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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. 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
- 5 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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 DON'T KNOW

5. If the election for President were held today and you had to choose between Bill Clinton, the Democrat; George Bush, the Republican; and 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 [Go to q.6A]
- 2 BUSH [Go to q.6A]
- 3 PEROT [Go to q.6A]
- 4 OTHER
- 5 WOULDN'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED [Go to q.7]

IF #1, #2, OR #3 TO Q. 5, ASK:

6a. 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

6b. 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

(IF #9 TO Q. 5, ASK:)

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

- 1 CLINTON
- 2 BUSH
- 3 PEROT
- 9 NONE

8A. Would you say you are voting more for (CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.5 OR Q.7) or more against the other candidates?

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

8B. IF BUSH IS NOT SELECTED IN Q.5 OR Q.7: 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

8C. IF CLINTON IS NOT SELECTED IN Q.5 OR Q.7: 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

8D. 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 HIGHT VOTE FOR HIM
- 2 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE FOR HIM
- 9 DON'T KNOW

9. There will also be an election for the US House of Representatives in your district in November--If you were voting today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican Candidate?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 OTHER
- 9 UNDECIDED

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.

10. Did you vote in the June 1992 primary election for President?

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

11. Did you vote in the 1991 election for the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly?

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

12. What about the 1990 election for the United States Senate?

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

13. The 1989 election for Governor?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 INELIGABLE

9 DON'T KNOW

14. 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 YES--BUSH
- 3 YES--DUKAKIS
- 4 YES--OTHER
- 5 NO, NOT OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE
- 9 DON'T RNOW/RENSED

15. 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 ENGUGH TO VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT [Go to q.D3]
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER [Go to q.D3]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.D3]

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
 9 DON'T KNOW

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
 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/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

(IF "NO" TO Q. D9, ASK:)

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]

(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
- 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 # 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 \$35,000 [Go to q.D19a]
- 2 \$35,000 TO \$69,999 [Go to q.D19b]
- 3 \$70,000 OR MORE [Go to end]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to end]

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