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Siena College Poll:

Cuomo Holds Wide Lead over Reps; Rated Better on 7 Issues

More Voters Following NYC Mosque Issue Closely; Opposition Still Strong; However, Voters Strongly See Constitutional Right for Mosque to be Built

Gillibrand Extends Lead over Potential Opponents; DiNapoli Maintains Lead

One-Third of Voters Give Their Legislators an 'A' or 'B'; Only ¼ Grade them 'D' or 'F'

Loudonville, NY. Attorney General and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Cuomo maintains leads of more than 30 percentage points against Republicans Rick Lazio and Carl Paladino in both head-to-head and three-way match-ups, and voters think he will be more effective than either of the Republicans on seven key issues that affect New Yorkers. Paladino has closed the gap against Lazio to 13 points among Republicans, according to a Siena College poll of registered New York voters released today.

Three-quarters of voters have been following the news about the proposed Muslim community center and mosque in lower Manhattan at least somewhat closely, up significantly in two weeks. Opposition remains strong against building the mosque, 63-27 percent, however, by a margin of 64-28 percent voters say that the developers of the Cordoba House have a Constitutional right to build it. Nearly one-quarter of voters say the position of the gubernatorial candidates on this issue will have a major effect on which candidate they support.

“With less than 11 weeks until election day, Andrew Cuomo continues to be the prohibitive favorite to be elected New York’s next governor. Neither Rick Lazio nor Carl Paladino has made a dent in the favorable view voters have of Cuomo. Nor have they made much progress in closing the large electoral gap Cuomo enjoys over both of them – individually or collectively,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

Cuomo leads Lazio 60-26 percent (60-28 percent in July). Cuomo’s lead over Paladino is 60-27 percent, down from 64-23 percent last month. In a three-way race, Cuomo garners 56 percent to 19 percent for Lazio (identified as a Republican) and 12 percent for Paladino (identified as an independent). In a three-way race identifying Paladino as the Republican and Lazio as the Conservative, Cuomo leads 56 percent to 16 percent for Lazio, and 14 percent for Paladino. Lazio’s primary lead over Paladino among enrolled Republicans is down to 13 points, 43-30 percent, down from a 20-point lead (40-20 percent) in July.

“On seven key issues, voters think Cuomo will be more effective on each of them than the combined total of voters who think either Paladino or Lazio will be better on those issues,” Greenberg said. “Neither Lazio nor

Which of the candidates do you think will be more effective in addressing...			
	Cuomo	Lazio	Paladino
Ensuring the affordability of quality health care	52%	15%	9%
Improving elementary, secondary and higher education	51%	16%	9%
Reforming state government ethics laws	48%	14%	12%
Fighting for fair, balanced, on-time state budgets	47%	17%	14%
Creating new jobs for New Yorkers	46%	15%	16%
Addressing the rate of local property tax increases	42%	20%	15%
Holding the line on state taxes	41%	19%	18%

Paladino has found traction on an issue that gives them an advantage over Cuomo on which to appeal to voters.”

Voters are Following NYC Mosque Issue Closely; Still Oppose It; Support Constitutionality of Building It

“More than one-third of voters are following the news about the proposed Muslim community center and mosque two blocks from the World Trade Center site very closely and 75 percent are following it either very or somewhat closely, up from 20 percent and 56 percent, respectively, two weeks ago,” Greenberg said. “This is clearly an issue that has received a great deal of media coverage and has attracted the public’s attention.

“The level of opposition to building the Cordoba House remains very strong, with 63 percent of voters opposing it and only 27 percent supporting it, virtually the same as the 61-26 percent opposition in the Siena Poll two weeks ago. Voters, however, can clearly distinguish their personal view on whether the community center and mosque should be built near Ground Zero from their opinion on whether the developers have a Constitutional right to build the Cordoba House there,” Greenberg said.

“Nearly two-thirds of voters – 64 percent – think the developers do have a Constitutional right to build the mosque and Muslim community center near Ground Zero, compared to only 28 percent who say they do not,” Greenberg said. “A majority of every demographic group – by party, region, age, gender, political philosophy – agrees that there is a Constitutional right to proceed. Even a majority of those who oppose building the mosque agree by a margin of 51-42 percent that they have the right to build it.

