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I'm going to read the names of several people in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each of the people I name.

1. David Paterson

	Party				Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	45%	54%	44%	41%	49%	42%	45%	42%	47%	43%	43%	47%	44%	41%	54%
Unfavorable	40%	32%	42%	41%	37%	42%	41%	38%	39%	45%	40%	38%	44%	40%	31%
Don't know/No opinion	15%	14%	14%	18%	14%	16%	14%	20%	14%	12%	16%	15%	12%	18%	15%

2. Kirsten Gillibrand

	Party				Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	75%	86%	69%	77%	75%	76%	73%	81%	75%	74%	73%	77%	75%	71%	82%
Unfavorable	15%	9%	20%	11%	16%	14%	16%	8%	16%	17%	15%	14%	15%	17%	11%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	5%	11%	12%	10%	10%	11%	10%	9%	10%	12%	9%	10%	12%	7%

3. James Tedisco

	Party				Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	47%	28%	58%	41%	48%	46%	36%	40%	60%	33%	48%	47%	53%	47%	36%
Unfavorable	20%	37%	11%	21%	18%	22%	15%	28%	20%	29%	17%	20%	19%	18%	25%
Don't know/No opinion	34%	35%	31%	38%	34%	33%	49%	32%	19%	38%	35%	32%	28%	35%	40%

4. Barack Obama

	Party				Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	65%	89%	53%	65%	64%	67%	62%	66%	68%	74%	68%	63%	64%	55%	82%
Unfavorable	22%	5%	33%	20%	25%	20%	25%	22%	20%	24%	22%	22%	25%	27%	13%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	6%	14%	15%	11%	14%	13%	12%	12%	2%	10%	14%	11%	18%	6%

5. Scott Murphy															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Favorable	29%	45%	23%	26%	30%	29%	22%	40%	32%	19%	24%	33%	30%	26%	31%
Unfavorable	10%	7%	12%	8%	13%	7%	8%	10%	13%	14%	11%	9%	12%	12%	5%
Don't know/No opinion	60%	47%	65%	66%	57%	63%	71%	50%	56%	67%	65%	57%	58%	62%	64%

6. Of the following issues, which single issue is the MOST important one you want your Member of Congress to be working on in Washington:															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
The economy	61%	58%	62%	62%	61%	62%	59%	59%	64%	62%	64%	60%	66%	61%	55%
Health care	11%	16%	9%	8%	10%	12%	13%	11%	9%	14%	7%	12%	7%	8%	19%
Successfully ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	9%	15%	8%	6%	10%	8%	6%	10%	11%	2%	5%	12%	8%	10%	10%
Homeland security	7%	0%	12%	6%	7%	7%	10%	7%	4%	5%	8%	7%	6%	12%	3%
Education	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%	14%	10%	3%	6%	6%	5%
Bringing more federal money into our district	3%	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Something else	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

6b. Of those issues, which single issue is the SECOND MOST important one you want your Member of Congress to be working on in Washington:															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Health care	24%	29%	20%	25%	19%	28%	23%	25%	24%	21%	20%	26%	26%	25%	19%
Successfully ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	24%	27%	21%	26%	25%	22%	21%	29%	23%	26%	21%	24%	21%	22%	28%
The economy	19%	22%	19%	16%	21%	17%	22%	19%	16%	24%	18%	19%	15%	20%	23%
Education	13%	13%	14%	11%	13%	13%	15%	6%	14%	12%	19%	9%	16%	11%	11%
Homeland security	9%	2%	14%	8%	10%	9%	10%	7%	10%	10%	10%	9%	10%	11%	7%
Bringing more federal money into our district	8%	6%	9%	9%	9%	8%	6%	9%	10%	7%	10%	8%	9%	7%	8%
Something else	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%

7. When deciding which candidate to vote for in the special election for Congress, which of the following is most important to you:															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
The candidate's party enrollment	9%	16%	7%	4%	10%	7%	9%	8%	8%	7%	6%	10%	5%	9%	13%
The candidate's past experiences	34%	26%	37%	38%	31%	37%	34%	29%	37%	26%	35%	34%	36%	35%	31%
How the candidate says he will vote on key issues	54%	54%	53%	55%	54%	54%	53%	59%	51%	67%	55%	52%	54%	52%	54%
Something else	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%

8. If the special election were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were:															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
Scott Murphy on the Democratic line	34%	70%	18%	31%	33%	35%	33%	38%	33%	31%	36%	34%	31%	28%	46%
James Tedisco on the Republican line	46%	16%	63%	45%	46%	46%	44%	36%	53%	43%	45%	47%	51%	53%	32%
Don't know/No opinion	20%	14%	18%	24%	21%	19%	22%	25%	14%	26%	19%	19%	18%	19%	22%

I'm going to read you a list of people and organizations that may endorse a candidate in the special election for Congress and I'd like you to tell me whether that endorsement would make you more likely to support that candidate, less likely to support that candidate, or have no impact on who you support.

