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Hello, my name is (first and last name). I'm taking a public opinion poll for the Eagleton Institute of Rutgers University. I'd like your views on some important issues facing the state of New Jersey and the nation such as crime and safety.

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

I'd like to first ask you some questions about Ronald Reagan.

2. Is your general impression of Reagan favorable or unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion about him--(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE; Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?)

- 1 VERY FAVORABLE
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

3a. Overall, how would you rate the job Ronald Reagan is doing as President--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

3b. How would you rate his handling of the nation's foreign affairs--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

3c. Reagan's handling of the problems of the economy--(REPEAT OPTIONS IF NECESSARY)

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD

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

3d. His handling of relations with the Soviet Union--(REPEAT OPTIONS IF NECESSARY)

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

4. I'm going to read you some statements that have been made about Ronald Reagan. For each please just tell me if you agree a lot, agree a little or disagree...|

- A He has been a strong leader for the country?
- B He is too quick to use military force?
- C His policies are unfair to women?
- D He has made needed changes reducing the size and activities of government?
- E He favors the rich over the common working people?

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

5. Different people have different views of what government should do. HOW important is it for government to insure that all groups in society are treated fairly--very important, pretty important, somewhat important or not very important?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 2 PRETTY IMPORTANT
- 3 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 4 NOT VERY IMPORTANT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6. And how important is it for government to have programs to help disadvantaged groups--very important, pretty important, somewhat important or not very important?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 2 PRETTY IMPORTANT
- 3 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 4 NOT VERY IMPORTANT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

7. In general, if you had to choose between more government services and higher taxes, or less government services and lower taxes, which would you choose--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: Do you feel strongly about this or not?

- 1 MORE SERVICES--STRONGLY
- 2 MORE SERVICES --NOT STRONGLY/D.K. HOW STRONGLY
- 3 LESS SERVICES--NOT STRONGLY/D.K. HOW STRONGLY
- 4 LESS SERVICES--STRONGLY

8 OTHER, REJECTS CHOICES/ALTERNATIVES, DEPENDS
9 DON'T KNOW

8. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey--IF YES, PROBE: As a Democrat, Independent, Republican or something else?

1 YES, DEMOCRAT [Go to q.9]
2 YES, INDEPENDENT [Go to q.9]
3 YES, REPUBLICAN [Go to q.18]
4 YES, OTHER
5 NO [Go to q.18]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.18]

9. The Democratic presidential primary in New Jersey will be held on June 5th. Do you think you will definitely vote in that election, probably vote, probably not vote or definitely won't vote?

1 DEFINITELY WILL VOTE [Go to q.10]
2 PROBABLY WILL VOTE [Go to q.10]
3 PROBABLY NOT VOTE [Go to q.18]
4 DEFINITELY WON'T VOTE [Go to q.18]

(IF "DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE" TO Q.9, ASK:)

10. If the election was held today would you vote for Gary Hart, Walter Mondale or Jesse Jackson?

1 HART
2 MONDALE
3 JACKSON
4 NONE/OTHER
9 UNDECIDED--DON'T KNOW

11. Is your general impression of Gary Hart favorable or unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion of him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?

1 VERY FAVORABLE
2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
9 DON'T HAVE AN OPINION

12. How about Walter Mondale is your general impression favorable or unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion of him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?

1 VERY FAVORABLE
2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
9 DON'T HAVE AN OPINION

13. And how about Jesse Jackson is your general impression favorable or unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion of him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?

- 1 VERY FAVORABLE
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 9 DON'T HAVE AN OPINION

14. If next fall's presidential election was between Ronald Reagan for the Republicans and Gary Hart for the Democrats, who would you vote for?

- 1 REAGAN
- 2 HART
- 3 OTHER
- 8 WON'T VOTE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW

15. How about if Reagan ran against Democrat Walter Mondale?

- 1 REAGAN
- 2 MONDALE
- 3 OTHER
- 8 WON'T VOTE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW

16. And if Reagan ran against Jesse Jackson?

- 1 REAGAN
- 2 JACKSON
- 3 OTHER
- 8 WON'T VOTE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW

17A. If the Democrats nominated a woman to run for vice-president, would this make you more likely to support them against the Republicans, less likely or make no difference?

