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### Siena New York Poll:

## **Six in Ten NYers: Spitzer Should Be More Forthright**

*More Than Two-thirds of NYers Say Spitzer Needs to Publicly Testify Under Oath on Everything He Knows About “Troopergate”*

**Spitzer Leads Cuomo 47-24 in a 2010 Gubernatorial Primary**

Loudonville, NY, Nearly 60 percent of New York voters who have read or heard about the Attorney General’s “troopergate” report believe that Governor Eliot Spitzer needs to be more forthright about what he knows, compared to only one-quarter of the voters who believe that he has been honest with the public, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of registered voters released today. The Siena New York poll also shows that 70 percent believe Spitzer should publicly testify under oath about everything he knows about troopergate. Spitzer, who still maintains a better than two-to-one favorable rating but carries a negative job performance rating, beats Attorney General Andrew Cuomo in a hypothetical gubernatorial primary 47-24 percent.

“All voters – including Democrats – overwhelmingly believe that Spitzer has not been honest with the public about what he knows, that he needs to be more forthright and that he knew what his aides were doing,” said Steven Greenberg, Siena New York Poll spokesman. “And by a margin of 70-19 percent, voters want the Governor to publicly testify under oath about everything he knows about troopergate.

“Yet, voters think troopergate should be kept in perspective. Only 12 percent of voters think getting to the bottom of it should be the top priority of state government, and 21 percent believe this issue is not important. Two-thirds of voters think this issue is important but that state leaders should focus on other issues that affect the lives of New Yorkers while the investigations continue,” Greenberg said.

Spitzer’s favorable rating is 56-26 percent (down from 59-28 percent in July and 75-10 percent in January). While 44 percent say he is doing an excellent/good job, 49 percent say he is doing a fair/poor job (46-48 percent in July).

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“While the Governor is still viewed favorably by a majority of voters, it is the lowest favorable rating that he has had since April 2005,” Greenberg said. “And the real effect of troopergate can be further seen in the governor’s job performance numbers, which continue to erode.”

Cuomo has a 51-26 percent favorable rating (down from 55-26 percent in July) and a 49-35 percent positive job performance rating (down from 52-33 percent in July).

“If Cuomo decides to challenge Spitzer in a gubernatorial primary, as many pundits and political insiders are already speculating about, he starts significantly behind but keeps the incumbent under 50 percent. Among New York City Democrats, Spitzer’s lead is only 42-31 percent. Unlike most statewide Democrats, Spitzer appears to be strongest Upstate and not among the traditional Democratic base of New York City voters,” Greenberg said.

Among Democratic primary voters, Senator Hillary Clinton continues her commanding lead, scoring 42 percent in a primary match-up. Senator Barack Obama finished second with 17 percent. Clinton is strongest Upstate (55 percent), while Obama is strongest in New York City (24 percent). Republican primary voters continue to give former Mayor Rudy Giuliani an overwhelming three-to-one lead over Senator John McCain, 47-16 percent. Fred Thompson gets nine percent.

The favorable/unfavorable ratings for the candidates are: Clinton 57-37 percent (down from 59-39 in July); Giuliani 53-39 percent (53-40 percent in July); Obama 56-24 percent (up from 53-24 percent in June); and Thompson 27-30 percent (24-23 percent in May).

“Hillary maintains a big lead over Giuliani and an even bigger lead over Thompson. Obama has a big lead over Thompson but only edges out Rudy 45-42 percent,” Greenberg said. “If Hillary is the nominee, it will be hard for any Republican to turn New York from blue to red.”

By a 44-30 margin (better than two-to-one downstate) voters think New York is on the right track. Overwhelmingly, 64-23 percent, voters think the country is headed in the wrong direction. Upstaters are negative toward the direction of the state 35-41 percent and most negative toward the direction of the country 17-72 percent.

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**This SRI survey was conducted September 10-16, 2007 by telephone calls to 604 registered New York State voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 4.0$  percentage points. The margin of error for 291 Democrats is  $\pm 5.7$  percentage points. The margin of error for 156 Republicans is  $\pm 7.8$  percentage points. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858.**



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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

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
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

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The Attorney General issued a report finding that two of the Governor's top aides used the State Police to improperly gather information about Senate Majority Leader Bruno. How much have you read or heard about this story – a great deal, some, very little, or nothing at all?

