

EAGLETON POLL 104 (SL/EP54)

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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. Is your general impression of Governor Christie Whitman favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion about her-- **(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

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. 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

5. There will be an election for the State Assembly this November. Do you think you will vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates from your district?

1 DEMOCRATIC
 2 REPUBLICAN
 3 1 DEM, 1 REP
 4 1 DEM, DON'T KNOW OTHER
 5 1 REP, DON'T KNOW OTHER
 6 WON'T VOTE (**VOLUNTEER**)
 8 OTHER (**VOLUNTEER**)
 9 DON'T KNOW

Now, I'd like to ask you about some officials elected for National office.

6. 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

7. How would you rate the job Bill Bradley is doing as Senator--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

8. How would you rate the job Frank Lautenberg is doing as Senator--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

9. How much have you read or heard about Bill Bradley's decision not to run for re-election to the U.S. Senate in 1996--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

10. How do you feel about Bill Bradley's decision not to run for Senate in 1996, are you very disappointed, somewhat disappointed, not too disappointed, or not at all disappointed?

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

Since Bill Bradley announced that he will not run for re-election, a number of different people have been suggested as possible candidates.

11A. I'd like to get your general impression of some possible Republican candidates for U.S. Senate. For each name I read, please tell me if your general impression of him or her is favorable or unfavorable. If you don't have an opinion on a candidate, just say so. First, is your general impression of (**START AT DESIGNATED POINT**) FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE--[**PROBE:** Would that be very or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)|

- A Dick Zimmer?
- B Dick DuHaime [Dew-Hame]?
- C Dick LaRossa?
- D Marge Roukema [Rock-A-Ma]?

- 1 Very Favorable
- 2 Somewhat Favorable
- 3 Somewhat Unfavorable
- 4 Very Unfavorable
- 9 Don't Know

11B. Now I'd like to get your general impression of some possible Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate. For each name I read, please tell me if your general impression of him or her is favorable or unfavorable. If you don't have an opinion on a candidate, just say so. First, is your general impression of (**START AT DESIGNATED POINT**) FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE--[**PROBE:** Would that be very or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)]|

- A Robert Torricelli [Tor-A-Sell-Ee]?
- B Jim Florio?

- 1 Very Favorable
- 2 Somewhat Favorable
- 3 Somewhat Unfavorable
- 4 Very Unfavorable
- 9 Don't Know

[SHUFFLE NAMES IN QUESTIONS]

12a. Even though the next New Jersey Senate election is not until 1996, could you tell me, if the election were held today, would you vote for Dick Zimmer, the Republican, or Jim Florio the Democrat?

- 1 ZIMMER
- 2 FLORIO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

[SHUFFLE NAMES IN QUESTIONS]

12b. How about Dick Zimmer, the Republican, or Robert Torricelli, the Democrat?

- 1 ZIMMER
- 2 TORRICELLI
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. Do you think there are important differences between the Democrat and Republican parties or are both parties largely the same?

- 1 IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARTIES
- 2 NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARTIES
- 3 DEPENDS (VOL.)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. When deciding who to vote for, how important is it for you to know the political party the candidate belongs to -- is it very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

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

15. Would you favor or oppose the formation of a third political party that would run candidates for President, Congress and State offices against the Republican and Democratic candidates--[PROBE: Is that strongly or mildly (favor/oppose)]?

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 MILDLY FAVOR
- 3 MILDLY OPPOSE
- 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. Which of these two statements best describes your opinion: Voting for a third party candidate is throwing away your vote because that person doesn't have a chance to win or Voting for a third party candidate sends a message that the political system needs to change?

- 1 Voting for a third party candidate is throwing away your vote because that person doesn't have a chance to win or
- 2 Voting for a third party candidate sends a message that the political system needs to change
- 9 DON'T KNOW

17. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements. Do you agree or disagree that having a third party would [READ ITEM]--Is that strongly or mildly agree/disagree|

- A make government run more efficiently?
- B make government more responsive to the needs of people like you?
- C make people more interested in government and politics?
- D make candidates less tied to special interests ?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Mildly Agree
- 3 Mildly Disagree
- 4 Strongly Disagree
- 9 Don't Know

18. Some people are now being considered as possible third party candidates for president in 1996. Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely to vote for [READ ITEM] if he ran as a third party candidate|

- A Ross Perot?
- B General Colin Powell?
- C Senator Bill Bradley?
- D Jesse Jackson?

