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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. What in your opinion is the most important issue facing the state of New Jersey?

3. How would you rate the job Jim Florio is doing as Governor--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

4. And, 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

5. One of New Jersey's US Senators is Bill Bradley--Have you ever heard of him before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.7]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.7]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 5, ASK:)

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

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR

- 4 POOR
- 8 DEPENDS--DIFFERENT RATINGS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

7. New Jersey's other US Senator is Frank Lautenberg--Have you ever heard of him before?

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

(IF YES TO Q. 7 ASK:)

8. How would you rate the job Frank Lautenberg is doing as Senator-excellent, good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 8 DEPENDS--DIFFERENT RATINGS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9. Thinking about the various activities in government and politics that citizens can take part in such as voting, learning about candidates, paying attention to public issues, and attending public meetings overall, how would you rate the job you are doing as a citizen-excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

Turning to another subject,

10. Do you think the United States did the right thing in starting military actions against Iraq, or should the United States have waited longer to see if the trade embargo and other economic sanctions worked?

- 1 DID RIGHT THING TO START ACTIONS
- 2 SHOULD HAVE WAITED TO SEE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Do you consider yourself a supporter or an opponent of U.S. military actions against Iraq?

- 1 SUPPORTER
- 2 OPPONENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.13]

12. Are you a strong or mild (supporter/opponent)?

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

13. When the war first started, how long did you think it would last--just a few weeks, one or two months, three months to a year, or did you think it was likely to continue for a year or longer?

- 1 A FEW WEEKS
- 2 ONE OR TWO MONTHS
- 3 THREE MONTHS TO A YEAR
- 4 YEAR OR LONGER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. Now, do you think the war with Iraq will be over in just a few more weeks, one or two months, three months to a year, or do you think it's likely to continue for a year or longer?

- 1 FEW MORE WEEKS
- 2 ONE OR TWO MONTHS
- 3 THREE MONTHS TO A YEAR
- 4 A YEAR OR LONGER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. What is your impression of how the war is going for the United States right now--very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly or very badly?

- 1 VERY WELL
- 2 SOMEWHAT WELL
- 3 SOMEWHAT BADLY
- 4 VERY BADLY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. Of these three reasons, which do you think is the main reason US military forces are fighting in the Persian Gulf: (START AT DESIGNATED POINT)?

- 1 TO PROTECT THE SUPPLY OF OIL TO THE UNITED STATES;
- 2 TO RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT:
- 3 TO STOP IRAQ FROM ATTACKING SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.18]

(IF #1, 2 OR 3 TO Q. 16. ASK:)

17. Do you think that is a good enough reason to go to war, or not?

- 1 GOOD REASON
- 2 NOT GOOD ENOUGH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. Do you think the United States military is holding back information about mistakes and setbacks in the war in the Persian Gulf, or do you think the military is giving an accurate account of how the war is going?

- 1 HOLDING BACK
- 2 ACCURATE ACCOUNT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. Have you yourself ever served in the U.S. armed forces or the U.S. reserves?

- 1 YES

- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20. Do you or does any member of your immediate family now serve in the US armed forces or in the US reserves?

- 1 YES, SELF
- 2 YES, OTHER [Go to q.21B]
- 3 YES, SELF & OTHER
- 4 NO [Go to q.22]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.22]

(IF "YES" #1 OR #3 TO Q.20. ASK:)

21A. Are you likely to be sent to the Persian Gulf?

- 1 LIKELY TO BE SENT
- 2 NO, NOT LIKELY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

IF "YES" #2 OR #3 TO Q. 20. ASK:

21B. Are any of them stationed in the Persian Gulf now or likely to be sent there?

- 1 STATIONED THERE NOW
- 2 LIKELY TO BE SENT
- 3 NO, NOT LIKELY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. Right now do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?

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

23. How would you generally describe economic conditions in New Jersey right now--Would you say that economically New Jersey is in good times or bad times right now?

- 1 GOOD TIMES
- 2 BAD TIMES
- 9 DON'T KNOW

24. During the next year, do you think economic conditions in New Jersey will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

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

25. Thinking now about your family's financial situation over the last year, have things gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

- 1 BETTER

- 2 WORSE
- 3 STAYED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

26. And, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as now?

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

27. New Jersey currently has a Triple A bond rating. Does having this bond rating make New Jersey better prepared to fight a recession, or not?

- 1 BETTER PREPARED
- 2 WORSE PREPARED [Go to q.29]
- 3 THE SAME [Go to q.29]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.29]

28. Would that be much better prepared, somewhat better, or a little better prepared?

- 1 MUCH BETTER
- 2 SOMEWHAT BETTER
- 3 A LITTLE BETTER
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I have a few questions about child care

29. Do you think there is, or is not enough good quality child care available for working parents in New Jersey, or aren't you really sure?

- 1 YES--ENOUGH [Go to q.30B]
- 2 NO--NOT ENOUGH
- 9 NOT SURE [Go to q.30B]

IF 'NO-NOT ENOUGH' TO Q.29. ASK:

30A. Do you see this shortage as a critical problem, a serious problem, or not a very serious problem for families needing child care?

