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Hello, my name is (first and last name). I'm on the staff of the Eagleton Poll. I'm taking a public opinion survey of New Jersey adults for Rutgers University and the Newark Star-Ledger.

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

3. And what County is that?

4. I have a few questions for people who live in the southern part of the state. First... Overall, how would you rate South Jersey as a place to live --excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

5. What is the one thing you like most about living in South Jersey?

6. What is the one thing you dislike most about living in South Jersey?

7. What one or two issues do you think will become the most important ones for South Jersey in the next five to ten years |

- A FIRST ISSUE?
- B SECOND ISSUE?

8. Do you think that people living in South Jersey have different problems than those living elsewhere in the state?

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

9. I'd like to read you a short list of issues concerning South Jersey. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious problem in South Jersey. First... (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT)--is this very, somewhat, or not too serious...|

- A the lack of affordable housing?
- B the availability of jobs?
- C keeping the tourism industry healthy?
- D protecting the environment?
- E the social, economic, and health care needs of the elderly?

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

Turning now to politics,

10. 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

11. Now 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

12. How would you rate 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

13. And what about the job the New Jersey State Legislature is doing?
(REPEAT OPTIONS IF NECESSARY)

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

14. There has been a recent proposal that New Jersey create an office of Lieutenant Governor, someone who would take over if the Governor became ill, or died, or was travelling out of state. Have you read or heard anything about this?

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

15. Overall, do you think having a Lieutenant Governor is a good idea, a bad idea, or don't you think it really matters?

- 1 GOOD IDEA
- 2 BAD IDEA
- 3 DOESN'T MATTER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. If New Jersey were to have a Lieutenant Governor, do you think this person should be elected along with the Governor, elected separately from the Governor, or should it be someone appointed by the Governor after the election?

- 1 ELECTED WITH GOVERNOR
- 2 ELECTED SEPARATELY
- 3 APPOINTED
- 4 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

17. Do you think the state and local taxes you pay are too high, too low, or about right--IF "TOO HIGH" ASK: Would you say much too high, or only somewhat too high?

- 1 MUCH TOO HIGH
- 2 SOMEWHAT TOO HIGH
- 3 TOO LOW
- 4 ABOUT RIGHT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. Do you think you get your money's worth for the state and local taxes you pay; or do you think you pay too much for what you get--IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DEPENDS" ON WHETHER STATE OR LOCAL, SAY: Well, thinking about your state and local taxes in general?

- 1 GET MONEY'S WORTH
- 2 PAY TOO MUCH

3 BOTH
9 DON'T KNOW

19. As YOU know, most of the money government spends comes from the taxes you and others pay. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think state and local government here in New Jersey should be spending more, less, or about the same as now. First, how about -- should more, less, or the same be spent on...(READ LIST STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT)...|

A Environmental programs?
B Programs for the poor?
C Public grade schools and high schools?
D Streets and highways?
E Police forces?
F Public colleges and universities?
G Public transportation?
H Prisons?
I Programs for the elderly?
J Industrial growth and development?
K Tourism?
L Toxic waste cleanup?

1 MORE
2 LESS
3 ABOUT THE SAME
9 DON'T KNOW

20. There has been some discussion lately in New Jersey about changing the state's constitution to allow for initiative and referendum. This provides a way for the public to vote directly on policies and issues instead of always 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

21A. I'm going to read you some reasons people have given both for and against initiative and referendum. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view. Some people feel citizens ought to be able to vote directly on important issues and policies. Others feel that the job of making laws should always be left to elected representatives. Should citizens vote directly in some cases, or should laws always be made by elected representatives?

1 VOTE DIRECTLY
2 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES
8 BOTH/DEPENDS

9 DON'T KNOW

21B. I'm going to read you some reasons people have given both for and against initiative and referendum. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view. Some say that people do not follow politics closely enough to make informed decisions on most issues. Others believe that, if given a chance to vote on issues, people would be able to cast informed votes. Do you think people would or would not be able to make informed decisions?

- 1 WOULD
- 2 WOULD NOT
- 8 DEPENDS/BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

21C. I'm going to read you some reasons people have given both for and against initiative and referendum. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view. Some people feel that initiative and referendum would allow special interest groups to gain power by spending money to promote only their side of an issue. Others feel that it would weaken special interests, since it allows the public to decide issues when elected officials are hesitant to act. Do you think initiative and referendum would make special interests more or less powerful?

- 1 MORE POWERFUL
- 2 LESS POWERFUL
- 3 NO CHANGE
- 8 BOTH/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. On the whole, do you think initiative and referendum is a good idea, a bad idea, or don't you have an opinion on it?

- 1 GOOD IDEA
- 2 BAD IDEA
- 8 BOTH/DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'd like to ask you a few questions about transportation and driving in New Jersey.

