

Poll 16

TIME INTERVIEW BEGAN

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_ (first and last name). I'm (a student at/on the staff of) Rutgers University and I'm taking a (survey/public opinion poll) 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 21 - 38
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

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

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Ford has been handling the nation's foreign affairs ?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. How would you rate the job Congress has done during the past year--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

6A. What effect do you think the recent events in Vietnam and Cambodia will have on the United States (FIRST MENTION)?

6B. What effect do you think the recent events in Vietnam and Cambodia will have on the United States (SECOND MENTION)?

6C. What effect do you think the recent events in Vietnam and Cambodia will have on the United States (THIRD MENTION)?

6D. What effect do you think the recent events in Vietnam and Cambodia will have on the United States (FOURTH MENTION)?

7. Do you think what has happened in Vietnam and Cambodia will be very important, somewhat important, or not very important in the Presidential election next year?

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

Turning now to politics here in New Jersey.

8. 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

9. In comparison with past administrations, how well do you feel Governor Byrne 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

10. 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

11. In your opinion, is your state 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

I'd like to talk with you now about some issues that are being discussed in the state.

12. Some people have recently argued that there should be some low-income housing in every community in the state. Others say that every community has the right to decide on the type of housing it wants. Which side would you agree with?

- 1 LOW INCOME HOUSING
- 2 COMMUNITY CONTROL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. If the State Supreme Court decided that there must be more low-income housing in your community, would you approve or disapprove of the decision?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. If the State Supreme Court decided that there must be more low-income housing in your community, what do you feel that the local officials in your community should do: Make land available by rezoning to allow low-income housing; take no action; or oppose any plans to build low-income housing?

- 1 MAKE LAND AVAILABLE FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING
- 2 TAKE NO ACTION
- 3 OPPOSE ANY PLANS TO BUILD LOW-INCOME HOUSING
- 4 DRAW UP A PLAN WHICH WOULD SATISFY BOTH LOW-INCOME HOUSING AS WELL AS COMMUNITY NEEDS (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. Turning now to a somewhat different topic, the New Jersey State Legislature is now considering whether or not the death penalty should be used. Do you think there is ever a crime where the death penalty should be used?

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

16. Whether or not you believe the death penalty should ever be used, I'd like to read you a list of crimes, and for each one, would you tell me whether or not you would be in favor of the death penalty for persons convicted of that crime. (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) |

- A First degree murder (premeditated; willful; sane)?
- B Skyjacking (where no one is killed)?
- C Kidnapping, where the victim is killed?
- D Treason against the United States during wartime?
- E Terrorist activities, like bombing which could kill many people (but no one actually killed)?
- F Rape (where the victim is not killed)?
- G Killing a policeman or a fireman (while on duty)?
- H Selling heroin to a minor (someone under 18)?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 DEPENDS ON THE CASE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)

9 DON'T KNOW

17. In general, do you think the courts in your area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?

- 1 TOO HARSHLY
- 2 NOT HARSHLY ENOUGH
- 3 JUST ABOUT RIGHT (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 4 DEPENDS ON WHAT THE CRIME IS OR WHO THE CRIMINAL IS (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'd like to ask you a few questions now about taxes in New Jersey. According to the State Treasurer, the State expects a budget deficit of \$487 million next year. I'm going to read you five different plans that people have suggested to solve this budget deficit. After I've read them all to you I'm going to ask which one you like best, but for now, could you tell me for each one if you would be in favor of it or against it:

18. The first plan is a state income tax high enough to make up the budget deficit and also provide for some reductions in the local property tax. Would you be in favor of this or against it?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. The second plan is for a state income tax high enough to make up the budget deficit and also provide additional funds for state programs and services. Would you be in favor of this?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20. The third plan is for a lower income tax which would only raise enough funds to make up the deficit, but nothing else. Would you be in favor of this plan?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

21. The fourth plan is for increasing the state sales tax and some other taxes to make up the deficit, but nothing else. Would you be in favor of this plan?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. The last plan is for the state government to get rid of the deficit by laying off a large number of government workers and reducing state programs and services. Would you be in favor of this plan?

- 1 FAVOR

- 2 OPPOSE
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

23. If you had to choose, which one of these plans would you choose  
(INTERVIEWER: Re-read the previous questions for the respondent if he is unsure  
of the options--DO NOT READ THE OPTIONS BELOW.)?

- 1 HIGHER INCOME TAX WITH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
- 2 HIGHER INCOME TAX WITH MORE STATE PROGRAMS
- 3 LOWER INCOME TAX TO MEET THE DEFICIT
- 4 INCREASE IN SALES AND OTHER TAXES
- 5 NO TAXES AND LAYING OFF WORKERS
- 6 COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 7 NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 8 SOME OTHER PLAN (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

24. There are a number of ways a person can get involved in politics. Could you  
tell me if you have ever: |

- A Contributed money to a political candidate?
- B Helped in someone's campaign for public office?
- C Held a position in a political party?
- D Run for office yourself?