- 1 MORE
- 2 LESS
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 8 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

17B. Did you vote in the 1980 presidential election between Reagan, Carter and John Anderson--IF YES, PROBE: Who did you vote for?

- 1 DID NOT VOTE
- 2 VOTED FOR REAGAN
- 3 VOTED FOR CARTER
- 4 VOTED FOR ANDERSON
- 5 VOTED FOR OTHER/REFUSED TO SAY WHO FOR
- 8 DON'T KNOW IF VOTED
- 9 REFUSES TO SAY IF VOTED

18. Turning now to politics in New Jersey, how would you rate the job Tom Kean (PRONOUNCED KANE) is doing as Governor--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD

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

19. 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

20. And what about the job the New Jersey Supreme Court is doing? (REPEAT OPTIONS IF NECESSARY)

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

I'd like to ask you a few questions about crime and safety.

21. How serious a problem is crime in your neighborhood--very serious, somewhat serious or not at all serious?

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

22. How about your neighborhood at night--do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

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

23. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood during the day--very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

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

24. In the past year would you say that the amount of crime in your neighborhood has gone up, gone down, or remained the same?

- 1 UP
- 2 DOW
- 3 SAME
- 8 MOVED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. During the last six months have any of the following things happened to you or anyone in your household. Have you....|

- A had property vandalized?
- B money or property stolen?
- C your home broken into?
- D your car stolen or broken into?
- E been assaulted or mugged?

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

26. How much do you think you know about how the court system works here in New Jersey--a lot, some, just a little or nothing at all?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. How much confidence do you have in New Jersey courts and judges--a lot, some or not very much?

- 1 LOT [Go to q.28]
- 2 SOME [Go to q.28]
- 3 NOT MUCH [Go to q.28]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.29]

(IF #1,2 OR 3 to Q.27, ASK:)

28. Do you rate them this way because of things you have heard or read, or because of some experience you have had?

- 1 READ/HEARD
- 2 EXPERIENCE
- 3 BOTH (VOL)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. Do you think New Jersey courts treat minorities better, worse, or the same as other people?

- 1 MINORITIES TREATED BETTER
- 2 MINORITIES TREATED WORSE
- 3 ALL TREATED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. Do you think courts in New Jersey treat the poor better, worse, or the same as they treat wealthier citizens?

- 1 POOR TREATED BETTER
- 2 POOR TREATED WORSE
- 3 ALL TREATED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. In the last 3 or 4 years have you been in court as a plaintiff, defendant, witness, juror or just as an observer--IF YES, PROBE: Which one?)

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

- A NO/NOT IN LAST FEW YEARS
- B PLAINTIFF
- C DEFENDANT
- D WITNESS
- E JUROR
- F OBSERVER
- G OTHER (SPECIFY: _____)

IF MORE THAN ONE CIRCLED, ASK:

32. What were you the last time you were in court?

- 1 PLAINTIFF
- 2 DEFENDANT
- 3 WITNESS
- 4 JUROR
- 5 OBSERVER
- 6 LAWYER OR JUDGE
- 7 OTHER
- 9 DON'T REMEMBER

33. Was this in traffic court, civil court or criminal court?

- 1 TRAFFIC
- 2 CIVIL
- 3 CRIMINAL
- 4 TRAFFIC AND CIVIL
- 5 TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL
- 6 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL
- 7 ALL THREE
- 8 DIVORCE COURT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. Based on what you saw the last time you were in court, do you think justice was or was not dispensed fairly?

- 1 WAS
- 2 WAS NOT
- 3 IN SOME CASES (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

35. Did you come away from your experience having more confidence in the judicial system, less confidence, or did your views not change?

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

36. I'd like to ask you some questions about the last judge you saw in court. Was he or she: (READ AND CIRCLE RESPONSE OPTIONS, DO NOT READ "DON'T KNOW").

36a. FAIR OR UNFAIR?

- 1 FAIR
- 2 UNFAIR

36b. COMPASSIONATE OR NOT VERY COMPASSIONATE?

