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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. 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

3. 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 tack?

- 1 RIGHT DIRECTION
- 2 WRONG TRACK
- 9 DON'T KNOW

4a. 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
- 9 DON'T KNOW

4b. Do you know where it is that you vote?

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

5. 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

6. 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

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

- 1 NAMES WHITMAN -----> GO TO Q.11
- 2 DOES NOT NAME WHITMAN -----> GO TO Q.10

(IF ADOES NOT NAME WHITMAN@, TO Q.9, ASK:)

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO -----> GO TO Q.12
- 9 DON'T KNOW-----> GO TO Q.12

(IF AYES@ TO Q.10, or #1 to Q.9, ASK:)

11. 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 (VOL)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

12. 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

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

- 1 NAMES JIM MCGREEVEY -----> GO TO Q.15
- 2 DOES NOT NAME HIM MCGREEVEY-->GO TO Q.14

(IF ADOES NOT NAME MCGREEVEY@ TO Q.13, ASK:)

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

- 1 YES
- 2 NO -----> GO TO Q.16
- 9 DON'T KNOW---> GO TO Q.16

(IF AYES@ TO Q.14, OR #1 TO Q.13, ASK:)

15. 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 (VOL)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

16. 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

17. What do you think is the most important problem facing the state that whoever is elected Governor will have to face-- DO NOT READ OPTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE GIVEN, PROBE: Which do you think is most important [IF TAXES PROBE TO SEE WHAT KIND OF TAXES]?

[ROTATE CHOICES]

18. 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 AWOULDN'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.20
- 2 McGREEVEY-->GO TO Q.20
- 3 WON'T VOTE----->SKIP TO Q.22a
- 8 OTHER CANDIDATE-->SKIP TO Q.22a
- 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW ----->ASK Q.19

(IF AUNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW@ TO Q.18

19. At this moment do you lean more towards [Whitman], or more towards [McGreevey]? [ROTATE CHOICES]

- 1 WHITMAN-----> GO TO Q.21a
- 2 McGREEVEY-----> GO TO Q.21a
- 9 NEITHER/UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW----> GO TO Q.21a

[IF WHITMAN OR McGREEVEY TO Q.18]

20. Are you very sure about voting for (McGreevey/Whitman); or might you change your mind before election day?

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

21a1. [IF CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.18 OR Q.19: What is the main reason why you are going to vote for (Candidate Named) (FIRST MENTION)?]

21a2. [IF CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.18 OR Q.19: What is the main reason why you are going to vote for (Candidate Named) (SECOND MENTION)?]

21a2. [IF CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.18 OR Q.19: What is the main reason why you are going to vote for (Candidate Named) (THIRD MENTION)?]

22a. How would you rate the job Governor Christie Whitman has done at (START AT DESIGNATED POINT)--excellent, good, only fair, or poor|

A managing the state's Economy?

B creating jobs?

C holding down state income taxes?

D protecting the environment?

E holding down property taxes?

F providing social services such as aid for the needy?

G reducing crime?

H improving educational standards in public schools?

I holding down the cost of automobile insurance?

J cutting government spending?

K improving the state's transportation system?

L reforming the state's welfare system?

M holding down the cost of tuition at state colleges?

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

24. Thinking about the job Christie Whitman has done as governor, do you think she deserves to be re-elected or do you think it is time for a change?

- 1 YES, DESERVES RE-ELECTED
- 2 NO, TIME FOR A CHANGE
- (VOL) 3 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. Thinking about your family's financial situation over the past few years, have things gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same since Christie Whitman became Governor?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 STAYED THE SAME ---->GO TO Q.30
- 9 DON'T KNOW ----->GO TO Q.30

(IF "BETTER" OR "WORSE" TO Q.25, ASK:)

26. How much of this change is due to the policies of the Whitman administration -- most, some, just a little, or none?

- 1 MOST
- 2 SOME
- 3 JUST A LITTLE
- 4 NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I'm going to ask you some questions about some topics that may be discussed in the 1997 campaign for Governor.

30. Would you say that Christie Whitman has kept all of her 1993 campaign promises, most of them, some, just a few, or none of her campaign promises?

- 1 ALL
- 2 MOST
- 3 SOME
- 4 JUST A FEW
- 5. NONE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

31. How much have you read or heard about the \$2.76 billion dollar pension bond that was approved by the New Jersey Legislature--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

32. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the Legislature passing this pension bond -- IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE: Do you approve/disapprove strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33. In your opinion, is the pension bond a [financial gimmick] or is it [good financial management]? [ROTATE CHOICES]

- 1 FINANCIAL GIMMICK
- 2 GOOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33a. Passage of the bond issue by the legislature has been declared constitutional and does not need to be put to a public vote. Do YOU think it is necessary for the public to vote on this issue or should the legislature be able to decide this issue?

- 1 PUBLIC VOTE
- 2 LEGISLATIVE DECISION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. How much will your opinions about the pension bond influence your choice for Governor--a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

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

35. There are plans to improve the transportation system in Atlantic City by building a tunnel to connect one area of the city to another where a new casino has been proposed. How much have you read or heard about these plans to build a tunnel in Atlantic City---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

36. In your opinion, do you approve or disapprove of public funding being used to build this tunnel in Atlantic City -- IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE: Do you approve/disapprove strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36a. How much will your opinions about building a casino tunnel influence your choice for Governor--a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

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

37. Overall how much do you think you have benefited from New Jersey's 30 percent state income tax reduction--a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

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

38. Over the past 3 years overall do you think the combined total you pay in both state taxes and local property taxes has gone up, gone down, or stayed the same?

