

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll #187
September 3 – 8, 2013
Sample: 900 NJ ADULTS

Questions are presented in the order they were administered. Numbering may not necessarily be sequential and question numbers may be missing due to cuts prior to fielding and numbering convention.

Introduction - LANDLINE

Hello, my name is _____. I'm conducting a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll for New Jersey. I'm not selling anything and just need a few minutes I'd like to ask a few questions of the YOUNGEST MALE over 18 who is who is now at home

(IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW: Then may I speak with you?)

[REINTRO AS NEEDED]

Hello, my name is _____. I am conducting a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll for Rutgers University. I am not selling anything, and just need a few minutes. Would you talk with me for a bit?

- 1 YES, CONTINUE WITH RESPONDENT
- 0 UNWILLING, END INTERVIEW

Introduction – CELL PHONE

Hello, my name is _____. I'm conducting a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll of New Jersey. I am not selling anything and just need a few minutes. I know I am reaching you on a cell phone. We need to talk to people with cell phones to ensure we represent all of New Jersey. Are you currently driving, walking, or in any public place that might distract you?

- 0 DISTRACTED → **RESCHEDULE/TERMINATE**
- 1 NOT DISTRACTED, now is a good time to talk

IF NECESSARY: We are not selling anything, not asking for money, and all your answers will be completely confidential.

IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE, POSSIBLE PROBES:

--Your participation is very important because only 900 people statewide have been randomly

selected for this survey and your views will represent many people throughout the state.

IF "DON'T KNOW ENOUGH":

-- There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. They are just as important as anybody else's.

IF NOT INTERESTED, DON'T WANT TO:

-- Can you help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

SCREENER – ADULT AND NJ RESIDENT

QD7 To ensure we are reaching people of all ages, would you please tell me your age?

____ (ENTER AGE: 98=98+, 99 = REFUSED)

[IF Don't Know/REFUSED IN QD7, ASK:]

QD8 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 Refused (VOL)

[IF REFUSED IN BOTH QD7 and QD8 TERMINATE, We must know age. IF UNDER 18, TERMINATE, too young.]

QD5 May I please have your home zip code?

_____ (RECORD)

- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD5A And what county do you live in?

[Choose from list of NJ Counties]

IF NOT NEW JERSEY BASED On COUNTY TERMINATE: Thank you, we are only talking to New Jersey residents today.

WHEN RESPONDENT ON PHONE: Great. We are talking to people in New Jersey to conduct a

research study on policy issues. Your participation is important as only about 900 people statewide will be selected to take part in this study. This should only take about 13 minutes. Your answers are confidential and will only be reported in combination with others. Your participation is voluntary, you may end at any time, and you may skip questions you do not want to answer. May I ask the first question? [IF YES] Thanks!

- 0 No → Attempt Convert
- 1 YES

[CODE GENDER BY OBSERVATION]

QD26 Respondent Gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

LEADERSHIP PERCEPTION

Q1 Thanks! First, I'd like to ask about some people and groups. Please tell me if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion. First:
[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q1A-Q1H]

- Q1A President Barack Obama.
- Q1B Governor Chris Christie.
- Q1C State Senator Barbara Buono (BWO-no).
- Q1D Newark Mayor Cory Booker.
- Q1E The New Jersey State Legislature.
- Q1F Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno [Gwa-DAHNo-no].
- Q1G Union leader Milly Silva.
- Q1H Former Bogota Mayor Steve Lonegan [LON-a-gun].

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 No Opinion
- 8 Don't Know Person
- 9 Refused

Q2 Please rate how Barack Obama is handling his job as President, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

- 1 A
- 2 B
- 3 C
- 4 D
- 5 F

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q3 Please rate how Chris Christie is handling his job as governor, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

- 1 A
- 2 B
- 3 C
- 4 D
- 5 F
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q4 And overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as governor?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q5 Now I am going to list some specific areas where I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as Governor. First:
[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q5A-Q5F]

- Q5A New Jersey's economy and jobs
- Q5B Hurricane Sandy recovery
- Q5C Taxes
- Q5D Education and Schools
- Q5E The state budget
- Q5F Crime and drugs

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q7 Of the following, which is the MOST important problem facing New Jersey today? Is it:
[RANDOMIZE OPTION ORDER FOR 1-9, READ 1-10]

