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LIKELY VOTERS

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.

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO/DON'T KNOW

4. In November there will be an election for U.S. Senator in New Jersey--While the election is still far away, how likely are you to vote in it--do you think you definitely will vote, probably will vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

- 1 DEFINITELY VOTE
- 2 PROBABLY VOTE
- 3 PROBABLY NOT VOTE
- 4 DEFINITELY NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. How interested are you in this election--very interested, somewhat interested, or not at all interested?

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

6. Do you know who the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator is--IF YES, ASK: Who is that?

- 1 NAMES FRANK LAUTENBERG [Go to q.8]
- 2 OTHER NAME GIVEN
- 9 NO/DON'T KNOW

(IF "OTHER" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q 6, ASK:)

7. The Democratic candidate is Senator Frank Lautenberg. Have you ever heard of him before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO/DON'T KNOW

(IF #1 TO Q 6, OR "YES" TO Q 7, ASK:)

8. Is your general impression of Lautenberg favorable, unfavorable or don't you have an opinion about him--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 DON'T KNOW

9. How much do you think you know about Lautenberg--a lot, some, or just a little?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10. Do you know who the Republican candidate for U.S Senator is--IF YES ASK, Who is that?

- 1 CHUCK (GARABED) HAYTAIAN ("HI-TIE-IN)
- 2 OTHER NAME GIVEN
- 9 NO/DON'T KNOW

(IF "OTHER" OR "NO/DON'T KNOW" TO Q 10, ASK:)

11. The Republican candidate is Assembly Speaker Chuck Haytaian--Have you ever heard of him before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO/DON'T KNOW

(IF #1 to Q 10, or "YES" TO Q 11, ASK:)

12. Is your general impression of Haytaian favorable, unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion about him--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 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

13. How much do you think you know about Haytaian--a lot, some or just a little?

- 1 LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. In the past few months, have you read or heard anything in the news about Frank Lautenberg?

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

15A. And, what do you remember reading or hearing about Lautenberg in the news (FIRST MENTION)?

15B. And, what do you remember reading or hearing about Lautenberg in the news (SECOND MENTION)?

15C. And, what do you remember reading or hearing about Lautenberg in the news (THIRD MENTION)?

16. In the past few months, have you read or heard anything in the news about Garabed (Chuck) Haytaian?

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

17A. And, what do you remember reading or hearing about Haytaian in the news (FIRST MENTION)?

17B. And, what do you remember reading or hearing about Haytaian in the news (SECOND MENTION)?

17C. And, what do you remember reading or hearing about Haytaian in the news (THIRD MENTION)?

18. Suppose the election for Senator was held today and you had to choose right now--Would you vote for Chuck Haytaian, the Republican; or Frank Lautenberg, the Democrat--IF "WOULDN'T VOTE NOW," PROBE: Would you not vote because you're undecided now, or don't you plan to vote in the election?
(ROTATE CANDIDATES)

- 1 HAYTAIAN
- 2 LAUTENBERG
- 3 WON'T VOTE
- 4 OTHER CANDIDATE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW

(IF #1 OR #2 TO Q 18, ASK:)

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

- 1 SURE/FIRM
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE/D.K.

(IF #9 TO Q 18. ASK:)

20. At this moment do you lean more towards Haytaian, or more towards Lautenberg?

- 1 HAYTAIAN
- 2 LAUTENBERG
- 9 NEITHER

21. Would you say that you favor (Lautenberg/Haytaian) more because of his stands on the issues, because of the kind of person he is, or because he is a (Democrat/Republican)?

- 1 ISSUES

2 KIND OF PERSON
3 PARTY
4 COMBINATION/WON'T CHOOSE
9 DON'T KNOW

22. How would you describe Chuck Haytaian--as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

1 LIBERAL
2 MODERATE
3 CONSERVATIVE
9 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

23. How would you describe Frank Lautenberg--as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

1 LIBERAL
2 MODERATE
3 CONSERVATIVE
9 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

24. Overall, which candidate--Lautenberg or Haytaian--has a better understanding of the problems and important issues facing New Jersey?

