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Siena College Poll:

Paterson Favorability & Job Ratings Inch Up; Remain Very Low

Who's Doing Best Job to Solve Budget Problem? None of Them
Majority Support Legislature Not Cutting Education & Health Care to Close Deficit This Year; Plurality Favor Taxes Over Cuts for Next Year's Deficit

Loudonville, NY. For the second month in a row, voters have given a modest boost to Governor David Paterson's favorability and job performance ratings, raising them above record lows but not dramatically higher than that, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of registered voters. Paterson remains far behind Attorney General Andrew Cuomo in a potential Democratic gubernatorial primary, and turned a three-point deficit against former Long Island Republican Representative Rick Lazio last month into a two-point lead this month. When voters were asked to choose among Paterson, Democrats in the Legislature or Republicans in the Legislature for who was doing the best job to resolve budget problems the winner was: none of the above. A majority of voters think not cutting education and health care further was the right choice and a plurality think raising taxes next year is a better way to close the deficit than cutting those two largest parts of the state budget.

"The Governor's personal favorability rating edged up for the second month in a row. Now 36 percent of voters have a favorable view of him and 53 percent have an unfavorable view. While up considerably from his record low of 27-63 percent in the spring, it is a far cry from the 63-22 percent favorability rating Paterson enjoyed one year ago. It is nearly identical to the 36-56 percent rating he had in July," said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg.

"Interestingly, Paterson's favorability jumped seven points with Republicans and six points with independent voters, while falling three points with Democrats, despite seeing improvement with two significant Democratic constituencies, African American and Jewish voters. His job performance rating is also up slightly but remains an anemic 23 percent positive compared to 76 percent negative," Greenberg said.

"Currently 19 percent of voters are prepared to elect Paterson as Governor next year while 65 percent say they prefer 'someone else.' Although it is the best Paterson has done on this measurement since February, it is still more than three-to-one negative. This modest movement comes after a month-long public budget debate with the Legislature, and after the Governor's campaign aired five weeks of commercials," Greenberg said.

“Paterson has narrowed the record high lead Cuomo had last month in a potential Democratic gubernatorial primary from 59 points to 44 points,” Greenberg said. “Cuomo now leads 67-23 percent, virtually the same as it was in July when Cuomo led 65-23 percent. Last December, Paterson had a 49-26 percent lead.”

Paterson has a slim 42-40 percent lead over Lazio, compared to Lazio’s 42-39 percent lead last month. Cuomo maintains his huge advantage over Lazio, leading 68-22 percent, which includes a 47-42 percent lead among self-identified conservative voters.

| 2010 Gubernatorial Horse Race Questions | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Date | Paterson v. Lazio | | Cuomo v. Lazio | |
| | Paterson | Lazio | Cuomo | Lazio |
| Dec. 14 | 42% | 40% | 68% | 22% |
| Nov. 16 | 39% | 42% | 67% | 22% |
| Oct. 20 | 39% | 37% | 66% | 21% |
| Sept. 22 | 39% | 35% | 64% | 18% |
| Jan. 26 | 52% | 22% | 61% | 17% |

Best on Budget: Paterson? Legislative Democrats? Legislative Republicans? None of the Above

“While 23 percent of voters think Governor Paterson is doing the best job to resolve the state’s current budget problems, and 19 percent each identify Democrats in the Legislature and Republicans in the Legislature as budget champions, the winner was a choice that Siena didn’t even offer the voters: 26 percent of voters volunteered that none of them are doing the best job resolving the budget problem,” Greenberg said. “Among the three choices offered, support exceeded 30 percent only among Republicans and conservatives (Republicans in the Legislature), and African Americans (both Governor Paterson and Democrats in the Legislature).”

Voters: Legislature Right to Reject Significant Education & Health Care Cuts to Close Current Deficit

“By a 59-37 percent margin, voters say the Legislature made the right choice in rejecting significant cuts in education and health care to close the current year deficit, despite the Governor’s argument that the Legislature didn’t cut the budget enough, increasing the gap in next year’s budget,” Greenberg said. “What is particularly interesting and surprising is that there are only small differences based on party and ideology. A majority of every demographic group – including Democrats (63 percent), Republicans (57 percent) and independent voters (53 percent), as well as liberals (61 percent), moderates (60 percent) and conservatives (55 percent) – think the Legislature made the right choice in rejecting significant health care and education cuts.”

