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## Siena College Poll:

# **Cuomo Leads Astorino by 37 Points Among Likely Voters; Six in Ten Say Cuomo's Made NY Better in Last Four Years**

## **Two-Thirds Say Most Legislators Do What's Best for Them & Their Political Friends; Never Surprised When Another One Gets Indicted By 10-Point Margin, Voters: Stop Implementing Common Core Standards**

Loudonville, NY. Fifteen weeks until Election Day, Governor Andrew Cuomo holds an enormous 37-point lead over Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, 60-23 percent, according to a Siena College Poll of likely New York gubernatorial voters released today. Fifty-nine percent of likely voters say Cuomo has made New York a better place to live, compared to 15 percent who say he's made it worse and 21 percent who say it's the same.

Voters are closely divided on viewing each house of the Legislature favorably or unfavorably, and more are inclined to re-elect incumbent legislators rather than "someone else." Yet, 65 percent say most state legislators "do what's best for them and their political friends and it never surprises me when another one gets indicted." Only 28 percent say "most state legislators are honest, hardworking and do what's best for their constituents."

By a 49-39 percent margin, voters want to see implementation of the Common Core standards stopped rather than continued. Democratic incumbents Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman continue to hold solid leads over their Republican challengers.

"With a little more than a hundred days until voters go to the polls, Astorino has a gigantic hole to climb out of to even make the race for governor competitive. Cuomo currently has the support of 80 percent of Democrats, 56 percent of independents and 32 percent of Republicans. Cuomo's lead among independents is larger than the lead Astorino has among Republicans," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "Cuomo's lead among likely voters is 76 points in New York City, 29 points in the downstate suburbs and 15 points upstate.

"Interestingly, while two-thirds of voters say New York is about the same or worse off than it was four years ago, 59 percent of voters say Cuomo has made New York a better place to live in the last four years. Only 15 percent say he's made it a worse place to live. Nearly three-quarters of Democrats, more than half of independents and a plurality of Republicans say Cuomo's made New York a better place to live," Greenberg said.

Cuomo's favorability rating is 61-35 percent (down a little from 63-31 percent last month among registered voters) and his job performance is 50-49 percent (from 49-50 percent). By a 54-38 percent margin, voters say they are prepared to re-elect Cuomo compared to preferring "someone else" (57-35 percent in June; registered voters). Astorino has a 20-19 percent favorability rating, with 61 percent having no opinion (18-12-69 percent last month among registered voters). Howie Hawkins has a 9-11 percent favorability rating and Zephyr Teachout has a 6-8 percent favorability rating.

"Andrew Cuomo is liked by voters and they are inclined to want to re-elect him. Rob Astorino remains largely unknown to the majority of voters and among those who know him they are evenly divided on whether they view him favorably or unfavorably," Greenberg said. "Astorino has failed to become significantly more known to voters or to put a dent in the Cuomo armor in the last six months. He has much to do and not much time to do it in.

"When it comes to which issues are motivating voters, they are largely economic. Thirteen percent of voters say jobs is the single most important issue in determining their vote, followed by taxes and education at 12 percent each, economic issues generally at nine percent, and fiscal/budget issues and gun/SAFE act at five percent each," Greenberg said. "Almost half of voters identified an economic issue as number one."

#### **Voters: Never Surprised When Another Legislator Gets Indicted**

"At least 58 percent of Democrats, Republicans, independents, upstaters, downstaters, men, women, young, old, black, and white voters all agree that most state legislators do what's best for themselves and their friends, and they're never surprised when a legislator is indicted," Greenberg said. "Only about a quarter to a third of voters from virtually every region, party and demographic group think that most state legislators are honest, hardworking and do what's best for their constituents.

"But despite that rhetorical indictment of the State Legislature, 49 percent of voters are inclined to re-elect their state senator, with 35 percent preferring "someone else," and by a narrower 41-37 percent margin, they are inclined to re-elect their Assemblymember," Greenberg said.

