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*Senate Politics, Education, Death Penalty, Guns & Violence, Jersey Bytes*

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. 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

*CATI INSTRUCTIONS: ROTATE Q34 AND Q4*

3. 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

4. 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

AE1. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO-- SKIP TO DP1

## 9 DON'T KNOW-- SKIP TO DP1

AE2. There is an election this November in New Jersey. Even though this has not received a lot of attention yet, do you happen to know which offices are up for a vote?

- 1 State Assembly
- 2 Other office
- 3 Both Assembly & Other (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

AE31. *CATI INSTRUCTIONS (IF AE2 = 1 read the words: "As you know...")*

...There will be an election for seats in the New Jersey State Assembly. In the district where you live what is the one issue you would most like to hear the candidates talking about [*FIRST RESPONSE*]?

AE32. *CATI INSTRUCTIONS (IF AE2 = 1 read the words: "As you know...")*

...There will be an election for seats in the New Jersey State Assembly. In the district where you live what is the one issue you would most like to hear the candidates talking about [*SECOND RESPONSE*]?

AE33. *CATI INSTRUCTIONS (IF AE2 = 1 read the words: "As you know...")*

...There will be an election for seats in the New Jersey State Assembly. In the district where you live what is the one issue you would most like to hear the candidates talking about [*THIRD RESPONSE*]?

AE34. *CATI INSTRUCTIONS (IF AE2 = 1 read the words: "As you know...")*

...There will be an election for seats in the New Jersey State Assembly. In the district where you live what is the one issue you would most like to hear the candidates talking about [*FOURTH RESPONSE*]?

AE35. *CATI INSTRUCTIONS (IF AE2 = 1 read the words: "As you know...")*

...There will be an election for seats in the New Jersey State Assembly. In the district where you live what is the one issue you would most like to hear the candidates talking about [*FIFTH RESPONSE*]?

AE4. As far as you know, which party now controls the Assembly-the Republicans, Democrats, or aren't you sure?

- 1 Republicans
- 2 Democrats
- 9 Not sure

AE4A. I'm going to read you a list of issues facing the state that the next Assembly may have to deal with. I'd like you to tell me how interested you would be in hearing the candidates for Assembly discussing them. For each one I read please just tell me if you would be VERY interested, SOMEWHAT interested, or NOT TOO INTERESTED. First (ROTATE ITEMS)...very, somewhat or not too interested.

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- A Auto insurance?
- B Health care regulation, including HMOs and patients' rights?
- C Campaign Finance reform?
- D Race relations and racial profiling on the part of the state police?
- E Funding Education in the state's neediest schools and urban areas?
- F Property taxes?
- G Child care and early childhood education?
- H Suburban sprawl and traffic problems?
- I Handgun regulations and safety?

J State policy on abortion rights?

RESPONSE CODES FOR ITEMS AE4A-I

- 1 Very interested
- 2 Somewhat interested
- 3 Not too interested
- 9 Don't know/No response

*AE5. (CATI PROGRAMMING-READ THE FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION BEFORE THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ON FORM A ONLY: "Most people do not vote in the Assembly elections How about you..."*

Do you think you definitely will vote, probably will vote or probably not vote in the November election for the State Assembly?

- 1 Definitely will
- 2 Probably will
- 3 Probably will not-GO TO S1
- 4 Definitely will not (VOL)-GO TO S1
- 9 Don't know-GO TO S1

AE6. And if the election was held today, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidates for Assembly in your district?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democratic
- 3 Split/other
- 9 Don't know/Undecided

S1. 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

S2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat--SKIP TO CATI INSTUCTIONS AFTER S3
- 2 Republican--SKIP TO CATI INSTURCTIONS, AFTER S3
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something Else/Other
- 9 Don't Know/No opinion

**(IF #3,4, OR 5 TO Q. S2, ASK)**

S3. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 Democratic party--SKIP TO CATI INSTUCTIONS, AFTER S3

- 2 Republican party--SKIP TO CATI INSTRUCTIONS, AFTER S3  
 3 Other party  
 4 Neither  
 9 Don't know/no opinion

***CATI INSTRUCTIONS***

***IF S3 EQ 1 OR S3A EQ 1, ASK S4D, THEN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR S6-S9***

***IF S3 EQ 2 OR S3A EQ 2, ASK S4R, THEN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR S6-S9***

***IF S3A EQ 3 OR 4 OR 9, GO TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR S6-S9***

If "Republican in either S2 or S3

S4R. I'd like to get your opinion of some people in New Jersey who may run for the US Senate. Many people haven't heard of them. 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 Governor Christie Whitman?  
 B Congressman Frank LoBiondo?  
 C Former libertarian candidate for Governor Murray Sabrin?  
 D Congressman Robert Franks?  
 E Essex County Executive James Treffinger?  
 F State Senator Bill Gormley?

