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Hello, my name is ___ (first and last name). I'm (a student/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 and the nation.

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. I'm going to ask you some questions about gambling casinos in New Jersey. First, would you be in favor of legalizing gambling casinos here in New Jersey?

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

3. An amendment to the State's Constitution has been proposed which would allow gambling casinos but limit them to Atlantic City. If you had to decide right now, would you vote for this amendment to the Constitution that would permit casino gambling in Atlantic City, or would you vote against it?

- 1 FOR IT
- 2 AGAINST IT
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.5]

(IF FOR OR AGAINST to Q. 3, ASK:)

4. (IF FOR OR AGAINST to Q. 3, ASK:) Are you very firm about your decision or do you think you might change your mind?

- 1 FIRM {Go to q.6}
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE [Go to q.6]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED [Go to q.6]

(IF UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW to Q. 3, ASK:)

5. (IF UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW to Q. 3, ASK:) At this moment do you think you are leaning for it or against it?

- 1 FOR IT
- 2 AGAINST IT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6. Now I'm going to read you a list of four statements about casino gambling. For each one I read could you please tell me whether you think it would happen or would not happen if casino gambling were permitted in Atlantic City|

- A Increase tourist business in Atlantic City?
- B Raise money for the state?
- C Attract members of organized crime and other undesirables?
- D Encourage people to gamble who could not afford to lose money?

- 1 WOULD HAPPEN
- 2 WOULD NOT HAPPEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to a different topic.

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

Now let's turn to this year's Presidential election.

11. Suppose the election for President were being held today and you had to choose right now--would you vote for Gerald Ford, the Republican, or Jimmy Carter, the Democrat ?

- 1 FORD {go to q.13}
- 2 CARTER [go to q.13]
- 3 McCARTHY (VOLUNTEERED ONLY) [Go to q.13]
- 4 MADDOX (VOLUNTEERED ONLY) [Go to q.13]

9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF UNDECIDED TO Q. 11, ASK:)

12. At this moment do you think you are leaning more towards Ford or more towards Carter?

1 FORD [Go to q.14]

2 CARTER [Go to q.14]

9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.14]

(IF FORD, CARTER, MCCARTHY OR MADDOX TO Q. 11, ASK:)

13. Are you very firm about your choice or do you think you might change your mind?

1 FIRM

2 MIGHT CHANGE

9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

14. Who do you think will win this Presidential election?

1 FORD

2 CARTER

3 OTHER (SPECIFY)

9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

15. How close do you think the election will be-- Do you think it will be Very Close, Somewhat Close, or Not At All Close?

1 VERY CLOSE

2 SOMEWHAT CLOSE

3 NOT AT ALL CLOSE

9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

16. In your opinion, how much of a difference will the outcome of this election make in the way the government is run for the next few years--a great deal of difference, some difference, or not very much difference?

1 A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFERENCE

2 SOME DIFFERENCE

3 NOT VERY MUCH DIFFERENCE

9 DON'T KNOW

I'd like to ask some questions about some other elections.

17. There is a U.S. Senate election in New Jersey this fall. Do you know who the Democratic candidate is-- PROBE: Who is he?

1 CLIFFORD CASE

2 DAVID NORCROSS

3 HARRISON WILLIAMS

4 OTHER

9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

18. Do you know who the Republican candidate is-- PROBE: Who is he?

- 1 CLIFFORD CASE
- 2 DAVID NORCROSS
- 3 HARRISON WILLIAMS
- 4 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

19. If the election for Senator were being held today and you had to choose right now-would you vote for Harrison Williams the Democrat or David Norcross the Republican?

- 1 HARRISON WILLIAMS
- 2 DAVID NORCROSS
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

20. There is also an election for Congressman in your district. As of right now, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate for Congress?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
- 2 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Now I'd like to ask you about some issues in the current campaign.

