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### Siena College Poll:

## **Cuomo's Favorability Rating & Lead Over Republicans Slip a Little Independent Voters Move Toward Reps; No Dem Wins Majority of Independents *Voters Overwhelmingly Oppose Governor's State Worker Layoff Plan; Support Remains Strong for Constitutional Convention***

*Majority of Voters Prefers 'Someone Else' Rather than Re-electing Current State Senator Loudonville, NY.* Following the state party conventions, Andrew Cuomo's favorability rating has fallen eight points, to its lowest level since December 2008, while his lead against both Rick Lazio and Carl Paladino fell by six points. Cuomo still maintains a better than two-to-one lead over both Republicans but his lead against each is the smallest it has ever been, according to a Siena College poll of registered New York voters released today.

In all match-ups between Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor and United States Senator, independent voters moved away from the Democrats and toward the Republicans over the last three weeks. Cuomo saw leads of more than 30 points among independents slip to 13 points. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand had double-digit leads among independents against each of her three potential Republican opponents and now trails each of them with independent voters. Senator Charles Schumer saw his lead among independent voters fall from 25 points against Gary Berntsen to seven points, and a 27-point lead against Jay Townsend fall to 16 points.

Cuomo leads Lazio 60-24 percent, down from 66-24 percent on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Cuomo's lead over Paladino fell to 60-23 percent, down from 65-22 percent. In a Republican Party primary, Lazio leads Paladino 45-18 percent.

"As Andrew Cuomo continues to dominate the political scene in New York – and his potential opponents – his still commanding lead has fallen to its lowest level ever, while his favorability rating has fallen below 60 percent for the first time in a year and a half," said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg. "Cuomo's 59-26 percent favorability rating is still the strongest of any New York pol, however, there's been a negative 13-point swing from the 67-21 percent favorability rating voters gave him three weeks ago.

"Cuomo maintains big leads over both Republicans," Greenberg said. "Although his lead among independent voters fell by about 20 points against both, neither Lazio nor Paladino wins a majority of Republicans against Cuomo, who has the support of at least 80 percent of Democrats against either Republican."

Lazio is viewed favorably by 31 percent of voters and unfavorably by 28 percent (virtually the same as his 31-29 percent rating in May). Paladino has a 16-17 percent favorability rating (15-10 percent in May).

When asked to choose, 52 percent say ‘Cuomo will help clean up the mess in Albany’ (down from 63 percent in April), compared to 32 percent (up from 23 percent) who say he is ‘part of what’s wrong with Albany.’ A plurality of voters, 39 percent say ‘Lazio doesn’t have the experience necessary to clean up the mess in Albany,’ while 29 percent say he ‘brings an outsider’s perspective and therefore can help to clean up the mess in Albany.’

“With 20 weeks until Election Day, Republicans still have much work to do – beyond the potential for a hard fought primary campaign over the next 13 weeks – if they hope to gain enough voter support to overtake Cuomo. A majority of voters still believe Andrew Cuomo is part of the solution for fixing Albany, while a plurality of voters does not believe Rick Lazio has the experience to clean up the mess in Albany,” Greenberg said.

### **The Race for Junior United States Senator Tightens a Little as Gillibrand Favorability Rating Slips**

“As three largely unknown Republicans battle to take on Gillibrand in November, her favorability rating fell to 36-27 percent, down from 42-24 percent in May,” Greenberg said. “Gillibrand’s lead over Joe DioGuardi is down to 18 points (47-29 percent) from 26 points in May. Her lead over Bruce Blakeman fell six points from 51-24 percent to 48-27 percent, and her lead over David Malpass is 49-24 percent, down from 53-22 percent.

“None of the Republicans get more than 11 percent support from Democrats and Gillibrand has the support of at least 20 percent of Republicans against each, however, independent voters now slightly favor each of the Republicans compared to three weeks ago when Gillibrand had double-digit leads with independent voters,” Greenberg said. “Among the Republican candidates it remains a wide open race as DioGuardi leads with 21 percent, followed by Blakeman at seven percent and Malpass at three percent. More than two-thirds of Republican voters, however, remain undecided on who their nominee should be.”

### **Schumer Has 30+ Point Leads over Republican Opponents as His Favorability Rating Hits All Time Low**

“While a majority of voters continue to have a favorable view of Schumer, his 54-32 percent favorable rating marks the first time ever in a Siena College poll that less than 60 percent of voters have a favorable view of him and more than 30 percent view him unfavorably,” Greenberg said. “Three weeks ago his favorability rating was 64-27 percent. More Republicans and independents now view him unfavorably than favorably.

