

SLERP #146
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1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all of your life?

- 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

GP1. How closely do you follow news about **(RANDOMIZE ITEMS)**--regularly, some of the time, rarely or never -- |

- A. Celebrities and Entertainment?
- B. Sports?
- C. Politics and government?
- D. Business and Money?

GP2. **As you may know, there is going to be an election for President in November.** How closely have you been following the campaign for President so far -- very closely, somewhat closely, or not very closely?

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

GP3. **I am going to read a list of some of the issues that might come up in this year's election for President.** As I read each one, please tell me how important that issue is to you personally – extremely important, fairly important, or not that important. Is **[FILL RANDOMLY]** extremely important, fairly important or not that important an issue to you personally -- |

- A. Education?
- B. National security and terrorism ?
- C. Taxes and spending?
- D. Health care and prescription drugs?
- E. The economy and jobs?
- F. Social Security ?

Response options A-F

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Fairly important
- 3 Not that important
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GP4. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

- 1 YES **SKIP TO GP6**
- 2 NO
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GP5. Are you eligible to vote?

- 1 Yes **SKIP TO GP8**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / **NO** **SKIP TO GP8**

GP6. Do you think you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably NOT vote, or definitely not vote in the election for President this November?

- 1 Definitely will
- 2 Probably will
- 3 Probably will not
- 4 Definitely will not **SKIP TO GP8**
- 8 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GP7 And if the election were held today, would you vote for George W. Bush, the Republican; John Kerry, the Democrat; or some other candidate?

- 1 Bush
- 2 Kerry
- 3 Other candidate
- 4 (VOL) **NOT VOTE**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GP8_1. Where do you get most of your information about what is going on in politics and public affairs -- from newspapers, television, radio, magazines, the Internet or from other people – FIRST MENTION?

GP8_2. Where do you get most of your information about what is going on in politics and public affairs -- from newspapers, television, radio, magazines, the Internet or from other people – SECOND MENTION?

GP8_3. Where do you get most of your information about what is going on in politics and public affairs -- from newspapers, television, radio, magazines, the Internet or from other people – THIRD MENTION?

GP8_4. Where do you get most of your information about what is going on in politics and public affairs -- from newspapers, television, radio, magazines, the Internet or from other people – FOURTH MENTION?

GP8_5. Where do you get most of your information about what is going on in politics and public affairs -- from newspapers, television, radio, magazines, the Internet or from other people – FIFTY MENTION?

[DO NOT PROBE, BUT ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

- 1 Newspapers
- 2 Television
- 3 Radio
- 4 Magazines
- 5 Internet
- 6 Other People
- 7 (VOL) **OTHER SOURCE**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GP9. How often do you read a newspaper: Every day, most days, some days, once a week, or less often?

- 1 Every day
- 2 Most days
- 3 Some days
- 4 Once a week
- 5 Less often
- 8 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

MR1. **We're interested in how you and your family are getting along these days.** Which of the following **THREE** statements best describes your family's current financial situation: A, That you often don't have enough money to make ends meet, B, That you're getting along O.K. these days, **OR** C, That you're financially comfortable?

- 1 Often don't have enough to make ends meet
- 2 Getting along O.K. these days
- 3 Financially comfortable
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

MR2. Is there any particular financial concern that causes you stress or worry, or not?
[**IF YES, PROBE: What do you worry most about?**]

- 1 PAYING BILLS (making ends meet, monthly bills)
- 2 RETIREMENT (Social Security, savings for retirement)
- 3 HEALTH CARE COSTS
(health insurance, medicine, prescription costs, doctors' bills)
- 4 EDUCATION OR TUITION COSTS
- 5 ECONOMY OR STOCK MARKET (investment portfolio, Wall Street)
- 6 HOUSING COSTS, MORTGAGE (property taxes, real estate too high)
- 7 JOB OR SALARY (Getting a job, getting a high enough paying job, getting fired, finding employment)
- 8 (VOL) **Other, Specify:** _____
- 98 (VOL) **NO WORRY**
- 99 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

MR3. **I'm going to read you three statements about having a lot of money.** Please tell me which comes closest to your own view. a, having a lot of money is one of the **MOST** important goals for me. B, having a lot of money is one of a **NUMBER** of important goals for me, **OR** C, having a lot of money is not an important goal for me?

