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### Siena New York Poll:

## Mayor Mike Runs Neck and Neck Against Spitzer in Race for Governor in 2010

*Hillary Maintains Primary and General Election Leads in NY  
Plurality of Voters Want Clinton to Be Next President and Think  
She Will Be; 61% Think Next President Will Be a Democrat*

**Loudonville, NY**, Despite leaving the Republican Party last week, New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg is only two points behind incumbent Governor Eliot Spitzer in a hypothetical match up for the 2010 gubernatorial race, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of registered New York voters released today. The Siena New York poll also shows that Senator Hillary Clinton continues to maintain a commanding lead in the primary and in head-to-head match-ups against former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Senator John McCain. A plurality of voters volunteered that they want Clinton to be the next president and that they think she will be.

“If Mayor Mike decides to run for governor as a Republican, he starts in a very strong position against Governor Spitzer. Despite the overwhelming Democratic enrollment edge, Spitzer’s lead over Bloomberg is only 43-41 percent,” said Steven Greenberg, Siena New York Poll spokesman.

Bloomberg leads in New York City voters (49-37 percent) and the downstate suburbs (53-37 percent), while Spitzer has a 55-24 percent lead upstate. Bloomberg leads among Republicans (57-29 percent). Spitzer leads among Democrats (53-31 percent). Independent voters are divided (39-38 percent Bloomberg). Spitzer’s favorable rating, 64-22 percent, is down slightly from last month, as his job performance rating (55-37 percent positive). Bloomberg has a 62-20 percent favorable rating.

“Mike and Eliot are both very well known and viewed very favorably by the majority of New York voters,” Greenberg said. “There would be no ‘Davids’ in this race. It will be Goliath vs. Goliath.”

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Among Democratic primary voters, Clinton continues to maintain a commanding lead. Former Vice President Al Gore, who has not declared his candidacy, is solidly in second, passing Senator Barack Obama, who has fallen from 17 to 11 percent since April.

<b>Dem Primary</b>	6/07	5/07	4/07	3/07	2/07
Clinton	<b>43</b>	42	39	43	44
Gore	<b>19</b>	13	12	14	11
Obama	<b>11</b>	13	17	11	13
Edwards	<b>9</b>	7	11	7	8
Biden	<b>2</b>	3	2	1	4
Richardson	<b>1</b>	3	4	4	2
Dodd	<b>1</b>	<1	0	0	1
Kucinich	<b>1</b>	4	1	3	2
DK/NO	<b>13</b>	15	13	17	15

<b>Rep Primary</b>	6/07	5/07
Giuliani	<b>48</b>	50
McCain	<b>13</b>	12
F. Thompson	<b>11</b>	8
Romney	<b>6</b>	7
Gingrich	<b>4</b>	7
DK/NO	<b>19</b>	15

Among Republican voters, Giuliani still has a nearly four-to-one edge over McCain. Former Senator Fred Thompson, still undeclared, now trails McCain by only two points.

“At least Republicans and Democrats can agree on one thing – they both want a New Yorker at the top of their ticket running for President,” Greenberg said.

In head-to-head general elections matchups, Clinton maintains a 13 point lead over Giuliani and an 18 point lead over McCain. While Obama has kept a double digit lead over McCain, his 10 point lead over Giuliani last month is down to two points.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	<b>Rudy Giuliani</b>	<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	<b>John McCain</b>	<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>Rudy Giuliani</b>	<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>John McCain</b>
June 2007	<b>53%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>35%</b>
May 2007	52%	39%	54%	36%	50%	40%	50%	33%
April 2007	48%	43%	51%	39%	47%	43%	50%	37%
March 2007	51%	39%	54%	35%	42%	45%	47%	39%
Nov. 2006	53%	39%	55%	36%	41%	47%	39%	40%
Aug. 2006	42%	48%	42%	46%				
Oct. 2005	43%	48%						

“One in four voters volunteered they *want* Hillary to be the next president, with Rudy getting 15 percent. However, 34 percent *think* Hillary will be elected, with Rudy at 10 percent. Nobody else gets double digits on either question,” Greenberg said. “While 41 percent *want* the next president to be a Democrat, 61 percent, and 50 percent of Republicans, *think* the next president will be a Democrat.”

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This SRI survey was conducted June 18-21, 2007 by telephone calls to 800 registered New York State voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The margin of error for 378 Democrats is  $\pm 5.0$  percentage points. The margin of error for 218 Republicans is  $\pm 6.6$  percentage points. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: [www.siena.edu/sri/snyjune](http://www.siena.edu/sri/snyjune).



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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eliot Spitzer?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	64	22	15
May 2007	67	21	12
April 2007	67	20	13
March 2007	62	20	18
February 2007	74	12	14
January 2007	75	10	16
November 15, 2006	75	14	12
November 3, 2006	74	17	10
October 2006	69	20	12
September 2006	74	16	10
August 2006	71	15	15
June 2006	68	16	16
May 2006	63	19	19
March 2006	62	18	20
January 2006	59	19	23
November 2005	65	15	20
October 2005	61	19	20
August 2005	60	14	26
July 2005	62	15	22
June 2005	59	15	25
May 2005	58	17	25
April 2005	53	18	29
March 2005	50	18	32
February 2005	48	17	34

How would you rate the job that Eliot Spitzer is doing as Governor – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	9	46	30	7	8
May 2007	11	46	27	9	7
April 2007	10	45	31	7	7
March 2007	8	39	31	8	13
February 2007	15	43	21	3	20
January 2007	11	37	15	4	33

