Few people in New Jersey place much faith in the basic honesty of either politicians, union leaders, or business leaders. The skepticism of citizens is shown in the Eagleton Institute's latest New Jersey Poll, which surveyed a statewide random sample of 1224 persons 18 years of age and over by telephone from March 23 to 31.

Respondents to the poll were asked if they think politicians, union leaders, business leaders and people in general are basically honest in their dealings with others, slightly dishonest or quite dishonest. Only 20% of the citizens polled think N.J. politicians are basically honest, 45% think them slightly dishonest, and 24% think them quite dishonest, with 11% having no opinion at all. Union leaders fare about the same with 20% of the sample saying they are basically honest, 44% saying they are slightly dishonest, 20% saying they are quite dishonest, and 16% having no opinion. Business leaders do somewhat better, 33% of the sample rated them basically honest, 43% slightly dishonest, and 12% quite dishonest, with 12% reporting no opinion.

Respondents felt politicians, union leaders, and business leaders were less honest than people in general. 57% of the respondents said that ordinary people are basically honest, 32% find them to be slightly dishonest, and only 8% find them to be quite dishonest, with as few as 3% having no opinion.

The attitudes of people toward the honesty of N.J. politicians is related to their assessments of the job being done by the governor and by the legislature. Of those
who believe that politicians are basically honest, 53% rate the governor's performance as excellent or good and 39% rate the legislature's performance similarly. Of those who believe that politicians are slightly dishonest, only 36% rate the governor as excellent or good and only 27% rate the legislature this way. And of those who regard politicians as basically dishonest, as few as 19% think the governor and as few as 19% think the legislature is doing an excellent or good job in state government.

This Sixth New Jersey Poll was conducted before the current investigation by the U.S. Attorney in New Jersey of the financing of the 1969 gubernatorial campaign was made public by the press.

The results of the poll were tabulated by Opinion Research Corporation of Princeton, New Jersey.

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The data and questions on which this analysis is based are as follow.

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"In your everyday dealings with people in the world, do you find people basically honest, slightly dishonest, or quite dishonest?"

| 57% | 32% | 8% | 3% |

"How about politicians in New Jersey. Do you think they are basically honest in their dealings with others, slightly dishonest or quite dishonest?"

| 20% | 45% | 24% | 1% |

"How would you rate business leaders in dealing with others along this scale? Are they basically honest, slightly dishonest or quite dishonest?"

| 33% | 43% | 12% | 12% |

"How would you rate union leaders in dealing with others along this scale? Are they basically honest, slightly dishonest or quite dishonest?"

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