

STAR-LEDGER/EAGLETON POLL 99B  
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GENERAL POPULATION SUPPLEMENT TO 99A

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. 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

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

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

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

43. 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

44A. Governor Christie Whitman has been in office for about 8 months--What would you say has been the Whitman administration's biggest accomplishment--Is there anything Whitman has done that has been particularly good for the state (FIRST MENTION)?

44B. Governor Christie Whitman has been in office for about 8 months--What would you say has been the Whitman administration's biggest accomplishment--Is there anything Whitman has done that has been particularly good for the state (SECOND MENTION)?

44C. Governor Christie Whitman has been in office for about 8 months--What would you say has been the Whitman administration's biggest accomplishment--Is there anything Whitman has done that has been particularly good for the state (THIRD MENTION)?

45A. And, what would you say has been the biggest failure of the Whitman administration--Is there anything Whitman has done or failed to do that has been bad for the state (FIRST MENTION)?

45B. And, what would you say has been the biggest failure of the Whitman administration--Is there anything Whitman has done or failed to do that has been bad for the state (SECOND MENTION)?

45C. And, what would you say has been the biggest failure of the Whitman administration--Is there anything Whitman has done or failed to do that has been bad for the state (THIRD MENTION)?

46. 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

On another issue,

47. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your opinion of the health care system in this country -- 1 on the whole the health care system works pretty well and only minor changes are necessary to make it work better, or 2 there are some good things in our health care system, but fundamental changes are needed to make it work better, or 3 our health care system has so much wrong with it that we need to completely rebuild it?

- 1 ON THE WHOLE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WORKS PRETTY WELL AND ONLY MINOR CHANGES ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE IT WORK BETTER
- 2 THERE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS IN OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, BUT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO MAKE IT WORK BETTER
- 3 OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM HAS SO MUCH WRONG WITH IT THAT WE NEED TO COMPLETELY REBUILD IT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

48. In the past five years, have you or anyone in your household needed health care and not gone for it because you felt you could not afford it?

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

49. And, in the past five years have you or anyone in your household gone for health care but not pay for it because you could not afford it or you did not have enough health insurance?

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

50. Do you buy your own health insurance, is it provided by your employer, by the government, do you get it in some other way, or don't you have any health insurance--IF MORE THAN ONE SOURCE IS NAMED, PROBE: Which health insurance provides most of your coverage?

- 1 BUY YOUR OWN HEALTH INSURANCE [Go to q.52]
- 2 PROVIDED BY YOUR EMPLOYER
- 3 THE GOVERNMENT [Go to q.51B]
- 4 SOME OTHER WAY [Go to q.52]
- 5 DO NOT HAVE ANY INSURANCE [Go to q.52]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.52]

(IF #2 TO Q.50, ASK:)

51A. Do you pay all of the cost for this insurance, do you and your employer share the cost, or does your employer pay all of the cost for this insurance?

- 1 PAY ALL OF THE COST
- 2 EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER SHARE THE COST
- 3 EMPLOYER PAYS ALL OF THE COST
- 4 DON'T KNOW

(IF #3 "THE GOVERNMENT" TO Q.50, ASK:

51B. Is your health care paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, by the military service, or do you have some other type of government paid health care?

- 1 MEDICARE
- 2 MEDICAID
- 3 MILITARY SERVICE
- 4 OTHER
- 5 DON'T KNOW

52. Overall, how satisfied are you with the health insurance coverage you have--very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

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

53. How much have you read or heard about different programs to provide health care to those who can't afford it--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

54. Do you agree or disagree that legislation is needed to ensure that every American has coverage for all medical expenses including doctor visits and hospital care--Do you strongly or mildly (agree/disagree)?

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

55. There are a variety of things that could be done that might help to keep down the cost of health care.

55a. Would you rather pay more for health care and have the latest medical technology available in you own community or pay less and have the latest medical technology available only in regional centers which may not be in your own community?

1 RATHER PAY MORE FOR HEALTH CARE AND HAVE THE LATEST MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN YOU OWN COMMUNITY;  
 2 PAY LESS AND HAVE THE LATEST MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE ONLY IN REGIONAL CENTERS WHICH MAY NOT BE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY;  
 9 DON'T KNOW

55b. Would you rather pay less for non-emergency medical care but wait longer to get it or pay more for non-emergency medical care and get it right away?

1 RATHER PAY LESS FOR NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE BUT WAIT LONGER TO GET IT;  
 2 PAY MORE FOR NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND GET IT RIGHT AWAY  
 9 DON'T KNOW

55c. Would you rather pay more and have a personal physician that you have chosen or pay less and have a physician assigned to you by a government or private clinic?

1 RATHER PAY MORE AND HAVE A PERSONAL PHYSICIAN THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN;  
 2 PAY LESS AND HAVE A PHYSICIAN ASSIGNED TO YOU BY A GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE CLINIC  
 9 DON'T KNOW

55d. Would you rather pay more and have the option to use a hospital you select or pay less and be required to use a hospital selected by your insurance plan?

1 RATHER PAY MORE AND HAVE THE OPTION TO USE A HOSPITAL YOU SELECT;  
 2 PAY LESS AND BE REQUIRED TO USE A HOSPITAL SELECTED BY YOUR INSURANCE PLAN  
 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?

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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