

TIME INTERVIEW BEGAN \_\_\_\_\_

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ (first and last name) and I'm (a student at/on the staff of) Rutgers University. I'm taking a (survey/public opinion poll) for the Eagleton Institute, and I'd like your views on some important issues facing the state of New Jersey.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all your life?

- 111- 1. LESS THAN ONE  
2. 1 or 2  
3. 3 - 5  
4. 6 - 10  
5. 11 - 20  
6. 21 - 30  
7. MORE THAN 30  
8. ALL MY LIFE  
9. DON'T KNOW

2. How would you rate the job Gerald Ford is doing as President--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 112- 1. EXCELLENT  
2. GOOD  
3. ONLY FAIR  
4. POOR  
9. DON'T KNOW

3. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way President Ford has been handling the problems of the economy?

- 113- 1. APPROVE  
2. DISAPPROVE  
9. DON'T KNOW

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Ford has been handling the nation's foreign affairs?

- 114- 1. APPROVE  
2. DISAPPROVE  
9. DON'T KNOW

5. ~~How would you rate the job Congress has done during the past year--~~  
excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 115- 1. EXCELLENT  
2. GOOD  
3. ONLY FAIR  
4. POOR  
9. DON'T KNOW

6. And how would you rate the job the United States Supreme Court is doing--  
excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 116- 1. EXCELLENT  
2. GOOD  
3. ONLY FAIR  
4. POOR  
9. DON'T KNOW

Turning now to politics here in New Jersey.

7. Overall, how good a job do you think the Governor of New Jersey--Brendan  
Byrne--is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 117- 1. EXCELLENT  
2. GOOD  
3. ONLY FAIR  
4. POOR  
9. DON'T KNOW

8. How good a job do you think the New Jersey State Legislature is doing--  
excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 118- 1. EXCELLENT  
2. GOOD  
3. ONLY FAIR  
4. POOR  
9. DON'T KNOW

8A. Which party do you think is better able to run the state government--the  
Democrats or the Republicans? (IF "NEITHER" , ASK: If you had to choose  
one, which would you choose?)

- 119- 1. DEMOCRATS  
2. REPUBLICANS  
3. NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
9. DON'T KNOW

9. How familiar are you with the town of Teaneck, New Jersey--very familiar, somewhat familiar, not very familiar, or have you never heard of Teaneck?

- 120-
- |                           |
|---------------------------|
| 1. VERY FAMILIAR          |
| 2. SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR      |
| 3. NOT VERY FAMILIAR      |
| 4. NEVER HEARD OF TEANECK |
| 9. DON'T KNOW             |
- SKIP TO Q.13

(IF HEARD OF TEANECK, ASK:)

10. How would you rate Teaneck as a place to live--would you say very good, good, average, poor, or very poor?

- 121-
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| 1. VERY GOOD  |
| 2. GOOD       |
| 3. AVERAGE    |
| 4. POOR       |
| 5. VERY POOR  |
| 9. DON'T KNOW |
- SKIP TO Q. 12

(IF "VERY GOOD," "GOOD," "AVERAGE," "POOR," OR "VERY POOR" TO Q. 10, ASK:)

11. Why do you say that? (Is there anything in particular about Teaneck that makes you say that? What kinds of things are you thinking about when you say that?) (Is there anything else?)

122	123
124	125
126	127

12. As I read each of several statements, please tell me whether it does or does not fit your impression of Teaneck: (START AT DESIGNATED POINT; REPEAT OPTIONS AS NECESSARY).

		<u>Fits</u>	<u>Doesn't</u>	<u>Don't</u>
		<u>Impression</u>	<u>Fit</u>	<u>Know</u>
a. Has good schools	128-	1	2	9
b. Mainly a residential town	129-	1	2	9
c. Has good town government	130-	1	2	9

Turning now to a completely different topic.

13. This November there will be an election for the New Jersey State Assembly. As of now, do you think you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote in the November election?

- 131- 1. DEFINITELY
- 2. PROBABLY
- 3. PROBABLY NOT
- 4. DEFINITELY NOT
- 9. DON'T KNOW

14. What in your opinion is the most important issue in this election? (Is there anything else?)

132	133
134	135
136	137

(IF "CAN'T SAY" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 14, ASK:)

15. What should be the most important issue in this election? (Is there anything else?)

138	139
140	141
142	143

16. As far as your're personally concerned, is the performance of Governor Byrne a very important, somewhat important, or not very important issue in this election?

- 144- 1. VERY IMPORTANT
- 2. SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 3. NOT VERY IMPORTANT
- 4. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT (VOLUNTEERED)
- 9. DON'T KNOW

17. (And) is the state income tax a very important, somewhat important, or not very important issue to you in this election?

