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 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. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live– excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

3. And how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live– excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

I'd like to ask you a few questions about your neighborhood-- For each one please just tell me if you agree or disagree-- First (RANDOMIZE) Do you agree or disagree-- IF AGREE OR DISAGREE, PROBE: DO YOU STRONGLY (AGREE/DISAGREE) OR JUST SOMewhat (AGREE/DISAGREE)

4. Do you agree or disagree: People in my neighborhood are always in a hurry?

   1 Strongly agree
   2 Somewhat agree
   3 Somewhat disagree
   4 Strongly disagree
   9 Don't know/no opinion
5. Do you agree or disagree: If a garbage can fell in front of my residence a neighbor would pick it up and set it on the sidewalk?

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree
9 Don't know/no opinion

6. Do you agree or disagree: Most of the people in my neighborhood are trustworthy?

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree
9 Don't know/no opinion

7. Have you ever attended a meeting or gotten together with other members of your community to try to solve a local, state or national problem of any kind-- IF YES, PROBE: Was this in the last 12 months?

1 Yes–in last 12 months
2 Yes–not in last 12 months
3 No
9 Don't know

8A. How interested are you in New Jersey politics and government--very interested, somewhat interested, a little interested or not interested?

1 Very
2 Somewhat
3 A little
4 Not interested
9 Don't know

8B. How often do you follow what is going on in New Jersey government and politics--regularly, occasionally, rarely or never?

1 Regularly
2 Occasionally
3 Rarely
4 Never
9 Don't Know

9. 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
10. And how would you rate the job Bill Clinton is doing as President--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

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

11. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.SP1]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.SP1]

12. How often do you vote--in every election, most of them, some, or just once in a while?

1 Every
2 Most
3 Just some
4 Once in a while
5 Never (vol)
9 Don't know

P1. I'd like to get your opinion of some people in New Jersey-- For each name I read just tell me if your general opinion is favorable or unfavorable-- If you don't have an opinion about some just say so-- First, (RANDOMIZE LIST) Favorable, unfavorable or no opinion -- |  

A New Jersey Congressman Frank Pallone?
B Governor Christie Whitman?
C Former Democratic State Chair Tom Byrne?
D Former Governor Jim Florio?
E Former Morris County Prosecutor Michael Murphy?
F Former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley?
G Vice President Al Gore?

1 Favorable
2 Unfavorable
9 Don't know/no opinion

P2. Governor Whitman plans to run for the U.S. seat now held by retiring Democrat Frank Lautenberg-- How do you feel about Whitman running for the Senate a year before her term as Governor is up-- Would you like to see her run, not like to see her run, or don't you care much one way or the other?

1 Like
2 Not like
9 Don't care much

P3. If Whitman won her race for the Senate, do you know the name of the person who would
become the Acting Governor-- IF YES, PROBE: Who is that?

1 Donald DiFrancesco
2 Other/Don't Know

P4. The Acting Governor would be Donald DiFrancesco (Dee-Fran-Chess-Ko)-- Have you ever heard of him before?

1 Yes
2 No/Don't Know [Go to q.P6]

P5. And is your opinion of DiFrancesco favorable, unfavorable or don't you have an opinion of him?

1 Favorable
2 Unfavorable
9 Don't Know/no opinion

P6. Another person who plans to run for the Senate is former Governor Jim Florio-- How do you feel about Florio running for the Senate--Would you like to see him run, not like to see him run, or don't you care much one way or the other?

1 Like
2 Not like
9 Don't care much

CATI PROGRAMMING RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS P7-9 AND ROTATE NAMES WITHIN QUESTIONS)

P7. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Christie Whitman the Republican, or Jim Florio the Democrat?

1 Whitman/Republican
2 Florio/Democrat
3 Neither/Other
4 Wouldn't vote
9 Don't know

P8. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Christie Whitman the Republican, or Tom Byrne the Democrat?

