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 776 New York State Registered Voters
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Q1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Right track	36%	47%	28%	26%	32%	41%	48%	39%	25%	43%	38%	28%	35%	41%	44%	35%	34%	40%	37%	41%	36%	36%
Wrong direction	50%	42%	55%	58%	53%	47%	35%	46%	67%	45%	44%	59%	50%	53%	41%	54%	51%	46%	50%	42%	53%	48%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	12%	17%	16%	15%	13%	18%	15%	8%	12%	18%	13%	15%	7%	15%	11%	15%	14%	12%	16%	11%	17%

Q2. Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Right track	36%	46%	26%	30%	31%	41%	48%	41%	18%	40%	39%	31%	34%	50%	43%	39%	34%	38%	36%	35%	40%	36%
Wrong direction	54%	43%	69%	61%	61%	48%	40%	49%	75%	49%	55%	58%	58%	43%	44%	53%	57%	51%	56%	51%	52%	53%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	12%	6%	9%	8%	11%	12%	10%	6%	12%	6%	10%	8%	7%	13%	8%	10%	11%	9%	13%	8%	11%

I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each person or institution I name.

Q3. Andrew Cuomo																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	70%	78%	60%	65%	64%	76%	80%	76%	53%	73%	73%	65%	71%	71%	72%	57%	75%	74%	68%	71%	77%	68%
Unfavorable	17%	12%	24%	20%	22%	13%	13%	13%	27%	16%	16%	19%	16%	16%	19%	24%	16%	13%	20%	18%	12%	18%
Don't know/No opinion	13%	10%	16%	15%	14%	11%	7%	10%	20%	10%	12%	16%	13%	13%	9%	18%	9%	13%	12%	10%	11%	14%

Q4. Robert Duffy																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	18%	17%	17%	22%	19%	17%	22%	19%	15%	12%	16%	27%	19%	15%	17%	18%	20%	17%	19%	9%	19%	19%
Unfavorable	10%	11%	12%	7%	9%	11%	5%	10%	15%	12%	8%	10%	8%	22%	14%	15%	10%	8%	8%	8%	15%	12%
Don't know/No opinion	72%	72%	70%	71%	72%	71%	73%	71%	70%	76%	75%	64%	73%	63%	69%	68%	70%	75%	73%	83%	66%	69%

Q5. Barack Obama																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	61%	80%	32%	55%	59%	63%	88%	63%	35%	71%	53%	56%	52%	95%	82%	69%	57%	61%	56%	57%	64%	71%
Unfavorable	36%	17%	67%	43%	39%	34%	10%	35%	62%	26%	44%	42%	46%	3%	13%	27%	41%	36%	42%	41%	32%	27%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%

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Q6. Tom DiNapoli																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Favorable	28%	30%	27%	24%	31%	25%	31%	28%	26%	26%	35%	25%	29%	25%	23%	25%	26%	31%	32%	25%	24%	25%
Unfavorable	21%	19%	26%	21%	22%	20%	16%	25%	18%	18%	19%	25%	21%	23%	18%	21%	25%	17%	19%	18%	26%	22%
Don't know/No opinion	51%	51%	47%	55%	48%	54%	54%	46%	56%	56%	46%	50%	49%	52%	59%	54%	49%	52%	50%	57%	50%	53%
Q7. Eric Schneiderman																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	26%	37%	15%	14%	23%	29%	30%	28%	20%	35%	20%	21%	23%	42%	23%	24%	24%	29%	22%	44%	25%	25%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	17%	18%	17%	11%	10%	14%	17%	11%	15%	15%	13%	19%	17%	20%	13%	11%	16%	7%	11%	16%
Don't know/No opinion	60%	53%	68%	68%	60%	60%	61%	59%	62%	54%	65%	64%	64%	40%	60%	56%	63%	60%	62%	49%	64%	59%
Q8. New York State Assembly																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	29%	36%	22%	23%	25%	33%	31%	33%	21%	36%	28%	23%	26%	42%	44%	37%	27%	27%	32%	22%	29%	28%
Unfavorable	57%	52%	65%	60%	65%	50%	55%	54%	66%	51%	57%	64%	61%	48%	41%	48%	59%	60%	55%	66%	54%	59%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	12%	13%	17%	10%	17%	15%	13%	13%	13%	15%	14%	14%	11%	15%	15%	14%	13%	13%	12%	17%	13%
Q9. New York State Senate																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	33%	38%	27%	29%	26%	39%	30%	38%	28%	40%	33%	26%	29%	50%	46%	41%	31%	30%	37%	22%	33%	33%
Unfavorable	56%	53%	62%	58%	65%	50%	59%	50%	66%	49%	58%	63%	62%	41%	41%	46%	60%	59%	55%	66%	53%	55%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	9%	11%	13%	9%	12%	11%	12%	6%	11%	9%	11%	10%	9%	14%	13%	9%	11%	7%	11%	14%	13%
Q10. How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	10%	12%	7%	8%	6%	13%	10%	10%	9%	13%	10%	6%	8%	18%	14%	4%	10%	13%	12%	10%	11%	6%
Good	34%	38%	31%	27%	36%	33%	41%	35%	29%	37%	32%	32%	34%	40%	29%	35%	31%	36%	34%	34%	34%	34%
Fair	24%	22%	24%	30%	21%	27%	15%	28%	24%	20%	25%	28%	24%	19%	36%	36%	25%	16%	23%	17%	26%	27%
Poor	4%	3%	5%	6%	6%	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	3%	5%	8%	4%	2%	4%	6%	4%	4%
Don't know/No opinion	28%	25%	34%	29%	32%	25%	29%	23%	33%	26%	31%	28%	30%	20%	16%	16%	30%	33%	27%	33%	25%	29%

