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Siena College Poll:

Cuomo Continues Better than 2-to-1 Lead Over Paladino

Voters See Cuomo – with Experience & Know-How – as Better on All Issues

Voters Divided on Paladino Being ‘Loose Cannon’ & Having Right Experience

Schumer, Gillibrand, DiNapoli Lead Big; Schneiderman Leads Donovan by 13 Points

Loudonville, NY. With less than six weeks until Election Day, Democrat Andrew Cuomo (57 percent)

continues to maintain a huge lead over Republican Carl Paladino (24 percent) and Conservative Party candidate

Rick Lazio (eight percent). Voters rank Cuomo as the more effective candidate than either of the other two on

seven key issues. While they are split on whether Paladino’s business experience and temperament are what

New York needs in its next governor, they do believe Cuomo has the right experience and know-how for the

office, according to a Siena College poll of registered New York voters released today.

In other statewide races, Senator Charles Schumer leads Republican Jay Townsend 63-30 percent, Senator

Kirsten Gillibrand leads Republican former Congressman Joe DioGuardi 57-31 percent, State Comptroller Tom

DiNapoli leads Republican Harry Wilson 51-25 percent, and State Senator Eric Schneiderman (D-Manhattan)

leads District Attorney Dan Donovan (R-Staten Island) 45-32 percent in the race for Attorney General.

“After his lopsided victory in the Republican primary, Paladino is now better known by New York voters – but

not necessarily better liked, other than by Republican and conservative voters. The good news for Paladino is

that since last month, he has picked up 10 points against Cuomo. The bad news is that he remains far behind,

trailing Cuomo by 33 points, while Lazio siphons off eight percent of the anti-Cuomo vote,” said Siena College

pollster Steven Greenberg.

“In campaign terms, 40 days is a lifetime so there’s time for Paladino to connect with voters and turn this race

around, as his Republican primary performance proves. However, he has a very big hill to climb,” Greenberg

said. “Also, voters see Cuomo as much stronger on issues, including the three issues voters most want the next

governor to address – jobs, state budget deficits and education. He leads Paladino by about 40 points on

education and health care. He has a better than 20-point lead on jobs, state government ethics, and the state

budget, and about a 10-point edge on property taxes and state taxes.”

Who will be more effective in addressing the issue of...				
Issue	Cuomo	Paladino	Lazio	DK/NO
Creating new jobs for New Yorkers	49%	24%	10%	16%
Improving elementary, secondary & higher education	56%	15%	11%	18%
Holding the line on state taxes	41%	30%	12%	17%
Reforming state government ethics laws	50%	25%	9%	16%
Fighting for fair, balanced, on-time state budgets	47%	25%	11%	17%
Ensuring the affordability of quality health care	56%	17%	9%	18%
Addressing the rate of local property taxes	38%	29%	12%	21%
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“Voters don’t think that Cuomo is too much of an Albany insider to effectively reform state government, however, they also don’t believe that Paladino, coming from outside Albany, will be able to whip the state Legislature into shape. Voters are evenly divided on whether or not Paladino is a ‘loose cannon,’ who doesn’t have the temperament to be governor,” Greenberg said. “While voters are split on whether Paladino’s business experience is what is needed, they strongly agree that Cuomo’s experience and knowledge of how government works will benefit New York.

“By a nearly two-to-one margin, voters disagree that the state is in such bad shape that neither Paladino nor Cuomo can get the state moving in the right direction,” Greenberg said. “This is one of the very few questions where virtually every group of voters feels the same. Whether looked at by party, ideology, geography, gender, or gubernatorial candidate support, between 27 and 36 percent of each of those groups believes that New York is so bad off that neither candidate could move the state forward.”

When it comes to the Tea Party movement, 34 percent of New York voters have a favorable view and 49 percent have an unfavorable view. Republicans view the Tea Party overwhelmingly favorably, 58-24 percent, Democrats overwhelmingly unfavorably, 19-63 percent, and independents somewhat unfavorably 36-48 percent.

“Knowing how a voter feels about the Tea Party movement is a strong indicator – often stronger than party identification – of that voter’s views on candidates and issues,” Greenberg said. “Those who view the Tea Party unfavorably support Cuomo over Paladino by a whopping 82-6 percent margin. Tea Party enthusiasts are supporting Paladino, but not by nearly as large a margin, 53-23 percent, with 14 percent for Lazio.

