

EAGLETON-RUTGERS POLL  
MAR. 26-30, 2006 (#158)  
Survey of New Jersey Residents, 18+ (n = 800 All Adults/12 mins.)

**Introduction**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ **(first and last name)**. I'm conducting an Eagleton Poll 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 or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**[ROTATE PF1-PF4]**

PF1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Robert Menendez (pronounced Meh-nehn-dehz)?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard of
- 4 No opinion
- 9 Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

PF2. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Kean Jr (pronounced Kane)?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard of

- 4 No opinion
- 9 Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

PF3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Richard Codey?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard of
- 4 No opinion
- 9 Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

PF4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jon Corzine?

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 Haven't heard of
- 4 No opinion
- 9 Don't Know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G1. If the election for the US Senate were held today, for whom would you vote **(ROTATE)** Robert Menendez, the Democrat, Tom Kean Jr, the Republican, or some other candidate for Senate?

- 1 Menendez **(GOTO Q G3/3a/G4/4a)**
- 2 Kean Jr **(GOTO Q G3/3a/G4/4a)**
- 3 Other candidate, (SPECIFY) **(GOTO Q G1a)**
- 7 Wouldn't vote **(DO NOT READ)(GO TO Q G3/3a/G4/4a)**
- 8 Don't know/Undecided **(DO NOT READ)(GOTO Q G1a)**
- 9 Refused **(DO NOT READ)(GOTO Q G1a)**

G1a. At this moment do you lean more towards **(ROTATE)** Menendez or more towards Kean Jr?

- 1 Menendez
- 2 Kean Jr
- 8 NEITHER/UNDECIDED **(DO NOT READ)**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**[ROTATE G3A-G3D]**

**[ROTATE G3/3a WITH G4/4a]**

G3A. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell

me if Robert Menendez now holds or has ever held this position Does Robert Menendez hold or has he ever held the position of Representative in the US House of Representatives?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G3B. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell me if Robert Menendez now holds or has ever held this position Does Robert Menendez hold or has he ever held the position of United States Senator?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G3C. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell me if Robert Menendez now holds or has ever held this position Does Robert Menendez hold or has he ever held the position of Representative in the Member of the New Jersey State Legislature?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G3D. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell me if Robert Menendez now holds or has ever held this position Does Robert Menendez hold or has he ever held the position of Governor of New Jersey?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G3a. From what you know, was Robert Menendez a member of the 9-11 Commission or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**[ROTATE G4A-G4D]**

G4A. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters. We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far. I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell me if Tom Kean, Jr now holds or has ever held this position Does Tom Kean, Jr now hold or has he ever held the position of Representative in the US House of Representatives?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G4B. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters. We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far. I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell me if Tom Kean, Jr now holds or has ever held this position Does Tom Kean, Jr now hold or has he ever held the position of United States Senator?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

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- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G4D. It is very early in the campaign and the candidates are just beginning to introduce themselves to the voters. We would like to find out how much you have heard or read about the candidates so far. I'm going to read you a list of public offices and as I read each one, please tell me if Tom Kean, Jr now holds or has ever held this position Does Tom Kean, Jr now hold or has he ever held the position of Governor of New Jersey?

- 1 Yes, he now holds or has held this position
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

G4a. From what you know, was Tom Kean, Jr a member of the 9/11 Commission or not?

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

**(DO NOT READ)**

**[ROTATE G5 WITH G6]**

G5. How closely do you associate Republican Tom Kean, Jr with the policies and actions of the administration of President George W Bush?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Somewhat closely
- 3 Not closely at all
- 9 Don't Know / Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

G6. How closely do you associate Democrat Robert Menendez with the policies and actions of the administration of Governor Jon Corzine?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Somewhat closely
- 3 Not closely at all
- 9 Don't Know / Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

IC1. Regardless of which candidate for Senate you support, which one of the candidates, **(ROTATE)** Robert Menendez or Tom Kean, Jr, do you think would make the best decisions to protect the state against a terrorist attack **[IF SOME OTHER CANDIDATE, ASK:]** If you had to choose between **(READ OPTIONS #1-2)?**

- 1 Robert Menendez
- 2 Tom Kean Jr.
- 3 None of the above **(DO NOT READ)**
- 4 All the same/equal **(DO NOT READ)**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

R9. How important will the Senatorial candidates' religious beliefs be in deciding whom you vote for in November, extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, not at all important?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Somewhat important
- 4 Not very important
- 5 Not important at all
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

B1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W Bush is handling his job as President (T)?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

J1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Jon Corzine (pronounced Cor-zyne) is handling his job as Governor?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

WP1. Overall, how long do you think it will be before a woman is elected president, within the next 10 years, within the next 25 years, within the next 100 years, sometime longer than that, or never?

