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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. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [TERMINATE]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [TERMINATE]

3. While the election is still about a few weeks away, how likely are you to vote in it--do you think you definitely will vote, probably will vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

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

4. In November there will be an election for US Senator in New Jersey--How interested are you in this election--very interested, somewhat interested, or not at all interested?

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

5. Do you know who the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator is--IF YES, ASK: who is that?

- 1 NAMES BILL BRADLEY [Go to q.7]
- 2 OTHER NAME GIVEN [Go to q.6]
- 9 NO/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.6]

(IF "OTHER" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 5, ASK:)

6. The Democratic candidate is Senator Bill Bradley--Have you ever heard of him before?

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

(IF #1 TO Q. 5, OR "YES" TO Q. 6. ASK:)

7. Is your general impression of Bradley favorable, 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 DON'T KNOW

8. How much do you think you know about Bradley--a lot, some, or just a little?

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

9. Do you know who the Republican candidate for U.S. Senator is--IF YES ASK, Who is that?

- 1 CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN [Go to q.11]
- 2 OTHER NAME GIVEN [Go to q.10]
- 9 NO/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.10]

10. The Republican candidate is Christine Todd Whitman--Have you ever heard of her before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.13]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.13]

(IF #1 TO Q. 9 OR YES TO Q.10. ASK.)

11. Is your general impression of Whitman favorable, unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion about her--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 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

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

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME

- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country that whoever is elected Senator will have to face?
DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS--PROBE FOR ONE RESPONSE AND CIRCLE APPROPRIATE CODE, IF MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT--IF UNCLEAR WEERE TO CODE, WRITE RESPONSE IN OTHER

- 1 ABORTION
- 2 AUTO INSURANCE
- 3 BUDGET; BUDGET DEFICIT (FEDERAL)
- 4 CRIME, SAFETY, VIOLENCE, LAW AND ORDER
- 5 DRUGS
- 6 ECONOMY: UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION
- 7 EDUCATION/SCHOOLS
- 8 ENVIRONMENT, TOXIC WASTE, POLLUTION, GARBAGE
- 9 GAY RIGHTS
- 10 GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE, CORRUPTION, ETHICS
- 11 GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, OVERPOPULATION, PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACES
- 12 SOCIAL ISSUES AND SERVICES: HEALTH; WELFARE; CARE OF ELDERLY, POOR OR HANDICAPPED; CHILD CARE; AIDS
- 13 TAXES--FEDERAL
- 14 TAXES--NEW JERSEY STATE
- 15 TAXES UNSPECIFIC, TAXES BOTH STATE & FEDERAL
- 16 TRANSPORTATION: TRAFFIC CONGESTION, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, MASS TRANSIT
- 17 WAR IN MIDDLE EAST; IRAQ WAR
- 18 OTHER, SPECIFY:
- 98 NONE--NO ISSUES
- 99 DON'T KNOW

14. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will do a better job of handling this problem--Christine Todd Whitman the Republican (or) Bill Bradley the Democrat?

- 1 WHITMAN
- 2 BRADLEY
- 3 BOTH/NO DIFFERENCE
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. And, do you think the New Jersey tax Package should or should not be an issue in the election for U.S. Senator?

- 1 SHOULD [Go to q.16]
- 2 SHOULD NOT [Go to q.17]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.17]

(IF SHOULD TO Q. 15, ASK:)

16. Which candidate, Bill Bradley the Democrat or Christine Todd Whitman the Republican feels the way you do about the New Jersey tax package--If you don't know just say so?

- 1 BILL BRADLEY
- 2 CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN

9 DON'T KNOW

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

A managing the economy and keeping the country prosperous?

B keeping government honest and free from corruption?

C providing strong leadership?

D protecting the environment?

E balancing the national budget?

F providing social services such as day care and aid to the needy?

G holding down federal taxes?

H doing what you want done about abortion?

1 WHITMAN

2 BRADLEY

3 BOTH

4 NEITHER

9 DON'T KNOW

18. Suppose the election for senator was held today and you had to choose right now--Would you vote for Christine Todd Whitman, the Republican; or Bill Bradley, the Democrat--IF "WOULDN'T VOTE NOW," PROBE: Would you not vote because you're undecided now, or don't you plan to vote in the election?

1 WHITMAN [Go to q.19]

2 BRADLEY [Go to q.19]

3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.23]

4 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.23]

9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.22]

(IF #1 OR #2 TO Q. 18. ASK:)

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

1 SURE/FIRM

2 MIGHT CHANGE/D.K.

20. 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 did you know all along?