Plurality Want Tax Increases over Significant Education & Health Care Cuts to Close Next Year’s Deficit

“Only 31 percent of voters suggest the Governor propose significant cuts in the two largest parts of the budget – education and health care – while 42 percent would rather he propose increasing state taxes. The remaining 27 percent don’t have an opinion,” Greenberg said. “Here, however, there are huge partisan, ideological and geographic differences with Republicans, conservatives and upstaters supporting cuts over taxes.”

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This SRI survey was conducted December 6-9, 2009 by telephone calls to 665 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of ± 3.8 percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party and geography to ensure representativeness. Sampling was conducted via random digit dialing weighted to reflect known population patterns. SRI is an independent, non-partisan research institute. SRI subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.



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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about David Paterson?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 36 | 53 | 12 |
| November 2009 | 33 | 56 | 12 |
| October 2009 | 27 | 61 | 12 |
| September 2009 | 29 | 59 | 13 |
| August 2009 | 32 | 55 | 12 |
| July 2009 | 36 | 56 | 8 |
| June 2009 | 31 | 57 | 11 |
| May 2009 | 27 | 60 | 13 |
| April 2009 | 27 | 63 | 10 |
| March 2009 | 29 | 58 | 13 |
| February 2009 | 40 | 47 | 13 |
| January 29, 2009 | 54 | 30 | 17 |
| January 26, 2009 | 60 | 23 | 16 |
| December 2008 | 63 | 22 | 16 |
| November 2008 | 64 | 19 | 17 |
| October 27, 2008 | 62 | 19 | 18 |
| September 2008 | 59 | 13 | 28 |
| August 2008 | 59 | 16 | 26 |
| July 2008 | 57 | 15 | 28 |
| June 2008 | 57 | 17 | 25 |
| May 2008 | 48 | 17 | 35 |
| April 2008 | 48 | 18 | 34 |
| March 24, 2008 | 58 | 10 | 31 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 64 (11/08) | 63 (4/09) | 76 (1/07) |
| LOWEST EVER | 17 (1/07) | 8 (1/07) | 8 (7/09) |

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

| DATE | EXCELLENT | GOOD | FAIR | POOR | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| December 2009 | 3 | 20 | 42 | 34 | 2 |
| November 2009 | 2 | 19 | 40 | 39 | 2 |
| October 2009 | 1 | 18 | 43 | 36 | 1 |
| September 2009 | 2 | 16 | 41 | 39 | 2 |
| August 2009 | 3 | 20 | 38 | 38 | 2 |
| July 2009 | 2 | 20 | 41 | 36 | 1 |
| June 2009 | 2 | 18 | 39 | 39 | 2 |
| May 2009 | 2 | 16 | 43 | 38 | 1 |
| April 2009 | 1 | 17 | 41 | 40 | 2 |
| March 2009 | 1 | 18 | 46 | 32 | 2 |
| February 2009 | 2 | 26 | 46 | 23 | 3 |
| January 26, 2009 | 8 | 43 | 35 | 10 | 4 |
| December 2008 | 9 | 46 | 32 | 8 | 4 |
| November 2008 | 9 | 46 | 34 | 7 | 4 |
| October 27, 2008 | 7 | 48 | 35 | 5 | 5 |
| September 2008 | 7 | 44 | 33 | 4 | 12 |
| August 2008 | 7 | 45 | 30 | 5 | 12 |
| July 2008 | 7 | 41 | 34 | 5 | 13 |
| June 2008 | 6 | 38 | 31 | 6 | 19 |
| May 2008 | 5 | 35 | 28 | 4 | 29 |
| April 2008 | 4 | 30 | 30 | 4 | 32 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 9 (12/08) | 48 (10/08) | 46 (3/09, 2/09) | 40 (4/09) | 32 (4/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 1 (10/09,etc) | 16 (9/09, etc.) | 28 (5/08) | 4 (9/08, etc.) | 1 (10/09, etc.) |