23. Recently a proposal has been made for a major expansion of the New Jersey Turnpike. How much have you read or heard about this--a lot, some, just a little, or nothing at all?

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

24. The Turnpike Authority says large sections of the Turnpike need to be widened in order to handle the projected growth in traffic. The

project would be paid for by a 40 percent increase in tolls scheduled to go into effect in July. Overall, would you say you approve or disapprove of this proposal for widening the Turnpike?

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

25. [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DISAPPROVE OF TP:] Would you approve or disapprove of widening the Turnpike if it would create thousands of jobs and stimulate the state's economy?

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

26. [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF TP:] And would you approve or disapprove if this project meant that approximately 100 homes would be demolished and the families living in those homes relocated?

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

27. [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF TP:] Would you approve or disapprove if tolls had to be doubled by 1990 to pay for the project?

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

28. [ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO APPROVE OF TP:] Finally, would you approve or disapprove if sensitive wildlife areas and wetlands would be lost or damaged during construction?

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

29. The total cost of the Turnpike project would be about 2 billion dollars. If you had to choose one or the other, would you rather see this money spent on widening the Turnpike or would you rather see the money spent on improving the state's buses, trains, and other mass transportation?

- 1 TURNPIKE
- 2 MASS TRANSPORTATION
- 3 BOTH--SPLIT THE MONEY/REFUSES TO CHOOSE
- 4 NEITHER/DON'T SPEND THE MONEY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. Do you or anyone in your household take a PATH train regularly to get to work--IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else, or both?

- 1 YES-YOU AND SOMEONE ELSE
- 2 YES-YOU
- 3 YES-SOMEONE ELSE
- 4 NO [Go to q.32]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.32]

(IF "YES--,1,2,OR 3" TO Q. 30, ASK:)

31. How (do you/does that person) usually get to the PATH station--by car, bus, train, some combination of those, or some other way -- |

- A NAMES CAR ?
- B NAMES BUS?
- C NAMES TRAIN?
- D NAMES WALKS ?
- E NAMES BICYCLE?
- F NAMES MOTORCYCLE?
- G NAMES SUBWAY?
- H NAMES OTHER?

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

32. Do you or anyone in your household work in New York City--IF YES, PROBE: IS that you, someone else, or both?

- 1 YES--RESPONDENT ONLY
- 2 YES--OTHER ONLY
- 3 YES--BOTH
- 4 NO [Go to q.38]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.38]

(IF "YES-- 1,2,OR 3" TO Q. 32, ASK:)

33. (Do you/Does that person) usually take public transportation to get into New York City or drive all the way? (IF RESPONDENT SAYS DIFFERENT WAYS ON DIFFERENT DAYS, ASK WHICH ONE IS USED MOST OFTEN)

- 1 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION /
- 2 DRIVE [Go to q.35]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.35]

(IF "PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION" TO Q.33, ASK:)

34. Is that the train, the bus, or both?

- 1 TRAIN
- 2 BUS

- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "TRAIN" OR "BOTH" TO Q.34, ASK:)

35. Is that a PATH train, some other train, or both?

- 1 PATH [Go to q.38]
- 2 OTHER [Go to q.38]
- 3 BOTH [Go to q.38]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.38]

36. What bridge or tunnel (do you/does that person) usually take to get into New York City?

- 1 GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE
- 2 LINCOLN TUNNEL
- 3 HOLLAND TUNNEL
- 8 OTHER, SPECIFY:
- 9 DON'T KNOW

37. Is there public transportation close to home which (you/that person) could take to get to work?

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

38. When driving in a car how often do you wear safety belts--always, most of the time, sometimes, only once in a while, or never?

- 1 ALWAYS
- 2 MOST OF THE TIME
- 3 SOMETIMES
- 4 ONCE IN A WHILE
- 5 NEVER
- 8 DON'T KNOW
- 9 DOESN'T DRIVE--QUESTION NOT APPLICABLE

39. Do you know if New Jersey has a law which requires all drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.40]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.40]

(IF "YES" TO Q.39, ASK:)

39a. How much could someone be fined for a first offense of not wearing a seat belt?

- 1 UNDER \$20
- 2 \$20

3 OVER \$20
9 DON'T KNOW

40. (The/A) law requiring all drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts went into effect in New Jersey last year. On the whole, do you think this law is a good or a bad idea?

1 GOOD IDEA
2 BAD IDEA
8 DEPENDS
9 DON'T KNOW

41. While very few New Jerseyans drive while they are drunk, many tell us they occasionally drink while in their cars. Have you ever had a beer or other alcoholic beverage while you were driving?

1 YES
2 NO
8 DOESN'T DRIVE/INAPPLICABLE
9 DON'T KNOW

41A. Have you done this at any time in the last 12 months?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

41B. Have you been a passenger in a car where the driver was drinking at any time in the last 12 months?

