

EAGLETON POLL 110 (SL/EP60)
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1996

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. Are you registered to vote here in New Jersey?

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

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

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
3 INDEPENDENT
4 OTHER
9 DK/REFUSED

- 2b. How long have you been registered to vote in the state of New Jersey?

1 Less than one year
2 1 to 2 years
3 3 to 5 years ago
4 Over 5 years ago
9 Don't Know

6. In November there will be an election for President and U.S. Senate in New Jersey -- 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
- 5 WILL VOTE ONE/NOT OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

7. How much interest do you have in this election--a lot, some, a little, or none at all?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NONE
- 5 MIXED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

10. If the election for President were held today and you had to choose between Bill Clinton, the Democrat; Bob Dole the Republican; and Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate, who would you vote for? **[ROTATE WITHIN QUESTION RESPONSE CATEGORIES 1 THRU 3]**

- 1 CLINTON [Go to q.11a]
- 2 DOLE [Go to q.11a]
- 3 PEROT [Go to q.11a]
- 4 OTHER [Go to q.14]
- 5 WOULDN'T VOTE [Go to q.14]
- 9 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED [Go to q.12]

(IF #1, #2, OR #3 TO Q. 10, ASK:)

11a. 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

11b. When did you decide who were going to 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 [Go to q.11C]
- 2 Last 2 weeks [Go to q.11C]
- 3 Last month/two [Go to q.11C]
- 4 Know all along [Go to q.13]
- 9 Don't Know [Go to q.11C]

11c. Before this time, did you think you might vote for **(CANDIDATES NOT NAMED IN Q.10)**?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't Know

(IF #9 TO Q. 10, ASK:)

12. Do you lean more toward Clinton, more towards Dole, or more towards Perot?

- 1 CLINTON [Go to q.13]
- 2 DOLE [Go to q.13]
- 3 PEROT [Go to q.13]
- 9 NEITHER [Go to q.14]

13. Would you say you are voting more for (CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q. 10 OR Q.12) or more against the other candidate?

- 1 MORE FOR
- 2 MORE AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14. 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. What do you think you will do on election day -- [READ CHOICES 1-4]?

[ROTATE 1-4]

- 1 Vote for Dole
- 2 Vote for Clinton
- 3 Vote for another candidate
- 4 Stay home and not vote
- 5 Other
- 9 Don't Know

36. Besides the race for President, there will also be an election for U.S. Senator. Some people do not always vote in all the races at each election. Are you definitely going to vote for a candidate in the Senate race, probably going to vote for a Senate candidate, or is there a chance you might not vote for any candidate in the Senate race?

- 1 Definitely vote for Senate
- 2 Probably vote for Senate
- 3 Chance might not vote for Senate
- 4 Definitely not vote for Senate [Go to q.49]
- 9 Don't Know

37. Suppose the election for Senator was held today and you had to choose right now -- would you vote for Dick Zimmer the Republican or Bob Torricelli, 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)?

[ROTATE WITHIN QUESTION RESPONSE CATEGORIES 1 THRU 2]

- 1 ZIMMER [Go to q.39A]
- 2 TORRICELLI [Go to q.39A]

- 3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.49]
- 8 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.49]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.38]

(IF "UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW TO Q.37, ASK:)

38. At this moment do you lean more towards Zimmer, or more towards Torricelli?

- 1 ZIMMER [Go to q.40]
- 2 TORRICELLI [Go to q.40]
- 9 NEITHER/UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.49]

39A. Are you very sure about voting for (**CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.37**); or might you change your mind before election day?

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

39B. When did you decide who were going to 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 [Go to q.39C]
- 2 last 2 weeks [Go to q.39C]
- 3 last month/two [Go to q.39C]
- 4 know all along [Go to q.40]
- 9 Don't Know [Go to q.39C]

39C. Before this time, did you think you might vote for (**CANDIDATE NOT NAMED IN Q.37**)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK

40. Would you say you are voting more for (**CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.37 OR Q.38**) or against the other candidate?

- 1 MORE FOR
- 2 MORE AGAINST
- 9 DON'T KNOW

49. There will 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 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
- 2 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
- 3 OTHER CANDIDATE
- 4 WON'T VOTE FOR HOUSE
- 9 UNDECIDED/NO OPINION

50. 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 weren't eligible to vote just say so. Did you vote in the 1994 election for U.S. Senator?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO, DIDN'T VOTE
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE
- 4 DON'T KNOW

51. And, did you vote in the 1993 election for Governor?

- 1 YES [Go to q.51a]
- 2 NO, DIDN'T VOTE [Go to q.52]
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE [Go to q.52]
- 4 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.52]

51a. Did you vote for Christie Whitman, the Republican or Jim Florio, the Democrat?

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

52. Did you vote in the 1992 Presidential election?

- 1 YES [Go to q.52a]
- 2 NO, DIDN'T VOTE [Go to q.53]
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE [Go to q.53]
- 4 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.53]

52a. Did you vote for George Bush, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, or Ross Perot?

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

53. Did you vote in the 1990 election for U.S. Senator?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO, DIDN'T VOTE
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE
- 4 DON'T KNOW

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO, DIDN'T VOTE
- 3 NOT ELIGIBLE
- 4 DON'T KNOW

55. Now, let's pretend it is Election Day, and you are about to pull the lever to vote for President -- who are you voting for?

[**INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ CHOICES!!!**]

- 1 CLINTON
- 2 DOLE
- 3 PEROT
- 4 OTHER
- 8 WON'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

56. Again, pretending it is Election Day, and you are about to pull the lever to vote for Senator-- who are you voting for?

[**INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ CHOICES!!!**]

- 1 ZIMMER
- 2 TORRICELLI
- 4 OTHER
- 8 WON'T VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

57. 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--[**IF "YES" CLARIFY**]?

- 1 YES -- HAVE CHANGED MIND IN BOOTH
- 2 YES -- HAVE MADE UP MIND IN BOOTH
- 3 YES -- HAVE CHANGED AND MADE UP MIND IN BOOTH
- 4 NO -- ALWAYS MADE UP MIND BEFORE
- 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 [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

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

- 1 YES
- 2 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

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. Do you have any children under the age of 18 years old?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

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 OTHER
- 5 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?

/ ____ / ____ / (CODE # OF YEARS, 99 = REFUSED)

D17. [IF REFUSED IN D.16, ASK:] Is it between... (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?

/ / / / /

 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 to \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more?

- 1 UNDER \$35,000 [Go to q.D19A]
- 2 \$35,000 TO \$69,999 [Go to q..D19B]
- 3 \$70,000 TO \$100,000 [Go to q.X55]
- 4 \$100,000 OR MORE [Go to q.X55]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.X55]

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