- 1 Hurricane Sandy recovery
- 2 The economy and jobs
- 3 Taxes, including property taxes
- 4 Education and Schools

- 5 Crime and Drugs
- 6 Government spending
- 7 Health Care
- 8 Or is it something else? [SPECIFY]
- 88 Don't know (vol)
- 99 Refused (vol)

REGISTERED & LIKELY VOTER SCENING
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QD2 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat → **SKIP TO QD4**
- 2 Republican → **SKIP TO QD4**
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something Else/Other
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

QD3 Would you say that you lean toward the Democrats, the Republicans, or neither party?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Neither
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QD4 Do you consider yourself to be liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Somewhere in between
- 4 Other (VOL)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

→ IF QD1 NOT 1 (REGISTERED VOTER) SKIP TO Q29

LV1 And when was the last time you voted in any election? Was it this year, sometime last year, before last year, or have you never voted in the past?

- 1 This year (2013)
- 2 Sometime last year (2012)
- 3 Before last year (2011 or earlier)
- 4 Have never voted
- 8 Don't know

9 Refused

LV4 There will be a special Senate general election on October 16 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Frank Lautenberg. How closely have you followed news about this special Senate election so far? Is it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV5 And how likely is it that you will vote in this special Senate election? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or are you certain you will *not* vote?

- 1 Very likely [**CODE IF SAYS CERTAIN TO VOTE**]
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Will not vote
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV6 There will ALSO be a SEPARATE election for New Jersey governor in November. How closely have you followed news about the governor's election so far? Is it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV7 And how likely is it that you will vote in the election for governor? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or are you certain you will *not* vote?

- 1 Very likely [**CODE IF SAYS CERTAIN TO VOTE**]
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Will not vote
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

➔ **[IF LV5 = 4 AND LV7 = 4 SKIP TO Q29 (skip ALL election questions)]**

➔ [IF LV5 = 4 AND LV7 NOT = 4 SKIP TO Q16 (skip Senate election questions)]

2013 SENATE ELECTION – REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY

Q10 Let's talk about the special Senate election in October. If the special election for the Senate seat were being held today and the candidates were [**ROTATE ORDER:** Democrat Cory Booker and Republican Steve Lonegan], for whom would you vote?

- 1 Booker
- 2 Lonegan
- 3 Someone Else (vol)
- 4 Not Vote (vol) ➔ **IF LV7 NOT = 4 SKIP TO Q16, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q29**
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q12 Regardless of who you support, which candidate do you expect to win – [**ROTATE ORDER:** Cory Booker or Steven Lonegan]?

- 1 Booker
- 2 Lonegan
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q14 Which is more important in deciding for whom to vote for Senator: The issue positions that the candidate takes, or the candidate's leadership style?

- 1 Issue positions
- 2 Leadership Style
- 3 Equally important (Vol)
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q14A Some people are paying a lot of attention to this Senate campaign while others pay less attention. Have you heard anything about a recent news story that one of the candidates posted a map of Newark on his Twitter account?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 9 Refused

➔ [IF LV7 = 4 SKIP TO Q29 (skip Nov (Gov) election questions)]

2013 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION – REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY

Q16 Let's talk about the election for governor coming up in November. If the election for governor was today and the candidates were [**ROTATE ORDER:** Republican Chris Christie and Democrat Barbara Buono], for whom would you vote?

- 1 Buono
- 2 Christie
- 3 Someone Else (vol) → **SKIP TO Q19**
- 4 Not Vote (vol) → **SKIP TO Q22**
- 8 Don't Know → **SKIP TO Q22**
- 9 Refused → **SKIP TO Q22**

Q18 Would you say your vote is more for [**Response from Q16:** CHRISTIE/BUONO] or more against [**Other major candidate from Q16:** BUONO/CHRISTIE]?

- 1 For
- 2 Against
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q19 How likely are you to change your mind about who you will support for governor between now and Election Day? Are you:

- 1 Very likely,
- 2 Somewhat likely,
- 3 Not very likely, or
- 4 Not at all likely?
- 8 Don't Know (vol)
- 9 Refused

Q21 Which is more important in deciding for whom to vote for governor: The issue positions that the candidate takes, or the candidate's leadership style?