1 LAST FEW DAYS

2 LAST WEEK OR TWO

3 LAST MONTH OR TWO

4 EARLIER/KNEW ALL ALONG

8 OTHER

9 DON'T KNOW

21. Would you say you are voting for (candidate selected in Q.18) or against (other candidate)?

1 FOR SELECTED

2 AGAINST OTHER

9 DON'T KNOW

(IF #9 TO Q.18. ASK:)

22. At this moment do you lean more towards Whitman, or more towards Bradley?

- 1 WHITMAN
- 2 BRADLEY
- 9 NEITHER

23. Did you watch any of the debate between Whitman and Bradley on TV?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: THE DEBATE WAS SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 14)

- 1 YES [Go to q.24]
- 2 NO, DON'T KNOW [Go to q.25]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 23, ASK:)

24. Have YOU seen or read any news stories about their debate?

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

IF "NO/DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 23, ASK:

25. Have you seen or read any news stories about their debate?

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

(IF #1, 2, OR 9 TO Q. 24 OR "YES" TO Q. 25, ASK:)

26. Who do you think actually got the best of the debate--Whitman or Bradley--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: By a lot or just a little?

- 1 WHITMAN--A LOT
- 2 WHITMAN--A LITTLE
- 3 BRADLEY--A LOT
- 4 BRADLEY--A LITTLE
- 5 NOBODY WON
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

27. Have you seen or heard any of Bradley's television or radio advertisements?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q. 29]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q. 29]

28. And has what you've seen or heard in Bradley's advertisements made you more likely to support him, less likely, or have they made no difference?

- 1 MORE LIKELY
- 2 LESS LIKELY
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. Have you seen or heard any of Whitman's television or radio advertisements?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.31]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.31]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 29, ASK:)

30. And has what you've seen or heard in Whitman's advertisements made you more likely to support her, less likely, or have they made no difference?

- 1 MORE LIKELY
- 2 LESS LIKELY
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 BRADLEY
- 2 WHITMAN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

32. In November there will also be an election for the US House of Representatives in your district--How interested are you in this election--very interested, somewhat interested, or not at all interested?

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

33. If the election was held today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for Congress from your district?

- 1 YES [Go to q.35]
- 2 NO [Go to q.35]
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 33. ASK)

34. Are you leaning more toward the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NEITHER

35. Generally speaking, would you say things in New Jersey are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

- 1 RIGHT DIRECTION
- 2 WRONG TRACK
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. Some people have suggested that the number of years elected officials serve should be limited--For example, under this plan a person elected as a US Senator could only serve two terms which is twelve years--Overall, do YOU feel the number of years a person serves in an elected position should or should not be limited?

- 1 SHOULD BE LIMITED
- 2 SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED
- 3 DEPENDS--SOME POSITIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED, SOME SHOULDN'T BE LIMITED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

37. Did you vote in the June 1990 primary election for U.S. Senate?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 INELIGIBLE [Go to q. D1]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q. D1]

38a. Did you vote in the November 1989 election for Governor?

- 1 YES [Go to q.38b]
- 2 NO [Go to q.39]
- 3 INELIGIBLE [Go to q. D1]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q. D1]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 38a. ASK:)

38b. Do you remember if you voted for Jim Florio the Democrat or Jim Courter the Republican?

- 1 JIM FLORIO
- 2 JIM COURTER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

39. Did you vote in the 1989 election for the State Senate and Assembly?

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

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

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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 INELIGIBLE

9 DON'T KNOW

42. Did you vote in the 1984 election for U.S. Senate?

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

43. In past elections for U.S. Senator, did you usually favor the Democratic or the Republican candidate? (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 [Go to q.D2]
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER [Go to q.D2]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.D2]

(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 [Go to q. D4]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION {Go to q. D4}

(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 [Go to q.D6]
- 2 NO [Go to q.D7]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D7]

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

D7. Are you currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q. D9]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q. D9]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q. D9]

D8. 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-EMPLCYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D9. Are you the chief wage earner in your household?

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

D10. 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.D12]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D12]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D12]

D11. 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

D12. 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

D13. 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

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

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

D15. 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

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?
99 REFUSED

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

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?

D19. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: Under \$35,000; between \$35,000 to just under \$70,000; or \$70,000 or more?

- 1 UNDER \$35,000 [Go to q. D19a]
- 2 \$35,000 - to under \$70,000 [Go to q. D19b]
- 3 \$70,000 AND OVER
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

D19a. Is that: under \$10,000; \$10,000-\$20,000; \$20,000-\$30,000; or over \$30,000?

- 1 UNDER \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000-\$20,000
- 3 \$20,000-\$30,000
- 4 OVER \$30,000
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D19b. Is that: \$35,000 to \$50,000 or over \$50,000?

- 1 \$35,000 TO \$50,000
- 2 OVER \$50,000
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Thank you very much for your help.