“The key question for Cuomo, Lazio and Paladino is how much voters will look at this issue when determining their vote for governor. Twenty-two percent say the candidates’ position on this issue will have a major effect on their vote, 37 percent say it will have some effect, and a plurality, 39 percent, say it will have no effect,” Greenberg said. “Of the 22 percent of voters who say the candidates’ position will have a major effect on their vote, opposition to the proposed mosque dwarfs support 92-7 percent. Among those voters, Cuomo currently has the support of 38 percent, compared to 33 percent who support Lazio and 17 percent who support Paladino.”

Gillibrand Widens Lead over Republicans; More Voters Would Rather Elect Her, Than ‘Someone Else’

“For the first time, more voters—38 percent – would rather elect Kirsten Gillibrand to the Senate seat she was appointed to, rather than the 36 percent who support ‘someone else.’ Additionally, her favorability rating improved to 40-29 percent, up from 34-29 percent in July,” Greenberg said. “As a result, Gillibrand has widened her lead over all three potential Republican opponents.”

Gillibrand leads Bruce Blakeman 55-28 percent, up from 51-28 percent last month. She leads Joseph DioGuardi 54-29 percent, up from 51-29 percent in July. She leads David Malpass 55-27 percent, from 50-27 percent last month. Among Republicans, DioGuardi continues to lead, 19 percent to eight percent for Blakeman and five percent for Malpass (it was 24-7-5 percent last month), with 68 percent of enrolled Republicans undecided.

Voters Still Prefer ‘Someone Else’ to Current Senator; Give Their Own Legislators a Passing ‘C’ Grade

“A majority of voters, 51 percent, continues to say they support ‘someone else,’ rather than re-electing their incumbent State Senator, which 31 percent of voters say they are inclined to do. Republicans and independent voters are much more negative toward their incumbent senators than are Democrats, and upstaters and downstate suburban voters are much more negative than are voters in New York City,” Greenberg said.

“When grading their individual Senator and Assemblymember, voters see very little difference between the two. Thirty-four percent of voters give their Assemblymember an ‘A’ or ‘B,’ compared to 24 percent who grade them ‘D’ or ‘F.’ The corresponding grades for their Senator are 36 percent and 26 percent,” Greenberg said. “When looked at on the 4.0 GPA scale, voters give each of their state legislators a 2.1 average. It may not get them into the honor society, but it’s far better than the 0.9 average voters gave the State Legislature last month.”

Nearly 3/4 of Voters Believe State Budget Will Worsen or Have no Effect on State’s Fiscal Condition

“By a nearly three-to-one margin, voters believe the recently enacted state budget will worsen, not improve, the state’s long term fiscal condition. While only 15 percent believe the budget will improve the state’s fiscal condition, 41 percent believe it will worsen it, and an additional 32 percent believe it will have no effect,” Greenberg said. “Voters continue to be pessimistic about the fiscal condition of New York, which is reflected in the fact that two-thirds of voters believe the state is headed in the wrong direction and only 21 percent believe the state is on the right track.”

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This SRI survey was conducted August 9-16, 2010 by telephone calls to 788 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of ± 3.5 percentage points. It includes 189 Republicans, with a margin of error of ± 7.1 percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, region, and gender 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 Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	61	27	13
July 2010	62	25	13
June 2010	59	26	15
May 2010	67	21	12
April 2010	66	18	15
March 22, 2010	63	22	15
March 8, 2010	63	25	12
February 2010	66	21	13
January 2010	67	21	12
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)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	32	32	36
July 2010	36	25	39
June 2010	31	28	41
May 2010	31	29	39
April 2010	29	25	46
March 22, 2010	29	27	45
March 8, 2010	30	29	40
February 2010	31	26	43
January 2010	27	30	43
HIGHEST EVER	36 (7/10)	32 (8/10)	64 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	19 (1/09)	18 (1/09)	36 (8/10)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Carl Paladino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	22	19	59
July 2010	16	16	69
June 2010	16	17	67
May 2010	15	10	76
April 2010	11	13	76
HIGHEST EVER	22 (8/10)	19 (8/10)	76 (5/10, 4/10)
LOWEST EVER	11 (4/10)	10 (5/10)	59 (8/10)

