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Hello, my name is (first and last). 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 registered to vote here In New Jersey--IF YES, PROBE: As a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 OTHER/REFUSED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

3. As of now, how likely are you to vote in the election for president 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

4. How much interest do you have in this election--a lot, some, a little or none at all?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. In your opinion, how much of a difference will the outcome of this election make in the way the government is run for the next few years--a great deal of difference, some difference, or not very much difference?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFERENCE
- 2 SOME DIFFERENCE

- 3 NOT VERY MUCH DIFFERENCE
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6. Now I'd like to get your general feelings about the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates--For each name please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression--If you don't have an opinion on some just say so--First, how about (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: "Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or only somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)--Next, how about--(REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY) -- |

- A Bill Clinton?
- B George Bush?
- C Ross Perot?
- D Al Gore?
- E Dan Quayle?
- F James Stockdale?

- 1 VERY FAVORABLE
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 9 DK

7. If the election for President were held today and you had to choose between Bill Clinton, the Democrat; George Bush, the Republican; Ross Perot the Independent, who would you vote for--IF RESPONDENT SAYS OTHER, PROBE: "But if YOU had to choose only between Clinton, Bush, and Perot, who would you vote for?"

- 1 CLINTON
- 2 BUSH
- 3 PEROT
- 4 OTHER
- 5 WOULDN'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

8a. Are you very sure about your choice or might you change your mind before election day?

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

8b. When did you decide who you would vote for--In the last few days, In the last couple weeks, In the last month or two, or did you know all along?

- 1 LAST FEW DAYS
- 2 LAST COUPLE WEEKS
- 3 LAST MONTH OR TWO
- 4 KNEW ALL ALONG
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9. Do you lean more towards Clinton, more towards Bush, or more towards Perot?

- 1 CLINTON
- 2 BUSH
- 3 PEROT

9 NONE

10A. Would you say you are voting more for (CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.7 OR Q.9) or more against the other candidates?

- 1 MORE FOR
- 2 MORE AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10B. IF BUSH IS NOT SELECTED IN Q.7 OR Q.9): Is there any chance you might vote for George Bush on election day, or have you decided that you will definitely not vote for him no matter what else happens in the campaign?

- 1 IS A CHANCE I MIGHT VOTE FOR HIM
- 2 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE FOR HIM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10C. IF CLINTON IS NOT SELECTED IN Q. 7 OR Q. 9): Is there any chance you might vote for Bill Clinton on election day, or have you decided that you will definitely not vote for him no matter what else happens in the campaign?

- 1 IS A CHANCE I MIGHT VOTE FOR HIM
- 2 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE FOR HIM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10D. IF PEROT IS NOT SELECTED IN Q. 7 OR Q. 9): Is there any chance you might vote for Ross Perot on election day, or have you decided that you will definitely not vote for him no matter what else happens in the campaign?

- 1 IS A CHANCE I MIGHT VOTE FOR HIM
- 2 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE FOR HIM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, which of these two statements best describes your opinion?

- 1 Voting for Perot is throwing away your vote because he doesn't have a chance to win
- 2 Voting for Perot sends a message that the political system needs to change
- 3 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

12. Overall, how satisfied are you with the current field of candidates running for president this year-- 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. I'm going to read you a list of different issues in the Presidential election--Regardless of which candidate you might favor, please tell me which one--Bush, Clinton, or Perot--you think would do a better job of (READ ITEM) --

|

- A reducing the budget deficit?
- B doing what you want done about abortion?
- C reducing the risk of war?
- D holding down taxes?
- E reducing crime and drug use?
- F keeping the country militarily strong?
- G cleaning up and protecting the environment?
- H providing social services such as day care and aid to the needy?
- I managing the economy and keeping the country prosperous?
- J improving the educational system?
- K securing equal rights for women?
- L controlling health care costs?
- M providing jobs?
- N promoting family values?
- O improving race relations?
- P providing leadership in foreign policy?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. Which candidate has a clearer vision of the country's future--Bush, Clinton, or Perot?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. And who cares more about people like you?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. Who is more honest--Bush, Clinton, or Perot?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

17. Who is more experienced?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. Which one is a stronger leader?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. Which candidate do you trust more--Bush, Clinton, or Perot?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20A. Which of the candidates for president will be best able to move the nation in the right direction over the next 4 years --Republican George Bush, Democrat Bill Clinton, or Independent Ross Perot?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20B. Do you think (READ NAME) can be trusted with all the problems a President has to deal with or do you think he might make serious mistakes -- |

- A Bush?
- B Clinton?
- C Perot?

