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Siena New York Poll:

Spitzer's Standing with NY Voters Continues to Fall *Clinton & Giuliani Dominate Primaries; Rudy v. Hillary: Getting Tighter* **Voters: Cut Spending, No Tax Hikes; No to Legislative Pay Raise**

Loudonville, NY Governor Eliot Spitzer's standing with New York voters continues to slide, resulting in the lowest favorable/unfavorable rating and worst job performance rating he has ever had, and a majority of voters – including a plurality of Democrats – say they would prefer “someone else” over re-electing the Governor, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of registered voters released today. The Siena New York poll shows that with eight weeks until New York's presidential primaries, Senator Hillary Clinton and former Mayor Rudy Giuliani continue to have overwhelming leads in their respective parties. While Clinton maintains a lead over Giuliani in a general election match-up, he has cut her lead significantly. Voters also told Siena they want the Governor and Legislature to cut spending, not increase taxes, to close any potential budget gaps, and they are overwhelmingly opposed to a legislative pay raise.

“Voters are continuing to lose faith in their Governor,” said Steven Greenberg, Siena New York Poll spokesman. “Today, a majority of voters have an unfavorable view of Spitzer. More than two-thirds give him a negative job performance rating. More voters think he's doing a ‘poor’ job than think he's doing an ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ job combined. Even 61 percent of Democrats view his job performance negatively.”

Spitzer's rating is 36 percent favorable, 51 percent unfavorable (down from 41-46 percent in November and 64-22 percent in June). New York City voters rate him favorably by a 45-40 percent margin, while upstate voters rate him unfavorably by a 26-62 percent margin. His job performance rating is 27 percent positive, 70 percent negative (down from 33-64 percent in November and 55-37 percent in June).

“A majority of voters, 56 percent, are not prepared to re-elect the Governor,” Greenberg said. “Only one in three Democrats is prepared to re-elect him, while 42 percent prefer ‘someone else.’ Nearly half of New York City voters, 57 percent of downstate suburban voters, and nearly two-thirds of upstate voters prefer ‘someone else.’ He's dug himself a deep hole and so far has not been able to find a ladder.”

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Heading to New York's February 5 presidential primaries, Giuliani and Clinton continue to dominate their respective fields. Democrats: Clinton 50 percent, Sen. Barack Obama 19 percent, former Sen. John Edwards 10 percent, and Sen. Joseph Biden, Sen. Christopher Dodd, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, and former Gov. Bill Richardson all in single digits, with former Gov. Michael Gravel garnering no support. Republicans: Giuliani 48 percent, Sen. John McCain 15 percent, and former Gov. Mike Huckabee, Rep. Duncan Hunter, Rep. Ron Paul, former Gov. Mitt Romney, and former Sen. Fred Thompson all in single digits, with Rep. Tom Tancredo with no support.

"Voters remain solidly behind their hometown favorites," Greenberg said. "Hillary and Rudy are both poised to win New York big. A New Yorker hasn't carried the presidential banner for a major party since 1948 and clearly voters want to see a repeat of 1944, when both parties had Empire State candidates."

In head to head general election match-ups, Clinton leads Giuliani 50-41 percent, down from 54-36 percent in September. Obama maintains a small lead over Giuliani 47-43 percent, up slightly from September's 45-42 percent lead. Both Clinton and Obama would beat Romney by at least 20 points.

"While Hillary is fighting to keep New York blue, Rudy as the Republican nominee would put New York's 31 electoral votes into play. By an even closer margin than the horserace, 46-40 percent, voters say Clinton would be better for New York than Giuliani. Neither Romney this month, nor any other Republican previously, has shown they can make New York legitimately competitive," Greenberg said.

New Yorkers overwhelmingly want the Governor and Legislature to address deficits by cutting spending (82 percent) rather than increasing taxes (13 percent), including two-thirds of Democrats. If taxes are increased, more than half (53 percent) would prefer business tax increases over income (10 percent) or sales (27 percent) taxes. Two-thirds of voters would prefer to see cuts made in infrastructure expenses rather than education (eight percent) or health (10 percent).

"The voters' clear message to Albany: do not increase our taxes. They would strongly prefer spending cuts, preferably not in health or education," Greenberg said. "And by a margin of 67 to 28 percent, voters are opposed to legislators giving themselves a pay raise. Not surprisingly, more than three-quarters of voters support Governor Spitzer's decision to withdraw his license proposal."

