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Q1. Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Right track	37%	36%	32%	32%	32%	32%
Wrong direction	52%	54%	58%	59%	56%	56%
Don't know/Refused	10%	10%	10%	9%	13%	12%

Q2. Is [New York State, Virginia, New Jersey] on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Right track	46%	44%	46%	47%	41%	41%
Wrong direction	45%	47%	39%	40%	44%	43%
Don't know/Refused	9%	9%	15%	13%	15%	16%

I'm going to read a series of names of people in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each person I name. [Q3A-Q3G ROTATED]

Q3A. Barack Obama						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	57%	56%	45%	45%	53%	50%
Unfavorable	40%	41%	49%	50%	36%	40%
Don't know/Refused	3%	3%	5%	5%	10%	10%

Q3B. Chris Christie						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	42%	42%	38%	40%	46%	48%
Unfavorable	45%	46%	37%	38%	41%	40%
Don't know/Refused	13%	12%	25%	23%	12%	12%

Q3C. Andrew Cuomo						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	59%	59%	26%	27%	45%	47%
Unfavorable	32%	34%	31%	33%	18%	19%
Don't know/Refused	9%	7%	43%	40%	37%	34%

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Q3D. Hillary Clinton						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	65%	64%	56%	56%	62%	59%
Unfavorable	30%	32%	38%	40%	27%	32%
Don't know/Refused	4%	4%	5%	4%	10%	9%

Q3E. Terry McAuliffe						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	16%	16%	45%	47%	12%	13%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	33%	33%	12%	14%
Don't know/Refused	66%	66%	23%	20%	77%	74%

Q3F. Rand Paul						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	21%	22%	32%	34%	24%	26%
Unfavorable	39%	41%	36%	37%	29%	34%
Don't know/Refused	40%	37%	32%	29%	46%	40%

Q3G. Paul Ryan						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Favorable	26%	27%	40%	43%	27%	29%
Unfavorable	39%	41%	32%	33%	26%	29%
Don't know/Refused	35%	32%	28%	25%	47%	42%

In answering the following questions, imagine that you are a United States Senator and today you must cast a vote either in favor of or opposed to each of the following hypothetically proposed laws, policies or amendments. [Q4A-Q4L ROTATED]

Q4A. Legalizing same-sex marriage in all 50 states						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	65%	65%	54%	53%	65%	64%
Opposed	31%	32%	40%	40%	27%	28%
Don't know/Refused	3%	3%	7%	7%	7%	7%

Q4B. Using nationally standardized tests to assess the quality of public schools						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	53%	51%	48%	46%	57%	53%
Opposed	42%	44%	46%	48%	36%	39%
Don't know/Refused	5%	5%	7%	7%	8%	8%

Q4C. Establishing a national gun registry						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	67%	68%	64%	63%	72%	74%
Opposed	29%	29%	34%	34%	24%	22%
Don't know/Refused	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%

Q4D. Making abortion illegal 20 weeks after conception						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	46%	45%	42%	41%	43%	43%
Opposed	48%	49%	48%	49%	48%	48%
Don't know/Refused	6%	6%	10%	10%	8%	8%

Q4E. Using federal funds to make free Pre-Kindergarten education available to all children						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	82%	80%	68%	67%	77%	73%
Opposed	17%	18%	29%	29%	20%	24%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%

Q4F. Approving the Keystone Pipeline to bring oil from Canada to the U.S.						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	64%	63%	67%	67%	64%	65%
Opposed	28%	29%	23%	23%	21%	20%
Don't know/Refused	8%	8%	11%	10%	15%	15%

Q4G. Raising the national minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	78%	77%	66%	65%	72%	69%
Opposed	21%	22%	31%	32%	25%	28%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Q4H. Legalizing the use of marijuana in all 50 states for medical purposes						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	73%	73%	69%	69%	71%	74%
Opposed	25%	26%	27%	28%	23%	21%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	4%	4%	5%	5%
Q4I. Repealing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	46%	44%	53%	55%	50%	51%
Opposed	50%	51%	40%	40%	43%	43%
Don't know/Refused	4%	4%	7%	6%	7%	7%
Q4J. Approving a path to citizenship for people who are in the US. illegally, but who are working, have no criminal record, and pay taxes						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	77%	76%	65%	66%	71%	69%
Opposed	21%	22%	31%	31%	25%	26%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Q4K. Reinstating unemployment benefits beyond the initial 26 weeks of coverage						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	64%	64%	48%	48%	59%	59%
Opposed	33%	34%	45%	46%	34%	34%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	7%	6%	7%	7%

