

New Jersey Poll 11
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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.

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. 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

112. 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.114]

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 112, ASK:)

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

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

114. 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. 116]

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 114, ASK:)

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

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

116. 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.118]

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 116, ASK:)

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

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

118. 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.120]

(IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE TO Q. 118; ASK:)

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

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

120. 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

121. 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

122. Regardless of how you personally feel do you think the Congress will impeach President Nixon and remove him from office?

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

123. How would you rate the job Gerald Ford is doing as Vice President-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

124. How well qualified do you think Gerald Ford is to handle the job of President--very well qualified, adequately qualified, poorly qualified, or not at all qualified?

- 1 VERY WELL QUALIFIED
- 2 ADEQUATELY QUALIFIED
- 3 POORLY QUALIFIED
- 4 NOT AT ALL QUALIFIED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

125. Some people think that if Gerald Ford runs for President in 1976 his Democratic opponent will be Senator Edward Kennedy. Suppose the election for President were being held today and you had to choose right now, would you vote for Kennedy the Democrat, or Ford the Republican?

- 1 KENNEDY [Go to q.127]
- 2 FORD [Go to q.127]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF DON'T KNOW TO Q. 125, ASK:)

126. At this moment are you leaning more toward Kennedy or Ford?

- 1 KENNEDY
- 2 FORD
- 9 DON'T KNOW

127. Do you feel the incident at Chappaquiddick has hurt Senator Edward Kennedy's chances of becoming President?

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

128. Are you personally less likely to support Edward Kennedy for President because of the Chappaquiddick incident?

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

Now turning to state politics.

129. Do you happen to know the name of the Governor of New Jersey-- PROBE: What is it?

- 1 BYRNE
- 2 CAHILL

3 OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW

130. As far as you know is the Governor of New Jersey a Democrat or a Republican?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
9 DON'T KNOW

131. Which party controls the New Jersey state legislature--the Democrats or the Republicans ?

1 DEMOCRATS
2 REPUBLICANS
9 DON'T KNOW

132. Overall, how good a job do you think the 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

133. How good a job do you think the 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

Turning now to some problems here in New Jersey.

134. Would you be in favor of legalizing gambling casinos here in New Jersey?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

135. In order to have gambling casinos in New Jersey, a change in the state's constitution must be approved by the voters. If you had to decide right now, would you vote for an amendment to the constitution that would permit casino gambling, or would you vote against it?

1 FOR [Go to q.137]
2 AGAINST [Go to q.137]
9 DON'T KNOW

(IF DON'T KNOW TO Q. 135, ASK:)

136. At this moment are you leaning for or against this amendment?

1 LEANING FOR

- 2 LEANING AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

137. Some people have suggested that if casino gambling is approved the casinos should be limited to Atlantic City. Do you agree with this suggestion or do you think that gambling casinos should be permitted in other areas of the state?

- 1 ATLANTIC CITY ONLY
- 2 OTHER AREAS
- 3 AGAINST CASINO GAMBLING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to a related topic.

138. Alternate kinds of taxes are being considered by the state government for financing local schools. One of these is a statewide property tax. The state would collect and distribute the tax rather than the local government and the tax rate would be the same for all communities. Would you be in favor of a statewide property tax if it replaced the local property tax on schools?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

139. Another way to reduce the local property tax for schools that is being considered is a state income tax. Would you support a state income tax if it led to a reduction in the local property taxes for schools?

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

140. The New Jersey Supreme Court has declared the present system of financing public schools through the local property taxes unconstitutional. If you had to choose an alternative method of financing public schools, which would you prefer--a state income tax or a statewide property tax?

- 1 INCOME TAX
- 2 STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX
- 3 NEITHER
- 4 COMBINATION OF BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

141. Why do you feel that way?

142. Governor Byrne has called for a special session of the legislature to consider changing the way public schools are financed. Do you think that he will propose a state income tax?

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

143. When the state distributes money for public schools do you feel an equal amount should be spent on each student or do you feel more money should be spent on students with greater need (students who have trouble reading)?

