. I'm more in favor of the Bastille movement where we storm the castle and behead the nobility. Torches and pitchforks folks, torches and pitchforks.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 4:01PM

JeffCon says...

As a Conservative, I hope Christie loses. He will be painted by the LIB DEMs and the media as a Conservative anyway, and will NOT be able to turn this state around. I believe NJ will implode in the next few years. It cannot survive the huge deficits, debts and underfunding of pensions. The IMPLOSION should happen on Corzine's watch. If it happens on Chritie's, we will NEVER see a Conservative GOP government in NJ.

Madinnj is correct, Reagan is the last Conservative to win NJ. We have never had a Conservative government in NJ. Maybe we should at least try it. It cannot possibly be any worse. And I would remind the GOP, Christie might be governor for 8 years, we only have to put up with Corzine for another 4.

Best possible scenario is that Christie loses by the number of write in votes for Lonegan. We need to clean house in NJ. Those named here would be a good place to start.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 4:20PM

JeffCon says...

I second the torches and pitchforks movement.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 4:55PM

wdillon says...

Lying moron perspective alert

I don't know where this bozo got the idea I supported McCain in the past election. I stated that I couldn't stand him and would vote for Bob Barr. Not that my vote made any difference, but that's what it was.

This is why I insist that anyone who wishes to cite my past writings cite my actual words and not some vague recollection of what those words were.

Two seconds of Googling would have brought this clown to this column of mine: http://blog.nj.com/njv_paul_mulshine/2008/05/bob_barr_offers_an_alternative.html

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During the Presidential election I wrote Paul citing all the reasons why we as conservatives should not vote for McCain. At the time he stated that he was voting for McCain because the alternative was unacceptable. I guess that doesn't trickle down to the state level. Bottom line, listening to Paul equals four more years of Corzine.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 5:07PM

TeaPartyNJ says...

The Republican Party is TERRIFIED of spending cuts, especially municipal spending cuts! Christie refuses to promise to cut spending, and is even open to the idea of higher taxes!

The NJGOP is simply replacing one tax-and-spend party for a different tax-and-spend party.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 6:19PM

slimey11 says...

DeCroce owes a response to this letter for every republican in the state

Posted on 07/28/09 at 6:39PM

doctorphil1 says...

Maybe it is time that New Jerseyans do what our ancestors did in the early days of the American Revolution and dress like Indians and dump tea into the Delaware River at Greenwich, NJ.

Ok, maybe not but we can send a strong message once we figure that if there is anyone that truly is a conservative running for NJ #1 and NJ #2. Certainly it is not Christie and his running mate - what's her name?

Posted on 07/28/09 at 6:56PM

ImMencken says...

My vote is for Mulshine...

...to finally admit he is a closet neocon.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 8:40PM

Linnet says...

What a great letter! I too, am waiting to hear specifics about how Christie plans to deal with the serious problems in our state. I have heard some very negative commercials on television about Corzine, but I would rather hear about what Christie plans to do if he is elected. Are the negative commercials just a smoke screen for a nonexistent platform? I will not vote for Corzine, he has already had a chance and the state is in terrible shape, but could be convinced to vote for Christie if he reveals his plans, they are specific, and they make sense. Without specifics my vote will be a write-in.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 8:49PM

dennis says...

I would have a lot more respect for these Tea Party types had they started partying 4 or 5 years ago when it may have helped. Why weren't there Tea Parties when when Bush and a GOP congress expanded Medicare, passed no child left behind and started spending \$1,000,000,000,000, of borrowed money in Iraq each year? Ron Paul was pointing these things out than but only a few Paul included paid him any mind. Now he's a hero, it's a little late.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 9:00PM

ThomasReid says...

Paul,

Maybe "wdillon" has McCain's presidential runs confused. Here's what you wrote about John McCain in a piece bashing Rush Limbaugh on July 8, 2000.

"Yet this year he went out of his way to portray a true conservative, John McCain, as some sort of liberal while urging the dittoheads to vote for Bush."

In any case, I'm as disappointed that Christie is the gubernatorial nominee this year as I was that McCain was the presidential nominee last year.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 10:52PM

CopyKatnj says...

I've not read anything that has changed my decision to write in Steve Lonegan in November. I too wrote NJGOP about how disappointed I was in their performance during the general election. NJGOP was hyped

up that the republicans held 5 seats out of 15. I wanted to know why they didn't win all 15.

