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. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live-excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

3. IS your general impression of Governor Christie Whitman favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion about her-- (IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?

1 VERY FAVORABLE
2 SOMewhat FAVORABLE
3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

4a. How would you rate the job Christie Whitman is doing as Governor-excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

4b. And how would you rate Whitman’s handling of problems with the state budget?

1 EXCELLENT
2 GOOD
3 ONLY FAIR
4c. How would you rate the Governor's handling of state taxes?

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

5. How much have you read or heard about the town meetings and call in shows that Governor Christie Whitman has been having to give people an opportunity to talk to her about state government...a great deal, Some, not much, or nothing at all?

1 A GREAT DEAL
2 SOME
3 NOT MUCH
4 NOTHING AT ALL
9 DON'T KNOW

6. Have you taken part in any of these meetings, called in during a talk show, or written to Governor Whitman to give her your ideas about state government?

1 YES
2 NO

7. If you did have an opportunity to talk to Governor Whitman at a town meeting, what is the one problem in New Jersey you would ask her to work on?

8. And, if you could talk to the Governor, what is the one area of state government you would suggest she cut to help cut the state budget? (IF DON'T KNOW, ONLY PROBE SOFTLY AND GO ON)

Now, I'd like to ask you about some officials elected for National office.

9a. 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

9b. How would you rate his handling of the nation's foreign affairs--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

1 EXCELLENT
2 GOOD
3 ONLY FAIR
4 POOR
9 DON'T KNOW
9c. And how would you rate Clinton’s handling of the problems of the economy? (REPEAT OPTIONS IF NECESSARY)

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

9f. And his handling of the nation's social problems?

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

10. 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

11. 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

12. There will be an election for United States Senator in New Jersey this year- Thinking about the job that Frank Lautenberg has done as U.S. Senator, do you think he deserves to be re-elected or do you think it's time for a change?

1 YES--DESERVES RE-ELECTION
2 NO--TIME FOR A CHANGE
3 DEPENDS
9 DON'T KNOW

13. 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

14. And compared to other states, do you think economic conditions in New Jersey are better, worse, or about the same?

1 BETTER
2 WORSE
15. 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

16. Thinking of 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

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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 (agree/disagree) strongly or mildly?
1 AGREE STRONGLY
2 AGREE MILDLY
3 DISAGREE MILDLY
4 DISAGREE STRONGLY
9 DON'T KNOW

20. In the past 12 months, has any adult in your household been out of work and actively looking for a job-- IF YES, PROBE: Did that person find a job or not?
1 NO ONE UNEMPLOYED
2 YES--UNEMPLOYED AND FOUND JOB
3 YES--UNEMPLOYED AND NOT FIND JOB
9 DON'T KNOW

21. Thinking about the different taxes that people pay, which tax do you think is the worst -- that is, the least fair -- the Federal income tax, state income tax, state sales tax, or local property tax?
22. And which tax do you think is the fairest--the one you feel gives you your money's worth? (READ CHOICES IF NEEDED)

1 FEDERAL INCOME TAX
2 STATE INCOME TAX
3 STATE SALES TAX
4 LOCAL PROPERTY TAX
5 NONE, WON'T CHOOSE
6 ALL ARE UNFAIR
9 DON'T KNOW

23. Do you think the state income taxes you pay are too high or are they about right-- IF TOO HIGH, PROBE: Are they much too high or just a little high?

1 MUCH TOO HIGH
2 A LITTLE TOO HIGH
3 ABOUT RIGHT
9 DON'T KNOW

24. Do you think you get your money's worth for the state income taxes you pay, or do you think you pay too much for what you get?

1 GET MONEY'S WORTH
2 PAY TOO MUCH
9 DON'T KNOW

25. Do you think the local property taxes you pay are too high or are they about right-- PROBE IF TOO HIGH: Are they much too high or just a little high?

1 MUCH TOO HIGH
2 A LITTLE TOO HIGH
3 ABOUT RIGHT
9 DON'T KNOW

26. Do you think you get your money's worth for the local property taxes you pay, or do you think you pay too much for what you get?

1 GET MONEY'S WORTH
2 PAY TOO MUCH
9 DON'T KNOW

27. Governor Whitman says that an important part of her economic plan for the state is to cut the state income tax rates by 30 percent over the next three years, starting with a 5 percent cut this year-- Have you read or heard anything about the Governor's plan to cut the state income tax-- IF YES, ASK: How much have you read or heard -- a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all?

1 NOT READ OR HEARD
28. How likely do you think it is that Governor Whitman will be able to cut state income tax rates by 30 percent over the next three years -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

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

29. If the Governor's plan is passed and state income tax rates are cut by 30 percent over three years do you think this will help, hurt, or not make much difference for New Jersey's economy-- IF HELP OR HURT, PROBE: Will it (help/hurt) a lot or just a little?

