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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
- 621 30
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 2. Overall, 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
- 3. How would you rate Bush's handling of problems with the economy-excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 4a. How would you rate the job Jim Florio is doing as Governor of New Jersey-excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 4b. What is the main reason why you give Governor Florio this rating?
- 5. And how would you rate Florio's handling of problems with the economy-excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
- 1 EXCELLENT

- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 6. 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
- 3 DON'T KNOW
- 7. Right now do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?
- 1 YES [Go to q.7A]
- 2 NO [Go to q.8]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.8]
- (IF YES TO Q. 7, ASK:)
- 7A. And about how much longer do you think the economic recession will last-less than 3 months, 3 to 6 months, 6 months to a year, or more than a year?
- 1 LESS 3 MONTHS
- 2 3 TO 6 MONTHS
- 3 6 TO 12 MONTHS
- 4 MORE THAN 1 YEAR
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 8. 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
- 9. 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 SAME
- 9 DON'T XNOW
- 10. Thinking 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 SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 11. 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 SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 12. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current standard of living--very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?
- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
- 3 SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED
- 4 VERY DISSATISFIED
- 9 'DON'T KNOW
- 13. Who do you think is most responsible for economic problems—state government, federal government, or private industry and business?
- 1 STATE GOVERNMENT
- 2 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- 3 PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS
- 4 COMBINATION
- 5 NONE OF THESE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 14a. In the last 12 months, has any adult in your household been out of work and actively looking for a job?
- 1 YES [Go to q.14b]
- 2 NO [Go to q.15]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.15]
- IF YES TO Q. 14a, ASK:)
- 14b. Did that person find a job or not?
- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 15. How much is (NAME ITEM) doing to make sure that people can have jobs-- a great deal, some, a little, or nothing at all--(READ LIST STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) -- \mid
- A New Jersey state government?
- B The federal government?
- C Private business and industry?
- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 16. And, who should be the most responsible for making sure that people can have jobs-- New Jersey state government, the federal government or private business and industry?
- 1 NEW JERSEY STATE GOVERNMENT

- 2 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- 3 PRIVATE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
- 4 COMBINATION
- 5 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 17. Thinking about major household items people might buy for the home--such as furniture, a refrigerator, a television, or things like that--do you think now is a good time or a bad time for people to buy these major household items?
- 1 GOOD TIME
- 2 BAD TIME
- 3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 18. Do you think that you or someone in your household will purchase a major household item in the next 3 months--IF NO: How about in the next 6 months?
- 1 YES--3 MONTHS
- 2 YES--6 MONTHS
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 19. And, thinking about the housing market-- do you think that now is a good time or a bad time to buy a house?
- 1 GOOD TIME
- 2 BAD TIME
- 3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 20. And, do you think that now is a good time or bad time to sell a house?
- 1 GOOD TIME
- 2 BAD TIME
- 3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 21. Do you think that you or someone in your household will buy a house in the next 3 months--IF NO: How about in the next 6 months?
- 1 YES-3 MONTHS
- 2 YES--6 MONTHS
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 22. Thinking about the automobile market--do you think now is a good time or a bad time to buy a car?
- 1 GOOD TIME
- 2 BAD TIME
- 3 NOT GOCD/NOT BAD
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 23. Do you think that you or someone in your household will purchase a car or small truck in the next 3 months--IF NO: How about in the next 6 months?

- 1 YES-- 3 MONTHS
- 2 YES--6 MONTHS
- 3 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Over the past year I have been having a hard time trying to make ends meet--PROBE: Do you strongly or mildly agree/disagree?
- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 25. As you know, most of the money government spends comes from the taxes you and others pay--For each of the following, please tell me whether you think state and local government here in New Jersey should be spending more, less, or about the same as now--First, how about (READ ITEMS)--should more, less, or the same be spent--(READ LIST STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) -- |
- A Environmental programs?
- B Programs for the poor?
- C Public grade schools and high schools?
- D Streets and highways?
- E Public colleges and universities?
- F Public transportation?
- G Programs for the elderly?
- H Programs for the developmentally disabled?
- I Job training and employment programs?
- J Health care programs?
- K Law?
- 1 MORE
- 2 LESS
- 3 SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 26. As you may know, the state constitution requires that New Jersey has a balanced budget each year--To balance the state budget next year, if you had to choose between reducing spending for government services, or increasing taxes to keep government services at current levels, which would you prefer?
- 1 REDUCING SPENDING FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- 2 INCREASING TAXES TO KEEP GOVERNMENT SERVICES AT CURRENT LEVELS
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 27. What is one thing you would like the state government to do to reduce spending?

^{28.} The Republicans who were elected to the legislature say they will roll back the state sales tax from 7 to 6 percent--Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this state sales tax roll back--PROBE: Do you mildly or strongly (approve/disapprove) of the roll back?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 29. Rolling back the state sales tax may cause a budget deficit that could result in a reduction of state services--Do you approve or disapprove of the sales tax roll back if it results in a reduction of services--PROBE: Do you mildly or strongly (approve/disapprove)?
- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 30. In general, how would you rate the job public schools are doing here in New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 31. How would you rate the job that your local schools are doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 32. In your opinion, do you think public school teachers are paid too much, too little, or about the right amount?
- 1 TOO MUCH
- 2 TOO LITTLE
- 3 ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT
- 4 DON'T KNOW
- 33. Thinking back over the last few years, would you say the quality of education in your school district has been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?
- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 34. There have been some recommendations made for educational reforms in New Jersey--Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of each of the following as a way to improve public school education--Do you approve or disapprove of (NAME ITEM) to improve public school education--IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, PROBE: Do you mildly or strongly approve/disapprove -- |

