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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			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Right track	40%	49%	26%	37%	40%	39%	52%	38%	30%	42%	39%	43%	34%	40%	41%	41%	43%	42%	36%	42%	41%	44%	35%	43%	35%	40%	46%
Wrong direction	48%	38%	67%	48%	47%	48%	32%	50%	62%	46%	49%	41%	51%	53%	48%	42%	52%	43%	55%	45%	50%	37%	54%	38%	52%	47%	45%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	14%	7%	14%	13%	12%	16%	12%	8%	12%	12%	16%	15%	8%	12%	16%	5%	14%	8%	13%	8%	20%	11%	19%	13%	13%	8%

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			Ethnicity			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	71%	79%	63%	67%	69%	73%	78%	74%	62%	68%	74%	76%	63%	72%	74%	70%	63%	59%	72%	78%	70%	79%	75%	67%	70%	76%	70%
Unfavorable	22%	15%	31%	23%	25%	20%	12%	23%	32%	25%	20%	17%	30%	22%	21%	19%	32%	28%	23%	17%	25%	16%	18%	23%	19%	21%	26%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	6%	6%	10%	7%	7%	10%	3%	6%	7%	6%	7%	8%	6%	5%	10%	5%	13%	5%	5%	5%	7%	10%	10%	4%	3%	

Q5. Kirsten Gillibrand																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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	46%	56%	36%	40%	40%	52%	57%	48%	36%	52%	44%	46%	36%	53%	50%	47%	39%	42%	46%	52%	47%	52%	49%	42%	38%	53%	53%
Unfavorable	24%	14%	38%	28%	33%	17%	13%	25%	33%	23%	24%	18%	32%	24%	26%	13%	14%	19%	26%	23%	27%	19%	23%	21%	22%	21%	29%
Don't know/No opinion	30%	30%	26%	31%	28%	32%	29%	27%	31%	26%	32%	36%	31%	23%	24%	40%	47%	39%	29%	25%	25%	28%	28%	37%	40%	26%	18%

Q6. Michael Bloomberg																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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	57%	63%	55%	47%	50%	63%	66%	57%	50%	49%	61%	59%	66%	48%	56%	57%	65%	54%	57%	58%	60%	61%	51%	56%	53%	57%	64%
Unfavorable	33%	29%	35%	38%	40%	27%	25%	35%	37%	40%	30%	35%	30%	32%	34%	31%	29%	36%	33%	32%	32%	35%	37%	29%	32%	34%	31%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	8%	10%	14%	10%	10%	9%	7%	12%	11%	10%	5%	4%	20%	11%	12%	6%	10%	10%	11%	8%	3%	12%	14%	15%	9%	5%

Q12. 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			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Excellent	11%	15%	9%	7%	11%	11%	16%	12%	4%	8%	12%	13%	9%	11%	12%	6%	3%	6%	9%	15%	13%	16%	8%	9%	9%	12%	13%
Good	47%	50%	44%	48%	43%	50%	47%	49%	43%	45%	49%	48%	43%	48%	49%	51%	38%	37%	48%	52%	47%	49%	51%	44%	47%	48%	47%
Fair	32%	29%	34%	33%	36%	29%	27%	29%	40%	35%	29%	31%	35%	31%	28%	39%	46%	41%	32%	27%	28%	30%	32%	38%	33%	34%	27%
Poor	9%	5%	13%	10%	8%	9%	7%	9%	10%	11%	8%	7%	11%	9%	9%	4%	8%	13%	9%	5%	10%	5%	7%	8%	9%	5%	12%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	5%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%

Q15. Kirsten Gillibrand is running for re-election as United States Senator in 2012. As things stand now would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else?																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Re-elect Gillibrand	46%	60%	25%	41%	41%	50%	62%	48%	29%	50%	44%	43%	36%	54%	49%	50%	36%	41%	42%	55%	44%	50%	50%	47%	43%	52%	47%
Prefer someone else	34%	20%	55%	40%	42%	27%	21%	33%	48%	32%	35%	30%	44%	31%	33%	22%	42%	36%	36%	31%	41%	22%	29%	27%	30%	31%	41%
Don't know/No opinion	21%	20%	20%	19%	17%	23%	17%	19%	23%	18%	21%	27%	20%	14%	18%	28%	22%	23%	22%	15%	15%	28%	21%	26%	27%	17%	13%