“Still, 52 percent of voters are inclined to re-elect Schumer compared to 36 percent who would prefer ‘someone else.’ Both Berntsen and Townsend remain unknown to at least three-quarters of voters and Schumer leads Berntsen 59-27 percent (down from 64-23 percent) and Townsend 60-26 percent (down from 63-24 percent), Greenberg said.

**Nearly Two-thirds of Voters Oppose Paterson Plan to Lay Off 10,000 State Workers**

“By a 65-27 percent margin, voters oppose Governor David Paterson’s plan to lay off 10,000 state workers as of January 1, 2011,” Greenberg said. “A majority of every geographic and demographic group – including Republicans and self-identified conservative voters – oppose the plan. As the Governor works with the Legislature to close the budget gap, voters think the idea of massive state government layoffs is a bad one.”

**By Better than Two-to-one, Voters Support Having a New York State Constitutional Convention**

“Similar to the findings from a Siena College poll last August, voters continue to strongly support having a Constitutional Convention. Fifty-eight percent of voters, including 61 percent of Democrats, support a Constitutional Convention, while only 26 percent are opposed,” Greenberg said. “Irrespective of ideology, partisanship or which region of the state they live in, voters are clearly pro-pro on a Con-Con.”

**Majority of Voters Want ‘Someone Else’ as their State Senator, But Divided on Senate Control**

“Only 35 percent of voters want to re-elect their incumbent state senator, while 50 percent prefer ‘someone else.’ It is not, however, automatically good news for Senate minority Republicans seeking to regain control.

Democrats are inclined to re-elect their incumbent state senator by a 47-40 percent margin, while Republican voters prefer ‘someone else’ by an overwhelming 60-23 percent margin,” Greenberg said. “Upstate, where 20 of 25 senators are Republican, only 28 percent want to re-elect their senator and 58 percent prefer ‘someone else.’

“When asked which party they would like to see control the upper house in 2011, voters are divided with 34 percent wanting to see a larger Democratic majority, 32 percent wanting to see the Senate remain closely divided and 26 percent preferring to see Republicans winning back the majority. Not surprisingly, most Democrats support a larger Democratic majority, most Republicans favor Republican control, and a plurality of independents want to see the Senate remain closely divided between the two parties,” Greenberg said.

“On a generic ballot test for Senate, 44 percent of voters say they plan to vote for a Democrat for State Senate, 26 percent will vote for a Republican, eight percent prefer a candidate from another party, and five percent do not plan to vote for state senator at all. Nearly three-quarters of Democrats and nearly two-thirds of Republicans say they will vote for a senator from their party, however, independent voters are very divided, with 27 percent supporting a Republican, 22 percent supporting a Democrat, and 18 percent seeking a senator from another party,” Greenberg said. “Later this year, Siena will begin polling in the hotly contested senate districts.”

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This SRI survey was conducted June 7-9, 2010 by telephone calls to 808 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.4$  percentage points. It includes 205 Republicans, with a margin of error of  $\pm 6.8$  percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party 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
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
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
<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
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
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>31 (6/10, 5/10, 2/10)</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 (5/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	16	17	67
May 2010	15	10	76
April 2010	11	13	76
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>16 (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>

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(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
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>18 (6/10)</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>

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
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
December 2009	68	22	NA	10
November 2009	67	22	NA	11
October 2009	66	21	NA	14
September 2009	64	18	NA	18
August 2009	66	16	NA	18
July 2009	65	20	NA	15
February 2009	66	16	NA	18
January 26, 2009	61	17	NA	22
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>68 (12/09)</b>	<b>26 (2/10)</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
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 (6/10)</b>	NA	<b>17 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>64 (4/10)</b>	<b>19 (4/10)</b>	NA	<b>13 (5/10)</b>

When thinking about Andrew Cuomo as a candidate for Governor, which of the following two statements comes closest to your opinion: Andrew Cuomo is a part of what's wrong with Albany, or Andrew Cuomo will help to clean up the mess in Albany? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	PART OF PROBLEM	HELP CLEAN UP MESS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	32	52	16
April 2010	23	63	14
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (6/10)</b>	<b>63 (4/10)</b>	<b>16 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>23 (4/10)</b>	<b>52 (6/10)</b>	<b>14 (4/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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 (5/10, 4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>5 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>5 (4/10)</b>	<b>88 (6/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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 Joe DioGuardi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
December 2009	31	22	47
November 2009	34	24	43
October 2009	28	26	46
September 2009	29	24	47
August 2009	29	20	52
May 2009	33	21	46
April 2009	33	23	44
March 2009	26	20	54
February 2009	34	20	46
January 29, 2009	30	14	56
<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>