Response Options S4R1-6

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

If Democrat in either S2 or S3

S4D. I'd like to get your opinion of some people in New Jersey who may run for the US Senate. Many people haven't heard of them.. 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 Former Wall Street Executive John Corzine (*pronounced: Core- zign*)?  
 B Senator Frank Lautenberg?  
 C Former Democratic State Chair Tom Byrne?  
 D Former Governor Jim Florio?

Response Options S4D1-5

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

***CATI PROGRAMMING RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS S6-11 AND ROTATE NAMES-WITH-PARTY WITHIN QUESTIONS)***

S6. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Bob Franks, the Republican, or Jim Florio the Democrat?

- 1 Bob Franks/Republican

- 2 Florio/Democrat
- 7 Neither/Other
- 8 Wouldn't vote
- 9 Don't know

S7. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Bob Franks, the Republican, or John Corzine (*pronounced: Core- zign*) the Democrat?

- 1 Bob Franks/Republican
- 2 Corzine/Democrat
- 7 Neither/Other
- 8 Wouldn't vote
- 9 Don't know

S8. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Bob Franks, the Republican, or Tom Byrne the Democrat?

- 1 Bob Franks/Republican
- 2 Byrne/Democrat
- 7 Neither/Other
- 8 Wouldn't vote
- 9 Don't know

S9. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Bill Gormley, the Republican, or John Corzine (*pronounced: Core- zign*) the Democrat?

- 1 Gormley/Republican
- 2 Corzine/Democrat
- 7 Neither/Other
- 8 Wouldn't vote
- 9 Don't know

S10. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for Bill Gormley, the Republican, or Jim Florio the Democrat?

- 1 Bob Franks/Republican
- 2 Florio/Democrat
- 7 Neither/Other
- 8 Wouldn't vote
- 9 Don't know

S11. If the election for U.S. Senator from New Jersey was held today, would you vote for James Treffinger, the Republican, or Jim Florio the Democrat?

- 1 Jim Treffinger/Republican
- 2 Florio/Democrat
- 7 Neither/Other
- 8 Wouldn't vote
- 9 Don't know

DP1. I'd like to ask you a few questions about your views of the death penalty here in New Jersey. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 3 Depends (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

*CATI INSTRUCTIONS (IF DP1 EQ 2, SKIP TO DP3 )*

DP2. I'm going to read you some reasons given by those who support the death penalty. For each one I read please just tell me if you think it is a reason why YOU support the death penalty, or not. (RANDOMIZE REASONS, READ FIRST ONE, "Is this a reason you support the death penalty or not")

- A It is a fit punishment for people who have committed murder?
- B To remove evil and dangerous people from society?
- C To deter others from committing murder?
- D To provide emotional relief to the suffering of friends and family of the murder victims?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

DP3. What do you think should be the penalty for murder-the death penalty, or life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility of parole?

- 1 Death penalty
- 2 Life in prison
- 3 Depends (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

DP4. Not all murder cases result in a sentence of death for offenders. In New Jersey do you think the death sentence is used too often, not often enough, or is the use of the death sentence about right?

- 1 Too often
- 2 Not often enough
- 3 About right
- 9 Don't know

***CATI INSTRUCTIONS DP5A-E ON FORM A ONLY***

DP5. I'm going to read you a few brief statements about the death penalty. For each one please just tell me if you agree or disagree (*CATI: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A THROUGH E*) READ FIRST STATEMENT...Do you agree or disagree. |

A A poor person is more likely than a person of average or above average income to receive the death penalty for the same crime?

B A black person is more likely than a white person to receive the death penalty for the same crime?

C The chance that an innocent person will be convicted and executed is small. This is not a good reason for opposing the death penalty?

D The death penalty is an effective deterrent to murder-it stops others from killing?

E The death penalty is immoral?

Response options DP5 A-E

- 1 Agree
- 2 Disagree
- 9 Don't know/depends

DP6. New Jersey was scheduled to execute its first person since 1963 this month, although this has now been postponed. The person, John Martini, was convicted of kidnapping and killing a businessman even though a ransom had been paid. He also confessed to two other murders. Do you think New Jersey should or should not execute Martini?

- 1 Should
- 2 Should not
- 9 Don't know

DP7. There are another 12 people on death row in New Jersey. Suppose executions became more commonplace, so that several murderers were executed each year. Do you think this would be a good thing or a bad thing for the state?

