

SLERP #139  
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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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No [GO TO D4]
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused [GO TO D4]

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 D1]
- 4 Definitely will not [GO TO D1]
- 9 (VOL) Don't know / Refused [GO TO D1]

3. If the election for Senator were held today, for whom would you vote [ROTATE CHOICES Frank Lautenberg the Democrat, or Doug Forrester , the Republican

- 1 Lautenberg [GO TO Q4a]
- 2 Forrester [GO TO Q4a]
- 3 Other candidate [GO TO Q7]
- 8 (VOL) Wouldn't vote [GO TO Q7]
- 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] |
- 4b. [ IF "UNDECIDED" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q3 ASK: ] [ROTATE OPTIONS]  
At this moment do you lean [more towards Lautenberg] or [more towards Forrester]?
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|---|--|------------|
| 1 | Lautenberg                                     | [GO TO Q5] |
| 2 | Forrester                                      | [GO TO Q5] |
| 9 | (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / NEITHER/UNDECIDED | [GO TO Q5] |
5. There will also be an election for the U.S. House of Representative 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                |
| 9 | Don't know/Undecided |
6. Is your opinion of FRANK LAUTENBERG 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 |
7. 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 |

8. And how about your opinion of former Democratic candidate BOB TORRICELLI -- favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion of him?
- 1 Favorable (VERY OR SOMEWHAT)
  - 2 Unfavorable (VERY OR SOMEWHAT)
  - 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION
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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused
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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused
11. How much have you heard or read about Frank Lautenberg replacing Bob Torricelli on the ballot for the Democrats—a lot, some, just a little, or nothing at all?
- 1 Lot
  - 2 Some
  - 3 Little
  - 4 Nothing
  - 9 Don't know
12. Has this made any difference in which party you now plan to vote in the election. IF YES, How were you going to vote before—For the Democrat, for the Republican or were you undecided?
- 1 No difference
  - 2 Was voting Democratic/for Torricelli
  - 2 Was voting Republican/for Forrester
  - 3 Was undecided before
  - 4 Was voting for someone else before/other
  - 9 Don't know

13. Do you think the Democrats should have been allowed to replace Torricelli with Lautenberg in the election in November, or should Torricelli's name have been left on the ballot?

- 1 Should have been allowed to replaced
- 2 Should have been left on the ballot
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

14. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will win the election for Senator – Lautenberg or Forrester?

- 1. Lautenberg
- 2. Forrester
- 3. Someone else
- 9. Don't Know

15. 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 (VOL) Other (eligibility problems)
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

16. Did you vote in last year's election for Governor between Brett Schundler and Jim McGreevey, not vote, or can't you recall?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/didn't vote
- 3 Not eligible (VOL)
- 9 Can't recall/don't know

17. And did you vote in the 2000 election for President between George Bush and Al Gore, not vote, or can't you recall?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/didn't vote
- 3 Not eligible (VOL)
- 9 Can't recall/don't know

18. 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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / DEPENDS

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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION [ask QD2]

D2. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

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

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 (VOL) Other
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / NO OPINION

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

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

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

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

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?

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

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

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

D9. 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 |               |             |