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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. How much interest do you have in the Presidential election to be held in November--a lot, some, a little or none at all?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

3. Do you think the election will be close, or not?

- 1 YES/CLOSE
- 2 NO/NOT CLOSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

4. In your opinion, how much of a difference will the outcome of this election make in the way the government is run for the next few years--a great deal of difference, some difference, or not very much difference?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFERENCE
- 2 SOME DIFFERENCE
- 3 NOT VERY MUCH DIFFERENCE
- 8 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. How much do you care which candidate wins the election--a lot, some, just a little: or doesn't it really make any difference to you who wins?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO, BUT ABSENTEE BALLOT OR I GO HOME TO VOTE (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

7. Now let me ask you some questions about the candidates, in general is your overall impression of (candidate's name) favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion about him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or only somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)|

- A John Anderson?
- B Jimmy Carter?
- C Ronald Reagan?

- 1 VERY FAVORABLE
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

8. If the election for President was held today who would you vote for: Jimmy Carter, the Democrat; Ronald Reagan, the Republican; or John Anderson, running as an Independent?

- 1 JIMMY CARTER
- 2 RONALD REAGAN
- 3 CANDIDATE OTHER THAN CARTER, REAGAN, ANDERSON
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE
- 5 ANDERSON
- 6 UNDECIDED

9A1. Would you be voting more for John Anderson, or more against the others?

- 1 FOR
- 2 AGAINST
- 3 BOTH/FOR AND AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9B1. Do you lean more toward Carter, toward Reagan, toward Anderson, or don't you lean toward any of them?

- 1 CARTER
- 2 REAGAN
- 3 ANDERSON
- 7 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

9B2. Would you be voting more for (candidate named), or more against the others?

- 1 FOR
- 2 AGAINST
- 3 BOTH FOR/AND AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9A2. Some of Anderson's supporters say that while they prefer him, they will vote for either Carter or Reagan to keep the other one out of office--Are you

very sure you will vote for Anderson, or might you vote for one of the other candidates on election day?

- 1 SURE [Go to q.94A]
- 2 MIGHT VOTE FOR OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "MIGHT VOTE FOR OTHER" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q9A2, ASK:)

9A3. How likely do you think it is that you would vote for someone else-- is that what you'll probably do, maybe do, or probably not do?

- 1 PROBABLY WILL
- 2 MAYBE WILL/DON'T KNOW
- 3 PROBABLY WILL NOT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9A4. If you didn't vote for Anderson who would you vote for?

- 1 CARTER
- 2 REAGAN
- 3 OTHER
- 4 DON'T KNOW
- 5 WOULDN'T VOTE

10. Would you say you are voting more for (candidate named), or more against the others?

- 1 FOR
- 2 AGAINST
- 3 BOTH FOR AND AGAINST
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Are you very sure about your choice or do you think you might change your mind before election day--IF "MIGHT CHANGE" OR "DON'T KNOW", PROBE: "If you were to change your mind who would you vote for"?

- 1 SURE
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE TO CARTER
- 3 MIGHT CHANGE TO REAGAN
- 4 MIGHT CHANGE TO ANDERSON
- 5 MIGHT CHANGE TO OTHER CANDIDATE
- 6 MIGHT CHANGE--WOULDN'T VOTE
- 7 MIGHT CHANGE--UNDECIDED WHO TO
- 9 DON'T KNOW IF WILL CHANGE, NO CAND. GIVEN

12. When did you make up your mind about who you would vote for--in the last few days, in the last couple of weeks, in the last month or two, or before this?

- 1 LAST FEW DAYS
- 2 LAST WEEK OR TWO
- 3 LAST MONTH OR TWO
- 4 EARLIER
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. I'm going to read you a quick list of issues and would like YOU to tell me how concerned you are about each--For each one simply say if you are very, somewhat, or not very concerned--[READ FIRST ISSUE STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT--PROBE IF NECESSARY, Are you very, somewhat or not very concerned about this"]|

- A The shape of the economy?
- B The possibility of war in the next few years?
- C Reducing government spending and taxes?
- D The nation's energy problems?
- E Keeping up with the Soviet Union in military strength?

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

14. As of now how likely are you to vote in the November election--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

15. Did you vote in the primary election held this past June?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 8 INELIGIBLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

16. Did you vote in last November's state and local elections?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 8 INELIGIBLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

17. And can you remember whether you voted in the 1976 election for President between Carter and Ford--IF VOTED, PROBE: Did you vote for Carter or for Ford?

- 1 YES, CARTER
- 2 YES, FORD
- 3 YES, OTHER/REFUSED
- 4 NO
- 8 INELIGIBLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER

18. Over the last two or three years have you ever talked to people and tried to show them why they should vote for one of the candidates running in an election?

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

19. In the last two or three years have you ever given money to a political candidate, party or cause--[INTERVIEWERS: THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX CHECK-OFFS]?

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

20. I'm going to read you three short statements--For each one please just tell me if you agree or disagree--PROBE: Do you (agree/disagree) a lot or a little|

- A Public officials don't care much what people like me think?
- B Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on?
- C People like me don't have any say about what the government does?

- 1 AGREE A LOT
- 2 AGREE A LITTLE
- 3 DISAGREE A LITTLE
- 4 DISAGREE A LOT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20A. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] There has been some discussion in the news lately about problems in storing and disposing of hazardous or toxic wastes--How much have you heard or read about this--a great deal, some, just a little or nothing at all?