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This SRI survey was conducted December 3-6, 2007 by telephone calls to 625 registered New York State voters. It has a margin of error of ± 3.9 percentage points. The survey includes 273 Democrats, with a margin of error ± 5.9 percentage points, and 185 Republicans, with a margin of error of ± 7.2 percentage points. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858.



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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	36	51	13
November 2007	41	46	13
October 2007	54	36	10
September 2007	56	26	18
July 2007	59	28	14
June 2007	64	22	15
May 2007	67	21	12
April 2007	67	20	13
March 2007	62	20	18
February 2007	74	12	14
January 2007	75	10	16
November 15, 2006	75	14	12
November 3, 2006	74	17	10
October 2006	69	20	12
September 2006	74	16	10
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

I know it's a long way off, but if Eliot Spitzer runs for Governor in 2010, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	23	56	21
November 2007	25	49	26

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How would you rate the job that Eliot Spitzer is doing as Governor – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	3	24	41	29	3
November 2007	4	29	37	27	4
October 2007	4	37	38	17	4
September 2007	5	39	38	11	8
July 2007	7	39	34	14	6
June 2007	9	46	30	7	8
May 2007	11	46	27	9	7
April 2007	10	45	31	7	7
March 2007	8	39	31	8	13
February 2007	15	43	21	3	20
January 2007	11	37	15	4	33

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	52	29	19
November 2007	56	27	17
October 2007	54	29	17
September 2007	51	26	24
July 2007	55	26	19
June 2007	49	31	20
May 2007	51	32	18
April 2007	52	31	18
March 2007	50	32	19
February 2007	45	35	20
January 2007	48	29	23
November 15, 2006	50	36	15
November 3, 2006	49	36	15
October 2006	44	42	15
September 2006	50	35	15
August 2006	44	35	21
June 2006	47	29	24
January 2006	45	31	24

State legislators currently receive a base salary of \$79,500, and most make additional money for committee or leadership assignments. Do you support or oppose a pay hike for state legislators?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	28	67	5
May 2007	32	62	7

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	51	44	5
November 2007	55	39	6
October 2007	53	41	6
September 2007	57	37	7
July 2007	59	35	6
June 2007	54	39	7
May 2007	56	39	5
April 2007	50	42	7
March 2007	56	37	8
February 2007	56	40	5
January 2007	60	33	7
November 15, 2006	65	29	6
November 3, 2006	61	33	6
October 2006	56	38	6
September 2006	60	37	4
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 Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	55	30	15
September 2007	56	24	20
June 2007	53	24	23
May 2007	58	22	20
April 2007	55	23	22
March 2007	52	20	28
February 2007	52	21	28
January 2007	50	17	34
November 15, 2006	48	12	40

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about John Edwards?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	48	34	18
May 2007	54	28	18
April 2007	52	29	20
February 2007	44	31	25
January 2007	49	25	25
November 15, 2006	42	23	35

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rudy Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	48	46	6
November 2007	49	41	11
September 2007	53	39	9
July 2007	53	40	7
June 2007	50	42	8
May 2007	51	43	6
April 2007	56	38	6
March 2007	60	33	8
February 2007	59	34	7
January 2007	63	29	9
November 15, 2006	63	32	5
April 2005	63	26	10
February 2005	61	28	11

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Fred Thompson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	25	35	39
September 2007	27	30	44
May 2007	24	23	53

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about John McCain?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	53	29	18
June 2007	43	39	19
May 2007	42	44	14
April 2007	45	39	15
March 2007	45	34	21
February 2007	47	33	19
January 2007	51	29	21
November 15, 2006	56	24	20

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If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, or Bill Richardson who would you vote for? *(Note: Democrats only; choices rotated. Not all candidates were included in each poll; NA indicates where a candidate was not included.)*

DATE	BIDEN	CLINTON	DODD	EDWARDS	GORE					
December 2007	4	50	1	10	NA					
September 2007	2	42	< 1	9	11					
July 2007	3	48	1	7	10					
June 2007	2	43	1	9	19					
May 2007	3	42	< 1	7	13					
April 2007	2	39	0	11	12					
March 2007	1	43	0	7	14					
February 2007	4	44	1	8	11					
January 2007	4	58	0	9	NA					
										DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
	GRAVEL	KUCINICH	OBAMA	RICHARDSON						
December 2007	0	3	19	3	10					
September 2007	NA	1	17	3	15					
July 2007	NA	2	14	2	13					
June 2007	NA	1	11	1	13					
May 2007	NA	4	13	3	15					
April 2007	NA	1	17	4	13					
March 2007	NA	3	11	4	17					
February 2007	NA	2	13	2	15					
January 2007	NA	1	11	4	13					