1 NOT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE
2 HELP A LOT
3 HELP A LITTLE
4 HURT A LITTLE
5 HURT A LOT
9 DON'T KNOW

30. Do you think it is possible to cut State income tax rates by 30 percent by eliminating waste in spending or do you think this tax cut may require reductions in state programs and services?

1 IS POSSIBLE
2 MAY REQUIRE REDUCTIONS
9 DON'T KNOW

31. DO you agree or disagree with the following statement: The plan to cut state income tax rates by 30 percent should be passed even if it means that some state services or programs may be reduced-- PROBE : Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or mildly?

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

32. Do you think it is possible to cut state income tax rates by 30 percent by eliminating waste in spending or do you think this tax cut may lead to increased property taxes?

1 IS POSSIBLE
2 LEAD TO INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES
9 DON'T KNOW
33. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The plan to cut state income taxes by 30 percent should be passed even if it means that my town may receive less state aid and might need to raise property taxes to make up the difference— PROBE: Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or mildly?

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

34. How much do you think you will benefit from the Governor's plan to reduce state income tax rates—a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

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

35a. In the past year, have your local property taxes gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same— PROBE: Have they gone (up/down) a lot or just a little?

1 SAME
2 GONE UP A LOT
3 GONE UP A LITTLE
4 GONE DOWN A LITTLE
5 GONE DOWN A LOT
9 DON'T KNOW

(IF #2 OR 3 GONE UP TO Q. 35A, ASK:)

35B. Which of the following do you think is most responsible for the increase in your local property taxes -- state government, county government, local government, or the local public schools?

1 STATE GOVERNMENT
2 COUNTY GOVERNMENT
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
9 DON'T KNOW

36. There are currently some discussions in New Jersey about passing laws to limit lawsuits— Limiting lawsuits is also called tort reform— HOW much have you read or heard about limiting law suits or tort reform—a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

1 A GREAT DEAL
2 SOME
3 NOT MUCH
4 NOTHING AT ALL
9 DON'T KNOW

37. Those who think it is a good idea to limit law suits say this will reduce costs for things such as auto and medical insurance and developing new products— Those who think it is not a good idea to limit law suits say these laws would put unfair restrictions on peoples' rights to sue— Which of these two
statements do you agree with more..do you think limiting law suits will reduce costs or do you think it will put unfair restrictions on the right to sue?

1 REDUCE COSTS/GOOD IDEA  
2 PUT UNFAIR RESTRICTIONS ON THE RIGHT TO SUE/NOT GOOD IDEA  
3 DEPENDS  
9 DON'T KNOW  

38. In general, would you support or oppose a law that would make it harder for people to sue-- Would you (support/oppose) it strongly or mildly?

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

39. And, would you support or oppose a law that would set limits on the amount of money a person could be awarded if they did sue-- Would you (support/oppose) it strongly or mildly?

1 STRONGLY SUPPORT  
2 MILDLY SUPPORT  
3 MILDLY OPPOSE  
4 STRONGLY OPPOSE  
9 WN'T KNOW  

40. There are many different areas where there could be limits on the right to sue or limits on the amount of money a person is awarded when they sue-- Do you think there should or should not be limits on the right to sue (READ ITEM) -- |

A for personal injuries in an automobile accident?  
B for injuries from some type of product that is being used?  
C for injuries that occur when medical treatment is being given?

1 SHOULD  
2 SHOULD NOT  
3 DEPENDS (VOL)  
9 DK  

41. Legislation passed in 1988 gave people the choice of buying lower car insurance in return for limiting their right to sue for "pain and suffering" in automobile accidents-- As far as you know, do you or do you not have a car insurance policy that limits your right to sue for pain and suffering?

1 HAVE LIMITS  
2 DO NOT HAVE LIMITS  
3 DO NOT HAVE CAR OR CAR INSURANCE  
9 DON'T KNOW  

42. In your opinion, about how many people who bring lawsuits against others are taking advantage of their right to sue--a great many, some, just a few: or not many at all?

1 A GREAT MANY  
2 SOME  
3 JUST A FEW
43. Have you or anyone in your family filed a lawsuit because of automobile injuries, injuries while getting medical treatment, or injuries from some type of a product?

1 HAVE
2 HAVE NOT
9 DON'T KNOW

(IF HAVE TO Q. 43, ASK:)

44. What type of problem was it? (PROBE IF NEEDED)

1 AUTOMOBILE INJURIES
2 MEDICAL INJURIES
3 PRODUCT INJURIES
4 OTHER (SPECIFY:________________)
9 DON'T KNOW

45. Was the case settled in court or out of court?

1 IN COURT
2 OUT OF COURT
9 DON'T KNOW

46. And, was the case in New Jersey or some other state?

1 NEW JERSEY
2 OTHER STATE
9 DON'T KNOW

Now I have a few questions about People who are elected to serve in the New Jersey State Legislature in Trenton.