- 1 Issue positions
- 2 Leadership Style
- 3 Equally important (Vol)
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q22 Regardless of who you plan to vote for, I'd like to know which candidate you think better represents the views of most New Jersey voters on a series of issues. For each of these, just tell me if it is [**ROTATE:** Chris Christie or Barbara Buono]:

[**RANDOMIZE ORDER Q22A-Q22F**]

Q22A New Jersey's economy and jobs

- Q22B Taxes
- Q22C Education.
- Q22D Gun control
- Q22E Legalizing Same-sex marriage
- Q22F Health care

- 1 Buono
- 2 Christie
- 3 Neither
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q23 Regardless of who you support, which candidate do you expect to win – [**ROTATE ORDER:** Barbara Buono or Chris Christie]?

- 1 Buono
- 2 Christie
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

2013 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS – REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY
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Q25 There will also be elections for the New Jersey state legislature in November. Please think about the election for your representatives to the *General Assembly*. Do you plan to vote for [**ROTATE: Democrats or Republicans**] for the General Assembly, or do you plan to skip the election this time?

- 1 Republicans
- 2 Democrats
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 4 A Democrat AND a Republican (VOL)
- 5 Skip the election
- 8 Don't know/Not sure (VOL)
- 9 Refused

[ASK ONLY IF Q25 = 8 or 9]

Q25A Are you leaning toward voting for Democrats for the New Jersey Assembly or for Republicans? [**ROTATE PARTIES; same order as Q25**]

- 1 Republicans
- 2 Democrats
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 4 A Democrat AND a Republican (VOL)
- 5 Skip the election
- 8 Don't know/not sure (VOL)
- 9 Refused

Q26 Now think about the election for your representative to the *State Senate*. Do you plan to vote for **[ROTATE: the Democrat or the Republican]** for the New Jersey Senate or do you plan to skip the election this time?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 5 Skip the election
- 8 Don't know/not sure (VOL)
- 9 Refused

[ASK ONLY IF Q26 = 8 or 9]

Q26A Are you leaning toward voting for the Democrat for the New Jersey State Senate or for the Republican? **[ROTATE PARTIES; same order as Q26]**

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 5 Skip the Election
- 8 Don't know/not sure (VOL)
- 9 Refused

Q27 Democrats currently control both houses of the New Jersey legislature. Do you think Democrats should remain in control or is it time to give control of the legislature to the Republicans?

- 1 Democrats remain
- 2 Give to control to Republicans
- 3 Don't care/doesn't matter who controls (vol)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q28 In November, New Jersey voters will vote on an amendment to the state constitution to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$8.25 with automatic annual cost of living increases. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this constitutional amendment?

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

“STRONGER THAN THE STORM” ADS - ALL

- Q29 On another topic, did you see or hear any of the “Stronger than the Storm” ads promoting Jersey shore tourism this past summer season?
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 8 Don’t know
 - 9 Refused
- Q30 Some debate has arisen over Governor Christie’s appearance in the "Stronger than the Storm" ads. Some say Christie’s appearance was about promoting confidence in the shore’s recovery. Others say it was more about giving Christie publicity for his election campaign. What do you think? Was Governor Christie’s appearance more about promoting recovery, or was it more about gaining publicity?
- 1 Promoting recovery
 - 2 Unfair use of funds to gain publicity
 - 8 Don’t know
 - 9 Refused
- Q31 The ad’s cost and choice of companies to produce it are also controversial. Some say the company that made the ads was chosen because of close ties to Christie. It charged \$2 million more than another company planned to charge. Others say the chosen company had a better proposal and could quickly produce the ad. What do you think? Was the selection of the ad company done primarily for political reasons, or was it simply the best choice to do the ad?
- 1 Political reasons
 - 2 Simply the best choice
 - 8 Don't know
 - 9 Refused

GUN CONTROL

[EXPERIMENT - SPLIT SAMPLE: ½ to Q32A, ½ to Q32B]

Q32A In other recent news, Governor Christie absolutely or conditionally vetoed several gun control bills passed by the legislature. For each of the following measures he vetoed, please tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose, or have no opinion on it.

- Q32A1 Requiring firearm purchase permits on driver's licenses, creating instant background checks, and requiring gun buyers to complete a safety training course.
- Q32A2 Requiring state enforcement agencies to report information on lost, stolen, and discarded guns to federal databases.
- Q32A4 Banning the .50-caliber rifle.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 8 No opinion/Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q32B In other recent news, the state legislature passed a series of gun control bills. For each of the following bills they passed, please tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose, or have no opinion on it.

