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Q1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Right track	16%	21%	7%	14%	13%	18%	19%	13%	14%	22%	18%	9%	13%	27%	27%	24%	14%	13%	14%	25%	12%	16%
Wrong direction	70%	65%	82%	71%	75%	65%	61%	73%	78%	57%	70%	82%	75%	53%	41%	63%	71%	72%	75%	60%	74%	66%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	14%	11%	15%	11%	17%	19%	14%	8%	21%	13%	9%	11%	19%	31%	13%	15%	15%	11%	14%	14%	18%
I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each person I name.																						
Q2. David Paterson																						
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Favorable	21%	21%	17%	23%	18%	23%	25%	19%	19%	21%	21%	21%	19%	35%	26%	21%	18%	24%	19%	22%	17%	25%
Unfavorable	67%	64%	74%	68%	74%	61%	59%	72%	73%	62%	65%	73%	71%	45%	59%	67%	70%	65%	73%	65%	67%	63%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	14%	9%	9%	8%	16%	16%	9%	9%	17%	15%	7%	10%	19%	15%	12%	12%	11%	9%	13%	17%	12%
Q3. Andrew Cuomo																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	63%	68%	57%	62%	60%	67%	73%	66%	59%	62%	63%	66%	64%	69%	61%	50%	66%	70%	68%	55%	57%	67%
Unfavorable	25%	19%	33%	29%	28%	21%	16%	23%	32%	23%	26%	25%	27%	17%	19%	32%	24%	21%	25%	23%	30%	22%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	13%	10%	9%	12%	12%	11%	11%	10%	15%	11%	9%	10%	14%	20%	17%	11%	9%	7%	22%	13%	10%
Q4. Rick Lazio																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	30%	20%	43%	36%	33%	28%	24%	28%	44%	27%	39%	29%	32%	20%	32%	28%	34%	28%	44%	24%	24%	22%
Unfavorable	29%	39%	21%	23%	36%	23%	42%	30%	17%	33%	25%	27%	30%	32%	24%	27%	29%	31%	23%	31%	29%	37%
Don't know/No opinion	40%	41%	35%	41%	30%	49%	34%	42%	39%	40%	36%	44%	38%	48%	43%	45%	36%	41%	33%	45%	48%	41%
Q5. Richard Ravitch																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	22%	30%	14%	20%	27%	19%	30%	26%	13%	30%	29%	11%	24%	18%	19%	13%	20%	31%	20%	50%	14%	19%
Unfavorable	16%	16%	15%	17%	19%	13%	16%	13%	20%	21%	16%	10%	14%	32%	14%	13%	20%	14%	19%	8%	15%	17%
Don't know/No opinion	62%	54%	71%	63%	54%	68%	54%	61%	66%	49%	55%	79%	62%	50%	67%	74%	60%	55%	61%	43%	71%	63%

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Q6. How would you rate the job that David Paterson is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																						
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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	0%	4%
Good	17%	17%	12%	16%	15%	18%	16%	15%	15%	17%	15%	18%	14%	34%	14%	18%	15%	18%	14%	17%	19%	19%
Fair	33%	38%	29%	31%	29%	35%	41%	30%	31%	37%	30%	30%	32%	29%	43%	35%	31%	34%	32%	32%	34%	32%
Poor	47%	42%	57%	48%	54%	41%	37%	52%	51%	43%	49%	50%	50%	32%	42%	46%	51%	43%	52%	46%	45%	44%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Q7. Do you think David Paterson should serve out the remainder of his term as Governor until December 31st or do you think he should resign immediately and let Lieutenant Governor Richard Ravitch serve as Governor for the remainder of the year?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Serve remainder of term	55%	57%	48%	56%	52%	57%	63%	49%	53%	57%	47%	57%	51%	74%	60%	58%	53%	54%	47%	47%	63%	64%
Resign and let Ravitch serve	37%	37%	47%	32%	41%	33%	31%	41%	40%	34%	46%	34%	40%	18%	31%	32%	39%	38%	45%	46%	29%	27%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	7%	5%	12%	7%	10%	7%	9%	7%	10%	7%	9%	9%	7%	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%
Q8. If Governor Paterson does not resign, do you think the State Legislature should move to impeach the Governor and remove him from office or do you think that he should be allowed to finish his term?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Impeach and remove from office	21%	20%	28%	17%	22%	19%	14%	22%	28%	17%	20%	25%	21%	18%	23%	20%	24%	18%	25%	22%	22%	16%
Finish term	71%	74%	68%	69%	69%	72%	81%	67%	67%	76%	71%	65%	70%	73%	74%	68%	69%	74%	68%	70%	67%	77%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	7%	4%	14%	8%	9%	5%	11%	5%	7%	8%	10%	9%	9%	3%	12%	6%	8%	8%	9%	11%	7%
Q9. If Lieutenant Governor Ravitch becomes governor, how do you think he will handle the job of governor? Do you think he will do an excellent job, a good job, a fair job, or a poor job?																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	3%	5%	1%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	4%	1%	7%	1%	4%
Good	21%	26%	16%	18%	19%	22%	24%	23%	17%	22%	32%	12%	21%	21%	25%	21%	19%	23%	21%	34%	13%	21%
Fair	33%	34%	37%	31%	36%	31%	33%	41%	25%	33%	28%	36%	33%	33%	37%	38%	32%	31%	32%	22%	41%	35%
Poor	10%	10%	13%	9%	14%	7%	10%	8%	16%	12%	9%	9%	9%	20%	6%	8%	14%	9%	14%	5%	10%	9%
Don't know/No opinion	33%	26%	33%	41%	28%	37%	28%	27%	41%	29%	28%	40%	34%	25%	33%	31%	34%	33%	32%	31%	36%	31%

