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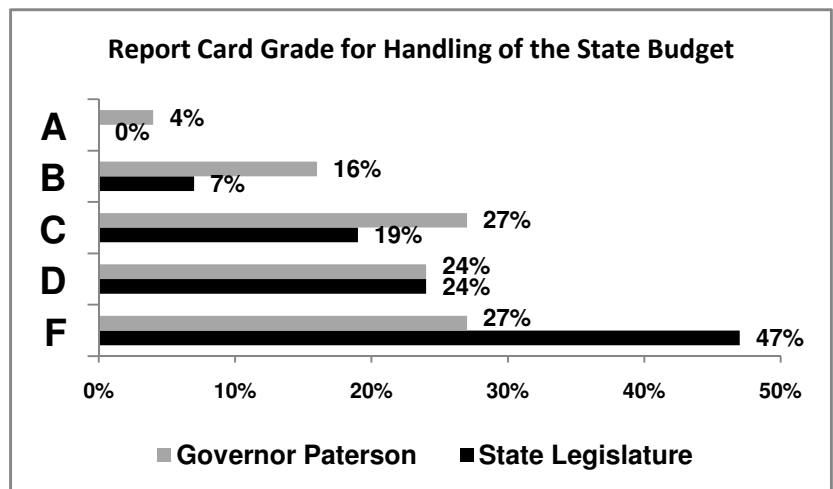
## Siena College Poll:

### **Voters Give Legislature “F” on Budget; Gov Fares Better, Not Great Half of Voters Support Member Item Vetoes; 58% Oppose Education Veto *Cuomo, Schumer, Gillibrand, DiNapoli Maintain Leads Over Republicans State Headed in Wrong Direction; Only ¼ Say Fiscal Conditions Will Improve In a Year***

**Loudonville, NY.** Nearly half of New Yorkers give the State Legislature an “F” for its work on the state budget this year, while about one-quarter say Governor David Paterson deserves a failing grade, according to a Siena College poll of registered New York voters released today. The Governor is supported by about half of voters for his vetoes of legislative member items, but strongly opposed on his veto of additional education spending.

Over the last month, there was little change in the general election match-ups for Governor, both United States Senate seats and State Comptroller. The Democratic candidates for each of those positions maintain comfortable leads over their potential Republican opponents with less than 16 weeks until Election Day. With less than two months until Primary Day, Rick Lazio maintains a two-to-one lead over Carl Paladino among Republicans, while two-thirds of Republicans still have no choice among the candidates in primaries for both Senate seats.

“Voters are not impressed – to say the least – with state leaders’ handling of this year’s budget. Forty-seven percent of voters say the Legislature deserves a failing grade, with another 24 percent grading its effort as a ‘D.’ Fewer than one percent gave the Legislature an ‘A’ and only seven percent offered a ‘B.’ If your children came home from college with a grade point average of less than 1.0 you might think about not paying for them to go back to school the next semester,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. “Will voters return legislators to Albany this November after flunking them for their most important job? It’s going to be a fascinating election to watch.”



“When it comes to Governor Paterson, voters give him passing grades, although they’re certainly not welcoming him into any honor societies,” Greenberg said. “His GPA of 1.4 is nothing to write home about, but it’s far better than how voters view the Legislature.”

Four percent of voters give Paterson an “A,” 16 percent a “B,” 27 percent a “C,” 24 percent a “D,” and he was graded an “F” by 27 percent.

**Moderate Support for Gov’s Member Item Vetoes; Stronger Opposition for His Education Veto**

“A majority of men, Republicans, downstate suburbanites, and older voters support the Governor’s vetoing of member items in the budget, as do a plurality – 49% – of all voters, however a sizable minority of 37 percent oppose those vetoes, including a plurality of younger voters and African Americans,” Greenberg said. “His veto of the additional school aid funding added to the budget by the Legislature was opposed by a majority of statewide voters, 58-38 percent, and by a majority of voters from every party and every region of the state.