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If the Republican Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, and Fred Thompson, who would you vote for? *(Note: Republicans only; choices rotated. Not all candidates were included in each poll; NA indicates where a candidate was not included.)*

DATE	GIULIANI	MCCAIN	BROWNBACK	ROMNEY	PATAKI	GINGRICH	GILMORE
December 2007	48	15	NA	7	NA	NA	NA
September 2007	47	16	NA	6	NA	5	NA
July 2007	40	13	NA	7	NA	9	NA
June 2007	48	13	NA	6	NA	4	NA
May 2007 – 1	52	14	1	7	0	NA	1
May 2007 – 2	50	12	NA	7	NA	7	NA
April 2007	47	16	0	8	6	8	NA
March 2007	48	16	1	6	7	8	NA
February 2007	45	17	1	5	3	11	NA
January 2007	47	20	1	5	5	9	NA

	HUCKABEE	HUNTER	PAUL	TANCREDO	FRED THOMPSON	TOMMY THOMPSON	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
December 2007	7	1	3	0	7	NA	14
September 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	9	NA	17
July 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	21
June 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	11	NA	19
May 2007 – 1	1	0	2	1	NA	4	17
May 2007 – 2	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	15
April 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16
March 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14
February 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	19
January 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	13

If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, who would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES)?

DATE	CLINTON	GIULIANI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	50	41	9
September 2007	54	36	10
July 2007	57	36	8
June 2007	53	40	7
May 2007	52	39	9
April 2007	48	43	8
March 2007	51	39	9
November 15, 2006	53	39	8
August 2006	42	48	9
October 2005	43	48	9

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If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, who would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES)?

DATE	OBAMA	GIULIANI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
December 2007	47	43	10
September 2007	45	42	13
July 2007	51	40	9
June 2007	45	43	12
May 2007	50	40	10
April 2007	47	43	10
March 2007	42	45	13
November 15, 2006	41	47	12

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
December 2007	35	45	21
November 2007	32	45	23
October 2007	42	36	22
September 2007	44	30	26
July 2007	37	38	25
June 2007	45	28	27
May 2007	46	29	25
April 2007	47	29	24
March 2007	37	37	26
February 2007	49	26	25
January 2007	45	26	30
November 15, 2006	52	30	18
November 3, 2006	36	43	21
October 2006	29	47	23
September 2006:	33	39	28
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

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1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

	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.	Other
Right track	35	49	24	25	34	36	50	35	20	33	52	37	40	34	33	31	49	33	36
Wrong direction	45	33	59	46	49	40	30	44	59	48	20	53	42	46	43	51	31	43	39
Don't know/No opinion	21	18	17	29	17	24	20	22	21	20	28	11	18	19	24	18	20	24	24

Q 2 - 11: 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 I name. [Names asked in rotated order]

2. Eliot Spitzer

	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.	Other
Favorable	36	50	25	29	35	37	45	38	26	34	50	32	39	36	35	29	48	38	44
Unfavorable	51	37	62	59	55	46	40	50	62	54	26	47	43	51	53	59	42	46	43
Don't know/No opinion	13	13	12	12	10	17	15	12	13	12	24	21	18	13	12	12	11	17	14

3. Hillary Clinton

	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.	Other
Favorable	51	75	21	48	48	53	57	44	49	47	86	68	60	49	50	47	54	51	55
Unfavorable	44	21	75	46	47	41	38	49	47	49	8	26	35	46	44	47	42	46	38
Don't know/No opinion	5	4	5	7	5	6	6	7	4	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	5	3	8

4. Andrew Coumo

	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.	Other
Favorable	52	62	42	43	51	52	53	54	49	51	72	47	49	46	60	52	55	54	47
Unfavorable	29	20	39	40	34	25	28	30	30	31	12	32	22	32	29	30	26	32	28
Don't know/No opinion	19	18	19	16	15	23	19	16	21	18	16	21	29	22	12	18	19	14	26

