

Poll 138A
September 2-8 2002

Hello, my name is _____ (first and last name). I'm on the staff of the Eagleton Poll, and I'm taking a public opinion survey of New Jersey adults for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on what New Jersey is like as a place to live and some topics currently in the news. We are not selling anything, not asking for money, and all your answers will be completely confidential.

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

- 1 Two or less
- 2 3 - 5
- 3 6 - 10
- 4 11 - 20
- 5 21 or more
- 6 All My Life
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

2. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [GO TO GB1]
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL) [GO TO GB1]

2B. Do you think you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably NOT vote, or definitely not vote in the election for Senator?

- 1 Definitely will
- 2 Probably will
- 3 Probably will not [GO TO Q19]
- 4 Definitely will not [GO TO Q19]
- 9 Don't know / Refused (VOL) [GO TO Q19]

3. If the election for Senator were held today, for whom would you vote [ROTATE CHOICES:] Bob Torricelli, the Democrat, or Doug Forrester, the Republican?

- 1 Torricelli [GO TO Q4a]
- 2 Forrester [GO TO Q4a]
- 3 Other candidate [GO TO Q7]
- 8 Wouldn't vote (VOL) [GO TO Q7]
- 9 Don't know / Refused / UNDECIDED (VOL) [GO TO Q4b]

4a. Are you very sure about voting for (FILL CANDIDATE FROM Q3); or might you change your mind before Election Day?

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| 1 | Very sure | [GO TO Q5] |
| 2 | Might change | [GO TO Q5] |
| 9 | Don't know/Refused (VOL) | [GO TO Q5] |

4b. [IF "UNDECIDED" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q3 ASK:] At this moment do you lean more towards Torricelli or more towards Forrester?

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| 1 | Torricelli | [GO TO Q6] |
| 2 | Forrester | [GO TO Q6] |
| 9 | Don't Know/Refused/Undecided (VOL) | [GO TO Q7] |

5. And when did you decide whom to support for Senator – in the last few days, in the last week, within the last 4 weeks, or earlier?

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| 1 | Last few days |
| 2 | Last week |
| 3 | Last 4 weeks/month |
| 4 | Earlier |
| 9 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL) |

6. Would you say you are voting more for (FILL CANDIDATE FROM Q3 OR Q4B) or more against the other candidate?

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| 1 | More for Torricelli |
| 2 | More for Forrester |
| 3 | More against Torricelli |
| 4 | More against Forrester |
| 5 | Both for Torricelli and against Forrester (VOL) |
| 6 | Both for Forrester and against Torricelli (VOL) |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused (VOL) |

7. [ROTATE QUESTIONS 7 AND 8] Is your opinion of BOB TORRICELLI favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion of him. [IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE: Is that very [favorable/unfavorable] or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable]?

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| 1 | Very favorable |
| 2 | Somewhat favorable |
| 3 | Somewhat unfavorable |
| 4 | Very unfavorable |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL) |

8. Is your opinion of DOUG FORRESTER favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion of him. [IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE: Is that very [favorable/unfavorable] or somewhat [favorable/unfavorable]?

- 1 Very favorable
- 2 Somewhat favorable
- 3 Somewhat unfavorable
- 4 Very unfavorable
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL)

9. How much interest do you have in the election for Senator -- a lot, some, a little or none at all?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 A little
- 4 None
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

10. And how closely have you been following the campaign for Senator -- very closely, somewhat closely, or not very closely so far?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Somewhat closely
- 3 Not very closely
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

11. Which would you say is more important to you in deciding whom to support in the Senate election—the candidates' positions on the issues, OR the candidates' personal qualities?

- 1 Positions on issues
- 2 Personal qualities
- 3 NEITHER/OTHER (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

12. When thinking about how you will vote in the upcoming Senate election how important is the candidate's [READ ITEM] in making your vote choice – very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important -- |

- A Understanding of the problems and issues facing New Jersey?
- B Honesty?
- C Knowledge about national security and terrorism?
- D Understanding of people like you?
- E Leadership ability?
- F Ability to help the economy?
- G Experience?
- H Ability to work with the Bush administration?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not very important
- 4 Not at all important
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

13. [ASK Q13 ONLY IF PARALLEL ITEM 12A thru 12H IS “VERY” RATED AS “VERY IMPORTANT, PUNCH 1] Now let me read you back some items you said were very important. Which candidate [READ RANDOMIZED ITEM], Doug Forrester or Bob Torricelli -- |

- A Has a better understanding of the problems and issues facing New Jersey?
- B Is more honest?
- C Has more knowledge about national security and terrorism?
- D Better understands people like you?
- E Is a better leader?
- F Is more likely to help the economy?
- G Has more experience?
- H Can better work with the Bush administration?

