

**Star-Ledger/Eagleton Poll 124**  
**The Millennium (Well, Next 10 years) Survey**  
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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 how things might change in the coming decade. We are not selling anything, not asking for money, and all your answers will be completely confidential.

**IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO PARTICIPATE, POSSIBLE PROBES:**

--Your participation is very important because only 800 people have been randomly selected for this survey and your views will represent many people throughout the state.

--IF "DON'T KNOW ENOUGH": There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. They are just as important as anybody else's.

--IF NOT INTERESTED, DON'T WANT TO: Please help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

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 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

2. How do you feel about the coming of the year 2000? Do you think this has any special significance or do you think it will be just another year on the calendar?

- 1 Special significance
- 2 Just another year on the calendar
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

3. When you think about going ahead into the next century would you say you are more scared or more excited about what lies ahead?

- 1 Scared
- 2 Excited
- 3 Both (VOL)

9 Don't know/Refused (VOL)

4. I'd like you to think about how things may change IN NEW JERSEY as we go into the new Millennium. Still thinking ahead over the next 10 years or so, please tell me whether you expect the state to be a better, or worse place for each of the following. If you think it will stay the same or don't have an opinion on some just say so.

First, overall as a place to live, will New Jersey be better, worse, or the same?

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 Stay the same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/No Opinion/Refused

***SPLIT HALF QUESTIONS 5A1-4 AND 5B1-4***

- 5A. I'd like you to think about how things may change IN NEW JERSEY as we go into the new Millennium. Still thinking ahead over the next 10 years or so, please tell me whether you expect the state to be a better, or worse place for each of the following. If you think it will stay the same or don't have an opinion on some just say so. Next, (RANDOMIZE 5A1-4)...**Better, Worse, or Stay the same.**]

- 1 As a place to raise a family?
- 2 As a place to find a good job?
- 3 As a place to enjoy the natural environment?
- 4 As a place to settle down and retire?

Response Options for Q5A1-4

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 Stay the same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/no opinion/Refused

- 5B. I'd like you to think about how things may change IN NEW JERSEY as we go into the new Millennium. Still thinking ahead over the next 10 years or so, please tell me whether you expect the state to be a better, or worse place for each of the following. If you think it will stay the same or don't have an opinion on some just say so. Next, (RANDOMIZE 5B1-4)... **Better, Worse, or Stay the same.**]

- 1 As a place to enjoy the outdoors and recreational activities?
- 2 As a place that's affordable to live?
- 3 As a place to get an education?
- 4 As a place to raise a family?

Response Options for Q5B1-4

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 Stay the same
- 9 (VOL)Don't know/no opinion/Refused

6. I'd like to find out a little about you so I know the right questions to ask later on. Do you use the Internet either from home or work on at least a weekly basis?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't know/Refused

7. Are you currently working? IF YES, Is that full time or part time?

- 1 Full time
- 2 Part time
- 3 Not working/don't know/Refused

8. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 years of age?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't know/Refused

9. Do you have parents living anywhere who are 55 or more years old?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No/Don't know/Refused

10a. HALF SAMPLE: There has been some talk here in New Jersey about the practices of profiling—where police target certain cars to stop based on the race or age of people in the cars. Some say profiling makes sense because it increases our safety by stopping those people who are more likely to commit crimes.

Others object to the policy because they believe it unfairly discriminates against minorities who are pulled over because of their race or ethnicity. How about you—Do you think profiling is a good or bad policy for the State Police to use, or don't you have an opinion on this?

- 1 Good
- 2 Bad
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

10b. HALF SAMPLE: There has been some talk here in New Jersey about the practices of profiling—where police target certain cars to stop based on the race or age of people in the cars. Some say

profiling makes sense because it increases our safety by stopping those people who are more likely to commit crimes.

Others, *such as representatives of the black community* object to the policy because they believe it unfairly discriminates against minorities who are pulled over because of their race or ethnicity. How about you—Do you think profiling is a good or bad policy for the State Police to use, or don't you have an opinion on this?

