Hello, this is [INTERVIEWERS NAME] calling on behalf of the Hunter College Big Apple Poll. We are conducting a brief survey on New Yorkers and their quality of life. Your opinion is important to us. Your telephone number was selected randomly from all working telephone numbers in New York City. The answers to these questions will be confidential.

A. Since we can interview only one person in each household, could you please tell me which adult in your household had their birthday most recently? Please include everyone at least 18 years old or older who lives at your house, whether they are at home now or not.

(Record Household Position of That Person)

________________________________________________________________________________

B. May I speak to [person]?
   1> Designated respondent answered phone initially
   2> Designated respondent was brought to phone (REINTRODUCE, CONFIRM THAT RESPONDENT IS 18+ and CONTINUE)
   3> Designated respondent not available (Schedule Callback)
   9> Designated respondent refuses to come to the phone (REFUSAL, SCREEN OUT)

INTERVIEWER NOTE: What is the gender of the person being interviewed? [DON'T ASK. USE YOUR JUDGEMENT]

   1  Male
   2  Female
1. What is the total number of people in your household, including yourself? [DO NOT READ]
   1 one
   2 two
   3 three
   4 four
   5 five
   6 six
   7 seven
   8 eight
   9 nine or more
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

2. How many in your household are 18 years or older, including yourself? [DO NOT READ]
   1 one
   2 two
   3 three
   4 four
   5 five
   6 six
   7 seven
   8 eight
   9 nine or more
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

These first questions are about places New Yorkers go. We would like your opinion of them.

3. How often have you visited New York City's parks and outdoor recreational facilities in the last 12 months? [READ LIST]
   1 Every week,
   2 Not every week but more than once a month,
   3 Once a month,
   4 Several times this year,
   5 Once this year, or
   6 Never
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused
4. How would you rate New York City's parks and outdoor recreational facilities? Would you say they are.... [READ LIST]

1 Excellent,
2 Good,
3 Satisfactory,
4 Fair, or
5 Poor
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

5. How often have you attended a play, concert or museum in the last 12 months? [READ LIST]

1 Every week,
2 Not every week but more than once a month,
3 Once a month,
4 Several times this year,
5 Once this year, or
6 Never
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

6. How would you rate New York City as a cultural center? Would you say it is.... [READ LIST]

1 Excellent,
2 Good,
3 Satisfactory,
4 Fair, or
5 Poor
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

7. How often have you visited a branch of the New York City public library or a school library in the last 12 months? [READ LIST]

1 Every week,
2 Not every week but more than once a month,
3 Once a month,
4 Several times this year,
5 Once this year, or
6 Never
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

[SKIP TO Q9]
8. How would you rate New York City's Libraries? Would you say they are .... [READ LIST]

1  Excellent,
2  Good,
3  Satisfactory,
4  Fair, or
5  Poor
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

The following questions are about your WORK...

9. In 1999, for how many months were you employed? [DO NOT READ]

1  0
2  1-2
3  3-4
4  5-6
5  7-8
6  9-10
7  11-12
8  (VOL) Retired [ SKIP TO Q11 ]
11 (VOL) Don't know [ SKIP TO Q11 ]
12 (VOL) Refused [ SKIP TO Q11 ]

10. How many different jobs have you had in New York City in the past 5 years? You can include different positions within the same company. [DO NOT READ]

1  one
2  two
3  three
4  four
5  five
6  six
7  seven
8  eight
9  nine
10 (VOL) None/Other [Specify]
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused
11. Would you say that your family's economic condition is…[READ LIST]

1 Getting better,
2 Getting worse, or
3 Staying about the same?
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

The next questions are about Social Security...

12. How concerned are you that funds from the Federal Government's Social Security plan will not be available for your entire lifetime after retirement? Are you....[READ LIST]

1 Very concerned,
2 Somewhat concerned, or
3 Not at all concerned?
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

13. Which of the following is closest to your opinion on what should be done about Social Security?...[READ LIST, SINGLE MENTION] – [ SHUFFLE ANSWER CHOICES ]

1 Keep social security as it is now
2 Put part of the social security money into private sector investments like the stock market
3 Put YOUR portion of the social security money into a mandatory personal savings account that YOU would manage
4 Do away with social security taxes and make YOU responsible for your OWN retirement money
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

Next, I will read you some statements about the Income Tax System...

14. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the following statements:
[ROTATE ITEMS B, C, AND D ONLY]

a. Leave the Income Tax system as it is. [DO NOT READ]

1 Support [ SKIP TO Q15 ]
2 Oppose
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused
b. Replace the current Income Tax rates with a flat percentage of each person's income.

[DO NOT READ]

1 Support
2 Oppose
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

c. Tax ONLY those who make above $36,000 (thirty-six thousand dollars) a year?

[DO NOT READ]

1 Support
2 Oppose
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

d. Make the Income Tax system simpler and easier to file your tax return?

[DO NOT READ]

1 Support
2 Oppose
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

The following questions are about HEALTH and HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY

15. Do you consider yourself GENERALLY HEALTHY or GENERALLY UNHEALTHY?

[DO NOT READ]

1 Generally healthy
2 Generally unhealthy
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

16. Where do you USUALLY go for health care? [READ LIST]

1 Private doctor,
2 Health center or HMO,
3 Hospital clinic or emergency room, or
4 Other (Specify)
5 (VOL) Don't need healthcare
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused
17. Which of the following types of insurance does your household have? [READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

1. private or group health insurance?
2. medicare?
3. medicaid?
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

18. How would you rate New York City's health care facilities, such as municipal hospitals, voluntary hospitals and neighborhood clinics? Are they... [READ LIST]

1. Excellent,
2. Good,
3. Satisfactory,
4. Fair, or
5. Poor
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

19. Would you be willing to pay more taxes to accomplish each of the following… [ROTATE ITEMS]

a. Provide Medicare Senior Citizens with prescription drugs free or at a reduced price? [DO NOT READ]

1. Yes
2. No
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

b. Implement a national health care plan to include everyone? [DO NOT READ]

1. Yes
2. No
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

20. Some Government officials support government provided "Medical Savings Accounts." This type of account permits individuals to use this money to pay for the medical insurance and doctors which they select themselves. Would you be in favor of having the Federal Government support such accounts? [DO NOT READ]

1. Yes
Next I will read you some statements about abortion issues...

21. Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following:

a. Abortions should NOT BE ALLOWED under any circumstances. [DO NOT READ]

1 Agree [SKIP TO Q22]
2 Disagree
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

b. There should be NO RESTRICTIONS placed on a woman's right to an abortion. [DO NOT READ]

1 Agree [SKIP TO Q22]
2 Disagree
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

c. The parents of a minor should be notified prior to an abortion. [DO NOT READ]

1 Agree
2 Disagree
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

The next questions are about EDUCATION

22. How would you rate New York City's public schools as places to get a good elementary and secondary education? Is it... [READ LIST]

1 Excellent, 2 Good, 3 Satisfactory, 4 Fair, or
23. How would you rate The City University of New York as a place to get a good public college education? Is it...

- Excellent, 1
- Good, 2
- Satisfactory, 3
- Fair, or 4
- Poor, 5
- (VOL) Don't know, 11
- (VOL) Refused, 12

24. Are you familiar with the use of school vouchers allowing a student to attend the school of his or her choice? [DO NOT READ]

- Yes, 1
- No, 2
- (VOL) Don't know, 11
- (VOL) Refused, 12

25. Should families be allowed to use school vouchers to send their children to the school of their choice? [DO NOT READ]

- Yes, 1
- No, 2
- (VOL) Don't know, 11
- (VOL) Refused, 12

The next questions concern DIVERSITY AND EQUAL RIGHTS.

26. Are you familiar with Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity programs?

- Yes, 1
- No, 2
- (VOL) Don't know, 11
- (VOL) Refused, 12

[ SKIP TO Q29 ]
27. How necessary are Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity programs are to insure fairness in EMPLOYMENT? Are they....[READ LIST]

1 Always needed,
2 Often needed,
3 Sometimes needed, or
4 Never needed
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

28. How necessary are Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity programs are to insure fairness in COLLEGE ADMISSIONS? Are they....[READ LIST]

1 Always needed,
2 Often needed,
3 Sometimes needed, or
4 Never needed
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused
29. As you know, New York City… [READ EACH STATEMENT]

a. Has immigrants from many countries. Would you say that relations among ALL groups of immigrants in the City are...

