

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll #188
October 7 – 13, 2013
Sample: 900 NJ REGISTERED VOTERS

Questions are presented in the order they were administered. Numbering may not necessarily be sequential and question numbers may be missing due to cuts prior to fielding and numbering convention.

Introduction - LANDLINE

Hello, my name is _____. I'm conducting a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll for New Jersey. I'm not selling anything and just need a few minutes I'd like to ask a few questions of the YOUNGEST MALE over 18 who is a registered voter and is now at home

(IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW: Then may I speak with you? Are you a registered voter?)

[REINTRO AS NEEDED]

Hello, my name is _____. I am conducting a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll for Rutgers University. I am not selling anything, and just need a few minutes. Would you talk with me for a bit?

- 1 YES, CONTINUE WITH RESPONDENT
- 0 UNWILLING, END INTERVIEW

Introduction – CELL PHONE

Hello, my name is _____. I'm conducting a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll of New Jersey. I am not selling anything and just need a few minutes. I know I am reaching you on a cell phone. We need to talk to registered voters with cell phones to ensure we represent all of New Jersey. Are you currently driving, walking, or in any public place that might distract you?

- 0 DISTRACTED → RESCHEDULE/TERMINATE
- 1 NOT DISTRACTED, now is a good time to talk

IF NECESSARY: 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 900 people statewide 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:

-- Can you help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

SCREENER – REGISTERED VOTER

QD1 First, just to verify, are you NOW registered to vote where you live or haven't you been able to register so far?

- 1 Now registered to vote
- 2 Haven't been able to register so far → **TERMINATE**
- 8 Don't know (VOL) → **TERMINATE**
- 9 Refused (VOL) → **TERMINATE**

ON TERMINATE: Thank you, we are only talking to registered voters today.

QD7 To ensure we are reaching people of all ages, would you please tell me your age?

_____ (ENTER AGE: 98=98+, 99 = REFUSED)

[IF Don't Know/REFUSED IN QD7, ASK:]

QD8 Is it 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 Refused (VOL)

**[IF REFUSED IN BOTH QD7 and QD8 TERMINATE, We must know age.
IF UNDER 18, TERMINATE, too young.]**

QD5 May I please have your home zip code?

_____ (RECORD)

- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD5A And what county do you live in?

[Choose from list of NJ Counties]

IF NOT NEW JERSEY BASED ON COUNTY, TERMINATE: Thank you, we are only talking to New Jersey residents today.
[CONSENT]

WHEN RESPONDENT ON PHONE: Great. We are talking to New Jersey registered voters to conduct a research study on public policy issues. Your participation is important as only about 900 people statewide will be selected to take part in this study. This should only take less than 15 minutes. Your answers are confidential and will only be reported in combination with others. Your participation is voluntary, you may end at any time, and you may skip questions you do not want to answer. May I ask the first question? [IF YES] Thanks!

- 0 No → Attempt Convert
- 1 YES

[CODE GENDER BY OBSERVATION]

QD26 Respondent Gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

LEADERSHIP PERCEPTION

Q1 Thanks! First, I'd like to ask about some people and groups. Please tell me if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion. First:
[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q1A-Q1G]

- Q1A President Barack Obama.
- Q1B Governor Chris Christie.
- Q1C State Senator Barbara Buono (BWO-no).
- Q1D Newark Mayor Cory Booker.
- Q1F Former Bogota Mayor Steve Lonigan [LON-a-gun].
- Q1G The Tea Party.

- 1 Favorable
- 2 Unfavorable
- 3 No Opinion
- 8 Don't Know Person
- 9 Refused

Q2 Now thinking about some people I will name, I'd like you to tell me how you feel about them on something called a feeling thermometer. You can choose any whole number between 0

and 100. On this scale, 0 means you feel very cold, 50 means you feel neither warm nor cold, and 100 means you feel very warm.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q2A-Q2D]

- Q2A Governor Chris Christie.
- Q2B State Senator Barbara Buono (BWO-no).
- Q2C Newark Mayor Cory Booker.
- Q2D Former Bogota Mayor Steve Lonegan [LON-a-gun].

