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Siena New York Poll:

Spitzer Expands Lead Over Faso to 53 Points; Beats Faso by 11 Points Among Republicans

**AG Race Tightens – Cuomo Lead Down to 15 Points;
Green Would Beat Pirro by Four Points**

Giuliani & McCain Beat Clinton & Gore in NYS '08 Match-ups

Loudonville, NY – With 13 weeks until the November election, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer has expanded his lead to a four-to-one edge over former Assembly Minority Leader John Faso, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of New York voters released today. The few voters who saw the Democratic gubernatorial debate give a clear advantage to Spitzer. The Attorney General race is tightening. And leading Republicans would beat leading Democrats in New York if the 2008 presidential election were held today

“Eliot Spitzer continues to expand his lead over John Faso to historic proportions,” said Steven Greenberg, spokesman for the Siena New York Poll. “Spitzer has an 11 point lead over Faso among Republicans and is close to having the support of half of GOP voters. Faso’s support has fallen to 17 percent of New York voters, and while he is ‘strongest’ upstate, he only gets one of every five upstate votes.

“While three months out is too early to call an election, the fat lady’s warming up her voice and John Faso has his work cut out if he wants to keep her from singing,” Greenberg said.

Spitzer leads Faso 70-17 percent. He leads among Republicans 45-34 percent. Spitzer’s favorable rating is the highest it’s ever been at 71-15 percent, while Faso continues to be unknown to two-thirds of voters and has a favorable rating of 16-15 percent among those who have an opinion of him. If the race featured Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi against Faso, he would lead 40-22 percent

“Suozzi claimed victory in the recent debate. But among the 11 percent of New York voters who saw the debate, Spitzer was the clear-cut winner by a three-to-one margin,” Greenberg said. “Suozzi may talk the talk but voters think that Spitzer walks the walk.”

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In the race for Attorney General, Andrew Cuomo saw his 26 point lead over Jeanine Pirro tighten to 15 points, 50-35 percent. If Mark Green is the Democratic candidate, he leads Pirro 41-37 percent. Cuomo's favorable rating is 44-35 percent (down from 47-29 percent in June). Green has 30-21 percent favorable rating. Pirro has 30-29 percent favorable rating.

“The race for Attorney General is shaping up to be the closest race this fall,” Greenberg said. “Cuomo has the early lead in the primary and the general elections but his numbers are falling and Pirro has recovered the Republican base and now leads Cuomo among Republicans 62-25 percent.”

In prospective 2008 presidential races, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Senator John McCain would both beat either Senator Hillary Clinton or former Vice President Al Gore. Giuliani beats Clinton 48-42 percent and Gore 48-44 percent. McCain top Clinton 46-42 percent and Gore 47-44 percent.

“Two formidable Republicans have the early edge over two heavyweight Democrats in what has long been seen as one of the ‘bluest’ states in the nation.,” Greenberg said. “And the fact that Gore does better than Hillary against either Rudy or McCain will certainly put the pressure on New York's junior senator to try and run up a big victory in her re-election battle this fall.”

In the race for the Senate, Clinton continues to lead former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer 58-32 percent and former Reagan Administration official Kathleen “KT” McFarland 58-28 percent. Clinton has 55-38 percent favorable rating. Spencer and McFarland are unknown to more than three quarters of the voters.

When asked what one issue should be the new Governor's top priority, New York voters say taxes (24 percent), followed by health care (20 percent), public education (16 percent), jobs (15 percent), state spending (10 percent), energy (six percent), and crime (three percent). While taxes is the top issue of only one in ten New York City voters (ranking fourth), it is the most important issue for nearly one-third of voters, followed by jobs at 20 percent.

Governor George Pataki remains unpopular with New York voters, having a negative favorable/unfavorable rating of 41-51 percent. And New York voters continue to believe the state is heading in the wrong direction (47 percent) vs. heading on the right track (29 percent), this is particularly true upstate (62-20 percent).

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This SRI survey was conducted July 31-August 3, 2006 by telephone calls to 623 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of \pm 3.9 percentage points. For more information or comments, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858.