- 1 COMPASSIONATE
- 2 NOT VERY COMPASSIONATE

36c. KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE LAW OR NOT PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE?

- 1 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE LAW
- 2 NOT PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE

36d. CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE ON EACH CASE OR HURRIED THROUGH THE CASE?

- 1 CAREFUL AND DELIBERATE ON EACH CASE
- 2 HURRIED THROUGH EACH CASE

36e. KEPT AN OPEN MIND THROUGHOUT THE CASE OR SEEMED TO HAVE HIS MIND MADE UP BEFORE ALL THE EVIDENCE HAD BEEN PRESENTED?

- 1 KEPT AN OPEN MIND THROUGH THE CASE
- 2 SEEMED TO HAVE HIS MIND MADE UP BEFORE ALL THE EVIDENCE HAD BEEN PRESENTED

37. Have you been summoned for jury duty in the last two years?

- 1 YES [Go to q.38]
- 2 NO [Go to q.41]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.41]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 37, ASK:)

38. Did you actually report for duty or did you not go for some reason?

- 1 REPORTED FOR DUTY [Go to q.40]
- 2 DIDN'T GO [Go to q.39]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.40]

(IF "DIDN'T GO" TO Q. 38, ASK:)

39. Why didn't you go? (THEN SKIP TO Q.41)

_____ [Go to q.41]

40. Based on your experience, as a juror, would you say the court system works better or worse than you thought, or is it about what you expected?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 AS EXPECTED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

41. There has been a lot of talk lately about a "gender gap," where men and women hold different political views. Do you think there is a gender gap, or do men and women hold pretty much the same views about things?

- 1 THERE IS A GENDER GAP [Go to q.42]
- 2 THERE IS NOT A GENDER GAP [Go to q.44]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.44]

(IF "IS A GAP" TO Q.41, ASK:)

42. Do you think men and women are different only in how they view Ronald Reagan, only on various political issues, or both?

- 1 REAGAN ONLY
- 2 VARIOUS ISSUES ONLY
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

43. Why do you think men and women hold different political views--PROBE: On what issues are women different than men?

- A GENERAL TONE
- B FIRST RESPONSE
- C SECOND RESPONSE
- D THIRD RESPONSE

44. How much sex discrimination would you say there is in American society--where women are not treated as equals because of their sex--a lot, a fair amount, some, just a little, or none at all?

- 1 A LOT [Go to q.45]
- 2 A FAIR AMOUNT [Go to q.45]
- 3 SOME [Go to q.45]
- 4 JUST A LITTLE [Go to q.45]
- 5 NONE AT ALL [Go to q.44]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.44]

(IF #1,2,3, OR 4 TO Q. 44,ASK:)

45. How do you feel about this yourself--does this bother you a lot, some, a little or not at all?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

46. In society today do you think working women have less, more, or the same opportunities as men in terms of getting good jobs, promotions and salaries?

- 1 WOMEN HAVE LESS
- 2 WOMEN HAVE MORE
- 3 SAME
- 8 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

47. Women get paid less than men. Do you think this is more because they tend to be less qualified, or more because they are discriminated against?

- 1 LESS QUALIFIED
- 2 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST
- 7 BOTH
- 8 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

48. How much attention do you think women's concerns get from government and politicians--too little, too much, or the right amount?

- 1 TOO LITTLE
- 2 TOO MUCH
- 3 RIGHT AMOUNT
- 8 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

49. In politics, do you think that as a group, women have less influence than men, more influence or exactly the same amount?

- 1 LESS INFLUENCE [Go to q.50]
- 2 MORE INFLUENCE [Go to q.51]
- 3 EXACTLY THE SAME INFLUENCE [Go to q.51]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.51]

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

50. Who would you say is most to blame for women's lack of influence--women themselves, men, or the government and society?

