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406 New York State Likely Voters Senate District 3
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I'm going to read the names of several people and institutions in public life and I'd like for you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each of the people or institutions I name.

Q1. Andrew Cuomo

| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 54% | 76% | 42% | 43% | 49% | 59% | 74% | 32% | 55% | 52% | 46% | 65% |
| Unfavorable | 33% | 9% | 48% | 44% | 40% | 26% | 15% | 55% | 28% | 37% | 35% | 30% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 14% | 16% | 11% | 13% | 12% | 16% | 10% | 12% | 16% | 11% | 19% | 5% |

Q2. Carl Paladino

| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 28% | 9% | 41% | 37% | 36% | 20% | 10% | 53% | 21% | 34% | 30% | 26% |
| Unfavorable | 33% | 47% | 25% | 29% | 36% | 30% | 50% | 16% | 36% | 30% | 27% | 43% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 39% | 45% | 35% | 35% | 28% | 50% | 41% | 30% | 43% | 35% | 43% | 31% |

Q3. Rick Lazio

| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 46% | 29% | 57% | 53% | 48% | 44% | 40% | 56% | 39% | 52% | 50% | 38% |
| Unfavorable | 40% | 50% | 36% | 33% | 45% | 35% | 45% | 35% | 45% | 36% | 33% | 52% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 14% | 21% | 7% | 14% | 8% | 21% | 15% | 9% | 16% | 13% | 17% | 11% |

Q4. Brian Foley

| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 39% | 57% | 28% | 33% | 37% | 42% | 72% | 13% | 44% | 36% | 37% | 43% |
| Unfavorable | 41% | 22% | 51% | 52% | 44% | 38% | 9% | 72% | 39% | 43% | 44% | 37% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 20% | 21% | 22% | 15% | 19% | 20% | 18% | 14% | 17% | 21% | 20% | 20% |

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| Q5. Lee Zeldin | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 26% | 4% | 31% | 43% | 30% | 22% | 7% | 52% | 29% | 23% | 28% | 23% |
| Unfavorable | 17% | 27% | 14% | 11% | 17% | 17% | 23% | 12% | 20% | 14% | 19% | 15% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 57% | 69% | 55% | 45% | 53% | 61% | 70% | 36% | 50% | 63% | 54% | 62% |
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| Q6. Barack Obama | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 46% | 81% | 21% | 38% | 43% | 50% | 75% | 19% | 47% | 46% | 42% | 54% |
| Unfavorable | 48% | 13% | 74% | 59% | 52% | 44% | 21% | 78% | 45% | 50% | 52% | 41% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 6% | 6% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 5% |
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| Q7. Tea Party Movement | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 40% | 19% | 53% | 47% | 46% | 34% | 18% | 65% | 36% | 43% | 43% | 34% |
| Unfavorable | 40% | 58% | 24% | 37% | 40% | 40% | 57% | 21% | 43% | 37% | 36% | 47% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 20% | 23% | 22% | 16% | 14% | 26% | 25% | 14% | 20% | 20% | 21% | 19% |
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| Q8. New York State Senate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Favorable | 28% | 46% | 24% | 15% | 25% | 32% | 43% | 16% | 32% | 24% | 28% | 27% |
| Unfavorable | 60% | 43% | 65% | 74% | 68% | 52% | 46% | 76% | 53% | 66% | 59% | 63% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 12% | 11% | 11% | 11% | 7% | 17% | 11% | 7% | 15% | 9% | 13% | 10% |
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| Q9. If the election for Governor was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line | 49% | 84% | 29% | 33% | 44% | 55% | 75% | 20% | 51% | 47% | 44% | 57% |
| Carl Paladino on the Republican line | 23% | 5% | 38% | 27% | 31% | 14% | 5% | 44% | 22% | 23% | 22% | 24% |
| Rick Lazio on the Conservative Party line | 20% | 5% | 28% | 29% | 21% | 19% | 15% | 29% | 17% | 23% | 25% | 12% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 8% | 6% | 4% | 11% | 4% | 12% | 5% | 7% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 7% |
| Q10. 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? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Larger majority for Democrats | 26% | 54% | 6% | 18% | 23% | 29% | 51% | 4% | 26% | 25% | 23% | 32% |
| Majority for Republicans | 36% | 3% | 67% | 40% | 44% | 28% | 11% | 67% | 34% | 37% | 39% | 31% |
| Closely divided | 34% | 42% | 25% | 36% | 29% | 40% | 36% | 28% | 35% | 34% | 35% | 32% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 4% | 0% | 2% | 6% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 5% |
| Q11. What is the most important issue you want your State Senator to be working on in Albany? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Property taxes | 25% | 19% | 26% | 28% | 25% | 25% | 18% | 33% | 29% | 21% | 24% | 25% |
| State budget | 10% | 10% | 10% | 9% | 10% | 9% | 10% | 9% | 10% | 10% | 9% | 11% |
| State taxes | 7% | 5% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 8% | 4% | 10% | 4% | 10% | 7% | 7% |
| Government reform | 12% | 11% | 13% | 9% | 15% | 9% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 10% | 11% | 13% |
| Health care | 10% | 14% | 7% | 8% | 10% | 9% | 13% | 6% | 7% | 12% | 9% | 12% |
| Education | 11% | 15% | 5% | 13% | 11% | 10% | 13% | 7% | 7% | 14% | 14% | 6% |
| Creating jobs | 22% | 24% | 24% | 18% | 17% | 27% | 29% | 17% | 24% | 20% | 22% | 21% |
| Something else | 3% | 0% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 5% | 4% | 2% | 3% | 3% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 3% |

