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NEW JERSEYANS THINK WILLIAMS SHOULD RESIGN

By a wide margin of 69 to 20 percent New Jerseyans think Senator Harrison Williams should resign, according to an Eagleton Poll released today. The remaining 11 percent expressed no opinion.

The Rutgers-based survey organization interviewed a sample of 1,000 New Jerseyans between May 6 and 18, shortly after Senator Williams was found guilty on bribery and conspiracy charges in the Abscam case.

Three-in-five Democrats called for the Senator to resign, as did about three-in-four Republicans and independents. Resignation was also favored by 64 percent of liberals, 76 percent of conservatives and 68 percent of moderates.

BACKGROUND MEMO

The question and figures referred to in this release are as follows:

"As you have probably heard, Senator Harrison Williams has been found guilty of bribery and conspiracy in the Abscam Case. Some people feel that he can no longer serve New Jersey effectively and have called for him to resign immediately. Senator Williams plans to appeal, saying that the government acted illegally. Do you think that Senator Williams should or should not resign?"

	<u>Should</u>	<u>Should Not</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>(n)</u>
TOTAL	69	20	11	100%	(999)
<u>PARTY</u>					
--Democrats	61	26	13	100%	(286)
--Independents	73	19	8	100%	(441)
--Republicans	77	11	12	100%	(240)
<u>IDEOLOGY</u>					
--Liberal	64	26	10	100%	(194)
--Moderate	68	21	11	100%	(423)
--Conservative	76	15	9	100%	(273)