- 145- 1. VERY IMPORTANT  
2. SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT  
3. NOT VERY IMPORTANT  
4. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT  
(VOLUNTEERED)  
9. DON'T KNOW

18. Last year the New Jersey State Assembly voted in favor of a state income tax. Do you approve or disapprove of this vote?

- 146- 1. APPROVE  
2. DISAPPROVE  
9. DON'T KNOW

IF "DEFINITELY NOT VOTE" TO Q. 13, SKIP TO Q. 25,  
OTHERWISE, ASK:

19. If the election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates for the State Assembly?

- 147- 1. BOTH DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES  
2. BOTH REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES  
3. ONE DEMOCRAT, ONE REPUBLICAN  
4. DEMOCRAT  
5. REPUBLICAN  
6. DEMOCRAT ON ONE, UNSURE OF OTHER  
7. REPUBLICAN ON ONE, UNSURE OF OTHER  
8. UNSURE OF BOTH  
9. DON'T KNOW
- SKIP TO Q. 21

(IF "UNSURE" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 19, ASK:)

20. Are you leaning more toward the Democratic candidate (s) or the Republican candidate (s)?

- 148- 1. DEMOCRAT  
2. REPUBLICAN  
9. DON'T KNOW

21. ~~In addition to the assembly election, voters will also vote on an Equal Rights Amendment to the State Constitution. This Amendment would outlaw discrimination on account of sex and require that laws apply equally to men and women. As of now, do you think you will vote for or against this Amendment? [DO NOT EXPLAIN.]~~

- 149- 1. FOR
- 2. AGAINST
- 9. DON'T KNOW

22. In general, do you think the women's movement is moving too fast, too slow, or just about right? (On the whole; from your perspective)

- 150- 1. TOO FAST
- 2. TOO SLOW
- 3. ABOUT RIGHT
- 4. VARIES BY AREA (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9. DON'T KNOW

23. Voters will also be asked to vote on four bond issues to allow the state to borrow money for various projects. I'm going to describe these projects one by one, and for each one, could you tell me whether you would vote for it or against it if the election were held today? The first bond issue is....The second bond issue is....The third bond issue is....The last bond issue is....(START AT DESIGNATED POINT; REPEAT OPTIONS AS NECESSARY; GIVE FUNDING BREAKDOWNS IF REQUESTED.) (Would you vote for this bond issue or against it?)

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
...for \$600 million for (mass transit and highways/highways and mass transit). (USE DESIGNATED PHRASING. \$325 million for mass transit. \$275 million for highways.)	151- 1	2	9
...for \$110 million for sewage treatment [\$75 million] and other [\$25 million] projects.	152- 1	2	9
...for \$100 million for housing and mortgage assistance [\$80 million] and housing rehabilitation [\$20 million].	153- 1	2	9
...for \$112 million for mental health [\$47 million], mental retardation [\$38 million] and correctional [\$25 million] facilities. [also includes \$2.5 million for the blind.]	154- 1	2	9

...for the ... health  
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24. Do you think the bond issues would create more jobs in New Jersey?

- 155- 1. YES  
2. NO  
9. DON'T KNOW

Turning now to taxes here in the state.

25. Comparing New Jersey to other states in the nation, do you think New Jersey residents pay more, less, or about the same in overall state and local taxes?

- 156- 1. MORE  
2. LESS  
3. ABOUT THE SAME  
9. DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

26. Compared to homeowners in other states, do you think New Jersey homeowners pay more, less, or about the same in property taxes?

- 157- 1. MORE  
2. LESS  
3. ABOUT THE SAME  
9. DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

27. Compared to taxpayers in other states, do you think you are getting more for your money, less for your money, or about the same?

- 158- 1. MORE  
2. LESS  
3. ABOUT THE SAME  
9. DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

28. Would you be willing to pay more taxes if the additional money were to go toward paying for New Jersey's public schools, or are the schools getting enough money now? (IF RESPONDENT ASKS IF THE MONEY WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SCHOOLS, SAY: "Assume that it will.")

- 159 - 1. WILLING TO PAY  
2. SCHOOLS HAVE ENOUGH  
3. DEPENDS ON AMOUNT (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
4. DEPENDS ON TYPE OF TAX (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
9. DON'T KNOW

29. Would you be willing to pay more taxes to provide additional funds for the schools in poor and disadvantaged communities?

- 160- 1. WILLING TO PAY  
2. NOT WILLING TO PAY  
3. DEPENDS ON AMOUNT (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
4. DEPENDS ON TYPE OF TAX (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
9. DON'T KNOW

30. If you had to choose, do you think more money should be spent on (mass transit or highways / highways or mass transit.) (USE DESIGNATED PHRASING.)

