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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. 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

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--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 [Go to q.8]
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. 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 9, ASK:)

10. The Republican candidate is Assembly Speaker Chuck Haytaian ("HI-TIE-IN")--Have you ever heard of him before?

1 YES
2 NO/DON'T KNOW

(IF #1 to Q 9, or "YES" TO Q 10, ASK:)

11. Is your general impression of Haytaian ("HI-TIE-IN") 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&O OPINION

12. Suppose the election for Senate was held today and you had to choose right now--Would you vote for Chuck Haytaian ("HI-TIE-IN"), 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 13. ASK:)

13. 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 12, ASK:)

14. At this moment do you lean more towards Haytaian ("HI-TIE-IN"), or more towards Lautenberg?

1 HAYTAIAN
2 LAUTENBERG
9 NEITHER

(IF #1 OR #2 IN Q 12 OR Q 14)

15. What is the one main reason why you are voting for (Haytaian ("HI-TIE-IN")/Lautenberg)?

16. Overall, how satisfied are you with the candidates running for the U.S. Senate this year--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

17a. What do you think is the most important problem facing the country that whoever is elected Senator will have to face?

17b. Regardless of which candidate you plan to vote for, who would do a better job handling this problem -- Lautenberg or Haytaian ("HI-TIEIN")?

1 HAYTAIAN
2 LAUTENBERG
3 NEITHER/SAME
9 DON'T KNOW

18. 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

19. What do you think you will do on election day--(READ CHOICES l-4)? (NOTE: CODE ALL "VOTE FOR LAUTENBERG" RESPONSES AS #4)

(ROTATE CHOICES)

1 VOTE FOR CHUCK HAYTAIAN
2 STAY HOME AND NOT VOTE
3 VOTE FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE
4 VOTE FOR LAUTENBERG BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE ANY OTHER CANDIDATE
5 OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW

20. Did you watch any of Saturday's debate between Haytaian (HI-TIE-IN") and Lautenberg on TV or listen to it on the radio?

1 YES
2 NO/DON'T KNOW

21. Have you seen or read any news stories about their debate?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

(CATI NOTE: IF #1 TO Q. 20, or #2 TO Q. 20 AND #1 TO Q. 21, ASK Q. 22. IF #2 TO Q. 20 AND #2 OR #9 TO Q. 21, SKIP TO Q. 25)

22. Who do you think actually got the best of the debate--Haytaian ("HITIE-IN") or Lautenberg--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: By a lot or just a little?

1 HAYTAIAN--A LOT
2 HAYTAIAN--A LITTLE
3 LAUTENBERG--A LOT
4 LAUTENBERG--A LITTLE
5 NOBODY WON/NO OPINION

23. Based on what you saw or heard about the debate, did your overall impression of Frank Lautenberg become more favorable or less favorable?

1 MORE FAVORABLE
2 LESS FAVORABLE
3 DIDN'T CHANGE (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

24. How about your impression of Chuck Haytaian (HI-TIE-IN1')--did this become more favorable or less favorable?

1 MORE FAVORABLE
2 LESS FAVORABLE
3 DIDN'T CHANGE (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

25. Have you seen any of Chuck Haytaian's ("HI-TIE-IN") television or radio advertisements?

1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.27]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.27]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 25, ASK:)

26. And has what you've seen or heard in Haytaian's ("HI-TIE-IN") advertisements made you more likely or less likely to support him?

1 MORE LIKELY
2 LESS LIKELY
3 NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

27. Have you seen or heard any of Frank Lautenberg's television or radio advertisements?

1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.29]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.29]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 27, ASK:)

28. And has what you've seen or heard in Lautenberg's advertisements made you more likely or less likely to support him?

1 MORE LIKELY
2 LESS LIKELY
3 NO DIFFERENCE (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

29. 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

30. 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

31. 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

32. People have lots of different opinions about our government--I am going to read you a series of statements--For each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree--First, how about (START AT DESIGNATED POINT) -- Do you agree or disagree--PROBE: Do you strongly or mildly (agree/disagree) -- |

A The Democrats have controlled Congress long enough, it's time to vote in the Republicans?
B The candidates in this Senatorial campaign are addressing the issues and concerns most important to me?
C I often get angry about actions government takes?
D Many political candidates make promises that they do not keep?
E If I am dissatisfied with who is in office, I would vote for a candidate I don't know much about?

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

On another topic:

U1a. In your lifetime, have you ever had two weeks or more during which you felt sad, blue, depressed, or when you lost all interest in things that you usually care about or enjoy?

1 YES
2 NO
3 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

U1b. When was the last time you felt this way: (READ CHOICES l-4)?

1 IN THE LAST MONTH
2 IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS
3 IN THE LAST YEAR, OR
4 MORE THAN A YEAR AGO
5 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

U2. Have you ever been so depressed that you couldn't function?

1 YES
2 NO
3 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

U3. Do you ever become depressed around the holidays--PROBE ONLY IF NEEDED For example, do you ever become depressed around Thanksgiving or Christmas or Hanukkah?

1 YES
2 NO
3 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

U4. If you considered yourself depressed, would you talk to anyone about it?

1 YES
2 NO
3 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

U5. Do you think that treatment for depression should or should not be covered by health insurance?

1 YES, should be covered
2 NO, should not be covered
3 REFUSED
9 DON'T KNOW

U6. Do you think that treatment for mental illness should or should not be covered by health insurance?

1 YES, should be covered
2 NO, should not be covered
3 REFUSED
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 [Got 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; $70,000 to just under a $100,000; or $100,000 or more?

1 UNDER $35,000
2 $35,000 TO $69,999
3 $70,000 TO $100,000
4 MORE THAN $100,000
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