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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 of your life?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 2 ONE OR TWO
- 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. Which of the following would you say you follow more closely--international affairs, national affairs, state affairs or local affairs?

- 1 INTERNATIONAL
- 2 NATIONAL
- 3 STATE
- 4 LOCAL
- 5 ALL (VOL.)
- 6 NONE (VOL.)
- 8 COMBINATION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

3. How interested would you say you are in international affairs--very interested, somewhat interested or not very interested?

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

4. Do you regularly get information about international affairs from TV?

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

5. How about from newspapers?

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

6. Where do you get most of your information about international affairs from--newspapers, television, radio, magazines or other people?

- 1 NEWSPAPERS
- 2 TELEVISION
- 3 RADIO
- 4 MAGAZINES
- 5 OTHER PEOPLE
- 6 NONE
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

While the election for President is still a year away the primary election contests for the parties' nominations will be starting soon.

8a. While the election for President is still a year away the primary election contests for the parties' nominations will be starting soon. Can you recall, the names of any of the candidates who might be running for the Republican/Democratic nomination— Now I'm going to read you a short list of names. For each one please tell me whether or not you have heard of them |

- A John Anderson?
- B Howard Baker?
- C Jerry Brown?
- D George Bush?
- E Jimmy Carter?
- F John Connally?
- G Phillip Crane?
- H Robert Dole?
- I Gerald Ford?
- J Edward Kennedy?
- K Ronald Reagan?

- 1 MENTION
- 1 RECOGNIZED
- 2 DID NOT RECOGNIZE/UNSURE/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.9]

8B. FOR EACH ONE MENTIONED: Is your general impression of him favorable or unfavorable: or don't you have an opinion about him yet |

- A John Anderson?
- B Howard Baker?
- C Jerry Brown?
- D George Bush?
- E Jimmy Carter?
- F John Connally?
- G Phillip Crane?
- H Robert Dole?
- I Gerald Ford?
- J Edward Kennedy?
- K Ronald Reagan?

- 1 FAVORABLE
- 2 UNFAVORABLE
- 3 NO OPINION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9. How interested are you in the Presidential primary election coming up this June in New Jersey--very interested, somewhat interested, or not at all interested?

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

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about who you might vote for in next year's election for President.

A10. [FORM A ONLY:] If the election were held today do you think you would vote for John Connally, the Republican; or Jimmy Carter, the Democrat?

- 1 CONNALLY
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEMOCRAT
- 4 CARTER
- 8 WOULDND'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

A11. [FORM A ONLY:] Who would you vote for if Connally was running on the Republican ticket against Jerry Brown, the Democrat?

- 1 CONNALLY
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEMOCRAT
- 4 BROWN
- 8 WOULDND'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

A12. [FORM A ONLY:] And what about if Connally was running against Edward Kennedy for the Democrats--Who would you vote for?

- 1 CONNALLY
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEMOCRAT
- 4 KENNEDY
- 8 WOULDND'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

A13. [FORM A ONLY:] If the election were held today and Kennedy was running against Howard Baker for the Republicans, who would you vote for?

- 1 BAKER
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEMOCRAT
- 4 KENNEDY
- 8 WOULDND'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

A14. [FORM A ONLY:] If it were Democrat Carter against Republican Baker--Who would you vote for?

- 1 BAKER
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEMOCRAT
- 4 CARTER
- 8 WOULDND'T VOTE

9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

A15. [FORM A ONLY:] And finally, who would you vote for if Brown the Democrat ran against Baker the Republican?

1 BAKER
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEMOCRAT
4 BROWN
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

B10. [FORM B ONLY:] If the election were held today do you think you would vote for Gerald Ford, the Republican, or Edward Kennedy the Democrat?

1 FORD
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEMOCRAT
4 KENNEDY
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

B11. [FORM B ONLY:] Who would you vote for if Ford was running on the Republican ticket against Jimmy Carter the Democrat?

1 FORD
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEMOCRAT
4 CARTER
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

B12. [FORM B ONLY:] And what about if Ford was running against Jerry Brown for the Democrats--Who would you vote for?

1 FORD
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEMOCRAT
4 BROWN
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

B13. [FORM B ONLY:] If the election were held today and Jerry Brown was running against Ronald Reagan for the Republicans, who would you vote for?

1 REAGAN
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEMOCRAT
4 BROWN
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

B14. [FORM B ONLY:] If it were Democrat Carter against Republican Reagan--Who would you vote for?

1 REAGAN
2 REPUBLICAN

3 DEMOCRAT
4 CARTER
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

B15. [FORM B ONLY:] And finally, who would you vote for if Kennedy the Democrat ran against Reagan the Republican?

1 REAGAN
2 REPUBLICAN
3 DEMOCRAT
4 KENNEDY
8 WOULDN'T VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

Turning now to another topic.