Q32B1 Requiring firearm purchase permits on driver's licenses, creating instant background checks, and requiring gun buyers to complete a safety training course.

Q32B2 Requiring state enforcement agencies to report information on lost, stolen, and discarded guns to federal databases.

Q32B4 Banning the .50-caliber rifle.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 8 No opinion/Don't Know
- 9 Refused

[END SPLIT SAMPLE]

Q33 How concerned are you about the amount of gun violence in the U.S. today? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned?

- 1 Very concerned
- 2 Somewhat concerned
- 3 Not at all concerned
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q34 Which do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to control gun ownership?

- 1 Protect right to own guns
- 2 Control gun ownership
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Next, I am going to ask you some questions about divorce and alimony laws in New Jersey.

In a divorce, a court may order one party to pay alimony, an amount paid to the other for a period of time or for the rest of their life to allow that person to maintain the lifestyle they had in the marriage. Either the former husband or wife may have to pay alimony if they were the primary wage-earner. Child support is different and separate and alimony is ordered even in childless marriages. New Jersey is currently considering reforming alimony laws through bills pending in the legislature.

QAL1 Which of the following should be the MOST important purpose of alimony? Should it be:

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OPTIONS 1-4; READ OPTIONS 1-4 ONLY]

- 1 To provide financial support for the rest of the former spouse's life.
- 2 To provide financial support for a limited time to enable the former spouse to become financially independent.
- 3 To provide compensation to the former spouse for earnings lost due to not working during the marriage.
- 4 To punish a spouse for any wrongdoing during the marriage.
- 5 Alimony no longer has a purpose/Doesn't believe alimony should exist (vol)
- 2 Don't Know (vol)
- 8 Refused

QAL2 One type of alimony is called "Permanent Alimony," meaning it is paid until the recipient dies or remarries. Do you think New Jersey should end the practice of Permanent Alimony, continue the practice as it is OR should permanent alimony be continued but limited to those who prove they cannot support themselves.

- 1 End Permanent Alimony
- 2 Continue Permanent Alimony as is
- 3 Limit the payment of Permanent Alimony to those who prove they cannot support themselves.
- 8 Don't know (vol)
- 9 Refused

QAL3 A New Jersey court recently ruled that a supported spouse in a marriage lasting 15 years or longer must be paid alimony for life. That means even if a couple gets divorced at a relatively young age alimony may have to be paid until one of them dies. Do you support or oppose this decision?

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

[ASK ONLY IF QAL3 = 2 (OPPOSE)]

QAL4 Which of the following should the court should have said?

[READ 1-3]

- 1 The length of a marriage alone should not determine whether a spouse gets alimony for life
- 2 Alimony for life should only be awarded when one spouse cannot support themselves after the end of the marriage
- 3 Alimony for life should be abolished
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QAL5 Which of the following should be used to set the amount of alimony payments?

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-3; READ OPTIONS 1-3]

- 1 An amount allowing the recipient to maintain the same standard of living as existed during the marriage, whether or not the payer can maintain his or her own standard of living.
- 2 An amount that permits both parties to maintain lifestyles similar to each other, even if lower than before the divorce.
- 3 An amount that allows the recipient enough for current basic needs such as for housing, clothing and food.
- 8 Don't know (vol)
- 9 Refused

PAID SICK LEAVE

Now I'd like to ask you about paid sick days, also called "earned sick days" or "sick pay." This is time off employees earn and are able to use when they need to stay home and care for their own illness or a sick family member. They can use this time off without losing their job or a days' wages. Not all workplaces offer paid sick days. But some cities and states have passed or are considering laws requiring all employers to provide access to paid sick days for employees.

QPS1 In general, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose requiring all employers to provide employees with a minimum number of paid sick days to care for themselves or immediate family members?

- 1 Strongly Favor
- 2 Somewhat Favor
- 3 Somewhat Oppose
- 4 Strongly Oppose
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

QPS2 I will now read some statements. For each I would like you to tell me if it was a reason for any decision you may have made about taking a day off from work to recover from an illness

or to care for a sick family member. For each statement, please tell me yes or no.

