

SLERP 138C

SPECIAL SENATE — September 19-25 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.

RESPONDENT SEX: 1. MALE 2. FEMALE

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

- 1 Less than one
- 2 One or two
- 3 3 - 5
- 4 6 - 10
- 5 11 - 20
- 6 21 - 30
- 7 More than 30
- 8 All my life
- 9 Don't know

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK\RF

2B. As you may know, there will be an election for United States Senator from New Jersey this coming November. 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 Q5]

- 4 Definitely will not [GO TO Q5]
- 9 (VOL) Don't know / Refused [GO TO Q5]

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

- 1 Torricelli [GO TO Q4a]
- 2 Forrester [GO TO Q4a]
- 3 Other candidate [GO TO Q5]
- 8 (VOL) Wouldn't vote [GO TO Q5]
- 9 (VOL) Don't know / Refused / UNDECIDED [GO TO Q4b]

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

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

[IF "UNDECIDED" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q3 ASK:]
 [ROTATE CANDIDATE ORDER: "TORRICELLI" / "FORRESTER"]

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

- 1 Torricelli
- 2 Forrester
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / NEITHER/UNDECIDED

[ROTATE QUESTIONS 5 AND 6]

5. 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]?

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

6. 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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION

Just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

- D2. What was the last grade in school you completed?

- 1 8TH GRADE OR LESS
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL INCOMPLETE (GRADES 9, 10 AND 11)
- 3 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETE (GRADE 12)
- 4 VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL
- 5 SOME COLLEGE
- 6 JUNIOR COLLEGE GRADUATE (2 YEAR, ASSOCIATES DEGREE)
- 7 4 YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATE (BACHELOR'S DEGREE)
- 8 GRADUATE WORK (MASTERS, LAW/MEDICAL SCHOOL, ETC.)
- 9 DK/REF

- D3. What was your age on your last birthday?

 / / (CODE # OF YEARS, 99 = REFUSED)

D3a. [IF REFUSED IN D.3, ASK:] Is it between...

- 1 18 - 20
- 2 21 - 24
- 3 25 - 29
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 - 64
- 8 65 OR OVER
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

D4. Are you a Latino or of Hispanic origin such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't Know/Ref

D5. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Hispanic (VOL)
- 5 Other (specify: _____)
- 9 Don't Know/Ref

D6. In what county do you live?

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| < 1 > Atlantic | < 12 > Middlesex |
| < 2 > Bergen | < 13 > Monmouth |
| < 3 > Burlington | < 14 > Morris |
| < 4 > Camden | < 15 > Ocean |
| < 5 > Cape May | < 16 > Passaic |
| < 6 > Cumberland | < 17 > Salem |
| < 7 > Essex | < 18 > Somerset |
| < 8 > Gloucester | < 19 > Sussex |
| < 9 > Hudson | < 20 > Union |
| < 10 > Hunterdon | < 21 > Warren |
| < 11 > Mercer | < 22 > Don't know/REF |

D7. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes:
Under \$25,000; from \$25,000 to just under \$50,000; from \$50,000 to just under
\$75,000; from \$75,000 to just under \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more?

- 1 UNDER \$25,000
- 2 \$25,000 -- \$49,999
- 3 \$50,000 -- 74,999
- 4 \$75,000 -- 99,999
- 5 \$100,000 OR MORE
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 REF