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| Q12. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect Brian Foley as State Senator or would you prefer someone else? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|-----|---------------|--------|-----|-------------|--------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Re-elect Foley | 31% | 50% | 24% | 19% | 33% | 28% | 66% | 3% | 33% | 29% | 29% | 34% |
| Prefer someone else | 53% | 35% | 63% | 62% | 54% | 51% | 18% | 88% | 55% | 51% | 57% | 47% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 16% | 14% | 13% | 19% | 12% | 21% | 17% | 9% | 12% | 21% | 15% | 19% |
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| Q13. If the election for State Senator was held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | | | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley on the Democratic line | 44% | 73% | 26% | 35% | 41% | 48% | | | 44% | 44% | 41% | 50% |
| Lee Zeldin on the Republican line | 43% | 14% | 65% | 51% | 50% | 36% | | | 44% | 41% | 47% | 37% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 13% | 13% | 9% | 14% | 10% | 16% | | | 11% | 14% | 12% | 14% |
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| On each of the following issues, I'd like you to tell me who you think would do a better job representing you in the State Senate. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q14. Property taxes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 35% | 59% | 20% | 27% | 36% | 35% | 73% | 3% | 35% | 35% | 29% | 44% |
| Lee Zeldin | 46% | 16% | 68% | 57% | 50% | 42% | 10% | 91% | 46% | 46% | 51% | 38% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 19% | 25% | 12% | 16% | 15% | 23% | 17% | 7% | 19% | 19% | 20% | 18% |
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| Q15. State budget | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Party | | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 37% | 62% | 20% | 30% | 32% | 42% | 75% | 6% | 42% | 33% | 33% | 43% |
| Lee Zeldin | 42% | 14% | 64% | 52% | 52% | 32% | 7% | 86% | 42% | 43% | 47% | 35% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 21% | 24% | 16% | 19% | 16% | 26% | 18% | 7% | 16% | 25% | 20% | 22% |
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| Q16. State taxes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Party | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 36% | 62% | 19% | 27% | 33% | 39% | 75% | 4% | 40% | 32% | 33% | 42% |
| Lee Zeldin | 44% | 14% | 66% | 53% | 50% | 37% | 8% | 87% | 43% | 44% | 48% | 37% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 20% | 23% | 15% | 20% | 17% | 24% | 17% | 9% | 17% | 24% | 19% | 22% |
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| Q17. Government ethics reform | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Party | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 38% | 63% | 24% | 30% | 36% | 40% | 79% | 5% | 43% | 34% | 34% | 46% |
| Lee Zeldin | 38% | 10% | 60% | 47% | 45% | 32% | 4% | 81% | 38% | 38% | 42% | 32% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 23% | 27% | 17% | 23% | 19% | 28% | 18% | 14% | 19% | 28% | 24% | 22% |
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| Q18. Health care | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Party | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 42% | 66% | 27% | 32% | 39% | 44% | 83% | 8% | 46% | 38% | 38% | 47% |
| Lee Zeldin | 36% | 10% | 55% | 45% | 40% | 33% | 2% | 75% | 35% | 37% | 39% | 32% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 22% | 23% | 18% | 23% | 21% | 23% | 14% | 17% | 19% | 25% | 23% | 21% |
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| Q19. Education | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Party | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 44% | 66% | 26% | 40% | 44% | 43% | 84% | 11% | 46% | 42% | 39% | 50% |
| Lee Zeldin | 36% | 11% | 58% | 43% | 41% | 31% | 2% | 79% | 36% | 36% | 39% | 31% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 20% | 23% | 17% | 17% | 14% | 26% | 15% | 10% | 18% | 22% | 21% | 18% |
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| Q20. Job creation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Party | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 36% | 61% | 20% | 27% | 36% | 36% | 75% | 4% | 36% | 36% | 33% | 40% |
| Lee Zeldin | 40% | 14% | 59% | 51% | 45% | 36% | 5% | 84% | 42% | 39% | 44% | 34% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 24% | 25% | 21% | 22% | 20% | 28% | 19% | 12% | 22% | 25% | 23% | 25% |
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| Q21. Representing the interests of our community in Albany | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Party | | | Gender | | Vote Choice | | Region | | Age | |
| | Total | Dem | Rep | Ind/ Other | M | F | Foley | Zeldin | Brookhaven | Islip | Under 55 | 55 and older |
| Brian Foley | 41% | 65% | 24% | 35% | 39% | 43% | 84% | 6% | 43% | 40% | 37% | 48% |
| Lee Zeldin | 40% | 13% | 64% | 44% | 47% | 33% | 2% | 85% | 41% | 39% | 44% | 33% |
| Don't know/No opinion | 19% | 22% | 12% | 21% | 14% | 25% | 14% | 9% | 16% | 22% | 20% | 19% |