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. 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

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

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

5. How would you rate the Governor's handling of state taxes?

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

6. There has been talk in recent months about Christie Whitman running for national office in 1996 before her term as Governor is over in 1997—Should Whitman feel free to run for a national office such as Vice-President in 1996, or do you think she is obligated to serve out her full term as Governor?
1 CONSIDER NATIONAL OFFICE
2 SERVE FULL TERM AS GOVERNOR
3 DEPENDS (VOL.)
9 DON'T KNOW

7. 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

8. In 1996 there will be an election for President of the United States--Thinking about the job that Bill Clinton has done as President, 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 (VOL.)
9 DON'T KNOW

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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
13. 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

14. 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

15. Thinking about major household items people might buy for the home—such as furniture, a refrigerator, a television, or things like that—do you think now is a good time or a bad time for people to buy these major household items?

1 GOOD TIME
2 BAD TIME
3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD (VOL.)
9 DON'T KNOW

16. Do you think that you or someone in your household will purchase a major item in the next 3 months—IF NO: How about in the next 6 months?

1 YES--3 MONTHS
2 YES--6 MONTHS
3 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

17. And, thinking about the housing market—do you think that now is a good time or a bad time to buy a house?

1 GOOD TIME
2 BAD TIME
3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD (VOL.)
9 DON'T KNOW

18. And, do you think that now is a good time or bad time to sell a house?

1 GOOD TIME
2 BAD TIME
3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

19. Do you think that you or someone in your household will buy a house in the next 3 months—IF NO: How about in the next 6 months?

1 YES--3 MONTHS
2 YES--6 MONTHS
3 NO
9 DON'T KNOW
20. Thinking about the automobile market - do you think now is a good time or a bad time to buy a car?

1 GOOD TIME
2 BAD TIME
3 NOT GOOD/NOT BAD (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

21. Do you think that you or someone in your household will purchase a car or small truck in the next 3 months--IF NO: How about in the next 6 months?

1 YES--3 MONTHS
2 YES--6 MONTHS
3 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

22. Governor Whitman says that an important part of her economic plan for the state is cutting the state income tax rates by 30 percent--Have you read or heard anything about the Governor cutting 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
2 YES A LOT
3 YES -- SOME
4 YES -- A LITTLE
5 YES -- NOTHING
9 DON'T KNOW

23. 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 TAKES
3 DEPENDS (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

24. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Even if it means that my town may receive less state aid and might need to raise property taxes to make up the difference, the state income tax rate should be cut by 30 percent--PROBE: Do you (agree/disagree) strongly or mildly?

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

25. How much do you think you will benefit from a 30 percent cut in 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
26A. 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. 26A, ASK:)

26B. 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--PROBE for single response?

1 STATE GOVERNMENT
2 COUNTY GOVERNMENT
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS
5 MULTIPLE RESPONSE (VOL)
9 DON'T KNOW

Now, I'd like to ask you about some national issues.

27. During the election last year nearly all Republican candidates for Congress signed a statement about their political goals which they call a Contract with America--How much have you read or heard about this Contract with America--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

28. The following are some items that are included in the Contract with America. For each one please tell me whether you favor or oppose it --|

A Tougher anti-crime legislation?
B A cut in taxes for most Americans?
C A Constitutional amendment to balance the budget?
D Legislation to limit welfare payments?
E A Constitutional amendment to limit the number of terms members of Congress can serve?
F A cut in the capital gains tax?
G An increase in defense spending?

1 FAVOR
2 OPPOSE
9 DK

29. Last year in the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district, did you vote for the Republican candidate, the Democratic candidate, or didn't you vote?
VOTED FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE [Go to q.29A]
VOTED FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE [Go to q.30]
DIDN'T VOTE [Go to q.30]
VOTED FOR OTHER/INDEPENDENT [Go to q.30]
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.30]

29A. Would you say the Contract with America was a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you voted for the Republican candidate?

MAJOR REASON
MINOR REASON
NOT A REASON
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

On another topic,

30. At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

INCREASING
LOSING
SAME
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

31. Do you believe that religion can answer all or most of today's problems, or that religion is largely old-fashioned and out-of-date?

YES-ANSWERS ALL OR MOST OF TODAY'S PROBLEMS
RELIGION IS LARGELY OLD-FASHIONED AND OUT-OF-DATE
DEPENDS
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

32. How important would you say religion is in your own life--very important, fairly important, or not very important?

VERY IMPORTANT
FAIRLY IMPORTANT
NOT VERY IMPORTANT
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

33. Do you believe in life after death?

YES
NO
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

34. How often do you read the Jewish or Christian bible-- once a day, at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, seldom, or never?

ONCE A DAY
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
ALMOST EVERY WEEK
ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
SOMETIMES
NEVER
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
35. Do you ever pray to God?
1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

36. Do you believe in God?
1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

37. Do you happen to be a member of a church or synagogue?
1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

38. Did you, yourself, happen to attend church or synagogue in the last seven days, or not?
1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

39. How often do you attend church or synagogue--at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, seldom, or never?
1 AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
2 ALMOST EVERY WEEK
3 ABOUT ONCE A MONTH
4 SELDOM
5 NEVER
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

40. What is your religious preference--Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, or an Orthodox religion such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church, or something else?
1 PROTESTANT [Go to q.40A ]
2 ROMAN CATHOLIC [Go to q.41]
3 JEWISH [Go to q.42]
4 GREEK ORTHODOX [Go to q.41]
5 RUSSIAN ORTHODOX [Go to q.42]
6 HINDU [Go to q.42]
7 MOSLEM/ISLAM [Go to q.42]
8 SIHK [Go to q.42]
9 OTHER (Specify:_________) [Go to q.42]
10 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.42]

40a. What specific denomination is that?

