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Hello, my name is (first and last name)--I'm on the staff of the Eagleton Poll, and I'm taking a public opinion survey of New Jersey adults for Rutgers University--I'd like your views on what New Jersey is like as a place to live and on some topics currently in the news

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 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

3. 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

4. How would you rate 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

5. 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

6. 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
- 8 HAVEN'T HEARD OF IRANIAN ARMS DEAL
- 9 DON'T KNOW IF COVERING UP

7. 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

8. How much do you think the Congressional hearings into the Iran-Contra arms affair will hurt Reagan's ability to be an effective president for the rest of his term--will they hurt him a lot, some, a little, or not at all?

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

9. Turning now to issues in New Jersey I'd like to first ask you some questions about automobile insurance. Compared to people in other states, do you think New Jersey drivers pay more, less, or about the same for auto insurance?

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

10. Do you think auto insurance rates in New Jersey have to be as high as they are in order for insurance companies to stay in business, or do you think rates could be lower--IF "LOWER," ASK: Do you think they could be a lot lower or only somewhat lower?

- 1 A LOT LOWER
- 2 SOMEWHAT LOWER
- 3 HAVE TO BE HIGH
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. On average, New Jerseyans pay more for auto insurance than drivers in any other state--I'd like to read you some possible reasons for this, and would like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each. First , (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT), do you agree or disagree -- |

A car insurance is high because the law allows people to sue for even minor injuries from accidents?

B insurance is high because there are so many cars and people in the state. This means there are going to be a lot of accidents?

C car insurance is high because insurance companies are making unreasonable profits?

D insurance is high because lawyers encourage people with only minor injuries to file lawsuits?

E car insurance is high because the auto insurance system provides drivers with the best, most complete protection?

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

12. If a person's medical expenses from a car accident exceed a certain amount they can now sue for pain and suffering--There have been proposals to limit such lawsuits to cases involving serious injury or death, but would not limit someone's ability to recover economic losses or medical expenses--Would you approve or disapprove of limiting lawsuits from car accidents to cases of serious injury or death if it meant a significant reduction in car insurance rates?

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

13. Would you be willing to reduce some of your auto insurance coverage or benefits if it meant a significant reduction in your car insurance bill?

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

14. On another issue, there has been some talk lately about building a stadium and bringing a major league baseball team to New Jersey--Have you heard or read anything about this?

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

15. How closely do you follow professional baseball--very closely, somewhat, just a little or not at all?

- 1 VERY CLOSELY
- 2 SOMEWHAT CLOSELY
- 3 JUST A LITTLE
- 4 NOT AT ALL

16. Would you call yourself a fan of any of the teams in the area--the Phillies, Mets or Yankees--IF YES, PROBE: Which teams --

- A PHILLIES?
- B METS?
- C YANKEES?

17. I'm going to read you four possible reactions to the idea of having a baseball team in the state--Afterwards, please just tell me which is closest to your own view?

- 1 FIRST, I THINK THE IDEA IS VERY EXCITING,
- 2 SECOND, WHILE NOT EXCITING, I THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA,
- 3 THIRD, I REALLY DON'T CARE MUCH ABOUT IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER,
- 4 OR FOURTH, I AM OPPOSED TO THE IDEA.
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. How active should state government be in helping to build a stadium and attract a team--should it be very involved, somewhat involved, or should it not get involved at all?

- 1 VERY
- 2 SOMEWHAT
- 3 NO INVOLVEMENT
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. I'm going to read you three statements some people have made about possible benefits of a baseball team--Please tell me if you think each is a very good reason to try and attract baseball, a pretty good reason, or not a good reason to do this--First, (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) is this a very good, pretty good or not really a good reason to build a stadium and get a team
-- |

A It would bring in business and be good for the state's economy?

B It would be good for the state's image--how others see New Jersey?

C It would be a good addition to the recreational opportunities available to New Jersey residents?

- 1 GOOD
- 2 PRETTY GOOD
- 3 NOT GOOD
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20. If a baseball stadium is built, do you think it should be part of the Meadowlands Sports Complex in Northern New Jersey, or would you rather see it located more in the center part of the state?

- 1 MEADOWLANDS
- 2 CENTER
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

21. Do you think that any baseball team moving into the state should first agree to use "New Jersey" in its team name, or not?

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

22. If the New York Yankees moved to New Jersey do you think they should change their name to the New Jersey Yankees, or should they keep their name the same?

- 1 NEW JERSEY YANKEES/CHANGE
- 2 NEW YORK YANKEES/KEEP
- 3 JUST "YANKEES"
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

23. Now, I'm going to read you a short list of ways people get involved in public affairs beside voting in elections--For each please just tell me if you have or have not done it in the last 12 months--First, in the last year have you|

- A Worked with others in your community to solve a local problem?
- B Contacted or written a public official about some problem?
- C Gone to a political rally or government meeting?
- D Contributed money to a political candidate?
- E Helped in someone's campaign for public office?
- F Written a letter to the editor of a newspaper?
- G Given money to a PAC, interest group or cause?

