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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 research study for the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University. I'm not selling anything and just need a few minutes to ask you some questions about our state and the issues facing it.

[RANDOMLY ASSIGN TO EITHER YM OR YF VERSION]

[YM VERSION]

I'd like to ask a few questions of the YOUNGEST MALE over 18 who is now at home.

> **[IF NO MALE AT HOME]:** May I speak to the YOUNGEST FEMALE over 18 who is now at home?

[YF VERSION]

I'd like to ask a few questions of the YOUNGEST FEMALE over 18 who is now at home.

> **[IF NO FEMALE AT HOME]:** May I speak to the YOUNGEST MALE over 18 who is now at home?

[IF PERSON ANSWERING THE PHONE IS THE RIGHT PERSON SAY:

Great, would you talk with me for a bit?

1 YES – CONTINUE TO SCREENER
0 NO – ATTEMPT CALLBACK SCHEDULE/CONVERSION

[IF PERSON ANSWERING THE PHONE IS NOT THE RIGHT PERSON, WAIT FOR PERSON AND REINTRO]

[REINTRO]
Hello, my name is _____. I am conducting a research study for the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. I'm not selling anything and just need a few minutes to ask you some questions about our state and the issues facing it. Would you talk with me for a bit?

1 YES – CONTINUE TO SCREENER
0 NO – ATTEMPT CALLBACK SCHEDULE/CONVERSION

Introduction – CELL PHONE

Hello, my name is _____. I'm conducting a research study for the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. 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, good time to talk **[CONTINUE TO SCREENER]**

IF NOT DISTRACTED: Great, would you talk with me for a bit?

1 YES – CONTINUE TO SCREENER
0 NO – ATTEMPT CALLBACK SCHEDULE/CONVERSION

[ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AS NEEDED/CONVERSION]

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 about 1,000 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 really 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.

IF NECESSARY, ATTEMPT TO SET UP A CALLBACK

[SCREENER]

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)

88888 Don't Know (VOL)
99999 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.

[CONSENT]

Great. We are talking to New Jersey residents to conduct a research study on public 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 15 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

QD1 Are you NOW registered to vote where you live or haven't you been able to register so far?

1 Now registered to vote
2 Haven't been able to register so far
8 Don't know
9 Refused

LEADERSHIP PERCEPTION

Q1 First, I'd like to ask you 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. If you do not know the name, just say so. First:
[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q1A-Q1K]

Q1A President Barack Obama.
Q1B Governor Chris Christie.
Q1C U.S. Senator Cory Booker.
Q1D U.S. Senator Robert Menendez.
Q1E Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
Q1F Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno [Gwa-DAHN-no].
Q1G Businessman Donald Trump.
Q1H State Senate President Steve Sweeney.
Q1I Republicans in the State Legislature.
Q1J Democrats in the State Legislature.
Q1K The New Jersey State Legislature, in general.

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

JOB RATINGS - ALL

Q2 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q3 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Cory Booker is handling his job as a U.S. Senator?

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q4 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Menendez is handling his job as a U.S. Senator?

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q5 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

Q6 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

Q7 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 Q7A-Q7G]

Q7A New Jersey's economy and jobs
Q7B Hurricane Sandy recovery
Q7C Taxes
Q7D Education and Schools
Q7E The state budget
Q7F Crime and drugs
Q7G The state pension fund situation
Q7H Transportation and infrastructure

1 Approve
2 Disapprove
8 Don't know
9 Refused

NJ RIGHT/WRONG TRACK AND MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM

Q8 Would you say the state of New Jersey is currently going in the right direction or has it gone off on the wrong track?

1 Going in the right direction
2 On the wrong track
8 Don't Know
9 Refused

Q9 In just a couple of words, please tell me what the most important problem is in New Jersey today. **[PROMPT AS NEEDED, WHAT IS THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM?]**

[OPEN ENDED - RECORD VERBATIM]

88 Don't know (VOL)
99 Refused (VOL)

Q10 How much progress do you think the New Jersey State Government is making toward solving this problem -- a great deal, a fair amount, very little, or none at all?

