

# OPINION: BUONO NEEDS TO HIT CHRISTIE WHERE HE'S VULNERABLE -- PROPERTY TAXES

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Voters don't seem concerned about the governor's national ambitions, why does the Democratic challenger keep trying to push that button?



For reasons that continue to baffle most observers, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Barbara Buono is steadfastly clinging to the notion that vast numbers of New Jersey voters are so horrified at the prospect of Gov. Chris Christie seeking the Republican nomination for president in 2016 that they will turn against him and support her.

The first television ad of her campaign tries to tie Christie's record to his attempt to appease the right wing of the national party and curry enough favor with the powerbrokers and donors that they'll view her as the one who shares their views and p

Pouring precious -- and limited -- funds into an ad campaign to drive the race at best and a waste of resources at worst.

There exists no empirical evidence that voters are so disturbed by Christie's record, whatever they may be, that they will flock to the polls on November 5 to vote for her to their displeasure.

Just the opposite, in fact, is the case with his gun control legislation.

"I'm the only one running for governor," she says, a line she uses repeatedly in her two debates with Christie.

With less than three weeks left, Buono has failed to make any significant gains. Her support continues to hover between 22 and 30 points, cutting across party, gender,

