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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 -----> **TERMINATE**
- 9 DON'T KNOW ----->**TERMINATE.2**

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 AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. Who are you going to vote for in the election for Governor next week? **[DO NOT READ CHOICES] [D NOT PROMPT FOR NAMES]**

- 1 CHRISTIE WHITMAN
- 2 JIM MCGREEVEY
- 3 MURRAY SABRIN
- 4 OTHER CANDIDATE NAMED
- 5 REPUBLICAN/DK NAME
- 6 DEMOCRAT/DK NAME
- 7 OTHER PARTY/DK NAME
- 8 WON'T VOTE
- 9 UNDECIDED/DK

6. Do you happen to know where people who live in your neighborhood go to vote-- **IF "YES", PROBE: Where is that?**

- 1 YES, NAMES LOCATION
 - 2 YES, BUT DOES NOT NAME LOCATION
 - 3 NO ---->GO TO Q.8
 - 9 DON'T KNOW --->GO TO Q.8
- [IF "1" OR "2" IN Q.6, ASK:]**

7. And have you ever voted in this precinct or election district in the past?

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

8. The Republican Candidate for Governor is Christie Whitman. 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

9. The Democratic Candidate for Governor is Jim McGreevey. Is your general impression of Jim 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

10. The Libertarian Candidate for Governor is Murray
 Sabrin. (SAY-BRIN). Is your general impression of Murray
 Sabrin 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]

11. Suppose the election for Governor was held today and
 you had to choose right now--would you vote for [Christie
 Whitman the Republican], [Jim McGreevey the Democrat], or
 [Murray Sabrin the Libertarian]-- **(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.13A
 - 2 MCGREEVEY-->GO TO Q.13A
 - 3 SABRIN --->GO TO 13A
 - 4 WON'T VOTE----->SKIP TO Q.15.4
 - 8 OTHER CANDIDATE-->SKIP TO Q.15
 - 9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW ----->ASK Q.12
- [IF "UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW" TO Q.11]**

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

- 1 WHITMAN-----> GO TO Q.14
- 2 MCGREEVEY-----> GO TO Q.14
- 3 SABRIN -----> GO TO Q.14
- 9 NEITHER/UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW-----> GO TO Q.15

[IF WHITMAN, MCGREEVEY, OR SABRIN TO Q.11]

13a. Are you very sure about voting for (McGreevey/Whitman/Sabrin); or might you change your mind before election day?

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

13b. When did you decide who you 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
- 2 LAST 2 WEEKS
- 3 LAST MONTH/TWO
- 4 KNOW ALL ALONG
- 5 DURING THIS INTERVIEW (VOL)
- 9 DK

14A. **[IF CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.11 OR Q.12:** What is the main reason why you are going to vote for (Candidate Named) (FIRST MENTION)?

14B. **[IF CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.11 OR Q.12:** What is the main reason why you are going to vote for (Candidate Named) (SECOND MENTION)?

14C. **[IF CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.11 OR Q.12:** What is the main reason why you are going to vote for (Candidate Named) (THIRD MENTION)?

15. 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

16. Thinking about the way the state is run, do you think New Jersey will be run better over the next four years [if McGreevey is elected], or [if Whitman is re-elected], or won't it make a difference **[ROTATE TWO CANDIDATE CHOICES]**?

- 1 BETTER IF MCGREEVEY ELECTED
- 2 BETTER IF WHITMAN IS RE-ELECTED
- 3 MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

4 DEPENDS (VOL)
9 DK

17. And, will life be better for you and your family over the next four years [if McGreevey is elected], or [if Whitman is re-elected], or won't it make a difference? **[ROTATE TWO CANDIDATE CHOICES] (Note: Not what Respondent "hopes" will happen, but "thinks" will happen.)**

1 BETTER IF MCGREEVEY ELECTED
2 BETTER IF WHITMAN IS RE-ELECTED
3 MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
(VOL) 4 DEPENDS
9 DK

18. In November, there will be an election for the representatives from your district in the State Senate and Assembly. If the election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate for the State Senate from your district?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
9 DON'T KNOW

19. And, if the election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates for State Assembly?

1 DEMOCRAT
2 REPUBLICAN
(VOL)3 ONE DEMOCRAT/ONE REPUBLICAN
9 DON'T KNOW

Most people are not able to vote in every election. I'm going to ask you about some past elections. If you can't recall whether you voted, just say so.

20. In the 1996 Presidential Election, did you vote for Bill Clinton the Democrat, Bob Dole the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Independent or did things come up to keep you from voting?

1 CLINTON
2 DOLE
3 PEROT
4 OTHER (VOL)
5 DID NOT VOTE
9 DON'T KNOW

21. In the 1996 Senate Election did you vote for Bob Torricelli the Democrat, Dick Zimmer the Republican, or did things come up to keep you from voting?

- 1 TORRICELLI
- 2 ZIMMER
- 3 OTHER (VOL)
- 4 DID NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. In the 1993 Governor's Election, did you vote for Jim Florio the Democrat, Christie Whitman the Republican, or did things come up to keep you from voting?

- 1 FLORIO
- 2 WHITMAN
- 3 OTHER (VOL)
- 4 DID NOT VOTE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

23. 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?

- 1 YES, HAVE CHANGED MIND
- 2 YES, MADE UP MIND
- 3 ALWAYS MAKE UP MIND BEFORE (VOL)
- 4 YES, BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

24. 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

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's been Governor?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

26. Did you watch any of the three debates between Whitman, McGreevey, and Sabrin on TV or listen to them on the radio?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

27. Have you seen or read any news stories about their debates?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DK

28. Please tell me whether you would agree or disagree with the following statements -- |

A People should not vote if they don't care how the election comes out?

B Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on?

C People like me don't have any say about what the government does?

D Public officials care about what people like me think?

E If I could vote for "none of the above" I would?

[ROTATE]

- 1 Agree
- 2 Disagree
- 9 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
- 2 REPUBLICAN ---->| SKIP 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
- 2 CONSERVATIVE ----->| SKIP 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 ----->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

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

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...?

- 1 18 - 20
- 2 21 - 24
- 3 25 - 29

- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49).11
- 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
- 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