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Q1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																											
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Right track	43%	45%	39%	43%	45%	41%	50%	47%	33%	38%	44%	48%	45%	36%	44%	36%	49%	42%	38%	48%	44%	48%	41%	41%	45%	37%	50%
Wrong direction	45%	44%	49%	46%	44%	47%	42%	41%	52%	49%	44%	41%	40%	53%	45%	50%	46%	45%	52%	40%	48%	41%	43%	46%	45%	47%	42%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	11%	12%	12%	11%	12%	9%	11%	15%	13%	12%	11%	15%	10%	11%	14%	5%	14%	10%	12%	9%	11%	15%	13%	10%	15%	8%

Q2. Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																											
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Right track	34%	47%	20%	25%	38%	31%	50%	37%	18%	36%	34%	37%	29%	34%	33%	52%	32%	41%	34%	31%	30%	38%	34%	41%	37%	28%	42%
Wrong direction	57%	45%	70%	68%	56%	58%	40%	55%	73%	58%	57%	54%	58%	60%	59%	40%	60%	49%	61%	58%	64%	59%	54%	51%	51%	66%	52%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	8%	10%	6%	6%	11%	10%	8%	9%	6%	10%	8%	13%	6%	8%	8%	8%	10%	5%	11%	7%	4%	12%	7%	12%	5%	6%

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			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
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Favorable	69%	74%	66%	65%	71%	68%	79%	75%	55%	68%	70%	73%	69%	67%	72%	66%	69%	58%	69%	77%	71%	77%	72%	63%	66%	70%	77%
Unfavorable	20%	17%	24%	21%	19%	20%	17%	14%	29%	22%	18%	16%	19%	24%	18%	23%	21%	31%	20%	12%	19%	17%	19%	22%	22%	19%	15%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	9%	9%	15%	10%	12%	4%	11%	16%	10%	11%	12%	12%	10%	10%	12%	9%	11%	11%	10%	5%	9%	9%	15%	11%	8%	

Q4. Barack Obama																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	60%	81%	29%	51%	59%	61%	93%	65%	28%	64%	59%	70%	54%	54%	93%	80%	68%	58%	58%	51%	68%	59%	74%	61%	60%	60%	
Unfavorable	37%	17%	68%	45%	39%	35%	6%	33%	68%	33%	39%	27%	45%	43%	4%	16%	32%	39%	38%	47%	31%	38%	22%	37%	38%	37%	
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	

Q5. New York State Assembly																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
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Favorable	30%	35%	26%	23%	26%	32%	33%	28%	30%	27%	31%	31%	28%	29%	27%	44%	39%	35%	29%	28%	30%	22%	33%	29%	38%	29%	23%
Unfavorable	56%	53%	61%	61%	62%	51%	52%	60%	56%	59%	55%	50%	59%	61%	60%	42%	39%	48%	59%	59%	59%	60%	52%	56%	46%	60%	65%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	13%	13%	17%	11%	17%	14%	12%	14%	14%	14%	19%	13%	10%	13%	14%	22%	17%	12%	14%	11%	18%	15%	16%	16%	12%	11%

Q6. New York State Senate																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
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Favorable	32%	36%	28%	29%	31%	33%	41%	29%	29%	29%	33%	37%	29%	29%	29%	45%	45%	38%	31%	29%	33%	29%	34%	31%	38%	30%	28%
Unfavorable	60%	56%	67%	63%	64%	57%	54%	61%	64%	62%	60%	54%	63%	64%	63%	47%	48%	56%	61%	62%	60%	63%	57%	63%	52%	63%	66%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	8%	5%	9%	5%	10%	5%	9%	7%	9%	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	8%	7%	5%	7%	9%	7%	9%	9%	7%	10%	7%	6%