- 1 Very Likely
- 2 Somewhat Likely
- 3 Not Too Likely
- 4 Not at All Likely
- 9 Don't Know

19A. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1992?

- 1 YES
- 2 No [Go to q.20]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.20]

19B. (IF 'YES' ASK) Did you vote for George Bush, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, or Ross Perot?

- 1 BUSH
- 2 CLINTON
- 3 PEROT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about immigration.

20. Which of the following three statements comes closest to your view: All immigration to this country should be stopped, or immigration should be reduced, but not stopped altogether ?

- 1 All immigration to this country should be stopped;
- 2 Immigration should be reduced, but not stopped altogether; or
- 3 Immigration should stay at about the same level as it is today(VOL)
- 8 OTHER/LITTLE OF EACH
- 9 DK

21. How many RECENT immigrants would you say live in your area--many, some, only a few, or none?

- 1 MANY
- 2 SOME
- 3 ONLY A FEW
- 4 NONE
- 9 DK

22. How often do you personally have to deal with immigrants who speak little or no English--often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

- 1 OFTEN ----> ASK Q.22A
- 2 SOMETIMES ----> ASK Q.22A
- 3 RARELY ----> ASK Q.22A
- 4 NEVER ----> [Go to q.23]
- 9 DK ----> [GO to q.23]

22A. [IF "OFTEN", "SOMETIMES" OR "RARELY" ASK:] When that happens, does it bother you, or not?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about recent immigrants to New Jersey. Do you agree or disagree that **[READ ITEM]** **[PROBE: Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly]**|

- A many immigrants wind up in prison?
- B immigrants take jobs that other New Jerseyans want?
- C immigrants help improve the quality of life in New Jersey?
- D many immigrants wind up on welfare?

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

24. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS--that is, people who enter this country without permission. Overall, how much of a problem is ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION in the United States--is it a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem in the United States?

- 1 MAJOR PROBLEM
- 2 MINOR PROBLEM
- 3 NOT A PROBLEM
- 9 DK

25. And overall, how much of a problem is ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION in New Jersey--is it a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem in New Jersey?

- 1 MAJOR PROBLEM
- 2 MINOR PROBLEM
- 3 NOT A PROBLEM
- 9 DK

26. Recently, there has been some discussion about ILLEGAL immigrants receiving government provided services which they are not entitled to. For each that I read to you, please tell me if illegal immigrants receiving this service in New Jersey is a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem. First, **[READ ITEM]**-- is this a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem in New Jersey|

A Illegal immigrants receiving free medical care?

B Illegal immigrants attending public school?

C Illegal immigrants receiving welfare benefits?

1 MAJOR PROBLEM

2 MINOR PROBLEM

3 NOT A PROBLEM

9 DK

Moving on to another topic, we would like to ask you a few questions about the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

27. How much have you read or heard about the Pope's visit to New Jersey in October -
- a lot, some, not much or nothing at all?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

28a. Do you happen to know the Pope's name?

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

28b. What is his name?

[**INTERVIEWER NOTE:** accept John Paul]

- 1 JOHN PAUL II
- 2 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. How would you rate the job Pope John Paul II is doing as leader of the Catholic Church -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

30. As a religious and moral leader, how important a person is the Pope in your life -- very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

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

31. I'm going to read you a list of statement made by the Pope. Do you agree or disagree with the Pope's position that [**read item**]--**PROBE:** Do you strongly or mildly (agree/disagree)|

A abortion is the taking of life?

B The death penalty is wrong?

C Women can not become priests?

D Priests can not marry and continue to be priests?

