

New Jersey Poll 7  
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TIME INTERVIEW BEGAN.

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 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

I would like to ask you a few questions about the party primary elections this June.

9. Have you read or heard anything about the primary for governor this June?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [SKIP TO P. 5, Q. 18]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Some people do not like to vote in primary elections for a variety of reasons-- they do not want to affiliate with any party, they do not consider them as important as general elections, or it may be difficult to get to the polls.

10. How likely-do you think it is that you will vote in this June's primary?

(READ CHOICES)

- 1 DEFINITELY WILL
- 2 PROBABLY WILL
- 3 NOT SURE
- 4 PROBABLY WON'T
- 5 DEFINITELY WON'T
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Assuming you vote, which party primary do you plan to vote in?

- 1 REPUBLICAN
- 2 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.14]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.16]

(IF "REPUBLICAN" ASK:)

12. Who do you expect to vote for in the Republican primary for Governor?

[IF CAHILL OR SANDMAN, GO TO Q. 18]

13. The declared Republican candidates are Cahill and Sandman. If you had to choose between these two who would you vote for?

- 1 CAHILL
- 2 SANDMAN
- 3 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

[AFTER Q. 13, SKIP TO Q. 18]

(IF ANSWERED 'DEMOCRAT" TO Q. 11. ASK:)

14. Who do you expect to vote for in the Democratic primary for governor?

IF BYRNE, KLEIN, DE ROSE OR FORST, GO TO Q. 18

15. The declared Democratic candidates are (READ LIST). If you had to choose among these candidates, who would you vote for?

- 1 BRENDEN BYRNE
- 2 ANN KLEIN
- 3 FRANCIS FORST
- 4 RALPH DE ROSE
- 5 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

AFTER Q. 15, GO TO Q. 18

(IF ANSWERED "DON'T KNOW" TO Q . 11, ASK:)

16. Who do you expect to vote for in the primary election for governor?

IF 1-6 IN Q. 17, GO TO Q. 18

17. The declared candidates, both Republicans and Democrats, are (READ LIST). If you had-to choose among these candidates, who would you vote for?

- 1 CAHILL
- 2 SANDMAN
- 3 BYRNE
- 4 KLEIN
- 5 FORST
- 6 DE ROSE
- 7 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ALL RESPONDENTS

Now turning to the general election in November.

18. Suppose the election for governor were being held today and you had to choose right now and the candidates running were \_\_\_ the Democrat and \_\_\_ the Republican, who would you vote for-- If the two candidates were \_\_\_ the Democrat and \_\_\_ the Republican-- (REPEAT FOR EACH PAIR)|

- A Ann Klein, William Cahill?
- B Brenden Byrne, William Cahill?
- C Ralph De Rose, William Cahill?
- D Ann Klein, Charles Sandman?
- E Brenden Byrne, Charles Sandman?
- F Ralph De Rose, Charles Sandman?

1 CANDIDATE1

- 2 CANDIDATE2
- 3 OTHER
- 4 DON'T KNOW

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24. How much have you read or heard during the past year about corruption in government --a great deal, a fair amount, very little, or nothing at all?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 A FAIR AMOUNT
- 3 VERY LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

25. In your opinion, is your local government very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not at all corrupt?

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

26. How about your state government-- Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not at all corrupt?

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

27. How about the federal government-- Is it very corrupt, somewhat corrupt, or not at all corrupt?

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

28. A number of charges of corruption have been made against officials in the Cahill administration. Do you feel Governor Cahill is personally involved in the cases of alleged corruption?

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

29. Do you think you are less likely to vote to re-elect Governor Cahill as a result of the corruption charges that have been brought against his administration?

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

30. Have you read or heard anything about the Watergate Affair?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.32]
- 3 NOT SURE [Go to q.32]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.32]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 30 ASK:)

31. How important an issue do you think Watergate is to the nation, an issue of great importance, some importance, or of little importance?

- 1 GREAT IMPORTANCE
- 2 SOME IMPORTANCE
- 3 LITTLE IMPORTANCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

32. To what degree, if at all, have recent charges of corruption in government reduced your confidence in the federal government: a great deal, somewhat, or not at all?