- 1 EQUAL AMOUNT
- 2 MORE ON STUDENTS WITH GREATER NEED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now I would like to ask you a few questions about the farms and private woodlands in New Jersey.

144. Do you think the land should be preserved as open spaces and for food production or do you think it should be developed to provide space for housing, stores and industry? Do you feel strongly about this?

- 1 PRESERVED-STRONGLY
- 2 PRESERVED-NOT STRONGLY
- 3 DEVELOPED--NOT STRONGLY
- 4 DEVELOPED--STRONGLY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

145. Since 1952, 40% of all farmland has been developed. Do you feel the state government should try to stop this development and preserve the farmlands? Do you feel strongly about this?

- 1 YES--STRONGLY
- 2 YES--NOT STRONGLY
- 3 NO--NOT STRONGLY [Go to q.147]
- 4 NO--STRONGLY [Go to q.147]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.147]

IF NO TO Q. 145, GO TO Q. 147

ASK ONLY THOSE WHO RESPONDED YES OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 145

146. In order to preserve these farmlands would you be in favor of the state charging a small tax of less than 1/2 of 1% on all property that is sold each year-- Do you feel strongly about this?

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

147. Some people seem to think about what's going on in government most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

- 1 MOST OF THE TIME
- 2 SOME OF THE TIME
- 3 ONLY NOW AND THEN
- 4 HARDLY AT ALL [Go to q.149]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(OF THOSE ANSWERING 1, 2, OR 3, ASK:)

148. Which one do you follow most closely--international affairs, national affairs, state affairs, or local affairs ?

- 1 INTERNATIONAL
- 2 NATIONAL
- 3 STATE
- 4 LOCAL
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

149. Where do you get information about what is happening in New Jersey Politics-- Do you get your information from (READ CHOICES) |

- A NEWSPAPERS?
- B TELEVISION?
- C RADIO?
- D FRIENDS & ACQUAINTANCES?

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

(IF MORE THAN ONE SOURCE MENTIONED IN Q. 149 A-D, ASK:)

153. Which one of these do you consider most valuable?

- 1 NEWSPAPERS
- 2 TELEVISION
- 3 RADIO
- 4 FRIENDS & ACQUAINTANCES
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

IF NEWSPAPER IS NOT USED (Q. 149) SKIP ONE PAGE AND GO TO PAGE 10 TURN QUESTIONNAIRE OVER [Go to q.160]

ASK ONLY THOSE RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED NEWSPAPER ABOVE:

154. Is the newspaper from which you get your information about New Jersey politics published in New Jersey or out of state?

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

155. How would you rate the job the newspaper does in reporting New Jersey state government and politics -- excellent, very good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 VERY GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

156. How would you rate the job the newspaper does in reporting on government and politics in your local area--excellent, very good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT

- 2 VERYGOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

157. Do you think the newspaper's coverage of New Jersey state government politics is fair and accurate?

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

158. How often do you read the newspaper's editorials--always, from time to time, rarely, or never?

- 1 ALWAYS
- 2 FROM TIME TO TIME
- 3 RARELY
- 4 NEVER [Go to q.160]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.160]

(IF ANSWERED 1, 2, OR 3 TO Q. 158, ASK:)

159. How much do these editorials influence your opinion about New Jersey politics--a great deal, somewhat, or not at all?

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

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

160. The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority currently operates four television stations. In the past month have you watched any of these Jerseyvision channels 23, 50, 52 or 58 (IF YES TO Q. 160, ASK:) Which ones-- (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)|

- A Channel 23?
- B Channel 50?
- C Channel 52?
- D Channel 58?

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

165. This service is paid for by New Jersey state funds and grants from the federal government. What kinds of TV programs would you most like to see on these stations (FIRST RESPONSE)?

166. This service is paid for by New Jersey state funds and grants from the federal government. What kinds of TV programs would you most like to see on these stations (SECOND RESPONSE)?