1 A great deal
2 A fair amount
3 Very little
4 None at all
8 Don't know
9 Refused

PARTISAN ID

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 NOT REGISTERED VOTER (IF QD1 NOT = 1) SKIP TO Q15]

2016

Q11 The 2016 presidential election is far away, but thinking ahead to the Republican primary for president, who would be your first choice for the Republican candidate? Just tell me a name.

[DO NOT READ. OPEN-ENDED – CODE TO LIST]

1 Jeb Bush
2 Ben Carson
3 Chris Christie
4 Ted Cruz
5 Carly Fiorina

6 Jim Gilmore
7 Lindsey Graham
8 Mike Huckabee
9 Bobby Jindal
10 John Kasich
11 George Pataki
12 Rand Paul
13 Marco Rubio
14 Rick Santorum
15 Donald Trump
77 Other **[SPECIFY]**
88 Don't know
99 Refused

Q12 And who would be your second choice for the 2016 Republican candidate? Just tell me a name if you have a second choice.

[DO NOT READ. OPEN-ENDED – CODE TO LIST]

1 Jeb Bush
2 Ben Carson
3 Chris Christie
4 Ted Cruz
5 Carly Fiorina
6 Jim Gilmore
7 Lindsey Graham
8 Mike Huckabee
9 Bobby Jindal
10 John Kasich
11 George Pataki
12 Rand Paul
13 Marco Rubio
14 Rick Santorum
15 Donald Trump
66 No one
77 Other **[SPECIFY]**
88 Don't know
99 Refused

Q13 The 2016 presidential election is far away, but thinking ahead to the Democratic primary for president, who would be your first choice for the Democratic candidate? Just tell me the name.

[DO NOT READ. OPEN-ENDED – CODE TO LIST]

1 Joe Biden

2 Lincoln Chaffee
3 Hillary Clinton
4 Martin O'Malley
5 Bernie Sanders
6 James (Jim) Webb
77 Other **[SPECIFY]**
88 Don't know
99 Refused

Q14 And who would be your second choice for the 2016 Democratic candidate? Just tell me the name if you have a second choice.

[DO NOT READ. OPEN-ENDED – CODE TO LIST]

1 Joe Biden
2 Lincoln Chaffee
3 Hillary Clinton
4 Martin O'Malley
5 Bernie Sanders
6 James (Jim) Webb
66 No one
77 Other **[SPECIFY]**
88 Don't know
99 Refused

Q15 Do you think Governor Christie's presidential chances have improved over the past few months, worsened, or have they remained about the same?

1 Improved
2 Worsened
3 Been the same
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q17 In just a few words, why do you think Chris Christie has consistently ranked below most of the other Republican candidates in presidential polls over the past few months?

[OPEN-ENDED; RECORD VERBATIM]

88 Don't know
99 Refused

Q18 Do you think Chris Christie would be doing better if Donald Trump were not in the race, doing worse, or would he be doing about the same as he is now?

1 Better

2 Worse
3 About the same
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q19 Should Chris Christie continue running for president, or should he end his campaign?

1 Continue running for president
2 End his campaign
8 Don't know
9 Refused

NJ NOV ELECTION

Now let's talk a bit about New Jersey.

Q20 There will be a general election in New Jersey this coming November. Are you aware of what state office or offices are up for election?

[IF "YES," CONTINUE READING QUESTION; IF "NO, NOT AWARE" code as "8," IF "NONE (AS IN NO OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION)," CODE AS "7"]

Which state office or offices are on the ballot?

[DO NOT READ CHOICES; ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE KEYED ANSWERS]

1 State senate
2 State assembly
3 State legislature
4 Other **[SPECIFY]**
7 None/no offices are up for election
8 Don't know/not aware of state offices up for election
9 Refused

Q21 Which party controls the New Jersey State Legislature -- the Republicans, or the Democrats?

