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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. 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

3. And how would you rate the job the New Jersey State Legislature is doing--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

NOW, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT SOME OFFICIALS ELECTED FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

4. 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6. And, how would you rate the job Bill Clinton is doing as President--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

7a. There will be an election for governor in New Jersey this year--Thinking back over Jim Florio's first term in office, do you think he deserves to be re-elected for a second term or not?

- 1 YES--DESERVES RE-ELECTION
- 2 NO--DOES NOT DESERVE RE-ELECTION
- 8 DEPENDS [Go to q.8]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.8]

7b. What would you say is the main reason Governor Florio (deserves/does not deserve) to be re-elected?

8. If you had the opportunity to ask the candidates for Governor to talk about one issue you feel is important for the voters to know about, what would that issue be?

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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 KNOW

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15a. 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.15b]
- 2 NO [Go to q.16]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.16]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 15a. ASK:)

15b. Did that person find a job or not?

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

16. 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

17. I'd like to get your opinion on how much you think each of the following groups are discriminated against in New Jersey--Do you feel (READ ITEM) are discriminated against a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all -- |

- A Blacks?
- B Jewish people?
- C Hispanics?
- D Gay or Lesbian people?
- E Women?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 A FAIR AMOUNT
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18a. In the last 3 years, do you feel you have ever been in a situation where you have been discriminated against because of your (READ ITEM)--FOR EACH "YES": And, how many times did this happen to you in the past 3 years -- |

- A1 Age?
- A2 Age -- How many times?
- B1 Sex?
- B2 Sex -- How many times?
- C1 Religion?
- C2 Religion -- How many times?
- D1 Race?
- D2 Race -- How many times?

- 1 YES [CODE NUMBER OF TIMES _____]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now, I'd like to find out if you have ever been discriminated against in several specific situations--If you have not been in any of these situations, please tell me and I will record that it does not apply to you.

19. Do you feel that you have ever been discriminated against when you (READ ITEM) -- |

- A looked for a job?
- B wanted to rent or buy a home?
- C applied for a loan?

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

20. In the past year, have you (READ ITEM) who is of a different race than you -
- |

- A worked with someone?
- B invited someone to your home?
- C gone to a restaurant with someone?
- D played on a sports team with someone?
- E attended a meeting with someone?
- F made friends with someone?

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

21. How likely do you think it is that there will be racial trouble in your community in the next two or three years--very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

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

22. How much do you feel you know about laws against discrimination--a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL [Go to q.24]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.24]

IF #1, #2, OR #3 TO Q.22, ASK:

23. In your opinion, do you think New Jersey's laws against discrimination are too tough, about right, or not tough enough?

- 1 TOO TOUGH
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT
- 3 NOT TOUGH ENOUGH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

24. On another topic, how serious a problem do you think crime is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, or not at all serious?

- 1 VERY SERIOUS
- 2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
- 3 NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. And, how serious a problem is crime in your neighborhood--very serious, somewhat serious, or not at all serious?

- 1 VERY SERIOUS
- 2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
- 3 NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
- 8 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

26. In the past year, would you say that the amount of crime in your neighborhood has gone up, gone down, or remained the same?

- 1 GONE UP
- 2 GONE DOWN
- 3 STAYED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood during the day--very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

- 1 VERY SAFE
- 2 SOMEWHAT SAFE
- 3 NOT AT ALL SAFE

4 DOESN'T GO OUT BECAUSE NOT SAFE
9 DON'T KNOW

28. How about your neighborhood at night--do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

1 VERY SAFE
2 SOMEWHAT SAFE
3 NOT AT ALL SAFE
4 DOESN'T GO OUT BECAUSE NOT SAFE
9 DON'T KNOW

29. And how safe do you feel in your own home at night--very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

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

30. During the last 6 months, have any of the following things happened to you or anyone in your household--Have you (READ ITEM) -- |

A had any money or property stolen?
B had your car stolen or broken into?
B had property vandalized?
D had your home broken into?
E been assaulted or mugged?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

31. In the last year, have you (READ ITEM) to protect yourself from being a victim of a crime -- |

A purchased mace or some other type of spray?
B taken a self-defense course?
C purchased a gun?
D installed alarms in your home?
E installed alarms in your car?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

32. How would you rate the job your local police are doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

Now, I'd like to ask a few questions about health care.

H1. Do you currently have a family doctor or one specific source for regular health care?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 YES - Have more than one source
- 9 DON'T KNOW

H2. Thinking about your own health, please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement I read -- |

A I eat regular and well-balanced meals?
 B I get some kind of exercise on a regular basis?

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

H3. In the past six months, have you ever had two weeks or more during which you felt sad, blue, depressed, or when you lost all interest and pleasure in things that you usually cared about or enjoyed?

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

H4a. Do you currently smoke cigarettes?

- 1 NO/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.H-5a]
- 2 YES
- 3 YES, NOT REGULARLY

(IF "YES" #2 OR #3 TO Q.H4a, ASK:)

H4b. Have you ever made a serious attempt to stop smoking cigarettes entirely?