[RECORD NUMBER]

- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q3 Please rate how Barack Obama is handling his job as President, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

- 1 A
- 2 B
- 3 C
- 4 D
- 5 F
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q4 Please rate how Chris Christie is handling his job as governor, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

- 1 A
- 2 B
- 3 C
- 4 D
- 5 F
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q5 And overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as governor?

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q6 Now I am going to list some specific areas where I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as Governor. First:

[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q6A-Q6F]

- Q6A New Jersey's economy and jobs
- Q6B Hurricane Sandy recovery
- Q6C Taxes
- Q6D Education and Schools
- Q6E The state budget
- Q6F Crime and drugs

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

RIGHT/WRONG TRACK

Q7 Would you say the state of New Jersey is currently going in the right direction or has it gone off on the wrong track?

- 1 Going in the right direction
- 2 On the wrong track
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q8 Of the following, which is the MOST important problem facing New Jersey today? Is it:
[RANDOMIZE OPTION ORDER FOR 1-8, READ 1-9]

- 1 Hurricane Sandy recovery
- 2 The economy and jobs
- 3 Taxes, including property taxes
- 4 Education and Schools
- 5 Crime and Drugs
- 6 Government spending
- 7 Health Care
- 8 Legalizing same-sex marriage
- 9 Or is it something else? **[SPECIFY]**
- 88 Don't know (vol)
- 99 Refused (vol)

QGS1 As you are probably aware, Congress was unable to come to an agreement to fund the federal government past September 30. As a result, all but essential operations of the federal government were shut down. Have you noticed any difference in your personal life because of the government shutdown?

- 0 No → **SKP TO QGS3**

- 1 Yes
- 8 Not sure → SKP TO QGS3
- 9 Refused → SKP TO QGS3

QGS2 In just a couple of words, can you tell me how the shutdown has affected your personally?

[RECORD VERBATIM; IF NO ANSWER LEAVE BLANK]

QGS3 Would you say the government shutdown is more the fault of Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or President Obama?

- 1 Republicans
- 2 Democrats
- 3 President Obama
- 4 Won't choose; It's the fault of everyone/all are to blame (vol)
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QGS4 Some Republicans want to defund Obamacare, but Democrats refuse. Did Republicans do the right thing by insisting on defunding to keep the government open, or should they have agreed to keep the government open without defunding Obamacare?

- 1 Did the right thing shutting down
- 2 Keep government open
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

REGISTERED & LIKELY VOTER SCENING

QD2 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 Democrat → SKIP TO QD4
- 2 Republican → SKIP TO QD4
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something Else/Other
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

QD3 Would you say that you lean toward the Democrats, the Republicans, or neither party?

- 1 Democrat
- 2 Republican
- 3 Neither
- 8 Don't Know

9 Refused

QD4 Do you consider yourself to be liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Somewhere in between
- 4 Other (VOL)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV1 And when was the last time you voted in any election? Was it earlier this year, sometime last year, before last year, or have you never voted in the past?

- 1 This year (2013)
- 2 Sometime last year (2012)
- 3 Before last year (2011 or earlier)
- 4 Have never voted
- 5 Have already voted by mail in this year's senate or Gov election (Vol)
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV3 Can you tell me approximately when the next chance to vote in a New Jersey statewide election will be?

- 1 October 16 [**Code if exactly this date**]
- 2 November 5 [**Code if exactly this date**]
- 3 Sometime in October
- 4 Sometime in November
- 5 Any other date/month
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

LV4 There will be a special Senate election on October 16 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Frank Lautenberg. How closely have you followed news about this special election so far? Is it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV4A Have you watched or listened to any debates between Cory Booker and Steve Lonegan?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 8 Don't Know/Don't Remember
- 9 Refused

LV5 And how likely is it that you will vote in this special Senate election? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, are you certain you will *not* vote, or have you already voted by mail?

- 1 Very likely [**CODE IF SAYS CERTAIN TO VOTE**]
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Will not vote
- 5 Have already voted by mail
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV6 There will ALSO be a SEPARATE election for New Jersey governor in November. How closely have you followed news about the governor's election so far? Is it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Fairly closely
- 3 Not too closely
- 4 Not at all closely
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

LV6A Have you watched or listened to any debate between Chris Christie and Barbara Buono?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know/Don't Remember
- 9 Refused

LV7 And how likely is it that you will vote in the election for governor? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, are you certain you will *not* vote, or have you already voted by mail?

- 1 Very likely [**CODE IF SAYS CERTAIN TO VOTE**]
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not very likely
- 4 Will not vote
- 5 Have already voted by mail
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

- ➔ [IF LV5 = 4 AND LV7 = 4 SKIP TO Q24 (skip ALL election questions)]
- ➔ [IF LV5 = 4 AND LV7 NOT = 4 SKIP TO Q14 (skip Senate election questions, start at beginning of 2013 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION battery)]

2013 SENATE ELECTION

Q9 Let's talk about the Senate election in October. If the special election for the Senate seat were being held today and the candidates were [**ROTATE ORDER:** Democrat Cory Booker and Republican Steve Lonegan], for whom would you vote?

[**NOTE: IF LV5 = 5 ASK THIS INSTEAD:**] Thinking about the Senate election, for whom did you vote by mail? Was it [**ROTATE ORDER:** Democrat Cory Booker or Republican Steve Lonegan?]

- 1 Booker
- 2 Lonegan
- 3 Someone Else (vol)
- 4 Not Vote (vol) ➔ **IF LV7 NOT = 4 SKIP TO Q14, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q24**
- 8 Don't Know ➔ **ASK Q9A**
- 9 Refused

[ASK ONLY IF DK (8) FOR Q9]

Q9A Do you lean more toward [**CANDIDATE ORDER FROM Q9:** Democrat Cory Booker or Republican Steve Lonegan?]

- 1 Booker
- 2 Lonegan
- 3 Someone Else (vol)
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q11A, Q11B]

Q11A Are Cory Booker's positions on issues more liberal than most New Jersey voters, more conservative, or are they about right for New Jersey?

- 1 More liberal
- 2 More conservative
- 3 About right
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q11B Are Steve Lonegan's positions on issues more liberal than most New Jersey voters, more

conservative, or are they about right for New Jersey?

- 1 More liberal
- 2 More conservative
- 3 About right
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q12 AND Q13 SO THAT CANDIDATE ORDER IS RANDOM]

Q12 Thinking of Cory Booker, has anything he has said or done during this campaign made you feel: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q12A-Q12D]**

- Q12A Angry
- Q12B Worried or anxious
- Q12C Proud
- Q12D Hopeful

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q13 Thinking of Steve Lonegan, has anything he has said or done during this campaign made you feel: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q13A-Q13D]**

- Q13A Angry
- Q13B Worried or anxious
- Q13C Enthusiastic
- Q13D Hopeful

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q10 Some say Cory Booker has accomplished a lot as Newark's mayor and the city is better off than it was when he first took office. Others say Booker is mostly a self-promoter and that little has actually changed in the city. Do you think Booker has made a real difference in Newark or has it been mostly self-promotion and little has changed?

- 1 Real Difference
- 2 Mostly self-promotion
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QP1 Some people are paying a lot of attention to this Senate campaign while others are paying less attention. Have you heard anything about a news story that one of the candidates posted a map of Newark on his Twitter account?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes
- 9 Refused

→ [IF LV7 = 4 SKIP TO Q24 (skip 2013 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION questions)]

2013 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

Q14 Let's talk about the election for governor coming up in November. If the election for governor was today and the candidates were [**ROTATE ORDER:** Republican Chris Christie and Democrat Barbara Buono], for whom would you vote?

[**NOTE: IF LV7 = 5 ASK THIS INSTEAD:**] Thinking about the election for governor, for whom did you vote by mail? Was it [**ROTATE ORDER:** Republican Chris Christie or Democrat Barbara Buono?]

- 1 Buono
- 2 Christie
- 3 Someone Else (vol) → **SKIP TO Q17**
- 4 Not Vote (vol) → **SKIP TO Q24**
- 8 Don't Know → **SKIP TO Q18**
- 9 Refused → **SKIP TO Q18**

Q15 Would you say your vote is more for [**Response from Q14:** CHRISTIE/BUONO] or more against [**other major candidate from Q14:** BUONO/CHRISTIE]?

- 1 More For → **SKIP TO Q16A**
- 2 More Against → **SKIP TO Q16B**
- 8 Don't know → **SKIP TO Q17**
- 9 Refused → **SKIP TO Q17**

[**VERSION A – ASK IF Q15=1**]

Q16A In just a couple words, please tell me why you plan to vote for [**NAME ANSWER FROM Q14**] for governor.

[**NOTE: IF LV7 = 5 ASK THIS INSTEAD:**] In just a couple words, please tell me why voted for [**NAME ANSWER FROM Q14**] for governor.

[**RECORD VERBATIM; LEAVE BLANK IF NO ANSWER**]

[VERSION B – ASK IF Q15=2]

Q16B In just a couple words, please tell me why you plan to vote against **[OTHER MAJOR CANDIDATE FROM Q14; if Q14=1, THEN CHRISTIE or if Q14=2, THEN BUONO]** for governor.

[NOTE: IF LV7 = 5 ASK THIS INSTEAD:] In just a couple words, please tell me why you plan to vote against **[OTHER MAJOR CANDIDATE FROM Q14; if Q14=1, THEN CHRISTIE or if Q14=2, THEN BUONO]** for governor.

[RECORD VERBATIM; LEAVE BLANK IF NO ANSWER]

Q17 How likely are you to change your mind about who you will support for governor between now and Election Day? Are you:

- 1 Very likely,
- 2 Somewhat likely,
- 3 Not very likely, or
- 4 Not at all likely?
- 8 Don't Know (vol)
- 9 Refused

Q18 Regardless of who you plan to vote for, I'd like to know which candidate you think would do a better job on each of the following issues – **[ROTATE: Chris Christie or Barbara Buono]**:

[RANDOMIZE ORDER Q18A-Q18I]

- Q18A New Jersey's economy and jobs
- Q18B Taxes
- Q18C Education
- Q18E Legalizing Same-sex marriage
- Q18F Health care
- Q18G The State Budget
- Q18H Crime and Drugs

- 1 Buono
- 2 Christie
- 3 Neither
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q19 Regardless of who you support, which candidate do you expect to win – **[ROTATE ORDER: Barbara Buono or Chris Christie]**?

- 1 Buono
- 2 Christie
- 8 Don't know

9 Refused

2013 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

DROP – ASK AGAN IN EP189

CHRISTIE TRAITS AND EMOTIONS

Q24 Thinking about Governor Christie, would you say that he is liberal, conservative, or is he somewhere in between?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Conservative → **SKIP TO Q24B**
- 3 Somewhere in between → **SKIP TO Q25**
- 4 Other (vol) → **SKIP TO Q25**
- 8 Don't know → **SKIP TO Q25**
- 9 Refused → **SKIP TO Q25**

Q24A Would you say Governor Christie is somewhat liberal or very liberal?

- 1 Somewhat Liberal
- 2 Very liberal
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

→ **SKIP TO Q25**

Q24B Would you say Governor Christie is somewhat conservative or very conservative?

- 1 Somewhat Conservative
- 2 Very conservative
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q25 And what about Barbara Buono? Would you say she is liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 Liberal
- 2 Conservative → **SKIP TO Q25A**
- 3 Somewhere in between → **SKIP TO Q26**
- 4 Other (VOL) → **SKIP TO Q26**
- 8 Don't know → **SKIP TO Q26**
- 9 Refused → **SKIP TO Q26**

Q25A Would you say Barbara Buono is somewhat liberal or very liberal?

- 1 Somewhat Liberal
- 2 Very liberal
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

→ SKIP TO Q26

Q25B Would you say Barbara Buono is somewhat conservative or very conservative?

- 1 Somewhat Conservative
- 2 Very conservative
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q26 Next, I am going to read a list of words that might describe Governor Christie. For each word, tell me if it describes him very well, somewhat well, or not at all.

[RANDOMIZE LIST. FOR EACH, READ THE WORD AND PROMPT FOR ANSWER AS NEEDED.]

- Q26A Bully
- Q26B Strong Leader
- Q26C Stubborn
- Q26D Reformer
- Q26E Independent
- Q26F Arrogant
- Q26G Smart
- Q26H Effective
- Q26I Trustworthy
- Q26J Fair
- Q26K Self Centered
- Q26L Impulsive
- Q26M Fighter

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

Q27 How does reading or hearing about Governor Christie make you feel? Please tell me yes or

no for each of the following: **[RANDOMIZE; PROMPT AS NEEDED: “DOES READING ABOUT GOVERNOR CHRISTIE MAKE YOU FEEL...”].**

- Q27A Proud
- Q27B Angry
- Q27C Enthusiastic
- Q27D Worried

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QGS1 As you are probably aware, Congress was unable to come to an agreement to fund the federal government past September 30. As a result, all but essential operations of the federal government were shut down. Have you noticed any difference in your personal life because of the government shutdown?

- 0 No → SKP TO QGS3
- 1 Yes
- 8 Not sure → SKP TO QGS3
- 9 Refused → SKP TO QGS3

QGS2 In just a couple of words, can you tell me how the shutdown has affected your personally?

[RECORD VERBATIM; IF NO ANSWER LEAVE BLANK]

QGS3 Would you say the government shutdown is more the fault of Republicans in Congress, Democrats in Congress, or President Obama?

- 1 Republicans
- 2 Democrats
- 3 President Obama
- 4 Won't choose; It's the fault of everyone/all are to blame (vol)
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- 9 Refused

QGS4 Some Republicans want to defund Obamacare, but Democrats refuse. Did Republicans do the right thing by insisting on defunding to keep the government open, or should they have agreed to keep the government open without defunding Obamacare?

- 1 Did the right thing shutting down
- 2 Keep government open
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Q28 On another topic, a state judge recently ruled that same-sex marriage **MUST** be legalized under the New Jersey Constitution, since same-sex couples will be denied federal benefits if the state continues to only allow civil unions. Do you agree or disagree with this ruling?

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

Q29 Governor Christie has appealed the judge's decision since he believes that voters should decide the issue rather than the courts. Do you agree that the decision should be appealed, or should the state accept the decision and allow same-sex marriage?

- 1 Appeal
- 2 Accept decision
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q31 Do you think the decision whether or not to legalize same-sex marriage should be left up to each state individually, or do you think it should be decided for all states by the federal government so that every state has the same rules?

- 1 Each state individually
- 2 Federal government
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

Q32 Who should decide whether same-sex marriage should be allowed in New Jersey? Is it the courts, the state legislature, or the voters?

- 1 The courts
- 2 The state legislature
- 3 The voters
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q33 Do you personally support or oppose legalizing same-sex marriage in New Jersey?

- 1 Support
- 2 Oppose → **SKIP TO Q33B**
- 8 Don't Know → **SKIP TO Q34**
- 9 Refused → **SKIP TO Q34**

[IF Q33=1, THEN ASK:]

Q33A Have you always SUPPORTED same-sex marriage, or have you changed your mind on this issue?

- 1 Always supported
- 2 Changed mind
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

[IF Q33=2, THEN ASK:]

Q33B Have you always OPPOSED same-sex marriage, or have you changed your mind on this issue?

- 1 Always opposed
- 2 Changed mind
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

Q35 How important is the issue of same-sex marriage to you personally? Is it:

- 1 The most important issue,
- 2 One of a few very important issues,
- 3 A somewhat important issue, or
- 4 Not an important issue at all
- 8 Don't Know (vol)
- 9 Refused (vol)

Q36 Do any of the following apply to you?

Q36A You have someone in your family who is gay or lesbian.

Q36B You have a friend or close acquaintance who is gay or lesbian.

Q36C You work with someone who is gay or lesbian.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know (vol)
- 9 Refused

Additional US Senate

Next, I am going to read some statements that some people agree with and others disagree with. For each please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat

disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement. First,

QP2 Irish, Italian, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QP3 It's really a matter of people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder, they could be just as well off as whites.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QP4 Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Neither Agree nor Disagree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly Disagree
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

DEMOGRAPHICS

We're almost finished. Now we have a few last questions to help us understand our results.

QD6 What was the last grade in school you completed? [CODE TO LIST]

- 1 8th Grade Or Less
- 2 High School Incomplete (Grades 9, 10 and 11)
- 3 High School Complete (Grade 12)
- 4 Vocational/Technical School

- 5 Some College
- 6 Junior College Graduate (2 Year, Associates Degree)
- 7 4 Year College Graduate (Bachelor's Degree)
- 8 Graduate Work (Masters, Law/Medical School, Etc.)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD10 Are you Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, Atheist or agnostic?

- 1 Catholic → ASK QD11
- 2 Protestant → ASK QD11
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Muslim
- 5 Some other religion
- 6 Atheist
- 7 Agnostic
- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

[ASK ONLY IF QD10 = 1,2]

QD11 Would you describe yourself as a born again or evangelical Christian?

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

QD12 How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services: at least once a week, almost every week, about once a month, seldom or never?

- 1 At least once a week
- 2 Almost every week
- 3 About once a month
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never
- 9 Refused (vol)

QD13 Do you or any member of your household belong to a labor union?

- 1 Yes → ASK QD14
- 2 No
- 8 Don't Know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

[ASK ONLY IF QD13 = 1]

QD14 Is the union a public employee union?

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

QD17 Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

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

QD18 Are you white, Black or of Asian origin, or are you some other race, or multi-racial?

- 1 White
- 2 Black (accept African-American)
- 3 Asian
- 4 Hispanic / Latino / Spanish (VOL)
- 5 OTHER, SPECIFY: _____
- 6 Multi-racial
- 8 Don't know (VOL)
- 9 Refused (VOL)

QD21 Last year, that is in 2012, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ LIST]**

- 1 Less than \$25,000
- 2 25 to under \$50,000
- 3 50 to under \$75,000
- 4 75 to under \$100,000
- 5 100 to under \$150,000
- 6 \$150,000 or more
- 8 Don't know [VOL. – DO NOT READ]
- 9 Refused [VOL. – DO NOT READ]

[IF REACHED ON CELL PHONE ASK:]

QD34C Do you have any landline phones in your household or do you only use cell phones?

- 1 Landline in Household (reached on Cell)
- 2 Only use Cell
- 9 Refused (VOL)

[IF REACHED ON LANDLINE PHONE ASK:]

QD34L Do you have any cell phones in your household or do you only use landline phones?

- 3 Cell in Household (reached on LL)
- 4 Only use landline
- 9 Refused (VOL)

Closing and Additional Informed Consent Language

That completes our survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions, you may contact Dr. David Redlawsk (*pronounced RED-losk*) at 732-932-9384. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the administrator of the Rutgers Institutional Review Board at 848-932-0150. Have a good day/evening.

Methodology Statement

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll October 7-13, 2013

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone using live callers October 7-13, 2013 with a scientifically selected random sample of 799 New Jersey registered voters. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey voter population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to US Census Bureau data. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 664 landline and 135 cell phone adults, all acquired through random digit dialing.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for 799 registered voters is +/-3.4 percentage points, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey registered voters favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 46.6 and 53.4 percent (50 +/-3.4) if all New Jersey registered voters were interviewed, rather than just a sample.

Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded in house by the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. The questionnaire was developed and all data analyses were completed in house. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll is paid for and sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, a non-partisan academic center for the study of politics and the political process.