

New Jersey Poll 5  
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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, good, only fair, or poor?

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

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

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

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 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

8. Since the November election would you say your opinion of President Nixon has changed for the better, changed for the worse; or stayed about the same?

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

Let us now talk about some state issues.

9. The mass transit system in New Jersey has been faced with a financial crisis. Do you feel the state government should provide additional financial support to train and bus systems servicing New Jersey residents?

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

10. Do you feel that more money should be put into building new roads and improving existing roads or should it be put into improving mass transit and subsidizing fares -- Would you say more money should be spent on roads or more on mass transit?

- 1 MORE ON ROADS
- 2 MORE ON MASS TRANSIT
- 3 NO MONEY FOR EITHER [VOL]
- 4 MORE MONEY FOR BOTH [VOL]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

11. Would you consider yourself or other members of your family regular users of public transportation?

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

And now on another subject.

12. At present, elementary schools and high schools are funded primarily by local taxes. Some people have suggested that state-wide taxes should replace local taxes in paying for education. Which level of government, state or local, do you feel should finance public school education?

- 1 LOCAL
- 2 STATE
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

13. Did you think you would pay more or less taxes for support of education if the state took over financing public schools, or do you think it would make no difference?

- 1 MORE
- 2 LESS
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE

9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

14. Some people have argued that if the state pays for public schools the local community would have less to say about how the schools are run. Do you think this is a very serious problem, a minor problem or no problem at all?

1 SERIOUS PROBLEM  
2 MINOR PROBLEM  
3 NO PROBLEM  
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

15. What do you feel governor Cahill's position on state versus local financing of public school education is-- Do you feel he favors using state taxes or local taxes to pay for public schools?

1 LOCAL  
2 STATE  
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

To change the subject again.

16. In comparison with past administrations, how well do you feel Governor ~ Cahill has dealt with corruption in government-- Do you feel he has handled it extremely well, quite well, fairly well, or not very well?

1 EXTREMELY WELL  
2 QUITE WELL  
3 FAIRLY WELL  
4 NOT VERY WELL  
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

17. Do you feel corruption is more widespread in the present Cahill administration than in administrations of the past-- Would you say more, less, or about the same?

1 MORE  
2 LESS  
3 ABOUT THE SAME  
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

18. In the past two years would you say your opinion of Governor Cahill has changed for the better, changed for the worse, or stayed about the same?

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

19. In your opinion is your state government very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not corrupt?

1 VERY CORRUPT  
2 SOMEWHAT CORRUPT  
3 NOT CORRUPT  
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

20. Overall, would you consider Governor Cahill to be liberal or conservative?

- 1 LIBERAL [GO TO Q. 22]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.22]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

(IF "SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" OR "DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED" ON Q. 20, ASK:)

21. Do you think he leans in general, more towards the liberal side or more towards the conservative side?

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

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

I'd like to ask you a few questions, about higher education in New Jersey.

22. Have you heard of Rutgers University?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [SKIP TO Q. 36]
- 9 NO OPINION/REFUSED [Go to q.36]

23. Is Rutgers a private University or is it a State University?

- 1 STATE
- 2 PRIVATE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

24. From your experience and what-you have heard, how would you rate Rutgers as an educational institution. Do you feel it provides students with an excellent education, a good education, a fair education or a poor education?

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

25. Rutgers is the State University of New Jersey. Compared to other state universities, do you feel Rutgers has a better overall reputation, a poorer reputation, or is it about the same as other state universities?

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

26. In general, would you consider yourself a sports fan?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 ONLY SLIGHTLY
- 9 NO OPINION/REFUSED

27. Do you follow any of the Rutgers athletic teams?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.35]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.35]

(IF YES TO Q. 27, ASK:)

28. Which ones|

- A FOOTBALL?
- B BASKETBALL?
- C BASEBALL?
- D TENNIS?
- E OTHER?
- F ALL SPORTS?

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

34. In basketball and football, do you think Rutgers should attempt to develop teams of national importance?

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

35. If Rutgers had teams of national importance, do you think you would be more interested or less interested in Rutgers?

- 1 MORE
- 2 LESS
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

I'd now like to ask you a few questions about the lottery and other forms of gambling.

36. New Jersey has two types of state lottery. It has a weekly lottery with a top prize, each week, of \$50,000 and it has a daily lottery with a top prize, each day, of \$2,500.

Have you ever heard of the weekly lottery?

- 1 YES
  - 2 NO [Go to p.8, Q.40]
  - 3 DON'T KNOW
- (IF "YES" TO Q, 36, ASK:)

37. Have you ever bought a weekly lottery ticket?

- 1 YES

2 NO [Go to p.8, Q.40]  
 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "YES" TO Q. 37, ASK:)

38. In the past four weeks how many weekly lottery tickets have you bought?

CODE EXACT NUMBER IN BOXES--IF "DON'T KNOW, " A K: Q. 39

39. Would you say less than four, four to seven, or eight or more?

1 LESS THAN FOUR  
 2 FOUR TO SEVEN  
 3 EIGHT OR MORE  
 9 DON'T KNOW

40. Have you ever heard of the daily lottery?

1 YES  
 2 NO [Go to p.9, Q. 46]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 40, ASK:)

41. Have you ever bought a daily lottery ticket?

1 YES  
 2 NO [Go to q.46]  
 9 DON'T KNOW [Got to q.46]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 41, ASK:)

42. In the past week how many daily lottery tickets have you bought?

CODE EXACT NUMBER IN BOXES--IF "DON'T KNOW", ASK:

43. Would you say less than two, two to four, or more than four?

1 LESS THAN TWO  
 2 TWO TO FOUR  
 3 MORE THAN FOUR  
 9 DON'T KNOW

44. In an average week on how many days do you usually buy a daily lottery ticket?

45. Since the daily lottery began last month do you find yourself buying fewer weekly lottery tickets, about the same number, or more than you used to buy?

