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Siena College Poll: Special 2016 Predictions and Resolutions Survey

NY'ers Make 2016 Predictions: 65% Predict 1st Woman President; Most Say Trump Win Not Likely; ³/₄'s say Congress Working on their Behalf Unlikely Majority Expect Good Financial Year, More Say they will Get in Best Shape; Yankees vs. Mets Series not likely but a NY Team in the Super Bowl has a Shot Only a Third Will Make a New Year's Resolution; Exercise, Diet, More Money and Being a Better Person Top the List

Loudonville, NY. Sixty-five percent of New Yorkers think it is somewhat or very likely that the first woman will be elected President of the United States in 2016 while 67 percent say that a Donald Trump win in the November election is not very or not at all likely to occur according to a new Siena College poll (SRI) of New York State adults released today. A small majority, 53 percent, predict that it is at least somewhat likely that their financial life will improve more in 2016 than it has in years while 63 percent think it likely that they will get in the best physical shape they've been in for many years.

"Perhaps a few give Businesswoman Carly Fiorina a chance, but with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton leading the Democratic field, it looks like most New Yorkers, and an overwhelming percentage of Democrats, think that Mrs. Clinton is likely to reach the nation's highest office," according to SRI's Director, Don Levy. "Despite his current lead in national polls, only 29 percent of all New Yorkers and a minority of state Republicans think it likely that Mr. Trump will win the White House."

Forty-one percent think it is at least somewhat likely (15 percent very likely) that one of the New York teams – the Giants, Bills or Jets – will win the Super Bowl in February while only 36 percent see a Mets vs. Yankees World Series in the cards next year. Small majorities give a chance to recreational marijuana being approved in New York and a major cancer breakthrough, while 60 percent think gas prices will remain under \$3.00 all year.

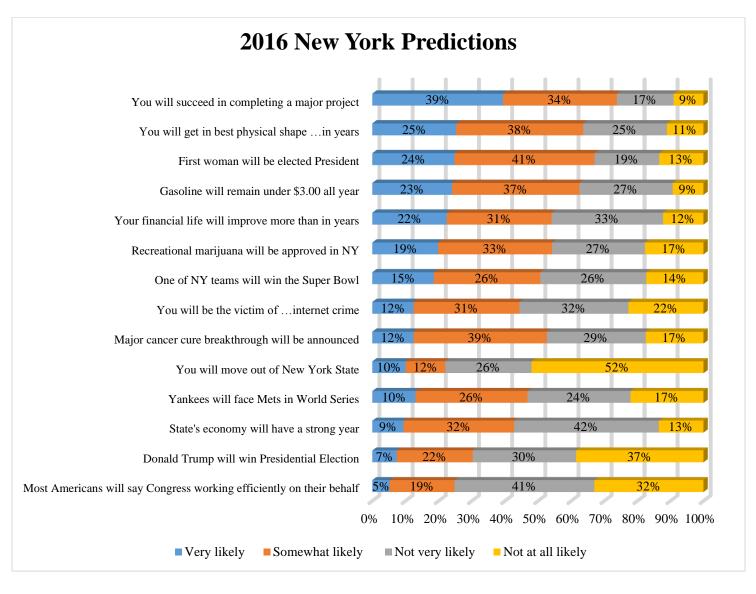
Only 34 percent plan to make a New Year's resolution this year. Topping the list among those making a resolution are: getting in shape (15 percent), losing weight (13 percent), making more money (10 percent) and being a better person (10 percent).

This Siena College Poll was conducted November 16- December 7, 2015 by telephone calls conducted in English to 801 New York State residents. Respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest male in the household. It has an overall margin of error of \pm 4.1 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample provided by Survey Sampling International of landline and cell phone telephone numbers from within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data was statistically adjusted by age, region, race/ethnicity and gender to ensure representativeness. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. 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 Dr. Don Levy at (518) 783-2901. For survey crosstabs: www.Siena.edu/SRI/Research.



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