- 8 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

MR4. In the future, do you think you will earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want or not?

- 1 Yes
 2 No
 3 (VOL) **I HAVE ALREADY EARNED ENOUGH MONEY TO LEAD THE KIND OF LIFE I WANTED TO**
 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

MR5. **I'm going to read you reasons why some people may be financially successful.** For each please just tell me if you think each is a MAJOR reason, a MINOR reason, or NOT a reason to do with financial success. [**Randomize A through E**] - is this a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason why some people are financially successful -- |

- A. Hard work?
 B. Luck?
 C. Ambition?
 D. Getting a good education?
 E. Being born into the right family and connections?

Response options A-E

- 1 Major reason
 2 Minor reason
 3 Not a reason
 4 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

EM1. Are you currently employed, NOT employed and looking for work, or not employed BUT not looking?

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Employed | SKIP TO EM2 |
| 2 | Not employed AND looking for work | SKIP TO EM9 |
| 3 | Not employed BUT NOT looking | ASK EM1A |
| 9 | (VOL) Don't know/Refused | ASK EM1A |

EM1A. Are you currently retired, or not?

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Yes | GO TO FL1 |
| 2 | No | GO TO FL1 |
| 9 | (VOL) Don't Know / Refused | GO TO FL1 |

EM2. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current job—very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

- 1 Very satisfied

- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

EM3. Are you paid by the hour, paid a salary, or are you self-employed?

- 1 Hourly
- 2 Salary
- 3 Self-employed
- 4 (VOL) **OTHER**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

EM4. Do you think you are paid more than you are worth, less than you are worth, or about what you are worth?

- 1 More than worth
- 2 A LOT Less than worth
- 3 A LITTLE Less than worth
- 4 About what worth
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

EM5. Do you like your boss, dislike the person you work for, or don't you have a boss at work?

- 1 Like
- 2 Dislike
- 3 Don't have a boss
- 4 (VOL) **OTHER (MORE THAN 1 BOSS)**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / **MIXED**

EM6. Do you believe the place where you work cares about you as a person, or are you just someone who works there?

- 1 Cares about me as a person
- 2 Just some one who works there
- 3 (VOL) **INAPPROPRIATE (Doesn't work w others/works at home/self-employed) / OTHER**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

EM8. **I'm going to read you three statements about jobs.** Please tell me which comes closest to your own view. First, my job is one of the MOST important things in my life; second, my job is one of a NUMBER of important things in my life; third, my job is not that important in my life?

- 8 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

(CATI: IF EM1=2 GO TO EM9, INTRO)

[EM9 INTRO: “Now I’d like you to think about when you are looking for a job”

EM9. **I am going to read you a list of things that different people feel are important to satisfaction in their jobs.** For each one please tell me how you feel? Is each **ESSENTIAL** to your satisfaction, desirable but not essential, or not that important. First **[RANDOMIZE ITEM]** – is that essential, desirable, or not that important to your job satisfaction -- |

- A. A good Salary?
- B. Health Benefits?
- C. Job Security?
- D. Flexible schedule?
- E. Retirement Benefits?
- F. Making a contribution to Society?

Response options A-F

- 1 Essential
- 2 Desirable but not essential
- 3 Not Important
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

Now I’d like to ask you about how your leisure time.

FL1. Would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the amount of time you have for doing things that you want to do?

(PROBE: Are you VERY or SOMEWHAT satisfied / dissatisfied?)

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

FL2. Generally speaking, do you spend most of your free time with your friends, with your family, or alone?

- 1 Friends
- 2 Family
- 3 Alone
- 4 (VOL) **FAMILY & FRIENDS COMBO**
- 5 (VOL) **OTHER**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

FL3. If you could choose between earning a little more money or having a little more leisure time, which would you choose?

- 1 More money
- 2 More time

9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

FL4. Would you say you get more satisfaction from the things you do in your leisure time or the work you do?

- 1 Leisure time
- 2 Work
- 3 (VOL) **BOTH / THE SAME**
- 8 (VOL) **DOESN'T WORK**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

FL5. When you were a child, how often did you do the following things with your parents. First, (**RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-E**) --- Would you say you and your family did this regularly, sometimes, or hardly ever. If you never did this as a family, just say so -- |

- A. Had dinner together on a week night?
- B. Watched TV together?
- C. Went out to dinner or a movie together?
- D. Took a vacation together?
- E. Helped each other with chores or errands?