- 1 GOOD DEAL [Go to q.20B2]
- 2 SOME [Go to q.20B2]
- 3 JUST A LITTLE [Go to q.20B2]
- 4 NOTHING [Go to q.21]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.21]

(IF 1, 2, OR 3 TO Q25, ASK:)

A20B. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] Can you remember when you first started hearing about these problems-- was it in the last six months, in the last year, between 1 and 2 years ago, or before this?

- 1 LAST SIX MONTHS
- 2 LAST YEAR
- 3 1 - 2 YEARS
- 4 2 YEARS OR EARLIER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20C. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] How concerned are you personally about the problem of chemical wastes here in New Jersey--very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not very concerned?

- 1 VERY [Go to q.20B4]
- 2 SOMEWHAT [Go to q.20B4]
- 3 NOT VERY [Go to q.20B5]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.20B5]

(IF "VERY" OR "SOMEWHAT" TO Q20B3, ASK:)

A20D. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] IS this a problem you are concerned about in the area where you live, or is it more of a problem in other areas of

the state--IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT YOU MEAN BY "AREA," SAY, "In the-township or municipality where you live"?

- 1 WHERE RESPONDENT LIVES
- 2 OTHER AREAS
- 3 BOTH (VOL.)
- 4 NOT CONCERNED (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20E. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] Does the drinking water you use come from a surface impoundment such as a reservoir, from ground water, or aren't you really sure where it comes from--[IF RESPONDENT SAYS FROM A COMPANY OR MUNICIPALITY, PROBE: "Do you know if this comes from a surface impoundment or ground water]?

- 1 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT/RESERVOIR
- 2 GROUND WATER/WELL
- 3 OTHER, (SPECIFY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20F. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] New Jersey has a number of hazardous waste disposal sites that have been abandoned--Who should be responsible for paying for clean-up of these sites--the individual company, all companies in that industry, the government, or should a combination of industry and government be responsible?

- 1 INDIVIDUAL COMPANY [Go to q.20B7]
- 2 ENTIRE INDUSTRY [Go to q.20B9]
- 3 GOVERNMENT ALONE [Go to q.20B9]
- 4 INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT [Go to q.20B9]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.20B9]

(IF "INDIVIDUAL COMPANY" TO Q20B6, ASK:)

A20G. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] If the company could not be located or is out of business who do you think should be responsible--other companies in the same industry, the government, or both industry and government?

- 1 INDUSTRY
- 2 GOVERNMENT
- 3 INDUSTRY & GOVERNMENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20H. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] If government had to pay for the cleaning costs, which level do you think should be responsible--the municipality where the hazardous sites are located, the county, the state or the federal government?

- 1 MUNICIPALITY
- 2 COUNTY
- 3 STATE
- 4 FEDERAL
- 5 COMBINATION: STATE AND OTHER (VOL.)
- 6 COMBINATION NOT INVOLVING STATE (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20I. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] Who do you think is most capable of cleaning up chemical waste hazards--industry, municipal government, county government, state government or the federal government?

- 1 INDUSTRY
- 2 MUNICIPAL
- 3 COUNTY
- 4 STATE
- 5 FEDERAL
- 6 COMBINATION: STATE AND OTHER (VOL.)
- 7 COMBINATION NOT INVOLVING STATE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20J. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] I'm going to read you three statements about cleaning-up chemical dumps and hazardous wastes--Please tell me which comes closest to your position--Let me know if you want me to repeat any of these (READ 1-3 BELOW INCLUDING NUMBERS)?

- 1 CLEAN-UP IS A MAJOR PROBLEM THAT MUST BE DONE IMMEDIATELY, REGARDLESS OF THE COST
- 2 WHILE A PROBLEM, CLEAN-UP SHOULD BE DONE GRADUALLY SO THAT THE COST CAN BE SPREAD OUT OVER TIME
- 3 CLEAN-UP IS NOT AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM; THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TO SPEND MONEY ON
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A20K. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] As long as there is industry in the state these hazardous materials cannot be eliminated, and there will be a need for safe disposal sites--Would you be willing to have one of these located in your county or not?

- 1 YES [Go to q.21]
- 2 YES, IF SAFETY ASSURED (VOL.) [Go to q.21]
- 3 DUMP ALREADY LOCATED THERE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS

(IF "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS" TO Q20B11, ASK:)

A20L. [SPLIT HALF SAMPLE - FORM A ONLY:] Would you be willing to have a disposal site located in your county if it was accompanied by a reduction in your local taxes?

- 1 YES
- 2 DEPENDS/MAYBE
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.23]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.23]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3, 4, OR 9 TO Q21, ASK:)

22. Do you lean more toward 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

23. 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.25]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.25]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3 OR 9 TO Q.23,ASK:)

24. 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

25. 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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 NO [Go to q.28]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.28]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.28]

(IF "YES" OR "TEMPORARILY LAID OFF" TO Q26, ASK:)

27. 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

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

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

29. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.31]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.31]

(IF "YES" TO Q.29, ASK:)

30. 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

31. What was your age on your last birthday?

(Code # of years

32. In what age group are you [read choices]?

- 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

33. What is your race?

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

34. 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

35. Where do you live in what township or municipality?

35a. In what county is that?

