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Hi, my name is _____ and I'm doing a Stockton College-Zogby poll of likely voters in the 9th Legislative District of New Jersey. May I ask you some questions? (Do you have a few minutes?)

1. Are you registered to vote in the state of New Jersey?

1. Yes 2. No (end) 3. Not sure (Do not read) (end)

2. How likely are you to vote in state elections?

- 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not likely (end) 4. Not sure (Do not read) (end)
- 3. In which party are you either registered to vote or do you consider yourself to be a member of Democrat, Republican, independent/unaffiliated, or other?
 - 1. Democrat 2. Republican 3. Independent/unaffiliated 4. Other 5. Not sure (Do not read) (End)

4. If the election for state senate were held today and the candidates were Republican Christopher J. Connors and Democrat Dorothey Ryan, for whom would you vote?

1. Connors 2. Ryan 3. Someone else (Do not read) 4. Not sure (Do not read)

5. If the election for state assembly were held today and the candidates were Republican Diane C. Gove, Republican Brian E. Rumpf, Democrat Carla Kearney, and Democrat Bradley Billhimer **(Bill-high-mer)** for which two would you vote? **(Choose two)**

- 1. Gove
- 2. Rumpf
- 3. Kearney
- 4. Billhimer (Bill-high-mer)
- 5. Someone else (Do not read)
- 6. Not sure (Do not read)

6. If the election for president were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Christie, for whom would you vote?

1. Obama 2. Christie 3. Someone else (Do not read) 4. Not sure (Do not read)

7. Is your overall opinion of Barack Obama very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable, or you are not familiar enough to form an opinion?

- 1. Very favorable
- 2. Somewhat favorable
- 3. Somewhat unfavorable
- 4. Very unfavorable
- 5. Not familiar
- 6. Not sure (Do not read)

8. Is your overall opinion of Chris Christie very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable, or you are not familiar enough to form an opinion?

- 1. Very favorable
- 2. Somewhat favorable
- 3. Somewhat unfavorable
- 4. Very unfavorable
- 5. Not familiar
- 6. Not sure (Do not read)

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Only ask if Q8=3 or 4)

9. Why do you have an unfavorable opinion of Chris Christie? (Choose all that apply)

- 1. His confrontational style
- 2. Don't agree with his policies
- 3. Don't like his handling of the state budget
- 4. Don't think he has kept his campaign promises
- 5. The way he treats unions
- 6. The way he treats New Jersey Education Association/teachers
- 7. Other
- 8. Not sure (Do not read)

10. If the election for New Jersey governor was held today, would you vote to re-elect Chris Christie?

1. Yes 2. No 3. Not sure (Do not read)

Do you agree or disagree with Governor Christie's positions on the following budgetary issues?

- 11. Increasing the amount local and state employees, teachers, and firefighters/police contribute to pensions
 - 1. Strongly agree
 - 2. Somewhat agree
 - 3. Somewhat disagree
 - 4. Strongly disagree
 - 5. Not sure (Do not read)

12. Increasing the amount local and state employees, teachers and firefighters/police contribute to healthcare

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Somewhat agree
- 3. Somewhat disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 5. Not sure (Do not read)

13. Making teacher compensation and tenure related to student success

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Somewhat agree
- 3. Somewhat disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 5. Not sure (Do not read)

14. Increasing deductibles and co-pays for senior citizen health programs

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Somewhat agree
- 3. Somewhat disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 5. Not sure (Do not read)

15. Do you agree or disagree that Governor Christie should run for president in 2012?

- 1. Strongly agree
- 2. Somewhat agree
- 3. Somewhat disagree
- 4. Strongly disagree
- 5. Not sure (Do not read)

16. Do you believe that New Jersey is headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?

1. Right direction 2. Wrong track 3. Not sure (**Do not read**)

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17. What are the top three **New Jersey** state budget areas that should receive priority funding? **(Choose up to three)**

- 1. Environment
- 2. K-12 Education
- 3. Higher Education
- 4. Healthcare
- 5. State Worker's Pensions
- 6. Transportation
- 7. Senior Citizen Programs
- 8. Aid to the disabled
- 9. Economic development
- 10. Other (please specify_____
- 11. Not sure/None (Do not read)

18. Did you know that New Jersey recently underwent a redistricting?

1. Yes 2. No 3. Not sure (Do not read)

19. Is your overall opinion of the state redistricting very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable, or you are not familiar enough to form an opinion?

- 1. Very favorable
- 2. Somewhat favorable
- 3. Somewhat unfavorable
- 4. Very unfavorable
- 5. Not familiar
- 6. Not sure (Do not read)

20. What is your main source for obtaining information on politics? (Choose one)

- 1. National TV news (NBC Nightly News, CNN, CBS Evening News, etc.)
- 2. Local TV news (Atlantic City, Philadelphia, etc.)
- 3. News websites and blogs (MSNBC.com, Foxnews.com, Politico, Huffington Post, The Drudge Report etc.)
- 4. Newspapers
- 5. News magazines (Newsweek, The Economist, Harper's, National Review, etc.)
- 6. Radio
- 7. Other
- 8. Not sure (Do not read)

Thanks, we're almost done. I just need some statistics.

701. What is your age?_____

702a. Which of the following best represents your race or ethnic group?

- 1. White
- 2. African American
- 3. Asian/Pacific
- 4. Native American
- 5. Other/mixed
- 0. Refuse (Do not read)

703. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

1. Yes 2. No 3. Not sure (**Do not read**)

903. Which of the following best describes your highest level of education?

1. Less than H.S. graduate 2. H.S. graduate 3. Some college 4. College graduate or more 0. Refuse (Do not read)

921. Which of the following best represents your household income last year before taxes?

- 1. Less than \$25,000
- 2. \$25,000-\$34,999
- 3. \$35,000-\$49,999
- 4. \$50,000-\$74,999
- 5. \$75,000-\$99,999
- 6. \$100,000 or more
- 0. Refuse (Do not read)

922. Gender (Do not ask, simply record.)

1. Male 2. Female

Thank you for taking time to complete the survey.