   1 Getting better,
   2 Getting worse, or
   3 Staying about the same
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

b. As you know, New York City has people from all different races that live here. Would you say that RACE relations among ALL groups in the City are...

   1 Getting better,
   2 Getting worse, or
   3 Staying about the same
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

c. And, Would you say that acceptance of different Religious beliefs among ALL groups in the City is...

   1 Getting better,
   2 Getting worse, or
   3 Staying about the same
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

30. Do you consider yourself an immigrant? [DO NOT READ]

   1 Yes
   2 No
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

The next questions deal with issues of LAW and CRIME in the City.

31. During the last 12 months, have you or anyone in your household been robbed or burglarized? [DO NOT READ]

   1 Yes
   2 No
   11 (VOL) Don't know
32. During the last 12 months, have you or anyone in your household been stopped by the police?  
[DO NOT READ]  
1 Yes  
2 No  
11 (VOL) Don't know  
12 (VOL) Refused

33. How safe do you feel when walking at night in your neighborhood.  
Do you? [READ LIST]  
1 Always feel safe,  
2 Feel safe most of the time,  
3 Feel safe some of the time, or  
4 Never feel safe  
11 (VOL) Don't know  
12 (VOL) Refused

34. Do you believe that most public schools are safe places? [DO NOT READ]  
1 Yes  
2 No  
11 (VOL) Don't know  
12 (VOL) Refused

35. Would you say the level of crime in your community in the last 5 years has.... [READ LIST]  
1 Increased a lot,  
2 Increased a little,  
3 Stayed about the same,  
4 Decreased a little, or  
5 Decreased a lot  
11 (VOL) Don't know  
12 (VOL) Refused

36. How would you rate New York City's law enforcement services?  
Would you say they are .... [READ LIST]  
1 Excellent,  
2 Good,  
3 Satisfactory,
4 Fair, or
5 Poor
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

37. Which ONE of the following statements BEST represents your view about gun control?
[READ CHOICES, SINGLE MENTION]

1 No one should have guns,
2 Only police and soldiers should have guns,
3 Gun Control Rules should stay the same,
4 Gun Control Rules are too strict, or
5 Gun Control Rules are not strict enough
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

The following questions deal with living in the City...

38. How many years have you lived in New York City?
[DO NOT READ]
[DO NOT PROBE--ACCEPT EITHER NUMBER OF YEARS OR "SINCE 19__", WHICHEVER IS OFFERED]

1 Less than a year (MOVED HERE IN 1999 or 2000)
2 From 1 year to less than 3 years (FROM: 1997 - 1998)
3 From 3 years to less than 5 years (FROM: 1995 - 1996)
4 From 5 years to less than 10 years (FROM: 1990 - 1994)
5 From 10 years to less than 15 years (FROM: 1985 – 1989)
6 From 15 years to less than 25 years (FROM: 1975 – 1984)
7 From 25 years to less than 40 years (FROM: 1950 – 1974)
8 More than 40 years (BEFORE 1950)
9 (VOL) All my life
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

39. How would you rate New York City as a place to live? Would you say it is .... [READ LIST]

1 Becoming a better place,
2 Getting worse, or
3 Staying about the same
11 (VOL) Don't know
40. What type of housing do you have in New York City? That is, do you... [READ LIST]

1 Rent an Apartment,
2 Rent a House,
3 Own a Co-op,
4 Own a Condo, or
5 Own a House
10 (VOL) Other (Specify)
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

41. How would you rate New York City as a place to raise children?
Would you say it is .... [READ LIST]

1 Excellent,
2 Good,
3 Satisfactory,
4 Fair, or
5 Poor
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

The next questions are about the coming Elections...

42. These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register.
Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far? [DO NOT READ]

1 Yes, registered
2 No, not registered
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

43. If an election were held tomorrow, who would you like to have as Senator?
[DO NOT READ]

1 Hillary Clinton
2 Rudy Giuliani
10 Other (Specify)
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused
44. If an election were held tomorrow for President, who would you want as President?

