

New Jersey Poll 35  
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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. And 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

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--[REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NEEDED ON REMAINING QUESTIONS.]

4. Overall, how would you rate the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President?

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

5. Carter's handling of the problems of the economy?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD

- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6. His handling of the nation's foreign affairs?

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

7. How would you rate Carter's handling of problems in the Middle East--  
excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

8. Carter's handling of the nation's energy problem?

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

9. 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

10. Many people are hopeful about the new year, while some feel that things may  
get worse or just stay the same--I'm going to read you some situations--For each  
one please tell me whether you expect it to get better, get worse, or stay the  
same in the coming year -- |

- A The energy situation?
- B The situation in the Middle East?
- C Our relationship with mainland China?
- D Your family's financial situation?
- E Our relationship with the Soviet Union?
- F The economy of the country?
- G The problem of unemployment?
- H The problem of inflation?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 SAME
- 3 WORSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Do you think there will be a general recession in 1979, or not?

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

12. Which do you think is a more serious problem--inflation or unemployment?

- 1 UNEMPLOYMENT
- 2 INFLATION
- 3 BOTH (VOL.)
- 4 NEITHER (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. Do you think the federal government should provide public jobs for those unemployed who are willing and able to work; or do you think this isn't the government's responsibility?

- 1 PROVIDE JOBS
- 2 NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY [Go to q.15]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.15]

(IF PROVIDE JOBS, TO Q. 13, ASK:)

14. Would you be in favor of the government providing jobs for the unemployed even if it led to higher inflation?

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

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

15. President Carter has said that the federal government must cut its spending in order to reduce inflation--He has proposed that less money be spent on social programs--However, he has also proposed and increase in defense spending. Do you think federal spending on social programs should be increased or decreased or should it remain the same?

- 1 INCREASED
- 2 DECREASED
- 3 REMAIN THE SAME
- 4 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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- 3 REMAIN THE SAME
- 4 DEPENDS (VOL.)

9 DON'T KNOW

17. Which do you think is more important in life: working hard and doing what is expected of you; or doing the things that give you personal satisfaction and pleasure?

- 1 WORKING HARD
- 2 PERSONAL SATISFACTION
- 3 BOTH (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to problems here in New Jersey.

18. In order to meet the needs of state and of local communities, do you think it is necessary for taxes to be as high as they are or do you think they could be quite a bit lower?

- 1 HIGHER TAXES NECESSARY
- 2 TAXES COULD BE LOWER
- 3 STAY THE SAME (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. Whether taxes can be raised or lowered depends on whether state and local government spends more or less money--Should more money, less money, or about the same amount of money be spent on -- |

- A Grade schools and high school?
- B Crime control and police protection?
- C Aid to the poor?
- D Aid to the elderly?
- E Aid to the handicapped?
- F Highways and roads?
- G Commuter buses and railroads?
- H Prisons?
- I Health and hospitals?
- J Parks, beaches, and other recreational areas?
- K Welfare?
- L Controlling pollution?
- M Programs to conserve energy?
- N Colleges and Universities?

- 1 MORE
- 2 SAME
- 3 LESS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20. How good a job do you think your county government is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

21. During the past year which political party was in control of your county government--was it the Democrats or the Republicans?

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

22. What do you consider to be the two or three most important things your county government does--PROBE: Is there anything the county government has control over--Are there any services it provides -- |

- A First RESPONSE?
- B Second RESPONSE?
- C Third RESPONSE?

23. Some officials in county government are elected--What are some of the positions these officials are elected to--PROBE: What are their titles--If a name is given, ask: What position does he/she hold -- |

- A First RESPONSE?
- B Second RESPONSE?
- C Third RESPONSE?

- 1 FREEHOLDER
- 2 COUNTY EXECUTIVE
- 3 SHERIFF
- 4 JUDGE
- 6 CLERK
- 7 STATE SENATOR
- 8 ASSEMBLYMAN
- 9 CONGRESSMAN
- 10 MAYOR
- 11 COUNCILMAN
- 12 BOARD OF EDUCATION
- 19 OTHER
- 00 DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

Turning now to a different topic.

24. How much have you heard or read about casino gambling in Atlantic City--a good deal, some, or nothing at all?

- 1 GOOD DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOTHING AT ALL [Go to q.33]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. Are you in favor or opposed to legalized casino gambling in Atlantic City?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED NOTHING AT ALL TO Q. 24, SKIP TO Q. 33)

26. Overall, do you think casino gambling has been good for Atlantic City or bad?

- 1 GOOD

- 2 NO DIFFERENCE/BOTH GOOD AND BAD (VOL.)
- 3 BAD
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. How about for the state of New Jersey as a whole--has casino gambling been good or bad for the state?