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

25. Do you think you would ever do any of these things in the future PROBE: What  
about....|

- A Contribute money to a political candidate?
- B Help in someone's campaign for public office?
- C Hold party position?
- D Run for office?

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

26. Would you vote for a well qualified woman candidate who was running for..|

- A Local Office?
- B The State Legislature?
- C The U.S. Congress?
- D Governor of the State?
- E President?

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

27. If an equally well-qualified man and woman were both running for Congress  
would you be more inclined to vote for the man or the woman?

- 1 MAN
- 2 WOMAN
- 3 DEPENDS ON THE PERSON (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'd like to ask you a few questions now about some experiences some people have had, and I'd like you to tell me if they have ever happened to you.

28. Have you ever had an experience where you felt as though you were close to a powerful spiritual force that seemed to lift you out of yourself?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.31]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.31]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 28, ASK:)

29. Would you say you have had that experience often, several times, or only once or twice?

- 1 OFTEN
- 2 SEVERAL TIMES
- 3 ONLY ONCE OR TWICE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. Do you remember how old you were when you first had this experience-- PROBE: How old? WRITE IN AGE; LEAVE BLANK IF No AGE OR ESTIMATED AGE CAN BE GIVEN.

31. Have you ever had the sense of being outside your own body and being able to see yourself from the outside (Not while dreaming or sleeping)?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.34]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.34]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 31, ASK:)

32. Would you say you have had that experience often, several times, or only once or twice?

- 1 OFTEN
- 2 SEVERAL TIMES
- 3 ONLY ONCE OR TWICE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33. Were you surprised at this when it first happened, or did it seem to be a perfectly natural thing to you at the time?

- 1 SURPRISED
- 2 NATURAL THING
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T RECALL

34. Have you ever had the feeling that you could touch or move things that were some distance away from you?

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

(IF 'YES' TO Q. 34, ASK:)

35. Would you say you have had that experience often, several times, or only once or twice?

- 1 OFTEN
- 2 SEVERAL TIMES
- 3 ONLY ONCE OR TWICE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. Can you do this whenever you want, or does it only happen by accident?

- 1 WHENEVER I WANT
- 2 BY ACCIDENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about television.

37. Do you usually watch television stations located in Philadelphia or located in New York?

- 1 PHILADELPHIA
- 2 NEW YORK
- 3 BOTH [Go to q.39]
- 4 DOESN'T WATCH TV [Go to q.44]
- 5 NO TV SET [Go to q.44]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.44]

(IF 'PHILADELPHIA' OR 'NEW YORK' TO Q.37, ASK:)

38. Do you also occasionally watch television stations located in (Philadelphia/New York)? (READ OTHER CITY)

- 1 PHILADELPHIA--YES
- 2 NEW YORK--YES
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(SKIP TO Q. 40)

(IF 'BOTH' TO Q. 37, ASK:)

39. Which do you watch more ?

- 1 PHILADELPHIA
- 2 NEW YORK
- 3 NEITHER/BOTH (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40. 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?

- 1 YES [Go to q.40A]
- 2 NO [Go to q.44]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.44]

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

40. Which ones (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY) |

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

(IF WATCHED MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)

41. Which do you watch the most?

- 1 CHANNEL 23
- 2 CHANNEL 50
- 3 CHANNEL 52
- 4 CHANNEL 58
- 5 NONE/ALL (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

42. Have you watched any of these Jerseyvision channels in the past week?

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

43. Have you or anyone in your family watched College Hotline In the past month?

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

Now some questions so we can classify your answers.

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.46]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.46]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF, 'INDEPENDENT', 'SOMETHING ELSE' OR 'DON'T KNOW' TO Q. 44, ASK:)

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

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED



46. 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.48]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.48]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF 'SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN' OR 'DON'T KNOW' TO Q. 46, ASK:)

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

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

48. Are you now registered to vote?

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

49. Did you vote in last November's election?

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

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

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

51. 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

52. What is your religious preference?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC/ORTHODOX [Go to q.54]
- 3 JEWISH [Go to q.54]
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)[Go to q.54]
- 5 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC [Go to q.54]
- 9 REFUSED [Go to q.54]

(IF 'PROTESTANT' TO Q. 52, ASK:)

53. What denomination do you belong to?

54. What is your race?

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

55. In which of these age groups are you (READ RESPONSES) ?

- 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

56. Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED
- 9 REFUSED

57. Is the chief wage earner in your household regularly employed?

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 NO [Go to q.59]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.59]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Got o q.59]

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

58. Does the chief wage earner get paid at an hourly rate, paid a salary, or is the chief wage earner self-employed?

- 1 HOURLY (and piecework)
- 2 SALARIED (and commissions)
- 3 SELF-EMPLOYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- A GERMAN?
- B HUNGARIAN?
- C IRISH?
- D ITALIAN?
- E CZECH?

F POLISH?  
G LATIN AMERICAN?

1 YES  
2 NO  
9 DON'T KNOW

60. 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

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

61A. In what county is that?

Thank you very much for your help.