- 1 GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOMEWHAT
- 3 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33. To what degree have recent charges of corruption in government reduced your confidence in the Republican party in general: a great deal, somewhat, or not at all?

- 1 GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOMEWHAT
- 3 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. And to what degree have recent charges of corruption in government reduced your --confidence in the Republican party here in New Jersey?

- 1 GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOMEWHAT
- 3 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'd now like to turn from politics and ask some other questions.

35. Has it been necessary for you, or anyone in your family, to be hospitalized in the last 5 years?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.37]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.37]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 35. ASK:)

36. How would you rate the care you received by yourself or another member of your family while in the hospital?

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

37. Given the care you or a member of your family received while in the hospital, do you think the hospital costs were much too high, somewhat too high, about right, somewhat too low, much too low?

- 1 MUCH TOO HIGH
- 2 SOMEWHAT TOO HIGH
- 3 ABOUT RIGHT
- 4 SOMEWHAT TOO LOW
- 5 MUCH TOO LOW
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

38. The state government currently regulates the telephone company, gas, water and electric companies. Do you think it would be a good idea for state government to regulate hospital charges?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 NOT SURE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

39. Do you believe that quality health care should be considered a right of all Americans whether or not they can pay for it?

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

41. In New Jersey there are a large number of open space areas. By open space I mean any park or natural area. When you personally think of open space areas in New Jersey, what specific places first come to your mind-- (MAKE SURE IT IS SPECIFIC) Any other parks or wild life areas that-you can think of-- PROBE: Have you heard of any of these places (READ THOSE NOT MENTIONED) - And which of all the places we have mentioned have you visited (READ LIST) (NO MENTIONS , SKIP TO Q. 51) |

- A Great Swamp?
- B Brigantine ?
- C Sandy Hook?
- D Island Beach?
- E High Point?
- F Stokes?
- G State-run Wildlife Management areas?
- H Local county park?
- I City park?

- 1 Unaided, aware of and visited
- 2 Unaided, aware of but not visited
- 3 Aided, aware of and visited

4 Aided, aware of but not visited

42. Approximately how many times have you gone to (ASK FOR EACH PLACE VISITED) in the past year |

- A Great Swamp?
- B Brigantine ?
- C Sandy Hook?
- D Island Beach?
- E High Point?
- F Stokes?
- G State-run Wildlife Management areas?
- H Local county park?
- I City park?

- 1 UNAIDED
- 2 AIDED
- 3 EVER
- 4 FREQUENCY\_\_\_\_\_

43. People have different reasons for making trips to open space areas such as the parks, the shore, or other natural areas. I am going to read a list of different things that people might find enjoyable. You may feel all apply to you, but in rating consider which ones are very important, which are somewhat important, and which are not very important. |

- A Watching animals and birds?
- B Looking at the natural scenery?
- C Getting away from people?
- D Finding a place to run and play games?
- E Getting out into fresh, healthy air?
- F Having for a time a feeling of freedom?
- G Finding a place to picnic or party?
- H Finding a place unchanged by man?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 2 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 3 NOT VERY IMPORTANT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

51. At present do you feel your closest association with nature and wildlife is through?

- 1 TV
- 2 BOOKS AND MAGAZINES
- 3 PERSONAL OR FAMILY TRIPS
- 4 WILDLIFE AROUND YOUR HOME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

52. People feel it is important to maintain natural open space areas for a number of different reasons. I will read some reasons, and you tell me whether this is a very important reason to you or only slightly important |

- A Natural areas help keep people from being too crowded?
- B Having natural areas helps us to know about our rural past?
- C Natural areas help us to understand our place in nature?
- D Natural areas sustain plants and wild animals?

- 1 Very Important
- 2 Slightly Important

56. At present most money for managing wildlife in the state comes from hunting and fishing licenses. Do you feel that money for wildlife management should also come from general taxes?