Q4L. Allowing the National Security Agency, or NSA, to tap domestic phone lines in the interest of national security						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In favor	38%	38%	29%	29%	38%	37%
Opposed	59%	57%	64%	64%	55%	55%
Don't know/Refused	4%	4%	8%	6%	8%	8%

Q7. Now, on a few other issues... Who is the one eligible person that you would most like to see as the next President of the United States? [CHOICES NOT READ]						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Joe Biden	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Jeb Bush	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Chris Christie	8%	8%	7%	7%	15%	16%
Hillary Clinton	39%	39%	28%	29%	35%	35%
Ted Cruz	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Andrew Cuomo	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mike Huckabee	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Bobby Jindal	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sarah Palin	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Rand Paul	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Mitt Romney	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%
Marco Rubio	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Paul Ryan	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Mark Warner	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%
Donald Trump	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Elizabeth Warren	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Rudy Giuliani	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Condoleezza Rice	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Scott Walker	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Ron Paul	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Barack Obama	2%	2%	0%	0%	3%	2%
Cory Booker	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Tim Kaine	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Other	8%	7%	8%	9%	8%	8%
Don't know/Refused	30%	29%	38%	36%	26%	24%

Q8. Do you think that politicians here in [New York, Virginia, New Jersey] are more corrupt than those in other states, less corrupt, or is there really no difference?

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
More corrupt	17%	17%	6%	6%	22%	24%
Less corrupt	8%	8%	21%	21%	5%	5%
No difference	73%	73%	71%	70%	67%	66%
Don't know/Refused	3%	2%	3%	3%	6%	6%

Q9. Do you think that the major storms that have hit the East Coast over the last two years are isolated weather events, or do you think that they are a result of global climate change?

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Isolated weather events	29%	29%	42%	44%	30%	33%
Global climate change	66%	66%	50%	48%	61%	57%
Don't know/Refused	5%	5%	8%	8%	9%	10%

Q10. Do you think the long-term solution to America's economic difficulties is more likely to be found: [CHOICES ROTATED]

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
In governmental programs that stimulate the economy and may involve increasing the national debt	35%	35%	34%	33%		
In governmental policies designed to curtail spending, balance the federal budget and lessen the national debt	55%	55%	56%	57%		
Don't know/Refused	11%	10%	11%	10%		

Q11. Do you think that stricter gun control laws would make you personally more safe, less safe, or would they make no difference?

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
More safe	45%	44%	35%	36%	44%	44%
Less safe	12%	12%	16%	17%	13%	13%
No difference	43%	44%	47%	46%	40%	41%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

Q12A. Which of the following do you think is MOST responsible for mass shootings like those in Newtown, Connecticut and Virginia Tech? [CHOICES ROTATED]

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Weak gun laws	15%	15%	10%	10%	16%	15%
Poor enforcement of gun laws	11%	12%	7%	7%	11%	10%
Violent media such as movies and video games	17%	17%	15%	15%	12%	12%
Poor policies to deal with mental illness	36%	37%	44%	45%	36%	37%
We simply cannot stop those who want to kill others	18%	17%	21%	21%	20%	21%
Don't know/Refused	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%

Q12B. Of the remaining, which do you think is MOST responsible for mass shootings like those in Newtown, Connecticut and Virginia Tech? [CHOICES ROTATED]

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Weak gun laws	18%	18%	12%	12%		
Poor enforcement of gun laws	18%	17%	17%	16%		
Violent media such as movies and video games	16%	15%	16%	16%		
Poor policies to deal with mental illness	22%	23%	24%	26%		
We simply cannot stop those who want to kill others	20%	21%	23%	24%		
Don't know/Refused	7%	7%	8%	7%		

Q13. If you could live in one of the following three states, which state would you most like to live in? [CHOICES ROTATED]

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
New Jersey	5%	4%	4%	3%	57%	58%
New York	69%	69%	7%	6%	15%	13%
Virginia	26%	26%	88%	90%	25%	25%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	4%