1 YES
2 NO
8 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

42. How serious a problem do you think drunk driving is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious?

1 VERY SERIOUS
2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
3 NOT TOO SERIOUS
9 DON'T KNOW

43. Do you know what the penalty is in New Jersey for people who are found guilty of a first offense of drunk driving, or aren't you sure?

1 YES
2 NO/DON'T KNOW
3 KNOW SOME BUT NOT ALL

44. The current law states that first offenders will have their license suspended for 6 months to a year, will be fined between 250 to 400 dollars, and may go to jail for up to a month. Do you think this law is too tough, not tough enough or about right?

- 1 TOO TOUGH
- 2 NOT TOUGH ENOUGH
- 3 JUST RIGHT
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

45. In the last year, have you or someone you know ever been stopped at a roadblock or checkpoint by policemen who were looking for drunk drivers--IF YES, PROBE: Is that you, someone else, or both?

- 1 YES, RESPONDENT ONLY
- 2 YES, OTHER ONLY
- 3 YES, BOTH
- 4 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

46. Do you think that having policemen randomly set up temporary roadblocks to check for drunk drivers is a good or a bad idea?

- 1 GOOD IDEA
- 2 BAD IDEA
- 3 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now on another topic,

47. Have you read or heard anything about the disease called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome--or AIDS?

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

48. How serious a threat do you think AIDS is to the general public here in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, or not very serious?

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

49. How worried are you that you or someone that you are close to might get AIDS --very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

- 1 VERY WORRIED
- 2 SOMEWHAT WORRIED
- 3 NOT TOO WORRIED
- 4 NOT AT ALL WORRIED
- 7 RESPONDENT KNOWS SOMEONE WHO HAS AIDS
- 8 RESPONDENT HAS AIDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

50. To your knowledge, does AIDS affect any particular groups in the population more than others?

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

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

51. [To your knowledge, does AIDS affect any particular groups in the population more than others -- IF "YES":] What groups -- |

- A HOMOSEXUALS OR BISEXUALS/GAYS ?
- B INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS/DRUG ADDICTS ?
- C HEMOPHILIACS ?
- D HAITIANS ?
- E PROSTITUTES ?
- F PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS ?
- G HISPANICS (PUERTO RICANS, CUBANS) ?
- H OTHER ?

52. I am going to read you a list of ways that some people say a person can get AIDS. As I read each one please tell me whether you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely to get AIDS that way. First, how likely is it that a person can get AIDS... (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT)--very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, not at all likely...|

- A through a blood transfusion from a donor with AIDS?
- B by eating food that has been handled by a person who has AIDS?
- C by using a hypodermic needle that someone with AIDS has used?
- D by using unclean public toilets?
- E through sexual relations with a person who has AIDS?
- F by giving blood to a blood bank or hospital?
- G by kissing a person who has AIDS?
- H by shaking hands with a person who has AIDS?

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

53. Should school children who have AIDS be allowed to attend classes with other children or not?

- 1 YES [Go to q.55]
- 2 NO
- 3 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "NO, DEPENDS OR D.K." TO Q. 53, ASK:)

54. Should children who have AIDS be allowed to go to school if they are taught in special classes and are kept away from other children or not?

- 1 YES--SHOULD
- 2 NO--SHOULD NOT
- 3 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

55. In your opinion, should government be spending more, less, or about the same on research into finding a treatment and cure for AIDS?

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

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

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.57]
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER [Go to q.57]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

57. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

58. 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.59]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.59]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.61]

9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.61]

61. 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

62. 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

63. Are you currently employed, laid off, retired or not employed?

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.65]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.65]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.65]
- 5 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.65]

(IF "EMPLOYED" TO Q.57, ASK:)

64. DO you get paid at an hourly rate, a salary, or are YOU self-employed?

- 1 HOURLY (AND PIECEWORK)
- 2 SALARIED (AND COMMISSIONS)
- 3 SELF-EMPLOYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

65. Are you the chief wage earner in your household?

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

66. Is the chief wage earner in your household currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.]
- 5 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.]

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

67. Does/did 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

68. What was your age on your last birthday?

(CODE # OF YEARS, 99=REFUSED AND CODE)

68A. What was your age on your last birthday?

- 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

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

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED [Go to q.7]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.7]

70. Do you have children?

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

71. Are you white, black or of Hispanic origin?

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

72. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: Under \$10,000; \$10,000 to \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$20,000; \$20,000 to \$30,000; \$30,000 to \$50,000; over \$50,000?

- 1 UNDER \$10,000

2 \$10,001 - \$15,000
3 \$15,001 - \$20,000
4 \$20,001 - \$30,000
5 \$30,001 - \$50,000
6 OVER \$50,000
9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW