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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

2A. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the country-that is in the nation as a whole-- PROBE: What concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of [FIRST MENTION]?

2B. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the country-that is in the nation as a whole-- PROBE: What concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of [SECOND MENTION]?

2C. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the country-that is in the nation as a whole-- PROBE: What concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of [THIRD MENTION]?

3A. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey-- PROBE: What concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of [FIRST MENTION]?

3B. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey-- PROBE: What concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of [SECOND MENTION]?

3C. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey-- PROBE: What concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of [THIRD MENTION]?

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. Turning now to this 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

9. Who would you like to see run as the Democratic candidate (READ NAMES STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) ?

- 1 JERRY BROWN
- 2 JIMMY CARTER
- 3 FRANK CHURCH
- 4 HENRY JACKSON
- 5 MORRIS UDALL
- 6 GEORGE WALLACE
- 7 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10. If Hubert Humphrey was a declared candidate would he be your first choice for Democratic candidate for President--Hubert Humphrey or (READ NAMES STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT)?

- 1 HUBERT HUMPHREY
- 2 GERRY BROWN
- 3 JIMMY CARTER
- 4 FRANK CHURCH
- 5 HENRY JACKSON
- 6 MORRIS UDALL
- 7 GEORGE WALLACE
- 8 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Who would your second choice be (READ NAMES AGAIN IF NECESSARY STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) ?

- 1 HUBERT HUMPHREY
- 2 JERRY BROWN
- 3 JIMMY CARTER
- 4 FRANK CHURCH
- 5 HENRY JACKSON
- 6 MORRIS UDALL
- 7 GEORGE WALLACE
- 8 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

12. There will be a primary election in New Jersey next month to select delegates to the Republican and Democratic conventions. On the Democratic side there are four slates of delegates running in most parts of the state. If you were to vote in the Democratic primary which delegate slate would you vote for ... (READ FIRST FOUR CHOICES STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) ?

- 1 THE CARTER SUTE
- 2 THE JACKSON SLATE
- 3 THE UDALL SLATE
- 4 THE UNCOMMITTED SLATE
- 5 WILL NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. Do you think the delegates who are running as uncommitted are actually in favor of a particular candidate-- IF YES: Which one?

- 1 NOT IN FAVOR OF A CANDIDATE
- 2 CARTER
- 3 JACKSON
- 4 UDALL
- 5 HUMPHREY
- 6 KENNEDY
- 7 WALLACE
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. Some people say that the uncommitted delegates are really for Hubert Humphrey. If the Democratic primary in New Jersey narrowed down to just two choices, the uncommitted slate or the Carter slate -- who would you vote for?

- 1 UNCOMMITTED
- 2 CARTER
- 3 DO NOT PLAN TO VOTE (VOLUNTEERED)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15a. Suppose the election for President was being held right now, would you vote for Gerald Ford the Republican or Jimmy Carter the Democrat?

- 1 Ford
- 2 Carter
- 3 Don't Know

15b. If the election were held right now, would you vote for Gerald Ford the Republican or Hubert Humphrey, the Democrat?

- 1 Ford
- 2 Humphrey
- 3 Don't Know

15c. Would you vote for Ronald Reagan the Republican or Jimmy Carter the Democrat?

- 1 Reagan
- 2 Carter
- 3 Don't Know

15d. And would you vote for Ronald Reagan the Republican or Hubert Humphrey the Democrat?

- 1 Reagan
- 2 Humphrey
- 3 Don't Know

16. Some people are very interested in what's going on in government; 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

17. 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

18. I'm going to ask you a series of questions about where YOU get your information about government and politics. DO you regularly get it from...|

- A From Newspapers?
- B From Television?
- C From Radio?
- D From Friends and Acquaintances?
- E From Magazines and Periodicals?

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

[IF NONE OR ONLY ONE MENTIONED, SKIP TO Q. 20, NEXT PAGE]

19. Which of these do you consider most valuable-- PROBE: Which one do you follow most closely?

- 1 NEWSPAPERS
- 2 TELEVISION
- 3 RADIO
- 4 FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES
- 5 MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS
- 9 DON'T KNOW/ALL THE SAME

20. Turning now to politics here in New Jersey, where do you get your information about what's going on in Trenton and throughout the state-- Do you regularly get it from . . . |

- A From Newspapers?
- B From Television?
- C From Radio?
- D From Friends and Acquaintances?
- E From Magazines and Periodicals?

[IF NONE OR ONLY ONE MENTIONED, SKIP TO Q. 22, NEXT PAGE]

21. Which of these do you consider most valuable for state news-- PROBE: Which one do you follow most closely for State news?

- 1 NEWSPAPERS
- 2 TELEVISION
- 3 RADIO
- 4 FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES
- 5 MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS
- 9 DON'T KNOW/ALL THE SAME

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

- 1 PHILADELPHIA
- 2 NEW YORK
- 3 BOTH [Go to q.24]
- 4 DOESN'T WATCH TV [Go to q.25]
- 5 NO TV SET [Go to q.25]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.25]

(IF PHILADELPHIA OR NEW YORK TO Q. 22, ASK:)

23. (IF PHILADELPHIA OR NEW YORK TO Q. 22, ASK:) 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

(IF BOTH TO Q. 22, ASK:)

24. Which do you watch more?

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

25. The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority currently operates four television stations, 23, 50, 52, and 58. In the past month have you watched any of these New Jersey Public Television channels?

- 1 YES

- 2 NO [Go to q.29]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.29]

(IF YES TO Q. 25, ASK:)

26. Which ones (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY) |

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

(IF WATCHED MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)

27. 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

28. Have you watched any of these New Jersey Public Television channels in the past week?

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

Turning now to a different topic.

