

Buffalo News/Channel 2-WGRZ/Siena College Poll

August 11-13, 2013

966 City of Buffalo Registered Voters, MOE +/- 3.2%

620 City of Buffalo Likely Democratic Voters, MOE +/- 3.9%

Q1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Right track	51%	57%	30%	41%	65%	44%	50%	51%	42%	49%	53%	49%	59%	48%	51%	55%
Wrong direction	35%	30%	58%	46%	21%	44%	37%	33%	43%	39%	32%	38%	26%	39%	36%	27%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	14%	13%	13%	14%	11%	12%	16%	16%	11%	15%	13%	15%	12%	13%	18%

Q2. Is the City of Buffalo on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Right track	56%	59%	41%	52%	76%	31%	56%	56%	56%	57%	55%	54%	64%	55%	59%	57%
Wrong direction	36%	33%	49%	39%	17%	63%	36%	36%	41%	38%	34%	39%	28%	38%	33%	35%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	7%	10%	9%	7%	7%	8%	8%	3%	5%	10%	7%	8%	7%	8%	8%

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. [Q3-Q9 ROTATED]

Q3. Byron Brown																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	58%	63%	35%	52%	92%	15%	55%	61%	49%	61%	58%	50%	83%	54%	74%	48%
Unfavorable	37%	33%	58%	39%	6%	82%	40%	34%	43%	34%	38%	45%	16%	40%	23%	47%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	4%	7%	8%	2%	2%	5%	5%	9%	4%	4%	5%	1%	6%	3%	5%

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Q4. Bernie Tolbert																
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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	39%	37%	47%	42%	26%	66%	42%	36%	23%	42%	41%	41%	38%	38%	37%	44%
Unfavorable	18%	20%	11%	15%	29%	6%	19%	17%	29%	18%	16%	14%	28%	18%	21%	14%
Don't know/No opinion	44%	43%	42%	44%	45%	28%	39%	47%	49%	40%	44%	45%	34%	45%	42%	43%
Q5. Mark Poloncarz																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	59%	63%	46%	53%	61%	69%	64%	55%	37%	58%	64%	63%	49%	62%	52%	64%
Unfavorable	21%	17%	35%	27%	16%	20%	21%	21%	24%	24%	19%	22%	18%	24%	19%	17%
Don't know/No opinion	20%	20%	19%	20%	23%	11%	16%	24%	39%	19%	18%	15%	33%	14%	29%	20%
Q6. Brian Higgins																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	77%	80%	57%	73%	80%	81%	75%	78%	57%	79%	79%	80%	70%	78%	73%	79%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	33%	17%	10%	13%	18%	11%	23%	12%	14%	14%	11%	16%	13%	12%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	9%	10%	9%	10%	6%	7%	12%	20%	9%	8%	5%	19%	6%	14%	8%
Q7. Sergio Rodriguez																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	22%	19%	29%	27%	16%	28%	22%	21%	25%	22%	22%	22%	23%	19%	22%	26%
Unfavorable	24%	25%	14%	25%	29%	22%	26%	22%	28%	25%	23%	22%	31%	24%	27%	21%
Don't know/No opinion	55%	56%	57%	48%	55%	49%	52%	57%	47%	53%	56%	57%	47%	58%	51%	53%

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Q8. Carl Paladino																
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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	44%	39%	68%	55%	36%	46%	46%	43%	34%	46%	46%	53%	24%	59%	37%	29%
Unfavorable	47%	52%	25%	35%	53%	51%	47%	47%	49%	47%	46%	40%	63%	34%	49%	65%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	9%	7%	10%	11%	3%	7%	10%	17%	8%	8%	7%	13%	7%	14%	6%

Q9. Pamela Brown																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	28%	31%	19%	22%	41%	16%	27%	29%	30%	31%	26%	17%	59%	19%	44%	27%
Unfavorable	35%	33%	48%	39%	25%	48%	35%	35%	40%	30%	38%	44%	8%	45%	23%	32%
Don't know/No opinion	37%	37%	33%	39%	34%	36%	38%	36%	30%	40%	36%	38%	32%	36%	33%	41%

