



From April 11th to April 16th, 2026, the Center for Strategic Politics conducted an English and Spanish-language survey of 416 likely Democratic voters in New Jersey’s 8th Congressional District using SMS to collect web responses. Respondents outside the sampled population were screened by self-identification and voter file match. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely Democratic primary voters by age, race, gender, and geography. The margin of error is ±4.80%.

[1] What is your opinion of Robert Menendez, Jr.?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Very favorable	25%	24%	26%	13%	35%	25%	11%	40%	10%
Somewhat favorable	17%	16%	18%	19%	15%	18%	11%	17%	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	19%	13%	22%	10%	21%	6%	9%	21%
Very unfavorable	16%	15%	16%	21%	11%	14%	39%	9%	10%
Neutral / no opinion	21%	23%	19%	17%	24%	22%	19%	22%	14%
Never heard of him	6%	3%	9%	8%	4%	1%	14%	2%	24%
TOTAL POSITIVE	42%	39%	44%	32%	50%	43%	23%	58%	30%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	31%	34%	29%	43%	22%	35%	45%	18%	31%
TOTAL NET	11%	5%	15%	-11%	28%	8%	-22%	39%	-1%
<i>Weighted N</i>	416	187	229	190	226	168	70	112	42

[2] What is your opinion of Mussab Ali?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Very favorable	15%	18%	12%	17%	13%	12%	23%	14%	12%

Somewhat favorable	13%	17%	9%	20%	6%	14%	20%	7%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	8%	6%	9%	5%	10%	0%	7%	10%
Very unfavorable	13%	15%	10%	15%	11%	22%	3%	7%	8%
Neutral / no opinion	21%	18%	24%	21%	21%	24%	25%	13%	38%
Never heard of him	32%	24%	38%	18%	44%	18%	29%	53%	19%
TOTAL POSITIVE	27%	35%	22%	37%	19%	26%	43%	21%	24%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	20%	24%	16%	24%	16%	32%	3%	13%	18%
TOTAL NET	8%	11%	5%	13%	3%	-6%	40%	8%	6%
<i>Weighted N</i>	416	<i>187</i>	<i>229</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>42</i>

[3] If a candidate is endorsed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), does this make you more or less likely to vote for them?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Much more likely	10%	10%	10%	9%	10%	15%	2%	9%	2%
Somewhat more likely	6%	9%	3%	3%	9%	8%	4%	7%	0%
Somewhat less likely	12%	12%	12%	14%	9%	12%	13%	8%	13%
Much less likely	37%	40%	35%	54%	22%	31%	47%	34%	49%
No difference / not sure	36%	30%	41%	20%	49%	34%	34%	41%	37%
TOTAL POSITIVE	16%	19%	13%	12%	19%	23%	6%	17%	2%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	49%	51%	46%	68%	32%	43%	60%	42%	61%
TOTAL NET	-33%	-32%	-33%	-56%	-13%	-19%	-54%	-25%	-59%
<i>Weighted N</i>	416	<i>187</i>	<i>229</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>42</i>

[4] If a candidate takes campaign contributions from groups associated with the health insurance or pharmaceutical industries, does that make you more or less likely to vote for them?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Much more likely	5%	4%	5%	1%	8%	2%	4%	12%	2%