1 The Republicans
2 The Democrats
3 Both (vol)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q22 Do you happen to know who is now your State Senator in Trenton?

[IF "YES," CONTINUE READING QUESTION; IF "NO/DON'T KNOW" code as "8"]

Who is it?

[OPEN-ENDED; CODE TO LIST]
[IF RESPONDENT CLAIMS MORE THAN ONE: "Each person is represented by just one state senator. Can you tell me which one of the names you gave me is this person."]

1 Don't know
2 Refused
3 Dawn Marie Addlego
4 Diane B. Allen
5 Peter J. Barnes, III
6 Christopher Bateman
7 James Beach
8 Jennifer Beck
9 Anthony R. Bucco
10 Gerald Cardinale
11 Richard J. Codey
12 Christopher J. Conners
13 Nilsa Cruz-Perez
14 Sandra B. Cunningham
15 Michael J. Doherty
16 Nia H. Gill, Esq.
17 Robert M. Gordon
18 Linda R. Greenstein
19 James W. Holzapfel
20 Thomas H. Kean, Jr.
21 Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr.
22 Raymond J. Lesniak
23 Fred H. Madden, Jr.
24 Kevin J. O'Toole
25 Steven V. Oroho
26 Joseph Pennacchio
27 Nellie Pou
28 Ronald L. Rice
29 M. Teresa Ruiz
30 Nicholas J. Sacco
31 Paul A. Sarlo
32 Nicholas P. Scutari
33 Robert W. Singer
34 Bob Smith
35 Brian P. Stack
36 Steven M. Sweeney

37 Samuel D. Thompson
38 Shirley K. Turner
39 Jeff Van Drew
40 Joseph F. Vitale
41 Loretta Weinberg
42 Jim Whelan
.88 Don't know
99 Refused

TRANSPORTATION

Now let's talk about the roadways in New Jersey.

[ROTATE DRIVING/ROADWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCKS]

[START DRIVING/ROADWAYS BLOCK]

Q23 How often do you drive a motor vehicle, regardless of whether it is for work or for personal use? Is it almost every day or more, a few days a week, a few days a month, a few days a year, or do you never drive?

1 Almost every day (or more)
2 Few days a week
3 Few days a month
4 Few days a year
5 Never
.8 Don't know
9 Refused

[IF Q23>=5, SKIP TO Q25]

Q24 And overall, how much time do you spend driving in the car on an average weekday? Is it less than 30 minutes, 30 to under 60 minutes, 60 to under 90 minutes, or 90 minutes or more?

1 Less than 30 minutes
2 30 to less than 60 minutes
3 60 to less than 90 minutes
4 90 minutes or more
5 Do not regularly use a car on weekdays (vol)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q25 How would you rate the condition of the local roads in your area? Are they excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 Excellent
2 Good
3 Only fair
4 Poor
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q26 And other than toll roads like the Parkway and Turnpike, how would you rate the highways throughout New Jersey -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

[If respondent volunteers that it depends on where you are in the State, PROBE: Well, overall how would rate the roads in New Jersey, not including toll roads ... excellent, good, only fair, or poor?]

1 Excellent
2 Good
3 Only fair
4 Poor
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q27 Do you think New Jersey is spending too much, not enough, or just the right amount of money on road, highway, and bridge repair and maintenance?

1 Too much
2 Not enough
3 Just the right amount
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[SPLIT SAMPLE; RANDOMLY ASSIGN 1⁄3 TO VERSION A, 1⁄3 TO VERSION B, AND 1⁄3 TO VERSION C]

[MODIFIED FROM EP194]
[VERSION A]
Q28A Legislative leaders have proposed increasing New Jersey's gasoline tax. Do you support or oppose a gas tax increase?