“While many newspaper editorials and budget watchers praised the Governor’s widespread use of the veto pen, voters are less supportive generally, and downright opposed when it comes to money for their school districts,” Greenberg said. “It’s ironic that voters give the Governor better grades on the budget than they do the Legislature, yet it was the Governor’s vetoes – the largest of which is strongly opposed by the voters – that really distinguished him from the Legislature on the budget over the last few weeks.”

**Cuomo Maintains Big Leads over Lazio & Paladino – Even in a Three-Way Race**

“Andrew Cuomo maintains a better than 30-point lead over Lazio and a better than 40-point lead over Paladino when matched against each one-on-one. In a potential three-way general election race, Cuomo still leads Lazio by more than 30 points and Paladino by more than 40 points, however, his overall percentage of support falls to 54 percent, down from 60 percent against Lazio and 64 percent against Paladino,” Greenberg said.

Cuomo leads Lazio 60-28 percent, down from 60-24 percent in June. Cuomo’s lead over Paladino rose to 64-23 percent, up from 60-23 percent. In a three-way race, Cuomo garners 54 percent to Lazio’s 23 percent and 10 percent for Paladino. In a Republican Party primary, Lazio’s lead over Paladino fell to 40-20 percent, down from 45-18 percent last month, although 40 percent of Republicans remain undecided.

“With Election Day now less than four months away, time is running short for Lazio and Paladino to make a significant move to close the gap with Cuomo, particularly as they appear likely to be headed to a primary fight with Cuomo as spectator, and potentially headed to siphoning votes from each other if they both make it on to the general election ballot,” Greenberg said.

**The Race for Junior United States Senator: One Month Later; One Month Closer to Election Day**

“She may not be well known, or well liked. Voters may prefer ‘someone else’ over electing her. Yet, because of her opposition or Democrats’ overwhelming enrollment advantage in New York, Kirsten Gillibrand enters the dog days of summer with a lead of more than 20 points over any of her potential opponents,” Greenberg said.

Gillibrand leads Bruce Blakeman 51-28 percent, up from 48-27 percent last month. She leads Joseph DiGuardi 51-29 percent, up from 47-29 percent. She leads David Malpass 50-27 percent, from 49-24 percent last month. In a Republican primary match-up, DiGuardi continues to lead, 24 percent to seven percent for Blakeman and five percent for Malpass (it was 21-7-3 percent last month), with 64 percent of Republicans undecided.

**Schumer Widens Huge Lead over Townsend & Berntsen; Only Incumbent with Positive Re-elect Number**

“Gary Berntsen and Jay Townsend are locked in a virtually unwatched Republican primary race to take on Senator Charles Schumer. Both remain unknown to at least 80 percent of all voters and Republicans. Schumer has 60-28 percent favorability rating, up from 54-32 percent last month. Currently, 55 percent of voters say they are prepared to re-elect him and he has a 37-point lead over both Berntsen and Townsend,” Greenberg said.

**Under the Voters’ Radar, DiNapoli Extends Lead over Wilson, Even as Both Remain Largely Unknown**

“Comptroller Tom DiNapoli leads Harry Wilson 48-24 percent, up from 42-23 percent in June. DiNapoli is still unknown to nearly two-thirds of voters and Wilson is unknown to 85 percent voters,” Greenberg said. “Nearly half of voters were undecided when asked whether DiNapoli should be elected or they would prefer ‘someone else.’ Among those with an opinion, 25 percent want to elect him and 29 percent prefer someone else.”

**Direction of NYS Nears Record Low; Pessimism, Not Optimism for Fiscal Condition 1 Year from Today**

“By a margin of 71-20 percent, New York voters believe the state is headed in the wrong direction rather than on the right track. The 71 percent is up from 65 percent last month and just one point shy of the all time record of 72 percent in May of this year,” Greenberg said.

“Voters were asked to think ahead a year and 38 percent believe that the state’s fiscal condition will be worse, while 25 percent believe it will be better and 34 percent say it will be the same. Democrats and New York City voters are more optimistic than other voters. It must give pause to those seeking election that nearly three-quarters of voters think that in a year the state’s fiscal condition will be the same or worse,” Greenberg said.

