

New Jersey Poll 36
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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. In comparison with past administrations how well do you think Governor Byrne has dealt with corruption in government--Do you think he has handled it extremely well, quite well, fairly well, or not very well?

- 1 EXTREMELY WELL
- 2 QUITE WELL
- 3 FAIRLY WELL
- 4 NOT VERY WELL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

4. 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]

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

- 1 EXCELLENT

- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR

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

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

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

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

8. How would you rate Jimmy Carter in terms of personal honesty?

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

9. How would you rate Carter's handling of problems in the Middle East?

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

10. Carter's handling of the nation's energy problems?

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

11. How good a job has Carter done in restoring trust to the presidency?

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

12. Has Congress done an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job in the past year?

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

13. I'm going to read you a list of problems here in New Jersey--For each problem I read could you tell me if you think it is a very serious problem, somewhat serious, or not at all serious -- |

- A Inflation?
- B Air Pollution?
- C Unemployment?
- D Water Pollution?

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

14. There has been much talk in the last year about an "energy crisis"--How serious do you think the energy crisis is--is it a very serious problem, somewhat serious, or not at all serious?

- 1 VERY SERIOUS
- 2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
- 3 NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
- 4 NOT A PROBLEM (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. In the past year, do you think our energy problems have gotten better or worse?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 NO CHANGE (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 8 DEPENDS/OTHER (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. Do you expect these energy problems to get better or worse in the next year?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 NO CHANGE (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 8 DEPENDS/OTHER (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

17. Do you personally feel there is a real shortage of energy, or do you think the oil companies are holding back on oil and gasoline?

- 1 REAL SHORTAGE
- 2 HOLDING BACK
- 3 BOTH (VOL.)
- 4 NEITHER (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. A number of suggestions have been made about how we can help solve our energy problems--I am going to read you a list of these suggestions--For each one could you tell me whether you favor or oppose it -- |

- A Strictly enforcing the 55 mile per hour speed limit?
- B Increasing taxes on gasoline to reduce consumption?
- C Closing gas stations on Sundays?
- D Increased use of atomic or nuclear energy to generate more electricity?
- E Rationing gasoline?
- F Relaxing enforcement of air and water pollution laws?

G Removing price controls on natural gas?

H Increasing the price of energy such as oil, gas and electricity to cut down on consumption?

I Requiring businesses to lower heating, air conditioning, and lighting?

1 FAVOR

2 OPPOSE

8 OTHER/DEPENDS (VOL.)

9 DON'T KNOW

19. If you had to choose between paying 20 cents more per gallon than you do now, but getting all the gas you wanted; or paying current prices, but having a limit on the amount of gas you could buy, which would you choose?

1 20 CENTS MORE, NO LIMIT

2 CURRENT PRICES, LIMIT

3 REFUSES TO CHOOSE/DEPENDS ON LIMIT

9 DON'T KNOW

READ SLOWLY

20. Different people have different ideas about the energy problem and what it will take to solve it--Of the three statements I read, which most accurately describes how you feel--Let me know if you want me to repeat any of these--(1)THE ENERGY PROBLEM CAN BE DEALT WITH BY CUTTING BACK ON WASTE. WHILE MAINTAINING CURRENT STANDARDS OF LIVING (2) THE ENERGY PROBLEM CAN BE DEALT WITH BY TIGHTENING BELTS AND GIVING UP A FEW LUXURIES OR (3) THE ENERGY PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE DEALT WITH BY ACCEPTING A MAJOR CHANGE IN LIFESTYLES AND GIVING UP SOME THINGS THAT ARE NOW CONSIDERED ESSENTIALS?

7 NONE (VOL.)

8 OTHER

9 DON'T KNOW

21. How would you rate the air quality in the area where you live--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 EXCELLENT

2 GOOD

3 ONLY FAIR

4 POOR

9 DON'T KNOW

22. In the last five years has the air quality in your neighborhood gotten better, gotten worse or has it stayed the same?

1 BETTER

2 WORSE

3 STAYED THE SAME

9 DON'T KNOW/HAVEN'T LIVED THERE 5 YEARS

23. How would you rate the air quality throughout New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor--If respondent volunteers that it depends on where you are in the state--PROBE: Well, overall, how would you rate the air quality in New Jersey...excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 EXCELLENT

2 GOOD

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

24. In the last five years do you think the air quality in the state has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 STAYED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW/HAVEN'T LIVED THERE 5 YEARS

There has been some talk here in New Jersey about raising the state's drinking age from 18.