- 1 Within the next 10 years
- 2 Within the next 25 years
- 3 Within the next 100 years

- 4 Longer than that
- 5 Never
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

WP2. Do you think America is ready to elect a woman president, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

WP3. Would you, personally, vote for a qualified woman for president, or not?

- 1 Yes, would
- 2 No, would not
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

BD1. The state constitution requires that New Jersey have a balanced budget each year. To balance the state budget next year, if you had to choose, which would you prefer: raising taxes to keep state services at their current level, or cutting state services to keep taxes at their current level?

- 1 Raise taxes
- 2 Cut state services
- 3 Both/some of each **(DO NOT READ)**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

BD2. Now, thinking about state government, how serious do you think New Jersey's budget problems are very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious (T)?

- 1 Very serious
- 2 Somewhat serious
- 3 Not very serious
- 4 Not at all serious
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

BD3. Who is most responsible for creating the state's large budget deficit, is it Jon Corzine, the current governor; or previous governors; or the State Legislature?

- 1 Jon Corzine
- 2 Previous governors
- 3 State Legislature
- 4 All of the above **(DO NOT READ)**
- 5 None of the above **(DO NOT READ)**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

BD4. How much have you heard or read about Governor Jon Corzine's proposed state budget?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Very little
- 4 Nothing at all **(GOTO R1)**
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

BD5. Just from what you've heard, is Governor Jon Corzine's budget proposal **[ROTATE]** focused too much on increasing taxes, or focused too much on spending cuts, or is it just the right mix between the two?

- 1 Increasing taxes
- 2 Spending cuts
- 3 Right mix
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

BD6. Do you think the budget proposal is fair or unfair to people like yourself?

- 1 Fair
- 2 Unfair
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**



BD7. Has Governor Jon Corzine convinced you that his proposed increase in taxes is necessary to balance the budget or not?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

BD8. As proposed, how much would the increased taxes and spending cuts affect you – a great deal, some, very little, or not at all?

1 A great deal

2 Some

3 Very little

4 Not at all

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

R1. Have you ever had an experience where you felt as though you were close to a powerful spiritual force that seemed to lift you out of yourself, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused

**(GOTO Q.R3)**

**(DO NOT READ) (GOTO Q.R3)**

**(ASK ONLY IF R1=1)**

R2. Would you say you have had that experience often, several times, or only once or twice?

1 Often

2 Several times

3 Only once or twice

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

**[ROTATE R3 WITH R3a]**

R3. I'm going to ask about a couple stories in the Bible The **[first/second]** is about Moses parting the Red Sea so the Jews could escape from Egypt Do you think that's literally true, meaning it happened that way word for word, or do you think it's meant as a lesson, not to be taken literally?

1 Literally true

2 Not literally true

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

R3a. I'm going to ask about a couple stories in the Bible The **[second/first]** is the resurrection where Jesus physically rose from the dead Do you think that's literally true, meaning it actually happened that way word for word, or do you think it's meant as a lesson, not to be taken literally?

1 Literally true

2 Not literally true

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

R4. How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services, at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, seldom, or never?

1 At least once a week

2 Almost every week

3 About once a month

4 Seldom

5 Never

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

R5. Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian, or not (T)?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

R6. 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 Some other religion
- 6 Atheist
- 7 Agnostic
- 9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

R7. How important is religion in your daily life, extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, not important at all?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Somewhat important
- 4 Not too important
- 5 Not important at all
- 9 Don't know/Refused

**(GOTO Q.R9)**  
**(GOTO Q.R9)**  
**(DO NOT READ)**

**(ASK ONLY IF R7=1-3 or 9)**

R8. Which is the most important part of religion for you, personally, following the traditions and teachings of your religion as closely as you can, or, having something you consider a spiritual experience, no matter how you find it?

- 1 Following traditions
- 2 Spiritual experience
- 3 Both/Traditions are spiritual
- 9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**  
**(DO NOT READ)**

RU1. Are you familiar with Rutgers University's plans to combine its undergraduate programs on the New Brunswick campus into a unified School of Arts and Sciences?

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

**(GOTO P1)**  
**(DO NOT READ) (GOTO P1)**

RU2. Do you think the quality of undergraduate education at Rutgers will improve, decline, or stay the same as a result of these changes?

- 1 Improve
- 2 Decline
- 3 Stay the same

9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

P1. 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 / Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

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 Other

9 Don't know/Refused

**(DO NOT READ)**

**(DO NOT READ)**

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 Don't know/Refused (DO NOT READ)

D3. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

D3a. [IF DK/REFUSED IN D3, 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 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

D4. 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 **(DO NOT READ)**

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

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 (VOL) Hispanic / Latino
- 5 (VOL) OTHER, SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Don't know/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

D6. 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

D7. 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 Don't Know / Refused | <b>(DO NOT READ)</b> |             |