

Poll 18
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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 - 30
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

2. 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

3. 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

4. Which party do you think is better able to run the state government--the Democrats or the Republicans-- IF NEITHER, ASK: If you had to choose one, which would you choose?

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 3 NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. This November there will be an election for the New Jersey State Assembly. As of now, do you think you will definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote in the November election?

- 1 DEFINITELY
- 2 PROBABLY
- 3 PROBABLY NOT

4 DEFINITELY NOT
9 DON'T KNOW

6. What in your opinion is the most important issue in this election-- Is there anything else [CIRCLE ALL THAT RESPONDENT MENTIONS]|

A FAVORS INCOME TAX [Go to q.8]?
B OPPOSES INCOME TAX [Go to q.8]?
C OTHER TAX ISSUES [Go to q.8]?
D SCHOOLS (Need more money, need less 1 money, inequality of education, "Thorough and Efficient" bill teacher strikes: etc) [Go to q.8]?
E GOVERNMENT (Corruption in government: Byrne and Legislature performance; need good men in government; government not responsive; government wastes money: government too big; etc) [Go to q.8]?
F BOND ISSUES [Go to q.8]?
G ECONOMY (Recession; inflation; unemployment; etc) [Go to q.8]?

7. (IF 'CAN'T SAY' or 'DON'T KNOW' to Q.6, ASK:) What do you think should be the most important issue in this election? (Is there anything else [CIRCLE ALL THAT RESPONDENT MENTIONS] |

A FAVORS INCOME TAX ?
B OPPOSES INCOME TAX ?
C OTHER TAX ISSUES ?
D SCHOOLS (Need more money, need less money, inequality of education, "Thorough and Efficient" bill; teacher strikes; etc) ?
E GOVERNMENT (Corruption in government; Byrne and Legislature performance) need good men in government: government not responsive: government wastes money; government too big; etc) ?
F BOND ISSUES ?
G ECONOMY (Recession; inflation; unemployment; etc) ?

8. If the election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates for the State Assembly?

1 BOTH DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES [Go to q.10]
2 BOTH REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES [Go to q.10]
3 ONE DEMOCRAT, ONE REPUBLICAN [Go to q.10]
4 DEMOCRAT [Go to q. 10]
5 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.10]
6 DEMOCRAT ON ONE, UNSURE OF OTHER
7 REPUBLICAN ON ONE, UNSURE OF OTHER
8 UNSURE OF BOTH
9 DON'T KNOW

(IF 'UNSURE' OR 'DON'T KNOW' TO Q. 8, ASK:)

9. Are you leaning more toward the Democratic candidate(s) or the Republican candidate(s)?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
9 DON'T KNOW

10. If Brendan Byrne were running for reelection as Governor against a Republican candidate who would you vote for--Brendan Byrne the Democrat, or the Republican candidate?

1 BRENDAN BYRNE
2 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
9 DON'T KNOW

11. In addition to the assembly election, voters will also vote on an Equal Rights Amendment to the State Constitution. This Amendment would outlaw discrimination on account of sex and require that laws apply equally to men and women. As of now, do you think you will vote for or against this Amendment? [DO NOT EXPLAIN.] ...

1 FOR
2 AGAINST
9 DON'T KNOW

12. Voters will also be asked to vote on four bond issues to allow the state to borrow money for various projects. I'm going to describe these projects one by one, and for each one, could you tell me whether YOU would vote for it or against it if the election were held today. The first bond issue isThe second bond issue is.. . .The third bond issue is...The last bond issue is START AT DESIGNATED POINT; REPEAT OPTIONS AS NECESSARY; GIVE FUNDING BREAKDOWNS IF REQUESTED (Would you vote for this bond issue or against it) |

A ...for \$600 million for (mass transit and highways/highways and mass transit). (USE DESIGNATED PHRASING. \$325 million for mass transit. \$275 million for highways?

B .. for \$110 million for sewage treatment [\$75 million] and other (\$35 million) projects?

C ... for \$100 million for housing & mortgage assistance [\$80 million] and housing rehabilitation [\$20 million]?

D ... for \$112 million for mental health [\$47 million], mental retardation [\$38 million] and correctional [\$25 million] facilities. [also includes \$2.5 million for the blind.]?

1 FOR
2 AGAINST
9 DON'T KNOW

13. Do you think the bond issues would create more jobs in New Jersey?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

14. In recent months New York City has been In serious financial trouble. The Mayor has said that unless New York is helped by the federal government it will default on its bonds--that is, it will not be able to pay back money it has borrowed. Do you think the federal government should help New York City out of its financial crisis?

- 1 YES
- 2 YES, WITH RESERVATIONS (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. How likely do you think it is that New Jersey might default on its bonds-- very likely, somewhat likely, or not at all likely?

