

Poll 138B
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
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

GB1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

GB2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the war on terrorism?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GB3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the economy?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

GB4. Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on - the economy or the war on terrorism?

- 1 The economy
- 2 War on terrorism
- 3 (VOL) Neither
- 4 (VOL) Both
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GB5. Overall, do you think George Bush is up to the job of being president, or do you have some serious doubts about his ability?

- 1 Up to the job
- 2 Doubts about his ability
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / UNDECIDED / BOTH (VOL)

JM1. Here in New Jersey, Do you approve or disapprove of the way James McGreevey is handling his job as Governor?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

JM2A. Would you say he is doing an excellent, good, only fair or poor job?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- 9 Don't know / Refused (VOL)

JM2B. Would you say he is doing a good, only fair or poor job?

- 3 (VOL) Excellent
- 4 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- 9 (VOL) Don't know / Refused

JM3. And has McGreevey done a better job as Governor than you expected, a worse job, or about the same as you thought he would do?

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 About the same
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

JM4. Comparing Jim McGreevey to New Jersey's last governor Christie Whitman, who do you think has been a better governor – McGreevey or Whitman?

- 1 McGreevey
- 2 Whitman
- 3 Neither (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL)

JM5. Would you say things in New Jersey are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

- 1 Right direction
- 2 Wrong track
- 3 Depends (VOL)
- 9 Don't know / Refused (VOL)

JM6. How serious do you think New Jersey's budget problems are – very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

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

JM7. In the past year, have your local property taxes gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same. PROBE: Have they gone (up/down) a lot or just a little?

- 1 Gone up a lot [ASK QJM8]
- 2 Gone up a little [ASK QJM8]
- 3 Gone down a lot [Skip to QJM9]
- 4 Gone down a little [Skip to QJM9]
- 5 Stayed the same [Skip to QJM9]
- 9 Don't know / Refused / DON'T PAY PROPERTY TAXES (VOL) [Skip to QJM9]

JM8. (IF JM7 = 1 or 2 'GONE UP' ASK:) Which of the following do you think is most responsible for the increase in your local property taxes – Governor McGreevey, former Governor Whitman, your county government, local government, or the local public schools?

- 1 Governor McGreevey
- 2 former Governor Whitman
- 3 COUNTY GOVERNMENT
- 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- 5 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

JM9. Have you ever worked together informally with someone or some group to solve a problem in the community where you live. IF YES, Was this in the last 12 months or not?

- 1 Yes, within last 12 months
- 2 Yes, but not within last 12 months
- 3 No, haven't done it
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

T1. It has been almost one year since the terrorist attacks – as of TODAY, do you feel that your life has returned to normal, is BEGINNING to return to normal, still has not returned to normal, or will NEVER return to normal?

- 1 Returned to normal
- 2 Beginning to return to normal
- 3 Still not returned to normal
- 4 Will NEVER return to normal
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

T2. Do you personally know someone who was seriously injured or lost as a result of the attacks, or not?

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

T3. Do you plan to do anything special this September 11 to recognize the 1st anniversary of the attack, OR don't you think you will do anything out of the ordinary?

- 1 Do something special
- 2 Not do anything out of the ordinary
- 9 (VOL) Don't know / Refused / HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT

T4. Since September 11th have you visited the site of the former World Trade Center?

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

T5. These days, how often do you think about the September 11th terrorist attacks? That is, how often do the events of a year ago come to mind? [READ LIST]

- 1 Every day
- 2 A few times a week

- 3 Once a week or less, or
 4 Rarely
 5 Never (VOL)
 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
- T6. How much did the September 11th terrorist attacks move you or affect you emotionally?
- 1 A great deal
 2 Some
 3 Not much, or
 4 Not at all
 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused
- T7. Much has happened over the last year, with the attacks on the country and the government's reactions. Do you feel more secure than you were one year ago at this time, less secure, or is there no difference?
- 1 More secure
 2 Less secure
 3 No difference
 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
- T8. Please tell me whether you personally did LESS of the following as a result of last year's attack, or not -- |
- A Traveled on airplanes?
 B Traveled into New York City?
 C Changed your vacation plans?
 D Trusted Arab Americans less?
- 1 Yes
 2 No
 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
- T9. Did you or anyone in your household lose a job or take a cut in pay at least in part as a result of the attacks?
- 1 Yes
 2 No
 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)
- T10. Do you think the war against terrorist organizations in Afghanistan so far has been a success, a failure, or is it too early to tell?
- 1 A success
 2 A failure
 3 Too early to tell
 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

T11. And do you personally believe Osama Bin Laden is alive, or dead?

- 1 Alive
- 2 Dead
- 3 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SO1. Have you ever seen the HBO television show “The Sopranos” – a show about the mafia in New Jersey, or not. [IF NOT SEEN: Are you familiar with the show?] set

- 1 Seen the show
- 2 NOT seen, BUT IS familiar
- 3 NOT seen, AND is NOT familiar [SKIP TO QSP1]
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused [SKIP TO QSP1]

SO2. As a New Jerseyan, would you say the show is more of a source of pride, OR more of a source of embarrassment to you?

- 1 Pride
- 2 Embarrassment
- 3 Neither (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SO3. The main characters in the Sopranos are Italian-Americans living in New Jersey. Do you think the show portrays this group fairly, not fairly, or don't you think of it in these terms?

- 1 Fairly
- 2 Not fairly
- 3 Don't think of it in these terms
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SO4. In the past, have you watched the show every week, most of the time, some of the time, once in a while, or never?