1 Whitman/Republican
2 Byrne/Democrat
3 Neither/Other
4 Wouldn't vote
9 Don't know

P9. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Christie Whitman the Republican, or Frank Pallone the Democrat?

1 Whitman/Republican
P10. If Christie Whitman and Jim Florio were the Republican and Democratic candidates for Senate do you think you would be very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with these choices of who to vote for?

1 Very satisfied [GO to q.P12]
2 Somewhat satisfied [GO to q.P12]
3 Somewhat dissatisfied
4 Very dissatisfied
9 Don't know/depends [GO to q.P12]

P11. Would you be dissatisfied because Whitman was running, because Florio was running or because both were running?

1 Whitman
2 Florio
3 Both
9 Other/Depends

P12. Regardless of who you would vote for, please give me your opinions about Florio and Whitman on each of the following. First (RANDOMIZE)...Florio or Whitman -- |

A Who was a better Governor?
B Who cares more about people like you?
C Who would do a more effective job representing New Jersey in the Senate?
D Who would best represent your positions about what the government should do?
E Who do you like more?

1 Florio
2 Whitman
3 Both/neither/same/no difference
9 Don't know

SP1. 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 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

SP2. 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 C)
A Enforcing the rules of the road in a fair manner?
B Using good judgment in deciding who to pull over and ticket?
C Treating all drivers the same regardless of race, sex or age?

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

SP3. 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)
9 Don't Know

SP4. There has been some talk lately about the practice of profiling–where police target certain cars to stop based on the race or age of people in the cars-- Some people say profiling is a good idea as it stops those people in groups who are more likely to commit crimes-- Others say 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 difference

SP5. Courts have held that racial profiling is not legal-- After denying for a long time that it was taking place in New Jersey, the Attorney General’s office recently released a report admitting that some State Police officers actually have engaged in racial profiling-- Have you read or heard anything about this?

1 Yes CATI–USE "Were" IN SP6 BELOW
2 No  CATI–USE "Are" IN SP6 BELOW
9 Don't know CATI–USE "Are" IN SP6 BELOW

SP6. Some people were surprised that the accusations of racial profiling turned out to be true; others expected them to be true-- How about you--(Are/Were) you surprised to learn that some State Police stopped people because of their race, not surprised, or hadn't you really thought about it?

1 Surprised
2 Not surprised
9 Don't know/hadn't thought about it

SP7. And how much does it bother you that some State police stop people because of their race–is this something that bothers you a lot, some, a little or not at all?
1 Lot  
2 Some  
3 Little  
4 Not at all  
9 Don't know  

SP8. How many of the State Police do you think are guilty of racial profiling—most, just a few, or somewhere in between?  

1 Most  
2 Just a few  
3 Somewhere in between  
9 Don't know  

SP9. Do you think that those state police found to have used racial profiling should be punished, or not?  

1 Yes  
2 No  
9 Don't know  

SP10. Do you happen to know the name of the Attorney General in New Jersey -- IF YES, PROBE: Who is that?  

1 Peter Verniero [Go to q.SP12A]  
2 Other/Don't Know  

SP11. The Attorney General is Peter Verniero (Vah-Nih-Row)--Have you ever heard of him before?  

1 Yes  
2 No/Don't Know [Go to q.SP12B]  

SP12A. How would you rate the job Verniero has been doing handling the investigation of the State Police—excellent, good, only fair, or poor—or don't you have an opinion?  

1 Excellent  
2 Good  
3 Only fair  
4 Poor  
9 Don't Know  

SP12B. And how would you rate the job Governor Whitman has been doing handling the investigation of the State Police—excellent, good, only fair, or poor—or don't you have an opinion?  

1 Excellent  
2 Good  
3 Only fair  
4 Poor  
9 Don't Know
SP13. The Attorney General's report calls for a number of changes in State Police procedures and training-- How much confidence do you have in the state government to make sure that racial profiling is stopped--a lot, some, just a little or none at all?