- 1 Forrester
- 2 Torricelli
- 3 Both / Neither (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

14. Did you watch any of last Thursday's debate between Bob Torricelli and Doug Forrester on TV, or listen to it on the radio?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

15. Have you seen or read any news stories about their debate?
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
16. [IF SAW OR HEARD ABOUT DEBATE] Who do you think actually got the best of the debate—Toricelli or Forrester?
- 1 Toricelli
 - 2 Forrester
 - 3 Neither / Both equal (VOL)
 - 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
17. Have you heard or read anything about investigations into Torricelli's 1996 campaign fundraising and his being severely admonished by the Senate ethics committee. IF YES, PROBE: How much – a lot, some, or not much?
- 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not much
 - 4 Not heard anything / Nothing at all
 - 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
18. There will also be an election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district this November. If the election were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?
- 1 Republican
 - 2 Democratic
 - 3 Other (VOL)
 - 9 Don't know / Refused / UNDECIDED (VOL)
19. Who would you rather see control the House and Senate in Washington-- the Republicans or the Democrats, or aren't you sure?
- 1 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats
 - 3 Want them to be split—one rep; one dem (VOL)
 - 4 Doesn't matter (VOL)
 - 9 Don't know / Refused / NOT SURE (VOL)

D1. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

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| 1 | Democrat | [GO TO QD3] |
| 2 | Republican | [GO TO QD3] |
| 3 | Independent | [ask QD2] |
| 4 | Something Else / Other | [ask QD2] |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL) | [ask QD2] |

D2. (IF #3,4, OR 9 TO D1, ASK) Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

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| 1 | Democratic party |
| 2 | Republican party |
| 3 | Other party (VOL) |
| 4 | Neither (VOL) |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL) |

D3. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

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| 1 | Liberal |
| 2 | Conservative |
| 3 | Somewhere in between |
| 4 | Other (VOL) |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL) |

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

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| 1 | Yes | |
| 2 | No | [GO TO QD6] |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused (VOL) | [GO TO QD6] |

D5. Did you ever attend college.. IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate?

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| 1 | Yes, graduated | |
| 2 | Yes, did not graduate | [GO TO QD6] |
| 3 | Junior college--graduate | [GO TO QD6] |
| 4 | Vocational/technical school | [GO TO QD6] |
| 9 | Don't Know / Refused / NO (VOL) | [GO TO QD6] |

D5A. Was this from a 4-year college, a junior college two-year program, or a vocational/technical school?

- 1 Four year college
- 2 Junior college/2 year program
- 3 Vocational/technical school
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / OTHER (VOL)

D6. What was your age on your last birthday?

 / / (ENTER AGE: 97=97+, 98=DK, 99 = REFUSED)

D7. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

D8. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Other (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / NOT DETERMINED (VOL)

D9. Are you of Italian ancestry?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

D10. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, atheist or agnostic?

- 1 Catholic
- 2 Protestant
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Muslim
- 5 Other
- 6 Atheist/Agnostic
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

D11. In what county do you live?

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| 01 Atlantic | 08 Gloucester | 15 Ocean |
| 02 Bergen | 09 Hudson | 16 Passaic |
| 03 Burlington | 10 Hunterdon | 17 Salem |
| 04 Camden | 11 Mercer | 18 Somerset |
| 05 Cape May | 12 Middlesex | 19 Sussex |
| 06 Cumberland | 13 Monmouth | 20 Union |
| 07 Essex | 14 Morris | 21 Warren |
- 99 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

D12. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes:
Under 35,000; between \$35,000 to just under \$70,000; between \$70,000 to just under \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more?

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| 1 | Under \$35,000 |
| 2 | \$35,000 to \$69,999 |
| 3 | \$70,000 to \$100,000 |
| 4 | \$100,000 or more |
| 9 | (VOL) Don't Know / Refused |