- 161- 1. MASS TRANSIT  
2. HIGHWAYS  
3. BOTH (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
4. NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)  
9. DON'T KNOW

31. Some people have proposed that, instead of each community raising its own money for its schools, the state should levy a special uniform tax throughout the state and distribute this money to each community's schools according to their needs. They say this would help make both the tax burden and the quality of education more equal throughout the state.

Other people say such a plan would lead to less local control of the schools as well as a lower quality of education in some communities with no real improvement in the others.

Would you favor a new statewide uniform system of taxation for schools throughout the state or would you prefer to keep the present system of local taxes for local schools? (REPEAT QUESTION AS NECESSARY; DO NOT EXPLAIN.)

- 162- 1. NEW UNIFORM STATE TAX  
2. KEEP PRESENT SYSTEM  
9. DON'T KNOW



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Turning now to another topic,

32. Do you know what position former Governor Richard Hughes now holds?

- 163-
1. CHIEF JUSTICE OF STATE SUPREME COURT
  2. ON STATE SUPREME COURT OR ON SUPREME COURT
  3. ON U.S. SUPREME COURT
  4. JUDGE
  5. OTHER LEGAL POSITION (e.g. lawyer)
  6. OTHER (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
  9. DON'T KNOW

✓ 33. How would you rate the job the New Jersey State Supreme Court is doing--  
excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 164-
1. EXCELLENT
  2. GOOD
  3. ONLY FAIR
  4. POOR
  9. DON'T KNOW

DUP  
201-205

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206

DUP  
207-210

34. Has the New Jersey Supreme Court made any decisions in recent years that you have particularly liked? (What are they?) (Are there any others?) [CIRCLE THE NUMBER NEXT TO EACH DECISION THAT IS MENTIONED. DO NOT READ OPTIONS.]

- a. School finance (Botter decision; Robinson vs. Cahill) 211- 1
- b. Integration-race 212- 1
- c. School prayer 213- 1
- d. Reapportionment 214- 1
- e. Land use (Mt. Laurel decision) 215- 1
- f. Rights of the accused 216- 1
- g. Death penalty 217- 1
- h. Abortion 218- 1
- i. Women's rights 219- 1
- j. Court is liberal 220- 1
- k. Court is conservative 221- 1
- l. Court is political 222- 1

35. (And) Has the (New Jersey State Supreme) Court made any decisions in recent years that you have particularly disliked?

- a. School finance (Botter decision; Robinson vs. Cahill) 223- 1
- b. Integration-race 224- 1
- c. School prayer 225- 1
- d. Reapportionment 226- 1
- e. Land use (Mt. Laurel decision) 227- 1
- f. Rights of the accused 228- 1
- g. Death penalty 229- 1
- h. Abortion 230- 1
- i. Women's rights 231- 1
- j. Court is liberal 232- 1
- k. Court is conservative 233- 1
- l. Court is political 234- 1

✓ 36. How closely have you followed the Botter decision, that is, the State Supreme Court's Robinson vs. Cahill school finance decision--very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all?

- 235- 1. VERY CLOSELY  
2. SOMEWHAT CLOSELY  
3. NOT VERY CLOSELY  
4. NOT AT ALL  
9. DON'T KNOW

✓ 37. (IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT CLOSELY: As you know,) the Court ruled that New Jersey's present system for funding public schools is unconstitutional because its heavy reliance on local property taxes does not guarantee students throughout the state a quality education. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

- 236- 1. APPROVE  
2. DISAPPROVE  
9. DON'T KNOW

38. Do you think that this Court decision requires the state to raise additional taxes?

- 237- 1. REQUIRES RAISING TAXES  
2. RAISING TAXES NOT NECESSARY  
9. DON'T KNOW

39. If the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the taxes in your community must be raised to provide more funds for schools in poor and disadvantaged communities, what do you think the local officials in your community should do--raise your local taxes, take no action, or oppose the Court efforts to raise local taxes?

- 238- 1. RAISE TAXES  
2. TAKE NO ACTION  
3. OPPOSE COURT EFFORTS  
9. DON'T KNOW

40. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Although the New Jersey Supreme Court should interpret the Constitution, in some of its recent decisions the Court has become too involved in political rather than legal questions. (Do you agree or disagree?) (Do you strongly agree/disagree or mildly agree/disagree?)

- 239- 1. STRONGLY AGREE  
2. MILDLY AGREE  
3. MILDLY DISAGREE  
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE  
9. DON'T KNOW

41. On the whole, how good a job do you think schools in the state are doing educating children--excellent, good, ~~only fair~~, or poor?

240- 1. EXCELLENT  
2. GOOD  
3. ONLY FAIR  
4. POOR  
9. DON'T KNOW

42. Do you think public schools are teaching basic skills as well as they once did? (Do you feel that strongly or mildly?)

