



http://www.politickernj.com/55116/eagleton-menendez-beats-kyrillos-44-22

State Sen. Joe Kyrillos (R-13)

### Eagleton: Menendez beats Kyrillos 44-22%

By Max Pizarro | February 28th, 2012 - 12:12am

| [More](#)

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) beats state Sen. Joe Kyrillos (R-13) 44-22% in a statewide head-to-head, according to this morning's Rutgers-I

An additional 26% say they are unsure and 7% say they would not vote.

An unnamed Republican does better than Kyrillos in the Senate race, though still loses to a generic Democrat by a 46 percent to 34 percent margir

Lack of name ID dogs the veteran Kyrillos, as 50% have no opinion or are unsure (30%) about the GOP challenger. Eleven percent have a favorab percent do not.

Menendez doesn't pack much of a wow factor either, according to the poll.

Thirty-seven percent to 24 percent feel more positive toward him, but nearly 40 percent have no opinion of the Democratic incumbent.

"Menendez's favorability numbers crept up slightly early last year, but for an incumbent, he has a very low profile," said poll Director David Redlaws political science at Rutgers University. "Kyrillos, however, is completely unknown at this point, a huge advantage for Menendez. We certainly expec will tighten as the campaign develops, but Menendez starts off in a good position."

Democrats also hold a significant lead over Republicans statewide in an early 2012 U.S. House election ballot test, according to the poll.

Statewide, 45 percent of registered voters would support an unnamed Democrat, 28 percent would vote Republican, 11 percent would not vote and unsure.

Like 1 person liked this.

### Add New Comment



Type your comment here.

**Cliftonrepublican**

so why are the NJ GOP spending money, time and effort on someone with no name id, no message no passion, no record and no chance c

**TEDRIGHT**

I dont know! Busboy is not the most liked guy around! You know what I mean! I'm not voting for busboy just for that reason, he is no

**candidpachyderm**

Excellent question. The reason is that no other Republican wants to upset or upstage Christie. This election is not about winning or its all about patronage and keeping Menendez's RINO friends in Bergen County in power

**bitaryo**

It is all about Gov Flintstone. His national ambitions and/or his re-election. The GOP in NJ is just an afterthought.

**Zulima**

Kyrillos is dead. He has no chance of winning. What a wasted opportunity. Blame the fat one.

**bitaryo**

Busboy Bob is going to win by sheer turnout in the urban Dem strongholds. The GOP has mouthed an urban strategy for years and has fai walk-the-walk.

**PulaskiPlayer**

lol Eagleton. An NJDSC poll would be more honest. Lets see where this is in June.

**Sean**

You can say "leading" 44-22, but nobody beats anyone 44-22.

**1Prop**

---

No surprise here. It's really funny that someone who has been in NJ politics for over 20 years does worse than an unnamed challenger. This is when you are a member of the "Old Boys Club" and have never run in a competitive district. In the end, however, Joe will probably find a way to win this loss. He always has.



**Paterson Organizer**

Hey Senator Joe. Now is the time to call your friends in Paterson. They can help you win.



**JerseyOpine**

Depressing that Menendez has any support at all.

[M](#) [Subscribe by email](#) [s](#) [RSS](#)