Somewhat more likely	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	3%	0%
Somewhat less likely	29%	28%	30%	31%	27%	34%	24%	20%	46%
Much less likely	35%	33%	37%	42%	30%	32%	41%	35%	34%
No difference / not sure	30%	33%	27%	26%	32%	31%	29%	29%	18%
TOTAL POSITIVE	6%	6%	7%	1%	11%	3%	6%	15%	2%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	64%	60%	67%	73%	56%	66%	64%	55%	80%
TOTAL NET	-58%	-54%	-60%	-72%	-45%	-63%	-58%	-40%	-78%
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[5] Do you support or oppose Medicare for All (a universal, single-payer system guaranteeing every person comprehensive coverage) as an alternative to private insurance?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly support	69%	65%	72%	72%	66%	54%	84%	76%	78%
Somewhat support	12%	10%	14%	10%	14%	18%	3%	10%	12%
Somewhat oppose	7%	9%	5%	8%	6%	7%	13%	6%	0%
Strongly oppose	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	9%	0%	3%	2%
Neutral / unsure	8%	11%	5%	7%	9%	12%	0%	5%	8%
TOTAL POSITIVE	81%	74%	86%	82%	80%	72%	87%	86%	90%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	11%	14%	9%	12%	11%	16%	13%	9%	2%
TOTAL NET	70%	60%	78%	70%	69%	56%	74%	77%	88%
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[6] In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which side do you support more?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Israel	17%	19%	16%	15%	19%	30%	2%	12%	8%
Palestine	42%	45%	40%	62%	26%	37%	67%	27%	57%
Both equally	11%	12%	11%	7%	15%	8%	4%	23%	13%

Neither	18%	17%	20%	7%	28%	17%	13%	25%	16%
Not sure / don't know	11%	8%	13%	9%	12%	9%	13%	12%	5%
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[7] When it comes to U.S. military aid to Israel, we should:

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
End all military aid to Israel	40%	40%	41%	55%	28%	30%	59%	34%	54%
Reduce military aid to Israel	11%	14%	8%	10%	11%	11%	9%	12%	16%
Condition military aid to Israel (e.g., following international humanitarian law)	24%	23%	25%	19%	28%	28%	18%	25%	18%
Keep military aid to Israel the same	8%	7%	9%	6%	11%	13%	0%	10%	0%
Increase military aid to Israel	7%	10%	5%	9%	6%	12%	4%	4%	6%
No opinion / don't know	9%	6%	12%	2%	15%	7%	10%	15%	6%
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[8] If the Democratic primary for Congress was held today, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 45	45+	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Robert Menendez, Jr.	42%	42%	42%	27%	54%	46%	22%	58%	22%
Mussab Ali	27%	30%	24%	46%	11%	19%	49%	16%	32%
Undecided / Don't know	31%	29%	34%	27%	35%	34%	29%	26%	46%
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[9] After reading the following candidate biographies, if the Democratic primary for Congress was held today, for whom would you vote?

Robert Menendez Jr was born and raised in Hudson County. As the incumbent Congressman for NJ-8, he serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, giving New Jersey’s 8th district a seat at the table on issues including healthcare and environmental justice. He’s running for re-election to continue strengthening New Jersey’s families.

Mussab Ali is a first-generation immigrant and cancer survivor who became the youngest elected official in Jersey City history. As president of Jersey City’s Board of Education, he raised teacher salaries and eliminated student lunch debt. Now he’s running for Congress to end a corrupt political dynasty, abolish ICE, and fight for a New Jersey that everyday people can afford to live in.

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Mussab Ali	41%	38%	44%	59%	26%	32%	63%	29%	58%
Undecided / Don’t know	22%	24%	20%	17%	26%	22%	19%	21%	29%
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[10] After reading the following candidate biographies, if the Democratic primary for Congress was held today, for whom would you vote?

Robert Menendez Jr is the son of former Senator Bob Menendez, a convicted felon currently serving an 11-year prison sentence for corruption. After being elected to Congress on his father’s name, Robert Menendez Jr. has continued putting moneyed interests over everyday people. He takes money from corporate interests including Big Oil and the health insurance industry, and has been endorsed by AIPAC (the American Israel Public Affairs Committee), which defends Israel’s genocide in Gaza.

As a member of the Jersey City Board of Education, Mussab Ali oversaw property tax hikes that burdened middle class homeowners. Now, after being in local government for only a few years, he is running for Congress with a platform that focuses more on political theater than effective governance and delivering for everyday people.

	Total	Gender		Age		Ethnicity			
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Mussab Ali	43%	40%	44%	60%	28%	33%	72%	25%	59%
Undecided / Don't know	25%	25%	25%	18%	30%	26%	13%	32%	28%
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