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

57. Have you ever gone hunting?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.68]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 57 , ASK:)

58. Have you gone hunting in the past 2 years?

- 1 YES [Go to q.60]
- 2 NO

(IF "NO" TO Q. 58, ASK:)

59. Could you tell me how old you were when you last hunted?

AFTER Q 59 GO TO Q 66

(IF "YES" TO Q. 58, ASK:)

60. Could you tell me how old you were when you began hunting?

61. Did you purchase a New Jersey hunting license in 1972?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

62. Did you hunt anywhere other than New Jersey in the past 2 years?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.65]

(IF "YES" TO Q62 , ASK:

63A. In what state did you hunt (FIRST MENTIO)?



63B. In what state did you hunt (SECOND MENTION)?

63C. In what state did you hunt (THIRD MENTION)?

64. Did you hunt on a state-run public shooting grounds during 1972?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

65. Do you belong to a hunting club?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

66. Have you visited the New Jersey shore in the past 2 years?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.70]

(IF YES TO Q. 66 ASK:)

67. How many times have you gone to the shore in the past 2 years?

- 1 ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR
- 2 MORE OFTEN
- 3 LIVES THERE -----NOT TO BE READ

68. Do you own a house, have you rented there, or have you just gone for the day?

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT
- 3 DAY TRIPS
- 4 BOTH RENT AND DAY TRIPS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

69. Do you feel the state should step in and control the future development of the New Jersey shore or should it be left to private development?

- 1 STATE CONTROL
- 2 PRIVATE CONTROL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

INSERT BETWEEN PAGES 13 AND 14

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS:

70A. 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.70C]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.70C]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" OR "DON'T KNOW" ON Q.70A ASK:)

70B. Do you lean more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side?

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

70C. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.70]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.70]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "INDEPENDENT", "DON'T KNOW, " OR "SOMETHING ELSE" ON Q: 70C ASK: )

70D. 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

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

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 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

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

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

72. In which of these age groups are you?

- 1 18 - 20 [Go to q.74]
- 2 21 - 24 [Go to q.74]
- 3 25 - 29 [Go to q.74]
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 OR OVER [Go to q.74]
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED [Go to q.74]

(IF 4, 5, or 6 TO Q. 72, ASK FOR THE APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP)

73. Is your age group: (READ CHOICES)?

- 1 30 - 34
- 2 35 - 39
- 3 40 - 44
- 4 45 - 49
- 5 50 - 54
- 6 55 - 59
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

74. 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

75. What is your race?

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

76. 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
- 4 SOME COLLEGE
- 5 COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 6 GRADUATE WORK
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

77. Are you employed outside the home?

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

(IF "NO" TO Q. 77, ASK:)

78. Are you: (READ CHOICES)?

(READ CHOICES)

- 1 RETIRED
- 2 UNEMPLOYED
- 3 HOUSEWIFE
- 4 STUDENT (WHERE)
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

AFTER 78, GO TO Q. 81

(IF "YES" TO Q. 77, 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. Are you a member of a union?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

82. Are you the head of the house?

- 1 YES [Go to q.88]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER [Go to q.88]

(IF "NO" TO Q. 82 , ASK:)

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

- 1 YES [Go to q.85]
- 2 NO
- 9 NO ANSWER

(IF "NO" TO Q. 83, ASK:)

84. Is the head of the house: (READ CHOICES) ?

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

(AFTER Q. 84, GO TO Q. 87)

IF "YES" TO Q. 83, ASK:)

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

86. 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

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

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

88. What is your religious preference?

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

89. 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF ANSWERS TO 0. 89a-89f ARE ALL "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW" THEN ASK:)

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

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

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

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

97. Is there anyone in your household attending college?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.99]
- 9 REFUSED

(IF "YES" TO Q. 97, ASK:)

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

- 1 NEW JERSEY

- 2 OUT OF STATE
- 3 BOTH
- 9 REFUSED

99. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: under \$5000; \$5000 to \$10,000; \$10,000 to \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$20,000; over \$20,000?

- 1 UNDER \$5000
- 2 \$5000 - \$10 000
- 3 \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 4 \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 5 OVER \$20,000
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

100. Where do you live--in what city or town municipality--

100A. In what county is that?

101. Gender?

- 1 MAN
- 2 WOMAN