#### **Nearly Half of Voters Say Implementation of the Common Core Should be Stopped**

"While a majority of New York City voters and a plurality of Democrats think Common Core standards should continue to be implemented, a majority of Republicans, independents and upstaters, and a plurality of downstate suburbanites think implementation should be stopped. A majority of white voters want implementation stopped, a majority of black voters want implementation continued, and Hispanic voters are evenly divided," Greenberg said.

"Voters supporting Cuomo want the standards implemented by a 49-38 percent margin, however, Astorino voters are strongly opposed to Common Core being implemented by a 73-17 percent margin," Greenberg said.

### **DiNapoli & Schneiderman Continue to Have Large Leads Over Largely Unknown Opponents**

DiNapoli has 28-16-56 percent favorability rating (26-12-62 percent last month among registered voters). Currently, 36 percent say they are prepared to re-elect him, with 34 percent preferring "someone else" (28-28 percent last month). His Republican opponent, Onondaga County Comptroller Bob Antonacci, has a 9-12-79 percent favorability rating (from 9-9-82 percent).

Schneiderman has a 26-18-56 percent favorability rating (23-16-61 percent last month among registered voters). He has a 39-33 percent re-elect rating (from 41-27 percent). Republican John Cahill, Schneiderman's opponent, has a 14-12-74 percent favorability rating (from 12-10-78 percent).

"DiNapoli leads Antonacci by more than 30 points, 57-26 percent, and Schneiderman is besting Cahill by more than 20 points, 53-31 percent. While the incumbents are hardly household names amongst New York voters, their challengers remain largely unknown to about three-quarters of likely voters," Greenberg said. "Right now, Cahill is garnering more support than any of the Republican statewide candidates but he's got a large gap to close and Antonacci's deficit is substantially bigger."

### **New York Voters' Division About Fracking Continues**

Fracking is opposed by 43 percent of likely voters and supported by 40 percent. In April it was opposed by 43 percent and supported by 41 percent of registered voters.

"Since October 2013, Siena Polls have asked voters about fracking five times. And every time support for fracking has been between 38 and 41 percent, while opposition has been either 42 or 43 percent. Here's the bottom line: just as there's been virtually no movement on whether New York will or will not allow fracking in the state, there's likewise been virtually no movement in public opinion among voters. They remain nearly evenly divided on whether they support or oppose fracking being allowed to move forward," Greenberg said.

### **Voters Say State is on Right Track, Country Headed in Wrong Direction**

"By a 49-40 percent margin, likely voters say New York is on the right track, not headed in the wrong direction, virtually unchanged from 50-39 percent last month with registered voters," Greenberg said. "However, a majority of likely voters, 56 percent say the country is headed in the wrong direction, with only 38 percent saying the country's on the right track, little changed since March's 57-36 percent of registered voters saying the country was headed in the wrong direction."

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This Siena College Poll was conducted July 13-16, 2014 by telephone calls to 774 likely New York State registered voters. It has an overall margin of error of  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, region, race/ethnicity, and gender to ensure representativeness. Sampling was conducted via random digit dialing to landline and cell phones weighted to reflect known population patterns and historic New York State gubernatorial turnout. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in New York State. SRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey cross-tabs: [www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY).



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**Q. 6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	61	35	4
June 2014	63	31	6
April 2014	57	38	6
March 2014	58	34	7
February 2014	60	35	5
January 2014	66	28	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>77 (2/11)</b>	<b>42 (10/06)</b>	<b>24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>44 (8/06, 10/06)</b>	<b>14 (8/09)</b>	<b>3 (10/20/10)</b>

**Q. 24** How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	9	41	31	18	1
June 2014	8	41	34	16	1
April 2014	9	36	36	18	1
March 2014	7	39	35	19	1
February 2014	7	41	38	13	1
January 2014	10	44	35	11	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (1/12)</b>	<b>47 (4/12, etc.)</b>	<b>39 (11/13)</b>	<b>19 (3/14)</b>	<b>28 (1/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (Several)</b>	<b>34 (1/11)</b>	<b>24 (1/11)</b>	<b>4 (2/11, 1/11)</b>	<b>1 (many)</b>