5. Rudy Giuliani

	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.	Other
Favorable	48	35	69	44	48	48	40	54	51	52	20	26	56	52	39	55	49	48	34
Unfavorable	46	62	24	46	47	45	57	40	39	42	76	63	40	42	54	41	48	43	58
Don't know/No opinion	6	3	7	10	5	7	3	6	10	6	4	11	4	6	8	5	3	9	8

6. Barack Obama

	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.	Other
Favorable	55	68	37	57	52	59	60	58	49	54	74	58	46	56	57	53	60	62	53
Unfavorable	30	21	47	24	34	26	24	29	36	31	14	32	32	29	30	33	22	27	29
Don't know/No opinion	15	11	16	19	14	16	16	13	15	15	12	11	22	15	13	13	19	12	19

7. Fred Thompson																				
	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.	Other	
Favorable	25	18	34	30	33	18	23	30	25	27	18	16	24	26	26	23	26	33	24	
Unfavorable	35	44	22	37	38	33	38	33	33	36	34	32	25	35	39	33	43	29	39	
Don't know/No opinion	39	38	44	34	30	49	39	36	42	38	48	53	51	39	35	43	31	38	37	

8. John Edwards																				
	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.	Other	
Favorable	48	63	27	50	45	51	53	47	44	48	60	32	38	46	53	43	59	53	48	
Unfavorable	34	23	55	30	38	30	31	35	36	35	22	32	40	34	31	40	23	27	33	
Don't know/No opinion	18	15	18	24	17	19	16	19	20	17	18	37	22	19	16	17	19	20	19	

9. John McCain																				
	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.	Other	
Favorable	53	45	61	59	57	49	51	59	51	57	40	42	54	50	57	55	59	51	49	
Unfavorable	29	37	24	22	29	30	31	25	30	27	36	37	22	32	27	29	22	33	30	
Don't know/No opinion	18	18	15	19	14	21	18	16	19	16	24	21	24	18	16	16	20	17	21	

10. Mitt Romney																				
	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.	Other	
Favorable	25	15	34	31	29	21	19	33	25	27	16	16	22	21	31	29	26	27	17	
Unfavorable	40	53	30	33	42	38	42	36	41	31	34	37	32	44	39	35	48	41	47	
Don't know/No opinion	35	32	36	36	29	41	38	31	34	32	50	47	46	35	30	37	26	32	36	

11. Mike Huckabee																				
	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.	Other	
Favorable	25	20	27	30	30	19	17	30	29	27	12	21	14	24	29	28	14	28	20	
Unfavorable	24	31	17	21	28	20	29	20	22	24	20	32	32	21	26	19	40	18	31	
Don't know/No opinion	52	49	56	49	43	60	54	51	49	49	68	47	54	55	45	53	46	54	49	

12. How would you rate the job that Eliot Spitzer is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																				
	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.	Other	
Excellent	3	5	1	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	11	6	2	4	2	5	3	4	
Good	24	32	21	16	20	28	29	25	18	23	26	21	24	26	22	21	26	22	31	
Fair	41	43	37	47	38	45	36	44	45	42	52	37	44	40	42	39	39	50	41	
Poor	29	18	40	30	36	21	26	26	33	31	12	21	24	29	29	35	28	24	21	
Don't know/No opinion	3	2	1	4	2	3	4	2	2	2	8	11	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	

13. I know it's a long way off, but if Eliot Spitzer runs for Governor in 2010, would you vote to re-elect him 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.	Other	
Re-elect Spitzer	23	34	12	16	24	22	28	18	21	22	34	21	24	24	21	16	26	28	31	
Prefer someone else	56	42	70	65	57	55	47	57	64	59	30	58	51	56	58	64	48	52	46	
Don't know/No opinion	21	24	17	20	19	23	25	25	15	18	36	21	25	20	22	20	26	20	23	

14. While there are many important issues facing New York, from the list of issues I'm going to read you, please tell me which should be the top priority for the Governor and State Legislature to address (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.	Other
Education	26	31	24	16	23	28	37	25	15	23	50	32	43	27	18	24	28	28	27
Job creation	13	13	13	16	15	11	13	6	19	12	12	21	14	12	15	14	12	11	14
Healthcare	27	32	21	25	23	30	30	22	26	26	32	32	18	25	32	22	25	30	33
Taxes and spending	33	23	42	41	38	29	20	47	38	38	6	16	25	36	33	40	34	29	25
Don't know/No opinion	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	1