21. There is much concern about the rapid rise in medical and hospital costs. Some feel there should be a government insurance plan which would cover all medical and hospital expenses. Others feel that medical expenses should be paid by individuals, and through private insurance companies like Blue Cross. What I'd like you to do is to think of a scale from 1 to 7 including the numbers in between. Now suppose people who believe that there should be a government insurance plan covering all medical expenses are at one end of this scale -- at number 1. And suppose people who believe that medical expenses should be paid by individuals and through insurance companies are at the other end -- at number 7 |

A Where would you place yourself on this scale-- Remember you can place yourself anywhere between 1 and 7 where 1 is a government insurance plan and 7 is a private insurance plan?

B Where would you place Gerald Ford on this scale?

C Where would you place Jimmy Carter on this scale?

- 1 GOVERNMENT INSURANCE PLAN
- 7 PRIVATE INSURANCE PLAN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

22. The amount of money spent on the military is another issue of concern today. Some feel that military spending should be increased, while others feel military spending should be reduced. Think again of the scale from 1 to 7. |

A Where would you place yourself on this scale if 1 means a large reduction in military spending and 7 means a large increase in military spending?

B Where would you place Gerald Ford?

C Where would you place Jimmy Carter?

- 1 Large Reduction
- 7 Large Increase
- 9 Don't Know/No Opinion

23. Some people feel that a constitutional amendment should be passed to make abortion illegal, while others feel that abortion should remain legal. |

A Thinking of the scale where would you place yourself if 1 means keeping abortions legal and 7 means making abortions illegal?

B Where would you place Gerald Ford on this scale?

C Where would you place Jimmy Carter on this scale?

- 1 ABORTIONS LEGAL
- 7 ABORTIONS ILLEGAL
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

24. Some people have proposed that all deserters and draft evaders from the Vietnam War be granted a full pardon. Others don't agree with this proposal. |

A Thinking of the 1 to 7 scale again, where would you place yourself if 1 means a full pardon and 7 means no pardon ?

B Where would you place Gerald Ford on this scale?

C Where would you place Jimmy Carter on this scale?

- 1 FULL PARDON
- 7 NO PARDON
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

25. Some people have argued that every adult American should have the opportunity to work if he or she is able to, and if necessary the government should provide a job. |

A Thinking of the scale from 1 to 7 where would you place yourself if 1 means jobs should be a government responsibility and 7 means jobs should not be a government responsibility?

B Where would you place Gerald Ford on this scale?

C Where would you place Jimmy Carter on this scale?

- 1 GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY
- 7 NOT A GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

26. Turning to some different questions, there are many problems a President must deal with after he is elected. I'm going to read you a list of five. For each one I read, please tell me in your opinion which of the two major candidates--Ford Carter--would be better able to handle the problem. |

A Keeping the country out of war ?

B Keeping the economy healthy?

C Keeping government honest and free from corruption?

- D Keeping the environment clean?
- E Restoring faith and confidence in the government?

- 1 FORD
- 2 CARTER
- 3 BOTH
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. I'm going to read you a list of six characteristics many people feel are important for any President to have. For each one please tell me which candidate--Ford or Carter--is best described by that characteristic. [START AT DESIGNATED POINT AND REPEAT QUESTIONS AS NECESSARY]|

- A Good Leader?
- B Capable?
- C Experienced?
- D Honest?
- E Intelligent?
- F Decisive?

- 1 FORD
- 2 CARTER
- 3 BOTH
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

28. One of Jimmy Carter's major plans is to completely reorganize the federal government by greatly reducing the number of different government agencies. Do you think this is a good idea?

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

29. DO you think that if elected Carter can carry out his plan for government reorganization?

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

30. Do you approve or disapprove of President Ford's granting a full pardon to former President Nixon for any involvement in the Watergate affair?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 3 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. Do you think that being deeply religious is a good quality for a Presidential candidate, a bad quality, or doesn't it matter?