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Q10. If Lieutenant Governor Ravitch becomes Governor, who, among the following, would you most like to see Ravitch name as his lieutenant governor:																						
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		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Andrew Cuomo	38%	41%	38%	33%	31%	44%	32%	40%	46%	38%	38%	39%	38%	31%	51%	31%	39%	42%	42%	31%	39%	37%
Eliot Spitzer	15%	15%	12%	16%	15%	14%	21%	15%	8%	17%	9%	15%	14%	19%	21%	19%	10%	16%	13%	15%	8%	22%
Tom Suozzi	11%	7%	14%	16%	14%	8%	7%	13%	13%	7%	20%	9%	12%	6%	2%	8%	15%	9%	17%	8%	7%	7%
Sheldon Silver	6%	8%	3%	5%	8%	4%	9%	4%	6%	9%	4%	5%	6%	8%	3%	7%	6%	6%	4%	15%	3%	7%
Byron Brown	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	1%	5%	2%	9%	4%	5%	4%	1%	4%	0%	4%	3%
Someone else	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	0%	4%	3%	1%	5%	4%	2%
Don't know/No opinion	25%	23%	28%	21%	25%	24%	28%	21%	23%	24%	26%	24%	25%	26%	17%	30%	22%	22%	18%	27%	36%	22%
Q11. Would you prefer to see Attorney General Andrew Cuomo run for re-election as Attorney General this year or would you prefer to see him run for Governor instead?																						
	Total	Party			Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Re-election as Attorney General	29%	24%	37%	33%	32%	26%	17%	28%	38%	28%	25%	32%	30%	25%	27%	29%	28%	30%	28%	27%	37%	27%
Run for Governor	58%	68%	48%	49%	54%	61%	68%	60%	48%	57%	60%	57%	57%	62%	62%	50%	62%	59%	64%	59%	45%	58%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	8%	15%	18%	14%	13%	15%	11%	14%	15%	15%	11%	13%	13%	10%	21%	9%	12%	7%	15%	18%	15%
Q12. Should Andrew Cuomo publicly declare now whether he's running for Attorney General or Governor this year, or does he have time to wait several months before publicly announcing?																						
	Total	Party			Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Declare now	38%	40%	38%	36%	37%	39%	31%	42%	38%	34%	39%	42%	39%	37%	38%	37%	42%	36%	41%	29%	39%	39%
Time to wait	52%	53%	53%	53%	53%	52%	60%	51%	50%	54%	51%	51%	52%	58%	46%	56%	48%	55%	53%	56%	54%	51%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	7%	9%	10%	10%	8%	9%	6%	12%	12%	10%	6%	9%	5%	16%	6%	10%	9%	6%	15%	6%	9%
Q13. Governor Paterson asked Attorney General Cuomo to conduct an investigation to determine if the Governor or any of his staff acted illegally or unethically in dealing with a domestic violence charge leveled against a top aide to the Governor by that aide's then girlfriend. Do you think Attorney General Cuomo's investigation will be conducted fairly and impartially or do you think it will unduly influenced by political concerns?																						
	Total	Party			Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Fair and impartial	57%	59%	60%	51%	59%	55%	59%	60%	53%	52%	53%	64%	60%	48%	39%	45%	60%	62%	64%	52%	54%	54%
Unduly influenced by politics	38%	37%	37%	44%	35%	41%	39%	37%	41%	41%	42%	34%	36%	48%	54%	52%	36%	33%	33%	41%	42%	43%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%	2%	3%	6%	7%	5%	2%	4%	4%	7%	3%	4%	6%	3%	6%	5%	3%

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Q14. Do you think this investigation of the Governor and his staff is best conducted by Attorney General Cuomo or do you think it would be better if it was conducted by an independent, outside prosecutor?