**Q. 19** Andrew Cuomo is running for re-election as Governor this year. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else?^

DATE	RE-ELECT CUOMO	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	54	38	8
June 2014	57	35	8
April 2014	50	41	9
March 2014	49	41	10
February 2014	54	37	9
January 2014	57	33	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (12/12)</b>	<b>41 (4/14, 3/14, 11/13, 6/13)</b>	<b>10 (3/14, 10/13, 9/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>49 (3/14)</b>	<b>29 (12/12)</b>	<b>7 (6/13, 4/13)</b>

**Q. 25** Based on what you've seen of him as Governor so far, would you describe Andrew Cuomo as a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?

DATE	LIBERAL	MODERATE	CONSERVATIVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	33	47	11	9
June 2014	34	48	10	9
April 2014	35	46	11	8
February 2014	31	52	9	7
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (9/13)</b>	<b>60 (3/11)</b>	<b>15 (4/11, 2/11)</b>	<b>10 (4/11, 1/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>21 (2/11)</b>	<b>46 (4/14, 3/13)</b>	<b>8 (7/11)</b>	<b>6 (9/13)</b>

**Q. 7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rob Astorino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	20	19	61
June 2014	18	12	69
April 2014	18	16	66
March 2014	17	19	65
February 2014	11	15	73
January 2014	14	10	76
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/14)</b>	<b>19 (7/14, 3/14)</b>	<b>76 (1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (2/14)</b>	<b>10 (1/14)</b>	<b>61 (7/14)</b>

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**Q. 26** Based on what you've seen of him as a candidate for Governor, would you describe Rob Astorino as a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?

DATE	LIBERAL	MODERATE	CONSERVATIVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	6	19	23	52
June 2014	6	19	20	55
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>19 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>23 (7/14)</b>	<b>55 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>19 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>20 (6/14)</b>	<b>52 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Howie Hawkins?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	9	11	81
June 2014	9	9	82
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>11 (7/14)</b>	<b>82 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>9 (6/14)</b>	<b>81 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 36** If the 2014 election for governor was held today and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic, Working Families and Independence Party lines; Rob Astorino on the Republican and Conservative Party lines; Howie Hawkins on the Green Party Line, who would you vote for? Would you vote for Astorino, Cuomo, Hawkins, or someone else? (Choices were rotated)

DATE	CUOMO	ASTORINO	HAWKINS	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	60	23	6	11
June 2014	57	21	4	17
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (7/14)</b>	<b>23 (7/14)</b>	<b>6 (7/14)</b>	<b>17 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (6/14)</b>	<b>21 (6/14)</b>	<b>4 (6/14)</b>	<b>11 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 9** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eric Schneiderman?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	26	18	56
June 2014	23	16	61
April 2014	27	20	53
February 2014	27	19	55
January 2014	27	15	58
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>29 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>27 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>86 (11/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (11/09)</b>	<b>6 (5/10, 11/09)</b>	<b>44 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 20** Eric Schneiderman is running for re-election as Attorney General this year. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else? ^

DATE	RE-ELECT SCHNEIDERMAN	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	39	33	29
June 2014	41	27	33
April 2014	35	32	33
January 2014	29	33	38
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (6/14)</b>	<b>33 (7/14, 1/14)</b>	<b>38 (1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>29 (1/14)</b>	<b>27 (6/14)</b>	<b>29 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 10** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about John Cahill?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	14	12	74
June 2014	12	10	78
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (7/14)</b>	<b>12 (7/14)</b>	<b>78 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (6/14)</b>	<b>10 (6/14)</b>	<b>74 (7/14)</b>

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**Q. 37** If the 2014 election for Attorney General was held today and the candidates were Eric Schneiderman on the Democratic, Working Families and Independence Party lines and John Cahill on the Republican and Conservative Party lines, who would you vote for? (Choices were rotated)