1 Lot
2 Some
3 Little
4 None
9 Don't know

GN1. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things-- As I read each pair tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is (READ)

RANDOMIZE GN1A TO GN1K
READ STATEMENTS 1 & 2 BELOW.

GN1A. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right -- 1) It's as easy for a woman to succeed in business today as it is for a man OR 2) Women still face more obstacles to success than men?

1 It's as easy for a woman to succeed in business today as it is for a man
2 Women still face more obstacles to success than men
9 Don't Know

GN1B. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right -- 1) Racial discrimination is the main reason why black people can't get ahead these days OR 2) Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mainly responsible for their own condition?

1 Racial discrimination is the main reason why black people can't get ahead these days
2 Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mainly responsible for their own condition
9 Don't know

GN1C. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right -- 1) Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard, OR 2) Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success ?

1 Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard
2 Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success
9 Don't know

GN1D. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right -- 1) Most elected officials care what people like me think OR 2) Most elected officials don't care what people like me think?

1 Most elected officials care what people like me think
2 Most elected officials don't care what people like me think
9 Don't know

GN1E. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own
views–even if neither is exactly right – 1) Lesbians and Homosexuals should be allowed to teach
in public schools, just like anyone else, OR 2) Gay men and women should not be allowed to
teach in public schools?
1 Lesbians and Homosexuals should be allowed to teach in public schools, just like anyone else,
2 Gay men and women should not be allowed to teach in public schools
9 Don't know

GN1F. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own
views–even if neither is exactly right – 1) Religion is an important part of my daily life
OR 2) Religion is not an important part of my everyday life?
1 Religion is an important part of my daily life
2 Religion is not an important part of my everyday life
9 Don't know

GN1G. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own
views–even if neither is exactly right – 1) Government should do more to solve problems
OR 2) Government does too many things better left to businesses and individuals?
1 Government should do more to solve problems
2 Government does too many things better left to businesses and individuals
9 Don't know

GN1H. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own
views–even if neither is exactly right – 1) Government regulation of business is necessary to
protect the public interest, OR 2) Government regulation of business usually does more harm than
good?
1 Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest
2 Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good
9 Don't know

GN1I. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own
views–even if neither is exactly right – 1) Voting is an important responsibility of every citizen
OR 2) Voting doesn't make that much of a difference in how things turn out?
1 Voting is an important responsibility of every citizen
2 Voting doesn't make that much of a difference in how things turn out
9 Don't know

GN1J. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement is closer to your own
views–even if neither is exactly right – 1) It is important that people of different races and ethnic
groups live, go to school and work closely with each other OR 2) It's not important that people of
different races do this, so long as everyone is treated fairly and has the same opportunities?
1 It is important that people of different races and ethnic groups live, go to school and work
closely with each other
2 It's not important that people of different races do this, so long as everyone is treated fairly and
has the same opportunities
9 Don't Know
GN2. Are you currently employed?
1 Yes
2 No [Go to q.GN5]

GN3. Is that full time or part time?
1 Full time
2 Part time
3 Both/Other

GN4. Would you describe your current work more as a CAREER, or more as a JOB?
1 Career
2 Job
3 Both/can’t choose
9 Don’t know

GN5. If you could choose between earning a little more money and having a little more leisure time, which would you choose?
1 Money
2 Time
9 Don’t know/can’t decide

GN6. Would you say you get more satisfaction from the things you do in your leisure time, or from the work that you do?
1 Leisure time
2 Work life
3 Both/Same (VOL)
9 Don’t know

Now on another topic I’d like to ask you some questions about Ellis Island, located in the Hudson River off liberty state park.