1 Support
2 Oppose
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[VERSION B]

Q28B Legislative leaders have proposed increasing New Jersey's gasoline tax. The increase would be dedicated entirely to paying for road maintenance and improvement, as well as other transportation costs. Do you support or oppose a gas tax increase?

1 Support
2 Oppose
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[VERSION C]

Q28C Legislative leaders have proposed increasing New Jersey's gasoline tax. The increase would be about 50 cents more per day for the average driver in New Jersey, or $180 a year. Do you support or oppose this gas tax increase?

1 Support
2 Oppose
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[END SPLIT SAMPLE]

Q29 There is talk about combining an increase in the gas tax with a decrease in estate and inheritance taxes. While the gas tax would go up, the amount of taxes paid on estates after death would go down. Would such an agreement make you more likely or less likely to support an increase in the gas tax?

1 More likely
2 Less likely
3 Neither/no effect/no difference (vol)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q30 With gas prices continuing to fall the last few months, do you think it is a better or worse time to increase the gas tax?

1 Better
2 Worse
3 No time is good (VOL)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[END DRIVING/ROADWAYS BLOCK]

Now let's talk about public transportation.

[START PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK]

Q31 How often do you use public transportation, regardless of whether it is for work or for personal use? Is it almost every day or more, a few days a week, a few days a month, a few days a year, or do you never use public transportation?

1 Almost every day (or more)
2 Few days a week
3 Few days a month
4 Few days a year
5 Never
.8 Don't know
9 Refused

[IF Q31>=5, SKIP TO Q34]

Q32 And overall, how much time do you spend using public transportation on an average weekday? Is it less than 30 minutes, 30 to under 60 minutes, 60 to under 90 minutes, or 90 minutes or more?

1 Less than 30 minutes
2 30 to less than 60 minutes
3 60 to less than 90 minutes
4 90 minutes or more
5 Do not regularly use public transportation (vol)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q33 What form of public transportation do you use the most?

[CODE TO LIST, PROMPT IF NEEDED: "IS IT THE …?"]

1 Train
2 Bus
3 PATH
4 Light Rail
5 Ferry
6 A combination of them
7 Other **[SPECIFY]**
77 None/don't use public transit
.88 Don't know
99 Refused

Q34 Do you or anyone in your household work in New York City?

1 Yes
2 No
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q36 When you go to New York City for any reason, do you or anyone in your household usually take public transportation or do you drive all the way?

1 Take public transportation
2 Drive all the way
3 A combination of both/some public transit, some driving (vol)
4 Never go to New York City (vol)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q37 Overall, how would you rate public transportation in New Jersey? Is it excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 Excellent
2 Good
3 Only fair
4 Poor
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q38 Do you think New Jersey is spending too much, not enough, or just the right amount of money on public transit repairs and maintenance?

1 Too much
2 Not enough
3 Just the right amount
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q39 There has been a lot of renewed talk about repairing and replacing the aging rail tunnels under the Hudson River that connect New York City to New Jersey. How much have you heard about this?

[READ ALOUD 1-4]

1 A lot
2 Some
3 A little
4 Nothing at all
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q40 How concerned are you about the state of the existing Hudson River rail tunnels?

[READ ALOUD 1-4]

1 Very concerned
2 Somewhat concerned
3 Not very concerned
4 Not concerned at all
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q41 How important do you think the Hudson River rail tunnels are to the economic development of New Jersey? Are they very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

1 Very important
2 Somewhat important
3 Not at all important
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q42 How important do you think the Hudson River rail tunnels are to overall quality of life in New Jersey? Are they very important, somewhat important, or not at all important?

1 Very important
2 Somewhat important
3 Not at all important
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[SPLIT SAMPLE; RANDOMLY ASSIGN 1⁄3 TO VERSION A, 1⁄3 TO VERSION B, AND 1⁄3 TO VERSION C]

[VERSION A]

Q43A In 2010, Governor Christie cancelled the ARC tunnel project, which would have created a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River. Do you think Governor Christie did the right thing by cancelling the ARC tunnel, or should he have gone through with the project?