25A. Do you favor or oppose raising the drinking age?

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

(IF FAVOR, ASK:)

25B. What do you think the drinking age should be raised to--19, 20, or 21?

- 1 19
- 2 20
- 3 21
- 4 HIGHER THAN 21
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

26. Now I'd like to read you a list of statements some people have made about raising the drinking age from 18--For each one please tell me whether you agree or disagree -- |

A It is unfair to take privileges away from 18 year olds after they have been given those rights?

B Raising the drinking age would reduce the amount of drunk driving?

C If people are old enough to vote they should be old enough to drink legally?

D Raising the drinking age wouldn't do any good--those who want to drink will find a way to do so?

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

Now turning back to air quality.

27. Would you be in favor or stronger efforts to control air pollution here in New Jersey or do you think enough is now being done?

- 1 STRONGER EFFORTS
- 2 ENOUGH BEING DONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

28. Would you be in favor or opposed to efforts to reduce air pollution if they caused taxes to go up?

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

29. Controlling air pollution might force companies to raise the prices of their products, would you be in favor or opposed to efforts to reduce air pollution if they led to higher prices?

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

30. I am going to read you three points of view regarding pollution control-- Please tell me which one best represents your opinion--Let me know if you want me to repeat any - (1) Cleaning the air is so important that requirements and standards cannot be too high. Continuing improvements must be made regardless of cost (2) We have made enough progress cleaning up the air--Now we should concentrate on holding down costs as well as requiring strict controls OR (3) Clean air requirements and standards have gone too far; it already costs more than it is worth?

- 9 DON'T KNOW

Let me ask you a few questions about television.

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.35]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.35]

(IF YES TO Q.31, ASK:)

32. Which ones of these "NJPTV" channels --|

- A Channel 23?
- B channel 50?
- C channel 52?
- D channel 58?
- E don't know?

(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 (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. Have you watched any of these "NJPTV" channels in the past week?

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

35. Did you or any member of your family watch the New Jersey High School basketball championships a few weeks ago?

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

36. Do you usually watch television stations located in Philadelphia or in New York--IF BOTH, Which do you watch more?

- 1 PHILADELPHIA
- 2 NEW YORK
- 3 BOTH, THEN PHILADELPHIA
- 4 BOTH, THEN NEW YORK
- 5 BOTH, THEN SAME (VOL. RESP. ONLY)
- 7 DOESN'T WATCH TV [Go to q.38]
- 8 NO TV SET [Go to q.38]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.38]

(IF 1, 2, 3, 4, OR 5 TO Q. 36, ASK:)

37. At the present time New Jersey does not have a VHF TV station--those channels from 2 to 13--This means that TV news coverage of New Jersey comes from New York and Philadelphia stations--Some people have said that these stations do not cover New Jersey thoroughly while others say they do a good job--How would you rate the job (New York/Philadelphia) television does of covering things that go on in New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 8 DOESN'T OWN/WATCH TV OR TV NEWS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

38. Do you think (New York/Philadelphia) TV stations do a better job of covering New Jersey than they do of covering (New York/Philadelphia); a worse job; or do they do exactly the same job in covering both?

- 1 WORSE IN NJ; BETTER IN NY/PHILADELPHIA
- 2 BETTER IN NJ; WORSE IN NY/PHILADELPHIA
- 3 SAME, NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

39. Do you live in an apartment or house, or some other type of dwelling--PROBE: Do you own or rent your (apartment/house/other)?

- 1 APARTMENT-OWN
- 2 APARTMENT-RENT
- 3 APARTMENT-OTHER
- 4 HOUSE-OWN

- 5 HOUSE-RENT
- 6 HOUSE-OTHER
- 7 OTHER DWELLING-OWN
- 8 OTHER DWELLING-RENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40A. What floor do you live on--the basement, ground floor, second floor, or higher?

- 1 BASEMENT
- 2 GROUND
- 3 SECOND
- 4 HIGHER
- 9 NO RESPONSE

40B. Do you have a basement or crawlspace in your house/other--PROBE: Which do you have or do you have both?