- 1 Regularly
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never
- 5 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

FL6. In an average day, how many hours do you spend watching television?

- 0. **DOESN'T WATCH** **SKIP TO FL8**
- 1. Less than 1 hour
- 2. 1 to less than 2 hours
- 3. 2 to less than 2 1/2 hours
- 4. 2 1/2 hours to less than 3 hours
- 5. 3 hours to less than 3 1/2 hours
- 6. 3 1/2 hours to less than 4 hours
- 7. 4 hours or more
- 8. (VOL) **DEPENDS / DON'T KNOW**
- 9. (VOL) Refused

FL7. What is the name of your favorite television show? [**VERBATIM RESPONSE**]

FL8. **I'm going to read you some statements to find out how you feel about various issues.**

For each one, please just tell me if you agree or disagree. First, (**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**)... Do you agree or disagree -- |

- A. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full time job?

- B. Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control ?
- C. My generation is unique and distinct from other generations?
- D. Politics and government seem so complex that a person like me can't really understand what is going on?
- E. Women should be able to serve as pastors, ministers, priests, or rabbis?

Response options A-E

- 1 Agree
- 2 Disagree
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

Now, on another subject...

IR1. Overall, do you feel that recent changes that have brought more racial and ethnic diversity to New Jersey is a good thing for the state, or a bad thing?

- 1 Good
- 2 Bad
- 3 (VOL) **DEPENDS / MIXED**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR2. How much racial or ethnic tension do you think there is among people who live in your town or city—a lot, some, just a little or none at all?

- 1 A Lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Just a little
- 4 None at all
- 5 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR3. Overall, how comfortable are you interacting with people of different races and ethnic background in New Jersey—say when you go to the shopping or are at a mall. Are you very comfortable, a little comfortable, a little UNcomfortable, or very UNcomfortable?

- 1 Very comfortable
- 2 A little comfortable
- 3 A little UNcomfortable
- 4 Very UNcomfortable
- 8 (VOL) **BOTH A LITTLE COMFORTABLE AND A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE / WON'T CHOOSE**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR4. **I'm going to read you two pairs of statements.** For each one please just tell me whether you agree more with statement A, or statement B. A- It is more important that people of different races and ethnic groups live, go to school and work closely with each other. **- OR -**
B - It is not important that people of different races and ethnic groups live, got to school and

work closely with each other so long as everyone is treated fairly and has the same opportunities?

- 1 Agree "A"
- 2 Agree "B"
- 8 (VOL) **BOTH / NEITHER**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR5. A - Immigrants today strengthen our state because of their hard work and talents.- **OR** - Immigrants today are a burden on our state because they take our jobs, housing and health care?

- 1 Agree "A"
- 2 Agree "B"
- 8 (VOL) **BOTH / NEITHER**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR6. How many recent immigrants would you say live in your area—many, some, only a few or none?

- 1 Many
- 2 Some
- 3 Only a few
- 4 None
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR7. How often do you interact with recent immigrants in your area - on a daily basis, a few times a week, a few times a month, or less than that?

- 1 Daily
- 2 Few times a week
- 3 Few times a month
- 4 Less often?
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR8. **I'm going to read you a list of items that concern the overall quality of life of New Jersey residents.** Please indicate whether you think that immigrants have made a change for the better, a change for the worse, or made no difference on each. First, **[RANDOMIZE]**, better, worse, or no difference -- |

- A. The quality of local public school systems?
- B. The variety of restaurants?
- C. The amount of crime in the state?
- D. State taxes?
- E. Arts and culture in the state?

Response options A-E

- 1 Change for the better
- 2 Change for the worse

- 3 No difference at all
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

IR9. Would you favor or oppose having traffic signs in New Jersey being written in both Spanish and English?

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

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about religion and spiritual matters.

RS1. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, atheist or agnostic?

- 1 Catholic
- 2 Protestant Christian (such as Baptist, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc)
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Muslim (include Islam/Islamic)
- 5 Evangelical Christians
- 6 (VOL) **Other, Specify:** _____
- 7 Atheist/Agnostic
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

RS2. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services...more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom or never?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Weekly
- 3 A few times a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom or Never
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

[CATI: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RS3A-D]

RS3. Please just tell me if you have or have not done each of the following in the last month. In the last 30 days have you (**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**) or not?