Posted on 07/28/09 at 11:17PM

JeffCon says...

It is not enough to vote for Lonegan, we have to work against Christie. The GOP machine is as big a problem as is the DEM machine, if even not as corrupt (and that remains to be seen).

I wish the Conservative Party had nominated Lonegan. We at least would have a choice.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 7:25AM

jacki62 says...

TeaPartyNJ----- I to believe Christie will raise taxes and cause layoff's , we have enough people collecting unemployment, soon unemployment will run out. Christie has not giving me any reason to vote for him. Any lawyer can talk their way into the public. He can't sweet talk me into voting for him.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 8:33AM

engineernj says...

You all don't get it. All this talk about change and how to fix the system. This state ain't coming back, them there days are gone! Don't you get it? You need to recognize when hold 'em and when to fold 'em, or when to fight and when to run. It starts right at the top with Corzine and the Goldman connection, and permeates through the urban districts, school system, etc... Take as much as you can carry and move on... it's over folks.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 9:13AM

pezro says...

Third parties don't stand a chance. A vote for 3rd party is a vote for Corslime.

Just suck it up and give Christie a chance. He can't be worse than the "Wallstreet Wizard".

Posted on 07/29/09 at 9:25AM

richl says...

Listen to you all. Get over the fact that Christie beat Lonegan! Keep thinking the way you are and Corzine will win again. Get him out and work on getting Christie to see your viewpoints. It;s your best chance right now. Who is closer to your beliefs - Christie or Corzine?

Not enough people will write in Lonegan. Your principled, sour grapes not voting for Christie will guarantee another term for Corzine. Get over it - you didn't get the most conservative candidate that you would have liked.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 9:40AM

dcbe says...

@Dennis...

Tea parties go back to 2007 at least, if not the 4-5 years ago you opine about. Mostly attended by Ron Paul voters. The only difference is that now many of the same "conservatives" who laughed at us for supporting RP have had a belated and rude awakening.

The bumper sticker on my car says it all:
"Don't Blame Me - I voted for RON PAUL"

and I'm soon to put one on there that says the same about Lonegan.

PM - Keep up the good work!

Posted on 07/29/09 at 9:48AM

tzuckerman says...

Good letter. I doubt they will get a response. And if they do, it will probably be meaningless. No doubt DeCrose will tell them that Christie is a conservative. Unfortunately, "republicans" like DeCrose don't pay much heed to conservatives and probably dismissed the contents of the letter. Instead of trying to pull Lonegan voters (and their volunteers!), Christie has done nothing to encourage them to vote for him. Christie got 160K votes and Lonegan got 130K votes. Christie and his friends basically say 130K of us can dangle because he won. However, it is not written anywhere (listen up, pezro and richl.. and richl, Christie is NOT a conservative) that we have to vote for Christie. In fact, Christie cannot afford to lose any base votes given his "urban" strategy.

I am a lawyer and had a newborn infant in November 2008. I was going out and putting signs out on the road at 11:00 p.m. during the election. I didn't see too many, meaning ANY, Christie supporters out there on the road volunteering their time. His support is skin deep.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:12AM

DeanRU says...

I love when the media suddenly decides it matters what "conservatives" and "Republicans" think. Somehow, it's only when what they think -- who they'll vote for, won't vote for -- helps a Democrat. Isn't that funny? Otherwise, they're just a bunch of lunatics who forfeit their rights to free speech, property, and anything else.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:17AM

RepublicAnn says...

There are two people that have the chance to be elected governor in November, Chris Christie and Jon Corzine. If you vote "against" either of them, you have voted for the other. Let's face it, Clinton won because Perot pulled a significant amount of votes from Bush.

Voting for Lonegan means you support Corzine. If you do so, never again complain about the way Dems ruin the state.

I am open to Lonegan in the future, but if Christie loses the election because of Lonegan support, the way Bush lost because of Perot, I will never support Lonegan in the future.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:41AM

Rocknj says...

The last time we had a Republican majority in New Jersey in the 1990s with Christie Whitman at the helm and Republicans controlling both State legislative bodies, what happened? Instead of tax and spend, we witnessed borrow and spend. They spent so much that it made some Democrats blush. This is why there is no excitement for Republicans in New Jersey. The two party system is broken. We need more parties to take on the powers that be.

In defense of New Jersey. At least we're not in the pickle that California is in. As bad as things are, we do balance our budgets and move on.

