

New Jersey Poll 10
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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.

110. 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

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

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

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

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

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

118. How good a job do you think the new 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

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

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

120. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way President Nixon has been handling the problems of the economy?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.122]

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 122, ASK:)

121. Do you strongly (disapprove/approve) or mildly (disapprove/approve)?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

122. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way President Nixon has been handling the nation's foreign affairs?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.124]

[IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 122 ASK:]

123. Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or mildly (approve/disapprove)?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

124. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way President Nixon has been handling his part of the Watergate Affair?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.126]

[IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ON Q. 124, ASK:]

125. Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or mildly (approve/disapprove)?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

126. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way President Nixon has been handling the current energy crisis?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.128]

[IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 126, ASK:]

127. Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or mildly (approve/disapprove) ?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE

2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW

128. There has been considerable talk in the country about whether President Nixon should resign or possibly be impeached. Do you feel President Nixon should resign from office?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

129. If the President does not resign, do you feel that he should be impeached and forced to leave office?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

130. I would like to get some idea of how you feel about different organizations or institutions that exist to serve you and others. For each of the institutions or groups I mention, such as (..STARTING POINT..) tell me whether you have a lot of confidence in them, some confidence in them, or not very much confidence. By confidence I mean that you feel they are doing what they ought to be doing. Let's start with your (..STARTING POINT...), do you have a lot of confidence, some, or not very much (CONTINUE DOWN THE LIST) |

A Local Schools?
B Rutgers University?
C The N.J. State Government?
D The National Government?
E Your Local Government ?
F Labor Unions?
G Newspapers?
H Radio and Television News?
I Large Corporations?
J Local Businessmen?
K N.J. Democratic Party?
L N.J. Republican Party?

1 LOT
2 SOME
3 NOT MUCH
9 DON'T KNOW

I would like to change topics now and talk a little about the energy crisis.

142. Do you personally feel there is a real shortage of energy or do you think the oil companies are holding back on oil and gasoline?

1 REAL CRISIS
2 OIL COMPANIES HOLDING BACK
3 BOTH
9 DON'T KNOW

143. Do you regularly drive a car?

1 YES

2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

144. As one solution to the gasoline shortage in New Jersey, how satisfactory have you found the mandatory odd-even system of rationing gasoline: quite satisfactory, somewhat satisfactory, not very satisfactory, not at all satisfactory?

1 QUITE SATISFACTORY
2 SOMEWHAT SATISFACTORY
3 NOT VERY SATISFACTORY
4 NOT AT ALL SATISFACTORY
5 NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT
9 DON'T KNOW

145. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress has been handling the current energy crises?

1 APPROVE
2 DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.147]

[IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 145, ASK:]

146. Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or mildly (approve/disapprove)?

1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW

147. Would you say you approve or disapprove of the way Federal Energy Commissioner William Simon has been handling the current energy crises?

1 APPROVE
2 DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.149]

[IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 147, ASK:]

148. Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or mildly (approve/disapprove)?

1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW

149. Overall, would you say you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Byrne has been handling the current energy crises?

1 APPROVE
2 DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.151]

[IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 149, ASK:]

150. Do you strongly (approve/disapprove) or mildly (approve/disapprove)?

1 STRONGLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE

2 MILDLY APPROVE/DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW

I'd like to ask a few questions about political corruption.

151. 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

152. 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

153. 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

154. 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

155. In general, do you think the New Jersey state government is more corrupt or less corrupt than governments in other states?

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

156. Do you think governmental agencies in the state are doing a good job of discovering and eliminating corruption among public officials in the state?

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

157. Do you think a better job is being done now than in the past?

1 YES
2 NO

9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

158. Now I'd like to know how concerned you are about crime in New Jersey. Let's talk about three types of crime--street crime such as muggings, rape, small robberies; organized crime such as narcotics traffic, gambling, loansharking; and public crime such as corruption of public officials.