- 1 CAN BE TRUSTED WITH PROBLEMS OF PRESIDENCY
- 2 CANNOT BE TRUSTED WITH PROBLEMS OF PRESIDENCY
- 9 DK

20C. Many people feel that the budget deficit is one of the main reasons that the economy is in trouble and Americans will have to make sacrifices to reduce this deficit--Are you very willing, somewhat willing, or not very willing to make personal sacrifices to reduce the deficit?

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

20D. Do you think your financial situation is more likely to improve if Republican George Bush is elected, if Democrat Bill Clinton is elected, or if independent Ross Perot is elected?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 4 NEITHER/BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

21A. People can get information about the candidates and issues from many different sources--I'm going to read you a list of these sources--If you haven't used any just say so--During this presidential election have you learned a great deal, some, not much or nothing at all from -- |

- A Newspaper articles?
- B News magazines?
- C Radio?
- D TV news programs?
- E TV talk shows such as Larry King, Phil Donahue, or Good Morning America?
- F TV political advertisements?
- G People you talk to?
- H Campaign information you received in the mail?
- I Debates?

22. Did you watch any of Ross Perot's television programs that he used to describe the budget deficit and his plans for what he would do if he was elected?

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

23A. Have you seen any of the (READ ITEM) campaign ads on TV -- |

- A Bush?
- B Clinton?
- C Perot?

- 1 YES [Go to q.23B]
- 2 NO [Go to q.24]
- 9 DK [Go to q.24]

23B. FOR EACH YES: Has what you've seen or heard in the advertisements made you more likely to support him, less likely, or have they made no difference...|

- A Bush?
- B Clinton?
- C Perot?

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

24. How many of the Presidential debates between Bush, Clinton and Perot did you watch on TV or hear on the radio, or didn't you have a chance to watch or hear any?

- YES -- WRITE IN NUMBER OF DEBATES WATCHED
- 8 DID NOT WATCH ANY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. Have you seen or read any news stories about the debates?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

9 DON'T KNOW

26. HAVE you seen or read any news stories about the debates?

1 YES

2 NO

9 DON'T KNOW

27. Overall, who do you think actually got the best of the debates-Bush, Clinton, or Perot--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: By a lot or just a little?

1 BUSH--A LOT

2 BUSH--A LITTLE

3 CLINTON--A LOT

4 CLINTON--A LITTLE

5 PEROT--A LOT

6 PEROT--A LITTLE

7 NOBODY WON/NO OPINION

8 COMBINATION/DIFFERENT CANDIDATES GOT BEST OF DIFFERENT DEBATES

9 DON'T KNOW

28. Based on what you saw or heard about the debates, did your overall impression of George Bush become more favorable, less favorable, or didn't your view of him change?

1 MORE FAVORABLE

2 LESS FAVORABLE

3 DIDN'T CHANGE

9 DON'T KNOW

29. How about your impression of Bill Clinton--did this become more favorable, less favorable, or didn't your view of him change?

1 MORE FAVORABLE

2 LESS FAVORABLE

3 DIDN'T CHANGE

9 DON'T KNOW

30. And, how about your impression of Ross Perot--did this become more favorable, less favorable, or didn't your view of him change?

1 MORE FAVORABLE

2 LESS FAVORABLE

3 DIDN'T CHANGE

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 just say so.

31. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1984 IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for Ronald Reagan the Republican or Walter Mondale the Democrat?

1 NO

2 REAGAN

3 MONDALE

4 OTHER

5 NO, NOT OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE

9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

32. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1988--IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for George Bush the Republican or Michael Dukakis the Democrat?

- 1 NO
- 2 BUSH
- 3 DUKAKIS
- 4 OTHER
- 5 NO, NOT OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

33. Did you vote in last year's election for the State Senate and Assembly?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

34. What about the 1990 election for Senate?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

35. The 1989 election for Governor?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

36. Have you ever changed your mind or made up your mind about who you would vote for while you were in the voting booth or do you always decide who to vote for before election day?

- 1 YES--HAVE CHANGED MIND
- 2 YES--MADE UP MIND
- 3 ALWAYS MAKE UP MIND BEFORE
- 4 YES--BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Just a few more questions so we can clarify 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 [Got to q.D3]
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

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

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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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.D8]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D8]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D8]

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

D8. Do/did 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

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
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED

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?

[Code Response]

99 REFUSED

D17. In what age group are you [read choices]?

- 1 18 - 20
- 2 21 -24
- 3 24 -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
- 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