But, first, have you worked a job outside the home at any point in the past?

- 0 No [Say: Oh, then we will move on to the next question] → **SKIP TO QPS3**
- 1 YES

- QPS2A I could not financially afford to take the time off.
- QPS2B I was afraid I'd lose my job if I took a sick day.
- QPS2C I had too much work to do to take a sick day.
- QPS2D My job did not have paid sick days.
- QPS2E I had not built up enough sick days to take time off.
- QPS2F I was afraid that I would receive a bad performance review for taking time off.

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

QPS3 The state legislature is considering a bill giving all New Jersey employees access to paid sick time. Employees would earn one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. Sick time could be used for the employee or a family member in the event of illness, injury, or domestic violence. This would set a minimum state standard, and employers could provide more sick time if desired. Based on this description, what is your opinion NOW about paid sick days?

- 1 Strongly Favor
- 2 Somewhat Favor
- 3 Somewhat Oppose
- 4 Strongly Oppose
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Additional US Senate

Next, I am going to read some statements that some people agree with and others disagree with. For each please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement. First,

Q40 Irish, Italian, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree

- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q41 It's really a matter of people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder, they could be just as well off as whites.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q42 Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS

We're almost finished. Now we have a few last questions to help us understand our results.

QD6 What was the last grade in school you completed? **[CODE TO LIST]**

- 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 Refused (VOL)

QD9 What is your primary employment status? Are you: **[READ 1-8]**

[IF RESPONDENT SAYS SELF-EMPLOYED, PROMPT WITH "AND ARE YOU SELF-EMPLOYED FULL TIME OR PART TIME?"]

- 1 Employed full time [CODE ALSO FOR THOSE SELF-EMPLOYED FULL TIME]
- 2 Employed part time [CODE ALSO FOR THOSE SELF-EMPLOYED PART TIME]
- 3 Laid off from a job
- 4 A homemaker or stay at home parent
- 5 Retired
- 10 Student
- 7 Otherwise Not Employed
- 8 Disabled
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD13 Do you or any member of your household belong to a labor union?

- 1 Yes → ASK QD14
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

[ASK ONLY IF QD13 = 1]

QD14 Is the union a public employee union?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD17 Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD18 Are you white, Black or of Asian origin, or are you some other race, or multi-racial?

- 1 White
- 2 Black (accept African-American)
- 3 Asian
- 4 Hispanic / Latino / Spanish (VOL)
- 5 OTHER, SPECIFY: _____
- 6 Multi-racial
- 8 Don't know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD19 Are you married, in a committed relationship, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Married
- 2 Committed relationship
- 3 Widowed
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Separated
- 6 Never married
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD20 Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your home?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Refused

QD35 Does anyone in your household own any kind of gun?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD21 Last year, that is in 2012, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?
Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ LIST]**

- 1 Less than \$25,000
- 2 25 to under \$50,000
- 3 50 to under \$75,000
- 4 75 to under \$100,000
- 5 100 to under \$150,000
- 6 \$150,000 or more
- 8 Don't know [VOL. – DO NOT READ]
- 9 Refused [VOL. – DO NOT READ]

[IF REACHED ON CELL PHONE ASK:]

QD34C Do you have any landline phones in your household or do you only use cell phones?

- 1 Landline in Household (reached on Cell)
- 2 Only use Cell
- 9 Refused (VOL)

[IF REACHED ON LANDLINE PHONE ASK:]

QD34L Do you have any cell phones in your household or do you only use landline phones?

- 3 Cell in Household (reached on LL)
- 4 Only use landline

Closing and Additional Informed Consent Language

That completes our survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions, you may contact Dr. David Redlawsk (*pronounced RED-losk*) at 732-932-9384. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the administrator of the Rutgers Institutional Review Board at 848-932-0150. Have a good day/evening.

Methodology Statement

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll September 3-9, 2013

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone September 3-9, 2013 with a scientifically selected random sample of 925 New Jersey adults. Of these, 814 were registered voters. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey registered voter population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to US Census Bureau data. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 782 landline and 143 cell phone adults, all acquired through random digit dialing.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for 814 registered voters is +/-3.4 percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey registered voters favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.6 and 53.4 percent (50 +/-3.4) if all New Jersey registered voters were interviewed, rather than just a sample.

Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects.

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