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

DATE	FASO	SPITZER	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	17	70	12
June 2006	21	67	13
May 2006	17	64	18
March 2006	20	62	18
October 2005	19	63	19

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	71	15	15
June 2006	68	16	16
May 2006	63	19	19
March 2006	62	18	20
January 2006	59	19	23
November 2005	65	15	20
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 John Faso?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	16	15	68
June 2006	18	17	65
May 2006	12	12	76
March 2006	15	11	74
October 2005	11	11	78

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom Suozzi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	28	17	55
January 2006	18	12	70

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	41	51	8
June 2006	41	49	10
May 2006	38	55	7
March 2006	53	40	7
January 2006	48	44	8
November 2005	53	39	8
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 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
August 2006	57	38	5
June 2006	57	38	5
May 2006	59	37	4
March 2006	57	38	5
January 2006	59	37	4
November 2005	58	36	6
October 2005	59	37	4
August 2005	56	39	6
July 2005	60	37	4
June 2005	59	34	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 John Spencer on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (Rotate choices)

DATE	CLINTON	SPENCER	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	58	32	10
June 2006	58	32	10
May 2006	58	33	10
March 2006	57	32	11
January 2006	58	31	11
November 2005	59	27	14

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

DATE	CLINTON	McFARLAND	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	58	28	14
May 2006	59	31	10

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	54	38	7
June 2006	54	38	8
May 2006	58	36	6
March 2006	55	39	6
January 2006	60	37	3
November 2005	60	34	6
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 John Spencer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	11	10	79
June 2006	11	8	81
May 2006	13	11	76
March 2006	14	9	77
January 2006	12	9	79
November 2005	13	7	80

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathleen “KT” McFarland?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	11	12	77
May 2006	11	6	83

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If the election for President was held tomorrow and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)

DATE	CLINTON	GIULIANI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	42	48	9
October 2005	43	48	9

If the election for State Attorney General was held tomorrow and the candidates were Jeanine Pirro on the Republican line and Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (Rotate choices)

DATE	PIRRO	CUOMO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	35	50	15
June 2006	28	54	19
January 2006	36	49	16

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	30	29	42
June 2006	25	25	50
January 2006	26	30	45
November 2005	26	22	52
October 2005	24	25	51
July 2005	27	12	61
June 2005	23	12	65
May 2005	20	12	68

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2006	44	35	21
June 2006	47	29	24
January 2006	45	31	24

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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
August 2006	29	47	25
June 2006	29	45	26
May 2006	27	52	21
March 2006	35	39	26
January 2006	34	43	24
November 2005	38	41	22
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.
right track	29%	27%	30%	31%	31%	26%	37%	33%	20%	28%	34%	33%	39%	30%	26%	32%	34%	24%
wrong direction	47%	46%	49%	45%	48%	46%	34%	35%	62%	49%	21%	39%	46%	48%	47%	50%	31%	50%
don't know/no opinion	25%	27%	21%	25%	21%	28%	28%	32%	18%	23%	45%	28%	15%	23%	27%	19%	35%	25%

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 in rotated order]

2. 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.
favorable	41%	28%	55%	45%	44%	38%	39%	49%	37%	41%	39%	50%	46%	44%	38%	46%	37%	37%
unfavorable	51%	65%	35%	48%	48%	54%	54%	40%	56%	51%	47%	44%	46%	48%	54%	43%	60%	58%
don't know/no opinion	8%	7%	10%	7%	8%	8%	8%	11%	7%	8%	13%	6%	8%	9%	8%	11%	3%	5%

3. 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.
favorable	71%	82%	56%	67%	71%	70%	73%	69%	70%	72%	71%	72%	64%	70%	72%	70%	81%	70%
unfavorable	15%	7%	25%	17%	17%	13%	9%	20%	16%	15%	3%	6%	14%	16%	15%	18%	7%	16%
don't know/no opinion	15%	10%	19%	17%	12%	18%	17%	12%	15%	13%	26%	22%	22%	15%	14%	12%	12%	14%

4. 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.
favorable	55%	75%	28%	53%	48%	61%	61%	50%	53%	52%	84%	72%	68%	50%	55%	47%	66%	55%
unfavorable	38%	18%	68%	35%	45%	32%	28%	44%	41%	41%	13%	11%	29%	44%	37%	47%	26%	38%
don't know/no opinion	7%	7%	4%	12%	8%	7%	10%	6%	6%	7%	3%	17%	3%	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%

5. 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.
favorable	16%	9%	24%	21%	21%	12%	13%	15%	19%	17%	8%	17%	15%	17%	16%	21%	16%	16%
unfavorable	15%	23%	7%	12%	20%	11%	19%	16%	13%	15%	21%	17%	19%	12%	17%	15%	16%	16%
don't know/no opinion	68%	68%	69%	67%	59%	77%	68%	69%	68%	68%	71%	67%	66%	72%	67%	65%	68%	69%

6. John Spencer																		
		Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
favorable	11%	11%	13%	8%	12%	11%	13%	10%	11%	10%	21%	17%	24%	11%	9%	13%	3%	9%
unfavorable	10%	10%	8%	10%	11%	8%	8%	17%	7%	8%	8%	6%	10%	10%	9%	12%	12%	5%
don't know/no opinion	79%	79%	79%	82%	77%	81%	79%	73%	83%	81%	71%	78%	66%	79%	82%	75%	85%	86%

7. Mark Green																		
		Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
favorable	30%	40%	18%	28%	29%	31%	46%	37%	15%	29%	47%	33%	36%	29%	30%	27%	53%	22%
unfavorable	21%	18%	26%	21%	27%	15%	33%	25%	11%	21%	13%	28%	14%	19%	23%	28%	22%	16%
don't know/no opinion	49%	42%	56%	51%	44%	54%	21%	38%	74%	50%	39%	39%	51%	53%	47%	45%	25%	62%

8. Andrew Cuomo																		
		Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
favorable	44%	54%	32%	43%	41%	46%	45%	43%	43%	45%	47%	33%	37%	44%	45%	42%	57%	41%
unfavorable	35%	22%	53%	37%	43%	28%	30%	39%	37%	37%	16%	22%	27%	34%	37%	43%	24%	35%
don't know/no opinion	21%	24%	15%	20%	16%	26%	25%	18%	20%	18%	37%	44%	36%	23%	17%	15%	19%	24%

9. Jeanine Pirro																		
		Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
favorable	30%	22%	39%	31%	29%	30%	28%	36%	26%	30%	26%	22%	25%	30%	29%	38%	25%	31%
unfavorable	29%	36%	14%	38%	29%	28%	33%	31%	24%	29%	13%	22%	24%	28%	30%	26%	46%	26%
don't know/no opinion	42%	42%	47%	31%	42%	42%	38%	33%	50%	41%	61%	56%	51%	43%	41%	36%	29%	43%

10. Tom Suozzi																		
		Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
favorable	28%	28%	27%	26%	32%	24%	25%	45%	20%	29%	18%	17%	25%	27%	28%	35%	38%	17%
unfavorable	17%	18%	15%	21%	19%	16%	20%	19%	15%	17%	13%	22%	17%	15%	19%	18%	24%	13%
don't know/no opinion	55%	54%	57%	53%	50%	60%	55%	36%	66%	54%	68%	61%	58%	58%	53%	47%	38%	71%

11. Kathleen 'KT' McFarland																		
	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
favorable	11%	10%	10%	12%	11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	10%	13%	17%	19%	11%	9%	11%	9%	10%
unfavorable	12%	13%	11%	11%	15%	9%	15%	15%	9%	12%	13%	11%	12%	11%	13%	15%	15%	6%
don't know/no opinion	77%	76%	78%	78%	74%	80%	74%	75%	81%	78%	74%	72%	69%	79%	78%	74%	76%	83%

12. I know it's a long way off, but if the election for governor was held tomorrow and the candidates were John Faso on the Republican line and Eliot Spitzer on the Democratic line, for whom you vote? (rotate choices)

	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
John Faso	17%	5%	34%	19%	20%	15%	13%	17%	20%	18%	3%	0%	15%	18%	17%	21%	9%	20%
Eliot Spitzer	70%	91%	45%	64%	70%	71%	78%	69%	66%	70%	92%	78%	71%	70%	70%	67%	87%	65%
don't know/no opinion	12%	4%	21%	17%	10%	14%	10%	14%	13%	12%	5%	22%	14%	12%	13%	11%	4%	15%

13. How about if the candidates were John Faso on the Republican line and Tom Suozzi on the Democratic line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)

	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
John Faso	22%	6%	46%	22%	24%	21%	15%	22%	27%	24%	8%	6%	20%	22%	23%	29%	13%	25%
Tom Suozzi	40%	58%	19%	36%	41%	40%	46%	50%	31%	39%	58%	56%	39%	41%	40%	40%	49%	31%
don't know/no opinion	37%	35%	36%	42%	35%	39%	39%	28%	42%	37%	34%	39%	41%	38%	37%	31%	38%	43%

14. Hillary Clinton 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?

	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
re-elect Clinton	57%	77%	27%	58%	50%	62%	65%	50%	55%	55%	84%	89%	69%	54%	56%	50%	65%	55%
prefer someone else	38%	19%	68%	36%	46%	31%	28%	44%	42%	41%	11%	6%	25%	43%	38%	45%	25%	40%
don't know/no opinion	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	3%	6%	5%	10%	5%

15. Again, I know it's 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 John Spencer on the Republican line, for whom would you vote? (rotate choices)

	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
Hillary Clinton	58%	82%	28%	55%	54%	62%	69%	53%	55%	56%	87%	94%	63%	55%	59%	52%	69%	57%
John Spencer	32%	12%	61%	31%	37%	27%	22%	35%	36%	34%	8%	6%	27%	36%	31%	38%	19%	35%
don't know/no opinion	10%	6%	11%	15%	9%	11%	9%	12%	9%	10%	5%	0%	10%	9%	10%	10%	12%	9%

16. How about if the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Kathleen 'KT' McFarland 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.
Hillary Clinton	58%	80%	28%	55%	54%	61%	68%	52%	54%	55%	89%	89%	66%	55%	59%	51%	69%	56%
Kathleen 'KT' McFarland	28%	11%	53%	26%	30%	26%	19%	31%	32%	30%	5%	6%	20%	33%	26%	33%	18%	30%
don't know/no opinion	14%	9%	19%	18%	15%	13%	13%	17%	14%	15%	5%	6%	14%	13%	15%	16%	13%	14%

17. Looking at the race for State Attorney General, if that election was held tomorrow and the candidates were Jeanine Pirro on the Republican line and Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line, 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.
Jeanine Pirro	35%	17%	62%	31%	39%	31%	27%	42%	37%	38%	11%	11%	22%	37%	36%	44%	26%	41%
Andrew Cuomo	50%	70%	25%	48%	48%	52%	60%	45%	46%	48%	66%	61%	59%	49%	49%	44%	66%	41%
don't know/no opinion	15%	13%	13%	21%	13%	17%	14%	13%	17%	14%	24%	28%	19%	15%	15%	13%	7%	18%

18. How about if the candidates for State Attorney General were Jeannine Pirro on the Republican line and Mark Green of the Democratic line, for whom would you vote?

	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.
Jeannine Pirro	37%	17%	66%	34%	40%	33%	30%	42%	38%	39%	13%	22%	32%	39%	36%	48%	21%	39%
Mark Green	41%	64%	12%	36%	40%	42%	56%	37%	32%	38%	71%	50%	46%	40%	41%	32%	68%	29%
don't know/no opinion	23%	19%	22%	31%	21%	25%	15%	21%	30%	23%	16%	28%	22%	22%	23%	20%	12%	31%

19. Did you see the televised debate between Democratic gubernatorial hopefuls Tom Suozzi and Elliot Spitzer last week?

	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.
yes	11%	12%	10%	7%	12%	9%	14%	13%	7%	11%	11%	0%	3%	11%	12%	12%	18%	7%
no	88%	87%	89%	93%	87%	89%	84%	87%	92%	88%	87%	100%	97%	87%	87%	87%	82%	91%
don't know/no opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%

20. Who do you think won the debate - Eliot Spitzer or Tom Suozzi?

	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.
Eliot Spitzer	53%	57%	40%	63%	44%	63%	65%	38%	53%	53%	50%	0%	50%	55%	52%	57%	50%	44%
Tom Suozzi	17%	14%	30%	0%	22%	10%	12%	14%	26%	15%	0%	0%	50%	18%	14%	13%	8%	22%
don't know/no opinion	30%	29%	30%	38%	33%	27%	23%	48%	21%	33%	50%	0%	0%	27%	33%	30%	42%	33%

21. What ONE issue should the new governor make his top priority when he takes office on January first;

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
Taxes	24%	21%	30%	24%	25%	24%	10%	29%	31%	27%	11%	11%	14%	24%	27%	33%	22%	19%
Job creation	15%	17%	15%	10%	15%	15%	15%	6%	20%	13%	29%	33%	25%	15%	13%	12%	10%	19%
State spending	10%	8%	10%	17%	15%	5%	10%	9%	11%	11%	3%	6%	12%	12%	9%	11%	6%	10%
Crime	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%	11%	5%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Energy	6%	5%	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%	9%	5%	6%	5%	6%	8%	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%
Public Education	16%	21%	8%	20%	12%	19%	26%	17%	9%	14%	29%	11%	24%	23%	11%	14%	22%	16%
Health Care	20%	22%	22%	10%	20%	20%	23%	25%	15%	20%	18%	22%	12%	16%	24%	18%	28%	20%
don't know/ no opinion	5%	3%	5%	8%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%	4%	3%	5%

22. If the election for President was held tomorrow and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Rudy Guiliani on the Republican line, for whom would you vote?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
Hillary Clinton	42%	63%	15%	41%	40%	45%	54%	37%	38%	39%	87%	67%	47%	40%	44%	31%	56%	39%
Rudy Guiliani	48%	28%	78%	45%	50%	46%	37%	53%	53%	52%	8%	22%	44%	54%	46%	63%	35%	49%
don't know/no opinion	9%	9%	6%	14%	10%	9%	9%	10%	9%	9%	5%	11%	8%	7%	11%	7%	9%	13%

23. What if the election for governor was held tomorrow and the candidates were Al Gore on the Democratic line and Rudy Guiliani on the Republican line, for whom would you vote?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
Al Gore	44%	64%	14%	46%	46%	41%	56%	40%	38%	41%	76%	67%	44%	42%	45%	32%	63%	39%
Rudy Guiliani	48%	28%	76%	45%	49%	47%	34%	51%	54%	51%	16%	22%	47%	50%	46%	61%	29%	49%
don't know/no opinion	9%	8%	10%	8%	5%	12%	10%	9%	8%	8%	8%	11%	8%	8%	9%	7%	7%	12%

24. And if the election for President was held tomorrow and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and John McCain on the Republican line, for whom would you vote?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
Hillary Clinton	42%	63%	16%	39%	37%	47%	54%	39%	36%	38%	87%	72%	56%	40%	42%	31%	54%	40%
John McCain	46%	25%	72%	49%	53%	39%	34%	48%	51%	49%	13%	22%	34%	50%	45%	57%	28%	49%
don't know/no opinion	12%	12%	12%	12%	10%	14%	11%	13%	12%	13%	0%	6%	10%	11%	14%	12%	18%	11%

25. What if the election for President was held tomorrow and the candidates were Al Gore on the Democratic line and John McCain on the Republican line, for whom would you vote?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.
Al Gore	44%	67%	17%	35%	43%	45%	59%	40%	36%	41%	76%	67%	58%	40%	44%	34%	63%	37%
John McCain	47%	25%	72%	54%	50%	44%	34%	49%	53%	50%	18%	22%	36%	49%	47%	57%	28%	50%
don't know/no opinion	10%	8%	11%	12%	8%	12%	7%	11%	11%	9%	5%	11%	7%	12%	9%	9%	9%	13%

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