1 Did the right thing
2 Should have gone through with it
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[VERSION B]

Q43B In 2010, Governor Christie cancelled the ARC tunnel project, which would have created a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River, citing concerns of cost overruns that New Jersey would be primarily responsible for and could not afford. Do you think Governor Christie did the right thing by cancelling the ARC tunnel, or should he have gone through with the project?

1 Did the right thing
2 Should have gone through with it
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[VERSION C]

Q43C In 2010, Governor Christie cancelled the ARC tunnel project, which would have created a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River in addition to the existing two, which are 105 years old and are estimated to last just another 20 years before they will be forced to close. Do you think Governor Christie did the right thing by cancelling the ARC tunnel, or should he have gone through with the project?

1 Did the right thing
2 Should have gone through with it
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[END SPLIT SAMPLE]

Q44 Governor Christie has endorsed the NEW Hudson River rail tunnel project, despite cancelling the ARC tunnel back in 2010. Do you think Governor Christie's current support stems more from **[ROTATE:** wanting national recognition while running for president, from a genuine concern about what's best for New Jersey,**]** or a little of both?

1 Run for president
2 Best for New Jersey
3 A little of both
8 Don't know
9 Refused

Q45 Should New Jersey **[ROTATE:** start the tunnel project as soon as possible and worry about how to pay for it later**]**, or should the state **[**generate the necessary revenue first before starting the project**]**?

1 Start as soon as possible, worry about pay later
2 Generate revenue first, then start
8 Don't know
9 Refused

[END PUBLIC TRANSIT BLOCK]

Q46 If you had to choose, would you prefer to see transportation spending go towards projects benefitting New Jersey Transit trains and buses, or would you prefer it be spent on roads and bridges?

1 Trains and buses
2 Roads and bridges

3 Neither/don't spend money (vol)
4 Both/can't decide (vol)
8 Don't know
9 Refused

HURRICANE SANDY – THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Q47 On another topic, this month marks the three-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. In your opinion, is life after Sandy back to normal yet in New Jersey?

1 Yes
2 No
8 Don't know
9 Refused

QD36 Were you, yourself, personally affected by the storm?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Refused

Q48 From what you have heard or seen, please rate the status of recovery for the following areas on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means "not at all recovered" and 10 means "fully recovered":

[RANDOMIZE ORDER A-E]

A New Jersey's shore region
B New Jersey, in general
C New Jersey businesses
D New Jersey tourism
E New Jersey homeowners who sustained storm damage

[ENTER SCORE: 1 to 10]

88 Don't Know
99 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)

QD10 Are you Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, Atheist or agnostic?

1 Catholic → **ASK QD11**
2 Protestant → **ASK QD11**
3 Jewish
4 Muslim
5 Some other religion
6 Atheist
7 Agnostic
8 Don't Know (VOL)
9 Refused (VOL)

[ASK ONLY IF QD10 = 1, 2]
QD11 Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian?

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

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

5 Yes → **ASK QD14**
6 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
9 Refused

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
9 Refused

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

1 White (includes Caucasian, European, Middle Eastern)
2 Black (includes African-American)
3 Asian (includes Asian-Indian, South Asian, East Asian, Chinese, Japanese)
4 Hispanic / Latino / Spanish (VOL)
5 OTHER, SPECIFY: _____
6 Multi-racial
8 Don't know (VOL)
9 Refused (VOL)

QD21 Last year, that is in 2014, 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

[IF REACHED ON CELL PHONE ASK:]
QD35C Do you share your cell phone for personal use (at least one-third of the time) with other adults?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Refused

[ASK ONLY IF QD35C = 1]

QD40C How many adults – including you – share the cell phone?
____ **[ENTER NUMBER: 99= REFUSED]**

[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
9 Refused

[IF REACHED ON LANDLINE PHONE ASK:]
QD35L Including, yourself, how many adults are in your household; that is, who live with you at least half the time?