- 1 YES-BASEMENT
- 2 YES-CRAWLSPACE
- 3 YES-BOTH
- 4 NO
- 9 NO RESPONSE

41. How long have you lived in your present residence or have you lived there all your life?

- 1 1 YEAR OR LESS
- 2 2 YEARS OR LESS
- 3 3 - 5 YEARS
- 4 6 - 10 YEARS
- 5 11 - 20 YEARS
- 6 21 - 30 YEARS
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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42. The Rutgers Entomology Department is studying insects that are common to most New Jersey homes--Although insects are a part of everyday life, many people feel uncomfortable talking about them--However, we need to collect accurate information about these household insects for this study. I'm going to read you a short list of insects--For each one I read please tell me if you have seen any in or around your (house/apartment) within the last 12 months -- |

- A spiders?
- B wasps, bees or hornets?
- C roaches?
- D silver fish?
- E waterbugs?
- F moths?
- G fleas or ticks?
- H mice or rats?

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

43. FOR EACH YES: How serious a problem do you think (name of insect) are to the health and comfort of your family--Are they a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not a problem at all -- |

- A spiders?
- B wasps, bees or hornets?
- C roaches?
- D silver fish?
- E waterbugs?
- F moths?
- G fleas or ticks?
- H mice or rats?

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

(IF "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 43C, ASK:)

44. In the last five years have you lived in a house or apartment that had roaches?

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

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

45. I'm going to read you some statements about cockroaches--For each one please tell me whether YOU agree or disagree -- |

- A Roaches make me nervous?
- B Roaches are a sign of an unclean house or poor housekeeping?
- C I'm afraid of roaches?
- D Roaches are almost impossible to to get rid of?
- E Roaches are not a real threat to health?
- F Roaches are a nuisance?
- G I may not like roaches, but I can live with them?

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

INTERVIEWERS INSTRUCTIONS: ASK Q. 46 THRU 51A ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY HAVE ROACHES ("YES" TO Q. 436 OR Q. 44)

46. Did/Have you ever see/seen roaches during the daytime?

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

47. What part of the house do you think the roaches come from--PROBE: Anywhere else -- |

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

48. For how long did/have you have/had roaches in your house?

- 1 1 YEAR OR LESS
- 2 2 YEARS OR LESS
- 3 3 - 5 YEARS
- 4 OVER 5 YEARS
- 5 SINCE LIVED IN HOUSE (ALWAYS HAD)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

49. Did/Have you ever try/tried to get rid of the roaches?

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

(IF "YES" TO Q. 49, ASK:)

50. Did/Have you ever call/called an exterminator to get rid of roaches?

- 1 YES
- 2 YES, BUT NOT FOR ROACHES (VOL.) [Go to q.52]
- 3 NO [Go to q.52]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.52]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 50, ASK:)

50A. How effective was this at getting rid of the roaches--very, somewhat, only a little, or not at all effective?

- 1 VERY
- 2 SOMEWHAT
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

51. Did/Have you or a household member use/used an insecticide or spray--IF YES PROBE: Can you recall the name of the product?

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

(IF "YES" TO Q. 51, ASK:)

51A. How effective was this at getting rid of the roaches--very, somewhat, only a little, or not at all effective?

- 1 VERY
- 2 SOMEWHAT
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF 3, 4, OR 9 TO Q. 52, ASK:)

53. As of today, do you lean more towards the Democratic Party or Republican Party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 3 OTHER
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

54. 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.56]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.56]
- 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. 54, ASK:)

55. 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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.58]
- 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 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

58. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.60]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.60]

(IF YES TO Q. 58, ASK:)

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

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

60A. What was your age on your last birthday?

60B. In what age group are you?

- 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

61. How many people are there living in your household?

code actual number
8 8 or more
9 DK/refused

62. What is your race?

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

63. 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

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

64a. In what county is that?

65A. How much have you read or heard about nuclear power plants?

65B. The risks of nuclear power plants have been exaggerated--Nuclear power plants are as safe as any other kind of power plant?

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

65C. While there may be some questions about how safe nuclear power plants are, we must keep building them to meet our energy needs?

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

65D. Nuclear power plants should be shut down until all safety problems have been eliminated?

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

65E. Nuclear power plants are so dangerous they should not be permitted?

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