(REPS ONLY) If the Republican primary for governor were held today and the candidates were Rick Lazio, Steve Levy and Carl Paladino, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	LAZIO	LEVY	PALADINO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	43	NA	30	27
July 2010	40	NA	20	40
June 2010	45	NA	18	37
May 2010	29	14	16	41
April 2010	29	15	13	43
March 22, 2010	45	16	NA	40
HIGHEST EVER	45 (6/10, 3/22/10)	16 (3/22/10)	30 (8/10)	43 (4/10)
LOWEST EVER	29 (5/10, 4/10)	14 (5/10)	13 (4/10)	27 (8/10)

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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	REDLICH	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	60	26	NA	14
July 2010	60	28	NA	12
June 2010	60	24	NA	16
May 2010	66	24	NA	10
April 2010	61	24	NA	16
March 22, 2010	59	21	3	17
March 8, 2010	63	25	NA	11
February 2010	63	26	NA	11
January 2010	66	24	NA	10
HIGHEST EVER	68 (12/09)	28 (7/10)	3 (3/22/10)	22 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	59 (3/22/09)	16 (8/09, 2/09)	3 (3/22/10)	10 (5/10, 1/10, 12/09)

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

DATE	CUOMO	PALADINO	REDLICH	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	60	27	NA	13
July 2010	64	23	NA	13
June 2010	60	23	NA	17
May 2010	65	22	NA	13
April 2010	64	19	NA	16
HIGHEST EVER	65 (5/10)	27 (8/10)	NA	17 (6/10)
LOWEST EVER	60 (8/10, 6/10)	19 (4/10)	NA	13 (8/10, 7/10, 5/10)

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

DATE	CUOMO	LAZIO	PALADINO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	56	19	12	13
July 2010	54	23	10	13
HIGHEST EVER	56 (8/10)	23 (7/10)	12 (8/10)	13 (8/10, 7/10)
LOWEST EVER	54 (7/10)	19 (8/10)	10 (7/10)	13 (8/10, 7/10)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	40	29	31
July 2010	34	29	37
June 2010	36	27	36
May 2010	42	24	34
April 2010	34	25	41
March 22, 2010	32	29	39
February 2010	34	28	38
January 2010	30	32	38
HIGHEST EVER	42 (5/10)	32 (1/10)	56 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	26 (3/09)	14 (1/09)	31 (8/10)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bruce Blakeman?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	7	10	83
July 2010	5	9	85
June 2010	8	11	80
May 2010	6	6	88
April 2010	6	6	88
March 22, 2010	8	8	84
February 2010	5	11	84
December 2009	4	6	90
HIGHEST EVER	8 (6/10, 3/22/10)	11 (6/10, 2/10)	90 (12/09)
LOWEST EVER	4 (12/09)	6 (5/10, 4/10, 12/09)	80 (6/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	6	7	87
July 2010	4	7	89
June 2010	8	11	81
May 2010	5	6	89
April 2010	5	5	89
HIGHEST EVER	8 (6/10)	11 (6/10)	89 (7/10, 5/10, 4/10)
LOWEST EVER	4 (7/10)	5 (4/10)	81 (6/10)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe DioGuardi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	13	12	76
July 2010	11	10	79
June 2010	14	11	75
May 2010	10	8	82
April 2010	10	8	82
HIGHEST EVER	14 (6/10)	12 (8/10)	82 (5/10, 4/10)
LOWEST EVER	10 (5/10, 4/10)	8 (5/10, 4/10)	75 (6/10)

Kirsten Gillibrand is running for United States Senator this year, as things stand now would you vote to elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	38	36	26
July 2010	34	42	24
June 2010	34	40	27
May 2010	36	38	27
April 2010	27	40	33
March 22, 2010	28	38	34
February 2010	30	40	30
January 2010	29	45	26
HIGHEST EVER	38 (8/10)	47 (4/09)	50 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	20 (4/09)	29 (1/09)	24 (7/10)