- 1 Every week
- 2 Most times
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Once in a while [SKIP TO QSP1]
- 5 Never [SKIP TO QSP1]
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / DEPENDS / NOT SURE (VOL) [SKIP TO QSP1]

SO5A. Who is your favorite character on the Sopranos -- FIRST MENTION?

SO5B. Who is your favorite character on the Sopranos -- SECOND MENTION?

[Probe: "Do you have another favorite"] [Accept up to two answers]

- | | | | |
|---|------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Tony Soprano | 7 | Furio |
| 2 | Carmella Soprano | 8 | Meadow |
| 3 | Christopher | 9 | AJ (Anthony Junior) |
| 4 | Dr. Malfi | 10 | Silvio |
| 5 | Uncle junior | 11 | Adriana |
| 6 | Paulie Walnuts | 12 | Other: specify: _____ |
| | | 98 | No One (VOL) |
| | | 99 | Don't Know / Refused (VOL) |

SO6. As you probably know, the Sopranos includes a number of scenes of mob violence. Do you think the violence is too graphic for what is being portrayed, not graphic enough, or about right for the subject matter?

- 1 Too graphic
- 2 Not graphic enough
- 3 About right
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION (VOL)

SO7. In the coming season, do you plan to watch the show every week, most of the time, some of the time, once in a while, or never?

- 1 Every week
- 2 Most times
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Once in a while [SKIP TO SP1]
- 5 Never [SKIP TO SP1]
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / DEPENDS / NOT SURE [SKIP TO SP1]

SO8. Do you think Tony's household of Carmella, AJ and Meadow has more problems than most real families, less, or the same amount of problems as most?

- 1 More
- 2 Less
- 3 Same
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SO9. Do you think Tony and Carmella will separate on this year's show, or not?

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

SP1. I'm going to read you a short list of things different people are concerned about in the state. Please just tell me if YOU think each is a very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious problem -- |

- A Traffic congestion?
- B Water pollution in New Jersey?
- C Overdevelopment and the lack of open spaces and farmland?
- D Air pollution in New Jersey?
- E The building of large residential developments?
- F Revitalizing city centers?
- G Promoting economic growth?

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

SP2. If you had to choose, which do you think should be a bigger priority in New Jersey – buying up and preserving open spaces, OR investing in already developed areas that need repair, such as inner cities?

- 1 Preserving open spaces
- 2 Repairing developed areas
- 3 Neither (VOL)
- 4 Both equally (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP3. Some people say that restricting population growth will hurt the state's economy. If you had to choose between limiting development and population growth, OR creating more jobs and economic growth, which would you choose?

- 1 Restrict population growth
- 2 Job creation/More economic growth
- 3 Both / Rejects choice (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP4. Which do you think is more important: Limiting new development on open space; OR preserving the right of the property owners to sell their land to as they see fit?

- 1 Limiting development
- 2 Right of property owners
- 3 Both / Neither / Refuses to choose (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP5. Would you favor or oppose a slight tax increase to buy up and preserve open land so that it would not be developed?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 3 Depends how much (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP6. Would you favor or oppose a tax on new homes sold in order to preserve open land?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 3 Depends how much (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP7. Have you ever heard of something called the "New Jersey State Plan" to manage growth and development?

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

SP8. The New Jersey State Plan seeks to steer growth and development to existing population centers, such as towns and cities, in order to limit growth and development in farming communities and open spaces. Do you approve or disapprove of this part of the plan?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP9. And would you favor or oppose this plan if it meant that people like you would not be able to build or move into new houses in undeveloped parts of New Jersey?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP10. Some people feel that growth and development should be controlled at the local level because towns and cities ought to have the right to encourage or discourage growth and development within their borders. Other people feel that because growth and development in one community often has an effect on neighboring communities, growth and development ought to be controlled at the regional level. Which view comes closer to your own?

- 1 Local
- 2 Regional
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

SP11. Would you favor or oppose giving up some of you local town’s control of growth and development in order to preserve more open space?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 3 Other / Neither (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

JP1. How much have you heard or read about the current water shortages, or drought, in New Jersey – a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much [GO TO QJP3]
- 4 Nothing at all [GO TO QJP3]
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL) [GO TO QJP3]

JP2. How serious do you think New Jersey’s water problems are – very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

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

JP3. Would you favor or oppose a law in New Jersey making it illegal for drivers to be talking on phones in a moving car?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

JP4. Have you heard or read anything about the Nets and Devils moving from the Meadowlands to a new arena that would be built in Newark?

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

JP4A. Just your first reaction, on the whole do you think this is a good idea, a bad idea, or don't you care one way or the other?

- 1 Good
- 2 Bad
- 3 Don't care
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT (VOL)

JP5. Do you use the Internet from home on at least a weekly basis?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [SKIP TO QJP6]
- 9 Don't know / Refused (VOL) [SKIP TO QJP6]

JP5A. Did you use the Internet from home yesterday?

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

JP6. Does anybody in your family have a tattoo?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [GO TO QJP7]
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL) [GO TO QJP7]

JP6A. Is that you, someone else, or both

- 1 Respondent only
- 2 Other only
- 3 Respondent and other
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

JP7. We know that most people don't vote in all elections. Usually between one-quarter to one-half of those eligible actually come out to vote. Can you tell me how often you vote in local and national elections - Always, sometimes, rarely, or never?

- 1 Always
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 5 Other (eligibility problems) (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know / Refused (VOL)

JP8. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Do you follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, rarely or never?

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 9 Don't Know / Refused / DEPENDS (VOL)

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

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------|
| 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?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 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?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 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?

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| 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?

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 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?

- | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 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?

- 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