241- 1. STRONGLY AGREE  
2. MILDLY AGREE  
3. MILDLY DISAGREE  
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE  
9. DON'T KNOW

43. Do you think the amount of money spent to educate each student differs very much from one school district to the next or does each school district spend pretty much the same amount?

242- 1. DIFFERS  
2. PRETTY MUCH SAME → SKIP TO Q. 45  
9. DON'T KNOW

(IF "DIFFERS" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 43, ASK:)

44. Do you think your school district spends more than the average district to educate each student, about the same, or less?

243- 1. MORE  
2. SAME  
3. LESS  
9. DON'T KNOW

45. Do you think that the state has a special obligation to spend more money on public services to help disadvantaged and poor people than it spends on services for the average citizen? (Do you feel that strongly or mildly?)

244- 1. STRONGLY AGREE  
2. MILDLY AGREE  
3. MILDLY DISAGREE  
4. STRONGLY DISAGREE  
9. DON'T KNOW

46. If the state government spent more money for public schools, would that improve the quality of education in the state?

- 245- 1. AGREE  
2. DISAGREE  
9. DON'T KNOW

47. At present more money is spent to educate each pupil in some communities than in others. Do you think this is a matter of great concern, some concern, little concern, or no concern at all?

- 246- 1. GREAT CONCERN  
2. SOME CONCERN  
3. LITTLE CONCERN  
4. NO CONCERN AT ALL  
9. DON'T KNOW

Now just a few questions so we can classify your answers.

48. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 247- 1. DEMOCRAT  
2. REPUBLICAN  
3. INDEPENDENT  
4. SOMETHING ELSE  
9. DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
- SKIP TO Q. 50

(IF "INDEPENDENT," "SOMETHING ELSE" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 48, ASK:)

49. As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 248- 1. DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
2. REPUBLICAN PARTY  
9. DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

50. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 249- 1. LIBERAL  
2. CONSERVATIVE
- SKIP TO Q. 52
3. SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN  
9. DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 50, ASK:)

51. Do you lean more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side?

- 250- 1. LIBERAL  
2. CONSERVATIVE  
9. DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

52. Are you now registered to vote?

- 251- 1. YES  
2. NO  
9. DON'T KNOW

53. Did you vote in last November's election?

- 252- 1. YES  
2. NO  
9. DON'T KNOW

54. Do you own or rent your apartment or house?

- 253- 1. OWN  
2. RENT  
3. LIVE RENT FREE WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES  
4. BOTH  
9. NOT DETERMINED

55. Are there any school-age children now living in your household? (By school-age, I mean grades Kindergarten through 12th grade.)

- 254- 1. YES  
2. NO  
9. DON'T KNOW

56. What was the last grade in school you completed?

- 255-
1. 8TH GRADE OR LESS
  2. HIGH SCHOOL INCOMPLETE (Grades 9, 10, and 11)
  3. HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETE (Grade 12)
  4. SOME COLLEGE
  5. COLLEGE GRADUATE
  6. GRADUATE WORK
  9. NOT DETERMINED

57. How important do you feel your education has been to you in your own life (since you left school)--very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

- 256-
1. VERY IMPORTANT
  2. SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
  3. NOT VERY IMPORTANT
  4. NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT
  9. DON'T KNOW

58. Is the chief wage earner in your household regularly employed?

- 257-
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|-------------------------|
| 1. YES                  |
| 2. TEMPORARILY LAID OFF |
| 3. NO                   |
| 4. RETIRED              |
| 9. DON'T KNOW           |
- SKIP TO Q. 60

(IF "YES" TO Q. 58, ASK:)

59. Does the chief wage earner get paid at an hourly rate, paid a salary, or is the chief wage earner self-employed?

- 258-
1. HOURLY (and piecework)
  2. SALARIED (and commissions)
  3. SELF-EMPLOYED
  9. DON'T KNOW

60. Are you or anyone in your household a union member?

- 259-
1. YES
  2. NO
  9. DON'T KNOW

61. What is your race?

- 260- 1. WHITE
- 2. NEGRO/BLACK
- 3. OTHER (SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_)
- 9. NOT DETERMINED

62. In which of these age groups are you? (READ RESPONSES)

- 261- 1. 18 - 20
- 2. 21 - 24
- 3. 25 - 29
- 4. THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5. FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6. FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7. 60 OR OVER
- 9. NO ANSWER/REFUSED

63. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: under \$5,000; \$5,000 to \$10,000; \$10,000 to \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$20,000; over \$20,000?

- 262- 1. UNDER \$5,000
- 2. \$5,000 - \$10,000
- 3. \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 4. \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 5. OVER \$20,000
- 9. REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

64. Where do you live--in what township or municipality? In what county is that?

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Thank you very much for your help.

65. Respondent's sex

- 267- 1. MAN
- 2. WOMAN

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