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Q16. 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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	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+
Excellent	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Good	11%	12%	12%	9%	9%	12%	15%	10%	7%	8%	12%	12%	11%	9%	10%	16%	8%	14%	10%	11%	11%	13%	10%	12%	10%	9%	13%
Fair	38%	41%	29%	39%	36%	39%	43%	37%	31%	36%	38%	40%	38%	35%	35%	41%	47%	40%	28%	45%	35%	42%	39%	41%	38%	41%	34%
Poor	50%	46%	60%	50%	52%	49%	41%	51%	63%	55%	49%	46%	49%	55%	53%	42%	44%	47%	61%	42%	54%	43%	50%	47%	51%	50%	52%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

Q17. Looking ahead a little to 2012 and the state budget, Governor Cuomo says the state faces a deficit of about two billion dollars for the fiscal year that begins next April. When the Governor proposes his budget for the next fiscal year in January, would you prefer:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
That he close the deficit by cutting state spending	51%	40%	74%	52%	55%	48%	27%	54%	75%	46%	54%	39%	56%	61%	54%	34%	46%	43%	54%	54%	59%	38%	51%	44%	50%	51%	53%
That he close the deficit by increasing state revenues	35%	44%	17%	36%	31%	39%	59%	31%	17%	42%	32%	47%	30%	26%	32%	52%	43%	41%	36%	31%	31%	49%	33%	42%	35%	36%	35%
Vol: Both	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%	9%	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	8%	6%	9%	5%	9%	8%	11%	6%	9%	8%
Vol: Neither	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%	3%	5%	5%	4%	7%	3%	8%	3%	3%

Q18. If the Governor proposes to close the state budget deficit by reducing spending, which of the following would be the area in which you would most like to see spending cut:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Education	4%	2%	4%	8%	6%	2%	1%	3%	7%	2%	5%	3%	5%	4%	3%	6%	10%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%
Health care	9%	9%	8%	11%	11%	7%	7%	9%	10%	12%	8%	7%	9%	12%	9%	6%	11%	15%	10%	5%	10%	9%	7%	9%	7%	8%	11%
Roads and bridges	12%	14%	9%	12%	8%	15%	13%	13%	9%	10%	13%	16%	13%	6%	9%	21%	19%	14%	14%	8%	11%	12%	9%	15%	16%	9%	10%
Parks and recreation	29%	34%	25%	22%	23%	33%	37%	29%	21%	34%	26%	37%	29%	20%	26%	47%	31%	30%	27%	30%	26%	37%	25%	38%	30%	32%	28%
State workforce	35%	29%	47%	38%	39%	32%	28%	35%	45%	30%	38%	25%	36%	46%	42%	9%	14%	28%	37%	37%	39%	27%	40%	25%	30%	38%	37%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	13%	8%	9%	13%	10%	14%	11%	8%	12%	11%	12%	9%	13%	11%	11%	16%	9%	8%	16%	9%	12%	14%	11%	12%	9%	9%

Q19. In which of those areas would you least like to see spending cut:																											
	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Education	51%	54%	51%	51%	45%	56%	58%	52%	46%	57%	49%	50%	49%	55%	51%	52%	64%	67%	59%	35%	53%	38%	49%	59%	38%	60%	57%
Health care	22%	23%	19%	25%	19%	25%	22%	22%	25%	19%	24%	24%	26%	18%	23%	26%	20%	14%	17%	33%	20%	34%	27%	17%	31%	20%	17%
Roads and bridges	11%	8%	17%	13%	18%	6%	7%	12%	16%	11%	12%	10%	12%	12%	13%	6%	1%	8%	12%	13%	13%	13%	10%	10%	12%	8%	14%
Parks and recreation	6%	7%	5%	3%	7%	6%	6%	6%	4%	3%	7%	7%	5%	6%	5%	11%	6%	5%	3%	9%	5%	4%	8%	5%	10%	5%	3%
State workforce	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	2%	6%	6%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	6%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%

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Q20. If the Governor proposes to close the state budget deficit by increasing revenues, which of the following revenue areas would you most like to see increased:

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Personal income taxes	16%	20%	11%	14%	17%	15%	23%	15%	11%	19%	15%	21%	13%	14%	16%	24%	13%	17%	15%	17%	13%	21%	17%	21%	17%	17%	17%
Sales tax	17%	14%	24%	17%	17%	16%	10%	18%	23%	9%	20%	14%	16%	20%	19%	26%	10%	16%	14%	20%	18%	15%	19%	15%	16%	19%	16%
Business taxes	38%	41%	31%	39%	34%	42%	44%	38%	33%	47%	35%	41%	43%	32%	37%	28%	56%	46%	40%	34%	42%	35%	32%	40%	42%	38%	35%
Gas tax	8%	9%	6%	8%	8%	8%	10%	10%	4%	8%	8%	11%	9%	4%	8%	11%	5%	6%	8%	9%	5%	20%	10%	6%	6%	8%	12%
Tolls	11%	9%	16%	11%	8%	14%	10%	12%	13%	10%	12%	5%	9%	19%	12%	7%	10%	11%	16%	7%	14%	2%	11%	11%	12%	11%	
Don't know/No opinion	9%	6%	13%	11%	15%	5%	3%	7%	16%	6%	10%	7%	10%	11%	9%	14%	6%	3%	7%	13%	8%	7%	12%	7%	7%	8%	