A16. [FORM A ONLY:] As you may know it's legal for stores to be open on Sundays in some parts of the state but not in others--Do you think retail stores should or should not be allowed to be open on Sundays throughout the state?

- 1 SHOULD
- 2 SHOULD NOT
- 8 DEPENDS/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'm going to read you a few statements some people have made about the Sunday closing laws--For each please tell me whether you agree or disagree.

A17. [FORM A ONLY:] Allowing stores to open Sundays would force small store owners out of business?

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

A18. [FORM A ONLY:] Sunday is the Sabbath for many people and retail shopping should not be permitted on a religious day?

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

A19. [FORM A ONLY:] Having stores closed on Sundays is a hardship on those unable to do their shopping during the week?

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

A20. [FORM A ONLY:] People should be allowed to shop on any day they want?

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

A21. [FORM A ONLY:] Having stores closed on Sundays would save energy by cutting down the amount of driving people do?

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

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B16. [FORM B ONLY:] A number of suggestions have been made about energy problems--For each one I read please tell me whether you favor or oppose it. --
Relaxing enforcement of air and water pollution laws?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 8 OTHER/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B17. [FORM B ONLY:] A number of suggestions have been made about energy problems--For each one I read please tell me whether you favor or oppose it. --
Increased use of solar energy?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 8 OTHER/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B18. [FORM B ONLY:] A number of suggestions have been made about energy problems--For each one I read please tell me whether you favor or oppose it. --
Rationing gasoline?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 8 OTHER/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B19. [FORM B ONLY:] A number of suggestions have been made about energy problems--For each one I read please tell me whether you favor or oppose it. --
Increased use of atomic or nuclear energy to generate more electricity?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 8 OTHER/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'm going to read you a list of statements that people have made about nuclear power plants--For each one I read please tell me if you agree or disagree.

B20. [FORM B ONLY:] 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

B21. [FORM B ONLY:] 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

B22. [FORM B ONLY:] Nuclear power plants should be shut down until all safety problems have been eliminated?

1 AGREE
2 DISAGREE
9 DON'T KNOW

B23. [FORM B ONLY:] Nuclear power plants are so dangerous they should not be permitted?

1 AGREE
2 DISAGREE
9 DON'T KNOW

24A. There has been some discussion lately in New Jersey about changing the state's Constitution to allow initiative and referendum--This provides a way for the public to vote directly on issues rather than leaving them up to the state legislature. How much have you heard or read about this--a good deal, some, just a little, or nothing at all?

1 GOOD DEAL
2 SOME
3 LITTLE
4 NOTHING
9 DON'T KNOW

24B. On the whole do you think initiative and referendum is a good idea, a bad idea, or haven't you really thought much about it?

1 GOOD IDEA
2 BAD IDEA
9 DON'T KNOW, HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT, DEPENDS

25. I'm going to read you a list of reasons some people have given both for and against initiative and referendum--For each one please tell me whether you agree or disagree -- |

A Many important issues are too complicated to be decided by a simple yes or no vote by people in an election?

B Special interest groups would gain power by spending money to promote only their side of an issue?

C Citizens ought to be able to vote directly on important issues and policies instead of their representatives voting for them?

D Initiative and referendum would allow the public to decide issues where public officials are hesitant to act for fear of offending certain groups?

E Since many people do not follow politics regularly they may not be able to make an informed decision on the issues they would be asked to vote on?

F The job of making laws should be left to elected representatives--If people don't like what they do they can vote them out of office?

G If people had a chance to vote on issues they would become more interested and participate more in government and politics?

1 AGREE
2 DISAGREE

9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to another topic.

26A. In the last year, how much have you read or heard about the SALT treaty--a great deal, some, just a little or nothing at all?

- 1 GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 JUST A LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL [Go to q.39]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.39]

(IF #1, 2, OR 3 TO Q.24, ASK:)

26B. Where would you say you have gotten most of your information about SALT from--newspapers, television, radio, magazines, or from other people?

- 1 NEWSPAPERS
- 2 TELEVISION
- 3 RADIO
- 4 MAGAZINES
- 5 OTHER PEOPLE
- 6 NONE
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

26C. Can you tell me which countries are involved in the SALT treaty?

- 1 U.S. ONLY
- 2 USSR ONLY
- 3 U.S. & USSR ONLY
- 4 U.S. AND OTHER
- 5 USSR & OTHER
- 6 U.S. & USSR & OTHER
- 7 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. Do you favor or oppose the United States and the Soviet Union coming to a SALT agreement?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 OPPOSE
- 3 DEPENDS + SPECIFIC REASON GIVEN (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

28. The Senate is now debating the SALT treaty with the Soviet Union--From what you know about this SALT treaty do you think the Senate should vote for or against it, or don't you know enough about it to have an opinion?