A1. Overall, how honest are People who serve in the New Jersey state legislature -- are they very honest, somewhat honest, somewhat dishonest, or very dishonest?

1 VERY HONEST
2 SOMEWHAT HONEST
3 SOMEWHAT DISHONEST
4 VERY DISHONEST
9 DON'T KNOW

A2. And how about the people who represent your district in the New Jersey state legislature -- would you describe them as very honest, somewhat honest, somewhat dishonest, or very dishonest?

1 VERY HONEST
2 SOMEWHAT HONEST
3 SOMEWHAT DISHONEST
4 VERY DISHONEST
9 DON'T KNOW

A3. If you had to give a grade to those serving in the New Jersey state legislature on how ethical they are, would you give them an A, B, C, D or F?
A4. Have you heard or read about any scandals involving a New Jersey state legislator in past 6 months?

1 YES, READ/HEARD ABOUT
2 NO, NOT READ/HEARD ABOUT
9 DON'T KNOW

A5. Among those state legislators who are corrupt, do you think they were corrupt when they were first elected to office, or do you think they became corrupted by the system?

1 CORRUPT WHEN FIRST ELECTED
2 CORRUPTED BY THE SYSTEM
3 BOTH
9 DON'T KNOW

A6. If you had to guess, about what percentage of state legislators are willing to sell out to lobbyists in return for free meals, free trips, or campaign contributions?

_______________________

A7. If you had to guess, about what percentage of members of the New Jersey state legislature take bribes?

_______________________

UMDNJ VI--PUBLIC KKNLEDGE ABOUT AIDS

HIV infection which is also sometimes referred to as AIDS, is a national health problem that is frequently talked about. The questions that follow are about your feelings about AIDS.

U1. People feel differently about having contact with a person who has AIDS--For each of the things on this list would YOU tell me whether it is or is not something you would be willing to do--Would You be willing or not willing to (READ ITEM)...

A Play in a basketball game if you knew one of the players was HIV infected?
B Allow your child to play in a basketball game if you knew one of the players was HIV infected?
C Allow your child to baby-sit for an HIV-infected child?
D Send your child to school when you knew there was a child in the class who was HIV-infected?
E Invite an HIV-infected person to your house for dinner?
F Swim in a pool with an HIV-infected person?
G Work in the same place as an HIV-infected person?
H Go to a doctor or dentist if he or she was HIV-infected?
U2. If you were going to have sexual intercourse with a new person, how likely would you be to ask about (READ ITEM)--very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely -- |

A His or her sexual history?
B His or her drug use?
C His or her testing for HIV?

1 VERY LIKELY
2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY
3 NOT VERY LIKELY
4 NOT AT ALL LIKELY
9 DK

U3. I am going to read you a list of ways that some people say a person can get AIDS-- As I read each one please tell me whether you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely to get AIDS that way-- (READ ITEM) Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely to get AIDS that way. (REPEAT CHOICES AS NEEDED) -- |

A Through a blood transfusion from a donor with AIDS?
B By using a hypodermic needle that someone with AIDS has used?
C By using unclean public toilets?
D Through sexual relation with a person who has AIDS?
E By kissing a person who has AIDS?
F By shaking hands with a person who has AIDS?
G By using doorknobs touched by a person who has AIDS?
H By playing contact sports such as basketball or football with someone who has AIDS?
I By sharing a toothbrush with someone who has AIDS?
J From being bitten by a mosquito?
K By being in a place where someone with AIDS was coughing?
L By sharing a razor with someone who has AIDS?
M By sharing a glass with someone who has AIDS?

1 VERY LIKELY
2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY
3 NOT TOO LIKELY
4 NOT AT ALL LIKELY
9 DK

U4. Do you think you can or can not become HIV infected by coming in contact with (READ ITEM) from a person who had AIDS -- |

A Perspiration?
B Blood?
C Saliva?
D Urine?
E Vaginal fluids?
F Semen?
G Stool (feces)?
1 CAN BECOME INFECTED
2 CANNOT BECOME INFECTED
3 DEPENDS (VOL)
9 DK

Now on a different topic.

U5. 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
2 YES--BUT DOES NOT CORRECTLY IDENTIFY NAME
3 NO
9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

U6. READ IF DOES NOT KNOW OR DOES NOT CORRECTLY NAME UMDNJ: 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.U-6. ASK.)

U7. 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.

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 SOMETHING 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
XD2. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

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
4 NOT EMPLOYED
9 OTHER/REFUSED

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
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
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

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

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

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/ATHIEST/AGNOSTIC
5 OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?
(CODE # OF YEARS. 99 - REFUSED; AND CODE)

D17. 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
2 $35,000 TO $69,999
3 $70,000 OR MORE
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