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Q7. How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																											
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Excellent	8%	9%	9%	7%	10%	7%	10%	9%	6%	8%	9%	7%	8%	10%	8%	8%	16%	6%	6%	13%	9%	7%	11%	5%	13%	6%	7%
Good	43%	43%	42%	43%	42%	44%	45%	47%	38%	39%	45%	47%	39%	47%	35%	35%	31%	45%	49%	45%	54%	42%	38%	38%	42%	51%	
Fair	34%	34%	37%	33%	33%	34%	33%	33%	36%	36%	33%	33%	34%	34%	31%	42%	36%	49%	35%	23%	33%	27%	35%	37%	36%	31%	
Poor	7%	8%	7%	5%	7%	7%	6%	5%	11%	10%	6%	6%	4%	10%	6%	7%	8%	8%	6%	7%	5%	5%	10%	9%	7%	4%	
Don't know/No opinion	8%	6%	4%	12%	7%	8%	6%	7%	10%	7%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	9%	5%	7%	9%	7%	7%	6%	11%	5%	8%	7%	

Q8. 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?																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
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Liberal	20%	17%	23%	20%	23%	17%	20%	12%	30%	20%	19%	21%	17%	20%	19%	18%	21%	19%	21%	18%	20%	16%	20%	20%	20%	22%	16%
Moderate	60%	60%	60%	62%	58%	62%	64%	71%	46%	60%	61%	57%	71%	57%	63%	51%	53%	57%	61%	63%	62%	65%	55%	61%	52%	57%	76%
Conservative	11%	14%	10%	8%	14%	9%	10%	8%	16%	10%	12%	14%	8%	11%	9%	25%	17%	11%	11%	11%	12%	10%	11%	11%	16%	12%	5%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	8%	8%	10%	5%	12%	5%	9%	7%	10%	8%	9%	4%	11%	9%	6%	10%	13%	7%	8%	6%	9%	14%	8%	11%	9%	3%

Q9. 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?																											
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Re-elect Obama	49%	71%	19%	40%	47%	51%	85%	51%	19%	53%	47%	60%	41%	43%	43%	85%	69%	53%	47%	49%	40%	54%	50%	62%	48%	49%	51%
Prefer someone else	43%	21%	76%	51%	46%	41%	10%	38%	75%	41%	44%	33%	48%	50%	49%	5%	29%	38%	46%	43%	53%	39%	41%	32%	45%	43%	43%
Don't know/No opinion	8%	8%	4%	9%	8%	8%	5%	11%	6%	7%	8%	7%	11%	7%	8%	10%	2%	9%	6%	8%	7%	8%	9%	6%	7%	5%	

Q10. How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?																											
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Excellent	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Good	7%	9%	5%	4%	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%	5%	7%	11%	5%	3%	5%	16%	14%	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%	10%	3%	11%	4%	6%
Fair	30%	33%	22%	27%	31%	29%	32%	33%	24%	29%	30%	35%	34%	22%	26%	39%	39%	39%	25%	29%	31%	29%	28%	29%	30%	32%	25%
Poor	62%	57%	71%	67%	61%	64%	59%	60%	68%	64%	62%	53%	60%	73%	69%	45%	45%	51%	70%	63%	62%	63%	60%	66%	58%	63%	67%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%

Although the state budget has not yet passed and is still being negotiated in Albany, I'd like you to rate the job that each of the following people has done in trying to enact a responsible new state budget? Would you rate the job they've done so far as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Q11. Governor Andrew Cuomo																											
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Excellent	7%	7%	9%	5%	8%	7%	8%	8%	6%	8%	7%	8%	5%	8%	6%	9%	14%	5%	5%	10%	8%	6%	10%	4%	11%	5%	5%
Good	43%	43%	41%	43%	44%	42%	44%	50%	35%	42%	44%	43%	47%	40%	45%	44%	40%	36%	42%	49%	46%	43%	46%	35%	36%	43%	51%
Fair	35%	37%	34%	33%	36%	33%	40%	31%	38%	34%	35%	34%	35%	36%	35%	39%	32%	40%	37%	31%	33%	30%	31%	46%	36%	39%	31%
Poor	9%	8%	8%	11%	8%	9%	7%	7%	11%	12%	7%	9%	5%	11%	8%	6%	11%	9%	11%	6%	10%	10%	5%	9%	8%	9%	9%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	4%	9%	7%	3%	8%	2%	5%	9%	4%	7%	6%	8%	5%	6%	3%	3%	11%	5%	4%	4%	10%	8%	5%	8%	4%	4%

