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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 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'd like to ask you about gambling casinos in New Jersey. 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
- 2 AGAINST
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.4]

3. (IF FOR OR AGAINST TO Q. 2 ASK:) Are you very firm about your decision or do you think you might change your mind ?

- 1 FIRM [Go to q.5]
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE [Go to q.5]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED [Go to q.5]

4. (IF UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW TO Q.2 , 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

5. Now, some questions about taxes. As far as you know, does New Jersey presently have a state income tax ?

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

6. This summer a series of new laws were passed concerning state taxes and spending. I'm going to read you five provisions of these new laws and for each one would you please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of it. |

- A a graduated state income tax of from 2 to 2 1/2 percent?
- B a limit on increases in local spending each year?
- C a limit on increases in state spending each year?
- D an increase in state aid to local schools?
- E a rebate to individual homeowners of part of their local property tax?

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

7. Considering all these provisions together, do you approve or disapprove of the package as a whole?

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

8. In your opinion, who was most responsible for the new state income tax package-the Governor, the State Legislature, or the State Supreme Court?

- 1 GOVERNOR
- 2 STATE LEGISLATURE
- 3 STATE SUPREME COURT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9. Which political party was most responsible for the new state income tax package-the Democrats or the Republicans?

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

10. Have you or any member of your family had the state income tax withheld from a paycheck?

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

11. The income tax package has special provisions for homeowners--do you own or rent your home?

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT [Go to q.15]
- 3 OTHER [Go to q.15]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.15]

(IF OWN TO Q. 11, ASK:)

12. Have you filed for the property tax rebate provided for in this package ?

- 1 YES [Go to q.15]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF NO OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 12, ASK:)

13. Do you have the form which must be filled out In order to get the property tax rebate ?

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

(IF NO OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 12, ASK:)

14. Do you plan to file for the rebate before November 1 ?

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

15. The tax package requires the State Legislature to vote on this package again in two years. At that time do you think the tax package should be passed again or should it be defeated?

- 1 PASSED
- 2 DEFEATED
- 3 WAIT AND SEE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. Do you think the tax package should be repealed right away?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 WAIT AND SEE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

17. Where have you gotten most of your information about the New Jersey tax package-radio, TV, newspaper, friends/work associates, or magazines and periodicals ?

- 1 RADIO
- 2 TV
- 3 NEWSPAPER
- 4 FRIENDS/WORK ASSOCIATES
- 5 MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS
- 6 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Now, let me ask you a few other questions about politics here in New Jersey.

18. 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

19. 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

20. 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

21. How would you rate the job the New Jersey State Supreme Court is doing-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

Now, just a couple of questions about the Presidential debates.

22. Did you watch the debates on television?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.28]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.28]

[IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:]

23. [IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:] Did you watch the first debate on domestic affairs?

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

[IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:]

24. [IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:] Did you watch the second debate on foreign affairs?

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

[IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:]

25. [IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:] Did you watch the debate between the Vice-Presidential candidates?

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

[IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:]

26. [IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:] Did you watch the final debate between Ford and Carter?

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

[IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:]

27. [IF YES TO Q, 22, ASK:] Now I'm going to read you a list of characteristics people used to rate how each candidate did in the debates. Overall, thinking back just to the debates which candidate, Ford or Carter, do you think was best described by these characteristics [START AT DESIGNATED POINT AND REPEAT QUESTIONS AS NECESSARY]|

- A more in command of the facts and issues?
- B more relaxed?
- C more persuasive?
- D more confident?
- E more concerned about people?

- 1 Ford
- 2 Carter
- 3 Both
- 4 Neither
- 9 Don't know

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

28. 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.30]
- 2 CARTER [Go to q.30]
- 3 MCCARTHY (VOLUNTEERED ONLY) [Go to q.30]
- 4 MADDOX (VOLUNTEERED ONLY) [Go to q.30]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF UNDECIDED ON Q. 28, ASK:)

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

- 1 FORD [Go to q.31]
- 2 CARTER [Go to q.31]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.31]

IF FORD, CARTER, MCCARTHY OR MADDOX TO Q. 28, ASK:)

30. 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

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

- 1 FORD
- 2 CARTER
- 3 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

32. 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

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

33. 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

34. 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

35. 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

36. 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

37. If there were an election for Governor this year, would you be in favor of a Democrat or a Republican?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)

4 NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

38. 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

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

39. 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. |

A Where would you place yourself on this scale if 1 means there should be a government insurance plan covering all medical expenses and 7 means medical expenses should be paid by individuals and through private insurance companies. 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

40. 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

41. Some people feel that a constitutional amendment should be passed to make abortion illegal, while others feel that abortion should remain legal. Thinking of the scale...|

A 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
- 2 ABORTIONS ILLEGAL
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

42. 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. Thinking of the 1 to 7 scale again,...

A 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

43. 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. Thinking of the scale from 1 to 7...

A 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

44. 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.[START AT DESIGNATED POINT AND REPEAT QUESTIONS AS NECESSARY]

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

45. 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. |

A Good Leader?

B Able?

C Experienced?

D Honest?

E Intelligent?

F Decisive?

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

46. If after the election something were to happen to the President, who would be more qualified to lead the country---Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Walter Mondale, or Republican Vice Presidential candidate Robert Dole?

- 1 MONDALE
- 2 DOLE
- 3 NEITHER
- 4 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

47. 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

48. 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

49. 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 ?

50. 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

51. 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 the time, or never ?

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

52. Is your name now recorded in the voter registration book in the election district where you now live?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 NO BUT VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT OR I GO HOME TO VOTE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

53. 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 [Go to q.55]
- 4 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE [Go to q.55]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF DEFINITELY WILL VOTE, PROBABLY WILL VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 53, ASK:)

54. When you vote on election day, what's the address or name of the building where you cast your vote?

- 1 GIVES STREET LOCATION OR BUILDING NAME, OR SOME OTHER SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

55. 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 ALL INTERESTED
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

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

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

57. Did you vote in the 1972 Presidential election?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 NO ELIGIBLE (VOLUNTEERED RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.60]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.60]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 58 ASK:)

59. 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

60. 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.62]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.62]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 60, ASK:)

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

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

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

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.64]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.64]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 62 ASK:)

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

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

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

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.66]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.66]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 64, ASK:)

65. 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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.68]
- 3 NO [Go to q.68]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.68]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.68]

(IF YES TO Q. 66, ASK:)

67. 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

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

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

69. 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 NO DETERMINED

70. 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

71. 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/REPUSCD

72. What is your religious preference?

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

73. What is your race?

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

74. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes:(READ RESPONSES UNTIL YES THEN CIRCLE) ?

- 1 LESS THAN \$5,000
- 2 LESS THAN \$10,000

3 LESS THAN \$15,000
4 LESS THAN \$20,000
5 LESS THAN \$25,000
6 NO
9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

75. Where do you live-- In what township or municipality?

75a. In what county is that?

THANK RESPONDENT AND HANG UP