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

24. Another way people get involved in public affairs is through donating their time to voluntary organizations--that is working for no pay for non-profit groups or charity--Please tell me if you can recall having volunteered time to each of the following types of groups within the last 12 months -- |

- A a religious group?
- B a health organization?
- C a civic or community organization, or a group providing social services?
- D a group involved with the arts?
- E a group involved with education?
- F have you volunteered time to any other type of non-profit group in the last 12 months?

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

25A. How often do you usually do Volunteer work for these types of organizations--every week, at least once a month, or a few times a year?

- 1 WEEKLY (USE "WEEK" BELOW)
- 2 MONTHLY (USE "MONTH" BELOW)
- 3 YEARLY (USE "YEAH" BELOW)
- 9 DON'T KNOW (USE "YEAR" BELOW)

25B. And about how many times do you do this in an average (WEEK/MONTH/YEAR)?

25C. Would you say you spend more, less or about the same number of hours on volunteer work now than you did two years ago?

- 1 MORE HOURS
- 2 LESS HOURS
- 3 SAME HOURS

9 DON'T KNOW

26. My next few questions are about donating money to charity, religious groups or non-profit organizations--Before I begin I want to assure you that this information will be used only for research purposes and not to solicit donations--All your answers will be kept totally confidential--Thinking back over the last 12 months, please tell me if you can recall having contributed money to each of the following -- |

A a religious group?

B a health organization?

C a civic or community organization, or a group providing social services?

D a group involved with the arts?

E a group involved with education?

F have you contributed money to any other type of non-profit group in the last year?

1 YES

2 NO

9 DON'T KNOW

27A. While I know it is difficult to estimate, about how much money do you think you gave to charity or non-profit groups in the last 12 months--your best guess will be fine? ENTER ACTUAL AMOUNT IN BOXES

27B. Would you say you give more, less or about the same amount of money now than you did two years ago?

1 GIVE MORE

2 GIVE LESS

3 GIVE SAME

9 DON'T KNOW

28. On another issue, have you read or heard anything about the problem of overcrowding in New Jersey's prisons--IF "YES," ASK: How much have you heard--a lot, some, or just a little?

1 A LOT

2 SOME

3 JUST A LITTLE

9 DON'T KNOW

29. How serious do you think the problem of prison overcrowding is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, or not very serious?

1 VERY

2 SOMEWHAT

3 NOT VERY

9 DON'T KNOW

30. And how concerned are you personally about the problem of prison overcrowding-- a great deal, pretty much, just a little, or are you not at all concerned with this issue?

1 GREAT DEAL

- 2 PRETTY MUCH
- 3 JUST A LITTLE
- 4 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. In the fall, New Jerseyans Will be asked to vote on a bond issue of about \$200 million dollars to build more prison facilities--As of now, would you favor or oppose this bond issue--IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, PROBE: Would you (favor/oppose) it strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 MILDLY FAVOR
- 3 MILDLY OPPOSE
- 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

32. In general, do you favor or oppose longer prison sentences for people convicted of crimes involving illegal drugs?

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

33. Do you favor this more because you think it will stop people from using drugs, or more as a way to punish them and keep them off the street?

- 1 STOP USE
- 2 PUNISH/KEEP OFF STREET
- 3 BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. I have a couple of questions about alcohol and drugs, but want to assure you that we aren't interested in any specific or personal information--If you would rather not answer, just let me know--To your knowledge, has anyone in your household ever had a problem with either alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal drugs?

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

35. Was this during the last twelve months or earlier than that?

- 1 DURING LAST 12 MONTHS
- 2 EARLIER
- 3 BOTH
- 8 REFUSED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. Was the problem with alcohol, prescription drugs, or illegal drugs?

- 1 ALCOHOL
- 2 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- 3 ILLEGAL DRUGS
- 4 ALCOHOL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
- 5 ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

6 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND ILLEGAL DRUGS
 7 ALL THREE
 8 REFUSED
 9 DON'T KNOW

Thinking now about education,

37. The State Department of Higher Education is considering undertaking a major construction program for the state's colleges and universities--It would be funded by both public and private sources--Have you read or heard anything about this program?

1 YES
 2 NO
 9 DON'T KNOW

38. It has been estimated that \$1.2 billion dollars will be needed over the next fifteen years for the construction or renovation of facilities such as laboratories, classrooms, dormitories, and libraries at the state's public and private colleges--In general, would you favor or oppose a program to raise these funds--If "favor" or 'oppose', ASK: Would you (favor/oppose) it strongly or mildly?

1 STRONGLY FAVOR
 2 MILDLY FAVOR
 3 MILDLY OPPOSE
 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE
 8 DEPENDS
 9 DON'T KNOW

39a. Of the total \$1.2 billion dollars, \$300 million--or about one-fourth--would come from state government. Do you think this is too much, too little, or about the right amount for the state to contribute to such a program?

1 TOO MUCH
 2 TOO LITTLE
 3 ABOUT RIGHT
 9 DON'T KNOW

39b. Are you opposed because you think this program would be too expensive, because you don't feel the state's colleges and universities really need the new facilities, or for some other reason?