EI1. Have you ever visited Ellis Island in the last 10 years, or not?
1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know/can’t recall

EI2. Do you have personally have relatives who emigrated to this country through Ellis Island, or not?
1 Yes
2 No
9 Don’t know

EI3. How important a historic site is Ellis Island to YOU personally-- Is it very important,
somewhat important or not too important?
1 Very
2 Somewhat
3 Not too
9 Don't know

EI4. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that New Jersey owns most of Ellis Island-- This includes about 30 run-down buildings in very bad shape-- The State is now trying to decide what to do with Ellis Island--How big a role do you think the state of New Jersey should play in redeveloping Ellis Island--should it play a leadership role, a supporting role to private development, or no role at all?
1 Leadership
2 Supporting
3 No role
9 Don't know/care

EI5. Would approve or disapprove of the state spending 50 million dollars in public money to renovate buildings on Ellis Island?
1 Approve
2 Disapprove
9 Don't Know

EI6. I'm going to read you some things that Ellis Island could be used for-- Please rate each idea as excellent, good or just fair-- First (RANDOMIZE A-E)...excellent, good or fair -- |

A An ethnic heritage center displaying the histories of different groups of immigrants?
B An international conference center?
C A medical history museum?
D An artists’ colony?
E A state college?
1 Excellent
2 Good
3 Just Fair
9 Don't know

EI8. Who do you think would do a better job of developing Ellis Island--the state of New Jersey or a private developer?
1 New Jersey
2 Private developer
9 Don't know

EI9. Would you favor or oppose the state building a permanent pedestrian bridge from Liberty State Park to Ellis Island?
1 Favor
2 Oppose
AR1. On another topic, there has been a lot of discussion lately about where a new sports arena should be built—at the Meadowlands, in Newark or Hoboken—First, would you call yourself a fan of the New Jersey Nets basketball team—that is, do you follow them?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don't know

AR2. Have you gone to any Nets games in the last two years, or not?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don't know

AR3. Have you heard or read anything about the Nets moving from the Meadowlands to a new arena that would be built in Newark?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don't know

AR4. The arena would be built with private money, although the state would pay some money to improve roads and transportation leading to the stadium and some environmental clean-up—Just your first reaction, on the whole do you think this is a good idea, a bad idea, or don't you care one way or the other?

1 Good
2 Bad
3 Don't care
9 Don't know/haven't thought about it

AR5. If the Nets moved to a new arena in Newark from the Meadowlands do you think you would be more likely to go to a game, less likely, no difference, or wouldn't you go to a game no matter where they played?

1 More likely in Newark
2 Less likely in Newark
3 No difference
4 Wouldn't go no matter where they played
9 Don't know

AR6. And would you call yourself a fan of the New Jersey Devils hockey team—that is, do you follow them?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don't know

AR7. Have you gone to any Devils games in the last two years, or not?
AR8. Have you heard or read anything about Devils moving from the Meadowlands to a new arena that would be built in Hoboken?

1 Yes
2 No
9 Don't know

AR9. The arena would be built mostly with private money, although the state would pay some money for construction and to improve roads and transportation leading to the stadium-- Just your first reaction, on the whole do you think this is a good idea, a bad idea, or don't you care one way or the other?

1 Good
2 Bad
3 Don't care
9 Don't know/haven't thought about it

AR10. If the Devils moved to a new arena in Hoboken from the Meadowlands, do you think you would be more likely to go to a game, less likely, no difference, or wouldn't you go to a game no matter where they played?

1 More likely in Hoboken
2 Less likely in Hoboken
3 No difference
4 Wouldn't go no matter where they played
9 Don't know

AR11. And what about if the Devils moved to a new arena in Newark from the Meadowlands-- Do you think you would be more likely to go to a game, less likely, no difference, or wouldn't you go to a game no matter where they played?

1 More likely in Newark
2 Less likely in Newark
3 No difference
4 Wouldn't go no matter where they played
9 Don't know

AR12. People who want to see a new arena built in Newark say it would contribute to the revitalization of the city-- How important a factor do you think this should be in deciding where the arena should be built--very important, somewhat important, or not an important factor?

1 Very
2 Somewhat
3 Not very
9 Don't know
AR13. If the Nets and Devils were to play together in a new arena, which would be your first choice for its location: Newark, Hoboken or the Meadowlands?

1 Newark  
2 Hoboken  
3 Meadowlands  
4 Depends/Other  
9 Don't Know/Care

Now just a few final questions so we can classify your answers.