1 LAUTENBERG
2 HAYTAIAN
3 NO DIFFERENCE
9 DON'T KNOW

25. And, which candidate--Lautenberg or Haytaian--do you think would accomplish more for New Jersey in the U.S. Senate?

1 LAUTENBERG
2 HAYTAIAN
3 NO DIFFERENCE
9 DON'T KNOW

26. Who would be better at getting money from the federal government for projects and programs here in New Jersey--Lautenberg or Haytaian?

1 LAUTENBERG
2 HAYTAIAN
3 NO DIFFERENCE
9 DON'T KNOW

27. And, which candidate--Lautenberg or Haytaian--would do a better job at holding down federal taxes?

1 LAUTENBERG
2 HAYTAIAN
3 NO DIFFERENCE
9 DON'T KNOW

28. Who would be more likely to do what you want done about abortion-Lautenberg or Haytaian?

1 LAUTENBERG

- 2 HAYTAIAN
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. Which candidate would be more likely to do what you want done about gun control--Lautenberg or Haytaian?

- 1 LAUTENBERG
- 2 HAYTAIAN
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

30. And, which candidate--Lautenberg or Haytaian--would do better at reducing the federal budget deficit?

- 1 LAUTENBERG
- 2 HAYTAIAN
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. Finally, which candidate would be better at dealing with the problem of unemployment--Lautenberg or Haytaian?

- 1 LAUTENBERG
- 2 HAYTAIAN
- 3 NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

32. If President Clinton endorsed Frank Lautenberg, would you be more likely to vote for him or less likely to vote for him?

- 1 MORE LIKELY
- 2 LESS LIKELY
- 3 MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

33. If Governor Christie Whitman endorsed Chuck Haytaian, would you be more likely to vote for him or less likely to vote for him?

- 1 MORE LIKELY
- 2 LESS LIKELY
- 3 MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE

34. 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 DESERVES RE-ELECTION
- 2 TIME FOR CHANGE
- 3 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

35. (IF #2,3, or 9 TO Q 36, ASK:) What do you think you will do on election day (READ AND ROTATE CHOICES)?

- 1 VOTE FOR CHUCK HAYTAIAN
- 2 STAY HOME AND NOT VOTE

- 3 VOTE FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE
- 4 VOTE FOR LAUTENBERG BECAUSE DON'T LIKE ANY OTHER CANDIDATE
- 5 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. There will also be an election for the U.S. 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 INDEPENDENT/OTHER
- 4 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW
- 5 WON'T VOTE

37. Did you vote in the November, 1993 election for Governor--IF YES, ASK : Did you vote for Christie Whitman, the Republican or Jim Florio, the Democrat?

- 1 NO
- 2 YES - WHITMAN
- 3 YES - FLORIO
- 4 YES - OTHER
- 5 INELIGIBLE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

38. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1992--IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for George Bush the Republican or Bill Clinton the Democrat, or Ross Perot?

- 1 NO
- 2 YES - BUSH
- 3 YES - CLINTON
- 4 YES - ROSS PEROT
- 5 YES - OTHER
- 6 NO - NOT OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

On another topic:

39. Is your general impression of President Bill Clinton favorable or unfavorable, or don't you have an opinion about him--PROBE: IS THAT VERY (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) OR (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE)?

- 1 VERY FAVORABLE
- 2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
- 3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
- 5 NO OPINION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40. 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
- 5 NO OPINION

9 DON'T KNOW

41. How would you rate President Clinton's handling of (READ ITEM) --excellent, good, only fair, or poor -- |

A THE NATION'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS?
 B PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMY?
 C THE NATION'S SOCIAL PROBLEMS?
 D HEALTH CARE REFORM?
 E THE NATION'S CRIME PROBLEMS?

1 EXCELLENT
 2 GOOD
 3 ONLY FAIR
 4 POOR
 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
 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.D9]
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D9]
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D9]

(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 [Go to q.D11]
- 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

D13A. Are there any school-age children now living in your household--IF NECESSARY: By school-age, I mean grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

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

D14. Are you white, black or of Hispanic or Asian 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)

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
- 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