I will vote 3rd party this election.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:45AM

joevotes says...

NJ will never elect a "conservative" government because this is not a conservative state. The majority are socially liberal.

What NJ really needs are fiscal conservatives, those who would rein in the size and spending of government, simplify regulation and tax structure, and judiciously encourage the founding and growth of small, local businesses.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:55AM

tzuckerman says...

RepublicanAnn:

I think that some of you Christie supporters dont seem to grasp this one point. We dont have to vote for Christie. We are not obliged to vote for him. There is no law that, as Republicans, we have to. It's Christie's job to persuade us to vote for him. He is certainly spending a lot of time and effort trying to persuade city voters, also known as democrats, vote for him. It seems to me, he might want to spend a little time trying get support from the 43% of Republicans that didnt vote for him.

Actually, it's two points. The other is that the goal is not to unseat Corzine. The goal is to replace Corzine with someone who will bring real, positive change to state government. As far as I can see, the difference between Corzine and Christie is about 120 pounds and a sweater vest. (You can steal that, Paul). To many of us, a Christie election wouldnt change one thing.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:58AM

chevy4x4 says...

Republicanann

The first Bush had about as much chance at reelection as McCain had at election. Rarely does a party get more than 2 terms.

As for Californas problems, if they can keep thier budget cuts in place they may be on the right track..The concern is that the liberals are already saying they want to get the power to tax back to the gov't.

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I would love to see a story on California and the success of Prop.13 in light of pressure to on do it. (Similar to unions wanting secrect ballots years ago and now want card check)

Posted on 07/29/09 at 11:03AM

james82 says...

It is better to have Corzine and his party win and face the bills coming due in the next 4 years. Let the political class (dems and RINOs) drive the band-wagon off the cliff, and after then maybe we can get conservative governance.

I am writing in Lonegan. First time in my life I want the democrat to win. Hey, Maybe I will even vote Corzine! Ouch

Posted on 07/29/09 at 11:07AM

ridnjofdems says...

Do I like Christie as the Republican candidate? No. Will I vote for him? Yes. Why? Because I DESPISE Corzine! If Christie wins with a Democratic Senate, nothing will get done. If the Assembly goes Republican, which I doubt unless the rest of the Dems get indicted, it will be interesting to watch the battles. For Conservatives to make inroads in NJ, it has to start in the Primaries by defeating the RINO's first. A Conservative Governor with RINO's in the Legislature will not change anything here. The way to beat the RINO's is at the grass roots level in the primaries and take the Party back.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 11:30AM

JeffCon says...

Little mention is made of the fact that if Christie gets in he will be forced to reward the GOP with lots of patronage jobs, how many, a couple of thousand? Plus, he can be there for 8 years. By law we are rid of Corzine in 4.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 11:44AM

neilwied says...

I'm pretty conservative. I believe in most things I think most Conservatives believe in. Except abortion. I believe in abortion. In fact, it should be mandatory in some cases (Nancy Pelosi's mother comes to mind). Too bad it can't be retroactive.

Anyway, abortion aside, I don't think most of you "Conservatives" would consider me a Conservative. Because I'm not ideological enough. The impression I have is that most of you only care that your candidate is a "true" Conservative. If not, the to hell with him. You'd write in for Lonegan even if his opponent were Pol Pot.

Well, we've never had a true Conservative for Governor in NJ and probably never will -- unless we can trade

a few counties to another state (or country). So, I'm going to vote for Christie for these primary reasons:

(1) Corzine is a crook just as much as the pols just arrested. He doesn't steal money, just votes. He's in the pocket (and, in some cases, the bed) of the unions. He negotiated with Carla by e-mail and the SC covered it up. The list goes on. Christie is, comparatively speaking, a saint.

(2) Christie will have an opportunity to veto some of the sludge that comes out of the legislature. He MIGHT not do it, but we KNOW that Corzine won't.

(3) Christie might have a chance to name a Supreme Court justice. Anyone he names will almost certainly be better than anyone Corzine would name, certainly not worse.

(4) Christie will have a chance to name an AG who actually has an interest in putting crooks in the slammer.

(5) Joe Doria won't be in Christie's Cabinet. Nor will any of the other slugs Corzine has surrounded himself with.

(6) If somebody pops the governor, Loretta Weinberg won't be governor.

I could probably give a lot more reasons, but one-fingered typing is tiresome.