“Looked at the other way, Paladino voters are overwhelmingly favorable towards the Tea Party, 74-12 percent, while Cuomo voters feel just the opposite, with only 14 percent viewing it favorably and 70 percent unfavorably. Those viewing the Tea Party favorably are much more likely to side with Paladino on the issues, while those viewing it unfavorably strongly favor Cuomo,” Greenberg said.

Statewide Horse Races							
Race	Democrat		Republican		Conservative		DK/NO
Governor	Cuomo	57%	Paladino	24%	Lazio	8%	10%
Comptroller	DiNapoli	51%	Wilson	25%			25%
Attorney General	Schneiderman	45%	Donovan	32%			23%
Senator (Full term)	Schumer	63%	Townsend	30%			6%
Senator (Special)	Gillibrand	57%	DioGuardi	31%			12%
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Gillibrand Is In Her Strongest Electoral Position Since She Was Appointed Senator

“Coming off his Republican primary victory, DioGuardi has not gotten any momentum or gained any ground on his effort to unseat Gillibrand. Gillibrand has a 26-point lead over DioGuardi, and the 57 percent support she currently has is a record high for her,” Greenberg said. “Another high point for Gillibrand is that on the generic question, 44 percent support electing her, compared to 37 percent who prefer ‘someone else.’

“Being viewed favorably by 43 percent of voters is also a high water mark for Gillibrand, who is viewed unfavorably by 26 percent, with another 30 percent having no opinion or not knowing her. DioGuardi is unknown to nearly two-thirds of voters, and among those who have an opinion, they are evenly divided between those who view him favorably and unfavorably,” Greenberg said.

“Six weeks out, Gillibrand sits in a comfortable position but a year-and-a-half after assuming the office, she remains more unknown than the average United States Senator seeking to retain that office,” Greenberg said.

Schumer Maintains Two-to-One Lead Over Townsend, Who Gets No Bounce From Primary Win

“Schumer’s current lead over Townsend, 63-30 percent, is virtually unchanged from the lead he had in July, 63-26 percent,” Greenberg said. “Voters continue to view Schumer very favorably and more than three-quarters of voters don’t know enough about Townsend to even have an opinion about him.

“Lack of name recognition and lack of resources against a popular Schumer puts Townsend in a true ‘David and Goliath’ position,” Greenberg said.

Favorable/Unfavorable Ratings			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	DK/NO
Andrew Cuomo	60%	31%	9%
Carl Paladino	32%	36%	32%
Rick Lazio	29%	43%	28%
Tom DiNapoli	21%	16%	63%
Harry Wilson	10%	11%	79%
Eric Schneiderman	21%	16%	63%
Dan Donovan	10%	13%	77%
Charles Schumer	58%	32%	10%
Jay Townsend	12%	11%	76%
Kirsten Gillibrand	43%	26%	30%
Joe DioGuardi	18%	17%	65%
Barack Obama	60%	36%	4%
David Paterson	32%	59%	8%
Tea Party Movement	34%	49%	18%
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DiNapoli Extends Lead Over Wilson, As Both Candidates Remain Largely Unknown

“To ask a paraphrased cliché, if two candidates vie for the attention of voters but they don’t notice, does it count as a campaign? Both DiNapoli, despite being Comptroller for more than three years, and Wilson, a first-time candidate, are flying way below the voters’ campaign radar screen,” Greenberg said.

“DiNapoli extended his lead over the last month and now leads Wilson 51-25 percent, with 25 percent still undecided. Without naming an opponent, only 23 percent of voters are inclined to elect DiNapoli, while 31 percent would prefer ‘someone else.’ DiNapoli would appear to be vulnerable, however, it does not appear that Wilson has yet made a chink in the Comptroller’s armor,” Greenberg said.

Race for Attorney General is Closest Statewide Race; Schneiderman Leads Donovan 45-32 Percent

“Gaining limited name recognition and a little momentum from his Democratic primary victory, Schneiderman leads Donovan by 13 points, up from five points in May, when both candidates were even more unknown,” Greenberg said. “Schneiderman is viewed favorably by 21 percent of voters, unfavorably by 16 percent and unknown to nearly two-thirds, while Donovan has a negative 10-13 favorability rating, with three-quarters of voters not knowing him.

“At the moment, this race is the closest and most wide open of the statewide races. The challenge for both candidates is to become better known to the voters as each of them tries to convince voters that he is the best person to be the state’s top lawyer,” Greenberg said.

Voters Still Prefer ‘Someone Else’ over Incumbent State Senator, But Not By as Much

“While 47 percent of voters would prefer ‘someone else’ to re-electing their state senator, that’s down from last month’s 51 percent. And the percentage of voters prepared to re-elect their state senator is up to 38 percent, from 31 percent last month,” Greenberg said. “A plurality of Democrats and New York City voters want to re-elect their senator, while strong majorities of Republicans and upstate voters want ‘someone else.’

