

EAGLETON POLL 112 (SL/EP62)  
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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. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey--(IF YES, PROBE: As a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else)?

- 1 YES, DEMOCRAT
- 2 YES, REPUBLICAN
- 3 YES, INDEPENDENT
- 4 YES, OTHER
- 5 YES, REFUSED PARTY
- 6 NO ->IF 6 TERMINATE
- 9 DON'T KNOW ->IF 9 TERMINATE

3. As of now, how likely are you to vote in the election for Governor this November--will you definitely vote, probably 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

4. 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. On June 3 there was a primary election in New Jersey. Not all races were contested and most people didn't vote. Did you vote in the primary election for Governor?

- 1 YES

- 2 NO [Go to q.8]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.8]

(IF "YES" TO Q.5, ASK:)

6. And, did you vote in the Democratic or the Republican primary?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC [Go to q.7]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.8]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.8]

(IF "DEMOCRATIC" TO Q.6, ASK:)

7. Who did you vote for?

- 1 JIM MCGREEVEY
- 2 ROB ANDREWS
- 3 MICHAEL MURPHY
- 4 FRANK MARMO
- 5 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

8. Do you know who the Republican candidate for Governor is?

- 1 NAMES WHITMAN [Go to q.10]
- 2 DOES NOT NAME WHITMAN [Go to q.9]

(IF DOES NOT NAME WHITMAN, TO Q.8, ASK:)

9. The Republican candidate is Christie Whitman--have you ever heard of her before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.11]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.11]

(IF "YES" TO Q.9 OR "1" TO Q.8, ASK:)

10. How much do you think you know about Christie Whitman--a lot, some or just a little?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

11. Is your general impression of 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

12. And do you know who the Democratic candidate for Governor is?

- 1 NAMES JIM MCGREEVEY [Go to q.14]
- 2 DOES NOT NAME HIM MCGREEVEY [Go to q.13]

(IF DOES NOT NAME MCGREEVEY TO Q.12, ASK:)

13. The Democratic candidate is Jim McGreevey--have you ever heard of him before?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.15]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.15]

(IF "YES" TO Q.13, OR #1 TO Q.12, ASK:)

14. How much do you think you know about McGreevey--a lot, some or just a little?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 A LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

15. Is your general impression of McGreevey 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

[ROTATE CHOICES]

16. Suppose the election for Governor was held today and you had to choose right now--would you vote for Christie Whitman the Republican or Jim McGreevey 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 WHITMAN [Go to q.18]
- 2 MCGREEVEY [Go to q.18]
- 3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.D1]
- 8 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.D1]
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.17]

(IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW TO Q.16)

[ROTATE CHOICES]

17. At this moment do you lean more towards Whitman, or more towards McGreevey?

- 1 WHITMAN [Go to q.D1]
- 2 MCGREEVEY [Go to q.D1]

9 NEITHER/UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D1]

18. Are you very sure about voting for (candidate named in Q.16) or might you change your mind before Election Day?

1 VERY SURE

2 MIGHT CHANGE/DK

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 [Go to q.D3]
- 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 [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
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED

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

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)

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
- 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