____ **[ENTER NUMBER: 99= REFUSED]**

Recruit for Email and Potential Callbacks

QX1 We are looking for survey participants willing to be contacted again in the future for other surveys. Your opinions are of great value to our researchers and provide guidance to policy makers. Would you be willing to be contacted for future interviews?

0 No → **SKIP TO QRNAME**
1 Yes

QX2 In order to keep in touch in the future, I need to confirm your phone number. Is **[current number]** the best number to reach you?

0 No - collect best number
1 Yes - best number/correct → **SKIP TO QX4**
9 Refused → **SKIP TO QRNAME**

QX3 What number should we use?

[ENTER NUMBER]

QX4 Are you willing to receive email invitations to participate in future projects? There may be incentives offered for participation in some of these studies.

0 No → **SKIP TO QX6**
1 Yes

QX5 Great; we appreciate your help. Could I please have your email address?

[INTERVIEWER: VERIFY ADDRESS LETTER BY LETTER]

QX6 Finally, it would be very helpful to have your first and last name so we know who to ask for in the future. We keep this information completely confidential and your name will not be connected with any reporting we do on the data we collect. Would you tell me your name?

[IF UNWILLING TO GIVE LAST NAME, ASK:] Well, could I have just your first name so we know who to ask for in a future survey?

[ENTER NAME; VERIFY LETTER BY LETTER]

➔ **SKIP TO CLOSING**

QRNAME I really appreciate your help with this survey. One final question. For verification purposes would you please tell me just your first name?

[ENTER FIRST NAME ONLY; OR ENTER REFUSED]

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 848-932-8504. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the administrator of the Rutgers Institutional Review Board at 732-235-9806. Have a good day/evening.

Methodology

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone using live callers October 3-10, 2015 with a scientifically selected random sample of 935 New Jersey adults, 18 or older. Respondents within a household are selected by asking randomly for the youngest adult male or female currently available. If the named gender is not available, the youngest adult of the other gender is interviewed. The poll was available in Spanish for respondents who requested it. This telephone poll included 573 landline and 362 cell phone adults, all acquired through random digit dialing using a sample obtained from Survey Sampling International. Distribution of household phone use in this sample is:

Cell Only:	14%
Dual Use, Reached on Cell:	25%
Dual Use, Reached on LL:	56%
Landline Only:	5%

Data were weighted to the demographics of adults in New Jersey. Weights account for the probability of being selected within the sample frame and the probability of being sampled

within a household, based on the number of individuals living in the household and the phone composition (cell, landline) of the household. The samples were weighted using a raking algorithm to several demographic variables reflecting the adult population parameters of the state of New Jersey: gender, race, age, and Hispanic ethnicity. The final weight, which combined all of the parameters mentioned, was trimmed at the 5th and 95th percentile so as to not accord too much weight to any one case or subset of cases. All results are reported with these weighted data.

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. Sampling error should be adjusted to recognize the effect of weighting the data to better match the population. In this poll, the simple sampling error for the 935 adults is +/-3.2 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The adult sample weighting design effect is 1.29, making the adjusted margin of error +/- 3.6 percentage points for the adult sample.

Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey adults in this sample favor a particular position, we would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.4 and 53.6 percent (50 +/-3.6) if all New Jersey adults had been interviewed, rather than just a 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.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded in house by the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. The questionnaire was developed and all data analyses were completed in house. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll is paid for and sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, a non-partisan academic center for the study of politics and the political process. Full questionnaires are available on request, and can also be accessed at the Eagleton Poll archive at www.eagletonpoll.rutgers.edu. For more information, please contact eagleton.poll@rutgers.edu.

Weighted Sample Characteristics
935 New Jersey Adults

35% Democrat	49% Male	28% 18-34	60% White
45% Independent	51% Female	25% 35-49	12% Black
19% Republican		28% 50-64	18% Hispanic
		19% 65+	10%Asian/Other/Multi