Q10. How would you rate the job that Pamela Brown is doing as Buffalo School Superintendent? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair or poor?																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Excellent	5%	6%	1%	2%	9%	1%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	1%	14%	3%	10%	1%
Good	14%	16%	11%	7%	22%	9%	14%	14%	14%	16%	14%	10%	28%	11%	20%	13%
Fair	35%	37%	23%	35%	37%	37%	35%	34%	41%	35%	34%	35%	39%	33%	36%	36%
Poor	35%	31%	50%	41%	22%	46%	33%	36%	30%	35%	35%	44%	8%	43%	22%	35%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	10%	14%	15%	11%	6%	12%	11%	11%	9%	12%	10%	12%	10%	12%	14%

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Q11. Carl Paladino is now serving on the Buffalo Board of Education. How effective in enhancing the quality of public schools do you think Carl Paladino will be as a member of the Board?

	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Very effective	20%	17%	30%	27%	16%	19%	20%	19%	8%	19%	22%	24%	6%	29%	13%	13%
Somewhat effective	41%	40%	51%	43%	41%	44%	40%	43%	50%	44%	38%	42%	42%	42%	44%	38%
Not very effective	16%	17%	7%	14%	15%	18%	17%	14%	19%	14%	17%	16%	17%	15%	13%	20%
Not at all effective	19%	21%	6%	13%	23%	18%	19%	18%	17%	20%	18%	14%	29%	10%	25%	26%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%	1%	4%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%

Q12. Do you support or oppose increasing the amount of local tax revenue that the City of Buffalo provides to the school district?

	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Support	49%	53%	34%	46%	53%	54%	48%	51%	60%	54%	45%	49%	51%	45%	48%	61%
Oppose	44%	41%	58%	51%	39%	43%	47%	42%	35%	40%	48%	44%	42%	50%	43%	33%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	7%	8%	4%	9%	3%	5%	8%	4%	6%	7%	7%	7%	5%	10%	5%

Q13. Provided it was allowed by law, are you in favor of or opposed to a New York State takeover of the Buffalo School District?

	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer/Black	Cath	Prot	Other
In favor	41%	39%	44%	48%	36%	45%	44%	38%	49%	42%	39%	45%	31%	46%	33%	43%
Opposed	47%	48%	46%	40%	50%	47%	45%	48%	43%	43%	50%	44%	56%	41%	54%	47%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	13%	10%	12%	13%	8%	11%	14%	8%	14%	11%	11%	13%	13%	12%	11%

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Q14. How would you rate the job that Byron Brown is doing as Mayor. Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Excellent	15%	17%	5%	13%	28%	0%	15%	15%	8%	17%	15%	9%	31%	13%	22%	11%
Good	34%	36%	28%	29%	54%	7%	31%	37%	23%	34%	36%	31%	42%	34%	41%	25%
Fair	34%	32%	36%	39%	18%	54%	35%	33%	43%	35%	32%	40%	18%	35%	25%	43%
Poor	17%	15%	29%	18%	1%	40%	19%	15%	23%	14%	17%	19%	9%	17%	12%	20%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Q15. Byron Brown is running for re-election for Mayor this fall, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else?																
	Party				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Re-elect Brown	49%	55%	26%	42%	87%	3%	48%	50%	38%	54%	49%	41%	74%	48%	63%	36%
Prefer someone else	43%	38%	66%	51%	8%	95%	46%	41%	56%	41%	42%	52%	20%	45%	31%	55%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	7%	8%	7%	5%	2%	6%	9%	6%	5%	9%	7%	6%	8%	6%	9%
Q16. (Democrat likely voters only) If the Democratic primary for Mayor were held today who would you vote for if the candidates were: [CHOICES ROTATED]																
							Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total						M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	61%						58%	62%	55%	63%	60%	52%	82%	59%	77%	45%
Bernie Tolbert	32%						34%	29%	33%	27%	34%	41%	15%	33%	18%	46%
Don't know/No opinion	8%						7%	8%	12%	10%	6%	8%	3%	8%	5%	9%

