A majority of New Jerseyans favor federal aid for New York City. According to the New Jersey Poll, conducted by the Eagleton Institute of Rutgers University, 52 percent of those questioned during the last week in October agreed that "the federal government should help New York City out of its financial crisis" while 44 percent opposed such help. The remaining 4 percent offered no opinion.

A sizeable portion of those surveyed also voiced concern over a possible default by the state of New Jersey. Thirteen percent said it was "very likely" and 31 percent said it was "somewhat likely" that "New Jersey might default on its bonds."

On the other hand, 45 percent declared that such a default was "not at all likely." Officials of the Poll said that concern over New Jersey's fiscal future contributed to the defeat of the four bond issues earlier this month.

The question of federal aid to New York City divides the state along partisan lines. Democrats favor federal aid by a 57 to 39 margin. Republicans oppose federal help 56 to 37. Independents fall in the middle with 51 percent in favor and 44 percent opposed.

The strongest support for federal aid to New York City came from city residents with 67 percent in favor and 28 percent opposed. Suburbanites opposed federal help by a 49 to 46 margin.

Poll officials also reported the results of a survey taken early in October which asked its respondents what they thought of the pace of the women's movement.

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A majority of your teachers have vocalized their New York City teachers' association to the New Teacher Project, expressing serious concern regarding the current state of New York City schools. They have highlighted the need for comprehensive and effective instructional strategies to support student learning. They also emphasize the importance of professional development opportunities and the need for administrative support to create a positive learning environment. This concern is shared across various subjects and grades, indicating a widespread issue that requires immediate attention.
Almost one third—30 percent—said the pace of the women's movement was "too fast" while only 7 percent responded "too slow." Over one half—54 percent—however, were satisfied that the pace of the women's movement was "about right."

Women were somewhat more likely than men to respond "too fast"—34 percent to 27 percent.

The New Jersey Poll is conducted on a regular basis by the Eagleton Institute. Between October 27 and November 1, a scientifically selected sample of 1005 adults 18 years of age and older were interviewed by telephone. Between September 25 and October 4, a different sample of 1005 adults were interviewed.

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"In recent months New York City has been in serious financial trouble. The Mayor has said that unless New York is helped by the federal government it will default on its bonds—that is, it will not be able to pay back money it has borrowed. Do you think the federal government should help New York City out of its financial crisis?

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