- 1 CRITICAL
- 2 SERIOUS
- 3 NOT VERY SERIOUS
- 4 NOT AT ALL A PROBLEM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF 'YES-ENOUGH' OR 'NOT SURE' TO Q.29, ASK:)

30B. If there was a shortage of good child care, would you see this as a critical problem, a serious problem, or not a very serious problem for families needing child care?

- 1 CRITICAL
- 2 SERIOUS

- 3 NOT VERY SERIOUS
- 4 NOT AT ALL A PROBLEM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. How easy is it for parents to find child care that is both affordable and of good quality--very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult?

- 1 VERY EASY
- 2 SOMEWHAT EASY
- 3 SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT
- 4 VERY DIFFICULT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

32. DO you agree or disagree with the following statement: Because there are so many working parents these days with young children who need looking after, the availability of good quality child care should be a concern for all of society, not just for working parents?

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

33. Some people feel that employers should help provide child care for their employees because they benefit from having working parents in the labor force--Others think the responsibility for child care is the parents' alone--Do you think employers should or should not help provide child care?

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

34. Do you think state government should or should not help pay child care expenses for those who cannot afford it?

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

35. Do you think many more women with children would enter or remain in the workforce if good quality, affordable child care was more available, or not?

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

36. In the past five years have you had to find quality child care or haven't you had any need for child care?

- 1 YES [Go to q.37]
- 2 NO [Go to q.38]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.38]

(IF YES TO Q. 36, ASK:)

37. And, in general would you say it was easy or difficult to find -- PROBE:
Would you say it was "very" or 'somewhat' (easy/difficult)?

- 1 VERY EASY
- 2 SOMEWHAT EASY
- 3 SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT
- 4 VERY DIFFICULT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

On another topic,

38. In general, do you favor or oppose New Jersey's law that says motor vehicles must be inspected each year--PROBE: Do you strongly or mildly favor/oppose?

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

39. I'm going to read you some statements about the New Jersey motor vehicle inspection system--For each one I read, would you please tell me if you agree or disagree--PROBE: Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly (DESIGNATED POINT) --

|

A Knowing that all motor vehicles in New Jersey are checked makes me feel safer when I am on the road?

B Motor vehicle inspection keep unsafe vehicles off of the road?

C Motor vehicle inspections make drivers think about keeping their vehicles in safe condition?

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

40. New Jersey's motor vehicle inspection system checks many items--For each item I name please tell me if you think it is very, somewhat or not at all important for it to be checked each year (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) -- |

A the steering and suspension?

B the wheel alignment?

C the tires ?

D the brakes ?

E the headlights ?

F the turn signals?

G the windshield wipers?

H the emissions?

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

41. Do you think it is very, somewhat or not at all important to have a yearly check -- |

A to see if the vehicle is registered?

B to see if the driver has a license?

C to see if the car is insured?

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

42. The last time your car went for inspection, was it taken to a New Jersey State Motor Vehicle Inspection Station or did you take it to a private service station that is certified to conduct inspections?

- 1 NJ STATE INSPECTION
- 2 PRIVATE STATION
- 3 BOTH--NJ STATE FIRST/THEN RE-INSPECTION AT PRIVATE
- 4 DON'T HAVE A VEHICLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

43. Recently there has been some talk about changing motor vehicle inspections in New Jersey--How much have you read or heard about these possible changes--a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

- 1 GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL [Go to q.45]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.45]

(IF #1, 2 OR 3 TO Q. 43. ASK:)

44. And, based on what you know about these possible changes, do you think New Jersey should keep the motor vehicle inspection system it has now, should it try a new system, or should it not have any motor vehicle inspection system?

- 1 KEEP THE SYSTEM IT HAS NOW
- 2 TRY A NEW SYSTEM
- 3 NOT HAVE ANY SYSTEM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to another topic,

45. As far as YOU know, does your county run any parks?

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

IF "YES" TO Q. 45. ASK:)

46. Can you name one of the parks that is run by your county--IF YES, PROBE:
What is the name of it?

RECORD FIRST MENTION ONLY

47. In the past year have you been to any parks run by your county?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T

49. Based on your experience or what you have heard, would you say that the people who take care of the parks run by your county do an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job?

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

50. Overall, how would you compare the parks run by your county to other parks in New Jersey--Would you say they are better, worse, or about the same?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 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]

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

(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 [Go to q.D10]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.D10]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D10]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D10]

(IF #1 OR 2 TO Q. D7, ASK:)

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-EMPLOYED
- 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 [Go to q.D12]
- 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

D13A. Do you have any children?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.14]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.14]

(IF "YES" TO Q.D13A. ASK:)

D13B. Are there any children in your household who currently receive child care?

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

D13C. Do you have any children who are (READ EACH ITEM) -- |

- A 1 TO 5 YEARS OLD?
- B 6 TO 10 YEARS OLD?
- C 11 TO 16 YEARS OLD?
- D 16 TO 18 YEARS OLD?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 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?

(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?

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 \$10,000 [Go to q.D19a]
- 2 \$10,001 - \$20,000 [Go to q.D19a]
- 3 \$20,001 - \$30,000 [Go to q.D19a]
- 4 \$30,001 - \$50,000 [Go to q.D19b]
- 5 OVER \$50,000 [Go to q.D19b]
- 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