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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

Before I discuss some New Jersey issues with you, I'd like to ask you a few questions about President George Bush.

2. Is your general impression of Bush 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

3. How would you rate the job George Bush is doing as President--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

4a. 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

4b. And how would you rate Bush'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

4C. 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

4d. And, his handling of the nation's social problems?

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

5. Compared to the job Ronald Reagan did as President do you think George Bush is doing a better job, a worse job, or do you think his performance has been about the same?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6a. 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

6b. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey--IF YES, PROBE: As a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

- 1 YES, DEMOCRAT
- 2 YES, REPUBLICAN
- 3 YES, INDEPENDENT
- 4 YES, OTHER
- 5 YES, REFUSED PARTY
- 6 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

7. On June 6 there was a primary election in New Jersey--Not all races were contested and most people didn't vote--Did you vote in the primary election for Governor?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.10]

9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.10]

(IF "YES" TO Q.7. ASK:)

8. And, did you vote in the Democratic or the Republican primary?

1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.9a]

2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.9b]

9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "DEMOCRATIC" TO Q.8, ASK:)

9a. Who did you vote for?

1 JIM FLORIO

2 ALAN KARCHER

3 BARBARA SIGMUND

4 OTHER (SPECIFY:

9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.8, ASK:)

9b. Who did you vote for?

1 GERALD CARDINALE

2 JIM COURTER

3 CARY EDWARDS

4 WILLIAM GORMLEY

5 CHUCK HARDWICK

6 LOIS RAND

7 THOMAS BLOMQUIST

8 OTHER (SPECIFY:

9 DON'T KNOW

10. DO YOU KNOW who the Republican candidate for Governor is?

1 YES-NAMES COURTER [Go to q.12]

2 YES-DOES NOT NAME COURTER

9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "DOES NOT NAME COURTER" TO Q.10, ASK:)

11. The Republican candidate is Jim Courter--have you ever heard of him before?

1 YES

2 NO [Go to q.15]

9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.15]

(IF "YES" TO Q.11, OR #1 TO Q.10, ASK:)

12. How much do you think you know about Jim Courter--a lot, some or just a little?

1 A LOT

2 SOME

3 A LITTLE/NOTHING

9 DON'T KNOW

13. Is your general impression of Courter favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really 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

14. Do you happen to know what office Courter now holds--IF YES: What is it?

- 1 YES, U.S. CONGRESSMAN
- 2 YES, OTHER MENTIONING U.S. OFFICES
- 3 YES, OTHER MENTIONING N.J. STATE OFFICES
- 9 NO/DON'T KNOW, OTHER (WRONG)

15. And do you know who the Democratic candidate for Governor is?

- 1 YES-NAMES FLORIO [Go to q.17]
- 2 YES-DOES NOT NAME FLORIO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "DOES NOT NAME FLORIO" TO Q.15, ASK:)

16. The Democratic candidate is Jim Florio--have you ever heard of him before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.20]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.20]

(IF YES TO Q.15, OR #1 TO Q.16, ASK:)

17. HOW much do you think you know about Florio--a lot, some or just a little?

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

18. Is your general impression of Florio favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really 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

19. Do you happen to know what office Florio now holds--IF YES: What is it?

- 1 YES, U.S. CONGRESSMAN
- 2 YES, OTHER MENTIONING U.S. OFFICES
- 3 YES, OTHER MENTIONING tJ.J. STATE OFFICES
- 9 NO/DON'T KNOW, OTHER (WRONG)

20. What do you think is the most important problem facing the state that whoever is elected Governor will have to face?

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21. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will do a better job of handling this problem: Jim Courter or Jim Florio?

- 1 COURTER
- 2 FLORIO
- 3 BOTH/NO DIFFERENCE
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. Suppose the election for Governor was held today and you had to choose right now--would you vote for: Jim Courter the Republican or Jim Florio the Democrat-- IF "WOULDN'T VOTE," PROBE: Would you not vote because you're undecided now, or don't you plan to vote in the election?

- 1 COURTER [Go to q.24]
- 2 FLORIO [Go to q.24]
- 3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.25]
- 8 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.25]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.22]

(IF "UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW TO Q.22, ASK:)

23. At this moment do you lean more towards Courter, or more towards Florio?

- 1 COURTER
- 2 FLORIO
- 9 NEITHER/UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW

24. Are you very sure about voting for Mr. (Florio/Courter): or might you change your mind before election day?

- 1 VERY SURE
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE/DON'T KNOW

25. I'm going to read you a short list of issues--Regardless of which candidate you might favor, please tell me which one Courter or Florio--you think would do a better job of handling each--First (DESIGNATED POINT) who would be better-- Courter or Florio -- |

- A managing the economy and keeping the state prosperous?
- B keeping government honest and free from corruption?
- C providing strong leadership for the state?
- D protecting the environment?
- E balancing the state budget?
- F providing social services such as day care and aid to the needy?
- G handling the drug problem?
- H holding down taxes?
- I controlling growth and development?
- J handling public school education?
- K fixing the auto insurance problem?

1 COURTER  
 2 FLORIO  
 9 DON'T KNOW

26. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will win the election for Governor?

1 FLORIO  
 2 COURTER  
 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

27. Most people do not vote in every election--Did you vote in the 1981 election for Governor between Kean and Florio--If you can't recall whether you voted or weren't eligible to vote just say so?