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Attorney General Cuomo	27%	28%	28%	24%	29%	25%	26%	29%	26%	26%	25%	30%	27%	33%	22%	20%	29%	30%	33%	25%	26%	23%
Outside prosecutor	68%	68%	67%	70%	66%	69%	69%	66%	70%	67%	71%	66%	68%	61%	74%	73%	67%	66%	63%	70%	71%	71%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%	7%	4%	7%	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%	6%

Q15. If you got to choose who should be Governor today among the current and last three governors, who would you like to see be Governor today:

	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Mario Cuomo	32%	40%	21%	28%	27%	37%	41%	35%	23%	33%	36%	30%	31%	42%	38%	13%	37%	40%	38%	33%	28%	26%
George Pataki	32%	19%	52%	38%	32%	31%	16%	31%	48%	25%	36%	35%	34%	12%	34%	42%	32%	25%	38%	25%	37%	25%
Eliot Spitzer	17%	22%	14%	14%	22%	13%	23%	20%	9%	19%	13%	18%	18%	16%	10%	25%	14%	16%	12%	25%	8%	26%
David Paterson	7%	9%	5%	8%	6%	8%	11%	5%	6%	8%	5%	7%	6%	18%	6%	6%	6%	9%	5%	2%	7%	12%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	11%	9%	12%	13%	11%	9%	9%	13%	14%	10%	11%	11%	12%	12%	13%	11%	11%	6%	16%	20%	11%

Q16. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were:

	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line	63%	83%	37%	55%	58%	67%	81%	69%	41%	68%	57%	62%	60%	84%	70%	58%	64%	66%	59%	64%	55%	74%
Rick Lazio on the Republican line	25%	9%	56%	26%	31%	21%	10%	19%	50%	17%	38%	26%	30%	4%	14%	30%	24%	25%	34%	23%	27%	15%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	8%	6%	20%	10%	12%	9%	12%	9%	14%	5%	12%	10%	12%	16%	12%	12%	10%	8%	13%	17%	10%

The last two years have seen the resignation of former Governor Eliot Spitzer, the indictment and conviction of former Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno, the period last summer described as the State Senate Coup, and now the ending of his campaign by Governor Paterson amid growing calls for his resignation. As you consider these events, for each of the following statements, tell me whether you agree, disagree or simply don't know.

Q17. New York State government has never been more dysfunctional than it is today.

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Agree	70%	69%	74%	71%	72%	68%	62%	71%	76%	70%	67%	71%	72%	63%	66%	61%	72%	75%	77%	70%	70%	64%
Disagree	21%	22%	16%	21%	17%	23%	27%	20%	15%	19%	23%	20%	19%	26%	29%	25%	20%	19%	17%	22%	19%	24%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	8%	10%	9%	11%	8%	11%	8%	9%	10%	10%	8%	9%	12%	5%	14%	8%	6%	5%	8%	11%	12%

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Q18. These last two years are just business as usual in Albany.																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
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Agree	52%	52%	51%	55%	56%	49%	49%	53%	55%	49%	54%	54%	53%	53%	45%	43%	51%	59%	53%	48%	51%	54%
Disagree	38%	38%	38%	39%	37%	38%	38%	39%	36%	40%	36%	37%	38%	34%	42%	50%	39%	30%	38%	39%	33%	40%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	10%	11%	6%	7%	13%	13%	8%	9%	11%	10%	10%	9%	13%	14%	8%	10%	11%	8%	14%	15%	6%
Q19. What's going on in Albany makes me embarrassed to call myself a New Yorker.																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Agree	54%	51%	64%	56%	55%	54%	45%	57%	65%	47%	56%	61%	57%	45%	37%	48%	57%	57%	57%	42%	65%	53%
Disagree	41%	45%	32%	41%	39%	42%	51%	40%	31%	47%	41%	35%	38%	51%	61%	50%	40%	37%	40%	50%	32%	44%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	7%	3%	8%	3%	4%
Q20. I'm ready to vote for anyone that will clean up the mess in Albany once and for all.																						
	Party				Gender		Political View			Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	NYC	Subs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Other	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Agree	75%	73%	81%	77%	74%	76%	64%	79%	82%	69%	77%	80%	77%	74%	68%	77%	74%	76%	80%	72%	78%	73%
Disagree	16%	20%	14%	13%	18%	15%	26%	14%	12%	19%	16%	14%	16%	19%	23%	18%	17%	16%	12%	21%	16%	20%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	7%	6%	10%	8%	9%	10%	7%	6%	12%	7%	6%	7%	7%	9%	6%	9%	8%	9%	7%	6%	7%
Q21. Sadly, there are no leaders who can clean up the mess in Albany.																						
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Agree	41%	39%	43%	45%	44%	39%	36%	41%	48%	41%	37%	44%	43%	32%	40%	37%	40%	46%	45%	37%	44%	39%
Disagree	45%	50%	44%	38%	44%	46%	46%	48%	40%	45%	51%	40%	44%	57%	41%	51%	49%	38%	42%	47%	44%	50%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	11%	12%	17%	12%	15%	18%	11%	12%	13%	12%	16%	13%	11%	18%	13%	11%	15%	14%	15%	12%	12%