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If David Paterson runs for Governor in 2010, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

| DATE | ELECT | PREFER SOMEONE ELSE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| December 2009 | 19 | 65 | 16 |
| November 2009 | 17 | 69 | 15 |
| October 2009 | 15 | 72 | 13 |
| September 2009 | 14 | 71 | 16 |
| August 2009 | 15 | 68 | 16 |
| July 2009 | 17 | 69 | 13 |
| June 2009 | 15 | 70 | 15 |
| May 2009 | 15 | 71 | 15 |
| April 2009 | 12 | 71 | 17 |
| March 2009 | 14 | 67 | 19 |
| February 2009 | 19 | 57 | 24 |
| January 26, 2009 | 32 | 36 | 32 |
| December 2008 | 36 | 31 | 33 |
| November 2008 | 42 | 32 | 26 |
| October 27, 2008 | 40 | 29 | 31 |
| September 2008 | 35 | 25 | 39 |
| August 2008 | 35 | 26 | 40 |
| July 2008 | 34 | 27 | 40 |
| June 2008 | 30 | 30 | 40 |
| May 2008 | 29 | 25 | 47 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 42 (11/08) | 72 (10/09) | 47 (5/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 12 (4/09) | 25 (9/08, 5/08) | 13 (10/09, 7/09) |

(DEMS ONLY): Looking ahead to next year and the election for Governor. If the Democratic primary for governor were held today and the candidates were David Paterson or Andrew Cuomo, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

| DATE | PATERSON | CUOMO | SUOZZI | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 23 | 67 | NA | 10 |
| November 2009 | 16 | 75 | NA | 8 |
| October 2009 | 20 | 70 | NA | 10 |
| September 2009 | 20 | 66 | NA | 14 |
| August 2009 | 23 | 65 | NA | 12 |
| July 2009 | 23 | 65 | NA | 13 |
| June 2009 | 16 | 69 | NA | 15 |
| May 2009 | 19 | 70 | NA | 11 |
| April 2009 | 11 | 64 | 8 | 17 |
| March 2009 | 17 | 67 | NA | 17 |
| February 2009 | 27 | 53 | NA | 20 |
| January 26, 2009 | 35 | 33 | NA | 33 |
| December 2008 | 49 | 26 | NA | 25 |
| November 2008 | 53 | 25 | NA | 22 |
| July 2008 | 51 | 21 | NA | 28 |
| June 2008 | 43 | 31 | NA | 26 |
| May 2008 | 42 | 29 | NA | 29 |
| April 2008 | 35 | 30 | 7 | 28 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 53 (11/08) | 75 (11/09) | 8 (4/09) | 33 (1/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 11 (4/09) | 21 (7/08) | 7 (4/08) | 8 (11/09) |

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If the 2010 election for governor were held today and the candidates were David Paterson on the Democratic line and Rick Lazio on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

| DATE | PATERSON | LAZIO | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| December 2009 | 42 | 40 | 18 |
| November 2009 | 39 | 42 | 19 |
| October 2009 | 39 | 37 | 23 |
| September 2009 | 39 | 35 | 26 |
| August 2009 | 38 | 37 | 25 |
| July 2009 | 41 | 39 | 20 |
| February 2009 | 46 | 28 | 26 |
| January 26, 2009 | 52 | 22 | 26 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 52 (1/09) | 42 (11/09) | 26 (9/09, 2/09, 1/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 38 (8/09) | 22 (1/09) | 18 (12/09) |

If the 2010 election for governor were held today and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line and Rick Lazio on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

| DATE | CUOMO | LAZIO | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 68 | 22 | 10 |
| November 2009 | 67 | 22 | 11 |
| October 2009 | 66 | 21 | 14 |
| September 2009 | 64 | 18 | 18 |
| August 2009 | 66 | 16 | 18 |
| July 2009 | 65 | 20 | 15 |
| February 2009 | 66 | 16 | 18 |
| January 26, 2009 | 61 | 17 | 22 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 68 (12/09) | 22 (12/09, 11/09) | 22 (1/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 61 (1/09) | 16 (8/09, 2/09) | 10 (12/09) |

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

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| December 2009 | 67 | 19 | 14 |
| November 2009 | 70 | 20 | 11 |
| October 2009 | 67 | 20 | 14 |
| September 2009 | 66 | 21 | 13 |
| August 2009 | 70 | 14 | 16 |
| July 2009 | 63 | 21 | 16 |
| June 2009 | 71 | 17 | 12 |
| May 2009 | 66 | 20 | 14 |
| April 2009 | 66 | 18 | 16 |
| March 2009 | 68 | 17 | 15 |
| February 2009 | 69 | 18 | 13 |
| January 26, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |
| December 2008 | 59 | 24 | 17 |
| November 2008 | 61 | 19 | 20 |
| October 27, 2008 | 59 | 25 | 16 |
| September 2008 | 54 | 24 | 22 |
| August 2008 | 54 | 25 | 21 |
| July 2008 | 57 | 23 | 21 |
| June 2008 | 57 | 22 | 21 |
| May 2008 | 56 | 25 | 20 |
| April 2008 | 55 | 24 | 21 |
| March 24, 2008 | 53 | 25 | 22 |
| January 2008 | 51 | 29 | 20 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 71 (6/09) | 42 (10/06) | 24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07) |
| LOWEST EVER | 44 (8/06, 10/06) | 14 (8/09) | 11 (11/09) |

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rick Lazio?