“Voters’ attitude on control of the State Senate remains a mixed bag, as Democrats want a larger Democratic majority, Republicans want their party to regain control and independent voters prefer keeping the Senate closely divided between the two parties,” Greenberg said. “Overall, 36 percent want the Democrats to increase their majority, 27 percent want a Republican takeover, and 31 percent want to see a closely divided Senate.”

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This SRI survey was conducted September 16-17, 19-21, 2010 by telephone calls to 801 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of ± 3.5 percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, region, and gender to ensure representativeness. 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.



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

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	57	24	8	10
August 2010	56	14	16	14
HIGHEST EVER	57 (9/10)	24 (9/10)	16 (8/10)	14 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	56 (8/10)	14 (8/10)	8 (9/10)	10 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	71 (6/09)	42 (10/06)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	44 (8/06, 10/06)	14 (8/09)	9 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	32 (9/10)	36 (9/10)	76 (5/10, 4/10)
LOWEST EVER	11 (4/10)	10 (5/10)	32 (9/10)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rick Lazio?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	29	43	28
August 2010	32	32	36
July 2010	36	25	39
June 2010	31	28	41
May 2010	31	29	39
April 2010	29	25	46
March 22, 2010	29	27	45
March 8, 2010	30	29	40
February 2010	31	26	43
January 2010	27	30	43
HIGHEST EVER	36 (7/10)	43 (9/10)	64 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	19 (1/09)	18 (1/09)	28 (9/10)

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Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Creating new jobs for New Yorkers?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	49	24	10	16
August 2010	46	16	15	23
HIGHEST EVER	49 (9/10)	24 (9/10)	15 (8/10)	23 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	46 (8/10)	16 (8/10)	10 (9/10)	16 (9/10)

Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Improving elementary, secondary and higher education?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	56	15	11	18
August 2010	51	9	16	24
HIGHEST EVER	56 (9/10)	15 (9/10)	16 (8/10)	24 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	51 (8/10)	9 (8/10)	11 (9/10)	18 (9/10)

Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Holding the line on state taxes?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	41	30	12	17
August 2010	41	18	19	21
HIGHEST EVER	41 (9/10, 8/10)	30 (9/10)	19 (8/10)	21 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	41 (9/10, 8/10)	18 (8/10)	12 (9/10)	17 (9/10)

Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Reforming state government ethics laws?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	50	25	9	16
August 2010	48	12	14	26
HIGHEST EVER	50 (9/10)	25 (9/10)	14 (8/10)	26 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	48 (8/10)	12 (8/10)	9 (9/10)	16 (9/10)

Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Fighting for fair, balanced, on-time state budgets?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	47	25	11	17
August 2010	47	14	17	22
HIGHEST EVER	47 (9/10, 8/10)	25 (9/10)	17 (8/10)	22 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	47 (9/10, 8/10)	14 (8/10)	11 (9/10)	17 (9/10)

Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Ensuring the affordability of quality health care?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	56	17	9	18
August 2010	52	9	15	24
HIGHEST EVER	56 (9/10)	17 (9/10)	15 (8/10)	24 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	52 (8/10)	9 (8/10)	9 (9/10)	16 (9/10)

Which of the three candidates do you think will be more effecting in addressing: Addressing the rate of local property tax increases?

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	LAZIO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	38	29	12	21
August 2010	42	15	20	23
HIGHEST EVER	42 (8/10)	29 (9/10)	20 (8/10)	23 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	38 (9/10)	15 (8/10)	12 (9/10)	21 (9/10)

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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
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
HIGHEST EVER	57 (9/10)	31 (9/10)	27 (4/10)
LOWEST EVER	46 (4/10)	25 (5/10)	12 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	43 (9/10)	32 (1/10)	56 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	26 (3/09)	14 (1/09)	30 (9/10)

Kirsten Gillibrand is running for United States Senator this year, as things stand now would you vote to elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	44	37	19
August 2010	38	36	26
July 2010	34	42	24
June 2010	34	40	27
May 2010	36	38	27
April 2010	27	40	33
March 22, 2010	28	38	34
February 2010	30	40	30
January 2010	29	45	26
HIGHEST EVER	44 (9/10)	47 (4/09)	50 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	20 (4/09)	29 (1/09)	19 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	18 (9/10)	17 (9/10)	82 (5/10, 4/10)
LOWEST EVER	10 (5/10, 4/10)	8 (5/10, 4/10)	65 (9/10)

