

NEW JERSEY POLL 30
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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. 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

3. 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

4. What in your opinion is the most important issue facing the country?

5. Do you think there would be a difference in the way the Democratic and Republican parties would handle this issue--(IF YES, ASK: Do you think there would be a lot of difference or only a little difference)?

- 1 YES - A LOT
- 2 YES - SOME (VOL. ONLY)
- 3 YES - A LITTLE
- 4 YES - DON'T KNOW HOW DIFFERENT
- 5 NO [Go to q.7]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.7]

(IF ANSWER TO q.5. IS NUMBERS 1, 2, 3, OR 4, ASK:)

6. Which party do you think would do what you want done on (ISSUE RESPONDENT MENTIONED)--the Democrats or the Republicans?

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 3 BOTH OR EITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 NEITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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A10. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM A ONLY:] NOW let's turn to some questions on the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President. For each question I ask you please tell me whether you think he is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job] .. Carter's handling of the nation's energy problems?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DK

A11. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM A ONLY:] Has Congress done an excellent, good, only fair or poor job in the past year?

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

A12. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM A ONLY:] And how about the job Congress has done handling the nation's energy problems?

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

B7. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM B ONLY:] NOW let's turn to some questions on the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President. For each question I ask you please tell me whether you approve or disapprove] .. Overall, Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President?

B8. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM B ONLY:] NOW let's turn to some questions on the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President. Do you approve or disapprove of.. His handling of the problems of the economy?

B9. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM B ONLY:] NOW let's turn to some questions on the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President. Do you approve or disapprove of] .. His handling of the nation's foreign affairs?

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B11. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM B ONLY:] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress has done in the past year?

B12. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM B ONLY:] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress has done handling the nation's energy problems?

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

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 3 BOTH OR EITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 NEITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. Do you happen to know the names of the United State Senators from New Jersey--(What are their names--IF ONLY ONE NAME GIVEN: Can you think of anyone else)?

- 1 CLIFFORD CASE ONLY
- 2 HARRISON (PETE) WILLIAMS ONLY
- 3 CASE AND WILLIAMS ONLY
- 4 CASE AND ONE OTHER
- 5 WILLIAMS AND ONE OTHER
- 6 CASE AND WILLIAMS AND OTHER(S)
- 7 CASE AND MORE THAN ONE OTHER
- 8 WILLIAMS AND MORE THAN ONE OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. One of New Jersey's Senators is Clifford Case. How would you rate the job Case is doing as Senator--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

16. Do you happen to remember if Case is a Democrat or Republican?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 INDEPENDENT (VOL. ONLY)
- 3 REPUBLICAN

4 OTHER (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

17. Would you describe Case as a liberal or a conservative--(IF DON'T KNOW: Would you say Case usually leans more toward the liberal side or the conservative side)?

1 LIBERAL
2 LEANS LIBERAL
3 INDEPENDENT/MODERATE (VOL. ONLY)
4 LEANS CONSERVATIVE
5 CONSERVATIVE
9 DON'T KNOW

18. This November, Case is up for reelection. Would you like to see Case as the nominee of the Republican party or would you rather see someone else?

1 YES, CASE
2 NO, SOMEONE ELSE
3 NOT A REPUBLICAN (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

19. Would you vote for Case if he were the Republican nominee or would you vote for the Democratic candidate?

1 CASE
2 DEMOCRAT
3 DEPENDS ON WHO DEMOCRAT IS
4 WILL NOT VOTE/NOT REGISTERED
9 DON'T KNOW

20. As you know, the United States Senate now has to debate the treaties that President Carter signed granting control of the Panama Canal to the Republic of Panama in the year 2000. Do you approve or disapprove of those treaties?

1 APPROVE
2 DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW

21. Do you think Senator Case will vote to approve or disapprove of the treaties?

1 APPROVE
2 DISAPPROVE
9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to state politics here in New Jersey.

22. What in your opinion is the most important issue facing the state of New Jersey?

23. Do you think there would be a difference in the way the Democratic and Republican parties would handle this issue--(IF YES, ASK: Do you think there would be a lot of difference or only a little difference)?

1 YES, A LOT

- 2 YES, SOME (VOL. ONLY)
- 3 YES, A LITTLE
- 4 YES, DON'T KNOW HOW DIFFERENT
- 5 NO [Go to q.25]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.25]

(IF YES TO Q. 23, ASK:)

24. Which party do you think would do what you want done on (ISSUE RESPONDENT MENTIONED) -- the Democrats or the Republicans?

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 3 BOTH OR EITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 NEITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. 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

26. Governor Byrne has just completed his first four year term in office. Thinking back over the past four years, how would you rate the job Byrne has done as Governor during his first term--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

27. How good a job do you think Byrne will do as Governor during the next four years--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

28. How good a job do you think the previous New Jersey state legislature did during the last four years--excellent, good; only fair, or poor?

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

29. How good a job do you think the new state legislature will do over the next four years--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

30. 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 BOTH OR EITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 NEITHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. Last month, the State Legislature passed and the Governor signed a law that made the present state income tax permanent. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?

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

32. 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

33. NOW I'd like to ask you a few questions about last year's election. In talking to people about the election, we find that many people weren't able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick or too busy or because the weather was bad. How about you, did you vote in last November's election--(IF NO: Why weren't you able to vote)?

