

NEW JERSEY POLL 25
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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. 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. How would you rate the job Jimmy Carter 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 Carter 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 Carter has been handling the nation's foreign affairs ?

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

7. As you may know, there is an election for Governor this year in New Jersey. If you were a candidate for Governor, what would be the two or three most important issues you would talk about--PROBE: What else would you talk about--PROBE: What else - |

- A FIRST MENTION?
- B SECOND MENTION?
- C THIRD MENTION?

8. Have you heard or read anything about the primary election coming up on June 6 of this year?

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

9. Can you name any of the Democratic candidates in the race for Governor--IF YES ASK: Would you name them for me--PROBE: Any others -- |

- A BRENDAN BYRNE?
- B A. HOWARD FREUND?
- C JAMES FLORIO?
- D RAYMOND GARRAMONE?
- E JOSEPH HOFFMAN?
- F PAUL JORDAN?
- G JEFF KETTERSON?
- H ROBERT ROE?
- I CHARLES YATES?
- J RAYMOND BATEMAN?
- K THOMAS KEAN (PRONOUNCED KANE) ?
- L ROBERT SARCONI?
- M JOSEPH WOODCOCK?
- N ANTHONY IMPERIALE?
- O OTHER (SPECIFY)?
- P NO, DON'T KNOW?

10. Can you name any of the Republican candidates in the race for Governor--IF YES ASK: Would you name them for me--PROBE: Any others -- |

- A BRENDAN BYRNE?
- B A. HOWARD FREUND?
- C JAMES FLORIO?
- D RAYMOND GARRAMONE?
- E JOSEPH HOFFMAN?
- F PAUL JORDAN?
- G JEFF KETTERSON?
- H ROBERT ROE?

- I CHARLES YATES?
- J RAYMOND BATEMAN?
- K THOMAS KEAN (PRONOUNCED KANE) ?
- L ROBERT SARCONI?
- M JOSEPH WOODCOCK?
- N ANTHONY IMPERIALE?
- O OTHER (SPECIFY)?
- P NO, DON'T KNOW?

11. If the election for Governor were being held today 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

12. 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
- 3 DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 4 NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. 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)
- 4 EITHER OR BOTH (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now, I've got a few questions about taxes in New Jersey.

14. Last 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

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

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

16. 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

17. Which political party was most responsible for the new state Income tax package the Democrats or the Republicans?

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 3 BOTH (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. The tax package requires the State Legislature to vote on this package again next year. 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

19. 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

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

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT [Go to q.23]
- 3 OTHER [Go to q.23]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.23]

(IF OWN TO 20, ASK:)

21. Did you file for the property tax rebate provided for in this package?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.23]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.23]

(IF YES TO Q. 21, ASK:)

22. Have YOU received your property tax rebate check in the mail?

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

23. There are several alternative taxes which have been proposed to replace the present state income tax package. One of these alternative proposals is an increase in the state sales tax from its present 5% to a rate of 7%. Would you approve or disapprove of an increase in the state sales tax to 7% instead of the present state income tax package--IF RESPONDENT SAYS APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: Do you approve/disapprove strongly or mildly?

- 1 APPROVE STRONGLY
- 2 APPROVE MILDLY
- 3 DISAPPROVE MILDLY
- 4 DISAPPROVE STRONGLY
- 5 I WOULDN'T WANT EITHER ONE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

24. A second alternative proposal is a statewide property tax which would replace the local property tax for schools. Would you approve or disapprove of a statewide property tax which would replace the local property tax for schools instead of the present state income tax package--IF RESPONDENT SAYS APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: Do you approve/disapprove strongly or mildly?

- 1 APPROVE STRONGLY
- 2 APPROVE MILDLY
- 3 DISAPPROVE MILDLY
- 4 DISAPPROVE STRONGLY
- 5 I WOULDN'T WANT EITHER ONE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. The third proposal is to change only the rates of the present tax to make it more graduated, so that wealthier people pay a higher percentage of their income and poorer people pay a lower percentage. Would you approve or disapprove of a more graduated state income tax instead of the present tax which is from 2 to 2 1/2 percent--IF RESPONDENT SAYS APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: Do you approve/disapprove strongly or mildly ?

- 1 APPROVE STRONGLY
- 2 APPROVE MILDLY
- 3 DISAPPROVE MILDLY
- 4 DISAPPROVE STRONGLY
- 5 I WOULDN'T WANT EITHER ONE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

26. If you had to choose among an increase in the state sales tax, a statewide property tax, a more graduated state income tax, and the present state income tax, which one would you prefer--IF RESPONDENT SAYS NONE, ASK: But if you had to choose one which would you prefer?