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	7	13	80
May 2007	7	18	75
April 2007	11	14	76
March 2007	9	14	78
February 2007	9	15	76

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	49	31	20
May 2007	51	32	18
April 2007	52	31	18
March 2007	50	32	19
February 2007	45	35	20
January 2007	48	29	23
November 15, 2006	50	36	15
November 3, 2006	49	36	15
October 2006	44	42	15
September 2006	50	35	15
August 2006	44	35	21
June 2006	47	29	24
January 2006	45	31	24

How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Attorney General – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>POOR</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	7	39	27	9	18
May 2007	9	41	26	9	16
April 2007	8	39	29	9	15
March 2007	5	35	29	8	23
January 2007	11	37	15	4	33

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Charles Schumer?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	64	23	13
February 2007	66	24	11
November 15, 2006	68	20	11
July 2005	70	22	9
February 2005	63	20	17

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	54	39	7
May 2007	56	39	5
April 2007	50	42	7
March 2007	56	37	8
February 2007	56	40	5
January 2007	60	33	7
November 15, 2006	65	29	6
November 3, 2006	61	33	6
October 2006	56	38	6
September 2006	60	37	4
August 2006	54	38	7
June 2006	54	38	8
May 2006	58	36	6
March 2006	55	39	6
January 2006	60	37	3
November 2005	60	34	6
October 2005	59	35	6
August 2005	59	37	4
July 2005	60	34	6
June 2005	60	33	7
May 2005	58	35	7
April 2005	60	33	6
March 2005	58	34	8
February 2005	61	33	6

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
June 2007	53	24	23
May 2007	58	22	20
April 2007	55	23	22
March 2007	52	20	28
February 2007	52	21	28
January 2007	50	17	34
November 15, 2006	48	12	40

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rudy Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2007	50	42	8
May 2007	51	43	6
April 2007	56	38	6
March 2007	60	33	8
February 2007	59	34	7
January 2007	63	29	9
November 15, 2006	63	32	5
April 2005	63	26	10
February 2005	61	28	11

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about John McCain?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2007	43	39	19
May 2007	42	44	14
April 2007	45	39	15
March 2007	45	34	21
February 2007	47	33	19
January 2007	51	29	21
November 15, 2006	56	24	20

If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Biden, or Al Gore who would you vote for? (*Note: Democrats only; choices rotated. Not all candidates were included in each poll; NA indicates where a candidate was not included.*)

DATE	OBAMA	CLINTON	EDWARDS	RICHARDSON	DODD
June 2007	11	43	9	1	1
May 2007	13	42	7	3	< 1
April 2007	17	39	11	4	0
March 2007	11	43	7	4	0
February 2007	13	44	8	2	1
January 2007	11	58	9	4	0

  

	KUCINICH	BIDEN	GORE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
June 2007	1	2	19	13
May 2007	4	3	13	15
April 2007	1	2	12	13
March 2007	3	1	14	17
February 2007	2	4	11	15
January 2007	1	4	NA	13

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If the Republican Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Sam Brownback, Mitt Romney, George Pataki, and Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for? (*Note: Republicans only; choices rotated*)

DATE	GIULIANI	MCCAIN	BROWNBACK	ROMNEY	PATAKI	GINGRICH	GILMORE
June 2007	48	13	NA	6	NA	4	NA
May 2007 – 1	52	14	1	7	0	NA	1
May 2007 – 2	50	12	NA	7	NA	7	NA
April 2007	47	16	0	8	6	8	NA
March 2007	48	16	1	6	7	8	NA
February 2007	45	17	1	5	3	11	NA
January 2007	47	20	1	5	5	9	NA

	HUCKABEE	HUNTER	PAUL	TANCREDO	FRED THOMPSON	TOMMY THOMPSON	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
June 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	19
May 2007 – 1	1	0	2	1	NA	4	17
May 2007 – 2	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	15
April 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16
March 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14
February 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19
January 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	13

If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, who would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES)?

DATE	CLINTON	GIULIANI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2007	53	40	7
May 2007	52	39	9
April 2007	48	43	8
March 2007	51	39	9
November 15, 2006	53	39	8
August 2006	42	48	9
October 2005	43	48	9

If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and John McCain on the Republican line, who would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES)?

DATE	CLINTON	MCCAIN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2007	55	37	9
May 2007	54	36	10
April 2007	51	39	10
March 2007	54	35	11
November 15, 2006	55	36	9
August 2006	42	46	12

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If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, who would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES)?

DATE	OBAMA	GIULIANI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2007	45	43	12
May 2007	50	40	10
April 2007	47	43	10
March 2007	42	45	13
November 15, 2006	41	47	12

If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and John McCain on the Republican line, who would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES)?

DATE	OBAMA	MCCAIN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2007	49	35	16
May 2007	50	33	18
April 2007	50	37	13
March 2007	47	39	14
November 15, 2006	39	40	21

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
June 2007	45	28	27
May 2007	46	29	25
April 2007	47	29	24
March 2007	37	37	26
February 2007	49	26	25
January 2007	45	26	30
November 15, 2006	52	30	18
November 3, 2006	36	43	21
October 2006	29	47	23
September 2006:	33	39	28
August 2006	29	47	25
June 2006	29	45	26
May 2006	27	52	21
March 2006	35	39	26
January 2006	34	43	24
November 2005	38	41	22
October 2005	34	42	24
August 2005	36	44	20
July 2005	33	41	26
June 2005	30	44	26
May 2005	29	46	25
April 2005	29	44	27
March 2005	26	47	27
February 2005	32	44	24