**Voters Support Governor & Senate on Providing Increased Flexibility for SUNY & CUNY**

“Voters, by a margin of 54-36 percent, support giving New York’s public university systems greater flexibility, including how much tuition they charge,” Greenberg said. “Support is much stronger upstate, 62-31 percent, than in New York City, 48-44 percent. The proposal is supported by Democrats, Republicans and independents.”

**Voters Down on Assembly, Senate, Silver. Sampson Unknown. Prefer ‘Someone Else’ to Current Senator**

“By a margin of 61 percent to 25 percent, voters have an unfavorable view of the New York State Assembly. Things are even worse for the State Senate, with an identical 25 percent favorable rating and a 66 percent unfavorable rating,” Greenberg said. “More than half of Democrats, 60 percent of independent voters, and exactly 75 percent of Republicans have an unfavorable view of each house of the Legislature.

“When asked about the two legislative leaders, that’s a very different situation. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver has a two-to-one negative favorability rating, 20-40 percent, but is known to more than half the voters of this state after 16 years leading the Assembly,” Greenberg said. “Senate Conference Leader John Sampson, however, completing his first year as leader, is unknown to 83 percent of voters.

“Incumbent State Senators running for re-election should continue to be concerned about their prognosis with voters in November. Only 30 percent of voters are prepared to re-elect their incumbent senator, while 52 percent prefer ‘someone else.’ The trend we’ve seen over the last several months in Siena College polls continues: Republicans are much more negative toward incumbent Senators than are Democrats and upstaters are more negative than voters in New York City,” Greenberg said.

“Voters also continue to be closely divided on which party they want controlling the State Senate come January. Thirty-four percent, including a majority of Democratic voters, want to see a larger majority for the Democrats, 26 percent, including a majority of Republican voters, want to see the Republicans retake control of the Senate, and 35 percent of voters, including a plurality of independent voters, want to see the Senate continue to be closely divided,” Greenberg said.

**President Still Favorable in NY, with His Highest Unfavorable Ever; Direction of Nation Remains Negative**

“President Barack Obama is viewed favorably by 60 percent of voters and unfavorably by 37 percent, the largest percentage ever in a Siena College poll. His favorability rating was 59-35 percent in April,” Greenberg said.

“He remains intensely popular with Democrats, 79-18 percent, very unpopular with Republicans, 31-66 percent, and modestly favorable with independent voters, 53-43 percent.

“By a 52-41 percent margin, voters say the country is headed in the wrong direction. This is a dramatic change in a year. In May 2009, 62 percent of voters thought the country was on the right track,” Greenberg said.

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This SRI survey was conducted July 6-12, 2010 by telephone calls to 760 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.6$  percentage points. It includes 202 Republicans, with a margin of error of  $\pm 6.9$  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](http://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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>71 (6/09)</b>	<b>42 (10/06)</b>	<b>24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>44 (8/06, 10/06)</b>	<b>14 (8/09)</b>	<b>11 (11/09)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (7/10)</b>	<b>30 (1/10)</b>	<b>64 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (1/09)</b>	<b>18 (1/09)</b>	<b>39 (7/10, 5/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	16	16	69
June 2010	16	17	67
May 2010	15	10	76
April 2010	11	13	76
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>16 (7/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>17 (6/10)</b>	<b>76 (5/10, 4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (4/10)</b>	<b>10 (5/10)</b>	<b>67 (6/10)</b>

(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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (6/10, 3/22/10)</b>	<b>16 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>20 (7/10)</b>	<b>43 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>29 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>14 (5/10)</b>	<b>13 (4/10)</b>	<b>37 (6/10)</b>

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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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>68 (12/09)</b>	<b>28 (7/10)</b>	<b>3 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>22 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>59 (3/22/09)</b>	<b>16 (8/09, 2/09)</b>	<b>3 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>10 (5/10, 1/10, 12/09)</b>

