

New Jersey Poll 4  
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Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a student at Rutgers University and I'm taking a survey for the Eagleton Institute. I'd like your views on some important issues facing the state of New Jersey.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all your life?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 2 1 OR 2
- 3 3 - 5
- 4 6 - 10
- 5 11 - 20
- 6 20 - 30
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

2. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey--(FIRST MENTION)?

3. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey--(SECOND MENTION)?

4. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey--(THIRD MENTION)?

I'd like you to rate the performance of some state and national government officials.

5. Overall, how good a job do you think the Governor of New Jersey is doing--excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 PRETTY GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

6. How good a job do you think the present New Jersey State Legislature is doing-- excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 PRETTY GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

7. How would you rate the job Nixon is doing as President--excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 PRETTY GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR

9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

Let us now talk about some state issues.

8. A tax proposal was voted on in the state legislature this past summer. The proposal called for a statewide property tax and a graduated income tax. The money raised by these taxes would be used to eliminate the local property tax for schools. Are you at all familiar with this proposal?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO (go to Q 20)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

9. What person or group of people do you most closely associate with this tax proposal (DO NOT READ CHOICES)?

- 1 CAHILL/GOVERNOR
- 2 TAX COMMISSION
- 3 DEMOCRATS
- 4 REPUBLICANS
- 5 LEGISLATURE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

10. Taking the party as a whole, do you think the Republican Party was in favor of the tax proposal or against the proposal?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

11. Again take the party as a whole, do you think the Democratic Party was in favor of the tax proposal or against it?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

12. The tax proposal was defeated by the state legislature. From what you know about the tax proposal, do you feel that it should have been passed or defeated?

- 1 DEFEATED
- 2 PASSED
- 3 UNDECIDED
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

13. Where have you gotten most of your information about the New Jersey tax proposal?

- 1 RADIO
- 2 TV
- 3 NEWSPAPER
- 4 FRIENDS/WORK ASSOCIATES
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

14. Was most of what you heard or read about the tax proposal favorable or unfavorable to the proposal?

- 1 FAVORABLE
- 2 UNFAVORABLE
- 3 EQUALLY FOR AND AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

15. Under the new tax proposal, it was stated: that many New Jersey citizens would have a reduction in their total property taxes. Had you read or heard anything about this aspect of the tax proposal?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

16. Do you find this statement believable or not believable?

- 1 BELIEVABLE
- 2 NOT BELIEVABLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

17. Do you think that you personally would have to pay more or less in total property and income taxes under the proposed tax plan?

- 1 MORE [Go to q.18]
- 2 LESS [Go to q.19]
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME [Go to q. 20]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q. 20]

(IF MORE ASK:)

18. Do you think you would have to pay a great deal more, or just a small amount more?

- 1 GREAT DEAL
- 2 A SMALL AMOUNT
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF LESS ASK:)

19. Do you think you would have to pay a great deal less, or just a small amount less?

- 1 GREAT DEAL LESS
- 2 A SMALL AMOUNT LESS
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

20. On the ballot in November there will be a New Jersey Transportation Bond Issue for 650 million dollars. Have you seen or heard anything about this bond issue?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

21. This bond issue is to provide 650 million dollars for road building and repair and for new and better mass transit--that is, buses and commuter trains. About twice as much money is to be spent on roads as on mass transit. If you had

to vote on this transportation bond issue today, would you vote for it or against it?

- 1 FOR IT [Go to q. 23]
- 2 AGAINST IT [Go to q. 23]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/UNDECIDED

(IF "UNDECIDED" OR "NO OPINION " ON Q. 21 ASK:)

22. At this moment, are you leaning more towards favoring it or more towards rejecting it?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 REJECT
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

23. Do you feel the funds should be divided evenly between mass transit and road construction and repair, more for mass transit, or more for roads?

- 1 DIVIDED EVENLY
- 2 MORE FOR MASS TRANSIT
- 3 MORE FOR ROADS
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Turning from specific New Jersey concerns, I'd like to talk about the economy and how it is being handled.

24. Which political party do you feel is better able to handle the economic problems of the nation, the Republicans or the Democrats?

- 1 REPUBLICANS
- 2 DEMOCRATS
- 3 BOTH
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

25. Considering the economy only, how well do you feel President Nixon has done handling the problem of the economy -- do you feel he has done an excellent job, has done a pretty good job, has handled it only fairly well, has done a poor job?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 PRETTY GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

26. Of the two major candidates running for President this fall, which do you feel is better able to handle the economic problems of the country, Richard Nixon or George McGovern?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 MCGOVERN
- 3 BOTH
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

27. As a way of handling our growing economic problems, price and wage controls were introduced one year ago this past summer. Do you approve or disapprove of the wage and price controls?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE [Go to q.29]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q. 30]

(IF APPROVE TO Q. 27 ASK:)

28. Do you strongly approve or mildly approve?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF DISAPPROVE TO Q. 27 ASK:)

29. Do you strongly disapprove or mildly disapprove?

- 1 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 2 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

30. I'd like you to think of your own personal economic well-being. Do you think you are better off or worse off than you were four years ago?