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Q12. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver																												
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Excellent	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	0%	2%	1%	5%	4%	1%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Good	15%	20%	10%	10%	14%	15%	15%	17%	11%	13%	15%	19%	12%	11%	13%	20%	19%	20%	14%	12%	13%	22%	16%	12%	17%	16%	12%	
Fair	31%	33%	28%	30%	31%	31%	39%	31%	26%	26%	33%	33%	29%	31%	30%	43%	23%	30%	30%	32%	31%	26%	30%	35%	34%	31%	32%	
Poor	31%	24%	40%	34%	40%	24%	28%	29%	38%	34%	30%	25%	38%	33%	34%	16%	25%	19%	33%	37%	37%	27%	25%	29%	27%	28%	38%	
Don't know/No opinion	21%	19%	20%	25%	14%	27%	16%	21%	23%	24%	20%	20%	21%	23%	21%	16%	29%	30%	22%	16%	17%	21%	27%	22%	19%	22%	17%	

Q13. Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos																											
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Excellent	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Good	14%	15%	15%	10%	16%	12%	14%	13%	16%	13%	15%	12%	18%	13%	14%	14%	20%	12%	16%	14%	17%	11%	14%	12%	16%	12%	16%
Fair	34%	31%	36%	40%	36%	32%	34%	35%	34%	34%	34%	30%	38%	35%	33%	40%	30%	39%	33%	31%	39%	24%	33%	32%	35%	34%	35%
Poor	18%	20%	18%	13%	22%	14%	20%	20%	14%	19%	17%	17%	16%	19%	17%	17%	12%	15%	18%	18%	17%	15%	16%	20%	16%	18%	20%
Don't know/No opinion	33%	33%	29%	36%	25%	40%	31%	32%	33%	33%	33%	39%	26%	32%	34%	29%	34%	33%	32%	35%	26%	49%	36%	35%	32%	35%	28%

Q14. Who do you trust most to do the right thing for New York in crafting a responsible new state budget:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
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Governor Cuomo	72%	75%	72%	68%	74%	71%	75%	79%	62%	70%	73%	74%	69%	73%	75%	73%	69%	62%	73%	79%	76%	68%	75%	67%	72%	71%	76%
Speaker Silver	7%	9%	3%	7%	7%	8%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%	10%	6%	5%	6%	12%	11%	7%	8%	6%	5%	14%	5%	10%	9%	8%	6%
Majority Leader Skelos	5%	3%	8%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	10%	6%	5%	3%	9%	5%	4%	1%	11%	9%	4%	3%	8%	1%	4%	3%	4%	5%	7%
Vol: None	8%	7%	10%	8%	9%	7%	7%	5%	12%	10%	7%	7%	6%	11%	7%	6%	5%	11%	8%	7%	6%	7%	8%	12%	8%	10%	6%
Vol: All	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	6%	6%	10%	5%	9%	5%	6%	10%	8%	7%	6%	10%	6%	7%	7%	5%	10%	6%	5%	5%	10%	7%	7%	7%	6%	5%

Q15. Now, I'd like to ask you about some of the specific state budget items being debated by the Governor and the Legislature. Assembly Democrats want to continue a personal income tax surcharge on only those New Yorkers earning \$1 million or more a year. Democratic Governor Cuomo and Senate Republicans oppose this tax and want to see it end, as currently scheduled. Do you support or oppose continuing the income tax surcharge on those making one million dollars or more a year?																											
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Support	71%	82%	54%	67%	67%	74%	88%	75%	52%	78%	68%	76%	67%	69%	70%	75%	82%	74%	73%	68%	65%	82%	68%	81%	75%	71%	69%
Oppose	27%	17%	44%	30%	32%	24%	11%	24%	45%	20%	30%	22%	31%	30%	29%	21%	18%	25%	26%	30%	34%	15%	29%	18%	23%	27%	29%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%