If Kirsten Gillibrand runs for United States Senator this year, would you vote to elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
December 2009	30	34	35
November 2009	33	38	29
May 2009	27	39	34
April 2009	20	47	33
March 2009	23	37	39
January 29, 2009	21	29	50
<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>26 (1/10)</b>

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(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
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 (4/10)</b>	<b>5 (4/10)</b>	<b>74 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (6/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>15 (5/10)</b>	<b>3 (6/10)</b>	<b>65 (4/10)</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
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
December 2009	52	22	26
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (12/09)</b>	<b>27 (6/10)</b>	<b>28 (4/10, 3/22/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (4/10)</b>	<b>22 (12/09)</b>	<b>25 (6/10, 5/10, 2/10)</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
June 2010	47	29	24
May 2010	51	25	24
April 2010	46	27	27
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (5/10)</b>	<b>29 (6/10)</b>	<b>27 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (4/10)</b>	<b>25 (5/10)</b>	<b>24 (6/10, 5/10)</b>

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
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>24 (6/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>30 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (4/10)</b>	<b>22 (5/10)</b>	<b>25 (5/10)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	54	32	14
May 2010	64	27	10
March 22, 2010	62	27	10
February 2010	61	29	10
December 2009	60	28	13
November 2009	60	30	10
May 2009	63	25	12
January 29, 2009	66	23	11
<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>

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If Charles Schumer runs for United States Senator in 2010, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	52	36	13
May 2010	52	35	13
March 22, 2010	56	31	13
February 2010	55	36	9
November 2009	60	32	8
May 2009	61	31	8
May 2008	54	32	15
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (11/09)</b>	<b>36 (6/10, 2/10)</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>8 (11/09, 5/09)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	6	12	82
May 2010	3	5	91
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (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
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
June 2010	15	20	65
May 2010	3	10	87
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>15 (6/10)</b>	<b>20 (6/10)</b>	<b>86 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>3 (5/10)</b>	<b>10(5/10)</b>	<b>65 (6/10)</b>

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
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>13 (6/10, 5/10)</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
June 2010	60	26	14
May 2010	63	24	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>63 (5/10)</b>	<b>26 (6/10)</b>	<b>14 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (6/10)</b>	<b>24 (5/10)</b>	<b>13 (5/10)</b>



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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	19	16	64
May 2010	25	12	63
April 2010	20	12	69
March 22, 2010	19	15	66
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
<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>

If Tom DiNapoli runs for State Comptroller in 2010, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	23	33	44
May 2010	27	28	45
April 2010	21	25	54
November 2009	28	30	42
August 2009	17	28	56
May 2009	22	25	53
<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
June 2010	9	11	79
May 2010	6	5	89
April 2010	7	5	88
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (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	DI NAPOLI	WILSON	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	42	23	36
May 2010	45	22	33
April 2010	42	19	39
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (5/10)</b>	<b>23 (6/10)</b>	<b>39 (4/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (6/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>19 (4/10)</b>	<b>33 (5/10)</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
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
December 2009	36	23	36	5
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (5/10, 12/09)</b>	<b>26 (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>

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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
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
December 2009	42	42	16
October 2009	40	46	15
September 2009	38	45	17
August 2009	37	43	20
July 2009	31	40	28
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (12/09)</b>	<b>50 (6/10)</b>	<b>28 (7/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>31 (7/09)</b>	<b>40 (7/09)</b>	<b>15 (10/09)</b>

Who do you think is most to blame for the late state budget that was due on April 1<sup>st</sup> and has still not passed: Governor Paterson, Democrats who control the State Assembly, Democrats who control the State Senate, or Republicans in the State Legislature? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	GOVERNOR PATERSON	ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS	SENATE DEMOCRATS	LEGISLATIVE REPUBLICANS	ALL	DK/NO/OTHER
June 2010	31	10	12	15	18	16
May 2010	25	9	15	14	14	23
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>31 (6/10)</b>	<b>10 (6/10)</b>	<b>15 (5/10)</b>	<b>15 (6/10)</b>	<b>18 (6/10)</b>	<b>23 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (5/10)</b>	<b>9 (5/10)</b>	<b>12 (6/10)</b>	<b>14 (5/10)</b>	<b>14 (5/10)</b>	<b>16 (6/10)</b>

Do you support or oppose having a New York State Constitutional Convention in which delegates propose changes to the State Constitution for voters to approve or reject?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2010	58	26	16
August 2009	63	25	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>63 (8/09)</b>	<b>26 (6/10)</b>	<b>16 (6/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (6/10)</b>	<b>25 (8/09)</b>	<b>12 (8/09)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
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
<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>

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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
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
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
<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>11 (4/10)</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 2009.

“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.