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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. Overall, how would you rate New 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

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

3. 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

4. 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

5. How would you rate Reagan's handling of the problems of the economy?

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

6. 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

7. Do you think that Ronald Reagan is a strong leader, or not?

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

8. Do you think Ronald Reagan has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life, less, or about the same amount?

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

9. Do you think that most of the time Ronald Reagan is in charge of what goes on in his administration, or do you think that most of the time other people are really running the government?

- 1 REAGAN IN CHARGE
- 2 OTHERS RUN GOVERNMENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10. HOW would you rate Reagan's handling of the Iran--Contra arms affair-- would you say excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

11. As you may know, the Reagan administration sold military weapons and spare parts to the government of Iran during the past year. Do you think they did this mainly as a way to get American hostages in Lebanon released, or mainly for other reasons?

- 1 TO RELEASE HOSTAGES
- 2 FOR OTHER REASONS
- 3 BOTH--EQUAL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States government selling arms to Iran in order to get American hostages in Lebanon released?

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

13. Ronald Reagan has said he did not know that the money from the Iranian arms sale was going to help the Contras who are fighting against the government of

Nicaragua. Do you think he was telling the truth or was he lying when he said that?

- 1 TELLING TRUTH
- 2 HE WAS LYING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. Do you think the Reagan administration is trying to cover up some of the facts about the Iranian arms deal, or not?

- 1 YES--COVERING UP
- 2 NO--NOT COVERING UP
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. When you think about elections for President, generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 OTHER PARTY
- 5 NO PREFERENCE/REJECTS TERMS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16A. Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

- 1 STRONG
- 2 NOT STRONG/OTHER

16B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 3 OTHER
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DK/NO OPINION

17. Turning to 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

18A. How would you rate the job Senator Bill Bradley is doing--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

18B. How would you rate the job Senator Frank Lautenberg is doing? (REPEAT OPTIONS IF NECESSARY)

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

19. 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

20. When you think about elections for governor and the state legislature here in New Jersey, generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- 1 REPUBLICAN
- 2 DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

21A. Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/ Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

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

21B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

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

22. There has been talk in recent months about Tom Kean running for national office in 1988 before his term as governor is over in 1989. Should Kean feel free to run for a national office such as vice-president in 1988, or do you think he is obligated to serve out his full term as governor?

Turning to another topic,

23. Overall, how serious would you say the problem of garbage and solid waste disposal is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not serious at all?

- 1 VERY SERIOUS
- 2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS

- 3 NOT VERY SERIOUS
- 4 NOT SERIOUS AT ALL
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

24. And how serious is the problem of garbage and solid waste disposal in your community--very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not serious at all?

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

25. As far as you know, does most of the garbage and solid waste from your community go to a landfill to be buried, to an incinerator to be burned, to someplace else, or aren't you sure?

26. Is this place in your community, somewhere in your county, somewhere else in New Jersey, outside of New Jersey, or aren't you sure?

- 1 COMMUNITY
- 2 IN COUNTY
- 3 IN NEW JERSEY
- 4 OUTSIDE NEW JERSEY
- 5 BOTH IN COMMUNITY AND SOMEWHERE ELSE
- 9 NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW

27. Does your household recycle newspapers, bottles or cans?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [GO TO Q.31]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [GO TO Q31]

28. Is this something you do all the time, sometimes, or just once in a while?

- 1 ALL THE TIME [GO TO Q.30]
- 2 SOMETIMES
- 3 JUST ONCE IN A WHILE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [GO TO Q.30]

29. Did you do this in the last month, or not?

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

30. Is this something you do voluntarily, or are you required to do it by your township or municipality?

- 1 VOLUNTARY
- 2 REQUIRED
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. The State Legislature is considering a bill which would require all municipalities in the state to recycle some of their solid waste --have you read or heard anything about this--IF YES, ASK: How much--a lot, some, or just a little?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NONE--NOT HEARD OF
- 9 DON'T KNOW

32. In general, would you favor or oppose a law requiring all cities and towns to recycle at least 25 percent of their solid waste--such as bottles, cans, or newspapers--IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, PROBE: Would you (favor/oppose) it strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 MILDLY FAVOR
- 3 MILDLY OPPOSE [Go to q.34]
- 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE [Go to q.34]
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF #1,2,8, OR 9 TO Q. 32, ASK:)

33. Would you favor or oppose this recycling plan even if it meant that you or someone in your household would have to separate some of your trash, such as bottles and cans, before it was collected?

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

34. If you were required by law to keep u your bottles, cans, and newspapers separate from the rest of your trash for recycling, would this be very inconvenient for you, somewhat inconvenient, or not at all inconvenient?

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

35. If the state legislature passes a mandatory recycling law, should the state government reimburse cities and towns for all the costs of starting and running such programs, or should municipalities share some of the costs?

- 1 STATE SHOULD PAY ALL
- 2 MUNICIPALITIES SHARE COSTS
- 3 MUNICIPALITIES PAY ALL
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. Over the last few months there has been a court case in New Jersey involving the question of surrogate motherhood and a custody battle over an infant known as "Baby M." How much have you read or heard about this case--a lot, some, just a little, or nothing at all?