Q21. Which of those revenue areas would you least like to see increased:

	Party				Gender		Political View			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			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+
Personal income taxes	45%	44%	47%	45%	41%	48%	42%	47%	48%	46%	44%	49%	46%	40%	43%	45%	50%	41%	51%	41%	50%	46%	37%	41%	42%	46%	47%
Sales tax	18%	21%	15%	17%	18%	19%	23%	19%	12%	20%	17%	20%	17%	18%	21%	18%	9%	13%	20%	21%	17%	36%	16%	16%	19%	17%	17%
Business taxes	10%	8%	14%	10%	11%	9%	10%	9%	13%	8%	11%	7%	8%	14%	12%	2%	7%	11%	9%	11%	9%	5%	14%	10%	8%	10%	14%
Gas tax	15%	15%	14%	16%	17%	13%	12%	14%	17%	16%	15%	12%	13%	19%	15%	21%	14%	24%	13%	13%	14%	4%	16%	21%	19%	16%	12%
Tolls	7%	9%	6%	6%	7%	7%	11%	8%	3%	5%	8%	9%	10%	4%	6%	13%	12%	11%	6%	6%	5%	5%	10%	11%	7%	9%	
Don't know/No opinion	5%	4%	4%	5%	7%	3%	2%	3%	7%	3%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%	1%	8%	1%	3%	7%	4%	3%	7%	1%	4%	2%	

Q22. Some, including many Assembly Democrats, would like to increase the personal income tax on those New Yorkers earning more than one million dollars per year. Democratic Governor Cuomo and Senate Republicans are opposed. [NEXT TWO SENTENCES ROTATED] Supporters say the tax is fair and will raise enough money from those who can most afford it to lessen the need for further state cuts to education and health care. Opponents say that New York's taxes are already too high and that the tax will make the state less competitive and attractive to businesses, putting new and existing jobs at risk. Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on those earning more than one million dollars per year?

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Support	72%	83%	55%	70%	63%	80%	93%	75%	50%	80%	69%	77%	68%	70%	71%	81%	71%	75%	72%	73%	72%	66%	73%	79%	74%	77%	67%
Oppose	26%	17%	42%	27%	34%	20%	7%	25%	46%	19%	29%	22%	31%	27%	27%	18%	27%	23%	27%	26%	26%	34%	25%	19%	23%	21%	32%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	0%	3%	3%	3%	1%	0%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%

Q23. Recently, the state's 2nd largest public employee union - PEF, the Public Employees' Federation - voted not to approve a contract with the state, similar to one that was already approved by the state's largest public employee union. As a result, the Governor has served 3,500 PEF workers with layoff notices, as he said he would do if the contract was rejected. Union leaders now say they want to reopen contract negotiations.

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Do you think the Governor should suspend the layoffs and sit at the bargaining table with PEF	70%	80%	55%	66%	61%	77%	83%	70%	55%	81%	65%	76%	69%	64%	67%	91%	76%	81%	66%	69%	71%	72%	69%	72%	75%	72%	66%
Do you think the Governor should move forward with the layoffs whether or not there are new contract negotiations	27%	17%	42%	31%	35%	20%	15%	27%	41%	17%	31%	21%	27%	33%	30%	7%	17%	16%	32%	27%	27%	25%	27%	26%	20%	26%	32%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	7%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%	2%

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Nature of the Sample	
New York State Registered Voters	
Party	
Democrat	48%
Republican	24%
Independent/Other	25%
Region	
NYC	38%
Suburbs	24%
Upstate	38%
Political View	
Liberal	27%
Moderate	43%
Conservative	26%
Union Household	
Yes	30%
No	69%
Religion	
Catholic	41%
Jewish	10%
Protestant	25%
Other	20%
Age	
18 to 34	22%
35 to 54	37%
55 and older	37%
Gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%
Race/Ethnicity	
White	75%
African American/Black	8%
Latino	8%
Income	
Less than \$50,000	29%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	31%
\$100,000 or more	28%