- 1 WOMEN
- 2 MEN
- 3 GOVERNMENT/SOCIETY/CULTURE/"THE SYSTEM"
- 4 COMBINATION: MEN & WOMEN
- 5 COMBINATION: WOMEN & GOVERNMENT
- 6 COMBINATION: MEN & GOVERNMENT
- 7 COMBINATION: ALL
- 8 OTHER/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

51. Thinking back over the time since Ronald Reagan has been President, would you say the government has become less committed to improving the status of women in society, more committed, or hasn't there been any change?

- 1 MORE
- 2 LESS
- 3 NO CHANGE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

52A. Do you personally approve or disapprove of this change?

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

52B. Do you think government should be more active in trying to improve the status of women, less active, or continue as it has?

- 1 MORE ACTIVE

- 2 LESS ACTIVE
- 3 CONTINUE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

53. I'm going to read you some quick statements. For each, please just tell me if you agree a lot, agree a little or disagree. (REPEAT OPTIONS AS NECESSARY-- "do you agree a lot, a little or disagree?")...|

A Despite recent gains of the women's movement, when all is said and done it's still a man's world?

B Even if a woman is as accomplished as a man in what she does, she does not seem to get the same amount of credit?

C To get ahead in the world a woman has to be much better at what she does than a man?

D Even though women are a majority of the population they are often treated as second class citizens or as a minority?

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

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.56]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.56]
- 3 INDEPENDENT [Go to q.55]
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE [Go to q.55]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/APOLITICAL/NOTHING [Go to q.55]

(IF #3,4,9 TO Q-54, ASK:)

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

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

56. 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.58]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.58]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN [Go to q.57]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.57]

(IF "IN BETWEEN/D.K./NO OPINION" TO Q.56, ASK:)

57. 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

58. 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

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

- 1 YES [Go to q.60]
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.60]
- 3 NO [Go to q.61]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.61]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.61]

(IF "YES OR TEMPORARILY LAID OFF" TO Q. 59, ASK:)

60. 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
- 8 RETIRED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

61. Are you the chief wage earner?

- 1 YES--MALE RESPONDENT
- 2 NO-- MALE RESPONDENT
- 3 YES--FEMALE RESPONDENT
- 4 NO-- FEMALE RESPONDENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

62. Have you been regularly employed full or part time in the last few years?

- 1 YES [Go to q.63]
- 2 NO [Go to q.67]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.67]

(IF "YES" TO Q.62, ASK:)

63. In the place where you work, do women generally stand an equal chance with men in terms of salary, responsibilities and promotions, or not?

- 1 YES, EQUAL
- 2 NO
- 7 NOT APPROPRIATE
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

64. Have you ever been discriminated against in any of those areas because you are a woman?

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

65. Have you ever been the object of an unwanted sexual advance or proposition at work?

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

66. Some working women complain about a different form of sexual harassment, such as men putting their arm around them, sex-related teasing or joking and small things like that. Have you ever felt uncomfortable at work because of anything like this--IF YES, ASK: How often does this happen at work--daily, pretty often, sometimes or rarely?

- 1 YES--DAILY
- 2 YES--PRETTY OFTEN
- 3 YES--SOMETIMES
- 4 YES--RARELY
- 5 YES--DON'T KNOW HOW OFTEN
- 7 NO, NOT MADE TO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE/DOESN'T HAPPEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW IF HAPPENS

67. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES [Go to q.68]
- 2 NO [Go to q.69]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.69]

(IF "YES" TO Q.67, ASK:)

68. 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

69. What was your age on your last birthday?

CODE # OF YEARS:
99 refused and CODE

70. 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

71. Are you married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 MARRIED [Go to q.72]
- 2 WIDOWED [Go to q.72]
- 3 DIVORCED [Go to q.72]
- 4 SEPARATED [Go to q.72]
- 5 NEVER MARRIED [Go to q.75]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.75]

(IF #1,2,3 or 4 TO Q.71, ASK:)

72. Do you have children?

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

73. Are you white, black or of hispanic origin?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK
- 3 HISPANIC
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

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

74A. In what county is that?

75. 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 \$5,000 OR UNDER
- 2 \$5,001 TO \$10,000
- 3 \$10,001 TO \$15,000
- 4 \$15,001-\$20,000
- 5 \$20,001 - \$30,000
- 6 OVER \$30,000
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW