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Siena College Poll:

Half of Voters Agree with Gov: ‘NYS Govt. is Working Again’; However, Two-Thirds Say State Government is Becoming More Dysfunctional Every Day in Light of Corruption Scandals Passing Laws to Address Corruption Tops List for End of Session *Are More Legislative Arrests Imminent? Nearly Nine in Ten Voters Say Yes*

Loudonville, NY. By a margin of 50-36 percent, voters agree with Governor Andrew Cuomo when he says ‘New York State government is working again.’ However, when asked how they feel about state government in light of the series of state government corruption scandals, only 26 percent said state government is working effectively, compared to 67 percent who said state government is becoming more dysfunctional every day, according to a new Siena College Poll of New York voters released today. A plurality of voters, 41 percent, said passing laws to address legislative corruption should be the top end-of-session priority. And more arrests of legislators are coming, 88 percent of voters believe, up from 81 percent last month.

Cuomo’s favorability rating – which had fallen incrementally in each of the last four months – has edged up a little, as did his re-elect number, while his job performance rating remains identical to last month. Support for a casino gambling constitutional amendment, 53-37 percent, is the highest it’s ever been, while support for public campaign financing remains strong, and voters remain tightly divided over hydrofracking.

“How do voters feel about their state government? By one measure, not bad. By another measure, really bad,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. “When asked if they agree with a recent statement by Governor Cuomo that ‘New York State government is working again,’ 50 percent said ‘yes,’ while 36 percent disagreed and 13 percent neither agreed nor disagreed. A strong majority of Democrats and New York City voters agreed with the Governor, however, a majority of Republicans and pluralities of independents and upstaters disagreed.

“Yet, two-thirds of voters – including strong majorities from every region and party – say that in light of the recent arrests of several legislators they believe ‘state government is becoming more dysfunctional every day,’ while only 26 percent say ‘state government is working effectively for New Yorkers.’ Yes, voters – particularly Democrats and downstaters – may be inclined to agree with the Governor that state government is working, but when asked to consider the legislative arrests, their thoughts quickly turn to dysfunction,” Greenberg said.

“Will we see more legislative mug shots? Only the prosecutors know for sure but 88 percent of voters think it’s likely, including 44 percent who say it’s very likely. That’s up from 81 percent likely, 29 percent very likely last month,” Greenberg said. “Similarly, 89 percent say that corruption in the State Legislature is a serious problem, including 41 percent who say it’s a very serious problem, virtually the same as last month.”

When asked to rate Governor Cuomo’s efforts to address legislative corruption 63 percent of voters said he ‘has tried hard to clean up state government in Albany, but there is nothing he or any governor can do to prevent crooked politicians from getting elected’ and 27 percent said he ‘hasn’t even tried to clean up state government in Albany; he deserves much of the blame for this.’

“Voters are certainly not blaming the Governor for the recent outburst of legislative corruption headlines but it’s clear that they want the Governor and Legislature to address the issue before session ends next month,” Greenberg said. “A plurality of voters, 41 percent – including voters of every region and party – says that passing laws to address corruption should be the top end-of-session priority. Addressing the Governor’s women’s equality agenda came in second at 21 percent – with more than twice as much support from women as from men – followed by public campaign financing at 15 percent and the casino amendment at 13 percent.”

Despite Headlines, No Drop in Favorability for Legislature, Leaders in Last Month

| Legislative Favorability Ratings | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Individual/Institution | May 2013 | April 2013 | Best Ever | | Worst Ever | |
| State Senate | 43-48-9 | 40-53-7 | 45-41-14 | Dec. 2012 | 20-74-6 | July 2009 |
| Your State Senator | 59-28-14 | | 65-24-11 | May 2012 | 55-30-15 | June 2011 |
| Dean Skelos | 14-16-70 | 15-24-61 | 10-8-82 | July 2008 | 9-19-71 | Dec 2010 |
| Jeff Klein | 13-10-76 | 17-15-68 | 13-10-76 | April 2013 | 12-14-73 | Jan 2013 |
| State Assembly | 39-45-16 | 39-49-12 | 45-42-13 | Jan. 2013 | 25-61-13 | July 2010 |
| Your State Assemblymember | 52-24-24 | | 54-24-21 | May 2012 | 47-29-25 | June 2011 |
| Sheldon Silver | 23-34-43 | 28-39-33 | 28-34-38 | July 2005 | 19-41-39 | Feb. 2011 |
| <small>(Favorable % - Unfavorable % - Don't know/no opinion %)</small> | | | <small>Source: Siena College Poll (May 20, 2013)</small> | | | |

“Weeks of stories and editorials about legislative arrests and corruption have not taken a toll on how voters view the Legislature and its leaders. While they are viewed more unfavorably than favorably, there is little change since last month,” Greenberg said. “And while a plurality views each house unfavorably, a majority views *their* senator and assemblymember favorably.

Cuomo Favorability Edges Up, Ending Four Consecutive Months of Edging Down

Cuomo now has 64-32 percent favorability rating, up slightly from 62-33 percent last month. Fifty-two percent say Cuomo is doing an excellent or good job as governor and 47 percent say he’s doing only a fair or poor job (unchanged from April). Fifty-five percent say they are prepared to re-elect Cuomo, while 36 percent would prefer someone else (up from 53-39 percent in April).

“The Governor’s standing with voters improved slightly in the last month and he maintains a solid two-to-one favorability rating,” Greenberg said. “While not dramatic, the uptick in Cuomo’s favorability rating and re-elect number and the consistent job performance rating end four consecutive months of seeing those numbers drop.”

On Fiscal Issues & Ethics Voters Say State Government is Not Working Well

| State Government: Working Well or Not Working Well | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Issue | Working Well | Not Working Well | Don't Know Enough to Answer |
| Safeguarding the rights of all New Yorkers | 43% | 42% | 15% |
| Making state government more ethical | 27% | 45% | 28% |
| Enacting policies that lead to job creation | 24% | 55% | 22% |
| Demonstrating fiscal accountability | 23% | 47% | 30% |
| Controlling state spending | 22% | 57% | 21% |

Source: Siena College Poll (May 20, 2013)

“While half of voters say they agree with the Governor that state government is working again, when it comes to specific aspects of state government – particularly ethics and fiscal issues – only about one-quarter of voters think state government is working well,” Greenberg said. “When it comes to safeguarding the rights of New Yorkers, voters are nearly evenly divided but on ethics, job creation, fiscal accountability, and state spending clear or near majorities think state government is not working well.”

Casino Gambling Amendment Has Largest Support Ever

“By a 53-37 percent margin, voters support a constitutional amendment to allow non-Indian casinos in New York, up from 49-44 percent last month, and the largest margin in support ever,” Greenberg said. “All three regions of the state support the amendment, with New York City moving from opposition last month to strong support this month. Strong majorities of Republicans and independents support it, as do a plurality of Democrats.”

Opposition to Fracking Falls Slightly as the Issue Continues to Nearly Evenly Divide Voters

“The year-long trend of fracking nearly evenly dividing voters across the state continues. Currently, 39 percent of voters want to see fracking move forward, while 41 percent are opposed. Last month, opponents outnumbered supporters 45-40 percent,” Greenberg said. “A plurality of upstaters is opposed, while New York City voters are evenly divided and downstate suburban voters offer plurality support.”

Public Campaign Financing Has Majority Support Upstate & Downstate, with Democrats & Independents

“Statewide, voters strongly support – 57-34 percent – creating a public campaign financing system using state money to match contributions to candidates and lowering contribution limits,” Greenberg said. “More than 60 percent of Democrats and independents support it and Republicans are evenly divided.”

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This Siena College Poll was conducted May 13-16, 2013 by telephone calls to 623 New York State registered voters. It has an overall margin of error of ± 3.9 percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by **age, party, region and gender** to ensure representativeness. Sampling was conducted via random digit dialing to landline and cell phones weighted to reflect known population patterns. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in New York State. SRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey cross-tabs and frequencies: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.



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Q. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| May 2013 | 64 | 32 | 5 |
| April 2013 | 62 | 33 | 4 |
| March 2013 | 64 | 30 | 6 |
| February 2013 | 67 | 29 | 4 |
| January 2013 | 71 | 24 | 5 |
| December 2012 | 72 | 21 | 7 |
| October 2012 | 67 | 24 | 9 |
| August 2012 | 71 | 24 | 5 |
| July 2012 | 69 | 22 | 9 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 77 (2/11) | 42 (10/06) | 24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07) |
| LOWEST EVER | 44 (8/06, 10/06) | 14 (8/09) | 3 (10/20/10) |

Q. 13 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

| DATE | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 10 | 42 | 31 | 16 | 1 |
| April 2013 | 11 | 41 | 31 | 16 | 1 |
| March 2013 | 12 | 42 | 31 | 13 | 1 |
| February 2013 | 16 | 42 | 28 | 13 | 1 |
| January 2013 | 16 | 44 | 28 | 10 | 1 |
| December 2012 | 15 | 45 | 30 | 8 | 2 |
| October 2012 | 15 | 43 | 32 | 8 | 3 |
| August 2012 | 16 | 44 | 33 | 7 | 1 |
| July 2012 | 13 | 45 | 33 | 8 | 1 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 17 (1/12) | 47 (4/12, etc.) | 36 (9/11, 5/11) | 16 (5/13, 4/13) | 28 (1/11) |
| LOWEST EVER | 8 (3/11) | 34 (1/11) | 24 (1/11) | 4 (2/11, 1/11) | 1 (many) |

