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Siena New York Poll:

Spitzer Continues to Romp Over All Republicans; Clinton Continues 2:1 Lead Over Likely Challengers

*Hillary Would Lose NY in Race for President vs. Rudy;
She Easily Beats Pataki for President in New York*

Loudonville, NY – Attorney General Eliot Spitzer continues to crush any potential Republican opponent and United States Senator Hillary Clinton maintains a two-to-one lead over two likely Republican challengers, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of New York voters released today. In a hypothetical 2008 Presidential match-up of New Yorkers, Clinton would easily beat Governor George Pataki but she trails former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

“While Hillary continues to be exceedingly popular in the state and has two-to-one lead over both Jeanine Pirro and Ed Cox, she is far from a sure bet to carry New York in the Presidential election of 2008 should she be the Democratic nominee,” said Joe Caruso, Director of Polling for the Siena Research Institute (SRI).

“In fact, America’s Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, would beat Hillary 48-43 percent, with a 16 point margin of victory upstate. On the other hand, if George Pataki were the Republican nominee, Hillary would beat him 53-35 percent, and she has a 10 point margin upstate against the incumbent Governor,” Caruso said.

Clinton’s favorable/unfavorable rating is 59-35 percent, essentially unchanged over the last eight months. Her re-elect number stands at 59 percent, up three points from August, and over 50 percent with every demographic group, except Republicans.

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“The good news for Pirro is that she’s now known by half of New York voters,” Caruso said. “The bad news for her is that a majority of those who know her have an unfavorable opinion. Ed Cox is still unknown to more than two-thirds of voters. These facts explain why Hillary has a 28-30 point lead over both of them.”

Clinton leads Pirro 59-31 percent (up from 55-34 percent in August) and she leads Cox 60-30 percent (up from 54-31 percent in August).

In the race for Governor, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer maintains 30-44 point leads against three potential challengers: Thomas Golisano 56-26 percent (52-28 percent in August), former Massachusetts Governor William Weld 62-18 percent (56-19 percent in August); and former Assemblyman and Comptroller candidate John Faso, 63-19 percent.

“Thirteen months before the election, none of the potential Republican candidates has made an impact on New York voters,” Caruso said. “Eliot Spitzer is becoming increasingly better known to voters, and in turn his favorability rating remains high – presently at 61 percent.

“After local elections next month, all political eyes will shift to the upcoming 2006 statewide races. Siena will continue to monitor on a monthly basis where New Yorkers stand in these crucial contests,” Caruso said.

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This SRI survey was conducted October 4-10, 2005 by telephone calls to 613 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of ± 3.95 percentage points. For more information or comments, please call Joe Caruso, SRI Director of Polling, at 518-783-2901.



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If the election for Governor were held tomorrow and the candidates were Thomas Golisano on the Republican line and Eliot Spitzer on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (Rotate choices)

DATE	GOLISANO	SPITZER	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	26	56	18
August, 2005	28	52	21
July, 2005	26	52	22
June, 2005	22	53	24

If the election for Governor were held tomorrow and the candidates were William Weld on the Republican line and Eliot Spitzer on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (Rotate choices)

DATE	WELD	SPITZER	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	18	62	20
August, 2005	19	56	26
May, 2005	15	57	28

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eliot Spitzer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	61	19	20
August, 2005	60	14	26
July, 2005	62	15	22
June, 2005	59	15	25
May, 2005	58	17	25
April, 2005	53	18	29
March, 2005	50	18	32
February, 2005	48	17	34

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	30	18	52
August, 2005	28	14	57
July, 2005	28	17	55
June, 2005	28	17	56

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about William Weld?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	9	16	75
August, 2005	9	7	84
May, 2005	10	11	79

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about George Pataki?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	48	44	8
August, 2005	50	44	7
July, 2005	52	40	8
June, 2005	46	45	9
May, 2005	40	53	7
April, 2005	50	39	11
March, 2005	37	50	13
February, 2005	39	45	16

Hillary Clinton has indicated that she is running for re-election to the United States Senate. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	59	37	4
August, 2005	56	39	6
July, 2005	60	37	4
June, 2005	59	35	7
May, 2005	59	36	5
April, 2005	60	34	5

If the election for United States Senate was held tomorrow and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Jeanine Pirro on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (Rotate choices)

DATE	CLINTON	PIRRO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	59	31	10
August, 2005	55	34	11
July, 2005	57	31	12
June, 2005	59	29	12
May, 2005	57	29	14

If the election for United States Senate was held tomorrow and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Edward Cox on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (Rotate choices)

DATE	CLINTON	COX	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	60	30	11
August, 2005	54	31	15
June, 2005	58	28	15

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	59	35	6
August, 2005	59	37	4
July, 2005	60	34	6
June, 2005	60	33	7
May, 2005	58	35	7
April, 2005	60	33	6
March, 2005	58	34	8
February, 2005	61	33	6

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jeanine Pirro?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	24	25	51
August, 2005	26	20	55
July, 2005	27	12	61
June, 2005	23	12	65
May, 2005	20	12	68

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Edward Cox?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October, 2005	18	12	70
August, 2005	18	10	73
June, 2005	23	12	65

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
October, 2005	34	42	24
August, 2005	36	44	20
July, 2005	33	41	26
June, 2005	30	44	26
May, 2005	29	46	25
April, 2005	29	44	27
March, 2005	26	47	27
February, 2005	32	44	24

1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
right track	34%	31%	38%	38%	31%	37%	41%	40%	26%	34%	38%	38%	51%	32%	30%	38%	38%	34%	32%
wrong direction	42%	41%	44%	39%	47%	36%	31%	38%	51%	42%	43%	34%	33%	43%	44%	42%	28%	41%	41%
don't know/no opinion	24%	27%	18%	23%	21%	27%	28%	22%	23%	24%	20%	28%	16%	25%	26%	19%	33%	25%	27%

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

4. George Pataki

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	48%	37%	60%	52%	45%	50%	45%	56%	45%	46%	50%	59%	65%	50%	40%	52%	45%	54%	52%
unfavorable	44%	54%	32%	41%	47%	41%	45%	38%	47%	46%	36%	38%	29%	43%	49%	44%	47%	35%	38%
don't know/no opinion	8%	9%	8%	7%	7%	9%	10%	7%	8%	8%	14%	3%	5%	7%	11%	4%	8%	11%	10%

5. Eliot Spitzer

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	61%	70%	53%	59%	63%	59%	62%	61%	60%	63%	59%	52%	46%	64%	64%	58%	72%	60%	55%
unfavorable	19%	13%	29%	19%	22%	17%	17%	22%	19%	20%	20%	10%	20%	20%	19%	23%	10%	22%	18%
don't know/no opinion	20%	17%	18%	23%	16%	23%	20%	17%	21%	17%	21%	38%	35%	16%	18%	19%	18%	18%	27%

6. Hillary Clinton

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	59%	79%	32%	57%	54%	64%	71%	56%	53%	53%	89%	76%	64%	58%	58%	54%	70%	43%	70%
unfavorable	35%	16%	61%	38%	40%	31%	23%	39%	41%	40%	9%	24%	29%	36%	37%	42%	22%	51%	25%
don't know/no opinion	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	2%	0%	7%	6%	5%	4%	8%	6%	5%

7. Jeanine Pirro

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	24%	19%	33%	23%	24%	24%	21%	35%	19%	25%	23%	21%	21%	28%	21%	29%	33%	24%	18%
unfavorable	25%	33%	18%	20%	25%	26%	31%	28%	19%	24%	36%	24%	16%	23%	30%	23%	28%	22%	26%
don't know/no opinion	51%	48%	49%	58%	51%	51%	48%	36%	61%	50%	41%	55%	63%	49%	49%	48%	38%	54%	56%

8. Thomas Golisano																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	30%	26%	40%	28%	33%	28%	15%	26%	43%	33%	27%	17%	27%	30%	31%	38%	15%	34%	23%
unfavorable	18%	21%	14%	18%	21%	15%	18%	20%	16%	17%	25%	17%	17%	20%	16%	15%	13%	19%	18%
don't know/no opinion	52%	53%	47%	54%	46%	58%	67%	54%	41%	50%	48%	66%	55%	50%	53%	47%	72%	47%	59%

9. Edward Cox																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	18%	15%	23%	16%	18%	17%	19%	19%	16%	18%	23%	24%	16%	17%	18%	20%	13%	24%	14%
unfavorable	12%	16%	10%	8%	12%	12%	15%	7%	13%	10%	27%	7%	13%	11%	13%	13%	10%	10%	15%
don't know/no opinion	70%	69%	67%	76%	70%	71%	66%	73%	71%	72%	50%	69%	71%	72%	69%	67%	77%	66%	71%

10. William Weld																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	9%	8%	13%	9%	12%	7%	8%	9%	10%	9%	14%	3%	8%	11%	8%	8%	13%	13%	8%
unfavorable	16%	21%	11%	13%	20%	13%	20%	15%	15%	15%	32%	17%	18%	14%	17%	14%	10%	15%	19%
don't know/no opinion	75%	71%	76%	78%	68%	80%	72%	76%	75%	76%	54%	79%	74%	75%	75%	78%	77%	72%	73%

11. John Faso																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	11%	11%	13%	11%	10%	12%	9%	9%	14%	12%	20%	3%	13%	11%	11%	13%	8%	15%	12%
unfavorable	11%	10%	10%	14%	13%	9%	11%	10%	11%	10%	13%	14%	15%	9%	11%	11%	7%	8%	14%
don't know/no opinion	78%	79%	77%	75%	76%	79%	80%	81%	74%	78%	68%	83%	72%	80%	78%	76%	85%	77%	74%

12. I know it is a long way off, but if the election for governor were held tomorrow and the candidates were Thomas Golisano on the Republican line and Eliot Spitzer on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Thomas Golisano	26%	11%	49%	22%	28%	24%	13%	26%	33%	29%	9%	14%	29%	26%	24%	34%	12%	30%	18%
Eliot Spitzer	56%	77%	31%	55%	54%	59%	70%	59%	46%	53%	77%	66%	51%	59%	57%	46%	77%	49%	67%
don't know/no opinion	18%	12%	20%	23%	19%	17%	17%	15%	21%	18%	14%	21%	20%	16%	19%	20%	12%	21%	15%

13. How about if the candidates were William Weld on the Republican line and Eliot Spitzer on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
William Weld	18%	6%	39%	15%	19%	18%	14%	22%	19%	21%	4%	7%	16%	18%	19%	23%	12%	26%	8%
Eliot Spitzer	62%	81%	38%	59%	60%	63%	70%	64%	55%	59%	82%	76%	62%	64%	59%	57%	73%	51%	74%
don't know/no opinion	20%	13%	23%	27%	21%	19%	16%	15%	26%	20%	14%	17%	22%	17%	22%	20%	15%	24%	18%

14. How about if the candidates were John Faso on the Republican line and Eliot Spitzer on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
John Faso	19%	6%	41%	13%	17%	20%	12%	21%	22%	22%	7%	0%	21%	20%	17%	23%	10%	28%	12%
Eliot Spitzer	63%	83%	38%	60%	63%	62%	72%	63%	56%	60%	84%	76%	59%	65%	62%	58%	75%	51%	75%
don't know/no opinion	19%	11%	21%	27%	20%	18%	15%	16%	23%	19%	9%	24%	21%	15%	21%	19%	15%	21%	12%

15. Hillary Clinton has indicated she is running for re-election to the United States Senate. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else?																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
re-elect Clinton	59%	79%	32%	59%	55%	63%	69%	58%	53%	54%	86%	69%	60%	58%	60%	52%	72%	51%	70%
prefer someone else	37%	17%	63%	38%	40%	34%	25%	38%	43%	43%	13%	17%	36%	37%	37%	45%	20%	46%	25%
don't know/no opinion	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	14%	4%	5%	3%	3%	8%	2%	5%

16. Again, I know it is a long way off, but if the election for US Senate was held tomorrow and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Jeanine Pirro on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Hillary Clinton	59%	81%	29%	59%	54%	63%	70%	56%	53%	52%	88%	76%	62%	58%	58%	51%	70%	48%	71%
Jeanine Pirro	31%	13%	57%	30%	32%	29%	21%	34%	35%	36%	5%	21%	27%	34%	29%	38%	22%	43%	23%
don't know/no opinion	10%	6%	14%	12%	13%	8%	9%	10%	11%	11%	7%	3%	11%	8%	12%	12%	8%	10%	5%

17. How about if the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Edward Cox on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Hillary Clinton	60%	81%	29%	59%	57%	62%	71%	59%	53%	54%	86%	79%	58%	60%	59%	53%	72%	47%	67%
Edward Cox	30%	13%	56%	26%	30%	29%	20%	31%	35%	35%	5%	14%	28%	30%	31%	36%	22%	40%	22%
don't know/no opinion	11%	6%	15%	15%	13%	9%	9%	10%	12%	10%	9%	7%	14%	10%	10%	12%	7%	13%	11%

18. Looking even further ahead to the Presidential election of 2008, if the election for President was held tomorrow... ..and if the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Rudolph Giuliani on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Hillary Clinton	43%	67%	12%	45%	42%	44%	58%	37%	37%	38%	79%	55%	41%	41%	46%	31%	53%	35%	60%
Rudolph Giuliani	48%	26%	81%	45%	51%	46%	34%	56%	53%	54%	14%	41%	49%	51%	46%	61%	37%	60%	29%
don't know/no opinion	9%	8%	7%	11%	7%	10%	8%	7%	10%	9%	7%	3%	10%	8%	8%	8%	10%	6%	11%

19. ...and if the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and George Pataki on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)																			
	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Hillary Clinton	53%	77%	19%	53%	49%	57%	64%	49%	48%	48%	82%	59%	49%	53%	54%	46%	58%	40%	62%
George Pataki	35%	15%	63%	34%	35%	34%	25%	40%	38%	39%	11%	31%	41%	35%	32%	39%	33%	47%	27%
don't know/no opinion	12%	7%	18%	13%	16%	9%	11%	12%	14%	13%	7%	10%	10%	12%	14%	15%	8%	13%	11%