- 1 BETTER OFF
- 2 WORSE OFF
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

31. Thinking of the past year since price and wage controls were introduced, do you think you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

- 1 BETTER OFF
- 2 WORSE OFF
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

32. Do you feel the prices of most things you buy are rising more rapidly than a year ago, about as rapidly as they were then, less rapidly than a year ago, or are they going down?

- 1 MORE RAPIDLY
- 2 ABOUT AS RAPIDLY AS THEY WERE THEN
- 3 LESS RAPIDLY
- 4 GOING DOWN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

33. Compared to a year ago, do you feel the number of people unemployed around here has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

- 1 INCREASED
- 2 DECREASED
- 3 STAYED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

I'd like to ask some questions about the elections coming up this November.

34. There is a U.S. Senate election in New Jersey this fall. Do you know who the Democratic candidate is--(IF YES) Who is he?

- 1 CLIFFORD CASE
- 2 PAUL KREBS
- 3 HARRISON WILLIAMS
- 4 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

35. Do you know who the Republican candidate is--(IF YES) Who is he?

- 1 CLIFFORD CASE
- 2 PAUL KREBS
- 3 HARRISON WILLIAMS
- 4 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

36. If the election were being held today and you had to choose right now--would you vote for Paul Krebs the Democrat or Clifford Case the Republican?

- 1 CLIFFORD CASE
- 2 PAUL KREBS
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

37. There is a Congressional contest in your district. As of right now, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
- 2 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Now let's turn to the Presidential election.

38. Suppose the election for President were being held today and you had to choose right now-- would you vote for Richard Nixon, the Republican, or George McGovern, the Democrat?

- 1 NIXON [Go to q.40]
- 2 MCGOVERN [Go to q.40]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF UNDECIDED ON Q. 38 ASK:)

39. At this moment do you think you are leaning more towards Nixon or more towards McGovern?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 MCGOVERN
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.41]

(IF ANSWERED NIXON OR MCGOVERN TO Q. 38 ASK:)

40. Are you very firm about your choice or do you think you might change your mind?

- 1 FIRM
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

41. How interested are you in the outcome of this Presidential election?

- 1 VERY INTERESTED
- 2 SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- 3 NOT AT ALL INTERESTED
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

42. Who do you think will win this Presidential election?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 MCGOVERN
- 3 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

43. How close do you think the election will be-- Do you think it will be Very Close, Somewhat Close, or Not At All Close?

- 1 VERY CLOSE
- 2 SOMEWHAT CLOSE
- 3 NOT AT ALL CLOSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

44. From the way you view the election at this moment, do you feel you are likely to vote or not vote in the Presidential election?

- 1 VOTE [Go to q.46]
- 2 NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.46]

(IF ANSWERED NOT VOTE TO Q. 44 ASK:)

45. Why do you feel you may not vote?

46. If George Wallace was in the Presidential race, how likely would you be to vote for him: very likely, somewhat likely, not at all likely?

- 1 VERY LIKELY
- 2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY
- 3 NOT AT ALL LIKELY
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

47. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.49]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.49]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

(IF "SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" OR "DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED" ON Q. 47 ASK:)

48. Do you lean more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side?

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

49. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.51]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q. 52]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

(IF "INDEPENDENT", "SOMETHING ELSE" OR "DON'T KNOW/ UNDECIDED" ON Q. 49 ASK:)

50. As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q. 52]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

(IF "DEMOCRATIC" OR "DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED" TO Q. 50 ASK:)

51. A number of individuals were being considered for the Democratic nomination for President. Among those seriously considered were: READ LIST STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT -- Which of these individuals did you favor for the Democratic nomination?

- 1 HUBERT HUMPHREY
- 2 EDMUND MUSKIE
- 3 GEORGE MCGOVERN
- 4 GEORGE WALLACE
- 5 HENRY JACKSON
- 6 EDWARD KENNEDY
- 7 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM
- 8 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 NO OPINION

52. Did you vote in the election last November?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

53. Did you vote for President four years ago?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.55]
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE [Go to q. 55]
- 9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.55]

(IF YES TO Q. 53 ASK:)



54. Did you vote for Nixon, the Republican, Hubert Humphrey the Democrat, or Wallace the Independent?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 HUMPHREY
- 3 WALLACE
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF NO, NOT ELIGIBLE, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 53 ASK:)

55. At the time of the election, did you favor Nixon, Humphrey or Wallace?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 HUMPHREY
- 3 WALLACE
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

56. In which of these age groups are you - (READ CHOICES TO RESPONDENT)?

- 1 18 - 20
- 2 21 - 24
- 3 25 - 29
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 OR OVER
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

57. Are you registered to vote?

- 1 YES [IF 24 OR UNDER GO TO P. 16, Q. 58. IF 25 OR OVER, GO TO P. 18 , Q. 67.]
- 2 NO [IF 24 OR UNDER GO TO P. 17, Q. 63. IF 25 OR OVER, GO TO P. 18 , Q. 67.]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER [IF 25 OR OVER, GO TO Q.65]

