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## Siena College Poll:

### Cuomo Extends Lead over Paladino to 37 Points with Likely Voters

More than Two-Thirds of Voters View Paladino Unfavorably; Republicans Split  
**Schneiderman Leads Donovan in Race for Attorney General, but It's Close**  
**DiNapoli Still Has Big Lead in Comptroller's Race; Wilson Closes to 17 Points**

**Loudonville, NY.** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Cuomo has extended his lead over Republican Carl Paladino to an overwhelming 63-26 percent among likely voters. With 69 percent of voters having an unfavorable view of Paladino, he is viewed far more unfavorably than Governor David Paterson, who is viewed unfavorably by 58 percent, according to a Siena College poll of likely New York voters released today. In the race for Attorney General, State Senator Eric Schneiderman (D-Manhattan) has a small 44-37 percent lead over District Attorney Dan Donovan (R-Staten Island). State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli has a 49-32 percent lead over Republican Harry Wilson. Democratic Senators Charles Schumer (39 points over Jay Townsend) and Kirsten Gillibrand (29 points over Joe DioGuardi) have wide leads.

“With less than two weeks until Election Day, it’s going to take more than a minor miracle by the Paladino campaign to turn the gubernatorial

Statewide Horse Races					
Race	Democrat		Republican		DK/NO
<b>Governor</b>	<b>Cuomo</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>Paladino</b>	26%	9%
<b>Comptroller</b>	<b>DiNapoli</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	32%	19%
<b>Attorney General</b>	<b>Schneiderman</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>Donovan</b>	37%	19%
<b>Senator (Special)</b>	<b>Gillibrand</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>DioGuardi</b>	31%	9%
<b>Senator (Full term)</b>	<b>Schumer</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>Townsend</b>	28%	5%

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race around,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. “Cuomo leads by 59 points in New York City, 25 points in the downstate suburbs and 24 points upstate. He leads by 22 points among men and 50 points among women. He leads by better than two-to-one among independent voters, and even has the support of 30 percent of Republicans, while Paladino has the support of just nine percent of Democrats and 26 percent of independents.”

Among Paladino voters, 62 percent say they are absolutely certain to vote for him with no chance that they will change their minds and another 29 percent say they are fairly certain. Seventy percent of Cuomo voters say they are absolutely certain to support him, with 23 percent saying they are fairly certain.

“While Cuomo continues to enjoy a very strong favorability rating among New York voters, Paladino’s favorability rating continues to erode. Three times as many New York voters view Paladino unfavorably as view him favorably. To say the least, that’s a difficult position for a candidate for the state’s top office to find himself in,” Greenberg said. “In fact, Paladino’s unfavorable rating is not only higher than Gov. Paterson’s rating is today, it’s higher than Paterson’s unfavorable rating has ever been.

<b>Favorable/Unfavorable Ratings</b>			
	<b>Favorable</b>	<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>DK/NO</b>
<b>Andrew Cuomo</b>	<b>62%</b>	34%	3%
<b>Carl Paladino</b>	23%	<b>69%</b>	8%
<b>Tom DiNapoli</b>	30%	26%	<b>44%</b>
<b>Harry Wilson</b>	13%	17%	<b>70%</b>
<b>Eric Schneiderman</b>	25%	23%	<b>52%</b>
<b>Dan Donovan</b>	16%	15%	<b>69%</b>
<b>Kirsten Gillibrand</b>	<b>51%</b>	31%	18%
<b>Joe DioGuardi</b>	24%	27%	<b>49%</b>
<b>Charles Schumer</b>	<b>66%</b>	29%	5%
<b>Jay Townsend</b>	14%	16%	<b>71%</b>
<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>56%</b>	41%	3%
<b>David Paterson</b>	33%	<b>58%</b>	10%
<b>Tea Party Movement</b>	34%	<b>52%</b>	15%
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“Additionally, 69 percent of voters also agree with the statement that Paladino is a ‘loose cannon,’ lacking the