- A Listened to religious music on CD, radio, or tape?
- B Had your palm read?
- C Watched religious TV programs?
- D Attended religious discussions or study groups

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

RS4. About how often do you pray, if at all—daily, weekly, occasionally, rarely or never?

- 1 Daily
- 2 Weekly
- 3 Occasionally / When Need to
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

[CATI PROGRAMMING RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RS7A-F]

RS5 Just a quick “yes or no” now. Do you believe in the existence of (RANDOMIZE ITEMS) --

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- A. The Devil or Satan ?
- B. Religious miracles ?
- C. Ghosts, as spirits of dead people who can come back in certain places and situations ?
- D. Astrology, in that the position of the stars and planets can affect people's lives ?
- E. ESP, or extra sensory perception ?
- F. Intelligent life on other planets?

- 1 Yes, Believe in
- 2 No, Don't Believe In
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about marriage and relationships.

SX1. Different people have different views of what marriage should be about. Please just tell me if YOU PERSONALLY approve or DISapprove of each of the following. First, ...**(RANDOMIZE CATI: SX1 A - D; always ask E last)** Do you personally approve or disapprove – |

- A. People from different religions marrying?
- B. People of the same sex marrying?
- C. Couples who are not married living together?
- D. Someone having a child out of wedlock ?
- E. People from different races marrying?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 3 (VOL) **DEPENDS**
- 8 (VOL) Don't Know
- 9 (VOL) Refused

SX2. Recently, there's been a lot of discussion about the way morals and attitudes about sex are changing. What do you think about **(RANDOMIZE A THROUGH D)** -- Do you think this is always wrong, wrong sometimes or not wrong at all -- |

- A. Casual sex between two adults?
- B. People in their early teens, say under 16 years old, having sexual relations?
- C. A married person having sexual relations with someone outside of marriage?
- D. Two adults of the same sex having sexual relations?

- 1 ALWAYS WRONG
- 2 WRONG SOMETIMES
- 3 NOT WRONG AT ALL
- 8 (VOL) Don't Know
- 9 (VOL) Refused

SX3. I'd like to know which of the following attitudes about sex you think young people today should be taught. Just answer each as yes or no -- |

- A. First, should they be taught that sex is dangerous?
- B. Should they be taught that sex is a very important part of a relationship?
- C. How about that sex is right only within marriage?
- D. Sex is right only in a committed relationship?
- E. Should they be taught that sex is fun?

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

Finally, just a few questions so that we can classify your answers...

RV3. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Independent [GO TO RV3a]
- 4 Something Else / Other [GO TO RV3a]
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / **NO OPINION** [GO TO RV3a]

(IF #3, 4 OR 9 TO RV3, ASK)

RV3A. 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

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

GP10. As far as you know, is the Governor of New Jersey a Democrat or a Republican?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican

9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

GP12. Do you happen to know the names of the United States Senators from New Jersey--
[IF YES, What are their names?] --- **[IF ONLY ONE GIVEN, PROBE: Can you think of anyone else?]**

- 1 Names both Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine (**CORE-zign**)
- 2 Only names Lautenberg
- 3 Only names Corzine
- 4 (VOL) **NAMES NEITHER**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No **[GO TO D6]**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused **[GO TO D6]**

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

- 1 Yes, graduated
- 2 Yes, did not graduate **[GO TO D6]**
- 3 Junior college--graduate **[GO TO D6]**
- 4 Vocational/technical school **[GO TO D6]**
- 9 **NO** (VOL) Don't Know / Refused **[GO TO D6]**

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 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused / **OTHER**

D6. In what year were you born? _____

D7. Are you married, living as married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Married
- 2 Living as married
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Separated
- 6 Never married
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

D9. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes

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

D10. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 (VOL) **Other, Specify:** _____
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

D11. Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

- 1 Born in US
- 2 Born somewhere else
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

D12. In what county do you live?

D13. And what is your zip code? _____
[Range = 07001 to 08904, 99999=DK/Refused]

D14. Not counting cell phones, how many DIFFERENT telephone numbers for incoming calls reach this household. This does not include those lines that are ONLY used for fax machines and computers?

/_____/ (Record Number, 8=8 or more, 9=Don't Know/Refused)

D15. 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 \$99,999
- 4 \$100,000 or more
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused