

New Jersey Poll 2
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Hello, my name is _____. I'm a student at Rutgers University and I'm taking a survey for the Eagleton Institute. I'd like your views on some important issues facing the state of New Jersey.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all your life?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 2 1 OR 2
- 3 3 - 5
- 4 6 - 10
- 5 11 - 15
- 6 16 - 20
- 7 21 - 30
- 8 MORE THAN 30
- 9 ALL MY LIFE
- 0 DON'T KNOW

2A. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey-- (PROBE: What about ... concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of) (FIRST MENTION)?

2B. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey-- (PROBE: What about ... concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of)(SECOND MENTION)?

2C. What in your opinion are the two or three most important issues facing the state of New Jersey-- (PROBE: What about ... concerns you-- PROBE: Is there anything else you can think of)(THIRD MENTION)?

3. Overall, how good a job do you think the Governor of New Jersey is doing-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 0 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

4. How good a job do you think the present New Jersey State Legislature is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 5 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

5. As a resident of New Jersey, what state and local taxes are you aware of having to pay (DO NOT READ ANSWERS -- Circle Number 1 for each tax mentioned)|

- A SALES TAX?
- B PROPERTY TAX?

- C CIGARETTE/LIQUOR?
- D GASOLINE TAX?
- E OUT-OF-STATE TAXES?
- F OTHER (specify)?
- G EXCISE OR LUXURY TAX?

ANSWER CODES

- 0 UNAWARE
- 1 AWARE

6. Comparing New Jersey to other states in the nation, do you think New Jersey residents pay more, less, or about the same in overall state and local taxes?

- 1 MORE
- 2 ABOUT THE SAME
- 3 LESS
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

7. Compared to homeowners in other states, do you think New Jersey homeowners pay more, less, or about the same in property taxes?

- 1 MORE
- 2 ABOUT THE SAME
- 3 LESS
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

8. Compared to businesses in other states, do you think New Jersey businesses pay more, less, or about the same in business and corporate taxes?

- 1 MORE
- 2 ABOUT THE SAME
- 3 LESS
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

9. Do you think you get your money's worth for the state and local taxes you pay, or do you think you pay too much for what you get?

- 1 MONEY'S WORTH
- 2 PAY TOO MUCH
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

10. Compared to taxpayers in other states, do you think you are getting more for your money, less for your money, or about the same?

- 1 MORE
- 2 ABOUT THE SAME
- 3 LESS
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

11. In general, do you think that the amount of taxes paid should be related to a person's ability to pay, that is, should people who make more money be taxed at a higher rate than people earning less money, or do you think everyone should be taxed at the same rate?

- 1 ABILITY TO PAY
- 2 SAME RATE

0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

12. State and local government has a choice of many different kinds of taxes it can use to raise money to meet the needs of the state and community.

I would like to know how fair you feel each type of tax is.

Do you think ...(READ LIST BEGINNING AT DESIGNATED POINT)...is fair, unfair, or somewhere in between -- |

A Sales Tax?

B Property Tax?

C Personal income tax?

D Business income tax?

E Taxes on cigarettes and liquor?

F Gasoline tax?

1 FAIR

2 IN BETWEEN

3 UNFAIR

4 DON'T KNOW

13. In order to meet the needs of the state and local community, do you think it is necessary for taxes to be as high as they are today, or do you think they could be quite a bit lower?

1 HIGHER TAXES NECESSARY

2 COULD BE LOWER

0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

14. Whether taxes can be raised or lowered depends on whether state and local government spend more or less money. Should more money, less money, or about the same amount of money be spent on ...(READ LIST BEGINNING AT DESIGNATED POINT) |

A Grade Schools and high schools?

B Crime control and police protection?

C Aid to the poor?

D Aid to the elderly?

E Aid to the handicapped?

F Highways and roads?

G Colleges?

H Prisons?

I Health and hospitals?

J Parks, beaches, and other recreation areas?

K Welfare?

L Controlling pollution?

1 MORE

2 SAME

3 LESS

0 DON'T KNOW

15. Alternate kinds of taxes are being considered by the state government for financing local schools. One of these is a statewide property tax. The state would collect and distribute the tax rather than the local government and the tax rate would be the same for all communities. Have you heard or read anything about a statewide property tax?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

16. Would you be in favor of a statewide property tax if it replaced the local property tax on schools?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 DEPENDS ON PLAN
- 4 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

A state income tax is also under consideration.

17A. Have you read or heard anything about a state income tax?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

17B. Would you be in favor of a state income tax, or do you personally dislike it but favor it over other taxes, or are you strongly opposed to it?

- 1 IN FAVOR [Go to q.23]
- 2 DISLIKE BUT FAVOR OVER OTHER TAXES
- 3 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.22]

(IF "DISLIKE" OR "STRONGLY OPPOSE" ON Q. 17 ASK:)

18. Would you be in favor of a state income tax if the sales tax were reduced?

- 1 YES [Go to q.20]
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 18 ASK:)

19. Would you be in favor of a state income tax if the sales tax were replaced?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

20. Would you be in favor of a state income tax if it were guaranteed that property taxes would not increase?

- 1 YES [go to q. 23]
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 20 ASK:)

21. Would you be in favor of a state income tax if it were guaranteed that property taxes would be reduced?

- 1 YES [Go to q.23]
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "NO" OR "DON'T KNOW" TO Q. 17 THROUGH Q. 21 ASK:)

22. Are there any conditions under which you might be in favor of a state income tax?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Another way of raising money is by means of the lottery or other forms of gambling.

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the New Jersey State Lottery?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 APPROVE, BUT QUESTIONS HOW MONEY IS USED
- 3 DISAPPROVE, QUESTIONS HOW MONEY IS USED
- 4 DISAPPROVE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

24. Have you ever purchased a lottery ticket?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.26]
- 0 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.26]

(IF "YES TO Q. 24 ASK:)

25. In the past four weeks how many lottery tickets have you bought?

- 1 1 - 3
- 2 4
- 3 5 - 7
- 4 8
- 5 9 - 11
- 6 12 - 15
- 7 16 - 23
- 8 24 - 31
- 9 32 OR MORE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

In the past year New York State has introduced Off Track Betting on horse-racing.

26. Would you be in favor of Off Track Betting in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

27. Do you think you would use an Off Track betting facility if they were opened?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

28. Have you ever placed a bet at one of the New York State Betting offices?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

29. Would you be in favor of legalizing gambling on other sports in addition to horse racing, such as football, basketball, or baseball?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

30. Would you be in favor of Las Vegas style gambling casinos in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

I would like to turn to some different topics now.

31. Have you read or heard anything about no-fault auto insurance?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.33]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 31 ASK:)

32. From what you know about no-fault insurance would you be in favor of New Jersey adopting a no-fault insurance plan?

- 1 YES
- 2 DEPENDS ON PLAN
- 3 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Now on another topic. There has been a great deal of talk about eliminating the death penalty as a punishment.

33. Do you favor the death penalty or do you think it should be eliminated?

- 1 FAVOR
- 2 ELIMINATE, WITH QUALIFICATIONS
- 3 ELIMINATE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

34. In the session of the state legislature that just began this January, four Democrats voted to give the Republicans control of the state Assembly in exchange for committee chairmanships and patronage. Have you heard or read about this?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.37]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 34 ASK:)

35. Are you aware of the names of any of those involved PROBE: WHAT ARE THEY?

36. Would you say this action increased your confidence in the state legislature, decreased your confidence, or had little or no effect?

- 1 INCREASED CONFIDENCE
- 2 NO EFFECT
- 3 DECREASED CONFIDENCE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

I'd like to now ask you just a few questions about national or Washington politics.

37. Do you happen to know the names of New Jersey's Senators in Washington?

- 1 CASE ONLY
- 2 WILLIAMS ONLY
- 3 CASE AND INCORRECT OTHER
- 4 WILLIAMS AND INCORRECT OTHER
- 5 CASE AND WILLIAMS
- 6 CASE, WILLIAMS AND OTHER
- 7 OTHER
- 0 DON'T KNOW

38. How would you rate the job Nixon is doing as President--excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 PRETTY GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 0 DON 'T KNOW/NO OPINION

39. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.41]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.41]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 4 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF "SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" OR "DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED" ON Q. 39 ASK:)

40. Do you lean more toward the liberal side, or more toward the conservative side?

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 3 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED

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

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.46]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.43]
- 3 INDEPENDENT

- 4 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED
- 5 SOMETHING ELSE

(IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "UNDECIDED" ON Q. 41 ASK:)

42. As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic party or more toward the Republican party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC [Go to q.46]
- 2 REPUBLICAN
- 3 DON'T KNOW/UNDECIDED [Go to q.48]

(IF ANSWERED "REPUBLICAN" TO Q. 41 OR Q. 42 ASK:)

43A. Some Republicans have indicated that they do not approve of the way President Nixon has been handling his job. Two Republicans have said they would challenge the President in the coming state primaries.

Offhand, are you aware of who these two are--

(IF NO CONTINUE)

Have you heard or read anything about Representative Paul McCloskey?

- 1 MCCLOSKEY UNAIDED
- 2 MCCLOSKEY AIDED
- 0 DON'T KNOW

43B. Some Republicans have indicated that they do not approve of the way President Nixon has been handling his job. Two Republicans have said they would challenge the President in the coming state primaries-- Have you heard or read anything about Representative John Ashbrook?

- 1 ASHBROOK UNAIDED
- 2 ASHBROOK AIDED
- 0 DON'T KNOW

(IF ANSWERED EITHER ASHBROOK OR MCCLOSKEY ASK):

44. If you had to choose now, who would be your first choice for the Republican nomination for President--Ashbrook, McCloskey, or Nixon?

- 1 ASHBROOK
- 2 MCCLOSKEY
- 3 NIXON
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(SKIP TO Q.48)

(IF ANSWERED "DON'T KNOW" ON BOTH Q.43A AND Q.43B ASK Q.45)

45. At the present time are you in favor of Nixon's renomination by the Republican party?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF ANSWERED "DEMOCRAT" OR "INDEPENDENT" TO Q. 41 OR Q. 42 ASK:)

46. A number of individuals have announced, or are being considered for the Democratic nomination for President. Among those being considered are...
(READ LIST STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) If you had to choose now, who would be your first choice for the Democratic nomination for President?

- 1 HUBERT HUMPHREY
- 2 EDMUND MUSKIE
- 3 GEORGE MCGOVERN
- 4 JOHN LINDSAY
- 5 EDWARD KENNEDY
- 6 HENRY JACKSON
- 7 EUGENE MCCARTHY
- 8 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM
- 9 OTHER (specify)
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/NONE [Go to q.48]

(IF NAMED A CANDIDATE IN Q. 46 ASK:)

47. Suppose your choice were out of it, who would be your second choice for the Democratic nomination for President?

- 1 HUBERT HUMPHREY
- 2 EDMUND MUSKIE
- 3 GEORGE MCGOVERN
- 4 JOHN LINDSAY
- 5 EDWARD KENNEDY
- 6 HENRY JACKSON
- 7 EUGENE MCCARTHY
- 8 SHIRLEY CHISHOLM
- 9 OTHER (specify)
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/NONE

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

48. Regardless of your political affiliation if George Wallace decides to run again for the presidency as an independent candidate, how likely are you to vote for him -- very likely, somewhat likely, or not at all likely?

- 1 VERY LIKELY
- 2 SOMEWHAT LIKELY
- 3 NOT AT ALL LIKELY
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Thank you for your opinions. I have only a few remaining questions which are strictly for classifying the information gathered.

49. Are you registered to vote?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW

50. Did you vote in the election last November?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

51. How long have you lived at your present residence?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE YEAR
- 2 1-2
- 3 3-5
- 4 6-10
- 5 11-15
- 6 16-20
- 7 21-30
- 8 MORE THAN 30
- 9 ALL MY LIFE
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

52. Do you own or rent your apartment or house?

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT [Go to q.54]
- 0 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [Go to q.55]

(IF "OWN" ON Q. 52 ASK:)

53. If you had to sell your house today, how much do you think you would get for it--less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, or over \$40,000?