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
July 2010	64	23	NA	13
June 2010	60	23	NA	17
May 2010	65	22	NA	13
April 2010	64	19	NA	16
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (5/10)</b>	<b>23 (7/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>17 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (6/10)</b>	<b>19 (4/10)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>13 (7/10, 5/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (5/10)</b>	<b>32 (1/10)</b>	<b>56 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (3/09)</b>	<b>14 (1/09)</b>	<b>34 (5/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (6/10, 3/22/10)</b>	<b>11 (6/10, 2/10)</b>	<b>90 (12/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>4 (12/09)</b>	<b>6 (5/10, 4/10, 12/09)</b>	<b>80 (6/10)</b>

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

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

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

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

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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (5/10)</b>	<b>47 (4/09)</b>	<b>50 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (4/09)</b>	<b>29 (1/09)</b>	<b>24 (7/10)</b>

(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
July 2010	7	24	5	64
June 2010	7	21	3	69
May 2010	8	15	4	74
April 2010	7	24	5	65
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (5/10)</b>	<b>24 (7/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>5 (7/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>74 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (7/10, 6/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>15 (5/10)</b>	<b>3 (6/10)</b>	<b>64 (7/10)</b>

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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (12/09)</b>	<b>28 (7/10)</b>	<b>28 (4/10, 3/22/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (4/10)</b>	<b>22 (12/09)</b>	<b>21 (7/10)</b>

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
July 2010	51	29	21
June 2010	47	29	24
May 2010	51	25	24
April 2010	46	27	27
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (7/10, 5/10)</b>	<b>29 (7/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>27 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (4/10)</b>	<b>25 (5/10)</b>	<b>21 (7/10)</b>

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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 David Malpass on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

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

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	60	28	12
June 2010	54	32	14
May 2010	64	27	10
March 22, 2010	62	27	10
February 2010	61	29	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (7/05)</b>	<b>32 (6/10)</b>	<b>17 (2/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>54 (6/10)</b>	<b>20 (2/05, 11/06)</b>	<b>9 (7/05)</b>

Charles Schumer is running for re-election as United States Senator this year, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	55	38	7
June 2010	52	36	13
May 2010	52	35	13
March 22, 2010	56	31	13
February 2010	55	36	9
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (11/09)</b>	<b>38 (7/10)</b>	<b>15 (5/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (6/10, 5/10)</b>	<b>31 (3/22/10, 5/09)</b>	<b>7 (7/10)</b>

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Gary Berntsen?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	6	7	87
June 2010	6	12	82
May 2010	3	5	91
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (7/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>12 (6/10)</b>	<b>91 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>3 (5/10)</b>	<b>5 (5/10)</b>	<b>82 (6/10)</b>

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jay Townsend?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	10	9	81
June 2010	14	12	75
May 2010	9	7	84
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (6/10)</b>	<b>12 (6/10)</b>	<b>84 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (5/10)</b>	<b>7 (5/10)</b>	<b>75 (6/10)</b>

(REPS ONLY) If the Republican primary for United States Senator – to challenge Charles Schumer – were held today and the candidates were Gary Berntsen and Jay Townsend, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	BERNTSEN	TOWNSEND	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/OTHERS
July 2010	13	24	64
June 2010	15	20	65
May 2010	3	10	87
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>15 (6/10)</b>	<b>24 (7/10)</b>	<b>86 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>3 (5/10)</b>	<b>10(5/10)</b>	<b>64 (7/10)</b>



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If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Charles Schumer on the Democratic line and Gary Berntsen on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	SCHUMER	BERNTSEN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	63	26	11
June 2010	59	27	13
May 2010	64	23	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>64 (5/10)</b>	<b>27 (6/10)</b>	<b>13 (6/10, 5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>59 (6/10)</b>	<b>23 (5/10)</b>	<b>11 (7/10)</b>

If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today and the candidates were Charles Schumer on the Democratic line and Jay Townsend on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	SCHUMER	TOWNSEND	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	63	26	10
June 2010	60	26	14
May 2010	63	24	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>63 (7/10, 5/10)</b>	<b>26 (7/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>14 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (6/10)</b>	<b>24 (5/10)</b>	<b>10 (7/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (5/10)</b>	<b>18 (5/07)</b>	<b>80 (6/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (6/07, 5/07)</b>	<b>10 (12/09, 11/08)</b>	<b>63 (5/10)</b>