[DO NOT READ]

1 Bill Bradley
2 George Bush
3 Steve Forbes
4 Al Gore
5 Alan Keyes
6 John McCain
10 Other (Specify)
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

45. In YOUR opinion, which is the MOST important issue this election year?

[READ LIST, SINGLE MENTION] -- [SHUFFLE ANSWER CHOICES]

1 Abortion
2 Crime
3 The Economy
4 Education
5 Gun Control
6 Health Care
7 Social Security
8 Tax Reform
9 Other (Specify) [added 2/9/00]
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

46. As of TODAY, do you agree more with the policies of the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? [DO NOT READ]

1 Democrat
2 Republican
3 (VOL) Neither
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

In these final questions, we would like to know a little more about you.

47. What source do you rely on MOST for news? Would you say it is...

[READ LIST, SINGLE MENTION] -- [SHUFFLE ANSWER CHOICES]

1 Radio
2 TV
3 Newspapers
4 Magazines
5 Friends and Family
6 Internet
7 (VOL) Other
11 (VOL) Don't Know
12 (VOL) Refused

48. What newspaper do you read MOST OFTEN? [DO NOT READ, SINGLE RESPONSE]

1 Daily News
2 Newsday
3 Post
4 Times
5 Wall Street Journal
6 (VOL) Other (Specify) [added 2/9/00]
11 (VOL) Don't Know
12 (VOL) Refused

49. What Borough do you work in?.... [READ LIST]

1 Bronx,
2 Brooklyn,
3 Manhattan,
4 Queens, or
5 Staten Island
6 (VOL) Work in more than one Borough
7 (VOL) Retired
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

50. In what Year were you born? _____________[RECORD EXACT ANSWER]

51. What is the highest level of education you have completed? [DO NOT READ]

1 Some high school or less,
2 High school graduate,
3 Some college,
4 Associates Degree/technical/Vocational School,
5 Bachelor's degree,
6 Some graduate or professional school, or
7 Graduate degree/professional school
10 (VOL) Other (Specify)
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

52. Which of the following describe your race or ethnicity? Would you say you are....
[READ LIST, ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSE]

1 White,
2 Black or African American,
3 Asian,
4 American Indian or Alaska Native,
5 Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or
6 Latino or Hispanic origin [ PROBE: WHITE OR BLACK HISPANIC ]
7 (VOL) Other
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

53. In what country were you born? [DO NOT READ]
1 USA
2 China
3 Dominican Republic
4 Guyana
5 Haiti
6 India
7 Jamaica, Trinidad, or West Indies
8 Puerto Rico
9 Russia or Ukraine
10 Other (Specify)_____________________
11 (VOL) Don't know
12 (VOL) Refused

54. What language do you speak MOST OFTEN at home? [DO NOT READ]
[ INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF CHINESE...PROBE: IS IT CANTONESE OR MANDARIN? ]

1 Cantonese
2 English
3 French or French Creole
4 Greek
5 Hebrew or Yiddish
6 Italian
7 Mandarin
55. Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?
   Is it....[READ LIST]
   1 Less than $10,000;
   2 $10,000 to under $25,000;
   3 $25,000 to under $50,000;
   4 $50,000 to under $100,000; or
   5 $100,000 or more per year
   11 (VOL) Don't know
   12 (VOL) Refused

56. What is your zip code?_____________________[ RECORD EXACT ANSWER ]

57. Will it be okay to call you again in the future to ask you some follow-up questions?
   1 Yes
   2 No [SKIP TO Q59]
   11 (VOL) Don't know [SKIP TO Q59]
   12 (VOL) Refused [SKIP TO Q59]

58. Just so we know who to ask for, may I just have your first name?_______________________
   [RECORD EXACT ANSWER]

59. Language Interviewed: [DO NOT READ]
   1 English
   2 Spanish
   3 Chinese [DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CANTONESE AND MANDARIN IF POSSIBLE]

Thank you for taking time to answer these questions. We appreciate your help.