POLL 128B
October 12-15, 2000
Senate Politics

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 the upcoming election. 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 Two or less
2 3 - 5
3 6 - 10
4 11 - 20
5 21 or more
6 All My Life
9 Don't Know

1A. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live?

1 YES
2 NO/DON=T KNOW-- TERMINATE

2. All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

1 Satisfied
2 Dissatisfied
9 No Opinion

3. As you know, there will be an election for President this fall. I=d like you to rate your chances of voting in the upcoming November election on a scale of 10 to 1. If 10 represents a person who DEFINITELY will vote and 1 represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where would you place yourselfB10 definitely will; 1 definitely will not?

1 Definitely will not vote [Go to QD1]
2
3
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10 Definitely will vote
99 Don=t know/refused

CATI PROGRAMMING: IF Q3 = 1, SKIP TO D1

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
9 Don't Know

5. In your opinion, how much of a difference will the outcome of this election make in the way the government is run over the next few years--a great deal of difference, some, or not very much difference?

1 A great deal
2 Some
3 Not very much
8 Depends
9 Don=t know

9. There will also be an election for the U.S. Senate in New Jersey. If the election for the Senate were held today, would you vote for (CATI RANDOMIZE NAMES IN ITALICS) *Bob Franks, the Republican*; or *Jon Corzine* (KORE-**ZIGN)**, *the Democrat?*

1 Franks [Go to Q.11]
2 Corzine [Go to Q.11]
7 Neither/Other [Go to Q.12]
8 Wouldn=t vote [Go to Q.12]
9 Don=t know/Undecided [Go to Q.10]

IF "UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW TO Q9 ASK:
10. At this moment do you lean more towards Franks or more towards Corzine?

1 Franks [Go to Q.12]
2 Corzine [Go to Q.12]
9 Neither/Undecided [Go to Q.12]

11. Are you very sure about voting for (Franks/Corzine); or might you change your mind before election day?

1 VERY SURE
2 MIGHT CHANGE/DON'T KNOW

12. I=d like to learn a little more about your opinions of the candidates. After I read each name, please tell me if your general impression of him is favorable or unfavorable, or if you don=t really have an opinion about him. First (RANDOMIZE) Favorable or unfavorable--**(IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE:** Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/ unfavorable)|

C Democrat Jon Corzine?
D Republican Bob Franks?

1 VERY FAVORABLE
2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

Turning back to the Senate Race in New Jersey... (ROTATE QUESTIONS 17 AND 18)

17. How much do you think you know about Republican Bob Franks-- a lot, some, just a little, or nothing at all?

1 A LOT
2 SOME
3 A LITTLE
4 NOTHING
9 DON'T KNOW

18. How much do you think you know about Democrat Jon Corzine -- a lot, some, just a little or nothing at all?

1 A LOT
2 SOME
3 A LITTLE
4 NOTHING
9 DON'T KNOW

19. Regardless of how you plan to vote in the Senate election, please just tell me whether you think each of the following statements applies more to Bob Franks or to Jon Corzine. First (RANDOMIZE) ... Franks or Corzine|

A Is in touch with the average New Jersey voter?
B Will be an effective Senator representing New Jersey in Washington?
C Generally agrees with you on the issues you care about?
D Is honest and trustworthy?

E Has a vision for the country=s future?
F Has strong qualities of leadership?
G Would better handle the situation in the Middle East?

1 Franks
2 Corzine
3 Both/Same (VOL)
9 Don=t know

20. As you might have heard, Jon Corzine will probably spend about 50 million dollars of his own money on his Senate campaign. Does his spending this much bother you, or not--IF BOTHERS, PROBE: How much does it bother you --a lot, some, or just a little?

1 Bothers Lot
2 Bothers Some
3 Bothers a Little
4 Doesn't bother
9 Don't know

21. Most people do not vote in every election. How often would you say you vote in various elections: always, nearly always, part of the time, or seldom?

1 Always
2 Nearly Always
3 Part of the Time
4 Seldom
5 Never (VOL)
9 Don=t know

22. Can you recall if you voted in the 1996 election between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole--IF NECESSARY, PROBE: Did you vote?

1 Voted
2 Didn=t Vote
3 Can=t recall
9 Don=t Know

23. And can you recall if you voted in the 1997 election for Governor between Jim McGreevy and Christie Whitman--IF NECESSARY, PROBE: Did you vote?

1 Voted
2 Didn=t Vote
3 Can=t recall
9 Don=t know

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

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

1 Democrat [Go to Q.D1a]
2 Republican [Go to Q.D1a]
3 Independent [Go to Q.D1b]
4 Something Else/Other [Go to Q.D2]
9 Don't Know/No opinion [Go to Q.D1b]

D1a. Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican), or a not so strong(Democrat/Republican)?

1 Strong [Go to Q.D2]
2 Not Strong/Don't know [Go to Q.D2]

D1b. 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

NO QUESTION D3 THIS VERSION

D4. Did you receive a high school diploma?

1 Yes
2 No/Don't Know [Go to Q.D5]

D4A. Not counting vocational or technical school, did you ever attend college--**(IF YES, ASK:** Did you graduate--**IF YES, ASK:** Was that from a 2 year or a 4 year program?

1 No, never attended
2 Yes, attended but did not graduate
3 Yes, graduated from 2 year program/Junior college
4 Yes, graduated from 4 year program
9 Don't know/refused

D5. What was your age on your last birthday?

/___/___/ (ENTER AGE: 97=97+) [Go to Q.D7]
98 DK [Go to Q.D7]
99 REFUSED [Go to q. D5A]
CATI *NOTE, IF REFUSED IN D5, ASK D5A; OTHERWISE GO TO D7*

D5A. Were you born before 1946, between 1946 and 1964, or after 1964?

1 before 1946
2 between 1946 and 1964
3 after 1964
9 Refused/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
9 Don't know

D7. 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

D8. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?

1 White
2 Black
3 Asian
4 Other
9 Not determined

NO QUESTIONS D9 - D11 THIS VERSION

D12. In which 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
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. Not counting cell phones, 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