- 1 Good
- 2 Bad
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

11. Thinking about YOUR OWN situation over the next 10 years or so, please tell me whether you expect your life to get better, worse or stay the same. First (RANDOMIZE)...Better, worse, or the same. If some don't apply just say so. |

- A Your job situation [ *CATI: ASK ONLY IF Q7 =1 OR 2* ] ?
- B The pace of life around where you live?
- C Your housing situation?
- D The income you and your family have?
- E The amount of leisure time you have for doing things you want to do?

Response Options Questions A through E

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 Same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

12. Different people have different concerns as they look ahead over the next 10 years or so. Please tell me if you personally worry about each of the following a lot, some, **or** hardly at all. First (RANDOMIZE)... Do you worry about this a lot, some, or hardly at all |

- A Not having enough money to live comfortably?
- B Having good quality, affordable health care available?
- C Being able to take care of your parents? (*CATI: ASK ONLY IF Q9=1*)
- D Having enough money to retire?
- E Making sure your children get a good quality education? (*CATI:ASK ONLY IF Q8=1*)

- F Being able to raise your children safely? (*CATI: ASK ONLY IF Q8=1*)
- G Being able to afford decent housing?
- H Being able to keep up with the pace of change at my job? (*CATI: ASK ONLY IF Q7=1*)

Response Options Q 12 A-H

- 1 Worry a lot
- 2 Worry **some**
- 3 Worry **hardly at all**
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

*CATI INSTRUCTIONS: SPLIT HALF FORM 12A1-7 AND 12B1-7*

12. I'm going to read you the names of some projects or developments that have taken place in the state over the past 10 to 20 years. Please tell me if you think each one has been successful, not successful, or has met with mixed success. If you don't have an opinion on some, just say so. First (RANDOMIZE) Has this been successful, not successful, or had mixed success. |

- A1 The development of the Meadowlands sports complex?
- A2 Casino gambling in Atlantic City?
- A3 The state plan for development to stop suburban sprawl and manage growth?
- A4 Plans to preserve open space and farmland?
- A5 The development of the Hudson Waterfront?
- A6 Moving commuters from the automobile to mass transit?
- A7 The Building of Performing Arts Center in Newark?
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- B1 Renewal efforts in the city of Hoboken?
- B2 The re-development of New Brunswick?
- B3 The development of high-tech corridors such as around Route 1 and 287?
- B4 Efforts to clean up and protect the New Jersey shore?
- B5 Efforts to remove New Jersey from the shadows of New York and Philadelphia and develop a sense of state pride and identity?
- B6 The development of the Meadowlands sports complex?
- B7 Casino gambling in Atlantic City?

Response Options 12A1-7 & B1-7

- 1 Successful
- 2 Not successful
- 3 Mixed success
- 9** (VOL) Don't know/Refused

**(CATI PROGRAMMING, SPLIT HALF FORMS A & B; INSERT ITEM PAIRS --  
RANDOMIZE; READ OPTIONS 1 AND 2 )|**

13A1. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think the gap in wealth between the state's cities and suburbs will grow or the gap in wealth between New Jersey's cities and suburbs will get smaller?

- 1 The gap will grow
- 2 The gap will get smaller
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13A2. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think the State's economy will be stronger or the State's economy will be weaker?

- 1 Stronger
- 2 Weaker
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13A3. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think race relations will improve or race relations will get worse?

- 1 Improve
- 2 Get worse
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13A4. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think the loss of open space and farmland to suburban sprawl will continue or the loss of open space and farmland to suburban sprawl will stay as it is now?

- 1 The loss continue
- 2 The loss will stay as it is now
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13A5. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think health care will be MORE affordable or health care will be LESS affordable?

- 1 Health care will be MORE affordable
- 2 Health care will be LESS affordable
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13A6. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think traffic congestion and over-crowding will get worse or traffic congestion and over-crowding will stay as they are now?

- 1 Get worse
- 2 Stay as they are now
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

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13B1. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think the crime rate will be higher or the crime rate will be lower?

- 1 Higher
- 2 Lower
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13B2. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think the public education system will improve or the public education system will get worse?

- 1 Improve
- 2 Get worse
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13B3. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think conditions in New Jersey's cities will get better or conditions in New Jersey's cities will get worse?

- 1 Get better
- 2 Get worse
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13B4. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think New Jerseys' environmental quality will get better or the quality of the state's environment will get worse?