- 1 Good thing
- 2 Bad thing
- 9 Don't know

E1. NOW ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC, how closely do you follow what is going on in your local schools--very closely, somewhat, or not at all?

- 1 Very
- 2 Somewhat
- 3 Not at all
- 9 Don't know

E2. In general, how would you rate the job the public schools are doing here in New Jersey--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

E3. How would you rate the job that your local schools are doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

E4. Do you have school-aged children in your household--Kindergarten through High School? IF YES, PROBE: Is that grade school-Kindergarten through eighth, High School or both?

- 1 Grade (includes Kindergarten) K-8
- 2 High School
- 3 Both
- 4 NO--SKIP TO GV1
- 9 Don't Know--SKIP TO GV1

E5. Is that public school, private school, or both?

- 1 Public
- 2 Private SKIP TO GV1
- 3 Both
- 9 Don't Know SKIP TO GV1

*CATI PROGRAMMING NOTE:*

*E6-E13 SEQUENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS ONLY (E5 EQ 1 or 3)*

*CATI NOTE, (IF E5 EQ 3) READ: "Thinking only about those children attending public school...."*

E6. Overall, would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of education your children are receiving -- IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: Is that very or somewhat (SATISFIED/DISSATISFIED)?

- 1 Very Satisfied
- 2 Somewhat Satisfied
- 3 Somewhat Dissatisfied
- 4 Very Dissatisfied
- 9 Don't know

E7. How would you rate the job that the teachers in your local schools are doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

*CATI PROGRAMMING NOTE, ROTATE QUESTIONS 8A AND 8B*

E8A. What kind of job do you think the standardized tests used in your children's schools do at accurately measuring their ability----excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

E8B. What kind of job do you think the standardized tests used in your children's schools do at accurately measuring the job teachers are doing----excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent



- 2 Good
- 3 Only Fair
- 4 Poor
- 9 Don't Know

E9. About three years ago the state implemented a new core curriculum standards program. Thinking back over the last few years, would you say the quality of education your children are receiving has been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 Same
- 9 Don't know

E10. Have you ever considered putting your child in a private or Charter school because you were dissatisfied with your local school, has that never been something you have seriously considered, or have you actually done this?

- 1 Considered it--ASK E11
- 2 Not considered it--SKIP TO E12
- 3 Done it--SKIP TO E12
- 9 Don't know--SKIP TO E12

E11. And why have you not actually done it--Did you stay in the public schools because of cost or some other reason?

- 1 Cost
- 2 Other reason
- 8 Other answer (never got serious about it/time) (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

E12. In the average year, how often do you go to school to attend events--meetings, performances, or ceremonies--for each of your children. Is this something you aren't able to do, do once or twice a year, 3 to 5 times, or more often than that?

- 1 Can't do/haven't done/zero times
- 2 once or twice
- 3 3 to 5 times
- 4 6 or more times
- 9 Don't Know

E13. There has been some discussion of SCHOOL UNIFORMS lately, where all children attending a school wear the same clothes and colors-with some approved outfits for boys and girls. What's your opinion-do you think this would be a good idea or a bad idea at your child's school?

- 1 Good idea
- 2 Bad idea
- 3 Other/different kids/depends (VOL)
- 4 Already do (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

GV1. Turning now to a last topic. There have been a few shooting incidents in the news lately--like the ones in a Colorado school, a Jewish Center in California and an Atlanta suburb. How personally concerned are you about the amount of gun violence in American society. Is this something that you are worry about a lot, some, just a little, or not at all?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Just a little
- 4 Not at all
- 9 Don't know

GV2. Thinking back over the last 5 years or so, do you think the United States has become a more violent place in general, or are there simply more highly visible events of gun violence?

- 1 More violent place
- 2 More incidents
- 3 Other (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

GV3. From what you know about your own local community, how likely is it that a shooting incident could happen there. Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not too likely
- 4 Not at all likely
- 9 Don't know

GV4. Which do you think is more important--to protect the right of Americans to own guns, or to control gun ownership?

- 1 Protect rights of Americans
- 2 Control gun ownership
- 9 Don't know

***CATI INSTRUCTIONS: SPLIT HALF FORMS A AND B FOR QUESTION GV5 THROUGH GV7***

Form A only

GV5A. In general, do you think the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

- 1 More strict
- 2 Less strict
- 3 Kept as now
- 7 Depends (VOL)
- 8 Don't know what laws are now (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

Form A Only

GV6A. Please tell me whether you generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence. (RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS 1 THROUGH 5) How about... |

- A Raise the minimum age of hand gun possession to 21 years?
- B Hold parents legally responsible if their children commit crimes with their parents' guns?
- C Require safety locks or trigger guards to be included with all new hand gun purchased?
- D Require the registration of all firearms?
- E A law banning the sale and possession of handguns in New Jersey?