9. Kirsten Gillibrand

	Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
More likely	40%	56%	34%	38%	41%	40%	45%	45%	32%	43%	38%	41%	39%	36%	47%
Less likely	9%	6%	11%	10%	11%	8%	9%	10%	9%	12%	9%	9%	11%	10%	8%
No impact	49%	35%	53%	51%	47%	51%	44%	43%	56%	45%	52%	47%	49%	51%	44%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%

10. Your local newspaper

	Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
More likely	14%	15%	14%	12%	14%	14%	10%	13%	18%	17%	15%	13%	15%	13%	15%
Less likely	14%	14%	13%	14%	13%	14%	13%	18%	12%	14%	10%	16%	14%	14%	13%
No impact	71%	70%	72%	73%	72%	71%	75%	69%	69%	67%	74%	70%	70%	72%	72%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

11. Barack Obama

	Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./Warren	Renss./Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
More likely	35%	70%	21%	30%	33%	38%	37%	32%	36%	40%	39%	33%	33%	30%	47%
Less likely	14%	5%	21%	12%	17%	12%	18%	16%	10%	19%	15%	13%	15%	19%	8%
No impact	49%	23%	57%	56%	48%	49%	43%	50%	53%	38%	46%	51%	51%	50%	43%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%	2%

12. The National Rifle Association (NRA)															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
More likely	21%	9%	31%	16%	28%	14%	26%	22%	16%	26%	17%	23%	22%	24%	15%
Less likely	22%	47%	11%	19%	18%	26%	24%	15%	23%	21%	22%	22%	22%	18%	26%
No impact	55%	43%	57%	64%	53%	58%	49%	60%	59%	52%	59%	54%	53%	56%	59%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%

On each of the following issues, I'd like you to tell me who you think would do a better job: James Tedisco or Scott Murphy - representing you in the United States Congress.

13. Homeland security															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
James Tedisco	40%	18%	50%	40%	44%	36%	34%	38%	47%	36%	43%	39%	45%	45%	28%
Scott Murphy	18%	38%	10%	17%	20%	17%	18%	20%	18%	12%	15%	21%	18%	14%	26%
Don't know/No opinion	41%	44%	40%	43%	36%	46%	48%	42%	35%	52%	42%	40%	37%	42%	45%

14. The economy															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
James Tedisco	34%	13%	47%	32%	35%	34%	31%	31%	39%	29%	33%	36%	42%	38%	20%
Scott Murphy	30%	54%	18%	31%	32%	29%	27%	31%	33%	31%	25%	34%	30%	24%	40%
Don't know/No opinion	35%	34%	35%	37%	33%	38%	42%	38%	28%	40%	42%	31%	29%	39%	40%

15. Health care															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
James Tedisco	32%	12%	41%	31%	32%	31%	25%	27%	40%	19%	31%	33%	38%	34%	20%
Scott Murphy	28%	51%	18%	26%	31%	26%	26%	29%	30%	36%	26%	29%	27%	22%	38%
Don't know/No opinion	40%	37%	40%	43%	37%	43%	49%	44%	30%	45%	43%	38%	35%	44%	42%

16. Education															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
James Tedisco	33%	9%	44%	32%	34%	32%	28%	29%	39%	26%	30%	35%	37%	36%	22%
Scott Murphy	28%	53%	18%	26%	32%	25%	27%	31%	29%	31%	27%	29%	28%	23%	37%
Don't know/No opinion	39%	38%	38%	42%	35%	43%	45%	40%	32%	43%	43%	36%	35%	41%	41%
17. Successfully ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
James Tedisco	29%	10%	37%	29%	30%	27%	23%	26%	36%	19%	28%	30%	33%	34%	18%
Scott Murphy	22%	48%	12%	19%	25%	20%	22%	24%	22%	29%	21%	22%	23%	18%	27%
Don't know/No opinion	49%	42%	50%	52%	45%	52%	55%	50%	42%	52%	51%	47%	44%	48%	55%
18. Bringing more federal money into our district															
		Party			Gender		Region			Age			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Colum./Del./Dutch./ Greene/Otsego	Essex/Wash./ Warren	Renss./ Saratoga	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Prot	Other
James Tedisco	35%	17%	42%	35%	34%	35%	29%	31%	42%	29%	36%	35%	39%	38%	26%
Scott Murphy	27%	44%	21%	25%	31%	24%	24%	31%	29%	26%	22%	30%	28%	24%	31%
Don't know/No opinion	38%	39%	37%	40%	34%	41%	47%	38%	29%	45%	42%	34%	33%	37%	43%