If you folks want to write in Lonegan or Ron Paul or Donald Duck, fine. Take your ball and go home. Just don't whine about anything Corzine does in his second term, because you'll be responsible for it.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 11:57AM

JeffCon says...

Sorry RepublicanAnn and Jovotes. Don't blame me if Corzine wins. Blame the GOP who ran a LIBERAL. The GOP in NJ IS THE PROBLEM. They either have to give us a choice or they will LOSE. I will not support the Party over my beliefs. I am not even convinced Corzine will be worse than Christie. If you want Conservatives to support your candidate then you should at least throw us a bone. Why you didn't run Christie in the DEM primary is beyond me. He would have beaten Corzine in a heartbeat. Then it would be Christie vs Lonegan in the General Election.

I WILL ONLY SUPPORT THE CONSERVATIVE.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 12:32PM

JeffCon says...

Neilweid- Yes, I would vote for Lonegan if Pol Pot were his opponent. Apparently, most liberals would support POT.

If Christie had at least ONE Conservative position I might consider him. And BTW, I also support abortion.

And if Corzine wins in NOV will continue to complain about him, just as I complained about Whtman, Bush, Clinton, Obama, McGreevey, Codey, and Corzine.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 12:36PM

NorthNjBoy says...

Most of us will vote for Christie because it's the ONLY logical choice. Shame on those of you who choose to sit this one out.

Let's remember that Brett Schundler also took a sharp dive to the center after winning his primary. I didn't blame Brett then, and I don't blame Chris now. In this state, remaining on the extreme right is sure way to loose a general election... and in a big way.

During the primary I received a mailing from Chirstie in which he supported the use of school vouchers and also named ILLEGAL ALIENS as a major problem in NJ. He didn't sugar coat it with "undocumented" or even use the term "immigrant". It said "ILLEGAL ALIENS" in all caps an bold. While I would also like to see that same statement on his website today, I think we all know why it's not there. No reason to give the other side ammunitioin when you are up in the polls.

I've seen it said before and even said myself that being a Conservative includes being practical. Chris Christie is certainly not the Messiah of the Conservative movement. But ,in this election, he is definitely the best choice.

So, let's all be practical, and vote against Jon Corzine and for Chris Christie.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 12:48PM

greekgoodies says...

Lets vote for Christie.....he's the best for now.

Corzine will win again by 8 points.....remember NJ has dumb voters and the union members will come out in droves.....again!

Posted on 07/29/09 at 1:20PM

jim5k says...

Well said. Why is our choice always the lesser of two losers? NJ is broken and neither Corzine nor Christie is 'fessing up to it. I see no difference between the two, so I'll probably vote Daggett (I'm officially Republican, but consider myself independent). Actually, my only real choice seems to be to move out of NJ.

NJ government has to get smaller AND less liberal with salary and benefits, just like the private sector that supports it (Dear Gov't Unions: Give back half of what I've given back and I'll be happy). I'm being taxed out of NJ and even that isn't enough for them. And it's only going to get worse - even concessions Corzine won from the unions are just a deferral (...and payback is going to be a bleepth).

Posted on 07/29/09 at 1:55PM

jsta says...

Alternative: Chris Daggett. A better choice that writing in Lonegan.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 2:01PM

sychofanatic says...

For the most part, all commentators have raised good points regarding the good Republican candidate, pro & con.

However some of you are confused between the terms "conservative" and Republican.

Mr. Christie IS not a conservative. His urban agenda, in terms of urban tax breaks for homesteading is an extreme liberal concept going back to the '70's. His outreach/pandering to an urban constituency is mostly smoke & mirrors, as few Republicans are elected from any of the urban areas. So if elected, it'll be a return to "borrow & spend" as Whitman did in the 90's.

People, he's offered NO specifics as to how his administration will pay for a fully funded property tax rebate program. Further he wants to cut the income tax, which funds the property tax rebates.

Most of us share the anger of some posters regarding corruption within the State, but realistically neither candidate has offered any solution to cleaning up NJ. We need to keep pressuring the Legislature to pass tougher laws..

Posted on 07/29/09 at 2:07PM

greekgoodies says...

Daggett has as much chance as I have.....none. I heard him speak on TV a few moths ago and was not impressed at all; he sounded like a normal Republican with no backbone.....not for me.

Chris Christie is the one who may change NJ but don't hold your breadth. These bastards are all alike

Remember: when u vote for a politician your voting for him to put his hand in your pocket.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 2:11PM

Rocknj says...

