



Q. How do you propose to protect the basic civil rights of all New Jersey residents, regardless of national origin or sexual orientation?

Chris Christie (Republican) - *No Response Received*

Jon Corzine (Democratic) – During my tenure as Governor, I have fought to protect the civil rights of all New Jerseyans. I strongly believe in universal equality, regardless of national origin or sexual orientation.

In 2006, I signed the New Jersey civil union bill into law, giving same-sex couples the right to enter into civil unions, ensuring them equal treatment under the law and providing them the same protections, benefits and responsibilities as individuals in a marriage. Recognizing the need to go further, however, I have pledged to sign marriage equality legislation this year. I have also protected civil rights of the LGBT community by extending vital protections to that community by expanding NJ's hate crimes law and by passing anti-bullying laws.

I do not support 287(g) and my

Jason Cullen (People Not Politics) – *No Response Received*

Christopher Daggett (Independent for New Jersey) – *No Response Received*

Kenneth Kaplan (Libertarian Party) – New Jersey has many laws on the books protecting civil rights. One area where we need to do a better job concerns the institution of marriage. A marriage equality law is needed in New Jersey to allow same sex couples to marry. Such a law would not require any religious denomination to recognize or perform such marriages, but it would allow them to do so. Civil marriages would be available to all as a matter of right. This is a profound civil rights issue. All New Jersey citizens should enjoy the same rights.

Joshua Leinsdorf (Fair Election Party) – The most basic civil right is the right to vote. The right to vote involves more than just pushing a voting machine button. It involves an honest campaign where all the candidates are treated fairly in the conduct of the election.

The rigged rules that favor Republicans and Democrats, that funnel millions of tax dollars to millionaire candidates who already have access to money but leave candidates without funds out of the debates is the underlying cause of discrimination. Biased elections result in biased government policy and implementation. That is why I am running for Governor as an Independent. Only a Governor from outside the two-party system can fix the biases of government policy.

Alvin Lindsay (Lindsay for Governor) – In order to protect the basic civil rights of all New Jersey residents, I would follow the United States Constitution and the Article and Section that pertains to the individual and their basic civil rights.

David Meiswinkle (Middle Class Empowerment) - *No Response Received*

Gregory Pason (Socialist Party USA) – I support full civil rights for all people residing in the United States, no matter what their ethnicity, sexual orientation or religion (or lack of). Specifically I support:

- a. Marriage equality and the opportunity for civil unions for same-sex and opposite sex couples.
- b. Oppose 287 G legislation which makes immigrants the target of local police departments.
- c. Healthcare, education and childcare for all residents.
- d. Continuation of monitoring the state police for past racial profiling.

Kostas Petris (For the People) – *No Response Received*

Gary Steele (Leadership, Independence, Vision) – *No Response Received*

Gary Stein (Independent, multiple slogans) – This is a candidate who's running a campaign- one man show- while working his other, "real" job. I forgot about these additional 4 questions until the day of the deadline, at 3PM on the 28th of September. Here's my one hour answers.

I'm the compassionate Republican in the race, promoting a general amnesty for those here in this country illegally- with just a minor catch to get all of "us" on board. I don't think anyone has to worry, if I was elected ((and that's a big if, (ha ha)) who I'd pick as Attorney General, and whether I'd be less than totally committed to protecting every one, and anyone's civil rights- including homosexuals. I add comments quite frequently on a political activist type blog –