(REPS ONLY) If the Republican primary for United States Senator – to challenge Kirsten Gillibrand – were held today and the candidates were Bruce Blakeman, Joe DioGuardi and David Malpass, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	BLAKEMAN	DIOGUARDI	MALPASS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	8	19	5	68
July 2010	7	24	5	64
June 2010	7	21	3	69
May 2010	8	15	4	74
April 2010	7	24	5	65
HIGHEST EVER	8 (8/10, 5/10)	24 (7/10, 4/10)	5 (8/10, 7/10, 4/10)	74 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	7 (7/10, 6/10, 4/10)	15 (5/10)	3 (6/10)	64 (7/10)

If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line and Bruce Blakeman on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	GILLIBRAND	BLAKEMAN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	55	28	17
July 2010	51	28	21
June 2010	48	27	25
May 2010	51	24	25
April 2010	46	26	28
March 22, 2010	48	24	28
February 2010	51	24	25
HIGHEST EVER	55 (8/10)	28 (8/10, 7/10)	28 (4/10, 3/22/10)
LOWEST EVER	46 (4/10)	22 (12/09)	17 (8/10)

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If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line and Joe DioGuardi on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	GILLIBRAND	DIOGUARDI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	54	29	17
July 2010	51	29	21
June 2010	47	29	24
May 2010	51	25	24
April 2010	46	27	27
HIGHEST EVER	54 (8/10)	29 (8/10, 7/10, 6/10)	27 (4/10)
LOWEST EVER	46 (4/10)	25 (5/10)	17 (8/10)

If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line and David Malpass on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	GILLIBRAND	MALPASS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	55	27	18
July 2010	50	27	23
June 2010	49	24	26
May 2010	53	22	25
April 2010	46	24	30
HIGHEST EVER	55 (8/10)	27 (8/10, 7/10)	30 (4/10)
LOWEST EVER	46 (4/10)	22 (5/10)	18 (8/10)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	22	17	61
July 2010	21	15	64
June 2010	19	16	64
May 2010	25	12	63
April 2010	20	12	69
March 22, 2010	19	15	66
HIGHEST EVER	25 (5/10)	18 (5/07)	80 (6/07)
LOWEST EVER	7 (6/07, 5/07)	10 (12/09, 11/08)	61 (8/10)

Tom DiNapoli is running for State Comptroller this year, as things stand now would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	22	31	47
July 2010	25	29	47
June 2010	23	33	44
May 2010	27	28	45
April 2010	21	25	54
HIGHEST EVER	28 (11/09)	33 (6/10)	56 (8/07)
LOWEST EVER	17 (8/09)	25 (4/10, 5/09)	42 (11/09)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Harry Wilson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	8	11	81
July 2010	9	7	85
June 2010	9	11	79
May 2010	6	5	89
April 2010	7	5	88
HIGHEST EVER	9 (7/10, 6/10)	11 (8/10, 6/10)	89 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	6 (5/10)	5 (5/10, 4/10)	79 (6/10)

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

DATE	DI NAPOLI	WILSON	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	46	28	26
July 2010	48	24	28
June 2010	42	23	36
May 2010	45	22	33
April 2010	42	19	39
HIGHEST EVER	48 (7/10)	28 (8/10)	39 (4/10)
LOWEST EVER	42 (6/10, 4/10)	19 (4/10)	26 (8/10)

As things stand now, if the election for State Senate were held today, would you vote to re-elect your incumbent Senator or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	31	51	18
July 2010	30	52	18
June 2010	35	50	16
May 2010	35	49	17
April 2010	37	47	16
March 22, 2010	38	44	18
February 2010	41	43	16
January 2010	34	49	17
HIGHEST EVER	42 (12/09)	52 (7/10)	28 (7/09)
LOWEST EVER	30 (7/10)	40 (7/09)	15 (10/09)

Democrats currently control the State Senate by a 32 to 30 majority. Looking at this year's election, would you prefer to see the Democrats win a larger majority, would you prefer to see the Republicans win control of the Senate, or would you prefer to see the Senate continue to be closely divided between Republicans and Democrats? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	BIGGER DEM	REPUBLICAN	CLOSELY DIVIDED	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	33	27	34	6
July 2010	34	26	35	5
June 2010	34	26	32	8
May 2010	36	24	33	6
March 22, 2010	33	22	38	6
January 2010	33	25	38	4
HIGHEST EVER	36 (5/10, 12/09)	27 (8/10)	38 (3/22/10, 1/10)	8 (6/10)
LOWEST EVER	33 (8/10, etc.)	22 (3/22/10)	32 (6/10)	4 (1/10)