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Q11. Based on what you've seen of him as Governor so far, would you describe Andrew Cuomo as a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?																						
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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Liberal	25%	22%	33%	25%	25%	25%	34%	16%	35%	23%	28%	25%	25%	26%	32%	28%	28%	21%	26%	21%	29%	21%
Moderate	55%	57%	50%	58%	53%	57%	53%	67%	40%	57%	54%	54%	58%	49%	44%	57%	51%	58%	56%	63%	50%	56%
Conservative	10%	11%	8%	11%	12%	8%	6%	8%	18%	9%	11%	11%	8%	17%	16%	7%	11%	12%	9%	8%	10%	13%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	11%	9%	7%	9%	10%	7%	9%	7%	12%	7%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	11%	9%	9%	8%	10%	10%

Q12. I know it's a ways off, but if Barack Obama runs for re-election as President in 2012, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Re-elect Obama	50%	73%	21%	35%	45%	55%	81%	51%	23%	60%	42%	46%	42%	84%	62%	58%	47%	49%	43%	48%	55%	60%
Prefer someone else	40%	18%	72%	51%	45%	36%	12%	38%	69%	30%	48%	46%	49%	9%	22%	33%	45%	40%	49%	42%	33%	30%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	9%	6%	14%	10%	9%	7%	11%	8%	10%	11%	8%	9%	7%	15%	9%	8%	11%	8%	10%	12%	9%

Q13. Who do you trust more to do the right thing for New York...																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Governor Cuomo	68%	75%	59%	65%	70%	67%	75%	72%	56%	70%	65%	69%	69%	64%	63%	53%	73%	73%	68%	81%	70%	60%
the State Legislature	17%	15%	18%	19%	15%	18%	15%	15%	22%	18%	18%	15%	15%	24%	22%	38%	11%	10%	15%	10%	18%	24%
Vol: Neither	6%	3%	10%	9%	10%	3%	3%	4%	13%	3%	9%	8%	6%	5%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%	5%	7%
Vol: Both	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	0%	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	5%	10%	5%	4%	9%	5%	6%	8%	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	8%	2%	7%	9%	8%	1%	5%	8%

Q14. Governor Cuomo announced that he would return 5 percent of his salary as governor to the state, as well as reduce the salaries of his top aides by 5 percent. Which of the following two statements best describes your view of Cuomo's decision:																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
He is setting a good example that will help him negotiate other reductions in the state budget	69%	71%	66%	68%	63%	74%	68%	73%	61%	70%	69%	68%	70%	68%	63%	62%	68%	74%	70%	64%	75%	66%
He is simply grandstanding to make himself look good on an issue that has no meaningful budget impact	29%	27%	32%	29%	35%	24%	30%	24%	38%	29%	29%	28%	27%	32%	33%	35%	29%	25%	27%	36%	24%	31%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	4%	2%	0%	4%	3%	4%	1%	3%	0%	1%	4%

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Q43. One year from today, which of the following two statements about New York State government do you think you will most likely be able to make:																						
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Albany is considerably less dysfunctional; Governor Cuomo has succeeded in getting Republicans and Democrats to work together for the benefit of New Yorkers	49%	58%	39%	41%	38%	58%	55%	52%	40%	59%	50%	38%	47%	56%	60%	49%	47%	50%	49%	66%	51%	43%
Albany is still way too dysfunctional; while his intentions were good, Governor Cuomo failed in getting Democrats and Republicans to cooperate	46%	37%	56%	53%	56%	37%	40%	43%	55%	37%	45%	56%	48%	38%	32%	44%	50%	42%	45%	32%	44%	53%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	5%	6%	8%	6%	3%	8%	6%	2%	4%	5%
Q44. As we look to next week's commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, how would you describe the state of race relations in New York State? Would you say they are excellent, good, fair, or poor?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Excellent	7%	8%	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	9%	5%	9%	8%	5%	8%	4%	8%	9%	7%	6%	8%	11%	5%	6%
Good	48%	46%	50%	53%	47%	50%	45%	49%	51%	46%	52%	48%	52%	32%	47%	58%	44%	47%	48%	59%	48%	48%
Fair	33%	32%	34%	34%	33%	33%	39%	32%	31%	32%	30%	36%	33%	38%	33%	28%	32%	37%	35%	28%	34%	31%
Poor	10%	13%	8%	8%	12%	9%	10%	9%	11%	12%	9%	10%	7%	25%	13%	5%	15%	8%	10%	2%	11%	13%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Q45. When thinking about the recent tragic events in Tucson, Arizona, which of the following three choices best describes how you feel:																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Unfortunately, depraved acts of violence by individuals cannot always be prevented	39%	26%	60%	43%	46%	33%	28%	33%	57%	28%	42%	47%	42%	21%	29%	43%	41%	33%	43%	23%	39%	38%
Political discourse in the country - from both sides of the aisle - needs to be toned down	17%	20%	11%	20%	18%	17%	22%	21%	8%	16%	16%	20%	19%	14%	15%	15%	14%	22%	15%	15%	17%	23%
The laws to prevent guns from getting in the wrong hands need to be strengthened	43%	53%	28%	37%	35%	49%	49%	45%	35%	55%	40%	32%	37%	64%	56%	41%	45%	42%	41%	61%	42%	38%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%

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Nature of the Sample	
New York Registered Voters	
Party	
Democrat	49%
Republican	24%
Independent/Other	25%
Region	
NYC	38%
Suburbs	26%
Upstate	36%
Political View	
Liberal	22%
Moderate	48%
Conservative	27%
Religion	
Catholic	41%
Jewish	10%
Protestant	22%
Other	23%
Age	
18 to 34	23%
35 to 54	39%
55 and older	38%
Gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%
Race/Ethnicity	
White	74%
African American/Black	13%
Other	9%