29. How much confidence do you have in your federal government--a lot of confidence, some confidence or not very much confidence (By confidence I mean do you feel they are doing what they ought to be doing)?

- 1 A LOT OF CONFIDENCE
- 2 SOME CONFIDENCE
- 3 NOT VERY MUCH CONFIDENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. What about your state government --do you have a lot of confidence, some confidence, or not very much confidence in it?

- 1 A LOT OF CONFIDENCE
- 2 SOME CONFIDENCE
- 3 NOT VERY MUCH CONFIDENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. And what about your local government--do you have a lot of confidence, some confidence or not very much confidence in it?

- 1 A LOT OF CONFIDENCE
- 2 SOME CONFIDENCE
- 3 NOT VERY MUCH CONFIDENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

32. Would you say your state government is mainly run for a few big interests looking out for themselves, or is it run for the benefit of all the people in the state ?

- 1 FEW BIG INTERESTS
- 2 PARTLY BOTH (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 3 ALL THE PEOPLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33. How much attention do you feel your state government pays to what the people think when it decides what to do--a lot of attention, some attention, not much attention, or no attention?

- 1 A LOT OF ATTENTION
- 2 SOME ATTENTION
- 3 NOT MUCH ATTENTION
- 4 NO ATTENTION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. Could YOU tell me the name Of the Governor Of New Jersey-- PROBE: what is it?

- 1 BRENDAN BYRNE
- 2 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

35. As far as You know, is the Governor of New Jersey a Democrat or a Republican?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. Which party Controls the New Jersey State Legislature--the Democrats or the Republicans ?

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

37. Can you name any member of the New Jersey State Senate in Trenton?

(INTERVIEWERS: FILL IN CODE)

38. 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

39. 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

40. 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

41. Which party do you think can do a better job controlling state government spending and holding taxes down-- IF NEITHER, ASK: If you had to choose one which would you choose?

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

42. Which party do you think can do a better job of providing state programs and services to meet people's needs-- IF NEITHER, ASK: If you had to choose one, which would you choose?

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

43. Which party do you think can do a better job of keeping the state government honest and free from corruption-- IF NEITHER, ASK: If you had to choose one, which would you choose?

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

44. Which party do you think can do a better job of keeping the environment clean in New Jersey-- IF NEITHER, ASK: If you had to choose one, which one would you choose?

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

45. Which of these is the most important for state government to do--control spending and hold down taxes, provide programs and services to meet people's needs, keep government honest and free from corruption, or keep the environment clean?

- 1 CONTROL SPENDING

- 2 PROVIDE SERVICES
- 3 KEEP GOVERNMENT HONEST
- 4 KEEP ENVIRONMENT CLEAN
- 9 DON'T KNOW

46. Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about taxes here in New Jersey. The budget proposed by Governor Byrne would result in many cuts in state programs and services.

Do you think some or all of these cuts in programs and services should be restored even if it means raising taxes-- IF DEPENDS ON CUTS, ASK: Are there any cuts you would want restored even if it means raising taxes to do it?

- 1 YES TO ORIGINAL QUESTION
- 2 YES TO PROBE
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

47. Would you be in favor of an increase in the state sales tax to restore these cuts ?

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

48. Would you be in favor of a state income tax to restore these cuts?

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

49. Would you be in favor of an income tax which resulted in reductions in the local property tax but did not provide money to restore the budget cuts?

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

50. Would you be in favor of an income tax which would raise enough money both to restore the budget cuts and to provide reductions in the local property tax?

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

51. In March, the State Assembly passed a tax package which provides for a state income tax, reductions in local property taxes, and limitations on state and local spending. Did you know that the Assembly had already passed this package?

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

52. Do you approve of the Assembly's vote in favor of this tax package?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

9 DON'T KNOW

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

53. Have you ever hunted?

- 1 YES [Go to q.55]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF NO OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 53, ASK:)

54. 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

55. In order to control the number of deer in New Jersey, the state permits the hunting of deer during certain times of the year.
Do you approve or disapprove of deer hunting?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE [Go to q.57]
- 9 UNCERTAIN/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.58]

(IF APPROVE TO Q. 55, ASK:)

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

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE [Go to q.59]
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.59]

(IF DISAPPROVE TO Q. 55, ASK:)

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

- 1 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE [go to q.59]
- 2 MILDLY DISAPPROVE/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.59]

(IF UNCERTAIN/DON'T KNOW to Q. 55, ASK:)

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

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.61]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.61]

(IF YES TO Q. 59, ASK:)

60. (IF YES TO Q. 59, ASK:) What kinds of pets do you have-- For each kind, how many do you have |

- A Dogs?
- B Cats?
- C Fish?
- D Birds?
- E Other pets?

KIND OF PET

NUMBER

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.63]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.63]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 61, ASK:)

62. 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

63. 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.65]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.65]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 63, ASK:)

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

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

65. Are you now registered to vote?

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

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

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

67. Next month there will be a primary election in New Jersey. As of now, do you think you definitely will Vote, probably will vote, probably will not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

- 1 DEFINITELY VOTE
- 2 PROBABLY VOTE
- 3 NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW
- 4 PROBABLY WILL NOT VOTE
- 5 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE [Go to q.69]

(IF VOTING IS LIKELY TO Q. 67, ASK:)

68. If you do vote, do you plan to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 9 DON'T KNOW

69. 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

70. Are there any school-age children now living in your household-- IF NECESSARY: By school-age, I mean grades Kindergarten through 12th grade.?

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 NO [Go to q.73]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.73]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.73]

(IF YES OR TEMPORARILY LAID OFF TO Q. 71, ASK:)

72. 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

73. Are you or anyone in your household a union member?

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

74. 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

75. What is your race?

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

76. 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

77. What is your religious preference?

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

78. 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

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

79A. In what county is that?

Thank you very much for your help.