

JUNE 2005 (#154)
Survey of New Jersey Registered Voters, 18+ (n=600)
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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 to ask a few questions of the **YOUNGEST MALE** age 18 or older, who is now at home. (**IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW:** Then, may I speak with the **OLDEST FEMALE** age 18 or older who is now at home?)

WHEN RESPONDENT ON PHONE: I'd like your views on what New Jersey is like as a place to live and on some topics currently in the news.

A. Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

RL1. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

- 1 Yes – GO TO RL2
- 2 No – ASK RL1a
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused – ASK RL1a

RL1a. Are you eligible to vote?

- 1 Yes – SKIP TO D1
- 2 No/Don't know – SKIP TO D1

RL2. As you may know, there will be an election for governor of New Jersey this fall, November of 2005 --| How much interest do you have in the upcoming gubernatorial election – a lot, some, a little, or none at all (T)?

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

(CATI: SPLIT SAMPLE RL3a AND RL3b)

RL3a. In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people are not able to vote because they are sick or they just do not have the time --| How likely would you say you are to vote in the upcoming election for Governor in November, 2005 – extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, very unlikely, or extremely unlikely?

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Somewhat unlikely
- 5 Very unlikely
- 6 Extremely unlikely
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

RL3b. I'd like you to rate your chances of voting in the upcoming November election on a scale of 10 to 1 --| If 10 represents a person who DEFINITELY will vote and 1 represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where would you place yourself (T)?

/____/____/ Record actual number; 10=definitely will; 1=definitely will NOT
99= (VOL) Don't know/refused

MP2. Now I'm going to read to you a list of issues that the next Governor of New Jersey may address --| Which one of the following issues should be the top priority for the next Governor to address (T)?

(CATI: ROTATE 1-6)

- 1 Dealing with the state's budget crisis
- 2 Improving the quality of education
- 3 Protecting the state from terrorist attacks
- 4 Reducing property taxes
- 5 Increasing access to quality healthcare
- 6 Eliminating corruption among state elected officials
- 7 (VOL) None of the above
- 8 (VOL) Other
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

(CATI: ROTATE Q.PF1-PF2) (T)

Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people. If you haven't heard of them or don't have an opinion of them, just tell me and we'll move on. **[IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, ASK:]** Would you say you have a strongly favorable/unfavorable opinion or a somewhat favorable/unfavorable opinion?

PF1. Jon Corzine

- 1 Strongly favorable
- 2 Somewhat favorable
- 3 Somewhat unfavorable
- 4 Strongly unfavorable
- 5 Haven't heard of
- 6 No opinion
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

PF2. Doug Forrester

- 1 Strongly favorable
- 2 Somewhat favorable
- 3 Somewhat unfavorable
- 4 Strongly unfavorable
- 5 Haven't heard of
- 6 No opinion
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

G1. If the election for governor were held today, for whom would you vote **[ROTATE]** Jon Corzine, the Democrat, Doug Forrester, the Republican or some other candidate for Governor (T)?

(CATI: ROTATE 1-3)

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|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Corzine | GOTO Q.G2 |
| 2 | Forrester | GOTO Q.G2 |
| 3 | Other candidate | GOTO Q.G1a |
| 8 | (VOL) Wouldn't vote | GOTO Q.G5 |
| 9 | (VOL) Don't know/Refused/UNDECIDED | GOTO Q.G1a |

G1a. At this moment do you lean more towards **[ROTATE]** Corzine or more towards Forrester? (T)

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|---|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Corzine | GOTO Q.G2 |
| 2 | Forrester | GOTO Q.G2 |
| 9 | (VOL) Don't know/Refused/NEITHER/UNDECIDED | GOTO Q.G5 |

G2. Are you very sure about voting for **[FILL NAME – Q.G1/Q.G1a]**; or might you change your mind before Election Day (T)?