- 1 Get better
- 2 Get worse
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13B5. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think the gap between rich and poor will grow or the gap between rich and poor will get smaller?



- 1 The gap will grow
- 2 The gap will get smaller
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

13B6. While the future is impossible to predict, as I read the following pairs, please tell me which is more likely to happen here in the New Jersey in the next 10 years. Do you think traffic congestion and over-crowding will get worse or traffic congestion and over-crowding will stay as they are now?

- 1 Get worse
- 2 Stay as now
- 3 (VOL) Neither/No change
- 9 Don't know

***CATI PROGRAMMING ASK W SEQUENCE ONLY IF Q7= 1 OR 2, ELSE, GO TO Q.PC***

W1. I'd like to ask you some questions about work now, and begin by asking you to compare your job to kinds the jobs your parents had. To begin with, would you say it is you or your parents' who (RANDOMIZE)... Is that you or your parents|

- A Had more flexibility in their job?
- B Had more stress in their job?
- C Was better able to provide for the family's financial needs?
- D Had an easier time balancing the job with family life?
- E Had more job security?
- F Who worked more hours in an average week?

Response Options

- 1 Respondent
- 2 Parents
- 3 (VOL) Both/no difference
- 8 (VOL) Other circumstance/invalid comparison/no comparison possible
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W2. Do you use a computer at work, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W3. In the past 10 years, how much would you say your job has been changed by technology such as computers--a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

- 1 A Great Deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not Much
- 4 Not at All
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

W4. Is technology more of a threat to your job or a help in doing it?

- 1 Threat
- 2 Help
- 3 (VOL) Both
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W5. How much do you worry that your job might outgrow you--that you won't be able to keep up with the education and training you need to do it well--a lot, some, or is this not really a worry of yours?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not a worry
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W6A. Please think about how your work experience might change over the next 10 years. Do you expect to have more job security, less, or the same amount?

- 1 More
- 2 Less
- 3 Same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W6B. Please think about how your work experience might change over the next 10 years. Do you expect to have a job at the same place you are now, or do you expect to be working somewhere else?

- 1 Same
- 2 Somewhere else
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W6C. Please think about how your work experience might change over the next 10 years. Do you expect to have a more interesting job than now, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W6D. Please think about how your work experience might change over the next 10 years. Do you expect to have more flexibility in your job, less or the same amount?

- 1 More
- 2 Less
- 3 Same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W6E. Please think about how your work experience might change over the next 10 years. Do you expect to be working more hours a week, less or the same amount?

- 1 More
- 2 Less
- 3 Same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W6F. Please think about how your work experience might change over the next 10 years. Do you expect to be working from an office, or from your home?

- 1 Office
- 2 Home
- 3 Other/On road/sales
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W7. And do you now work at an office or from your home?

- 1 Office
- 2 Home
- 3 Other/On road/sales
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

W8. At what age do you expect to be able to retire?

\_\_\_\_\_ Code age: [ 98 = Never; 99 = (VOL) Don't know/Refused ]

W9. How easy is it for you to balance work and home life—very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult or very difficult?

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Somewhat difficult
- 4 Very difficult
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

PC. As we approach the year 2000, I would like you to think about a number of changes in society in the recent past. I'm going to read a list of some things that have taken place. Please tell me if you think each one has been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't made much difference. (First,) Has **(RANDOMIZE ITEM)** been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't this made much difference? How about...|

**CATI PROGRAMMING; SPLIT HALF FORM A1-7; FORM B1-7**

- A1 HMOs and managed health care plans?
- A2 The legalization of abortion?
- A3 Women in the workplace?
- A4 The wide use of credit cards?
- A5 The growth of the suburbs?
- A6 Rock and Roll?
- A7 The Internet?

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- B1 The invention of the computer?
  - B2 The gay rights movement?
  - B3 The increasing power of the religious right?
  - B4 Cellular phones?
  - B5 Voice mail menus for businesses?
  - B6 The invention of TV?
  - B7 More acceptance of divorce?

**Response Options A1-A7; B1-B7**

- 1 Change for the better
- 2 Change for the worse
- 3 Hasn't made much difference
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

TI1. How do you feel about computers and technology...do you like them, dislike them, or do you have mixed feelings about them?