- 1 LESS THAN \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000-\$29,999
- 3 \$30,000 - \$39,999
- 4 MORE THAN \$40,000
- 0 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

(IF "RENT" ON Q. 52 ASK:)

54. About how much rent do you pay each month--less than \$150, between \$150 and \$200, between \$200 and \$250, or more than \$250 a month?

- 1 LESS THAN \$150
- 2 \$150-\$199
- 3 \$200 - \$249
- 4 MORE THAN \$250
- 0 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

55. How many children 18 years of age or under are there in your family?

- 1 NONE [go to q.57]
- 2 ONE
- 3 TWO
- 4 THREE
- 5 FOUR
- 6 FIVE OR MORE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

(IF ONE OR MORE CHILDREN ASK:)

56. Do your children attend public, private or parochial school?

- 1 TO YOUNG FOR SCHOOL
- 2 ARE OUT OF SCHOOL
- 3 ALL ATTEND PUBLIC
- 4 ALL ATTEND PRIVATE
- 5 ALL ATTEND PAROCHIAL
- 6 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
- 7 PUBLIC AND PAROCHIAL
- 8 PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL
- 9 ALL THREE
- 0 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

57. Is there any one in your family attending a public college or university in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 0 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

58. In which of these age groups are you(READ CHOICES TO RESPONDENT)?

- 1 18-20
- 2 21-29
- 3 THIRTIES (30-39)
- 4 FORTIES (40-49)
- 5 FIFTIES (50-59)
- 6 60 OR OVER
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

59. What is your race?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 NEGRO/BLACK
- 3 OTHER
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

60. What is your religious preference?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC/ORTHODOX
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 OTHER
- 5 NONE
- 0 REFUSE OR DON'T KNOW

61. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: under \$5,000, \$5,000 to \$10,000, \$10,000 to \$15,000, or over \$15,000?

- 1 UNDER \$5,000
- 2 \$5,000 - \$10,000
- 3 \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 4 OVER \$15,000
- 0 REFUSE OR DON'T KNOW

62. What was the last grade in school you completed?

- 1 8th GRADE OR LESS

- 2 HIGH SCHOOL INCOMPLETE(GRADES 9, 10, 11)
- 3 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETE (12th GRADE)
- 4 SOME COLLEGE OR COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

63A. What kind of work does the chief wage earner do-- (PROBE: What is his specific job-- WRITE DOWN RESPONSE)?

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 UNEMPLOYED [Go to q.65]
- 3 RETIRED [Go to q.65]
- 4 HOUSEWIFE [Go to q.65]
- 5 ON WELFARE [Go to q.65]
- 0 NOT DETERMINED [Go to q.65]

63b. Employment coded

(IF EMPLOYED ASK)

64. Does the chief wage earner work in New Jersey or out of state?

- 1 NEW JERSEY
- 2 BOTH N.J. AND OUT OF STATE
- 3 OUT OF STATE
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

65. Would you say you were in the working class or the middle class?

- 1 WORKING
- 2 MIDDLE
- 3 DOESN'T ACCEPT CLASS
- 4 UPPER
- 5 LOWER
- 0 NOT DETERMINED

66A. Where do you vote--in what township or municipality?

66B. In what county is that?

67. How many different telephone numbers does your family have?

- 1 ONE
- 2 TWO
- 3 THREE OR MORE
- 0 REFUSED

68. Is your telephone number listed in the current telephone directory?

- 1 YES [Go to q.70]
- 2 NO
- 3 REFUSED [go to q.70]
- 0 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.70]

(IF ANSWERED "NO" TO Q. 68, ASK:)

69. Is that because you have moved recently or do you have an unlisted number?

- 1 MOVED
- 2 UNLISTED
- 3 DON'T KNOW
- 0 REFUSED

70. Gender?

- 1 MAN
- 2 WOMAN