DATE	SCHNEIDERMAN	CAHILL	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	53	31	16
June 2014	52	27	22
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>53 (7/14)</b>	<b>31 (7/14)</b>	<b>22 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (6/14)</b>	<b>27 (6/14)</b>	<b>16 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 11** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	28	16	56
June 2014	26	12	62
April 2014	29	17	54
February 2014	26	21	54
January 2014	28	17	55
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (11/10, 10/20/10)</b>	<b>36 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>80 (6/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (6/07, 5/07)</b>	<b>10 (12/09, 11/08)</b>	<b>37 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 21** Tom DiNapoli is running for re-election as State Comptroller this year. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else? ^

DATE	RE-ELECT DINAPOLI	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	36	34	30
June 2014	38	28	35
April 2014	32	35	33
January 2014	35	30	35
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>38 (6/14)</b>	<b>35 (4/14)</b>	<b>35 (6/14, 1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (4/14)</b>	<b>28 (6/14)</b>	<b>30 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 12** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bob Antonacci?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	9	12	79
June 2014	9	9	82
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>12 (6/14)</b>	<b>82 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>9 (6/14)</b>	<b>79 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 38** If the 2014 election for State Comptroller was held today and the candidates were Tom DiNapoli on the Democratic, Working Families and Independence Party lines and Bob Antonacci on the Republican and Conservative Party lines, who would you vote for? (Choices were rotated)

DATE	DINAPOLI	ANTONACCI	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	57	26	16
June 2014	56	22	22
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (7/14)</b>	<b>26 (7/14)</b>	<b>22 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>56 (6/14)</b>	<b>22 (6/14)</b>	<b>16 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 14** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	39	43	17
April 2014	36	47	17
March 2014	39	46	16
February 2014	37	49	14
January 2014	41	43	16
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (1/13)</b>	<b>61 (7/10)</b>	<b>19 (11/13, 12/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (7/10)</b>	<b>40 (12/12)</b>	<b>12 (4/13, 1/10)</b>

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**Q. 15** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	41	45	14
April 2014	40	48	12
March 2014	39	49	13
February 2014	37	51	12
January 2014	46	42	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (1/14, 5/12)</b>	<b>74 (7/09)</b>	<b>14 (7/14, 12/12, 6/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/09)</b>	<b>41 (12/12)</b>	<b>6 (7/09)</b>

**Q. 31** Currently, the New York State Senate is controlled by a bipartisan coalition of all the Republicans in the Senate and five Democrats known as the Independent Democratic Caucus. In November, all 63 Senate seats will be up for election. After the election, who would you like to see control the State Senate: only the Democrats, only the Republicans, or a coalition of Democrats and Republicans, like we have now? (Choices were rotated)

DATE	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS	COALITION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	24	19	54	3
June 2014	22	16	59	4
April 2014	22	16	58	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>24 (7/14)</b>	<b>19 (7/14)</b>	<b>59 (6/14)</b>	<b>4 (6/14, 4/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>22 (6/14, 4/14)</b>	<b>16 (6/14, 4/14)</b>	<b>54 (7/14)</b>	<b>3 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 32** If those five Democrats who are part of the Independent Democratic Caucus partnered with the other Democrats in the State Senate rather than with the Republicans as they currently do, the Senate would be controlled by the Democrats. Do you believe the five Independent Senate Democrats should continue partner with the Republicans or should they change what they do now and partner with the Democrats? (Choices were rotated)

DATE	CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH REPUBLICANS	CHANGE & PARTNER WITH DEMOCRATS	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	48	36	16
June 2014	53	36	11
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>53 (6/14)</b>	<b>36 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>16 (7/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (7/14)</b>	<b>36 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>11 (6/14)</b>

**Q. 33** The State Department of Environmental Conservation is expected to soon issue a decision on whether or not to allow hydrofracking ó that is the proposed method to recover natural gas from parts of upstate New York ó to move forward. How much have you heard or read about it ó a great deal, some, not very much, or nothing at all?

