

STAR-LEDGER/EAGLETON POLL 101
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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

2a. Are you registered to vote here in New Jersey?

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

IF YES TO Q.2A, PROBE:

2b. Are you registered as a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 OTHER/REFUSED

3. As of now, how likely are you to vote in the election for U. S. Senator in New Jersey this November--will you definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

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

4. 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

5. The Republican candidate for Senator is Chuck Haytaian (HI-TIE-IN)--Is your general impression of Chuck Haytaian favorable or unfavorable, or don't you

really 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 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

6. The Democratic candidate for Senator is Frank Lautenberg--Is your general impression of Frank Lautenberg favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really 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 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 HAYTAIAN
- 2 LAUTENBERG
- 3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.11]
- 8 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.11]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.9]

(IF #1, OR #2 TO Q. 7, ASK:)

8a. Are you very sure about your choice or might you change your mind before election day?

- 1 SURE/FIRM
- 2 MIGHT CHANGE/DON'T KNOW

8b. When did you decide who you would vote for--in the last few days, in the last couple weeks, in the last month or two, or did you know all along?

- 1 LAST FEW DAYS
- 2 LAST COUPLE WEEKS
- 3 LAST MONTH OR TWO
- 4 KNEW ALL ALONG
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(IF #9 TO Q. 7, ASK:)

9. Do you lean more towards Haytaian (HI-TIE-1N) or more towards Lautenberg?

- 1 HAYTAIAN
- 2 LAUTENBERG
- 9 NONE

(IF #1 OR #2 IN Q. 7 OR Q. 9)

10. What is the one main reason why you are voting for (Haytaian ("HI-TIE-IN")/Lautenberg)--DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS--PROBE FOR ONE RESPONSE AND CIRCLE APPROPRIATE CODE--IF MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT. IF UNCLEAR WHERE TO CODE, WRITE RESPONSE IN OTHER--IF ECONOMY IS NAMED, PROBE: What about the economy do you feel is most important--IF TAXES NAMED, PROBE: What kind of taxes (state income tax; state sales tax; property taxes?

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The candidates in this Senatorial campaign are addressing the issues and concerns most important to me? (PROBE: DO YOU STRONGLY OR MILDLY AGREE/DISAGREE)

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

12a. Thinking about the job that Frank Lautenberg has done as a 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

12b. What do you think you will do on election day? (READ CHOICES 1-4) (NOTE: CODE ALL "VOTE FOR LAUTENBERG" RESPONSES AS #4)

- 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

12c. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will win the election for Senator?

- 1 FRANK LAUTENBERG
- 2 CHUCK HAYTAIAN
- 3 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. 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

14. Sometimes things happen or people have other things to do and aren't able to vote--Thinking about the election for U.S. Senator this coming Tuesday--will you definitely vote, probably vote, or is there a chance that you might not vote?

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

Most people do not vote in every election--I'm going to ask you about some past elections--If you can't recall whether you voted, or if you weren't eligible to vote, just say so.

15a. Did you vote in the November, 1993 election for Governor?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.16]
- 3 INELIGIBLE [Go to q.16a]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.16a]

15b. IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for Christie Whitman, the Republican, or Jim Florio, the Democrat?

- 1 WHITMAN
- 2 FLORIO
- 3 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16a. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1992?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.17]
- 3 INELIGIBLE [Go to q.17]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.17]

16b. IF YES, ASK: Did you vote for George Bush, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, or Ross Perot?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 ROSS PEROT
- 4 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

17. Did you vote in the 1991 election for the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly?

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

18a. What about the 1990 election for the United States Senate?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.19]
- 3 INELIGIBLE [Go to q.19]

9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.19]

18b. IF YES TO Q.18A--Did you vote for Christie Todd Whitman, the Republican or Bill Bradley the Democrat?

- 1 WHITMAN
- 2 BRADLEY
- 3 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. Did you vote in the 1989 election for Governor?

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

20. Have you ever changed your mind or made up your mind about who you would vote for while you were in the voting booth or do you always decide who to vote for before election day?

- 1 YES--HAVE CHANGED MIND IN VOTING BOOTH
- 2 YES--MADE UP MIND IN VOTING BOOTH
- 3 ALWAYS MAKE UP MIND BEFORE
- 4 YES--BOTH
- 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
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 INDEPENDENT [Go to q.D3]
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER [Go to q.D3]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.D3]

(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
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 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 [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

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

XD12a. For how many years have you lived in your current home?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 2 1 OR 2
- 3 3 - 5
- 4 6 - 10
- 5 11 - 20
- 6 21 - 30
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

XD15. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

- 1 CATHOLIC
- 2 PROTESTANT
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 OTHER
- 5 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

XD15a. How often do you usually attend religious services -- once a week, 2 or 3 times a month, once a month, less than once a month?

- 1 ONCE A WEEK
- 2 2 OR 3 TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ONCE A MONTH
- 4 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH
- 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?

XD19. 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 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. \$100,000 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