1 NEVER BOUGHT WEEKLY TICKETS  
 2 FEWER  
 3 SAME  
 4 MORE  
 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

In the past couple of years New York State introduced Off Track Betting on horse racing.

46. Would you be in favor of Off Track Betting in New Jersey?

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

47. Would you be in favor of legal casino gambling in New Jersey?

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

I'd like to turn to another subject.

48. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The decision to have an abortion is a private matter that should be left to the parents to decide without government intervention?

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

49. In the past few years a number of states have modified their laws concerning abortion. There has been talk of changing the abortion law in the state of New Jersey. Under which of the following conditions would you favor permitting abortions -- Would you be in favor of permitting abortions if the pregnancy endangered the life of the mother?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSED
- 3 DON'T KNOW

50. In the past few years a number of states have modified their laws concerning abortion. There has been talk of changing the abortion law in the state of New Jersey. Under which of the following conditions would you favor permitting abortions -- Would you be in favor of permitting abortions if pregnancy results from rape or incest?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSED
- 3 DON'T KNOW

51. In the past few years a number of states have modified their laws concerning abortion. There has been talk of changing the abortion law in the state of New Jersey. Under which of the following conditions would you favor permitting abortions -- Would you be in favor of permitting abortions if the child may be born handicapped or mentally retarded?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSED
- 3 DON'T KNOW

52. In the past few years a number of states have modified their laws concerning abortion. There has been talk of changing the abortion law in the state of New Jersey. Under which of the following conditions would you favor permitting abortions -- Would you be in favor of permitting abortions if the parents feel they cannot afford the child?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSED
- 3 DON'T KNOW

53. In the past few years a number of states have modified their laws concerning abortion. There has been talk of changing the abortion law in the state of New Jersey. Under which of the following conditions would you favor permitting abortions -- Would you be in favor of permitting abortions if the woman wants the abortion, regardless of the circumstances?

- 1 IN FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSED
- 3 DON'T KNOW

54. Did you vote in the election held this past November?

- 1 YES [Go to q.56]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "NO" TO Q. 54, ASK:)

55. If you had voted, for whom would you have voted for President, Richard Nixon or George McGovern?

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

(IF "YES" TO Q. 54, ASK:)

56. In the presidential race, did you vote for Richard Nixon, George McGovern or for some other candidate?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 MCGOVERN
- 3 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

57. For Congress, did you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNCERTAIN/REFUSED

58. 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. 60]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.60]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

(IF 'SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" OR "DON`T KNOW" ON Q. 58, ASK:)

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

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 9 DON`T KNOW/UNDECIDED

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [go to q.62]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.62]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON`T KNOW/UNDECIDED

(IF "INDEPENDENT", "DON`T KNOW", OR "SOMETHING ELSE" ON Q. 60 ASK:)

61. As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or more toward the Republican party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 9 DON`T KNOW/UNDECIDED

62. 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 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

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

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

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

- 1 18 - 20
- 2 21 - 24

- 3 25 - 30
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50-59)
- 7 60 OR OVER
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

65. 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

66. What is your race?

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

67. 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

68. Are you employed outside the home?

- 1 YES [Got to q.70]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER [Go to q.72]

[IF NO TO Q. 68 ASK:]

69. 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. 69 Go To Q.72

(IF YES TO Q. 68, ASK:)

70. What is your occupation?

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

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

72. Are you a veteran of the armed services?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

73. Are you a member of a union?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

74. Are you the head of the house?

- 1 YES [GO TO P.15, Q. 80]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER [GO TO P.15, Q. 80]

(IF "NO" TO Q. 74 ASK:)

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

- 1 YES[Go to q.77]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER

(IF "NO" TO Q. 75, ASK:)

76. 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

AFTER Q. 76, GO TO Q. 79

(IF "YES" TO Q. 75, ASK:)

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

78. 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

79. Is the head of the house a member of a union?

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

80. What is your religious preference?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC/ORTHODOX
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 5 NONE
- 9 REFUSE

81. Other than American do you consider yourself to be a member of any of the following nationality groups:... READ CHOICES AT DESIGNATED STARTING POINT |

A GERMAN ?

B HUNGARIAN?

C IRISH?

D ITALIAN?

E CZECH?

F POLISH?

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

(IF ANSWER TO Q. 81-86 ARE ALL NO OR DON'T KNOW THEN ASK:

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

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

88. Do you have children attending public school in New Jersey?

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

89. Is there anyone in your household attending college?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [GO TO Q. 91]
- 9 REFUSED [GO TO Q. 91]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 89, ASK:)

90. Do they attend college in New Jersey or out of state?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OUT OF STATE
- 9 REFUSED

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