<b>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?</b>			
<b>Statement</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>DK/NO</b>
Andrew Cuomo is too much of an Albany insider to effectively reform state government	42%	<b>57%</b>	1%
Carl Paladino is a loose cannon, who doesn’t have the temperament to be governor	<b>69%</b>	27%	4%
Andrew Cuomo’s years of experience in state and federal government is what we need in order to move New York towards fiscal health	<b>59%</b>	39%	2%
Carl Paladino’s business experience – not political experience – is what New York needs to get its fiscal house in order	39%	<b>58%</b>	4%
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temperament to be governor. That is up over the last two weeks and up dramatically from four weeks ago when only 41 percent of registered voters agreed, compared to 42 percent who disagreed. And voters are much more in agreement that Cuomo’s experience – largely in

government – is more of what New York needs right now than Paladino’s business experience,” Greenberg said.

“By a small margin, along party lines, voters say government experience is more important in deciding who to support for governor than private sector or business experience,” Greenberg said. “Economic issues trump social issues. And issues trump character.”

<b>Which is more important on who to support for governor?</b>			
<b>Candidate’s stand on issues</b>	<b>71%</b>	Candidate’s moral character	26%
<b>Candidate’s position on economic issues</b>	<b>76%</b>	Candidate’s position on social issues	18%
Candidate’s political party	36%	<b>Candidate is kind of person you’d like to have lunch with</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Candidate’s experience in government</b>	<b>50%</b>	Candidate’s experience in business and the private sector	43%
How much you believe a candidate will help people like you	27%	<b>Whether you think a candidate is going to make the tough decisions in office</b>	<b>67%</b>
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By a 67-27 percent margin voters say that they want a governor who will make tough decisions in office rather than a governor who will help people like them. And 54 percent of voters say that voting for a candidate they would want to have lunch with is more important, while 36 percent say the candidate's party is more important.

“Voters say that someone to have lunch with is more important than the candidate's party,” Greenberg said.

“Well then it seems abundantly clear that Democrats overwhelmingly want to eat with Andrew and Republicans want to dine with Carl.”

### **Schneiderman, More Known than Donovan, Has Narrow Seven-Point Lead Heading into the Stretch**

“The race for Attorney General to succeed Cuomo is shaping up as a barn burner and clearly the closest of the statewide races. Schneiderman has a seven-point lead but is still six points below the magic 50 percent mark,” Greenberg said. “While both Schneiderman and Donovan have the support of about two-thirds of their respective party's voters, Donovan has opened a 14-point lead among independent voters, twice what it was four weeks ago, when Siena polled registered voters.

“Donovan is winning upstate by 12 points, Schneiderman is winning in New York City by more than 30 points and the battleground appears to be the suburbs, where Schneiderman has the narrowest of three-point leads,” Greenberg said. “Each candidate has virtually the same number of people who have a favorable view of them as have an unfavorable view. The difference is that while Schneiderman is unknown to about half of the likely voters, Donovan remains unknown to about two-thirds of voters.”

### **DiNapoli Continues Big Lead over Wilson, Even as He Closes the Gap, Despite Being Virtually Unknown**

“DiNapoli has a 17-point lead among likely voters, although it is down from the 26-point lead he had four weeks ago with registered voters,” Greenberg said. “DiNapoli is doing a much better job of holding Democrats than Wilson is with Republicans and the independents are divided virtually down the middle between the two. DiNapoli leads in every region of the state –in New York City by more than 30 points, by 14 points in the suburbs and by a very narrow four-point margin upstate.

“Wilson has not made an impression on voters to date, with 70 percent not having a favorable or unfavorable view of him, and among those who do he has a negative 13-17 percent favorability rating. DiNapoli has a 30-26 percent favorability rating, with 44 percent having no opinion of him.”

### **Gillibrand Opens A Two-to-One Lead Over DioGuardi in ‘Special’ Senate Election**

“Gillibrand has a commanding 60-31 percent lead over DioGuardi, winning in every region of the state, including a 25-point margin upstate. She has an 18-point lead among men and a nearly 40-point lead with women. While Gillibrand has a six-to-one lead with Democrats, DioGuardi only has a two-to-one lead with Republicans, and independents favor Gillibrand by 17 points,” Greenberg said.