15. Experts are forecasting that the state has a 4 billion dollar deficit in the fiscal year that begins April 1, 2008. Which choice, either cutting spending or increasing taxes would you most prefer the Governor and Legislature make? (ROTATE CHOICES): cut spending or increase taxes?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Cut spending	82	67	96	88	84	80	71	85	90	84	66	90	82	83	81	91	68	82	71
Increase taxes	13	24	2	7	12	14	20	11	7	13	20	0	13	14	12	6	23	12	22
Disagree	5	8	2	5	5	6	9	4	3	4	14	11	6	4	8	3	9	6	7

16. If the Governor and Legislature choose to raise taxes to close the deficit, which one tax do you think would be best to raise – (ROTATE CHOICES): income tax, sales tax, or business tax?

	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.	Other
Income tax	10	11	7	14	13	7	8	12	10	11	6	11	6	9	12	9	11	4	16
Sales tax	27	22	30	36	31	24	19	33	33	30	8	26	24	27	30	30	25	28	24
Business tax	53	60	50	41	46	59	66	43	45	50	78	53	60	54	48	54	55	51	49
Don't know/No opinion	10	8	14	9	11	9	7	12	13	9	8	11	11	10	10	7	9	17	11

17. If the Governor and Legislature choose to cut spending to close the deficit, which one area of spending do you think would be best to cut – (ROTATE CHOICES): education, health care, or Infrastructure, like Transportation.

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Education	8	6	12	7	11	6	9	9	7	8	2	5	6	7	11	9	9	9	6
Healthcare	10	10	9	13	13	8	9	12	10	11	4	11	13	13	6	11	19	7	7
Infrastructure	65	64	69	58	60	70	60	62	71	66	72	74	71	65	63	67	52	65	65
Don't know/No opinion	17	20	10	22	17	17	22	17	11	15	22	11	11	15	21	12	20	18	23

18. State legislators currently receive a base salary of \$79,500, and most make additional money for committee or leadership assignments. Lately there has been talk of legislators increasing their salary for the first time since 1999. Do you support or oppose a pay hike for state legislators?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Support	28	32	25	23	29	27	35	32	18	28	24	26	19	31	26	28	39	23	27
Oppose	67	62	72	73	67	67	57	65	78	68	66	63	75	62	71	68	57	68	67
Don't know/No opinion	5	7	3	4	5	6	8	3	5	4	10	11	6	7	4	4	5	9	6

19. Recently the Governor withdrew his plan to provide driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants. From September to November while the plan was being debated, how closely did you follow it in the news – very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Very closely	36	31	40	40	44	28	35	32	39	36	28	37	25	31	45	39	29	36	33
Somewhat closely	46	48	45	45	42	51	42	52	47	49	42	37	44	49	43	47	48	46	46
Not at all closely	12	14	11	11	10	14	16	9	10	11	20	11	15	13	9	10	15	13	14
Not at all	6	7	5	4	4	8	7	8	4	5	10	16	15	7	2	5	8	6	8

20. Do you support or oppose the Governor's decision to withdraw his proposal to provide driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Support	77	69	86	77	77	76	68	75	86	79	78	50	72	77	77	81	72	82	67
Oppose	20	26	12	19	19	21	28	20	12	17	20	44	25	20	18	16	27	18	27
Don't know/No opinion	4	5	2	4	4	4	5	5	1	3	2	6	3	3	5	3	2	1	7

21. Did the way in which Governor Spitzer withdrew his driver's license proposal increase your confidence in his leadership, decrease your confidence in his leadership or have no effect?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Increase	15	16	13	13	10	19	13	15	16	16	11	13	18	15	13	17	17	15	10
Decrease	33	31	34	36	37	30	34	36	32	34	31	38	33	32	36	34	27	39	31
No effect	51	51	52	50	52	49	52	48	51	50	56	50	48	52	49	48	57	43	59
Don't know/No opinion	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	0	4	1

23. (Democrats only): If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama, or Bill Richardson, who would you vote for?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Joe Biden	4	4	NA	NA	5	4	5	7	1	6	0	0	0	5	5	4	11	2	3
Hillary Clinton	50	50	NA	NA	49	51	49	45	56	48	61	57	55	53	46	53	49	49	48
Chris Dodd	1	1	NA	NA	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
John Edwards	10	10	NA	NA	10	10	12	5	10	13	3	0	6	9	13	9	20	11	6
Mike Gravel	0	0	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dennis Kucinich	3	3	NA	NA	4	1	4	3	0	3	0	0	3	2	3	1	0	0	8
Barack Obama	19	19	NA	NA	18	20	18	28	13	17	21	29	30	17	17	20	16	18	19
Bill Richardson	3	3	NA	NA	5	1	2	3	4	2	3	14	0	3	4	2	2	2	5
Don't know/No opinion	10	10	NA	NA	9	12	9	5	16	9	13	0	6	10	11	9	2	18	13

24. (Republicans only): If the Republican Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, and Fred Thompson, who would you vote for?