DATE	A GREAT DEAL	SOME	NOT VERY MUCH	NOTHING	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	31	36	17	16	1
April 2014	31	35	18	16	1
March 2014	29	33	22	15	1
February 2014	28	32	22	18	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>35 (6/13)</b>	<b>39 (10/12)</b>	<b>22 (3/14, etc.)</b>	<b>21 (9/13)</b>	<b>1 (many)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>27 (10/13, etc.)</b>	<b>29 (5/13)</b>	<b>13 (6/13)</b>	<b>12 (10/12)</b>	<b>0 (many)</b>

**Q. 34** Do you support or oppose the Department of Environmental Conservation allowing hydrofracking to move forward in parts of upstate New York?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	40	43	17
April 2014	41	43	17
March 2014	40	42	19
February 2014	38	43	19
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (12/12, 10/12)</b>	<b>45 (9/13, 4/13)</b>	<b>27 (5/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>37 (9/13, 6/13, 5/12)</b>	<b>36 (12/12, 10/12, 5/12)</b>	<b>12 (8/13)</b>

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**Q. 17** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Charles Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	62	27	11
February 2014	61	29	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (7/05)</b>	<b>32 (10/31/10, 9/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>17 (2/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>54 (6/10)</b>	<b>20 (2/05, 11/06)</b>	<b>4 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 18** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	55	23	23
February 2014	54	23	23
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>61 (12/12)</b>	<b>34 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>56 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (3/09)</b>	<b>14 (1/09)</b>	<b>14 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 16** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	53	45	1
February 2014	52	45	3
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>81 (1/09)</b>	<b>46 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>40 (11/06)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (11/06)</b>	<b>10 (1/09)</b>	<b>1 (7/14, 1/13, 8/12)</b>

**Q. 2** Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	38	56	7
March 2014	36	57	8
February 2014	39	55	6
January 2014	37	55	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (5/09)</b>	<b>74 (10/13, 8/11)</b>	<b>17 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (10/13, 10/08)</b>	<b>24 (12/09)</b>	<b>5 (1/13)</b>

**Q. 4** In general, would you say the State of New York is better off now than it was four years ago, worse off now than it was four years ago, or about the same as it was four years ago?

DATE	BETTER	WORSE	ABOUT THE SAME	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	32	22	45	1
June 2014	32	26	40	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>26 (6/14)</b>	<b>45 (7/14)</b>	<b>2 (6/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (7/14, 6/14)</b>	<b>22 (7/14)</b>	<b>40 (6/14)</b>	<b>1 (7/14)</b>

**Q. 5** And how about you and your family. Would you say that you are better off now than you were four years ago, worse off now than you were four years ago, or about the same as you were four years ago?

DATE	BETTER	WORSE	ABOUT THE SAME	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	26	22	52	1
June 2014	28	23	49	0
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (6/14)</b>	<b>23 (6/14)</b>	<b>52 (7/14)</b>	<b>1 (7/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (7/14)</b>	<b>22 (7/14)</b>	<b>49 (6/14)</b>	<b>0 (6/14)</b>

**Q. 3** How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2014*	2	29	41	25	2
April 2014	2	20	46	30	3
March 2014	2	19	45	30	4
February 2014	2	22	43	31	2
January 2014	2	27	42	27	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>3 (8/13)</b>	<b>29 (7/14)</b>	<b>49 (8/12)</b>	<b>67 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>4 (3/14, etc.)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>0 (many)</b>	<b>6 (3/22/10, etc.)</b>	<b>25 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>25 (7/14)</b>	<b>0 (4/11, etc.)</b>



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**Q. 1** Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>RIGHT TRACK</b>	<b>WRONG DIRECTION</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
July 2014*	49	40	10
June 2014	50	39	11
April 2014	46	44	10
March 2014	46	43	12
February 2014	48	40	12
January 2014	52	36	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (1/13)</b>	<b>76 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>30 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (10/10)</b>	<b>26 (1/07)</b>	<b>7 (5/13)</b>

**Poll Trend Notes:** \* All surveys are of registered voters except for the polls of July 2014, August and October 2012, October 2010, September and October 2008, and September and October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since January 2014.

“Highest Ever” and “Lowest Ever” is provided at the bottom of each question.

^ Inconsequential wording change.