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| December 2009 | 25 | 25 | 51 |
| November 2009 | 29 | 22 | 50 |
| October 2009 | 23 | 27 | 50 |
| September 2009 | 22 | 25 | 53 |
| August 2009 | 21 | 22 | 57 |
| July 2009 | 25 | 22 | 53 |
| February 2009 | 23 | 23 | 54 |
| January 26, 2009 | 19 | 18 | 64 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 29 (11/09) | 27 (10/09) | 64 (1/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 19 (1/09) | 18 (1/09) | 50 (11/09, 10/09) |

Would you prefer to see Attorney General Andrew Cuomo run for re-election as Attorney General next year or would you prefer to see him run for Governor instead?

| DATE | ATTORNEY GENERAL | GOVERNOR | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 31 | 50 | 19 |
| November 2009 | 28 | 52 | 19 |
| October 2009 | 36 | 49 | 15 |
| September 2009 | 34 | 47 | 18 |
| August 2009 | 31 | 52 | 17 |
| July 2009 | 31 | 45 | 24 |
| June 2009 | 35 | 46 | 19 |
| May 2009 | 33 | 47 | 20 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 36 (10/09) | 52 (11/09, 8/09) | 24 (7/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 28 (11/09) | 45 (7/09) | 15 (10/09) |

Should Andrew Cuomo publicly declare now whether he's running for Attorney General or Governor next year, or does he have time to wait several months before publicly announcing?

| DATE | DECLARE NOW | TIME TO WAIT | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| December 2009 | 35 | 51 | 14 |
| November 2009 | 33 | 52 | 14 |
| October 2009 | 34 | 53 | 12 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 35 (12/09) | 53 (10/09) | 14 (12/09, 11/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 33 (11/09) | 51 (12/09) | 12 (10/09) |

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

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 22 | 10 | 67 |
| November 2009 | 20 | 11 | 69 |
| August 2009 | 16 | 11 | 74 |
| May 2009 | 19 | 16 | 65 |
| February 2009 | 16 | 13 | 71 |
| November 2008 | 18 | 10 | 72 |
| October 27, 2008 | 17 | 14 | 69 |
| July 2008 | 18 | 12 | 70 |
| April 2008 | 14 | 12 | 74 |
| January 2008 | 11 | 16 | 73 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 22 (12/09) | 18 (5/07) | 80 (6/07) |
| LOWEST EVER | 7 (6/07, 5/07) | 10 (12/09, 11/08) | 65 (5/09) |

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

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 12 | 14 | 73 |
| November 2009 | 14 | 12 | 74 |
| May 2009 | 15 | 15 | 70 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 27 (11/06) | 28 (11/06) | 78 (10/05) |
| LOWEST EVER | 11 (10/05) | 11 (10/05, 11/05) | 46 (11/06) |

If the 2010 election for State Comptroller were held today and the candidates were Tom DiNapoli on the Democratic line and John Faso on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

| DATE | DiNAPOLI | FASO | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 40 | 24 | 36 |
| November 2009 | 41 | 25 | 34 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 41 (11/09) | 25 (11/09) | 36 (12/09) |
| LOWEST EVER | 40 (12/09) | 24 (12/09) | 34 (11/09) |

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

| DATE | FAVORABLE | UNFAVORABLE | DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| December 2009 | 63 | 32 | 5 |
| October 2009 | 65 | 31 | 4 |
| September 2009 | 65 | 31 | 4 |
| August 2009 | 70 | 23 | 6 |
| May 2009 | 72 | 23 | 5 |
| April 2009 | 75 | 19 | 6 |
| March 2009 | 70 | 23 | 7 |
| February 2009 | 74 | 18 | 8 |
| January 26, 2009 | 81 | 10 | 9 |
| December 2008 | 76 | 16 | 7 |
| November 2008 | 70 | 23 | 8 |
| October 27, 2008 | 67 | 28 | 5 |
| October 2, 2008 | 64 | 29 | 7 |
| September 2008 | 56 | 32 | 12 |
| August 2008 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| July 2008 | 57 | 32 | 12 |
| June 2008 | 58 | 30 | 13 |
| May 2008 | 55 | 34 | 11 |
| April 2008 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| March 24, 2008 | 56 | 32 | 13 |
| March 3, 2008 | 56 | 31 | 13 |
| February 2008 | 60 | 30 | 10 |
| January 2008 | 57 | 28 | 15 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 81 (1/09) | 34 (8/08, 5/08, 4/08) | 40 (11/06) |
| LOWEST EVER | 48 (11/06) | 10 (1/09) | 4 (10/09, 9/09) |