- 1 Very sure
- 2 Might change
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

(CATI: ROTATE Q.G3 AND Q.G4)

(CATI: Ask Q.G3 only if Q.G1 OR Q.G1a=1)

G3. Thinking generally, which of the following best describes why you would vote for Jon Corzine for governor? Would you say you would vote for Jon Corzine because...**[ROTATE]** (T)

- 1 You don't like the other candidates
- 2 He is most qualified to be Governor
- 3 I haven't heard that much about the other candidates
- 4 I know where he stands on the issues and I agree with his positions
- 5 (VOL) None of the above
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

(CATI: Ask Q.G4 only if Q.G1 OR Q.G1a=2)

G4. Thinking generally, which of the following best describes why you would vote for Doug Forrester for governor? Would you say you would vote for Doug Forrester because...**[ROTATE]** (T)

- 1 You don't like the other candidates
- 2 He is most qualified to be Governor
- 3 I haven't heard that much about the other candidates
- 4 I know where he stands on the issues and I agree with his positions
- 5 (VOL) None of the above (DO NOT READ)
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

(CATI: READ and ROTATE ICIA, ICIB, and ICIC)

IC1A. Regardless of which candidate for governor you support, which one of the candidates, **[READ OPTIONS 1-2]**, do you think would do the best job of dealing with the state's budget crisis? **[IF SOME OTHER CANDIDATE, ASK:]** If you had to choose between **READ OPTIONS #1-2]**...?

ANSWER CHOICES:

- 1 Jon Corzine
- 2 Doug Forrester
- 3 (VOL) None of the above
- 4 (VOL) All the same/equal
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

IC1B. Regardless of which candidate for governor you support, which one of the candidates, **[READ OPTIONS 1-2]**, do you think would do the best job of reducing property taxes? **[IF SOME OTHER CANDIDATE, ASK:]** If you had to choose between **READ OPTIONS #1-2]**...?

ANSWER CHOICES:

- 1 Jon Corzine
- 2 Doug Forrester
- 3 (VOL) None of the above
- 4 (VOL) All the same/equal
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

IC1C. Regardless of which candidate for governor you support, which one of the candidates, **[READ OPTIONS 1-2]**, do you think would do the best job of eliminating corruption among state elected officials? **[IF SOME OTHER CANDIDATE, ASK:]** If you had to choose between **READ OPTIONS #1-2]**...?

ANSWER CHOICES:

- 1 Jon Corzine
- 2 Doug Forrester
- 3 (VOL) None of the above
- 4 (VOL) All the same/equal
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

TO2. As you may know, **one-way tolls** have been installed on some parts of the Garden State Parkway. Do you think **one-way tolls** have had the effect of reducing traffic, increasing traffic, or have they not had an impact on the amount of traffic one way or the other? If you never travel on the Garden State Parkway, please just tell me and we'll move on. **[IF**

“REDUCE” or “INCREASE” ASK:] Would you say one-way tolls have reduced/increased traffic a great deal or somewhat?

- 1 Reduced a great deal
- 2 Reduced somewhat
- 3 Not had an impact
- 4 Increased somewhat
- 5 Increased a great deal
- 6 Never travel on the Garden State Parkway
- 7 (VOL) Other
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

J1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jon Corzine is handling his job as Senator (T)?

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

J2. Thinking back over Corzine's term as Senator, would you say that he has major accomplishments to point to, minor accomplishments, or no real accomplishments (T)?

- 1 Major
- 2 Minor
- 3 No real ones
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

P1. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else (T)?

- 1 Democrat **ASK Q.P1a**
- 2 Republican **ASK Q.P1a**
- 3 Independent **ASK Q.P1b**
- 4 Something Else / Other **ASK Q.P1b**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused **ASK Q.P1b**

P1a. Would you call yourself a strong (**DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN**), or a not so strong (**DEMOCRAT / REPUBLICAN**) (T)?

- 1 Strong **GOTO Q.D1**
- 2 Not Strong **GOTO Q.D1**
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused **GOTO Q.D1**

P1b. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party (T)?

- 1 Democratic party
- 2 Republican party

- 3 (VOL) OTHER PARTY
- 4 (VOL) NEITHER
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

Now just a few final questions so we can classify your answers.

D1. 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

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 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D3. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

D3a. [IF DK/REFUSED IN D4, 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 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D4. For statistical purposes only, could you please tell me your ethnic or racial background?

- 1 White/Caucasian
- 2 Hispanic/Latino

- 3 African-American/Black
- 4 Asian American/Asian
- 5 Native American
- 6 (VOL) Other/Specify
- 7 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D5. 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 | | |

D6. Thanks. You've been very helpful. The results of the poll will be released in the Newark Star-Ledger. Sometimes we need to recontact people to verify that this interview took place, or someone writing up the results may want to know more about how you feel. Would it be okay for us to recontact you if necessary? **[IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?]**

- 1 YES -----> RECORD NAME: _____
- 2 NO

D7. And would you like to participate in other polls that we may be conducting using the Internet? **[IF Yes, ASK, May I have your email address?]**

- 1. Yes >>>> Record email address: _____
- 2. No/No email or internet access