How serious a problem do you feel street crime is in New Jersey--extremely serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

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

159. Do you feel very fearful of street crime, somewhat fearful or not at all fearful?

- 1 VERY FEARFUL
- 2 SOMEWHAT FEARFUL
- 3 NOT AT ALL FEARFUL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

160. How serious a problem do you feel organized crime is in New Jersey--extremely serious, somewhat serious, not very serious or not at all serious?

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

161. How serious a problem do you feel public crime is in New Jersey?

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

162. Of the three kinds of crime --organized, street and public--which personally concerns you the most (ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY--CIRCLE APPROPRIATE NUMBER)?

- 1 STREET
- 2 ORGANIZED
- 3 PUBLIC
- 4 STREET & ORGANIZED
- 5 STREET & PUBLIC
- 6 ORGANIZED & PUBLIC
- 7 ALL THREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Related to the problem of crime is the question of what the prison system should do.

163. Of the following, which do you see as the major job of prison
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS ACCEPTED ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY--READ 1st THREE
RESPONSES, BUT CIRCLE APPROPRIATE NUMBER)?

- 1 Rehabilitate the person convicted of a crime
- 2 Separate the person convicted of a crime from society at large
- 3 Punish the person convicted of a crime
- 4 Rehabilitate and Separate
- 5 Rehabilitate and Punish
- 6 Separate and Punish
- 7 Rehabilitate, Separate and Punish
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

164. In terms of what you think the job of a prison is, do you think our prisons
are working well?

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.167]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.167]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

[IF INDEPENDENT, DON'T KNOW OR SOMETHING ELSE TO Q. 165, ASK:]

166. 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

167. 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.169]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.169]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW ON Q. 167, ASK:)

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

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

Now a few questions on a totally different topic.

169. Do you own or keep any pets in your household?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.209]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.209]

Now just a few questions on how you spend your spare time.

209. Have you ever gone hunting?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.224]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.224]

224. Did you go crabbing in New Jersey in the past year-- (IF YES:) How many days last year did you go crabbing?

237. Did you go fishing in New Jersey this past year?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.310]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

238. Did you go salt water fishing in the past year?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.310]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

310. Are you regularly employed?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.314]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF YES TO Q. 310, ASK:)

311. Are you paid at an hourly rate-- PROBE: Do you get paid according to the number of hours you work?

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

312. Are you a member of a union?

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

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

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OUT OF STATE

- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

314. Are you the chief wage earner?

- 1 YES [Go to q.319]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

315. Is the chief wage earner regularly employed?

- 1 YES [Go to q. 319]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF YES TO Q. 315, ASK:)

316. Does the chief wage earner get paid at an hourly rate-- PROBE: Does the chief wage earner get paid according to the number of hours he works?

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

317. Is the chief wage earner a union member?

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

318. Does the chief wage earner work in New Jersey or out of state?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OUT OF STATE
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

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

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

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

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

321. Do you have children attending a parochial school in New Jersey?

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

322. 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

323. Are you married?

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 SINGLE [Go to q.325]
- 3 WIDOW(ER) [Go to q.325]
- 4 DIVORCED [Go to q.325]
- 5 SEPARATED [Go to q.325]
- 6 OTHER [Go to q.325]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [Go to q.325]

(IF MARRIED ASK:)

324. What was the last grade in school your spouse (wife/husband) 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

325. What is your religious preference?

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

326. In which of these age groups are you?

- 1 18 - 20 [Go to q.328]
- 2 21 - 24 [Go to q.328]
- 3 25 - 29 [Go to q.328]
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 OR OVER [Go to q.328]
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED [Go to q.328]

(IF 4, 5, or 6 TO Q. 326, ASK FOR THE APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP:)

327. 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

328. What is your race?

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

329. 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 ANSWER TO 329A-F ARE ALL "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW" THEN ASK:)

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

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

336. 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 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

337. Where do you live--in what township or municipality?

338. In what county is that?

341. Gender?

- 1 MAN
- 2 WOMAN