“DioGuardi remains unknown to roughly half of the voters, and among those who know him, 24 percent view him favorably while 27 percent have an unfavorable view of him. Gillibrand has the highest favorability rating, 51 percent, she’s ever had in a Siena poll, while 31 percent of voters view her unfavorably,” Greenberg said.

### **Schumer, with Support from Two-thirds of Voters, Has Dominating Lead over Townsend**

“Schumer has an apparently insurmountable lead with only two weeks until Election Day. He leads Townsend by a 67-28 percent margin,” Greenberg said. “Schumer has the support of nine out of ten Democrats and a two-to-one lead among independents, while he also rakes in the support of 32 percent of Republicans. He has a nearly 70-point lead in New York City, an 18-point lead in the suburbs, and leads upstate by nearly 30 points.

“Schumer has passed Cuomo as the most popular political figure in New York with a 66-29 percent favorability rating. Townsend is viewed favorably by 14 percent, unfavorably by 16 percent and unknown to 71 percent of voters,” Greenberg said.

### **Republicans and Independents More Enthusiastic About Voting in Two Weeks**

“While 47 percent of Democrats say they are very enthusiastic about voting this year, the same is true for 57 percent of Republicans and 56 of independents,” Greenberg said. “Conservative voters are much more enthusiastic than are liberal and moderates. And those favorable to the Tea Party are significantly more enthusiastic than those unfavorable.

“It is interesting to note that 71 percent of Paladino voters are very enthusiastic compared to 46 percent of Cuomo voters. What that means, however, is that 18 percent of likely voters are very enthusiastic and for Paladino, while 29 percent of voters are very enthusiastic and for Cuomo,” Greenberg said.

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This SRI survey was conducted October 14-18, 2010 by telephone calls to 647 likely New York State voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.9$  percentage points. A stringent likely voter screen was applied to a representative sample of 1,002 registered voters. Sampling was conducted via random digit dialing weighted to reflect known population patterns. SRI is an independent, non-partisan research institute. SRI subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: [www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY).



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If the 2010 election for governor were held today and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line and Carl Paladino on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	63	26	NA	9
October 5, 2010*	56	32	NA	11
September 2010	57	24	8	10
August 2010	56	14	16	14
August 2010	60	27	NA	13
July 2010	64	23	NA	13
June 2010	60	23	NA	17
May 2010	65	22	NA	13
April 2010	64	19	NA	16
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (5/10)</b>	<b>32 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>16 (8/10)</b>	<b>17 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>56 (10/5/10, 8/10)</b>	<b>14 (8/10)</b>	<b>8 (9/10)</b>	<b>9 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	62	34	3
October 5, 2010*	56	37	7
September 2010	60	31	9
August 2010	61	27	13
July 2010	62	25	13
June 2010	59	26	15
May 2010	67	21	12
April 2010	66	18	15
March 22, 2010	63	22	15
March 8, 2010	63	25	12
February 2010	66	21	13
January 2010	67	21	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>71 (6/09)</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>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Carl Paladino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	23	69	8
October 5, 2010*	30	59	11
September 2010	32	36	32
August 2010	22	19	59
July 2010	16	16	69
June 2010	16	17	67
May 2010	15	10	76
April 2010	11	13	76
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (9/10)</b>	<b>69 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>76 (5/10, 4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (4/10)</b>	<b>10 (5/10)</b>	<b>8 (10/20/10)</b>

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I'm going to read you a few statements that have been made by political observers and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement: Andrew Cuomo is too much of an Albany insider to effectively reform state government.

DATE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	42	57	1
October 5, 2010*	42	52	6
September 2010	41	54	5
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (10/20/10, 10/5/10)</b>	<b>57 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>6 (10/5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (9/10)</b>	<b>52 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>1 (10/20/10)</b>

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I'm going to read you a few statements that have been made by political observers and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement: Carl Paladino is a loose cannon, who doesn't have the temperament to be Governor.