Q14. Forced to choose, which of the following do you think is the greater problem facing America today? [CHOICES ROTATED]

	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Income inequality	54%	54%	45%	44%	48%	46%
Too much government	43%	42%	52%	53%	48%	50%
Don't know/Refused	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%

NY Residents MOE +/-3.4%

NY Reg Voters MOE +/-3.7%

VA Residents MOE +/-3.4%

VA Reg Voters MOE +/-3.7%

NJ Residents MOE +/-3.6%

NJ Reg Voters MOE +/-3.8%

Q15. Which of the following two statements more closely matches your thinking about the economy? [CHOICES ROTATED]						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
The current economic problems our country faces are temporary. I believe the country's economy is strong and we will as a people make adjustments to return us to financial health.	51%	52%			50%	51%
Unfortunately, I think our country's best economic days are behind us. I'm afraid the next generation will have to accept a lower standard of living.	46%	45%			44%	44%
Don't know/Refused	3%	3%			5%	6%
(If registered to vote) The 2016 presidential election is far away, but if the election for president were today: [Q16-Q18 ROTATED]						
Q16. (If registered to vote) Who would you vote for if the candidates were: [CHOICES ROTATED]						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line		64%		48%		51%
Chris Christie on the Republican line		28%		40%		41%
Don't know/Refused		8%		13%		9%
Q17. (If registered to vote) Who would you vote for if the candidates were: [CHOICES ROTATED]						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line		67%		52%		58%
Rand Paul on the Republican line		24%		38%		29%
Don't know/Refused		9%		9%		13%
Q18. (If registered to vote) Who would you vote for if the candidates were: [CHOICES ROTATED]						
	NY Residents	NY Reg Voters	VA Residents	VA Reg Voters	NJ Residents	NJ Reg Voters
Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line		64%		51%		58%
Paul Ryan on the Republican line		27%		40%		33%
Don't know/Refused		8%		9%		9%

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Nature of the Samples						
	New York		Virginia		New Jersey	
	Residents	Reg Voters	Residents	Reg Voters	Residents	Reg Voters
	N=814	N=720	N=821	N=707	N=842	N=729
Gender						
Male	48%	47%	49%	51%	49%	47%
Female	52%	53%	51%	49%	51%	53%
Age						
18 to 34	30%	25%	30%	25%	28%	19%
35 to 49	26%	27%	27%	28%	25%	25%
50 to 64	24%	26%	28%	30%	28%	33%
65 and older	17%	18%	16%	17%	19%	23%
Political View						
Liberal	29%	28%	23%	21%	29%	27%
Moderate	43%	44%	44%	45%	50%	48%
Conservative	24%	24%	33%	34%	22%	24%
Education						
Less than college degree	55%	53%	54%	51%	47%	45%
College degree or higher	44%	48%	36%	49%	53%	55%
Religion						
Catholic	34%	34%	16%	16%	40%	42%
Jewish	7%	7%	1%	1%	6%	7%
Protestant	26%	27%	56%	56%	17%	21%
Other	30%	29%	28%	27%	36%	31%
Party (NY: Registration; VA & NJ: Identification)						
Democrat	48%	48%	30%	29%	36%	36%
Republican	23%	23%	23%	24%	20%	23%
Independent/Other	26%	26%	47%	47%	44%	41%
Children in Household						
Yes	37%	36%	41%	38%	38%	34%
No	62%	63%	59%	62%	62%	66%
Race/Ethnicity						
White	59%	60%	68%	71%	61%	70%
African American/Black	14%	14%	18%	17%	13%	12%
Latino	16%	15%	7%	5%	16%	11%
Other	9%	7%	7%	6%	11%	7%
Guns in Home						
Yes	15%	15%	46%	49%	13%	15%
No	80%	79%	54%	51%	87%	85%
Income						
Less than \$50,000	36%	33%	38%	35%	32%	27%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	27%	29%	31%	31%	32%	34%
\$100,000 or more	25%	26%	32%	34%	36%	39%

NY Residents MOE +/-3.4%
NY Reg Voters MOE +/-3.7%
VA Residents MOE +/-3.4%

VA Reg Voters MOE +/-3.7%
NJ Residents MOE +/-3.6%
NJ Reg Voters MOE +/-3.8%