D0A. Do you have a home computer where you live?

1 Yes  
2 No  
3 Don't know

D0B. Have you personally used a computer to connect to the Internet in the last week?

1 Yes  
2 No  
3 Don't know

D1. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

1 Democrat [Go to q.D2]  
2 Republican [Go to q.D2]  
3 Independent  
4 Something Else/Other  
9 Don't Know/No opinion

(IF #3, 4, OR 5 TO Q. D1, ASK)

D1A. 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

D2. 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  
3 Somewhere in between  
4 Other  
9 Don't Know/No opinion

D3. Which of the following BEST describes the place where you now live?
READ OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 4

1 A large city
2 A suburb near a large city
3 A small city or town
4 A rural area
9 Other/don't know/refused

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

1 Yes
2 No/Don't Know [Go to q.D6]

D5. Did you ever attend college-- (IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate)?

1 Yes, graduated
2 Yes, did not graduate [Go to q.d6]
3 Junior college--graduate [Go to q.d6]
4 Vocational/technical school [Go to q.d6]
5 No [Go to q.d6]

D5A. 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

D6. Are you married, living as married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

1 Married
2 Living as married
3 Widowed
4 Divorced
5 Separated
6 Never married
7 Don't know

D7. In what year were you born?

/ / / / (ENTER LAST TWO DIGITS, 99 = REFUSED)
99 Refused

D7a. [IF REFUSED IN D7, ASK:] Were you born before 1946, between 1946 and 1964, or after 1964?

1 before 1946
2 between 1946 and 1964
3 after 1964
4 Refused/don't know

D7b. Is your age 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

D8. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

1 Yes
2 No/Don't know

D9. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

1 White
2 Black
3 Asian
4 Other
9 Not determined

D10. In what county do you live?

1 Atlantic
2 Bergen
3 Burlington
4 Camden
5 Cape May
6 Cumberland
7 Essex
8 Gloucester
9 Hudson
10 Hunterdon
11 Mercer
12 Middlesex
13 Monmouth
14 Morris
15 Ocean
16 Passaic
17 Salem
18 Somerset
19 Sussex
20 Union
21 Warren
D11. 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; between $70,000 to just under
$100,000; or $100,000 or more?

1 UNDER $35,000 [Go to q.D12A]
2 $35,000 TO $69,999 [Go to q.D12B]
3 $70,000 TO $100,000 [Go to q.D13]
4 $100,000 OR MORE [Go to q.D13]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D13]

D12A. Is that: under $20,000; $20,000-$30,000, or over $30,000?

1 Under $20,000
2 $20,000-$30,000
3 OVER $30,000
9 DON'T KNOW

D12B. 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

D13. How many DIFFERENT telephone numbers for incoming calls reach this household--this
does not include those lines that are ONLY used for fax machines and computers?

1 One
2 Two
3 Three
4 Four or more
9 Don't Know/Refused

D14. Including yourself, how many adults--that is people 18 or over live in your household?

1 One
2 Two
3 Three
4 Four or more
9 Don't Know/Refused

D15. And how many people 18 or under live in your household?

0 None [Go to q.KID2]
1 One
2 Two
3 Three
4 Four or more
9 Don't Know/Refused [Go to q.KID2]
KID1. (Is that child/Are all of those children) covered by a health insurance plan such as a HMO, Medicaid or something else, or is there a child not covered by health insurance?

1 All covered  
2 Some not covered  
3 Don't know

KID2. Have you heard or read anything about a health care program called "NJ Kid Care"—this is a low cost health insurance program for children sponsored by the state of New Jersey?

1 Yes  
2 No [Go to q.D16]  
3 Don't know [Go to q.D16]

D16. Thanks-- You've been very helpful-- The results of the poll will be released in the Newark Star-Ledger-- Sometimes we need to recontact people to ask verify that this interview took place, or someone writing up the results may want to know more about how you feel-- Would it be okay for us to recontact you if necessary-- (IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?

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