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE

9 DON'T KNOW

Now, on another topic:

U1. The following are five possible threats to your health , I'd like you to rank them on a rating scale from 1 to 5, where "1" means you do not think it is much of a threat to your health and "5" means it is a great threat to your health. Please remember you can use any number between 1 and 5. How would you rate [READ ITEM] as a threat to your health|

- A Accidents?
- B Heart attack?
- C Cancer?
- D Acts of violence?
- E AIDS?

- 1 Not Much Threat
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 Great Threat
- 9 Don't Know

I'm going to ask you some questions about violence. As you answer these questions, think of violence as being any hostile or aggressive behavior that could cause harm or injury.

U2. Compared to five years ago, do you personally feel more threatened by violence, less threatened by violence, or do you feel about the same about violence as five years ago?

- 1 MORE THREATENED BY VIOLENCE
- 2 LESS THREATENED BY VIOLENCE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME AS FIVE YEARS AGO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

U3A. I'm going to read you a list of possible causes of violence. For each one please tell me if you think it causes a great deal of violence, some, not much, or no violence at all. Do you think [READ ITEM] causes a great deal of violence, some, not much, or no violence at all|

- A Violence on television?
- B Availability of guns?
- C Use of illegal drugs?
- D The increasing difference in the quality of life between those who are rich and those who are poor?
- E Broken families?
- F Criminals not serving enough time in jail?
- G Lack of jobs?
- H Poor education?
- I Lack of care for the mentally ill?
- J Abuse of alcohol?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOT AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

U4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: There should be a ban on the sale and possession of hand guns for personal use. [PROBE: Do you strongly/mildly agree/disagree.]?

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

U5. Have you ever personally witnessed an act of violence?

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

U6a. And, have you ever personally been a victim of violence?

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

U6b. Were you a victim of violence |

- A By your spouse?
- B Because of a crime?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 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.XD1A]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.XDIB]
- 3 INDEPENDENT [Go to q.D2, then q.XD1C]
- 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

(IF #1 TO Q.D1, ASK)

XD1A1. What is the main reason you consider yourself a Democrat (FIRST MENTION)?

XD1A2. What is the main reason you consider yourself a Democrat (SECOND MENTION)?

XD1A3. What is the main reason you consider yourself a Democrat (THIRD MENTION)?

(IF #2 TO Q.D1, ASK)

XD1B1. What is the main reason you consider yourself a Republican (FIRST MENTION)?

XD1B2. What is the main reason you consider yourself a Republican (SECOND MENTION)?

XD1B3. What is the main reason you consider yourself a Republican (THIRD MENTION)?

(IF #3 TO Q.DI, ASK)

XD1C1. What is the main reason you consider yourself an Independent (FIRST MENTION)?

XD1C2. What is the main reason you consider yourself an Independent (SECOND MENTION)?

XD1C3. What is the main reason you consider yourself an Independent (THIRD MENTION)?

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
- 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 [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
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED

NOTE: D.8 IS SKIPPED

D9. Are you the chief wage earner in your household?

- 1 YES [Go to q.D12]
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

(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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

NOTE: D.11 IS SKIPPED

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

XD13A. IS SKIPPED

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

XD14A. Were you born in the United States or were you born in another country?

- 1 BORN IN U.S.
- 2 BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

XD14B. Do you only speak English in your home or do you speak English and another language?

- 1 ENGLISH ONLY
- 2 ENGLISH AND ANOTHER LANGUAGE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 CATHOLIC [Go to q.XD15A]
- 2 PROTESTANT [Go to q.XD15A]
- 3 JEWISH [Go to q.XD15A]
- 4 OTHER [Go to q.XD15A]
- 5 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC [Go to q.D16]
- 9. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [Go to q.D16]

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 or do you never attend religious services?

- 1 ONCE A WEEK
- 2 2 OR 3 TIMES A MONTH
- 3 ONCE A MONTH
- 4 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH
- 5 NEVER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?

 / / (CODE # OF YEARS, 99 = REFUSED; AND CODE)

D17. In which of these age groups 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. In what township or municipality do you live?

D18a. In what county is that?

/ / / / /

 County Town

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 [Go to q.D19a]
- 2 \$35,000 TO \$69,999 [Go to q.D19b]
- 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