Q16. While both houses of the Legislature and the Governor agree on significantly reducing the state's Medicaid budget, a sticking point remains on capping the cost of pain and suffering awards in medical malpractice cases. The Governor and Senate support capping such awards at \$250,000, although the cost of medical care would not be limited. They say the cost of malpractice awards drives up insurance costs for hospitals and doctors and is driving doctors out of certain specialties. The Assembly opposes capping pain and suffering awards in malpractice cases and says a better way to bring down malpractice costs is for hospitals to require better patient care, and remove bad doctors. Do you support or oppose capping malpractice 'pain and suffering' awards at \$250,000?																											
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Support	53%	50%	61%	52%	54%	52%	49%	55%	57%	50%	54%	48%	60%	54%	58%	36%	31%	41%	52%	63%	60%	50%	51%	45%	47%	49%	65%
Oppose	42%	44%	36%	45%	43%	41%	46%	41%	37%	45%	41%	46%	37%	41%	37%	58%	65%	54%	44%	31%	37%	42%	40%	51%	46%	45%	34%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%	7%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%	3%	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	6%	3%	8%	9%	4%	7%	6%	1%

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Q17. The Governor proposed reducing state aid to local school districts by about \$1.5 billion or 7 percent from the current year's budget. Both the Assembly and the Senate have proposed restoring \$200 to 300 million of that cut, although in different ways. Would you prefer that the Governor's full cut be enacted, would you like to see the Legislature add back a few hundred million dollars, or would you prefer that the Legislature restore even more money for aid to local school districts?

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Full cut	21%	11%	34%	25%	26%	16%	10%	18%	32%	16%	23%	13%	19%	29%	23%	7%	13%	10%	22%	26%	22%	13%	24%	19%	19%	21%	21%
Restore a few hundred million dollars	25%	26%	25%	22%	23%	27%	23%	29%	22%	24%	25%	22%	30%	24%	28%	18%	13%	25%	21%	29%	28%	34%	25%	17%	25%	24%	27%
Restore more money	50%	59%	38%	47%	46%	53%	61%	49%	42%	58%	47%	59%	47%	43%	44%	74%	70%	62%	53%	40%	48%	49%	46%	57%	50%	51%	49%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%	2%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	1%	4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%	7%	6%	4%	3%

Q18. Part of the education budget debate in Albany includes how teachers should be laid off if school districts have to reduce the number of teachers as a result of the state budget. Currently, the law says that the last teachers hired are the first ones fired, which is supported by the teachers' unions, to protect teachers from arbitrary firings. Some, including New York City Mayor Bloomberg, have proposed doing away with the seniority system to ensure that the best teachers are retained. If school districts have to lay off teachers which of the following two options would you most support:

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Make layoff decisions based on seniority, as is currently required by law	20%	23%	14%	17%	21%	20%	28%	20%	15%	34%	15%	22%	20%	20%	20%	20%	11%	12%	19%	26%	22%	23%	16%	18%	16%	23%	17%
Make layoff decisions based on an evaluation of the teachers' performance in the classroom	78%	75%	85%	81%	77%	79%	71%	78%	84%	65%	84%	77%	78%	80%	78%	78%	86%	88%	80%	73%	77%	71%	83%	80%	82%	77%	81%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

Q19. Do you support or oppose the Legislature and Governor enacting a property tax cap limiting annual increases in property taxes to two percent as part of the budget?

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Support	73%	69%	81%	76%	73%	74%	63%	73%	83%	73%	74%	67%	79%	76%	76%	61%	73%	66%	74%	76%	82%	70%	73%	60%	71%	73%	76%
Oppose	22%	23%	18%	22%	22%	22%	32%	21%	15%	22%	22%	26%	19%	20%	20%	28%	26%	31%	21%	18%	14%	21%	22%	38%	24%	22%	21%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	7%	1%	2%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%	2%	3%	4%	10%	2%	3%	5%	5%	4%	9%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%

Q20. Rent stabilization and rent control laws affecting about one million apartments - largely in New York City, but in other parts of the state as well - are set to expire in June. Some are seeking to expand those laws to provide additional rent protections for some renters. Do you support or oppose the Legislature and Governor passing a law to continue and expand rent regulations as part of the budget?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Support	63%	70%	52%	59%	64%	62%	71%	66%	52%	66%	61%	70%	56%	60%	59%	81%	75%	70%	62%	59%	64%	58%	60%	67%	67%	66%	58%
Oppose	27%	23%	34%	27%	28%	25%	19%	27%	33%	26%	27%	25%	32%	25%	28%	14%	20%	19%	29%	28%	28%	33%	25%	21%	24%	23%	33%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	7%	15%	14%	8%	13%	10%	8%	15%	8%	12%	5%	12%	15%	12%	5%	5%	11%	9%	12%	8%	9%	14%	12%	9%	12%	9%