167. This service is paid for by New Jersey state funds and grants from the federal government. What kinds of TV programs would you most like to see on these stations (THIRD RESPONSE)?

168. Every weekday night, the New Jersey News Report is shown on channels 23, 50, 52 and 58. Have you ever watched this program?

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

169. Would you be likely to watch the New Jersey News Report if it were broadcast on Saturday or Sunday?

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

170. If there were a television program which mostly covered national news and a news program mostly covering New Jersey news, which would you rather watch--the mostly national news or the mostly New Jersey news?

- 1 NATIONAL
- 2 NEW JERSEY
- 3 BOTH
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

171. Have you or anyone in your household ever watched Masterpiece Theater?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.173]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.173]

(IF YES TO Q. 171, ASK:)

172. Did you usually watch Masterpiece Theater on Jerseyvision channels 23, 50, 52, or 58 or did you usually watch it on some other station?

- 1 23, 50, 52 or 58
- 2 OTHER STATION
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

173. In the past month have you watched Channel 12 ?

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

174. In the past month have you watched Channel 13?

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

175. In the past month, have you watched Channel 39?

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

176. Is cable TV operating in your area?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.210]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF YES TO Q. 176, ASK:)

177. Do you subscribe to the cable service?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.210]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF YES TO Q. 177, ASK:)

178. Do you get channel 23, 50, 52, or 58 on the cable?

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.212]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.212]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF INDEPENDENT, DON'T KNOW, OR SOMETHING ELSE TO Q. 210, ASK:)

211. 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

212. 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.214]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.214]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 212, ASK:)

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

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

214. Are you now registered to vote?

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

215. Did you vote in the election last November?

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

I would like to turn now to an altogether different topic.

216. Have you ever hunted?

- 1 YES [Go to q.218]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

217. Has anyone in your family or any of your close friends gone hunting in the past two years?

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

In order to control the number of deer in New Jersey, the state permits the hunting of deer during certain times of the year.

218. Do you approve or disapprove of deer hunting?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE [Go to q.220]
- 9 UNCERTAIN/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.221]

(IF APPROVE TO Q. 218, ASK:)

219. Do you strongly approve of deer hunting or do you, mildly approve ,of it?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE [Go to q.222]
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.222]

(IF DISAPPROVE TO Q. 218, ASK:)

220. Do you strongly disapprove of deer hunting or do you mildly disapprove of it?

- 1 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE [Go to q.222]
- 2 MILDLY DISAPPROVE/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.222]

(IF UNCERTAIN/DON'T KNOW TO Q. 218, ASK:)

221. Do you lean towards approving or disapproving of the idea of deer hunting?

- 1 APPROVAL
- 2 DISAPPROVAL
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

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

222. Are you regularly employed?

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

(IF YES TO Q. 222, ASK:)

223. Are you paid at an hourly rate; paid a salary by the week, month or year; or are you self-employed?

- 1 HOURLY
- 2 SALARIED
- 3 SELF-EMPLOYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

224. Are you the chief wage earner?

- 1 YES [Go to q.227]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

225. Is the chief wage earner regularly employed?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.227]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF YES TO Q. 225, ASK:)

226. Does the chief wage earner get paid at an hourly rate; paid a salary by the week, month, or year; or is the chief wage earner self-employed?

- 1 HOURLY
- 2 SALARIED
- 3 SELF-EMPLOYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

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

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT

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

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

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

229. 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

230. Are you married, widowed, divorced, or separated or are you single?

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 SINGLE
- 6 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

231. What is your religious preference?

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

232. In which of these age--groups are you?

- 1 18 - 20 [Go to q.235]
- 2 21 - 24 [Go to q.235]
- 3 25 - 29 [Go to q.235]
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 OR OVER [Go to q.235]
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED [Go to q.235]

(IF 4, 5, or 6 TO Q. 232, ASK FOR THE APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP:)

233. 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

234. What is your race?

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

235. 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

241. 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

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

243. In what county is that?