- 1 FOR [Go to q.29]
- 2 FOR WITH AMENDMENTS OR CONDITIONS (VOL.) [Go to q.29]
- 3 AGAINST [Go to q.29]
- 4 DON'T KNOW ENOUGH [Go to q.40]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE [Go to q.40]

(IF FOR OR AGAINST TO Q. 28, ASK:)

29. Do you feel strongly about this or not very strongly?

- 1 STRONGLY
- 2 NOT VERY STRONGLY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. Do you think that Senate approval of the SALT treaty should depend on Soviet cooperation in other areas; or is it so important that it should be kept separate from all other issues?

- 1 DEPENDS ON COOPERATION
- 2 KEPT SEPARATE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. Do you personally feel that the Soviet Union would or would not live up to the conditions of the SALT treaty?

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

32. If the Soviet Union tried to cheat on the treaty, do you think the United States would or would not be able to find out about it?

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

33. Do you think the SALT treaty would or would not reduce the risk of war with the Soviet Union?

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

34. Do you think the military strength of the United States should be superior to the Soviet Union, should be equal in strength, or doesn't the United States need to be exactly as strong as the Soviet Union?

- 1 SUPERIOR
- 2 EQUAL
- 3 NOT NEED BE AS STRONG
- 9 DON'T KNOW

35. Right now, would you say the United States is superior in military strength to the Soviet Union, is about equal in strength, or is not as strong as the Soviet Union?

- 1 SUPERIOR
- 2 EQUAL
- 3 NOT AS STRONG
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. If the SALT treaty was signed do you think the United States would be superior, would be equal, or would not be as strong as the Soviet Union?

- 1 SUPERIOR
- 2 EQUAL
- 3 NOT AS STRONG
- 9 DON'T KNOW

37. Do you personally feel that President Carter and government officials have negotiated the best agreement they could with the Soviet Union, or not?

- 1 YES, BEST POSSIBLE
- 2 NO, NOT BEST POSSIBLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

38. When all is said and done how much confidence do you have that American officials will be able to make sure that our interests are protected under the SALT treaty--a good deal, some, only a little or none?

- 1 GOOD DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NONE
- 8 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

ASK Q39, 40, 41 ONLY IF HEARD OR READ NOTHING ABOUT SALT (#4 ON Q.24)

39. Do you favor or oppose the United States and the Soviet Union coming to an agreement to limit nuclear weapons?

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

ASK IF RESPONDENT DOESN'T HAVE OPINION ON SENATE VOTE (#4 on Q.28)

40. Do you think the military strength of the United States should be superior to the Soviet Union, should be equal in strength, or doesn't the United States need to be exactly as strong as the Soviet Union?

- 1 SUPERIOR
- 2 EQUAL
- 3 NOT NEED BE AS STRONG
- 9 DON'T KNOW

41. Right now, would you say the United States is superior in military strength to the Soviet Union, is about equal in strength, or is not as strong as the Soviet Union?

- 1 SUPERIOR
- 2 EQUAL
- 3 NOT AS STRONG
- 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.

49. First, how would you rate the overall job Jimmy Carter is doing as President?

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

50. How would you rate Carter's handling of the nation's foreign affairs?

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

51. Carter's handling of problems in the Middle East?

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

52. And how would you rate Carter's handling of the situation of Russian troops in Cuba?

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

53. On the Whole, would you describe yourself as a supporter or critic of Jimmy Carter--PROBE : Would you say you are a strong (supporter/critic) or not a strong (supporter/critic)?

- 1 SUPPORTER--STRONG
- 2 SUPPORTER--NOT STRONG
- 3 CRITIC--NOT STRONG
- 4 CRITIC--STRONG
- 5 BOTH, OR SOMETIMES ONE AND SOMETIMES THE OTHER (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NEITHER

Now on state politics,

54. How would you rate the job 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 just a few questions so that we can classify your answers.

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

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT
- 3 LIVES RENT FREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT [Go to q.58]
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER [Go to q.58]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.58]

(IF 3, 4, OR 9 TO Q. 56, ASK:)

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

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

58. 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.60]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.60]
- 3 OTHER/DON'T THINK OF SELF IN THOSE TERMS [Go to q.60]
- 4 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION TO Q. 58, ASK:)

59. 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

60. Are you now registered to vote in New Jersey?

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

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

- 1 YES

- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.63]
- 3 NO [Go to q.63]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.63]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.63]

(IF YES TO Q. 61, ASK:)

62. 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

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

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

64. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.66]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.66]

(IF "YES" TO Q.64 , ASK:)

65. Did you ever attend college--IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate?

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

66A. What was your age on your last birthday?

66B. 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

67. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 OTHER RELIGION
- 5 NONE (AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST) [Go to q.69]

9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.69]

(IF 1, 2, 3, OR 4 TO Q. 67, ASK:)

68. How often do you attend religious services in an average month?

- 1 NONE
- 2 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH
- 3 ONE
- 4 TWO
- 5 THREE
- 6 FOUR OR MORE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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?