- 1 GONE UP
- 2 GONE DOWN
- 3 STAYED THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

38a How much will your opinions about the tax issue influence your choice for Governor--a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

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

39. Some people say that one of the reasons property taxes are so high in New Jersey is because they are used to fund the public schools. A proposal has been suggested to have the state provide all of the funding for the public schools. If you could choose, would you want to keep the funding of the public schools primarily based on local property taxes, or would you like to have an increase in the state income tax that would provide all of the funding for public schools?

- 1 LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES
- 2 INCREASE IN THE STATE INCOME TAX
- 3 DEPENDS (VOL)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40. And, if a change was made to have the state fund the public schools, do you think the combined total of both the state taxes and local property taxes would go up, go down, or stay about the same?

- 1 GO UP
- 2 GO DOWN
- 3 STAY ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40a. In 1990, Jim McGreevey was a state senator. Do you know whether he voted for Governor Florio's 2.8 billion dollar tax increase in 1990?

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

40b. In 1990, Jim McGreevey voted for then Governor Florio's 2.8 billion dollar tax increase. How much influence will this have on your vote choice--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

41a. Thinking about the cost and coverage of your auto insurance, overall are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied with your auto insurance?

- 1 VERY SATISFIED
- 2 SOMEWHAT SATISFIED
- 3 NOT TOO SATISFIED
- 4 NOT AT ALL SATISFIED
- 5 NO AUTO INSURANCE (VOL)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

41b. Both candidates have made suggestions on how to reform auto insurance. How much have you read or heard about these proposals--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

42. Which candidate do you think would do a better job at handling the issue of auto insurance [Christie Whitman] or [Jim McGreevey]? [ROTATE CHOICES]

- 1 CHRISTIE WHITMAN
- 2 JIM MCGREEVEY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

42a. How much will your opinions about auto insurance influence your choice for Governor--a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

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

Now, on another subject,

S1. Coastal states such as New Jersey receive financial and technical assistance from the federal government for beach restoration programs to preserve and protect the shore. It is possible that in the future the federal government will not continue to fund beach restoration programs and will use these funds for other federal programs. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about beach

restoration programs: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUND BEACH RESTORATION EFFORTS FOR COASTAL STATES; COASTAL STATES SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THEIR OWN SHORES WITHOUT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COSTAL STATES SHOULD BOTH CONTRIBUTE FUNDING TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT SHORE AREAS?

1 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO FUND BEACH RESTORATION EFFORTS FOR COASTAL STATES

2 COASTAL STATES SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THEIR OWN SHORES WITHOUT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

3 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COSTAL STATES SHOULD BOTH CONTRIBUTE FUNDING TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT SHORE AREAS

4 DEPENDS (VOL.)

9 DON'T KNOW

S2. Overall, do you think it is better to just let natural forces reduce the size and number of New Jersey beaches or do you think there should be restoration programs that preserve, protect and enhance New Jersey's beaches?

1 LET NATURAL FORCES REDUCE THE SIZE AND NUMBER OF BEACHES

2 HAVE RESTORATION PROGRAMS THAT PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE BEACHES

3 DEPENDS (VOL.)

9 DON'T KNOW

S3. If nature reduces the size and the number of beaches in New Jersey and they are not restored, do you think that the state's economy would decline 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

S4. And, if nature reduces the size and the number of beaches in New Jersey and they are not restored, do you think that New Jerseyans' recreational opportunities would be reduced 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

Finally,

H1. Have you ever hunted?

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

[IF AYES@ TO Q.H-1, ASK:]

H1a. Have you gone hunting at all during the past two years?

- 1 YES--->GO TO Q.H.2
- 2 NO----->ASK Q.H1b
- 9 DON'T KNOW--->ASK Q.H1b

[IF ANO OR DON'T KNOW@ TO Q.H-1, ASK:]

H1b. Has anyone in your family or any of your close friends gone hunting in the past two years?

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

In order to control the number of deer in New Jersey, the state permits the hunting of deer during certain times of the year.

H2. Do you approve or disapprove of deer hunting?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

[IF AAPPROVE@ TO Q.H-2, ASK:]

H2a. Do you strongly approve of deer hunting or do you mildly approve of it?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

[IF ADISAPPROVE@ TO Q.H-2, ASK:]

H2b. Do you strongly disapprove of deer hunting or do you mildly disapprove of it?

- 1 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

- 2 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 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?

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|1  DEMOCRAT          | +-----+
| 2  REPUBLICAN       ->| SKIP TO Q.D3  |
+-----+ +-----+
+-----+
| 3  INDEPENDENT     |
| 4  SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER |
| 9  DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
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(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?

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+-----+
|1  LIBERAL          | +-----+
| 2  CONSERVATIVE    ->| SKIP TO Q.D5  |
+-----+ +-----+
+-----+
| 3  SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN |
| 9  DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
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(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?

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|1 YES      |
+-----+
|2 NO      | +-----+
| 9 DON'T KNOW ----->| GO TO Q. D7 |
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(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 ----->ASK XD.7a
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF ----->SKIP TO D.9
- 3 RETIRED ----->SKIP TO D.9
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED----->SKIP TO D.9
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED----->SKIP TO D.9

XD7a. And how concerned are you that you might become unemployed within the next year-- Arer 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

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

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

XD9a. Are you a member of a union?

- 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 ----> ASK Q.D19A
- 2 \$35,000 TO \$69,999 ----> ASK 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