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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 |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 43 | 49 | 8 |
| October 2009 | 48 | 43 | 10 |
| September 2009 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| August 2009 | 52 | 37 | 10 |
| July 2009 | 49 | 41 | 10 |
| May 2009 | 62 | 31 | 7 |
| April 2009 | 61 | 29 | 11 |
| March 2009 | 50 | 36 | 14 |
| February 2009 | 48 | 39 | 13 |
| January 26, 2009 | 61 | 24 | 15 |
| December 2008 | 41 | 48 | 11 |
| November 2008 | 44 | 44 | 13 |
| October 27, 2008 | 19 | 69 | 12 |
| September 2008 | 28 | 56 | 17 |
| September 2007 | 23 | 64 | 13 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 62 (5/09) | 69 (10/08) | 17 (9/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 19 (10/08) | 24 (12/09) | 7 (5/09) |

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 |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| December 2009 | 0 | 6 | 28 | 65 | 1 |
| August 2009 | 1 | 7 | 39 | 51 | 1 |
| July 2009 | 1 | 7 | 30 | 61 | 1 |
| May 2009 | 1 | 8 | 33 | 59 | 0 |
| April 2009 | 0 | 4 | 29 | 66 | 1 |
| March 2009 | 0 | 6 | 33 | 60 | 1 |
| February 2009 | 0 | 7 | 28 | 65 | 0 |
| January 26, 2009 | 0 | 7 | 26 | 65 | 1 |
| December 2008 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 59 | 1 |
| November 2008 | 0 | 7 | 31 | 62 | 1 |
| October 27, 2008 | 0 | 12 | 43 | 43 | 2 |
| September 2008 | 1 | 14 | 41 | 41 | 4 |
| August 2008 | 0 | 13 | 37 | 48 | 1 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 0 (many) | 14 (9/08) | 43 (10/08) | 66 (4/09) | 4 (9/08) |
| LOWEST EVER | 1 (many) | 6 (12/09, 3/09) | 26 (1/09) | 41 (9/08) | 0 (5/09, 2/09) |

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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 |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| December 2009 | 24 | 61 | 15 |
| November 2009 | 24 | 60 | 16 |
| October 2009 | 24 | 61 | 15 |
| September 2009 | 28 | 57 | 15 |
| August 2009 | 28 | 57 | 15 |
| July 2009 | 23 | 64 | 13 |
| June 2009 | 24 | 63 | 13 |
| May 2009 | 33 | 52 | 14 |
| April 2009 | 27 | 57 | 15 |
| March 2009 | 30 | 52 | 19 |
| February 2009 | 31 | 53 | 16 |
| January 26, 2009 | 39 | 42 | 19 |
| December 2008 | 37 | 44 | 19 |
| November 2008 | 39 | 43 | 18 |
| October 27, 2008 | 39 | 41 | 19 |
| October 2, 2008 | 35 | 40 | 25 |
| September 2008 | 35 | 37 | 28 |
| August 2008 | 34 | 44 | 22 |
| July 2008 | 36 | 39 | 25 |
| June 2008 | 30 | 46 | 23 |
| May 2008 | 32 | 43 | 26 |
| April 2008 | 33 | 48 | 20 |
| March 24, 2008 | 34 | 41 | 26 |
| February 2008 | 33 | 43 | 24 |
| January 2008 | 39 | 38 | 23 |
| HIGHEST EVER | 52 (11/15/06) | 64 (7/09) | 30 (1/07) |
| LOWEST EVER | 23 (7/09) | 26 (1/07) | 13 (7/09, 6/09) |

Poll Trend Notes: 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 January 2008

“Highest Ever” and “Lowest Ever” is provided at the bottom of each question.

All surveys are of registered voters except for the polls of September and October 2008 and September and October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.