Q21. According to the law, the state budget is supposed to be passed by the Legislature by March 31st, before the state's fiscal year begins on April 1st, something which has only happened a handful of times over the last 30 years. How important do you think it is for the state to have an on-time budget? Is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Very important	58%	55%	62%	61%	59%	57%	40%	56%	75%	57%	59%	53%	56%	64%	55%	61%	71%	53%	60%	58%	65%	43%	62%	50%	64%	60%	51%
Somewhat important	32%	34%	28%	29%	28%	35%	43%	35%	20%	33%	31%	32%	33%	32%	34%	31%	26%	33%	31%	33%	30%	34%	30%	36%	29%	30%	37%
Not very important	7%	8%	5%	7%	9%	6%	15%	7%	2%	7%	7%	13%	8%	1%	8%	5%	3%	10%	6%	7%	4%	17%	4%	12%	4%	7%	10%
Not important at all	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	4%	2%	2%	1%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Don't know/No opinion	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%

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Q22. While the Governor, Senate and Assembly all say they are making progress and expect to have an on-time budget, if the budget is late again this year, who do you think will be MOST to blame:																											
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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
The Governor	17%	18%	17%	16%	17%	18%	16%	13%	25%	16%	18%	19%	17%	17%	14%	26%	31%	22%	19%	13%	19%	11%	18%	16%	19%	19%	15%
The Senate	32%	32%	32%	33%	35%	30%	39%	34%	27%	38%	30%	28%	35%	34%	32%	37%	27%	32%	33%	31%	33%	32%	31%	33%	31%	32%	35%
The Assembly	30%	28%	33%	33%	34%	28%	22%	34%	32%	24%	33%	30%	28%	32%	32%	22%	24%	23%	33%	31%	32%	28%	31%	27%	29%	31%	31%
Don't know/No opinion	20%	22%	18%	18%	15%	25%	23%	19%	16%	22%	20%	23%	21%	17%	21%	15%	18%	22%	15%	24%	16%	29%	20%	24%	21%	18%	19%

Q23. If the budget is not passed on time, the only way the state can spend any money, including paying state workers, is for the Governor to propose and the Legislature to pass emergency spending bills. If the Governor proposes an emergency spending bill that includes his proposed budget, the Legislature cannot change that bill and will face the choice of either passing the Governor's proposed budget, or not passing it, which will, in effect, shut down state government. If this occurs, would you prefer the Legislature to pass the Governor's proposed budget, without any changes, which would keep the government operating, or would you prefer that the Legislature not pass the bill and force a shutdown of state government?																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Pass the Governor's budget	67%	70%	68%	60%	75%	61%	71%	70%	61%	67%	67%	70%	66%	65%	67%	69%	69%	72%	62%	70%	66%	69%	69%	67%	71%	65%	65%
Force a government shutdown	27%	25%	27%	32%	22%	31%	23%	25%	33%	28%	27%	23%	28%	31%	28%	27%	26%	22%	35%	22%	31%	21%	25%	27%	23%	31%	30%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	5%	4%	8%	3%	8%	7%	5%	5%	4%	6%	6%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	7%	3%	10%	7%	7%	5%	4%	5%

Q24. Switching gears, last year then Governor Paterson vetoed a new state government ethics bill passed by the Legislature because he said it didn't go far enough. Governor Cuomo has said passing a tough ethics bill is one of his top priorities after the budget is passed. Which of the following statements best describes your view on ethics legislation:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Nothing is more important, a new ethics reform law should be the top priority, enacted as quickly as possible	34%	38%	31%	31%	37%	32%	32%	35%	35%	31%	36%	38%	31%	33%	30%	46%	47%	36%	32%	36%	32%	31%	35%	38%	39%	34%	30%
While important, ethics legislation can wait for after the budget	61%	57%	64%	67%	60%	63%	65%	62%	60%	63%	61%	57%	65%	63%	66%	45%	49%	62%	63%	59%	65%	61%	59%	60%	55%	63%	69%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	5%	5%	1%	3%	6%	3%	3%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%	9%	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%	8%	6%	3%	6%	4%	1%