- 1 Like
- 2 Dislike
- 3 Mixed feelings
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

TI2. How much do you worry that computers and technology are being used to invade your privacy—a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

- 1 Lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

TI3. People have different feelings about computers, the world wide web and the Internet. Please tell me if each of the following words **DOES or DOES NOT** describe how YOU feel about the Internet:|

- A Comfortable?
- B Frustrated?
- C Left behind?
- D Excited?
- E In control?
- F Powerful?

**Response Options Q.T13A - Q.T13F**

- 1 Does
- 2 Does Not
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

TI4. Do you read a newspaper on a regular basis—that is pretty much every day?

- 1 Yes **GO TO Q.T15**
- 2 No **GO TO Q.TI6**
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused **GO TO Q.TI6**

TI5. Thinking of just yourself, can you see replacing the daily newspaper with the Internet at some point in the next few years, or will you still get the daily newspaper?

- 1 (VOL) Internet will replace/Already has
- 2 Still get paper
- 3 (VOL) Depends
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

**ASK TI6 ONLY IF Q.16=1.**

TI6. I'm interested in what things people might do on the Internet in the next couple of years. For each item I read please tell me if you do it now, expect to do it, or don't think you will do it. First, (RANDOMIZE) Do you do this now, expect to do it, or not. |

- A Buy books and music?
- B Pay bills?

- C Plan travel and vacations?
- D Read the newspaper?
- E Go shopping for food?
- F Shop for presents or household items?
- G Take educational classes or get job training?

**Response Options**

- 1 Does it now
- 2 Expect to do it
- 3 Do not expect to do it
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

ED1. Do you happen to know whether Rutgers is a private university or if it is a State University?  
[ IF NECESSARY, PROBE: Is it a private or state university? ]

- 1 Private
- 2 State
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/no opinion/Refused

ED2. From your experience and what you have heard, how would you rate Rutgers as an educational institution. Do you feel it provides students with an excellent, good, fair, or poor education?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair
- 4 Poor
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

ED3. Rutgers is the State University of New Jersey. Compared to other state universities, do you feel Rutgers has a better overall reputation, a poorer reputation, or is it about the same as other state universities?

- 1 Better
- 2 Poorer
- 3 About the same
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

ED4. Some people say that because of past discrimination, it is sometimes necessary for colleges and universities to reserve opening for black students. Others believe college admissions decisions should only consider merit and should be made without considering race or ethnicity. What about you—are you for or against quotas to admit black students, or don't you have an opinion on this

issue? [ **IF FOR OR AGAINST, PROBE: Do you strongly (FAVOR/OPPOSE) quotas, or not strongly?**]

- 1 Favor–strongly
- 2 Favor–not strongly
- 3 Oppose–not strongly
- 4 Oppose–strongly
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D0. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

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 (VOL) Other
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/No opinion/Refused

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

- 1 Democrat **SKIP TO Q.D3**
- 2 Republican **SKIP TO Q.D3**
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something Else/Other
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/No opinion/Refused

**(IF #3,4, OR 9 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 (VOL) Don't know/no opinion/Refused

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 (VOL) Other/Don't know/Refused

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

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

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

- 1 Yes, graduated **SKIP TO Q.D5A**
- 2 Yes, did not graduate **SKIP TO Q.D6**
- 3 Junior college--graduate **SKIP TO Q.D6**
- 4 Vocational/technical school **SKIP TO Q.D6**
- 5 No **SKIP TO Q.D6**
- 9 (VOL) Don' Know/Refused **SKIP 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 (VOL) Other/Don't know/Refused

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
- 9 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D7. In what year were you born?

     /      /      / (ENTER LAST TWO DIGITS, 99 = (VOL) 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
- 9 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

D8A. Is your age between...|

- 1 18 - 20?
- 2 21 - 24?
- 3 25 - 29?
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)?
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)? FIFTIES (50 - 59)?
- 7 60 - 64?
- 8 65 OR OVER?
- 9 (VOL) NO ANSWER/REFUSED?

D9. 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/Refused

D10. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

- 1 White
- 2 Black
- 3 Asian
- 4 Other
- 9 (VOL) Not determined/Refused

D11. 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 (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D12. 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 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

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 (VOL) 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 (VOL) Don't Know/Refused

D15. 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