- 1 YES, VOTED
- 2 NO, NOT REGISTERED
- 3 NO, SICK OR ILL
- 4 NO, BUSY
- 5 NO, BAD WEATHER
- 6 NO, NOT INTERESTED
- 7 NO, NOT ELIGIBLE (TOO YOUNG, ALIEN)
- 8 NO, OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. Who did you (favor/vote for) in the election for Governor, Brendan Byrne the Democrat, or Ray Bateman, the Republican?

- 1 BYRNE
- 2 BATEMAN
- 3 OTHER
- 4 NO PREFERENCE FOR GOVERNOR (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

35. In past elections did you usually (favor/vote for) the Democratic or the Republican candidate for Governor?

(INTERVIEWERS NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS SOMETIMES DEMOCRAT OR SOMETIMES REPUBLICAN CIRCLE CHOICE 3)

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATES (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TOO YOUNG, NOT IN STATE (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. In the election for state Senator last November--did you (favor/vote for) the Democratic or Republican candidate for the State Senator?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 OTHER
- 4 NO PREFERENCE FOR STATE SENATOR/DID NOT VOTE (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

37. In past elections, did you usually (favor/vote for)-Democratic or Republican candidates for the state legislature in Trenton?

[INTERVIEWERS NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS SOMETIMES DEMOCRAT OR SOMETIMES REPUBLICAN, CIRCLE CHOICE 3]

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATE (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TOO YOUNG, NOT IN STATE (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

38. When candidates for Governor and the state legislature are running at the same time, do you usually (favor/vote for) all the Democrats or all the Republicans?

- 1 DEMOCRATS
- 2 REPUBLICANS
- 3 BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATE (VOL. ONLY)
- 5 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TOO YOUNG, NOT IN STATE (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

39. Two years ago, in 1976, there was an election for President. Many people were not able to vote in that election, also. How about you, did you vote in the November 1976 election for President?

[IF NO: Why weren't you able to vote then]

- 1 YES, VOTED
- 2 NO, NOT REGISTERED
- 3 NO, SICK OR ILL
- 4 NO, BUSY
- 5 NO, BAD WEATHER
- 6 NO, NOT INTERESTED
- 7 NO, NOT ELIGIBLE (TOO YOUNG, ALIEN)

8 NO, OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW

40. Who did you (favor/vote for) on that election for President, Jimmy Carter, the Democrat or Gerald Ford, the Republican?

1 CARTER
2 FORD
3 OTHER
4 NO PREFERENCE FOR PRESIDENT (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

41. In past elections, did you usually (favor/vote for) the Democratic or the Republican candidate for President?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATE (VOL. ONLY)
4 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TOO YOUNG (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

42. In November, 1976, there was also an election for United States Senator from New Jersey. Did you (favor/vote for) Harrison Williams, the Democrat or David Norcross the Republican?

1 WILLIAMS
2 NORCROSS
3 OTHER
4 NO PREFERENCE FOR SENATOR (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

43. In past elections, did you usually (favor/vote for) the Democratic or Republican candidate for Congress?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATES (VOL. ONLY)
4 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TO YOUNG, NOT IN STATE (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

44. When candidates for President and Congress are running at the same time, do YOU usually vote for all the Democrats or all the Republicans?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
3 BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS (VOL. ONLY)
4 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATE (VOL. ONLY)
5 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TOO YOUNG, NOT IN STATE (VOL. ONLY)
9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to a different topic.

A45. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE FORM A ONLY:] I would like to get some idea of how you feel about different organizations or institutions that exist to serve you and others. For each of the institutions or groups I mention such as (.. STARTING POINT..) tell me whether you have a lot of confidence in them, some confidence in them, or not very much confidence. By confidence I mean that you feel they

are doing what they ought to be doing. Let's start with (... STARTING POINT...) do you have a lot of confidence, some, or not very much -- |

- A Your Local Schools?
- B Rutgers University?
- C The N. J. State Government?
- D The National Government?
- E Your Local Government?
- F Labor Unions?
- G Newspapers ?
- H Television News?
- I Large Corporations?
- J NJ Democratic Party ?
- K NJ Republican Party ?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 YES [Go to q.68]
- 2 NO [Go to q.68]
- 3 NO, BUT ABSENTEE BALLOT OR I GO HOME TO VOTE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY) [Go to q.68]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.68]

(IF YES TO Q. 66, ASK:)

67. Are you registered as a Republican or Democrat?

- 1 REPUBLICAN
- 2 DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

68. Have you ever voted in a party primary--[IF YES, ASK: Which party]?

- 1 NO [Go to q.70]
- 2 YES, DEMOCRAT
- 3 YES, REPUBLICAN
- 4 YES, OTHER
- 5 YES, BOTH DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN [Go to q.70]
- 6 YES, DON'T KNOW WHICH [Go to q.70]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.70]

(IF YES, DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN, OR OTHER TO Q. 68, ASK:)

69. Have you ever voted in a different party's primary?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

9 DON'T KNOW

70. 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.72]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.72]
- 3 OTHER/DON'T THINK OF SELF IN THOSE TERMS
- 4 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF OTHER, SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN, OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 70, ASK:)

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

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 3 OTHER/NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

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

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.75]
- 3 NO [Go to q.75]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.75]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.75]

(IF YES TO Q. 73, ASK:)

74. 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

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

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

76. 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

77. 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

78. What is your religious preference?

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

79. What is your race?

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

80. 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

81. Where do you live--in what township & municipality?

81a. In what county is that?