Governor Paterson and some members of the State Senate support a proposal to allow colleges and universities that are part of the State University of New York – SUNY – and the City University of New York – CUNY – to have more flexibility on how campuses operate, including how much tuition they charge, as opposed to the current system where tuition rates and other decisions are set by state government. Do you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose the proposal to provide public colleges and universities with more flexibility, including the ability to set their own tuition rates?

DATE	STRONGLY SUPPORT		SUPPORT	OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE		DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
	SUPPORT	OPPOSE			OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	
August 2010	17	35	26	17	5		
July 2010	13	41	25	12	8		
HIGHEST EVER	17 (8/10)	41 (7/10)	26 (8/10)	17 (8/10)	8 (7/10)		
LOWEST EVER	13 (7/10)	35 (8/10)	25 (7/10)	12 (7/10)	5 (8/10)		

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On another subject, how closely have you followed the news about a proposed Muslim Community Center to be constructed two blocks from ground zero, the former location of the World Trade Center? Have you followed it very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

DATE	VERY CLOSELY	SOMEWHAT CLOSELY	NOT VERY CLOSELY	NOT AT ALL CLOSELY	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 17, 2010	35	40	14	10	1
August 5, 2010*	20	36	19	25	0
HIGHEST EVER	35 (8/10)	40 (8/10)	19 (7/10)	25 (7/10)	1 (8/10)
LOWEST EVER	20 (7/10)	36 (7/10)	14 (8/10)	10 (8/10)	0 (7/10)

* Based on a survey of 622 New York State residents 18 years of age and older

Supporters of the proposed community center, known as the Cordoba House, say it would demonstrate the presence of moderate Muslims in New York as well as serve as a monument to religious tolerance. Opponents say the project is an offense to the memory of those killed in the attacks on 9/11 and displays unacceptable insensitivity. Do you tend to agree with the supporters, the opponents or do you think they both have a legitimate position?

DATE	SUPPORTERS	OPPONENTS	BOTH LEGITIMATE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 17, 2010	22	43	31	4
August 5, 2010*	21	38	38	4
HIGHEST EVER	22 (8/10)	43 (8/10)	38 (7/10)	4 (8/10, 7/10)
LOWEST EVER	21 (7/10)	38 (7/10)	31 (8/10)	4 (8/10, 7/10)

* Based on a survey of 622 New York State residents 18 years of age and older

Do you support or oppose the proposal to build the Cordoba House, a 15 story Muslim Cultural Center in lower Manhattan 2 blocks from the site of the World Trade Center?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 17, 2010	27	63	10
August 5, 2010*	26	61	13
HIGHEST EVER	27 (8/10)	63 (8/10)	13 (7/10)
LOWEST EVER	26 (7/10)	61 (7/10)	10 (8/10)

* Based on a survey of 622 New York State residents 18 years of age and older

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Michael Bloomberg?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	59	28	13
HIGHEST EVER	67 (3/08)	28 (8/10)	21 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	58 (12/08)	16 (9/08)	13 (8/10, 9/07)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2010	32	60	9
July 2010	30	61	9
June 2010	31	56	14
May 2010	32	58	10
April 2010	25	65	10
March 22, 2010	25	65	10
March 8, 2010	21	67	12
February 2010	35	55	10
January 2010	38	52	10
HIGHEST EVER	64 (11/08)	67 (3/8/10)	76 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	17 (1/07)	8 (1/07)	8 (7/09)

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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
August 2010	21	67	12
July 2010	20	71	9
June 2010	18	65	17
May 2010	16	72	12
April 2010	20	68	11
March 22, 2010	18	70	12
March 8, 2010	16	70	14
February 2010	25	63	12
January 2010	27	61	12
HIGHEST EVER	52 (11/06)	72 (5/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	16 (5/10, 3/8/10)	26 (1/07)	9 (7/10)

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 2010.

“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.