- 1 GOOD QUALITY
- 2 BAD QUALITY
- 3 DOESN'T MATTER

9 DON'T KNOW

32. Turning now to the candidates for Vice-President, do you know who the Democratic candidate for Vice--President is--PROBE: Who is he?

1 WALTER MONDALE
2 OTHER (SPECIFY)
9 DON'T KNOW

33. Do you know who the Republican candidate for Vice President is-- PROBE: Who is he?

1 ROBERT DOLE
2 OTHER (SPECIFY)
9 DON'T KNOW

34. How would you rate Carter's choice of Walter Mondale as the Democratic candidate for Vice-President--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

35. How would YOU rate Ford's choice Of Robert Dole as the Republican candidate for Vice-President--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

36. If after the election something were to happen to the President who would be more qualified to lead the country--Mondale or Dole?

1 MONDALE
2 DOLE
3 NEITHER
9 DON'T KNOW

37. Turning back to the Presidential campaign for a minute, could you tell me where you get most of your information about what's going on in the Presidential campaign-- Do you get it mostly from newspapers, television, radio, friends and acquaintances , or magazines and periodicals?

1 NEWSPAPERS
2 TELEVISION
3 RADIO
4 FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES
5 MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS
9 DON'T KNOW

38. Have you read or heard about the plans to televise a series of debates this month between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter?

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

39. Do you plan to watch those debates on television?

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

I'd like to ask you a couple Of questions about the government in Washington.

40. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right--just about always, most of the time, only some of time time, or never ?

- 1 JUST ABOUT ALWAYS
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME
- 3 ONLY SOME OF THE TIME
- 4 NEVER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

41. Would you say the government is mainly run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or is it run for the benefit of all the people?

- 1 FOR BENEFIT OF ALL
- 2 DEPENDS
- 3 FEW BIG INTERESTS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

42. Are you now registered to vote?

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

43. As of now, how likely are you to vote in the November election-- Do you think you definitely will vote, probably will vote, probably will not vote, or you Will definitely not vote?

- 1 DEFINITELY WILL VOTE
- 2 PROBABLY WILL VOTE
- 3 PROBABLY WILL NOT VOTE
- 4 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

44. How interested are you in the outcome of this Presidential election ---very interested, somewhat interested, not at all interested?

- 1 VERY INTERESTED
- 2 SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- 3 NOT AT INTERESTED
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

45. Did you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary election this past June--IF YES: Which one?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 VOTED, DON'T KNOW WHICH PARTY
- 4 DID NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW IF VOTED

46. Did you vote in last November's state and local elections?

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

47. Did you vote in the 1972 Presidential election?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.49]
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE (VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE) [Go to q.49]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [go to q.49]

(IF YES TO Q. 47, ASK:)

48. Who did you vote for in that election?

- 1 NIXON [Go to q.50]
- 2 McGOVERN [Go to q.50]
- 3 SOMEONE ELSE [Go to q.50]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [go to q.50]

(IF NO, NOT ELIGIBLE, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 47, ASK:)

49. Who would have been your choice if you had voted--Richard Nixon or George McGovern ?

- 1 NIXON
- 2 MCGOVERN
- 3 SOMEONE ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.52]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.52]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 50, ASK:)

51. 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

52. 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.54]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.54]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN or DON'T KNOW TO Q. 52, ASK:)

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

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

54. What about Jimmy Carter-- Do you consider him to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between ?

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.56]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.56]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 54, ASK:)

55. Would you say he leans more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side ?

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

56. What about Gerald Ford-- Do you consider him to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.58]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.58]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 56, ASK:)

57. Would you say he leans more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side ?

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.60]
- 3 NO [Go to q.60]

- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.60]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.60]

(IF YES TO Q.58, ASK:)

59. 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

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

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

61. 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

62. 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 HISPANIC?

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

63. 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

64. What is your religious preference?

- 1 PROTESTANT

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

65. What is your race?

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

66. 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

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

67a. In what county is that?

Thank you very much for your help.