- 1 GOOD
- 2 NO DIFFERENCE/BOTH GOOD AND BAD (VOL.)
- 3 BAD
- 9 DON'T KNOW

28. Do you think casino gambling should be permitted in other parts of the state or should it be limited to just Atlantic City?

- 1 PERMITTED IN OTHER PARTS
- 2 LIMITED TO ATLANTIC CITY
- 3 NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. How good a job do you think the state has done in keeping organized crime out of Atlantic City--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

30. Some people have charged that the people running the casino in Atlantic City may be connected to members of organized crime--Do you think this is true or not?

- 1 TRUE
- 2 NOT TRUE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. Have you been to Atlantic City since the gambling casino opened last May?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.33]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.33]

(IF YES TO Q. 31, ASK:)

32. Did you ever go to the gambling casino while you were there?

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

33. Another topic that has been under discussion in New Jersey concerns the decriminalization 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 -- |

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/DEPENDS

34. Have you ever used marijuana?

1 YES [Go to q.36]

2 REFUSED--PROBABLY YES

3 REFUSED--CAN'T TELL YES OR NO

4 REFUSED--PROBABLY NO

5 NO

9 DON'T KNOW

(IF 2, 3, 4, 5 OR 9 TO Q. 34, ASK:)

35. Do you think a member of your family has ever used 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

36. 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

Turning again to a different topic.

37. Have you read or heard anything about the government jobs and training program known as CETA (pronounced "see-ta") --the Comprehensive Employment Training Act?

1 YES

2 NO [Go to q.43]

9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.43]

(IF YES TO Q. 37, ASK:)

38. Is there any one thing you have read or heard about the CETA program--PROBE:  
Is there anything else - |

A1 First RESPONSE?

A2 Second RESPONSE?

38B. Have you or any member of your family participated in a CETA program?

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

39. Where did you first read or hear about it--from newspapers, magazines, television, radio, or from other people?

- 1 NEWSPAPER
- 2 MAGAZINE
- 3 TELEVISION
- 4 RADIO
- 5 FRIENDS, RELATIVES
- 6 PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAM (VOL.)
- 7 OTHER
- 8 COMBINATIONS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40. What level of government is primarily responsible for running this program--the federal government, state government or local government?

- 1 FEDERAL
- 2 STATE
- 3 LOCAL (INCLUDES COUNTY)
- 4 FEDERAL AND LOCAL
- 5 FEDERAL AND STATE
- 6 STATE AND LOCAL
- 7 ALL THREE
- 8 OTHER (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

41. Do you approve or disapprove of how the CETA program is run?

- 1 APPROVE [Go to q.43]
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.43]

(IF DISAPPROVE TO Q. 41, ASK:)

42. Why do you disapprove of the way the program is run--PROBE: What is the biggest problem in how it is run--Can you be more specific -- |

- A First RESPONSE?
- B Second RESPONSE?

Now, a few questions about television.

43. In the last month, have you watched Channel 13, WNET?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.46]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.46]

(IF YES TO Q.43, ASK:)



44. In the last month have you seen on Channel 13 the New Jersey Nightly News, a half hour news program devoted almost entirely to news about New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.46]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.46]

(IF YES TO Q. 44, ASK:)

45. What time do you usually watch it--If 6:00 P.M. ask: Is that on weekends or during the week?

- 1 7:00 A.M.
- 2 6:00 P.M. WEEKENDS ONLY
- 3 6:00 P.M. WEEKDAYS ONLY
- 4 6:00 P.M. BOTH WEEKENDS AND WEEKDAYS
- 5 6:30 P.M.
- 6 7:30 P.M.
- 7 10:00 P.M.
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.49]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.49]

(IF YES TO Q. 46, ASK:)

47. In the last month have you seen on Channels 23, 50, 52, or 58 the New Jersey Nightly News, a half hour news program devoted almost entirely to news about New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.49]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.49]

(IF YES TO Q. 47, ASK:)

48. What time do you usually watch it--If 6:00 P.M. ask: Is that on weekends or during the week?

- 1 7:00 A.M.
- 2 6:00 P.M. WEEKENDS ONLY
- 3 6:00 P.M. WEEKDAYS ONLY
- 4 6:00 P.M. BOTH WEEKENDS AND WEEKDAYS
- 5 6:30 P.M.
- 6 7:30 P.M.
- 7 10:00 P.M.
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF ANSWERED YES TO BOTH Q. 44 AND Q. 47, ASK:)

48A. Do you usually watch the New Jersey Nightly News on New Jersey Public Television or on Channel 13?