DATE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	69	27	4
October 5, 2010*	61	34	6
September 2010	41	42	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>69 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>42 (9/10)</b>	<b>18 (9/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (9/10)</b>	<b>27 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>4 (10/20/10)</b>

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I'm going to read you a few statements that have been made by political observers and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement: Andrew Cuomo's years of experience in state and federal government is what we need in order to move New York towards fiscal health.

DATE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	59	39	2
October 5, 2010*	55	41	4
September 2010	59	36	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>59 (10/20/10, 9/10)</b>	<b>41 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>4 (10/5/10, 9/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>55 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>36 (9/10)</b>	<b>2 (10/20/10)</b>

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I'm going to read you a few statements that have been made by political observers and I'd like you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement: Carl Paladino's business experience – not political experience – is what New York needs in order to get its fiscal house in order.

DATE	AGREE	DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	39	58	4
October 5, 2010*	45	49	6
September 2010	45	45	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (10/5/10, 9/10)</b>	<b>58 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>10 (9/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>39 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>45 (9/10)</b>	<b>4 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the election for governor – Carl Paladino or Andrew Cuomo? (ORDER OF CANDIDATES WAS ROTATED)

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	86	8	7
October 5, 2010*	75	16	9
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>86 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>16 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>9 (10/5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>75 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>8 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>7 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Regardless of who you support, which candidate do you think has been waging the more negative campaign – Andrew Cuomo or Carl Paladino? (ORDER OF CANDIDATES WAS ROTATED)

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	(BOTH)	(NEITHER)	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	17	66	8	2	7
October 5, 2010*	20	61	7	3	9
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>66 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>8 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>3 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>9 (10/5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>61 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>7 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>2 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>7 (10/20/10)</b>

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If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line and Joe DioGuardi on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	GILLIBRAND	DIOGUARDI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	60	31	9
September 2010	57	31	12
August 2010	54	29	17
July 2010	51	29	21
June 2010	47	29	24
May 2010	51	25	24
April 2010	46	27	27
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>31 (10/20/10, 9/10)</b>	<b>27 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (4/10)</b>	<b>25 (5/10)</b>	<b>9 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	51	31	18
September 2010	43	26	30
August 2010	40	29	31
July 2010	34	29	37
June 2010	36	27	36
May 2010	42	24	34
April 2010	34	25	41
March 22, 2010	32	29	39
February 2010	34	28	38
January 2010	30	32	38
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>32 (1/10)</b>	<b>56 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (3/09)</b>	<b>14 (1/09)</b>	<b>18 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe DioGuardi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	24	27	49
September 2010	18	17	65
August 2010	13	12	76
July 2010	11	10	79
June 2010	14	11	75
May 2010	10	8	82
April 2010	10	8	82
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>24 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>27 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>82 (5/10, 4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>10 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>8 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>49 (10/20/10)</b>

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If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Charles Schumer on the Democratic line and Jay Townsend on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	SCHUMER	TOWNSEND	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	67	28	5
September 2010	63	30	6
July 2010	63	26	10
June 2010	60	26	14
May 2010	63	24	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>67 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>30 (9/10)</b>	<b>14 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (6/10)</b>	<b>24 (5/10)</b>	<b>5 (10/20/10)</b>

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Charles Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	66	29	5
September 2010	58	32	10
July 2010	60	28	12
June 2010	54	32	14
May 2010	64	27	10
March 22, 2010	62	27	10
February 2010	61	29	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (7/05)</b>	<b>32 (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>5 (10/20/10)</b>

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jay Townsend?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	14	16	71
September 2010	12	11	76
July 2010	10	9	81
June 2010	14	12	75
May 2010	9	7	84
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (10/20/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>16 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>84 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (5/10)</b>	<b>7 (5/10)</b>	<b>71 (10/20/10)</b>