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

Turning to a different topic.

16. In your opinion, is your federal 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

17. Is your state government very, somewhat, or not at all corrupt?

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

18. And Is your local government very, somewhat, or not at all corrupt?

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

19. How much confidence do you have In the ___ Party here in New Jersey--a lot of confidence, some confidence, or not very much confidence-- (And how about the ___ Party--do you have a lot of confidence, some confidence, or not very much confidence in it--) [START AT DESIGNATED POINT] |

- A Democratic Party?
- B Republican Party?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT VERY MUCH
- 4 NOT AT ALL (VOLUNTEERED)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20. Last year the New Jersey State Assembly voted in favor of a state income tax. Do you approve or disapprove of this vote?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE

9 DON'T KNOW

21. Would you be in favor of a state income tax if it led to a reduction in the local property tax for schools?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN (VOLUNTEERED)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

22. 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

23. 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

24. 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

25. 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

26. Turning now to next year's Presidential election who would you like to see run as the Republican candidate--Ronald Reagan or Gerald Ford?

- 1 RONALD REAGAN
- 2 GERALD FORD
- 3 NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27A. Who would you like to see run as the Democratic candidate -- [DO NOT READ NAMES]?

27B. Who would your second choice be-- [DO NOT READ NAMES]?

- 1 Governor Reubin Askew
- 2 Senator Birch Bayh
- 3 Senator Lloyd Bentson
- 4 Governor Jerry Brown
- 5 Senator Robert Byrd
- 6 Ex-Governor Jimmy Carter
- 7 Senator Frank Church
- 8 Senator John Glenn
- 9 Senator Fred Harris
- 10 Senator Hubert Humphrey
- 11 Senator Henry (Scoop) Jackson
- 12 Senator Edward Kennedy
- 13 Senator George McGovern
- 14 Senator Walter (Fritz) Mondale
- 15 Senator Edmund Muskie
- 16 Senator William Proxmire
- 17 Ex-Governor Terry Sanford
- 18 Governor Milton Schaap
- 19 Ex-Ambassador Sargent Shriver
- 20 Representative Morris Udall
- 21 Governor George Wallace
- 22 other (specify\)
- 23 No one
- 24 Don't know or all of them

28. Suppose the electinn for President were being held right now, would you vote for Gerald Ford the Republican or ___ the Democrat-- [START AT DESIGNATED POINT] If the election were held right now, would you vote for Gerald Ford the Republican or ___ the Democrat-- Would you vote for Gerald Ford the Republican or ___ the Democrat-- And would you vote for Gerald Ford the Republican or ___ the Democrat-- |

- A Edward Kennedy ?
- B Hubert Humphrey?
- C Henry Jackson?
- D George Wallace?
- E Edmund Muskie?

- 1 GERALD FORD
- 2 THE DEMOCRAT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.31]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.31]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "INDEPENDENT", "SOMETHING ELSE", OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 29, ASK:)

30. 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

31. 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.33]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.33]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

32. Do you lean more towards the liberal side or more towards the conservative side?

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

33. Are you now registered to vote?

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

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

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

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

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

36. Are there any school-age children now living in your household-- (By school-age, I mean grades Kindergarten through 12th grade)?

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 NO [Go to q.39]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.39]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.39]

(IF "YES" OR "TEMPORARILY LAID OFF" TO Q. 37, ASK:)

38. 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

39. Are YOU or anyone in your household a union member?

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

40. 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

41. What is your race?

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

42. In which of these 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

43. 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

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

44a. In what county is that?

45. Rutgers is conducting a study of how people use pharmacies and what their feelings are about pharmacies. In the last six months, how many times have you been in a pharmacy to have a prescription filled, either for yourself or someone else-- (Your best estimate is fine.) [IN LAST SIX MONTHS ONLY; RESPONDENT MUST HAVE BEEN IN THE PHARMACY OR HAVE CALLED IN THE PRESCRIPTION.]?

WRITE IN NUMBER

DON'T KNOW= 999

IF 'NONE' OR 'DON'T KNOW', SKIP TO Q. 48.

IF 'ONE' OR MORE, ASK:

46. At how many different pharmacies do you get your prescriptions filled-one, two, or more than two-- [NOT NECESSARILY IN LAST SIX MONTHS; RESPONDENT ONLY.] ?

1 ONE

2 Two

3 MORE THAN TWO

9 DON'T KNOW

47. What about when you shop for non-prescription drugs and medicines, like aspirin or cough syrup-do you shop at the pharmacy/pharmacies you mentioned just now, at other pharmacies, at some other store like a supermarket, or a combination of these [CHECK ALL THAT RESPONDENT USES] |

A Same pharmacies as above?

B Other pharmacies?

C Other stores?

Thank you very much for your help.