1 TOO EXPENSIVE
 2 NOT NEEDED
 3 BOTH--EXPENSIVE AND NOT NEEDED
 4 OTHER REASON
 9 DON'T KNOW

40. Overall, how would you rate the quality of state colleges and universities in New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

41. In general, do students get a better education at colleges and universities in New Jersey or those in other states?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 OTHER STATES
- 8 DEPENDS/MIXED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

42. Many New Jerseyans go to college out of State--Do you think that if New Jersey improved the facilities at its state colleges and universities, more New Jerseyans would go to college in the state, or wouldn't it make a difference?

- 1 MORE WOULD GO IN STATE
- 2 MAKE NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

43. Do you think the idea of businesses and Universities working together on research projects is a good one, or should there be a separation between the business and academic communities?

- 1 GOOD IDEA
- 2 SHOULD BE SEPARATION
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

44. Have you or anyone in your family ever attended college in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.46]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.46]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 44. ASK:)

45. Was that at Rutgers, a state college, community college, or a private school? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)

- A RUTGERS
- B STATE COLLEGE
- C COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- D PRIVATE (Drew, Princeton, Stevens Institute, NJIT, Farleigh-Dickinson, Rider, Seton Hall)
- E OTHER (SPECIFY: 1
- F DON'T KNOW

46. Suppose someone you know was thinking about becoming a public school teacher, and asked for your advice--Would you encourage them to become a teacher, or discourage them--IF ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE PROBE: Would you encourage/discourage them strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE
- 2 MILDLY ENCOURAGE
- 3 MILDLY DISCOURAGE
- 4 STRONGLY DISCOURAGE
- 5 NEITHER
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

47. From what you may have heard, do you think most public school teachers in New Jersey find their work to be very satisfying, somewhat satisfying, somewhat dissatisfying, or very dissatisfying?

- 1 VERY SATISFYING
- 2 SOMEWHAT SATISFYING
- 3 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFYING
- 4 VERY DISSATISFYING
- 8 DEPENDS/BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

48. DO you have more respect for teachers than for people in other professions, less, or about the same amount?

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

49. As far as you know, are people who want to teach in New Jersey public schools required to pass a test before they are allowed to teach, or not?

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

50. During the last couple of years, would you say the average starting salary for public school teachers in New Jersey has gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

- 1 GONE UP
- 2 GONE DOWN
- 3 STAYED SAME
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

51. On another issue, if housing that low and moderate income families could afford to rent or buy were proposed for your community, would you approve or disapprove--If Approve/Disapprove, PROBE: Would you (approve/disapprove) strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE [Go to q.53]
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE [Go to q.53]
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 5 DEPENDS [Go to q.53]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF #3, 4, 8, OR 9 TO Q.51, ASK:)

52. Would you approve or disapprove of such housing in your community if it were built as part of a development that included middle and upper-income housing also?

- 1 APPROVE

- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

53. Which level of government can do the best job of insuring that there is enough affordable low and moderate income housing in New Jersey--would you say local, county, or the state government?

- 1 LOCAL
- 2 COUNTY
- 3 STATE
- 4 COMBINATIONS
- 5 NONE OF ABOVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

54. In a decision known as "Mount Laurel," the New Jersey Supreme court said that municipalities cannot exclude low and moderate income housing from their communities--Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 NOT SURE/DON'T KNOW

55. Do you think the New Jersey Supreme Court should be able to hear cases about the kinds of housing municipalities allow to be built: or, should these decisions be left entirely to the municipality with the Court having no authority to review their decisions?

- 1 COURT SHOULD BE ABLE TO REVIEW DECISIONS
- 2 DECISIONS LEFT ENTIRELY TO MUNICIPALITIES, NO COURT REVIEW
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

On a slightly different topic.

56. Have you ever hunted?

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

57a. Have you gone hunting at all during the past two years?

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

57b. Has anyone in your family or any of your close friends gone hunting in the past two years?

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

58. In order to control the number of deer in New Jersey, the state permits the hunting of deer during certain times of the year. Do you approve or disapprove of deer hunting?

- 1 APPROVE [Go to q.59a]
- 2 DISAPPROVE [Go to q.59b]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.60]

59a. Do you strongly approve of deer hunting or do you mildly approve of it?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

59b. Do you strongly disapprove of deer hunting or do you mildly disapprove of it?

- 1 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 2 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.62]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.62]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3, 4, OR 9 TO Q.60, ASK:)

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

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

62. 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.64]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.64]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3 OR #9 TO Q.62. ASK:)

63. 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

64. Did you receive a high school diploma?

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

65. 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

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

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.68]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.68]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.68]

(IF #1 OR #2 TO Q.66. ASK:)

67. 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

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

- 1 YES [Go to q.70]
- 2 NO

(IF "NO" TO Q. 68, ASK:)

69. 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.71]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.71]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.71]

(IF #1 OR #2 TO Q.69, ASK:)

70. 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

71. 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

72. 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

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

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

74. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

74A. 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

75. And what month were you born in?

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

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

77a. In what county is that?

78. 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