- 1 INCREASE IN STATE SALES TAX
- 2 STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX
- 3 MORE GRADUATED STATE INCOME TAX
- 4 PRESENT STATE INCOME TAX
- 5 NONE OF THEM (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. Based on your own experience and what you've heard, do you think New Jersey could get along just as well without the state income tax and without any other tax to take its place?

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

28. A topic that has been under discussion in New Jersey concerns the legalization of marijuana. I am going to read you a number of statements about this issue. For each one, could you tell me if you agree or disagree. (START AT (A) AND REPEAT CHOICES AS NECESSARY) |

- A Penalties for the use of marijuana should be reduced?
- B Penalties for the possession of a small amount of marijuana should be eliminated?
- C The sale and use of marijuana should be completely legalized?
- D Marijuana is no more harmful than alcohol?
- E People who use marijuana are likely to go on to use other illegal drugs?

- 1 AGREE
- 2 DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. Have you every used marijuana?

- 1 YES
- 2 REFUSED--PROBABLY YES
- 3 REFUSED--CAN'T TELL YES OR NO
- 4 REFUSED--PROBABLY NO
- 5 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. If marijuana were legalized would you consider using it?

- 1 YES
- 2 REFUSED--PROBABLY YES
- 3 REFUSED--CAN'T TELL YES OR NO
- 4 REFUSED--PROBABLY NO
- 5 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now I'd like to ask a couple of questions about television.

31. 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.34]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.34]

(IF YES TO Q. 31, ASK:)

32. Which ones(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)--PROBE: Any others --|

A Channel 23?

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

(IF WATCHED MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)

33. 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

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

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

I'd like to ask you a few questions about higher education in New Jersey.

35. Have you heard of Rutgers University?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.37]
- 9 NO OPINION/REFUSED [Go to q.37]

(IF YES TO Q. 35, ASK:)

36. Is Rutgers a private University or is it a State University?

- 1 STATE
- 2 PRIVATE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

37. From your experience and what you have heard, how would you rate Rutgers as an educational institution. Do you feel it provides students with an excellent, good, fair, or poor education?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

38. Rutgers is the State University of New Jersey. Compared to other state universities, do you feel Rutgers has a better overall reputation, a poorer reputation, or is it about the same as other state universities?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 POORER
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

39. What do you like best about Rutgers--PROBE: In your opinion what kinds of things does Rutgers do best--PROBE: What else--PROBE: What else -- |

- A FIRST MENTION?
- B SECOND MENTION?
- C THIRD MENTION?

40. What don't YOU like about Rutgers--PROBE: What else--PROBE: What else |

- A FIRST MENTION?
- B SECOND MENTION?
- C THIRD MENTION?

41. In general, would you consider yourself a sports fan?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 ONLY SLIGHTLY
- 9 NO OPINION/REFUSED

42. Do you follow any of the Rutgers athletic teams?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.44]

(IF YES TO Q. 42 , ASK:)

43. Which ones--Any others (CIRCLE IF MENTIONED) -- |

- A FOOTBALL?
- B BASKETBALL?
- C BASEBALL?
- D TENNIS?
- E OTHER?
- F ALL SPORTS?

44. Did you or anyone in your household go saltwater fishing, clamming or crabbing in the ocean or bays in New Jersey during the last year?

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

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

45. Do you have children attending public school in New Jersey?

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

46. Is there anyone in your household attending college?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.48]
- 9 REFUSED [Go to q.48]

(IF YES TO Q. 46, ASK:)

47. Do they attend college in New Jersey or out of state?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OUT OF STATE
- 9 REFUSED

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. As of now how likely are you to vote in the primary election in June-- 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

51. How interested are you in the outcome of this election for Governor--very interested, somewhat interested, or not at all interested?

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.54]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.54]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

[IF INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 52, ASK:]

53. 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

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

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 NO [Go to q.58]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.58]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.58]

(IF YES TO Q. 56, ASK:)

57. Does the chief wage earner get paid 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

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

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

59. What was the last grade bn 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

60. 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

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

1 18 - 20
2 21 - 24
3 25 - 29
4 THIRTIES (39 - 39)
5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
7 60 OR OVER
9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

62. What is your religious preference?

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

63. What is your race ?

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

64. 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

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

65A. In what county is that?

Thank you very much for your help.