- 1 NJPTV
- 2 CHANNEL 13
- 3 BOTH (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

49. In the last month have you seen a half hour news program devoted almost entirely to news about New Jersey, called the New Jersey Nightly News, on any channel?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.52]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.52]

(IF YES TO Q. 49, ASK:)

50. On what channel do you usually watch this program?

51. What time do you usually watch it--If 6:00 P.M. ask: Is that on weekends or during the week?

- 1 7:00 A.M.
- 2 6:00 P.M. WEEKENDS ONLY
- 3 6:00 P.M. WEEKDAYS ONLY
- 4 6:00 P.M. BOTH WEEKENDS AND WEEKDAYS
- 5 6:30 P.M.
- 6 7:30 P.M.
- 7 10:00 P.M.
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

52. Do you subscribe to cable television or not; or isn't it available in your area?

- 1 YES--SUBSCRIBES
- 2 NO--DOESN'T SUBSCRIBE
- 3 NO--NOT AVAILABLE
- 4 DOESN'T SUBSCRIBE, DOESN'T KNOW IF AVAILABLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

53. In politics as of today do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else--IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN: Would you say that you are a strong (Democrat/Republican); or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

- 1 STRONG DEMOCRAT [Go to q.55]
- 2 WEAK DEMOCRAT [Go to q.55]
- 3 WEAK REPUBLICAN [Go to q.55]
- 4 STRONG REPUBLICAN [Go to q.55]
- 7 INDEPENDENT
- 8 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/APOLITICAL/NOTHING

(IF 7, 8, OR 9 TO Q. 53, ASK:)

54. As of now do you lean more towards the Democratic or Republican party?

- 1 LEANS DEMOCRATIC
- 2 LEANS REPUBLICAN
- 3 LEANS OTHER
- 4 DOESN'T LEAN TO EITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

55. Was there ever a time that you considered yourself something other than a (RESPONSE TO Q. 53)--IF YES: What was that--IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DON'T KNOW TO Q. 53, ASK: Was there ever a time when you considered yourself a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent?

- 1 NO
- 2 YES, DEMOCRAT
- 3 YES, INDEPENDENT
- 4 YES, REPUBLICAN
- 5 YES, OTHER
- 6 YES, DON'T KNOW
- 9 DON'T KNOW

56. Now turning your attention to the political parties here in New Jersey, how much difference would you say there is between the Democratic and Republican parties--a good deal, some, only a little, or none at all?

- 1 A GOOD DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 ONLY A LITTLE
- 4 NONE [Go to q.58]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.58]

(IF A GOOD DEAL, SOME, OR ONLY A LITTLE TO Q. 56, ASK:)

57. Would you say the biggest difference between the parties is in the people who belong to them; their leaders; or in the positions they take on issues?

- 1 MEMBERS
- 2 LEADERS
- 3 ISSUES
- 4 BOTH MEMBERS AND LEADERS (VOL.)
- 5 BOTH MEMBERS AND ISSUES (VOL.)
- 6 BOTH LEADERS AND ISSUES (VOL.)
- 7 MEMBERS, LEADERS AND ISSUES (VOL.)
- 8 OTHER; SPECIFY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

58. On the whole, how good a job do you think the Democratic Party is doing in New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

59. And how about the Republican Party in New Jersey--Is it doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job?

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

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.62]
- 3 NO [Go to q.62]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.62]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.62]

(IF YES TO Q. 60, ASK:)

61. 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

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

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT
- 3 LIVE RENT FREE WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES (VOL.)
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

63. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between; or don't you think of yourself in these terms?

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.65]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.65]
- 3 OTHER/DON'T THINK OF SELF IN THOSE TERMS
- 4 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION TO Q. 63, ASK:)

64. 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

65. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.67]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.67]

(IF YES TO Q. 65, ASK:)

66. Did you ever attend college--IF YES: Did you graduate?

- 1 YES, GRADUATED
- 2 YES, DID NOT GRADUATE
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

67a. What was your age on your last birthday?

67b. AGE IN CATEGORIES?

- 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

68. What is your religious preference?

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

69. What is your race?

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

70. 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; \$20,000 to \$30,000; over \$30,000?

- 1 UNDER \$5,000
- 2 \$5,000 - \$10,000
- 3 \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 4 \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 5 \$20,000 - \$30,000
- 6 OVER \$30,000
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

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

71a. In what county is that?