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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
September 2010	63	30	6
July 2010	63	26	10
June 2010	60	26	14
May 2010	63	24	13
HIGHEST EVER	63 (9/10, 7/10, 5/10)	30 (9/10)	14 (6/10)
LOWEST EVER	60 (6/10)	24 (5/10)	6 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	32 (9/10, 6/10)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	54 (6/10)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	9 (7/05)

Charles Schumer is running for re-election as United States Senator this year, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	54	37	9
July 2010	55	38	7
June 2010	52	36	13
May 2010	52	35	13
March 22, 2010	56	31	13
February 2010	55	36	9
HIGHEST EVER	60 (11/09)	38 (7/10)	15 (5/08)
LOWEST EVER	52 (6/10, 5/10)	31 (3/22/10, 5/09)	7 (7/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	12	11	76
July 2010	10	9	81
June 2010	14	12	75
May 2010	9	7	84
HIGHEST EVER	14 (6/10)	12 (6/10)	84 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	9 (5/10)	7 (5/10)	75 (6/10)

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
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
HIGHEST EVER	51 (9/10)	28 (8/10)	39 (4/10)
LOWEST EVER	42 (6/10, 4/10)	19 (4/10)	25 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	25 (5/10)	18 (5/07)	80 (6/07)
LOWEST EVER	7 (6/07, 5/07)	10 (12/09, 11/08)	61 (8/10)

Tom DiNapoli is running for State Comptroller this year, as things stand would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	23	31	46
August 2010	22	31	47
July 2010	25	29	47
June 2010	23	33	44
May 2010	27	28	45
April 2010	21	25	54
HIGHEST EVER	28 (11/09)	33 (6/10)	56 (8/07)
LOWEST EVER	17 (8/09)	25 (4/10, 5/09)	42 (11/09)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	10 (9/10)	11 (9/10, 8/10, 6/10)	89 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	6 (5/10)	5 (5/10, 4/10)	79 (9/10, 6/10)

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
September 2010	45	32	23
May 2010	33	28	39
HIGHEST EVER	45 (9/10)	32 (9/10)	39 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	33 (5/10)	28 (5/10)	23 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	21	16	63
May 2010	10	6	84
November 2009	8	6	86
HIGHEST EVER	21 (9/10)	16 (9/10)	86 (11/09)
LOWEST EVER	8 (11/09)	6 (5/10, 11/09)	63 (9/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	10	13	77
May 2010	10	5	86
November 2009	8	7	85
HIGHEST EVER	10 (9/10, 5/10)	13 (9/10)	86 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	8 (11/09)	5 (5/10)	77 (9/10)

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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
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
HIGHEST EVER	42 (12/09)	52 (7/10)	28 (7/09)
LOWEST EVER	30 (7/10)	40 (7/09)	15 (9/10, 10/09)

Democrats currently control the State Senate by a 32 to 30 majority. Looking at this year's election, would you prefer to see the Democrats win a larger majority, would you prefer to see the Republicans win control of the Senate, or would you prefer to see the Senate continue to be closely divided between Republicans and Democrats? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	BIGGER DEM	REPUBLICAN	CLOSELY DIVIDED	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	36	27	31	6
August 2010	33	27	34	6
July 2010	34	26	35	5
June 2010	34	26	32	8
May 2010	36	24	33	6
March 22, 2010	33	22	38	6
January 2010	33	25	38	4
HIGHEST EVER	36 9/10, (5/10, 12/09)	27 (9/10, 8/10)	38 (3/22/10, 1/10)	8 (6/10)
LOWEST EVER	33 (8/10, etc.)	22 (3/22/10)	31 (9/10)	4 (1/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	64 (11/08)	67 (3/8/10)	76 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	17 (1/07)	8 (1/07)	8 (7/09)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
HIGHEST EVER	81 (1/09)	37 (7/10, 3/22/10)	40 (11/06)
LOWEST EVER	48 (11/06)	10 (1/09)	3 (7/10)

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DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2010	38	53	9
July 2010	41	52	8
April 2010	45	47	9
March 22, 2010	36	54	11
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	69 (10/08)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (10/08)	24 (12/09)	7 (5/09)

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
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
March 8, 2010	16	70	14
February 2010	25	63	12
January 2010	27	61	12
HIGHEST EVER	52 (11/06)	72 (5/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	16 (5/10, 3/8/10)	26 (1/07)	9 (7/10)

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 September and October 2008 and September and October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.