58. When did you last register to vote?

- 1 ONE YEAR OR LESS
- 2 2 YEARS [Go to q.60]
- 3 3 YEARS [Go to q.60]
- 4 4 YEARS [Go to q. 60]
- 5 5 OR MORE [Go to q.60]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.60]

(IF ONE YEAR OR LESS TO Q. 58 ASK:)

59. Where did you register(TYPE OF BUILDING OR SPECIFIC PLACE)?

- 1 BORO HALL, TOWN HALL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
- 2 COUNTY OFFICE; BOARD OF ELECTION
- 3 PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHURCH
- 4 COLLEGE DORM; STUDENT CENTER
- 5 SHOPPING CENTER, STREET CORNER
- 6 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

60. How did you find out where you should register?

- 1 NEWSPAPER
- 2 RADIO OR TELEVISION
- 3 PUBLIC NOTICE
- 4 FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

61. Did you find registering very difficult, somewhat difficult, or not at all difficult?

- 1 VERY DIFFICULT
- 2 SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT
- 3 NOT AT ALL DIFFICULT [Go to q.67]
- 9 NO OPINION [Got to q.67]

(IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO Q. 61 ASK:)

62. What sort of difficulties did you encounter?

(PROBE: SPECIFICALLY)

[Go to q. 67]

63. Why are you not yet registered?

64. Do you think you would have registered if someone came to your door to register you ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

65. Do you think you would have registered if you could have registered by mail?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

66. Do you think you would have registered if you could have registered in your neighborhood?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

67. How long have you lived at your present residence?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE YEAR
- 2 1 - 2
- 3 3 - 5
- 4 6 - 10
- 5 11 - 20
- 6 20 - 30
- 7 MORE THAN
- 8 ALL MY LIFE [Go to q. 69]

9 NOT DETERMINED [Go to q.69]

(IF 1 - 7 TO Q. 67 ASK:)

68. Where did you live before (IF NJ -- COUNTY)?

68A. Where did you live before (IF NJ -- TOWNSHIP)?

69. Do you own or rent your apartment or house?

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT
- 3 LIVE RENT FREE WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

70. What is your race?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 NEGRO/BLACK
- 3 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

71. What was the last grade in school you completed?

- 1 8TH GRADE OR LESS
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL INCOMPLETE (GRADES 9, 10, and 11)
- 3 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETE (GRADE 12)
- 4 SOME COLLEGE
- 5 COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 6 GRADUATE WORK
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

72. Is the head of the house employed outside the home?

- 1 YES [Go to q.74]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER [Go to q.75]

(IF NO TO Q. 72 ASK:)

73. Is the head of the house: RETIRED, UNEMPLOYED, HOUSEWIFE, STUDENT (WHERE), OTHER (SPECIFY)?

- 1 RETIRED
- 2 UNEMPLOYED
- 3 HOUSEWIFE
- 4 STUDENT (WHERE)
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF YES TO Q. 72 ASK:)

74. What is the occupation of the head of the house?

75. Does the head of the house work in New Jersey or out of state?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OUT OF STATE
- 3 BOTH
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

76. Are you the head of the house?

- 1 YES [Go to q.81]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER [Go to q.81]

(IF NO TO Q. 74 ASK:)

77. Are you employed outside the home?

- 1 YES [Go to q.79]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER [Go to q.81]

(IF NO TO Q. 75 ASK:)

78. Are you: RETIRED, UNEMPLOYED, HOUSEWIFE , STUDENT (WHERE) ,OTHER (SPECIFY)?

- 1 RETIRED
- 2 UNEMPLOYED
- 3 HOUSEWIFE
- 4 STUDENT (WHERE)
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSE

[AFTER Q. 80 GO TO Q. 88.]

(IF YES TO Q. 75 ASK:)

79. What is your occupation?

80. Do you work in New Jersey or out of state?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OUT OF STATE
- 3 BOTH
- 9 NO OPINION/REFUSED

81. Would you say you were in the working class or the middle class?

- 1 WORKING
- 2 MIDDLE
- 3 DOESN'T ACCEPT CLASSES
- 4 LOWER
- 5 UPPER
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

82. What is your religious preference?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC/ORTHODOX

- 3 JEWISH
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 5 NONE
- 9 REFUSE

83. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- GERMAN ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

84. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- HUNGARIAN ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

85. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- IRISH ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

86. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- ITALIAN ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

87. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- PUERTO RICAN ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

88. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- CZECH ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

89. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups -- POLISH ?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF ANSWERS TO Q. 83-89 ARE ALL NO OR DON'T KNOW THEN ASK:

90. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any other group?

- 1 YES (SPECIFY)
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

91. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: under \$5,000, \$5,000 to \$10,000; \$10,000 to \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$20,000; over \$20,000?

- 1 UNDER \$5,000
- 2 \$5,000 - \$10,000
- 3 \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 4 \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 5 OVER \$20,000
- 9 REFUSE/DON'T KNOW

92. Where do you live--in what township or municipality

92A. In what county is that?

93. Gender ?

- 1 MAN
- 2 WOMAN