Response Options GV6A, QUESTIONS 1-5

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 9 Don't know

No Question GV7A

Form B Only

GV5B. What is your personal view on the issue of gun control in New Jersey. Do you think that the laws on gun ownership should be more strict than they are now, less strict, are they about right, or don't you know anything about the current gun laws?

- 1 More strict
- 2 Less strict
- 3 Kept as now
- 7 Depends (VOL)
- 8 Don't know what laws are now (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

Form B Only

GV6B. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.  
*CATI RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS 1 THROUGH 4* |

- A Owning a gun is a right all Americans should have?
- B Strict gun control laws make it more difficult for law abiding citizens to get guns, but not more difficult for criminals to get them?
- C Stricter gun control laws would reduce the amount of violence in society?
- D The media's coverage of shooting incidents make people feel more endangered than they really are?

Response Options GV6b 1-4

- 1 Agree
- 2 Disagree
- 9 Don't know

Form B Only

GV7B. Please tell me whether you generally favor or oppose each of the following proposals which some people have made to reduce the amount of gun violence. (RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS 1 THROUGH 5) How about... |

- A Make purchasers of all guns be subject to background checks before they can own a gun?
- B Require all handgun owners to attend a course on gun safety?
- C Prohibit gun shows where people often buy and sell guns without much regulation?

D Pass a state law requiring all guns sold in New Jersey have a passive safety system within 5 years. This is where guns can not fire unless they read the fingerprints of the owner or the right code is put in?  
 E A law banning the sale and possession of handguns in New Jersey?

Response Options GV7B QUESTIONS 1-5

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 9 Don't know

GV8. Do you have any kind of gun in your home -- IF YES, PROBE: Are any of them loaded?

- 1 Yes, Has gun(s)-any loaded
- 2 Yes, Has gun(s)-none of them loaded
- 3 No gun
- 9 Don't know

GV9. Not including military combat, has anyone close to you--such as a friend or relative--ever been shot by a gun, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

GV10. Do you think the National Rifle Association, also know as the NRA, has too much influence over gun policy in this country, not enough influence, or the right amount of influence?

- 1 Too much
- 2 Not enough
- 3 Right amount
- 9 Don't know

*CATI NOTE GV11A FORM A ONLY*

GV11A. Generally speaking, would you say that violence on TV shows is harmFUL to society, or harmLESS to society? IF HARMFUL, PROBE: Is that very harmful or only somewhat harmful?

- 1 Very harmful
- 2 Somewhat harmful
- 3 Harmless
- 8 Depends (Vol)
- 9 Don't know

GV12. Do you feel that violence on TV and in movies is a major cause of violence in society, a minor cause, or hardly a cause at all?

- 1 Major cause
- 2 Minor cause
- 3 Hardly a cause at all/not a cause (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

GV13. How do you feel about the amount of violence portrayed on television programs today, not including news programs. Do you think there is too much violence, a reasonable amount, or very little violence?

- 1 Too much
- 2 Reasonable amount
- 3 Very little
- 9 Don't know

GV14. Now turning your attention to the news...Do you think television news gives too much attention to stories about violent crimes, not enough attention, or about the right amount?

- 1 Too much
- 2 Not enough
- 3 Right amount
- 9 Don't know

*CATI NOTE: GV15B FORM B ONLY*

GV15B. How much violence is there on television news compared to real life -- Do you think television portrays more violence that actually occurs, less violence than occurs, or does TV news present an accurate portrayal of how much violence there really is?

- 1 TV news shows more than happens in real life
- 2 TV news shows less than happens in real life
- 3 TV news presents a realistic portrayal
- 8 Other/don't watch news
- 9 Don't know

GV16. Do you think that TV news covers violence because it is genuine news that people need to know, or do they do it in order to get ratings and viewers?

- 1 Genuine news people need to know
- 2 To get ratings and viewers
- 3 Both (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

Now I have some questions that will give us a better idea of some of the things people in New Jersey have or do.

JB1. First did you take a vacation of a week or more away from home this past summer -- IF YES, PROBE: Was that in New Jersey, out of state, or both?

- 1 Yes, in NJ
- 2 Yes, out of state
- 3 Yes, both
- 4 No
- 8 Other
- 9 Don't know

JB2. Thinking over the last 12 months-have your auto insurance rates gone up, down or stayed the same?

- 1 Gone up
- 2 Gone down

- 3 Stayed the same
- 8 Other
- 9 Don't know

JB3. And over the last year, have your property taxes gone up, down or stayed the same?