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Q17. (Democrat likely voters only) How likely would you say you are to vote for [CANDIDATE NAME]?															
				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Absolutely certain; there's no chance I will change my mind	52%			55%	46%	49%	55%	31%	51%	55%	43%	69%	48%	63%	45%
Fairly certain; it's unlikely I will change my mind	32%			30%	36%	35%	29%	38%	34%	31%	40%	18%	34%	23%	39%
Not very certain; I very well may change my mind	11%			10%	12%	11%	10%	24%	12%	8%	12%	8%	12%	8%	14%
Not certain at all; there's a good chance I will change my mind	4%			4%	5%	4%	5%	7%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	1%			1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%

(Democrat likely voters only) On each of the following issues, I'd like you to tell me who you think would do a better job representing you as Buffalo's Mayor. [Q18 Q23 ROTATED]

Q18. Fighting crime

				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	49%			76%	4%	44%	53%	55%	49%	48%	39%	67%	46%	63%	34%
Bernie Tolbert	40%			15%	91%	48%	34%	30%	42%	41%	50%	24%	44%	26%	55%
Don't know/No opinion	11%			9%	4%	8%	14%	16%	9%	11%	11%	9%	10%	11%	11%

Q19. Improving public education

				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	48%			76%	4%	44%	51%	38%	52%	47%	37%	72%	41%	69%	33%
Bernie Tolbert	34%			8%	83%	39%	30%	43%	33%	34%	43%	17%	37%	20%	47%
Don't know/No opinion	18%			16%	12%	17%	19%	19%	15%	19%	20%	11%	22%	11%	20%

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Q20. Addressing neighborhood concerns															
				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	58%			87%	9%	56%	59%	53%	63%	55%	48%	78%	53%	75%	42%
Bernie Tolbert	32%			7%	83%	35%	29%	31%	30%	33%	40%	16%	36%	18%	41%
Don't know/No opinion	11%			7%	7%	9%	12%	16%	7%	11%	12%	6%	10%	7%	16%
Q21. Managing economic development in Buffalo															
				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	59%			87%	14%	59%	60%	51%	66%	57%	51%	78%	59%	72%	45%
Bernie Tolbert	27%			4%	72%	27%	26%	33%	24%	28%	35%	9%	28%	17%	36%
Don't know/No opinion	14%			9%	14%	14%	14%	16%	10%	15%	14%	12%	14%	10%	19%
Q22. Creating jobs															
				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	54%			82%	9%	52%	55%	48%	60%	51%	43%	75%	51%	68%	43%
Bernie Tolbert	29%			5%	76%	30%	27%	33%	29%	28%	35%	17%	28%	21%	36%
Don't know/No opinion	18%			13%	15%	18%	18%	19%	11%	20%	22%	8%	21%	11%	21%
Q23. Keeping city taxes under control															
				Vote Choice		Gender		Age			Ethnicity		Religion		
	Total			Brown	Tolbert	M	F	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Afr Amer /Black	Cath	Prot	Other
Byron Brown	62%			88%	20%	62%	62%	54%	62%	63%	52%	84%	59%	77%	47%
Bernie Tolbert	24%			4%	66%	25%	23%	27%	27%	22%	31%	10%	26%	14%	33%
Don't know/No opinion	15%			8%	15%	13%	16%	19%	11%	15%	17%	6%	15%	9%	20%

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Nature of the Sample		
City of Buffalo Registered Voters		
	RV	Lik Dem
Party		
Democrat	70%	100%
Republican	10%	0%
Independent/Other	17%	0%
Religion		
Catholic	41%	41%
Protestant	31%	33%
Other	24%	23%
Age		
18 to 34	9%	6%
35 to 54	34%	33%
55 and older	53%	57%
Gender		
Male	47%	46%
Female	53%	54%
Race/Ethnicity		
White	67%	62%
African American/Black	22%	28%