

EAGLETON POLL 77 (SL/EP27)
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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, 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

2. As of now, how likely are you to vote in the election for governor this November-- will you definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

- 1 DEFINITELY WILL VOTE
- 2 PROBABLY WILL VOTE
- 3 PROBABLY NOT VOTE
- 4 DEFINITELY NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

3. How interested are you in the outcome of this election--very, somewhat, not very, or not at all interested?

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

4. The Republican candidate is Jim Courter--have YOU ever heard of him before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.6]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.6]

IF "YES" TO Q. 4, ASK:

5. Is your general impression of Courter favorable or unfavorable--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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.8]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.8]

7. Is your general impression of Florio favorable or unfavorable--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

8. If the election was today, 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.9]
- 2 FLORIO [Go to q.9]
- 3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.12]
- 4 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.12]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.11]

IF #1 OR #2 TO Q. 8. ASK:)

9. Are you very sure about your choice, or might you change your mind before election day?

- 1 SURE/FIRM
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE/D.K.

10. When did you decide who you would vote for--in the last few days, in the last couple of weeks, in the last month or two, or before that?

- 1 RIGHT NOW/DURING INTERVIEW
- 2 LAST FEW DAYS/
- 3 LAST WEEK OR TWO
- 4 LAST MONTH OR TWO
- 5 BEFORE THAT/EARLIER
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF #9 TO Q.8 ASK:)

11. Do you lean more towards Courter, or more towards Florio?

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

12. 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

13. There will also be an election for the State Assembly--If the election was held today, would you 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 XNow

Most people do not vote in every election--I'm going to ask you about some past elections--If you can't recall whether you voted or if you weren't eligible to vote, just say so

14. Did you vote in the June 1989 primary elections for Governor?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
3 INELIGABLE
9 DON'T RECALL

15. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1988?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
3 INELIGABLE
9 DON'T RECALL

16. Did you vote in the 1987 election for the State Senate and Assembly?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
3 INELIGABLE
9 DON'T RECALL

17. And, how about the 1985 election for Governor?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
3 INELIGABLE
9 DON'T RECALL

18. Did you vote in the 1981 election for Governor between Tom Kean the Republican and Jim Florio the Democrat?

1 VOTED
2 DID NOT VOTE
3 INELIGABLE
9 DON'T RECALL

19. In past elections, did you usually favor the Democratic or the Republican candidate for Governor--INTERVIEWER'S NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS "SOMETIMES DEMOCRAT" OR "SOMETIMES REPUBLICAN," CIRCLE CHOICE 3?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DEPENDS ON CANDIDATES
- 4 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PAST--TOO YOUNG, NOT IN STATE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Just a few more questions SO we can classify your answers.

D1. 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. D1. ASK)

D2. 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

D3. 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.D5]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.D5]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3 OR 9 TO Q. D3. ASK)

D4. 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

D5. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.D7]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D7]

IF "YES TO Q.D5. ASK:

D6. 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

D14. Are you white, black or of Hispanic origin?

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

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

D17. 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 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 -64
- 8 65 OR OVER
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

D18. Where do you live--in what township or municipality?

D18a. In what county is that?