- 1 Gone up
- 2 Gone down
- 3 Stayed the same
- 8 Other
- 9 Don't know

JB4. Do you personally know anybody who is homosexual-that is a gay or lesbian, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 Don't know

JB5. Have you gone to a MINOR league baseball game in New Jersey this year, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK/Refused

JB6. On the issue of abortion, which of the following 3 positions is closest to your own view --  
 First, Abortion should be legal in almost all circumstances-the decision is a woman's choice, and should be left to the woman and her Doctor; Second, Abortion should be illegal in almost all circumstances-it is the taking of a human life, and society should protect the unborn child; Or, third are you somewhere in the middle?

- 1 Legal in most cases
- 2 Illegal in most cases
- 3 Somewhere in middle
- 9 Don't know

JB7. Do you have a home computer where you live?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 DK/Refused

JB8. Do you ever use a computer at work, school or home to connect with the Internet, computer bulletin boards, or information services such as America Online -- IF YES, PROBE: Have you done this in the last 7 days, or not?

- 1 Yes--in last 7 days
- 2 Yes--but not in last 7 days
- 3 No
- 9 DK/Refused

JB9. Thinking about divorced or single people you know, for how many would you say that loneliness is a significant problem: more than half, about half, or less than half?

- 1 More than half [all of them (VOL)]
- 2 About half
- 3 Less than half [none of them (VOL)]
- 9 Don't know/Refused

JB10. And, thinking about these same people--how easy or difficult would you say it is for them to MEET someone they might want to have a relationship with -- Is it very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult?

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Somewhat difficult
- 4 Very difficult
- 8 Depends (VOL)
- 9 Don't Know

JB11. Thinking about divorced and single people in New Jersey--Who has an easier time of meeting people they might want to have a relationship with--those who live in a suburb, or those who live in a city?

- 1 Suburb
- 2 City
- 3 Neither/Both/No Difference (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

JB12. And what about divorced and single people over 60--Who has an easier time of meeting people they might want to have a relationship with--those who live in a suburb, or those who live in a city?

- 1 Suburb
- 2 City
- 3 Neither/Both/No Difference (VOL)
- 9 Don't know

*CATI INSTRUCTIONS ASK D1-2B IF AE1 EQ 2 OR 9; OTHERWISE SKIP TO D3*

D1. Now just a few final questions so we can classify your answers. 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

D2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat--SKIP TO D3
- 2 Republican--SKIP TO D3
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something Else/Other

9 Don't Know/No opinion

**(IF #3,4, OR 5 TO D2, ASK)**

D2A. 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

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

D3. Which of the following BEST describes the area 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 OR a rural area
- 9 Other/don't know/refused

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't Know--SKIP TO D6

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

- 1 Yes, graduated
- 2 Yes, did not graduate--skip to d6
- 3 Junior college--graduate--skip to d6
- 4 Vocational/technical school--skip to d6
- 5 No--skip to 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)?

*CATI NOTE, IF REFUSED IN D7, ASK D8 and D8a; OTHERWISE GO TO D9*

D8. 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

D8A. Is your age between...?

- 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

D9. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Baptist, Muslim, some other religion, atheist or agnostic?

- 1 CATHOLIC
- 2 PROTESTANT
- 3 JEWISH--SKIP TO D9B
- 4 BAPTIST (AS VARIETY OF PROTESTANT)
- 5 MUSLIM--SKIP TO D9B
- 6 OTHER--SKIP TO D9B
- 7 ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC/NONE--SKIP TO D9B
- 9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED--SKIP TO D9B

D9A. Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Don't Know/Refused

D9B. Which of these three statements come closest to describing your feelings about the Bible -you can just give me the number of your choice (READ OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 3)?

- 1 One, The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.
- 2 Two, The Bible is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.
- 3 Three, The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.
- 4 Other (Vol)
- 9 Don't know

D10. 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

D11. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Other
- 9 Not determined

D12. In what county do you live?

- 01 Atlantic
- 08 Gloucester
- 15 Ocean
- 02 Bergen
- 09 Hudson
- 16 Passaic
- 03 Burlington
- 10 Hunterdon
- 17 Salem
- 04 Camden
- 11 Mercer
- 18 Somerset
- 05 Cape May
- 12 Middlesex
- 19 Sussex
- 06 Cumberland
- 13 Monmouth
- 20 Union
- 07 Essex

14 Morris

21 Warren

99 Don't know/Refused

D13. 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
- 2 \$35,000 TO \$69,999
- 3 \$70,000 TO \$100,000
- 4 \$100,000 OR MORE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D14. 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

D15. 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

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

*Verify phone number*

Thank you very much for your help.