Q25. In the last several years, about a dozen state legislators have been convicted or indicted for crimes, or are currently under investigation by law enforcement officials. Which of the following two statements comes closer to how you feel about most state legislators:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
There are a few bad apples, but most state legislators are honest, working hard for their constituents	55%	58%	52%	53%	55%	55%	57%	59%	52%	52%	56%	50%	64%	54%	55%	58%	51%	61%	50%	57%	56%	46%	61%	51%	54%	54%	57%
Most legislators are corrupt, it's surprising more haven't been caught	42%	39%	46%	44%	43%	42%	41%	38%	46%	44%	42%	46%	33%	44%	42%	40%	49%	39%	47%	39%	42%	50%	37%	46%	43%	44%	39%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%

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Q26. On another topic, in light of the horrible natural tragedies in Japan which have had a significant negative impact on several Japanese nuclear power plants, how concerned are you about the safety of the nuclear power plants in New York in Westchester, Oswego and Wayne Counties? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Very concerned	40%	48%	25%	33%	36%	43%	49%	39%	34%	44%	38%	52%	36%	30%	34%	62%	65%	38%	35%	45%	36%	47%	35%	47%	48%	41%	27%
Somewhat concerned	32%	32%	36%	34%	25%	39%	26%	38%	30%	30%	34%	27%	38%	35%	35%	33%	22%	29%	35%	34%	38%	34%	34%	21%	31%	30%	40%
Not very concerned	14%	13%	18%	15%	19%	10%	17%	12%	16%	14%	15%	13%	13%	17%	15%	4%	10%	20%	15%	11%	12%	10%	16%	19%	13%	14%	19%
Not concerned at all	12%	6%	20%	17%	20%	7%	6%	10%	19%	12%	13%	7%	13%	17%	15%	1%	3%	13%	15%	9%	14%	7%	13%	12%	7%	14%	14%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

Q27. Given the high price of oil and energy, some have proposed building new nuclear power plants in New York to provide a domestic and economical source of electricity. Do you support or oppose building new nuclear power plants in New York?

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Support	38%	26%	51%	48%	50%	27%	25%	35%	52%	33%	40%	27%	41%	47%	41%	16%	32%	39%	38%	38%	43%	22%	37%	39%	34%	36%	43%
Oppose	57%	68%	43%	49%	47%	65%	70%	60%	43%	60%	56%	66%	57%	48%	54%	77%	66%	55%	58%	57%	53%	72%	57%	58%	60%	58%	52%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	6%	6%	3%	3%	7%	5%	5%	5%	7%	4%	7%	2%	5%	5%	7%	2%	7%	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	3%	5%	6%	4%

Q28. 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:

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion				Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Albany got its act together and finally passed a fiscally responsible budget that helped move the state forward	49%	56%	44%	42%	43%	54%	55%	51%	43%	48%	49%	52%	50%	45%	48%	53%	55%	35%	49%	58%	55%	49%	50%	40%	54%	47%	49%
New Governor, same old Albany, once again the budget did nothing to help the fiscal condition of the state	47%	39%	54%	56%	52%	42%	40%	44%	55%	47%	47%	42%	45%	53%	48%	43%	41%	62%	50%	34%	42%	40%	47%	58%	43%	50%	48%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	6%	2%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%	4%	4%	6%	5%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	1%	8%	3%	11%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%

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Nature of the Sample	
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Party	
Democrat	47%
Republican	24%
Independent/Other	25%
Region	
NYC	38%
Suburbs	24%
Upstate	38%
Political View	
Liberal	23%
Moderate	43%
Conservative	30%
Union Household	
Yes	29%
No	70%
Religion	
Catholic	39%
Jewish	9%
Protestant	27%
Other	22%
Age	
18 to 34	23%
35 to 54	37%
55 and older	37%
Gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%
Race/Ethnicity	
White	74%
African American/Black	11%
Latino	8%
Income	
Less than \$50,000	28%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	33%
\$100,000 or more	27%