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

H5a. How often do you usually drink alcoholic beverages--about once or twice a year, once or twice a month, once or twice a week, more than once or twice a week, or never?

- 1 ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR
- 2 ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
- 3 ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK
- 4 MORE THAN ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK
- 5 NEVER [Go to q.H-6]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.H-6]

(IF 1, #2 3 OR #4 TO Q.H5a, ASK:)

H5b. On days when you have a drink, how many do you usually have? (1 DRINK EQUALS ONE 12 OZ. BEER OR 5 OZ. GLASS OF WINE, OR ONE MIXED DRINK (OR SHOT) OF LIQUOR).

- 1 1 - 2 DRINKS
- 2 3 OR 4 DRINKS
- 3 5 - 7 DRINKS
- 4 8 OR MORE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

H6. How often do you use drugs, such as marijuana, speed, or downers-- frequently, sometimes, only occasionally, or never?

- 1 FREQUENTLY
- 2 SOMETIMES
- 3 ONLY OCCASIONALLY
- 4 NEVER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

H7. How often do you wear a seat belt when you are in the front seat of a car-- all the time, sometimes, or never?

- 1 ALL THE TIME
- 2 SOMETIMES
- 3 NEVER
- 4 NOT APPLICABLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

H8. I'm going to read you a list of different medical tests--In the past five years have you or have you not had a (NAME ITEM) -- |

For Females Only

- A Mammogram?
- B Pap Smear?

For Males Only

- C Prostate test?

Ask Everyone

- D Test for Tuberculosis (TB)?
- E Test for HIV ?
- F Test for Lyme Disease?

- 1 HAD TEST
- 2 DID NOT HAVE TEST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

H9a. Do you have any children in the household who are 5 years old or younger?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 REFUSED

H9b. Have these children ever been tested for lead poisoning?

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

H9c. Have these children received inoculations for -- |

A MMR - Measles, Mumps, Rubella?
 B DPT - Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus?
 C Polio?
 D HIB (Hepatitis B)?

1 YES
 2 NO
 9 DON'T KNOW

H10a. FOR WOMEN ONLY IN HOUSEHOLDS ANSWERING "YES" TO Q.H9a, MEN GO TO Q.I-1: In the past five years have you been pregnant or are you currently pregnant--PROBE, IF CURRENTLY PREGNANT: Is this your first pregnancy or not?

1 YES, PAST FIVE YEARS, BUT NOT NOW [Go to q.I-1]
 2 YES, CURRENTLY PREGNANT, NOT THE FIRST TIME
 3 YES, CURRENTLY PREGNANT, FOR THE FIRST TIME
 4 NO [Go to q.I-1]
 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.I-1]

IF #2 OR #3 IN Q.H10a, ASK:

H10b. What month of your pregnancy are you in?

IF CURRENTLY PREGNANT #2 OR #3 IN Q.H10a. ASK:

H10c. Approximately how many times have you seen a doctor during this pregnancy--Please tell me if you have not seen a doctor at all?

98 DID NOT SEE ONE
 99 DON'T KNOW

(IF "YES" #1 TO Q.H-10a. ASK)

H10d. The last time you were pregnant, approximately how many times did you see a doctor during your pregnancy--This does not include the time when the baby was delivered--Please tell me if you didn't see a doctor at all?

[Code response_____]
 98 DID NOT SEE A DOCTOR AT ALL
 99 DON'T KNOW

Now, on a different topic.

I1. Do you happen to know what the initials UMDNJ stand for--IF YES, ASK : What does it stand for?

1 YES--CORRECTLY IDENTIFIES UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY
 [Go to q.I-3]
 2 YES--BUT DOES NOT CORRECTLY IDENTIFY NAME
 3 NO
 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

READ IF DOES NOT KNOW OR DOES NOT CORRECTLY NAME UMDNJ:

I2. UMDNJ stands for University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey--OTHERS
 BEGIN HERE: Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat
 unfamiliar, or totally unfamiliar with UMDNJ?

- 1 VERY FAMILIAR
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAMILIAR
- 4 TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

I3. Now I'd like to get your overall opinion of UMDNJ--Please take into account
 everything you may know or have heard about UMDNJ--Is your overall opinion of
 UMDNJ very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very
 unfavorable?

- 1 VERY FAVORABLE
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

XD1. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey?

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

XXD1. And, in the election for Governor in 1989, did you vote for Jim Florio,
 the Democrat, or Jim Courter, the Republican?

- 1 FLORIO
- 2 COURTER
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D1. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican,
 Independent, or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 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

(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 [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.XD10a]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.XD10a]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.XD10a]

(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

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 [Go to q.XD10a]
- 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 [Go to q.XD10b]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.D12]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D12]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D12]

(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" TO 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
- 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

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.XD13a, ASK:

XD13b. How many are: |

- A 5 years old?
- B 6 to 10 years?
- C 11 to 15 years old?
- D 16 to 18 years old?

[Code responses _____]

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