Q. 12 I know it's a long way off, but if Andrew Cuomo runs for re-election as Governor in 2014, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else?

| DATE | RE-ELECT CUOMO | PREFER SOMEONE ELSE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| May 2013 | 55 | 36 | 9 |
| April 2013 | 53 | 39 | 7 |
| March 2013 | 54 | 37 | 9 |
| February 2013 | 56 | 36 | 8 |
| January 2013 | 60 | 32 | 8 |
| December 2012 | 62 | 29 | 9 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 62 (12/12) | 39 (4/13) | 9 (3/13, 12/12) |
| LOWEST EVER | 53 (4/13) | 29 (12/12) | 7 (4/13) |

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| May 2013 | 39 | 45 | 16 |
| April 2013 | 39 | 49 | 12 |
| February 2013 | 44 | 42 | 14 |
| January 2013 | 45 | 42 | 13 |
| December 2012 | 41 | 40 | 19 |
| October 2012 | 41 | 41 | 18 |
| July 2012 | 42 | 45 | 13 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 45 (1/13) | 61 (7/10) | 19 (12/12) |
| LOWEST EVER | 25 (7/10) | 40 (12/12) | 12 (4/13, 1/10) |

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Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about your New York State Assembly Member?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 52 | 24 | 24 |
| May 2012 | 54 | 24 | 21 |
| July 2011 | 47 | 29 | 25 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 54 (5/12) | 29 (6/11) | 25 (6/11) |
| LOWEST EVER | 47 (6/11) | 24 (5/13, 5/12) | 21 (5/12) |

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Sheldon Silver?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 23 | 34 | 43 |
| April 2013 | 28 | 39 | 33 |
| January 2013 | 24 | 38 | 38 |
| December 2012 | 24 | 34 | 42 |
| October 2012 | 21 | 39 | 41 |
| July 2012 | 25 | 37 | 39 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 28 (4/13, 7/05) | 42 (12/10) | 50 (4/05) |
| LOWEST EVER | 19 (2/11, 4/05) | 30 (4/05) | 33 (4/13) |

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| May 2013 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| April 2013 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
| February 2013 | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| January 2013 | 45 | 45 | 10 |
| December 2012 | 45 | 41 | 14 |
| October 2012 | 45 | 42 | 13 |
| July 2012 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 46 (5/12) | 74 (7/09) | 14 (12/12, 6/11) |
| LOWEST EVER | 20 (7/09) | 41 (12/12) | 6 (7/09) |

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about your New York State Senator?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 59 | 28 | 14 |
| May 2012 | 65 | 24 | 11 |
| July 2011 | 55 | 30 | 15 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 65 (5/12) | 30 (6/11) | 15 (6/11) |
| LOWEST EVER | 55 (6/11) | 24 (5/12) | 11 (5/12) |

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Dean Skelos?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 14 | 16 | 70 |
| April 2013 | 15 | 24 | 61 |
| January 2013 | 16 | 20 | 65 |
| December 2012 | 16 | 18 | 67 |
| October 2012 | 14 | 20 | 67 |
| July 2012 | 13 | 22 | 64 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 16 (1/13, 12/12) | 24 (4/13) | 82 (11/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 9 (12/10) | 8 (7/08) | 61 (4/13) |

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jeff Klein?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 13 | 10 | 76 |
| April 2013 | 17 | 15 | 68 |
| January 2013 | 12 | 14 | 73 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 17 (4/13) | 15 (4/13) | 84 (11/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 9 (11/09) | 7 (11/09) | 68 (4/13) |

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Q. 15 Which of the following two statements best describes how you feel about New York State legislators: While there are some bad apples, most New York State legislators are honest and law-abiding, or while there are some good ones, most New York State legislators cannot be trusted? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

| DATE | SOME BAD APPLES, SOME GOOD, MOST | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | MOST HONEST | CANNOT BE TRUSTED | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
| May 2013 | 52 | 44 | 4 |
| April 2013 | 50 | 47 | 3 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 52 (5/13) | 47 (4/13) | 4 (5/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 50 (4/13) | 44 (5/13) | 3 (4/13) |

Q. 23 How serious a problem would you say corruption is in the New York State Legislature? Would you say it's very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

| DATE | VERY SERIOUS | SOMEWHAT SERIOUS | NOT VERY SERIOUS | NOT AT ALL SERIOUS | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | May 2013 | 41 | 48 | 8 | 0 |
| April 2013 | 41 | 50 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 41 (5/13,4/13) | 50 (4/13) | 8 (5/13) | 1 (4/13) | 3 (5/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 41 (5/13,4/13) | 48 (5/13) | 6 (4/13) | 0 (5/13) | 2 (4/13) |

Q. 26 How likely would you say it is that there will be more arrests of state legislators for corruption in the near future? Would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

| DATE | VERY LIKELY | SOMEWHAT LIKELY | NOT VERY LIKELY | NOT AT ALL LIKELY | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | May 2013 | 44 | 44 | 7 | 2 |
| April 2013 | 29 | 52 | 12 | 3 | 3 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 44 (5/13) | 52 (4/13) | 12 (4/13) | 3 (4/13) | 3 (4/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 29 (4/13) | 44 (5/13) | 7 (5/13) | 2 (5/13) | 2 (5/13) |

Q. 27 Who do you think should take the lead in trying to clean up corruption in the State Legislature: Governor Cuomo, Federal prosecutors, Attorney General Schneiderman, local county district attorneys, or the Legislature itself? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

| DATE | GOV. CUOMO | FEDERAL PROSECUTORS | AG SCHNEIDERMAN | LOCAL DAS | LEGISLATURE ITSELF | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | May 2013 | 20 | 27 | 26 | 9 | 12 |
| April 2013 | 18 | 29 | 27 | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 20 (5/13) | 29 (4/13) | 27 (4/13) | 10 (4/13) | 12 (5/13) | 7 (5/13, 4/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 18 (4/13) | 27 (5/13) | 26 (5/13) | 9 (5/13) | 10 (4/13) | 7 (5/13, 4/13) |

Q. 28 How confident are you that Governor Cuomo will succeed in pushing through reforms to reduce corruption in New York's political system? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

| DATE | VERY CONFIDENT | SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT | NOT VERY CONFIDENT | NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | May 2013 | 10 | 51 | 25 | 12 |
| April 2013 | 15 | 47 | 24 | 13 | 1 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 15 (4/13) | 51 (5/13) | 25 (5/13) | 13 (4/13) | 2 (5/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 10 (5/13) | 47 (4/13) | 24 (4/13) | 12 (5/13) | 1 (4/13) |

Q. 29 Do you support or oppose passing an amendment to the state constitution to allow non-Indian, Las Vegas style casinos to be built in New York?

| DATE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| | May 2013 | 53 | 37 |
| April 2013 | 49 | 44 | 7 |
| March 2013 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| February 2013 | 48 | 42 | 10 |
| January 2013 | 52 | 43 | 5 |
| August 2012 | 52 | 38 | 9 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 53 (5/13, 1/12) | 49 (3/12) | 11 (3/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 46 (3/13) | 37 (5/13) | 3 (3/12) |

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Q. 30 While the proposed constitutional amendment would allow for seven casinos to be built in New York, Governor Cuomo has proposed that initially only three casinos – all in upstate New York – be built. Do you support or oppose the Governor’s proposal to initially build only three casinos, all upstate?

| DATE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | DON’T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 53 | 41 | 6 |
| April 2013 | 51 | 44 | 5 |
| March 2013 | 50 | 43 | 8 |
| February 2013 | 51 | 42 | 7 |
| January 2013 | 57 | 40 | 3 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 57 (1/13) | 44 (4/13) | 8 (3/13) |
| LOWEST EVER | 50 (3/13) | 40 (1/13) | 3 (1/13) |

Q. 31 The State Department of Environmental Conservation is expected to soon issue a decision on whether or not to allow hydrofracking – that is the proposed method to recover natural gas from parts of upstate New York – to move forward. How much have you heard or read about it – a great deal, some, not very much, or nothing at all?

| DATE | A GREAT DEAL | SOME | NOT VERY MUCH | NOTHING | DON’T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 32 | 29 | 20 | 19 | 0 |
| April 2013 | 32 | 32 | 18 | 19 | 0 |
| March 2013 | 32 | 32 | 21 | 15 | 0 |
| February 2013 | 26 | 34 | 22 | 18 | 0 |
| January 2013 | 31 | 33 | 18 | 17 | 0 |
| December 2012 | 27 | 36 | 20 | 17 | 0 |
| October 2012 | 27 | 39 | 21 | 12 | 0 |
| August 2012 | 28 | 35 | 22 | 15 | 1 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 33 (5/12) | 39 (10/12) | 22 (2/13, 8/12) | 20 (5/12) | 1 (8/12) |
| LOWEST EVER | 27 (12/12, etc.) | 29 (5/13) | 14 (5/12) | 12 (10/12) | 0 (many) |