(DO NOT READ)
1 METHODIST
2 SOUTHERN BAPTIST
3 OTHER BAPTIST
4 LUTHERAN
41. Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

42. Do you think of yourself as a member of the religious right movement, or not?

1 YES
2 NO
3 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

The following questions are about affordable housing in New Jersey.

A1. In thinking about your housing costs such as rent or mortgage payments, taxes, and homeowners insurance--about how much money do you spend on housing in the average month--IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: What is your best estimate? (WRITE IN AMOUNT)

A2. How affordable do you feel your monthly housing costs are--very affordable, somewhat affordable, not very affordable, or not at all affordable?

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

A3. Overall, how serious a problem do you think the availability of affordable housing is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

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

A4. The following are some affordable housing programs that could be supported if a statewide fund was created--Please tell me how important it is for the state to support each of the following--(READ ITEM)--is this very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important for the state to support -- |

A To produce more affordable housing units?
B To provide rental assistance to help very low income people avoid government paid shelters and motels?
C To help people buy their first home?
D To help community-based organizations build affordable housing?

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

A5. Would you support a state bond issue for programs that specifically address the availability of affordable housing in New Jersey if it cost you $25 per year?

1 WOULD SUPPORT PROGRAMS
2 WOULD NOT SUPPORT PROGRAMS
3 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

U1. Now, I am going to read you a list of common problems about getting old--I'd like you to rate each one that I read on a scale of 1 to 5 where a 1 rating means you're not at all worried about the problem and a 5 rating means you are extremely worried, you may also use any number between 1 and 5 to rate how worried you are--On a 1 to 5 rating scale, how worried are you about (READ ITEM) when you get old -- |

A Not having enough money?
B Failing health?
C Loneliness?
D Living in a nursing home?
E Moving in to live with your children?
F Depending on someone else to take care of you?

1 NOT WORRIED AT ALL
2
3
4
5 EXTREMELY WORRIED
9 DON'T KNOW

U2. One way that has been suggested to reduce the cost of health care in this country is to no longer provide insurance coverage for some types of medical procedures if a person is over a certain age--In your opinion, should there or shouldn't there be insurance coverage for (READ ITEM) if a person is over age 75 -- |

A Heart bypass surgery?
B A heart transplant?
C A liver transplant?
D Mastectomy reconstruction?
E Cancer surgery?
F Kidney dialysis?

1 SHOULD BE
2 SHOULD NOT BE
9 DON'T KNOW

U3. In your opinion, who should be the most responsible for the cost of health care for elderly people who can not take care of themselves--their own family,
the government, private insurance, or should the elderly person be responsible for his or her own health care costs--(PROBE for single response)?

1 FAMILY
2 GOVERNMENT
3 PRIVATE INSURANCE
4 PERSON HIM/HERSELF
5 MORE THAN ONE/SHARED
8 OTHER (Specify: ___________)
9 DON'T KNOW

U4. Medicare is a public health insurance program for everyone over age 65--In your opinion, should all people over age 65, regardless of their income, be eligible for Medicare benefits or not?

1 YES, ALL SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE
2 NO, NOT ALL SHOULD BE ELIGIBLE
9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

Now on a different topic.

I1. Do you happen to know what the initials UMDNJ stand for--(IF YES, ASK: What does it stand for? [NOTE: Need exact wording for Punch #1]

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

READ IF DOES NOT KNOW OR DOES NOT CORRECTLY NAME UMDNJ:

I2. Have you heard of the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey?

1 YES
2 NO
3 DON'T KNOW

I3. Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar, somewhat unfamiliar, or totally unfamiliar with The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey?

1 VERY FAMILIAR
2 SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
3 SOMEWHAT UNFAMILIAR
4 TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR
9 DON'T KNOW

I4. Have you seen or heard any advertising for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey within the last six months?

1 YES
2 NO
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

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

(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 [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

D7. Are you currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

1 EMPLOYED [Go to q.D8]
2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.XD7b]
3 RETIRED [Go to q.D9]
4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D9]
9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D9]

IF "EMPLOYED" TO . D7, ASK:

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
9 DON'T KNOW

(IF "TEMPORARILY LAID OFF" TO Q.D7, ASK:)

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

(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
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
(IF EMPLOYED TO Q. D10, ASK:)

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

(IF "TEMPORARILY LAID OFF" TO Q.D10, ASK:)

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

XD13A1. Do you have any children under the age of 18?
XD13A2. IF YES, ASK: How many?

(CODE #, 99 = REFUSED)

XD13B1. And, do you have any adult children aged 18 and over?
XD13B2. IF YES, ASK: How many?

(CODE #, 99 = REFUSED)
XD13C. Besides yourself, how many other people currently live in your household?

(CODE #, 99 = REFUSED)

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

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 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