I was considering voting for Chris Daggett, but his website is short on specifics. I even emailed his campaign for more information about his positions, and they said they didn't have anything in writing about his stance on various issues. When they asked if I had a particular issue I wanted to know his position on, I asked about legalizing medical marijuana. For some reason they did not respond. No way Daggett is going to get my vote if he's running his campaign that way. Dogging issue and not responding to inquiries.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 2:46PM

tzuckerman says...

Ridnjofdems said:

"For Conservatives to make inroads in NJ, it has to start in the Primaries by defeating the RINO's first."

And then he tells us he's voting for Christie. How about we get rid of the RINOs running for governor instead.

Northjersey boy:

Christie didnt take a dive to the center. Christie took a dive to the far left. I was practical when I voted for Schundler. I was practical when i voted for Forrester. Im not wasting my vote again on being "practical". I have one vote. If someone wants it, then they have to stand for something that I believe in. Anyone here know what Christie believes in?

All I keep hearing is vote for Christie because Corzine will win again. Vote for Christie because it's the

practical choice. I dont hear anyone saying vote for Christie because his policies will work. Now why is that?

Posted on 07/29/09 at 3:50PM

wdillon says...

Paul. I know this won't get posted but I feel good knowing both you and I know you are out and out lying. Of course I can't go back and locate the exact email you sent me supporting McCain during the last election but we both know it happened. P.S. If you'd like to meet and call me a bozo to my face please name the time and place. Post this. I dare you!

Posted on 07/29/09 at 4:45PM

webeer says...

When was the last time a conservative won in a state-wide election? Well, when was the last time we ran one? Maybe Schundler but he was torpedoed by the GOP state party. We keep running dem-lite against dem-heavy. If there is no choice, then why bother if you're an independent? I've voted in every election since I was 18 (32 years) except when I was in the Army and I'm tired of holding my nose when I go behind the curtain.

120 pounds and a sweater vest - that's a good one.

Maybe it is time to vote with my feet. I think Costa Rica is more fiscally responsible than NJ is. What's the URL for rosetta stone? I need to brush up on my spanish.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 5:43PM

pwc says...

A conservative will never win in NJ? They used to say house prices would never go down. They also used to say there'd never be another great depression. Who is saying those things now?

Maybe as the depression deepens in four years Lonegan or another actual conservative will be nominated.

Christie and Corzine are from different wings of the same party -- no substantive difference at all - sort of like last year's presidential election. Anyone else notice a trend here? Two party rule has been reduced to one. Does anyone else notice the lunacy in lecturing Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc on democracy?

Posted on 07/29/09 at 6:08PM

Jeffcon says...

NorthNjBoy - Christie took a sharp turn to the LEFT. But he was NEVER on the RIGHT. That to me is the problem.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 8:21PM

mhgirl says...

Give me a break! How many people who voted 3rd party during the Presidential election now regret it? This

is just sour grapes IMO and I voted for Lonegan, and Lonegan said he would support Christie if Christie won the primary. Hand the election to Corzine if you want, but I can't afford too many property tax increases, I'll take my chances with Christie.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 9:29PM

screwy says...

You know I wouldn't mind that Christie campaigned a little to the left, if I knew once in office, he'd turn out to be a tough no nonsense fiscal conservative, like Lonegan.

But that never happens with Republicans.. Democrats can campaign to the right, and lie through their teeth about cutting taxes, and libs never fear getting a fiscal conservative democrat... they know that if you're a democrat, you're a guaranteed socialist no matter what your name is, no matter what pandering BS you spout on the campaign trail, you know when a democrat gets in office, taxes and spending will increase. Their is no mystery to what every socialist democrat will do.

Unfortunately that reality is not paralleled by republicans, when it comes to being conservative. Christie will not bring about lower taxes, he doesn't have the brains, or the will to get anything done. The best you can expect from him is to not further ruin NJ while in office.

The best thing for NJ would be if the whole state government went on paid leave.. while seemingly expensive at first having the NJ legislature on leave for a few years would be cheaper in the long run.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:02PM

screwy says...

Oh and those of you who vote for Lonegan have every right to. Christie has been a huge disappointment. If Corzine gets taken out of this race, as I think he will, christie will lose big and you Christie shills are gonna wake up the day after the election feeling like dirty whores.

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:12PM

PEM59 says...

