

SLEP 118 State Police
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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. We are not selling anything, not asking for money and all your answers will be completely confidential.

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. I'd like to ask you some questions about the STATE POLICE here in New Jersey. These are the people who patrol the turnpike, garden state parkway and state highways like route 78, 295, 80, 87 and 287. This is different from your local police and the sheriffs who patrol the areas around where you live. Overall, how would you describe the job the State Police do in patrolling the state's major roads--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only Fair
- 4 Poor
- 9 Don't know

3. Please tell me whether you think the state police do an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job of each of the following (ROTATE ITEMS A THROUGH D) -- |

- A Treating all drivers with courtesy?
- B Enforcing the rules of the road in a fair manner?
- C Using good judgment in deciding who to pull over and ticket?
- D Treating all drivers the same regardless of race, sex or age?

Response Categories 3A-D

- 1 Excellent
 - 2 Good
 - 3 Only Fair
 - 4 Poor
 - 9 Don't know
4. Do you think the New Jersey State Police treat minorities better, worse or the same as other people?
- 1 Better
 - 2 Worse
 - 3 Same
 - 4 Depends (VOL)
 - 5 Don't Know
5. Have you had any direct experience with the New Jersey state police in the last five years--have you ever been stopped for any reason, had a state police office assist you on the road, or anything else?
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No--GO TO Q6
 - 9 Don't Know/Can't Recall--GO TO Q6
- 5A. Thinking about the last time you were stopped, do you think you were or were NOT treated fairly?
- 1 Was
 - 2 Was Not
 - 9 Don't Know/Other
6. The next question is a little long, so please listen carefully. Many cars on NJ highways travel over the speed limit and could be stopped by the state police. There have been a number of stories in the news lately about something called "Profiling". This is where the police target certain cars to stop based on the race or age of people in the car or their license plate. Do you think the state police use these characteristics when deciding who to pull over, or does every lawbreaker pretty much have the same chance of being pulled over?
- 1 Use characteristics
 - 2 Same chance for all
 - 9 Don't know
7. Some people say profiling is a good idea as it stops those people in groups who are more likely to commit crimes. Others say that it is a bad idea as it unfairly discriminates against minorities

who are pulled over more often than others. How about you: Do you think profiling is a good or bad tool for the state police to use?

- 1 Good
- 2 Bad
- 9 No opinion

D5. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't Know--DKIP TO D7

D6. Did you ever attend college-- (IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate?

- 1 Yes, graduated
- 2 Yes, did not graduate--skip to d7
- 3 Junior college--graduate--skip to d7
- 4 Vocational/technical school--skip to d7
- 5 No--skip to d7

D6A. Was this from a 4 year college, a junior college two year program, or a vocational/technical school?

- 1 Four year college
- 2 Junior college/2 year program
- 3 Vocational/technical school
- 4 Other/Don't know

D8. Are you white, black or Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian-- skip to d11
- 4 Other (specify: _____)
- 9 Not determined

D7. And are you a Latino or of Hispanic origin?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't know

D9. What was your age on your last birthday?

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

D10. [IF REFUSED IN D.12, 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

D17. You've been very helpful. Sometimes we need to recontact people to ask some follow-up questions. Would it be okay for us to recontact you-- IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?

- 1 YES -----> RECORD NAME: _____
- 2 NO