- A Having a longer school day?
- B Having the school year increased from 180 days to 220 days?
- C Mandatory preschool education?
- D Full day kindergarten classes?
- E Requiring school districts with less than 2,500 students to combine with other school districts?
- F Requiring school districts without a high school to combine with other school districts?
- G Eliminating tenure for public school teachers?
- H Giving parents the choice to send their children to any public school they want, even if it isn't in their own town?
- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 35. Cost estimates have been made for two of the programs--Do you approve or disapprove of (READ ITEM)--(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, PROBE: Do you mildly or strongly approve/disapprove -- |
- A increasing the school day from 180 to 220 days at an estimated statewide yearly cost of \$2 billion dollars?
- B Having mandatory preschool education at an estimated statewide yearly cost of \$250 million dollars?
- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 36. Regionalization means some local school districts would be combined with others--Overall, if you had a choice, in your town would you prefer to have your own local schools or would YOU prefer mandatory regionalization?
- 1 PREFERS LOCAL SCHOOLS
- 2 PREFERS MANDATORY REGIONALIZATION
- 3 ALREADY HAS REGIONALIZATION
- 4 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 37. And, if regionalization would guarantee that you would have a reduction in your local property taxes, would you prefer to have your own local schools or would you prefer regionalization?
- 1 PREFERS LOCAL SCHOOLS
- 2 PREFERS MANDATORY REGIONALIZATION
- 3 ALREADY HAS REGIONALIZATION
- 4 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

On another topic...

DDC1. When you read or hear about people with developmental disabilities, what is the first thing that comes to your mind?

DDC2A. IF A SPECIFIC DISABILITY IS NAMED IN DDC1, ASK: "Are there any other developmental disabilities you think of [FIRST RESPONSE]?

DDC2B. IF A SPECIFIC DISABILITY IS NAMED IN DDC1, ASK: "Are there any other developmental disabilities you think of [SECOND RESPONSE]?

DDC2C. IF A SPECIFIC DISABILITY IS NAMED IN DDC1, ASK: "Are there any other developmental disabilities you think of [THIRD RESPONSE]?

DDc3a. Do you personally know any people who (READ EACH ITEM) -- |

- A Have cerebral palsy?
- B Are mentally retarded?
- C Are autistic?
- D Are epileptic?
- E Have spina bifida?
- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

DDC3b. Do you personally know any people with some other type of developmental disability or not?

- 1 YES [Go to q.DDC3c]
- 2 NO [Go to q.DDC4]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.DDC4]

(IF "YES" TO Q.DDC3b. ASK:)

DDC3c. IF YES: What is the developmental disability?

DDC4. This year the State of New Jersey may have to cut back on services to balance the budget--Do you favor or oppose cutting back services for the developmentally disabled to help balance the state budget--PROBE: Do you strongly or mildly favor/oppose?

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

DDC5a. Would YOU support state government programs for the developmentally disabled if it cost you \$10 dollars a year?

- 1 YES [Go to q.DDC5b]
- 2 NO [Go to q.D1]
- 3 DEPENDS [Go to q.D1]

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9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D1]
IF "YES" TO Q.DDC5a,
DDC5b. And, would you support these state programs if it cost you $50 dollars a
1 YES [Go to q.DDC5c]
2 NO [Go to q.D1]
3 DEPENDS [Go to q.D1]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D1]
(IF "YES" TO Q.DDC5b. ASK:)
DDC5c. Would you support these state programs if it cost you $100 dollars a
year?
1 YES
2 NO
3 DEPENDS
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 SOHETNING 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 he 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)
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 ${\tt D4.}$ 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 D7. Are you currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed? 1 EMPLOYED 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.XD7b] 3 RETIRED [Go to q.D10] 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D10] 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D10] (IF EMPLOYED TO Q.D7, ASK:) XD7a. And how concerned are you that you might become unemployed within the next year--Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not too concerned about becoming unemployed? 1 VERY CONCERNED 2 SOMEWHAT CONCERNED 3 NOT TOO CONCERNED 9 DON'T KNOW IF "TEMPORARILY LAID OFF' TO Q. D7. ASK:) XD7b. How confident are you that you will be able to find a Job within the next 3 months-are you very confident, somewhat confident, or not too confident about this?
- 1 VERY CONFIDENT
- 2 SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT
- 3 NOT TOO CONFIDENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- (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.XD10b]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.D11]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D11]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D11]
- (IF EMPLOYED TO Q.D10 ASK)

XD10a. And how concerned are you that the chief wage earner in your household might become unemployed within the next year--Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not too concerned about the chief wage earner becoming unemployed?

- 1 VERY CONCERNED
- 2 SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
- 3 NOT TOO CONCERNED
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- (IF 'TEMPORARILY LAID OFF' TQ Q.D10, ASK:)

XD10b. How confident are you that the chief wage earner will be able to find a job within the next 3 months-are you very confident, somewhat confident, or not too confident about this?

- 1 VERY CONFIDENT
- 2 SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT
- 3 NOT TOO CONFIDENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- (IF #1 OR #2 TO Q.D10 ASK)

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

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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 FEVER MARRIED
9 DON'T KNOW
XD13a. Do you have any school age children who are younger than 18 years old?
1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.D14]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D14]
(IF "YES" TO Q.D13a, ASK:)
XD13b. Does your child attend public or non-public schools?
1 PUBLIC
2 NON-PUBLIC
3 MIXED OR BOTH
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]?
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1 18 - 20 2 21 - 24 3 25-29

4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)

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5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
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- 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
- 2 \$35,000 TO \$69,999
- 3 \$70,000 TO \$100,000
- 4 MORE THAN \$100,000
- 9 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