After 30+ years of voting, I am tired of both parties saying "Don't vote for the mean, nasty *^&% Democrat/Republican, vote for me instead." Give me reasons to vote FOR your candidate. If he cannot make the case that he is better than Donald Duck, I'm tempted to vote for the Duck.

Posted by RepublicAnn on 07/29/09 at 10:41AM

"There are two people that have the chance to be elected governor in November, Chris Christie and Jon Corzine. If you vote "against" either of them, you have voted for the other. Let's face it, Clinton won because Perot pulled a significant amount of votes from Bush...."

Posted on 07/29/09 at 10:54PM

AntiRINO says...

All you have to remember on November 3rd is to write in:

Steven M. Lonegan

You don't have to listen to anyone claiming it's sour grapes or "We have to vote for Chris Christie", blah, blah, blah...

Take your pick - The "Republican" Liberal or the Democrat Liberal. By most standards we're still a free country and can vote for whoever we want to.

Question - Does Donald Duck have a valid birth certificate?

Posted on 07/29/09 at 11:19PM

NJMike says...

I can't vote for this Liberal Christie. I will be writing in Steve Lonegan so I can sleep at night. Remember Whitman!

Posted on 07/30/09 at 7:48AM

Jeffcon says...

SOUR GRAPES- Seems to me the sour grapes are coming from the GOP sheep who put the Liberal Christie on the ballot, and are now dismayed because people actually want a change, and that change includes NO MORE LIBERAL REPUBLICANS.

If you want Conservatives to support YOUR GUY, give us a reason. So far, Christie has promised to continue to TAX AND SPEND, and give amnesty to ILLEGALS. How will my life be better if Christie wins? Answer is it won't. In fact, it will be worse. Taxes and spending will rise and it will be the next century before NJ will ready to vote for a "conservative' like Christie ever again.

I want improvement.

It is NOT too late to pull a Toricellii. If you are worried about Christie losing, change the candidate. Take the RINO off the ticket.

Posted on 07/30/09 at 7:49AM

macmanchas says...

As a careful observer of NJ politics, I will not vote for Corzine, and find it amusing that some folks can still find reasons to support him. His leadership (ha-ha) has led the state to the brink of catastrophe, and all of the economic vital signs prove that. Corzine has done nothing to make this state a better place for the average person, and the only beneficiary's have been big unions and other special interests. With the highest property taxes in the nation, and a budget deficit that is staggering, the taxpayers are carrying a staggering burden that without change in Trenton, will only get worse. Common sense dictates change. Corzine stands for more of the same, and only hard-core partisans would accept that fate. This state will not be an affordabe place to live without serious changes, and in my judgement, that means a vote for Chris Christy this November.

Posted on 07/30/09 at 8:07AM

Meldek says...

Wow... Still at it? As if you believe that continuing to spew this tired old song will eventually make it a hit.

Lonagan lost, by a serious margin, LOST. He couldn't get over half of the registered Republicans to vote for him. Why is that? Well, lets start with that beyond his internet active friends who support him here he would be an awful gov. He tried to RAISE taxes when he was Mayor of that tiny little town that he was mayor of, TWICE. Lonagan's track record is just as bad as any other lying politician.

Is Christie perfect? No. But who is? Keep beating the dead horse of Lonagan Paul, please do, its just funny. Its like watching a 4 year old stamping his feet saying he wants his toy NOW NOW NOW...

Oh, and I loved the Corzine attack ad that was kind enough to quote your blog here as 'supporting' him. But NOOOOOO your not a RINO...

We all know, but please, keep the humor flowing.

Now to the rest of you...

Remember this...

If you don't vote.

If you write in Mickey 'Longane' Mouse.

If you vote for Daggett.

You just voted for Corzine.

If your cool with that fine, thats your right. But don't try to hide behind the 'Well I didn't vote him in for another 4 years' crap. You did. You voted for Corzine just as much as anyone who pulled his lever in the voting booth. Stop lying to yourself and accept that simple truth.

Posted on 07/30/09 at 9:59AM

RUsk says...

It seems a lot of you will be sleeping soundly at night for another four years of Corzine's rule... too bad for us who can't!

Posted on 07/30/09 at 10:06AM

monmouthcnty says...

The only problem with writing in Lonagan (which is what I want to do) is that it takes a vote from Christie. The thought of blowing the chances of Christie winning and having Corzine win makes me sick.

Posted on 07/30/09 at 10:08AM

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