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If the 2010 election for State Attorney General were held today and the candidates were Eric Schneiderman on the Democratic line and Dan Donovan on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	SCHNEIDERMAN	DONOVAN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	44	37	19
September 2010	45	32	23
May 2010	33	28	39
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (9/10)</b>	<b>37 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>39 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>33 (5/10)</b>	<b>28 (5/10)</b>	<b>19 (10/20/10)</b>

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eric Schneiderman?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	25	23	52
September 2010	21	16	63
May 2010	10	6	84
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>23 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>86 (11/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (11/09)</b>	<b>6 (5/10, 11/09)</b>	<b>52 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Dan Donovan?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	16	15	69
September 2010	10	13	77
May 2010	10	5	86
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>16 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>15 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>86 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (11/09)</b>	<b>5 (5/10)</b>	<b>69 (10/20/10)</b>

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If the 2010 election for State Comptroller were held today and the candidates were Tom DiNapoli on the Democratic line and Harry Wilson on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	DiNAPOLI	WILSON	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	49	32	19
September 2010	51	25	25
August 2010	46	28	26
July 2010	48	24	28
June 2010	42	23	36
May 2010	45	22	33
April 2010	42	19	39
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (9/10)</b>	<b>32 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>39 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (6/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>19 (4/10)</b>	<b>19 (10/20/10)</b>

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	30	26	44
September 2010	21	16	63
August 2010	22	17	61
July 2010	21	15	64
June 2010	19	16	64
May 2010	25	12	63
April 2010	20	12	69
March 22, 2010	19	15	66
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>26 (10/20/10)</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>44 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Harry Wilson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	13	17	70
September 2010	10	11	79
August 2010	8	11	81
July 2010	9	7	85
June 2010	9	11	79
May 2010	6	5	89
April 2010	7	5	88
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>13 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>17 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>89 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (5/10)</b>	<b>5 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>70 (10/20/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

As things stand now, if the election for State Senate were held today, would you vote to re-elect your incumbent Senator or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	45	46	9
September 2010	38	47	15
August 2010	31	51	18
July 2010	30	52	18
June 2010	35	50	16
May 2010	35	49	17
April 2010	37	47	16
March 22, 2010	38	44	18
February 2010	41	43	16
January 2010	34	49	17
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>52 (7/10)</b>	<b>28 (7/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (7/10)</b>	<b>40 (7/09)</b>	<b>9 (10/20/10)</b>

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about David Paterson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	33	58	10
September 2010	32	59	8
August 2010	32	60	9
July 2010	30	61	9
June 2010	31	56	14
May 2010	32	58	10
April 2010	25	65	10
March 22, 2010	25	65	10
March 8, 2010	21	67	12
February 2010	35	55	10
January 2010	38	52	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>64 (11/08)</b>	<b>67 (3/8/10)</b>	<b>76 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (1/07)</b>	<b>8 (1/07)</b>	<b>8 (7/09)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	56	41	3
September 2010	60	36	4
July 2010	60	37	3
April 2010	59	35	6
March 22, 2010	58	37	5
February 2010	61	35	4
January 2010	64	32	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>81 (1/09)</b>	<b>41 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>40 (11/06)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (11/06)</b>	<b>10 (1/09)</b>	<b>3 (10/2010, 7/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the Tea Party Movement?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	34	52	15
October 5, 2010*	40	50	10
September 2010	34	49	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>40 (10/5/10)</b>	<b>52 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>18 (9/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>34 (10/20/10, 9/10)</b>	<b>49 (9/10)</b>	<b>10 (10/5/10)</b>

\* Likely voters

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

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 20, 2010*	14	75	12
October 5, 2010*	16	72	11
September 2010	21	68	11
August 2010	21	67	12
July 2010	20	71	9
June 2010	18	65	17
May 2010	16	72	12
April 2010	20	68	11
March 22, 2010	18	70	12
February 2010	25	63	12
January 2010	27	61	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (11/06)</b>	<b>75 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>30 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (10/20/10)</b>	<b>26 (1/07)</b>	<b>9 (7/10)</b>

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**Poll Trend Notes:** 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 2010.

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

All surveys are of registered voters except for the polls of October 2010, and September and October 2008 and September and October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

