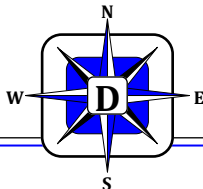


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Gov. Chris Christie, R-New Jersey, *Meet the Press*,
 June 26, 2011

“Compromise” or “Stick to Beliefs” Study Explains NJ Gov. Chris Christie’s Appeal to the GOP and Why He Can Defeat President Barack Obama

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Less than Half of Tea Party Supporters Say “Stick to Beliefs”

Fiscal conservatives who believe that it’s more important for our leaders in Washington to “Stick to their beliefs even if little gets done” than it is to “Compromise in order to get things done” will be happy to know that *almost half* of all Tea Party supporters agree, according to an new Gallup survey released yesterday.

Ummmmmm, only half?

A [Gallup survey released Monday, Sept. 26](#), shows that 45% of *Tea Party supporters* say it’s more important for leaders in Washington to “Stick to their beliefs” even if little gets done. A surprising 31% of *Tea Party supporters* say it’s more important to “Compromise” in order to get things done.

Here is the Gallup question:

“Is it more important for political leaders in Washington to compromise in order to get things done or is it more important to stick to their beliefs even if little gets done.”

1. It's more important to "compromise" in order to get things done say 51% of Americans, as compared to only 28% who say "Stick to beliefs" even if little gets done. The remaining 21% are neutral.
2. Republicans are evenly split: 37% "Stick to beliefs;" 36% "Compromise." Neutral: 27%.
3. Democrats are overwhelmingly for "Compromise" (62%) in order to get things done in Washington compared to only 20% who say "Stick to beliefs" even if little gets done. Neutral: 18%.

Independents are 2-to-1 "Compromise" over "Stick to Beliefs" Problematic for Current Slate of GOP Presidential Contenders

The most ominous message for uncompromising fiscal conservatives in the new Gallup survey is that by almost 2-to-1, Independents say it's "more important to compromise" in order to get things done (52%) than it is to "stick to beliefs" even if little gets done (27%).

The Tea Party has an inordinate amount of influence over the GOP's 2012 presidential nomination process. There is no greater evidence of that point than the fact that the entire GOP presidential slate agreed that they would say "no" to a deficit/debt reduction deal of \$10 in spending cuts to \$1 in increased revenue.

On August 11, 2011, GOP presidential contenders staked themselves out as uncompromising fiscal conservatives when asked a question by Bret Baier, the moderator at the Iowa Presidential Debate, on the matter of whether to accept a 10-to-1 deal of spending cuts over tax increases.

BRET BAIER: *Well, I'm going to ask a question to everyone here on the stage. Say you had a deal, a real spending cuts deal, 10-to-1, spending cuts to tax increases. Who on this stage would walk away from that deal? Can you raise your hand if you feel so strongly about not raising taxes, you'd walk away on the 10-to-1 deal?*

BAIER: *OK. Just making sure everyone at home and everyone here knows that they all raised their hands. They're all saying that they feel so strongly about not raising taxes that a 10 to 1 deal, they would walk away from."*

When I saw all eight Republican candidates for president at the Iowa debate on August 11 say that they would not accept a 10-to-1 deal of spending cuts to tax increases I immediately thought, "Obama just won a second term."

NJ Gov. Chris Christie's Unique Strength is in Dealing with Adversaries: "Principled Outcome Where People are Also Compromising."

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was a guest on *Meet the Press* on June 26, 2011 ([Transcript here](#)).

The debt ceiling debate was stalled. The president was finally stepping into the negotiations. The American public was divided according to an AP poll: 41% opposed to raising the debt ceiling; 38% favored raising the debt ceiling.

David Gregory, host of *Meet the Press*, opened the show with a taped interview with Gov. Christie after noting that Christie was coming off a big budget victory where the Democratic-controlled New

Jersey State Assembly passed a landmark cost-cutting budget that would save the state \$120 billion over the next 30 years.

MR. GREGORY: “The battle, of course, [here in Washington] is between spending and taxes. What's the way out of this mess here?”

GOV. CHRISTIE: “The first thing is that the president had to get involved personally. And what I found in New Jersey, in our experience in dealing with what you just talked about, was there is no substitute for the three leaders in the room having to look at each other and having to hash this out. And everybody's got to put skin in the game, David. I mean, I gave on things that I wanted. Obviously, the Senate--Democratic Senate president in my state, and the Democratic speaker gave on things they wanted, and we came to a compromise that didn't violate our principles. And that's the key. You can't ask people to violate their principles. And so there has to be a way to find principled outcome where people are also compromising.”

“We came to a compromise that didn't violate our principles.” That's the appeal of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to the GOP and the best argument for why he can defeat President Obama in 2012.

Throughout all of my reporting on the presidential race I have maintained that President Obama would defeat the current slate of contenders ... in great part because they would not compromise on a 10-to-1 deal of spending cuts over new taxes.

I have also said repeatedly that if NJ Gov. Chris Christie is the nominee, all bets are off.

The new Gallup study showing that Americans prefer that our leaders in Washington “Compromise” in order to get things done rather than “Stick to Beliefs” even if little gets done explains NJ Gov. Chris Christie's appeal to the GOP ... and why he can defeat President Barack Obama.

“We came to a compromise that didn't violate our principles.” That's the leadership Americans are looking for ... and deserve.

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