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	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Rudy Giuliani	48	NA	48	NA	42	54	56	58	38	49	50	20	56	55	34	48	88	49	41
Mike Huckabee	7	NA	7	NA	8	5	2	4	10	7	0	0	0	8	7	7	0	9	5
Duncan Hunter	1	NA	1	NA	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
John McCain	15	NA	15	NA	19	12	18	10	16	15	0	20	11	15	16	16	0	12	18
Ron Paul	3	NA	3	NA	3	3	4	4	2	2	0	20	17	2	2	1	0	0	13
Mitt Romney	7	NA	7	NA	8	5	2	10	7	6	0	20	0	2	16	7	0	9	5
Tom Tancredo	0	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fred Thompson	7	NA	7	NA	5	8	8	6	6	7	50	0	0	6	10	8	0	6	5
Don't know/No opinion	14	NA	14	NA	14	13	10	6	20	14	0	20	17	12	15	13	13	15	13

25. If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were (rotate choices) Hillary Clinton on the Democratic Line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, who would you vote for?

	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.	Other
Hillary Clinton	50	73	18	52	47	52	56	44	47	46	86	63	57	46	52	45	51	48	59
Rudy Giuliani	41	20	73	37	42	40	33	50	44	46	8	26	38	46	36	49	42	42	28
Don't know/No opinion	9	7	9	12	11	8	12	6	9	8	6	11	6	8	12	7	8	10	13

26. If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were (rotate choices) Hillary Clinton on the Democratic Line and Mitt Romney on the Republican line, who would you vote for?

	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.	Other
Hillary Clinton	54	80	23	49	51	57	62	48	51	50	90	63	67	54	50	46	68	54	63
Mitt Romney	34	14	62	36	40	29	27	38	39	39	2	32	28	34	36	42	23	34	25
Don't know/No opinion	12	6	16	15	9	14	11	14	10	11	8	5	6	12	13	12	9	12	13

27. If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were (rotate choices) Barack Obama on the Democratic Line and Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line, who would you vote for?

	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.	Other
Barack Obama	47	66	20	48	45	49	56	43	41	44	78	53	46	47	47	40	49	51	56
Rudy Giuliani	43	27	70	35	44	42	35	48	47	47	14	32	46	44	40	50	43	39	33
Don't know/No opinion	10	7	10	16	11	9	9	9	12	10	8	16	8	9	12	10	8	10	12

28. If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were (rotate choices) Barack Obama on the Democratic Line and Mitt Romney on the Republican line, who would you vote for?

	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.	Other
Barack Obama	53	73	26	52	50	56	60	52	46	50	80	63	58	52	52	45	62	60	59
Mitt Romney	30	15	54	27	35	25	21	36	36	34	4	21	28	30	31	37	26	25	23
Don't know/No opinion	17	13	21	21	15	19	19	12	19	16	16	16	14	18	17	18	12	16	19

29. A Bush or a Clinton has won each of the last five presidential elections. Does that make you more likely or less likely to support Hillary Clinton for president, or does it have no effect on who you support?

	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.	Other
More likely	9	14	3	7	8	9	15	5	4	6	34	21	15	7	8	6	6	10	13
Less likely	15	11	17	21	15	14	14	15	15	17	2	5	8	16	16	18	14	14	9
No effect	76	74	80	71	76	75	70	78	80	77	64	74	76	77	74	74	77	76	78
Don't know/No opinion	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	1

30. Who would be a better President for New York state. (rotate choices) Hillary Clinton or Rudy Giuliani?

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	Total	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	46	68	17	47	43	50	54	41	42	43	80	63	56	42	49	42	49	40	57
Rudy Giuliani	44	23	74	40	46	41	35	52	46	48	10	26	39	48	39	51	40	46	30
Don't know/No opinion	10	10	9	13	11	10	11	7	12	9	10	11	6	10	12	8	11	14	13