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Interviews: 301 voters
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43 Male
57 Female
[109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1a. First, does anyone in this household work for a market research firm, an advertising agency, a newspaper, a television station, or a radio station?

No	100	CONTINUE	[137]
Yes	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

1b. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	100	CONTINUE	[138]
Not registered	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are mainly satisfied, have mixed feelings, or are mainly dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local area these days?

Mainly satisfied.....	46	[141]
Have mixed feelings.....	22	
Mainly dissatisfied	28	
Not sure.....	4	

3. Which one or two of the following issues do you believe are the most important ones facing your local area today? (IF "MORE THAN TWO," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which would they be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Taxes	52	[142]
The economy and jobs	48	>
Education.....	12	
Energy.....	11	
The environment	10	
Crime and public safety.....	5	
All equally important (VOL).....	5	
None (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

4a. Do you think more needs to be done to increase energy supplies for New Jersey for the years ahead, or not?

Yes, more needs to be done	86	[143]
No, more does not need to be done	9	
Not sure	5	

4b. Looking ahead, do you think that New Jersey's future energy needs can be met by relying ONLY on things such as increased conservation and greater use of alternative energy sources such as wind and solar power, or do you think that New Jersey ALSO will need to rely on power plants using natural gas, coal, or nuclear power?

Increased conservation and use of alternative energy sources	40	[144]
Also rely on power plants	54	
Not sure.....	6	

5. Is your overall impression of nuclear power plants very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Very positive	16	[145]
Somewhat positive	22	
Neutral.....	35	
Somewhat negative.....	16	
Very negative.....	10	
Not sure.....	1	

6. Do you support or oppose the use of nuclear power in New Jersey?

Support the use of nuclear power.....	62	[146]
Oppose the use of nuclear power.....	26	
Not sure.....	12	

7. I'm going to read you three statements. For each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree. (IF "AGREE" OR "DISAGREE," ASK:) And do you strongly (agree/disagree), or just somewhat?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE

	Agree		Disagree		Not Sure	
	Strongly	Some-what	Some-what	Strongly		
I feel good about using nuclear power to provide energy to New Jersey because studies have shown it is a cleaner form of energy than coal, oil, or gas	38	32	14	12	4	[148]
Nuclear power plants are an affordable way to provide New Jersey with power	33	34	9	12	12	[149]
I feel good about using nuclear power to provide energy to New Jersey because plants have a proven track record of providing power in a safe and reliable way	36	30	14	14	6	[147]

8. Do you happen to know of any nuclear power plants in your local area?

Yes, aware of nuclear power plants.....	92	CONTINUE	[150]
No, not aware of any nuclear power plants	7	Skip to Q.10	
Not sure	1		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.8.)

9. Which nuclear power plants come to mind?

Oyster Creek Generating Station	62	[151]
Forked River	5	>
Salem	2	
Lacey.....	1	
Ceba.....	1	
Other	3	
Not sure.....	3	
Don't know name.....	17	
Not aware of plants/not sure (Q.8)	8	

10. Now let me ask you specifically about the Oyster Creek Generating Station in your local area. How familiar are you with that plant—very familiar, somewhat familiar, not that familiar, or have you never heard of that plant?

Very familiar.....	23	[159]
Somewhat familiar	46	CONTINUE
Not that familiar.....	28	
Never heard of the plant.....	2	Skip to Q.13
Not sure.....	1	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST NOT THAT FAMILIAR IN Q.10.)

11. Is your overall impression of Oyster Creek Generating Station very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative?

Very positive	18	[160]
Somewhat positive	26	
Neutral.....	31	
Somewhat negative.....	13	
Very negative.....	9	
Not sure.....	3	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST NOT THAT FAMILIAR IN Q.10.)

12. In terms of its overall impact, would you say Oyster Creek Generating Station is generally good for your area, generally bad for your area, or neither good nor bad for your area?

Generally good for the area	46	[161]
Generally bad for the area	16	
Neither good nor bad for the area	31	
Not sure.....	7	

13. I'm going to read you a few words and phrases. For each one, please tell me whether it describes Oyster Creek Generating Station very well, fairly well, just somewhat well, or not at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DESCRIBES VERY OR FAIRLY WELL

	Describes					
	Very Well	Fairly Well	Just Somewhat Well	Not At All	Not Sure	
Provides an important source of electric power	44	22	17	5	12	[162]
Brings good-paying jobs to your community.....	41	19	18	3	19	[163]
Has a good record of operating safely	34	23	20	11	12	[164]
Operates with strict security standards	36	20	16	8	20	[166]
Provides significant economic benefits to the community ...	34	17	22	7	20	[168]
Has a good record of operating in an environmentally responsible way.....	26	24	21	14	15	[165]
Is a good neighbor and contributes to the community.....	28	16	18	8	30	[167]

14. Nuclear power plants are subject to regular monitoring by several agencies to ensure they meet standards for safety and security. Once every forty years, nuclear power plants are required to apply to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license renewal based on their ability to operate safely and securely.

When the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission decides on license renewal for Oyster Creek Generating Station, will you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose renewing the license for Oyster Creek Generating Station?

Strongly favor.....	34	[169]
Somewhat favor.....	33	
Somewhat oppose.....	12	
Strongly oppose.....	14	
Not sure.....	7	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager	16	[170-171]
White-collar worker	16	
Blue-collar worker.....	11	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student	1	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired	39	
Unemployed, looking for work	6	
Other.....	-	
Not sure	4	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school	1	[178-179]
Some high school	2	
High school graduate	30	
Some college, no degree.....	15	
Vocational training/2-year college	13	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	24	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree	1	
Not sure/refused	3	

F3. Which of the following newspapers, if any, do you read on a daily basis?

The Asbury Park Press.....	64	[180/208]
The Star Ledger	8	>
The Press of Atlantic City.....	7	
New York Times.....	2	
New York Post	1	
Wall Street Journal	1	
Daily New.....	1	
On-line.....	1	
Other	2	
None.....	20	
Not sure	3	

F4. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are mostly Democratic, leaning Democratic, completely independent, leaning Republican, or mostly Republican?

Mostly Democratic.....	21	[215]
Leaning Democratic.....	9	
Completely independent	23	
Leaning Republican.....	16	
Mostly Republican.....	25	
Not sure.....	6	

F5. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

Less than \$20,000.....	6	[216]
\$20,000 to \$29,999	6	
\$30,000 to \$39,999	7	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21	
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16	
\$100,000 or more.....	16	
Not sure/refused.....	17	

F6. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me whether you are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	2	[222]
No, not Hispanic.....	94	
Not sure/refused.....	4	

F7. And finally, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	89	[223]
Black	-	
Asian	2	
Other	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	5	

F8. For statistical purposes only would you please tell me how old you are? (IF “REFUSED,” ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	6	[139-140]
25-29	8	
30-34	2	
35-39	5	
40-44	9	
45-49	7	
50-54	11	
55-59	10	
60-64	10	
65-69	10	
70-74	7	
75 and over.....	14	
Refused	1	