Q. 32 Do you support or oppose the Department of Environmental Conservation allowing hydrofracking to move forward in parts of upstate New York?

| DATE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION/ DON’T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| May 2013 | 39 | 41 | 20 |
| April 2013 | 40 | 45 | 15 |
| March 2013 | 39 | 43 | 18 |
| February 2013 | 40 | 40 | 20 |
| January 2013 | 40 | 44 | 16 |
| December 2012 | 42 | 36 | 22 |
| October 2012 | 42 | 36 | 23 |
| August 2012 | 39 | 38 | 23 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 42 (12/12, 10/12) | 45 (4/13) | 27 (5/12) |
| LOWEST EVER | 37 (5/12) | 36 (12/12, 10/12, 5/12) | 15 (4/13) |

Q. 33 Do you support or oppose creating a system of public campaign financing in New York that would limit the size of political contributions to candidates and use state money to match smaller contributions made to candidates for state offices?

| DATE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE | NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION/ DON’T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| May 2013 | 57 | 34 | 9 |
| March 2013 | 61 | 33 | 6 |
| January 2013 | 59 | 36 | 5 |
| August 2012 | 55 | 31 | 14 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 61 (3/13) | 36 (1/13) | 14 (8/12) |
| LOWEST EVER | 55 (8/12) | 31 (8/12) | 5 (1/13) |

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Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 58 | 40 | 2 |
| March 2013 | 56 | 41 | 3 |
| February 2013 | 66 | 32 | 2 |
| January 2013 | 66 | 33 | 1 |
| December 2012 | 62 | 36 | 2 |
| October 2012 | 61 | 37 | 2 |
| August 2012 | 64 | 35 | 1 |
| July 2012 | 59 | 38 | 3 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 81 (1/09) | 46 (10/31/10) | 40 (11/06) |
| LOWEST EVER | 48 (11/06) | 10 (1/09) | 1 (1/13, 8/12) |

Q. 2 Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

| DATE | RIGHT TRACK | WRONG DIRECTION | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 41 | 56 | 4 |
| March 2013 | 32 | 60 | 8 |
| January 2013 | 46 | 49 | 5 |
| December 2012 | 50 | 43 | 8 |
| October 2012 | 48 | 45 | 7 |
| August 2012 | 46 | 48 | 6 |
| July 2012 | 44 | 52 | 5 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 62 (5/09) | 74 (8/11) | 17 (9/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 19 (10/08) | 24 (12/09) | 5 (1/13) |

Q. 14 How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

| DATE | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 1 | 19 | 44 | 33 | 2 |
| March 2013 | 1 | 16 | 47 | 35 | 2 |
| February 2013 | 0 | 19 | 44 | 35 | 2 |
| January 2013 | 1 | 18 | 47 | 32 | 2 |
| December 2012 | 2 | 18 | 42 | 35 | 2 |
| October 2012 | 0 | 19 | 47 | 31 | 2 |
| August 2012 | 1 | 19 | 49 | 31 | 1 |
| July 2012 | 0 | 19 | 44 | 36 | 1 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 2 (12/12, 5/12) | 19 (5/13, etc.) | 49 (8/12) | 67 (3/22/10) | 4 (9/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 0 (many) | 6 (3/22/10, etc.) | 25 (3/22/10) | 31 (10/12, 8/12) | 0 (4/11, etc.) |

Q. 1 Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

| DATE | RIGHT TRACK | WRONG DIRECTION | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| May 2013 | 49 | 44 | 7 |
| April 2013 | 48 | 42 | 10 |
| March 2013 | 50 | 42 | 8 |
| February 2013 | 55 | 35 | 9 |
| January 2013 | 57 | 33 | 10 |
| December 2012 | 55 | 32 | 13 |
| October 2012 | 53 | 35 | 11 |
| August 2012 | 56 | 33 | 10 |
| July 2012 | 53 | 36 | 11 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 57 (1/13) | 76 (10/31/10) | 30 (1/07) |
| LOWEST EVER | 14 (10/10) | 26 (1/07) | 7 (5/13) |

Poll Trend Notes: All surveys are of registered voters except for the polls of August and October 2012, October 2010, September and October 2008, and September and October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.
Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.
Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since July 2012.
“Highest Ever” and “Lowest Ever” is provided at the bottom of each question.