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

37. In most cases a surrogate mother is someone who agrees to be artificially inseminated, become pregnant, and have a baby for people who cannot have a child of their own. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the idea of surrogate motherhood--IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE DEPENDS
- 5 DON'T KNOW

38. In most cases, the surrogate mother signs a contract in which she agrees to turn the child over to its biological father after it is born. In your opinion, should such contracts be considered legal and binding, or not?

- 1 YES--LEGAL
- 2 NO--NOT LEGAL
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

39. The issue of surrogate motherhood raises some difficult legal and ethical questions. I'd like to read you some statements about it, and for each one please tell me whether you agree or disagree. First, (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT)...do you agree or disagree...|

A Allowing women to sign contracts to be surrogate mothers turns babies into things that people buy and sell?

B The decision to be a surrogate mother is a private matter which the government should stay out of completely?

C Surrogate motherhood is a reasonable way for people who are unable to have their own children to still have a family?

D Surrogate motherhood should be prohibited by law?

E If surrogate motherhood is allowed, the state legislature should pass laws regulating it to insure that the rights of all the individuals involved are protected?

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

40. If a woman freely signs a contract to be a surrogate mother, should she still have the right to change her mind and keep the baby after it is born, or not?

- 1 YES--CAN CHANGE MIND
- 2 NO--CAN'T CHANGE MIND
- 6 SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED
- 7 CONTRACTS SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED
- 8 DEPENDS

9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to taxes,

41. 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

42. 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

43. Because of federal budget cuts, cities in New Jersey will lose nearly \$70 million dollars in aid this year, which city officials say will force them to cut services and lay off some police and fire fighters. Should the state government provide increased aid to the cities to make up for a of the cuts in federal funds, or not?

- 1 YES--INCREASE AID FOR ALL CUTS
- 2 YES--INCREASE AID FOR SOME CUTS
- 3 NO--NO INCREASED AID
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

44. A number of ways have been suggested for raising additional money to make up for the loss of federal aid. Please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following as a way for the state to raise more money to give to local communities. First, (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT)...would you favor or oppose this...|

- A Have the legislature repeal the law which allows individuals to deduct a portion of their property taxes or rent from their state income tax?
- B Use more of the state's current budget surplus to make up for lost federal aid?
- C Increase the state income tax on individuals with incomes of over \$100,000 dollars?
- D Pass a tax amnesty bill to provide a one-time only, 90 day period for individuals and businesses to pay any back taxes they owe the state without penalty?

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

45. If you had to choose between a reduction in some government services in your community, or a small increase in your state and local taxes, which would you prefer--IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DEPENDS" ON WHETHER STATE OR LOCAL, SAY: Well, thinking about your state and local taxes in general?

- 1 REDUCE SERVICES
- 2 INCREASE TAXES
- 3 NEITHER
- 8 DEPENDS--REFUSES TO CHOOSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

46. Governor Kean recently proposed major reforms in the state's welfare system--have you read or heard anything about this--IF YES, PROBE: How much--a lot, some, or just a little?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 JUST A LITTLE
- 4 NO--NOT HEARD OF
- 9 DON'T KNOW

47. Kean's proposal would require all able-bodied welfare recipients to look for work, participate in a job training program, or be in school in order to receive welfare benefits. Where necessary, the state would provide them with child care, transportation, training and job placement services. In general, do you approve or disapprove of this proposal--IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, Do you approve/disapprove strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

48. If the state provided them with day care services, do you think women on welfare with children two years old or older should or should not be required to work?

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

49. And if the state provided them with day care services, do you think women on welfare with children under two years old should or should not be required to work?

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

50. In general, do you think most of the people now on welfare in New Jersey could get off it on their own if they really wanted to, or do you think they need some help from government and business to make it on their own?

- 1 COULD GET OFF WELFARE
- 2 NEED HELP FROM GOVERNMENT
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

51. Let's think again about national politics. When you think about elections for Congress, generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 OTHER PARTY
- 5 NO PREFERENCE/REJECTS TERMS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

52A. Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

- 1 STRONG
- 2 NOT STRONG/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

52B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 3 OTHER
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DK/NO OPINION

53. 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.55]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.55]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3 OR #9 TO Q.53. ASK:)

54. 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

55. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.57]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.57]

(IF "YES" TO Q.55. ASK:)

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

- 1 YES, GRADUATED
- 2 YES, DID NOT GRADUATE
- 3 JUNIOR COLLEGE--GRADUATE
- 4 VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL
- 5 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.59]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.59]
- 5 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.59]

(IF #1 OR #2 TO Q.57, ASK:)

58. 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

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

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

60. 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.62]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.62]
- 5 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.62]

(IF #1 OR #2 TO Q.60, ASK:)

61. 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

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. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

64. 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 60-64
- 8 65 OR OVER
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

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

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

66. Do you have any children?

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

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

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED
- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

68. DO you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC
- 5 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

69. Including yourself, how many people 18 years of age or older live in your household?

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

70a. In what county is that?

71. 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