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**Survey of Registered Voters in Bergen County, New Jersey**  
**With an oversample of Teaneck, NJ Voters**

**Post-Test Topline Results**

**March 2007**

Completed Interviews: 300 Registered Voters in Bergen County, New Jersey  
 Oversample of 50 Registered Voters in Teaneck, New Jersey  
 (Total Teaneck Interviews: 71)

Field Dates: March 21-24, 2007

Main Sample Margin of Error: +/- 5.6%

A. Are you 18 years of age or older and registered to vote here in New Jersey as a Republican, a Democrat, and Independent, or are you not registered to vote? (MAIN SAMPLE: N=300)

20% YES, REPUBLICAN  
 25% YES, DEMOCRAT  
 56% YES, INDEPENDENT

**Charter School Awareness Support**

1. How would you classify charter schools—as (ROTATE) public schools, private schools, religious/parochial schools, or magnet schools?

POST-TEST		PRE-TEST		
BERG.	TEA.	BERG.	TEA.	
28%	17%	43%	37%	PRIVATE SCHOOL
23%	35%	23%	26%	PUBLIC SCHOOL
16%	11%	15%	20%	MAGNET SCHOOL
2%	1%	1%	-	RELIGIOUS/PAROCHIAL SCHOOL
1%	3%	3%	5%	OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)
29%	28%	14%	9%	DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
*	-	1%	2%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

*SPLIT SAMPLED QUESTION 2.*

2. A. Do you support or oppose allowing communities to create **new public schools** - called charter schools - that would be held accountable for student results and would be required to meet the same academic standards/testing requirements as other public schools but not cost taxpayers any additional money?

<b>POST-TEST</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>		
<u>BERG.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>	<u>BERG.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>	
<i>N=150</i>	<i>N=38</i>	<i>N=150</i>	<i>N=33</i>	
<b>63%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)</b>
26%	21%	44%	45%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
37%	32%	30%	21%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
<b>20%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)</b>
7%	8%	5%	3%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
13%	21%	7%	9%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
15%	18%	13%	21%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
2%	-	-	-	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

2. B. Do you support or oppose allowing communities to create **new neighborhood public schools** - called charter schools - that would be held accountable for student results and would be required to meet the same academic standards/testing requirements as other public schools but not cost taxpayers any additional money?

<b>POST-TEST</b>		<b>PRE-TEST</b>		
<u>BERG.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>	<u>BERG.</u>	<u>TEA.</u>	
<i>N=150</i>	<i>N=33</i>	<i>N=150</i>	<i>N=33</i>	
<b>62%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)</b>
34%	36%	34%	35%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
28%	36%	35%	29%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)</b>
7%	6%	6%	10%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
13%	3%	11%	10%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
15%	18%	14%	13%	DON'T KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
3%	-	-	3%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

**Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

3. Which of the following categories best describes your age range? (READ LIST)

- 11% 18-24
- 7% 25-34
- 24% 35-44
- 25% 45-54
- 19% 55-64
- 6% 65-74
- 7% 75+

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

4. Do you have any children under the aged of 18 currently living in your household? (IF YES: HOW MANY?)

**26% TOTAL, YES**

- 10% YES, 1
- 11% YES, 2
- 5% YES, 3 OR MORE

**71% NO**

3% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

5. Would you describe your racial or ethnic background as: (READ LIST)

- 67% WHITE/CAUCASIAN
- 6% BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- 10% HISPANIC/LATINO
- 9% ASIAN
- \* MIDDLE EASTERN
- NATIVE AMERICAN
- 2% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)
  
- 6% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

6. And regarding your family's annual income...Please tell me which of the following categories best describes your family's total annual household income before taxes.

- 8% LESS THAN \$25,000
- 6% \$25,000 TO \$29,999
- 6% \$30,000 TO \$39,999
- 6% \$40,000 TO \$49,999
- 4% \$50,000 TO \$59,999
- 4% \$60,000 TO \$69,999
- 4% \$70,000 TO \$79,999
- 3% \$80,000 TO \$89,999
- 28% \$90,000 OR HIGHER

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
30% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

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<sup>1</sup> Reported for post-test main sample only.

7. Gender

47% MALE  
53% FEMALE

8. Region<sup>2</sup>

26% EAST BERGEN COUNTY  
42% NORTH BERGEN COUNTY  
33% SOUTH BERGEN COUNTY

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<sup>2</sup> **East Bergen County** includes: Alpine, Bergenfield, Bogota, Cliffside Park, Closter, Cresskill, Demarest, Dumont, Edgewater, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Fairview, Fort Lee, Haworth, Leonia, Northvale, Norwood, Palisades, Park, Ridgefield, Rockleigh, Teaneck, and Tenafly

**North Bergen County** includes: Allendale, Emerson, Fair Lawn, Franklin Lakes, Glen Rock, Harrington, Hillsdale, Ho Ho Kus, Mahwah, Midland Park, Montvale, New Milford, Oakland, Old Tappan, Oradell, Paramus, Park Ridge, Ramsey, Ridgefield Park, Ridgewood, Riveredge, River Vale, Saddle River, Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, Washington Township, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake, and Wyckoff

**South Bergen County** includes: Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Elmwood Park, Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Moonachie, North Arlington, Rochelle Park, Rutherford, Saddle Brook, South Hackensack, Teterboro, Wallington, and Woodridge