1 VOTED  
 2 DIDN'T VOTE [Go to q.29]  
 3 CAN'T RECALL [Go to q.29]  
 4 NOT ELIGIBLE [Go to q.29]  
 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.29]

(IF "VOTED" TO Q. 27, ASK:)

28. Did you vote for Kean or Florio?

1 KEAN  
 2 FLORIO  
 3 CAN'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW  
 4 OTHER  
 9 REFUSED

29. There will also be an election for the State Assembly--Do you think you will vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates from your district?

1 DEMOCRATIC  
 2 REPUBLICAN  
 3 1 DEM., 1 REP.  
 4 1 DEM., DON'T KNOW OTHER  
 5 1 REP., DON'T KNOW OTHER  
 8 OTHER (WON'T VOTE)  
 9 DON'T KNOW

30. Do you happen to know what party currently has more members in the State Assembly--the Democrats or the Republicans?

1 DEMOCRATS  
 2 REPUBLICANS  
 9 DON'T KNOW

31. Which party would you rather see in control of the state legislature, the Democrats or the Republicans?

1 DEMOCRATS  
 2 REPUBLICANS  
 3 NO DIFFERENCE/DOESN'T MATTER/DOESN'T LOOK AT IT THIS WAY  
 4 NEITHER  
 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

32. Now I have a few questions on recreation in the state--First, would you agree or disagree that the shore is one of New Jersey's best features--PROBE: Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33. Do you think the New Jersey shore has been going downhill, getting better, or hasn't it really changed much over the years?

- 1 GOING DOWNHILL
- 2 GETTING BETTER
- 3 HASN'T CHANGED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. From what you may have read or heard, how serious a problem is ocean pollution along the Jersey shore--would you say it is very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious?

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

35. Do you think there will be more pollution problems at the Jersey shore this summer than there were last summer, fewer problems, or about the same amount as last summer?

- 1 MORE POLLUTION PROBLEMS
- 2 FEWER POLLUTION PROBLEMS
- 3 SAME AMOUNT OF PROBLEMS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. Last summer did you visit the New Jersey shore or not?

- 1 YES, VISITED
- 2 NO, DID NOT VISIT [Go to q.38]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.38]

(IF "YES, VISITED" TO Q. 36, ASK:)

37. This year do you think you will go to the shore more often, less often, or about the same number of times as you did last year?

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

38. Do you think state government should be spending more, less, or about the same as it is now to protect and improve the Jersey shore?

- 1 MORE

- 2 LESS [Go to q.40]
- 3 SAME [Go to q.40]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.40]

(IF "MORE" TO Q. 38, ASK:)

39. Would you be willing to see a slight increase in your state taxes to help pay for this, or not?

- 1 WILLING TO SEE A TAX INCREASE
- 2 NOT WILLING TO SEE A TAX INCREASE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40. If the state does need to spend more to clean up the ocean along the shore, do you think the money should come from the general state treasury, from fees charged to those who actually use the beaches, or some combination of the two?

- 1 GENERAL TREASURY
- 2 USER FEES
- 3 BOTH
- 4 NEITHER
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

41. Have you read or heard anything about the disease called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome--or AIDS--If YES, ASK: How much have you read or heard, a lot, some or just a little?

- 1 NO--NOT HEARD OF AIDS
- 2 YES-A LOT
- 3 YES-SOME
- 4 YES-A LITTLE
- 5 YES-DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

42. Do you feel that you have as much information about AIDS as you want, or would you like to have more information about it?

- 1 HAVE ENOUGH
- 2 WOULD LIKE MORE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

43. 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

44. And, in the next 5 years do you think the number of AIDS cases in New Jersey will increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

- 1 INCREASE
- 2 DECREASE
- 3 STAY ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW



45. How worried are you that you or someone 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

46. Up to now, AIDS has mostly been a threat to such groups as homosexuals and intravenous drug users--How likely is it that over the next 5 years AIDS will become a serious health threat to all segments of society--very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

- 1 VERY LIKELY
- 2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY
- 3 NOT TOO LIKELY
- 4 NOT LIKELY AT ALL
- 8 ALREADY IS THREAT TO ALL SEGMENTS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

47. Who do you think now pays most of the cost of health care for people with AIDS--the person with AIDS, state government, or the federal government?

- 1 PEOPLE WITH AIDS
- 2 STATE GOVERNMENT
- 3 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- 4 BOTH PATIENT AND GOVERNMENT
- 5 BOTH STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS
- 6 ALL 3
- 7 OTHER, SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

48. Do you think state government should be spending more, less, or about the same as it is now to inform people about AIDS?

- 1 MORE
- 2 LESS [Go to q.50]
- 9 SAME [Go to q.50]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.50]

(IF "MORE" TO Q. 48, ASK:)

49. Would you be willing to see a slight increase in your state taxes to help pay for this or not?

- 1 WILLING TO SEE A TAX INCREASE
- 2 NOT WILLING TO SEE A TAX INCREASE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.D3]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.D3]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3, 4, OR 9 TO Q. 50, ASK)

51. 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

52. 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.54]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.54]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3 OR 9 TO Q. 52, ASK)

53. 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

54. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.56]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.56]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 54. ASK:)

55. 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

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

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.58]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.58]

- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.58]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.58]

57. 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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.61]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.61]

(IF "NO" TO Q. 58, ASK:)

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

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.61]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.61]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.61]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.61]

60. 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

61. 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

62. 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

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

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK

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

64. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

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

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

65A. In what county is that?

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66. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

99 REFUSED

67. 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 50-54
- 7 55-59
- 8 60-64
- 9 65-69
- 10 70 - 74
- 11 75 OR OVER
- 12 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

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