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
July 2010	25	29	47
June 2010	23	33	44
May 2010	27	28	45
April 2010	21	25	54
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (11/09)</b>	<b>33 (6/10)</b>	<b>56 (8/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (8/09)</b>	<b>25 (4/10, 5/09)</b>	<b>42 (11/09)</b>

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

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

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	DiNAPOLI	WILSON	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	48	24	28
June 2010	42	23	36
May 2010	45	22	33
April 2010	42	19	39
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (7/10)</b>	<b>24 (7/10)</b>	<b>39 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (6/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>19 (4/10)</b>	<b>28 (7/10)</b>

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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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (12/09)</b>	<b>52 (7/10)</b>	<b>28 (7/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (7/10)</b>	<b>40 (7/09)</b>	<b>15 (10/09)</b>

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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (5/10, 12/09)</b>	<b>26 (7/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>38 (3/22/10, 1/10)</b>	<b>8 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>33 (3/22/10, 1/10)</b>	<b>22 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>32 (6/10)</b>	<b>4 (1/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	25	66	8
January 2010	30	61	9
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>43 (2/09)</b>	<b>74 (7/09)</b>	<b>13 (2/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/09)</b>	<b>43 (2/09)</b>	<b>6 (7/09)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	8	9	83
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/09, 6/09)</b>	<b>13 (7/09)</b>	<b>83 (7/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (7/10)</b>	<b>9 (7/10)</b>	<b>78 (7/09)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	25	61	13
January 2010	29	59	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>40 (2/09)</b>	<b>61 (7/10)</b>	<b>18 (2/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (7/10)</b>	<b>42 (2/09)</b>	<b>12 (1/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	20	40	41
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (7/05)</b>	<b>40 (7/10)</b>	<b>50 (4/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (4/05)</b>	<b>30 (4/05)</b>	<b>36 (6/09)</b>

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Which party do you think is more to blame for the problems with state government in Albany – the Democrats or the Republicans?  
(CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS	BOTH	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	28	29	33	9
June 2010	26	28	36	9
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (7/10)</b>	<b>29 (7/10)</b>	<b>36 (6/10)</b>	<b>9 (7/10, 6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (6/10)</b>	<b>28 (6/10)</b>	<b>33 (7/10)</b>	<b>9 (7/10, 6/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>64 (11/08)</b>	<b>67 (3/8/10)</b>	<b>76 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (1/07)</b>	<b>8 (1/07)</b>	<b>8 (7/09)</b>

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
July 2010	2	15	38	44	1
April 2010	2	15	34	49	1
March 22, 2010	2	14	39	44	1
March 8, 2010	2	17	33	47	2
February 2010	2	20	39	37	1
January 2010	3	21	44	31	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (12/08)</b>	<b>48 (10/08)</b>	<b>46 (3/09, 2/09)</b>	<b>49 (4/10)</b>	<b>32 (4/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>1 (10/09, etc)</b>	<b>14 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>28 (5/08)</b>	<b>4 (9/08, etc.)</b>	<b>1 (7/10, etc.)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2010	60	37	3
April 2010	59	35	6
March 22, 2010	58	37	5
February 2010	61	35	4
January 2010	64	32	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>81 (1/09)</b>	<b>37 (7/10, 3/22/10)</b>	<b>40 (11/06)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (11/06)</b>	<b>10 (1/09)</b>	<b>3 (7/10)</b>

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
July 2010	41	52	8
April 2010	45	47	9
March 22, 2010	36	54	11
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (5/09)</b>	<b>69 (10/08)</b>	<b>17 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (10/08)</b>	<b>24 (12/09)</b>	<b>7 (5/09)</b>

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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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (11/06)</b>	<b>72 (5/10)</b>	<b>30 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>16 (5/10, 3/8/10)</b>	<b>26 (1/07)</b>	<b>9 (7/10)</b>

**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.

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