DATE	GREAT DEAL	SOME	VERY LITTLE	NOTHING	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2007	22	34	25	18	0
July 2007	23	41	23	12	1

Do you think that Eliot Spitzer was aware of what his top aides were doing?

DATE	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2007	53	27	20
July 2007	51	28	21

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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

How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Attorney General – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

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September 2007	8	41	28	7	17
July 2007	11	41	27	6	14
June 2007	7	39	27	9	18
May 2007	9	41	26	9	16
April 2007	8	39	29	9	15
March 2007	5	35	29	8	23
January 2007	11	37	15	4	33

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

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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 Rudy Giuliani?

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

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

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

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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

If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Biden, or Al Gore 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	OBAMA	CLINTON	EDWARDS	RICHARDSON	DODD
September 2007	17	42	9	3	< 1
July 2007	14	48	7	2	1
June 2007	11	43	9	1	1
May 2007	13	42	7	3	< 1
April 2007	17	39	11	4	0
March 2007	11	43	7	4	0
February 2007	13	44	8	2	1
January 2007	11	58	9	4	0

  

	KUCINICH	BIDEN	GORE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
September 2007	1	2	11	15
July 2007	2	3	10	13
June 2007	1	2	19	13
May 2007	4	3	13	15
April 2007	1	2	12	13
March 2007	3	1	14	17
February 2007	2	4	11	15
January 2007	1	4	NA	13

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If the Republican Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, 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
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
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
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

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

DATE	CLINTON	THOMPSON	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2007	56	30	14
July 2007	62	28	11
May 2007	57	29	14

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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

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OBAMA</b>	<b>THOMPSON</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
September 2007	54	29	18
July 2007	56	25	19

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>RIGHT TRACK</b>	<b>WRONG DIRECTION</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
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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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eliot Spitzer?

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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

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

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July 2007	7	39	34	14	6
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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
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September 2007	22	34	25	18	0
July 2007	23	41	23	12	1

Do you think that Eliot Spitzer was aware of what his top aides were doing?

<b>DATE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
September 2007	53	27	20
July 2007	51	28	21

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	<b>UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION</b>
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
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June 2006	47	29	24
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March 2007	5	35	29	8	23
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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

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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 Rudy Giuliani?

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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
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April 2005	63	26	10
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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Fred Thompson?

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September 2007	27	30	44
May 2007	24	23	53

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
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June 2007	11	43	9	1	1
May 2007	13	42	7	3	< 1
April 2007	17	39	11	4	0
March 2007	11	43	7	4	0
February 2007	13	44	8	2	1
January 2007	11	58	9	4	0

  

	KUCINICH	BIDEN	GORE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
September 2007	1	2	11	15
July 2007	2	3	10	13
June 2007	1	2	19	13
May 2007	4	3	13	15
April 2007	1	2	12	13
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May 2007 – 2	NA	NA	NA	NA	8	NA	15
April 2007	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	16
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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	44	52	40	36	43	45	51	47	35	42	50	68	55	40	45	47	42	39	44
wrong direction	30	23	37	37	38	23	23	23	41	32	25	0	25	36	27	30	19	31	31
don't know/no opinion	26	26	24	27	19	32	26	31	24	26	25	32	20	24	29	23	39	30	25

**2. How about the country: Is the United States 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	23	13	39	24	27	19	23	30	17	22	15	47	25	23	22	26	17	26	18
wrong direction	64	79	42	61	61	68	63	56	72	66	67	47	67	66	63	60	71	61	71
don't know/no opinion	13	8	20	15	13	13	14	14	11	11	18	5	8	11	15	14	12	14	12

of each. [Names asked in rotated order]

**3. 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	56	66	44	51	53	58	54	48	63	55	68	63	65	54	56	51	64	57	60
unfavorable	26	18	37	32	30	22	25	33	21	29	13	11	10	28	26	31	25	24	19
don't know/no opinion	18	17	19	18	17	20	21	19	15	16	18	26	25	18	18	18	12	19	20

**4. 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	57	75	31	47	50	62	59	52	57	52	85	74	61	59	54	52	60	56	64
unfavorable	37	18	63	48	46	29	32	41	38	43	5	21	35	34	40	42	31	39	29
don't know/no opinion	7	7	6	5	4	9	9	7	5	5	10	5	4	8	6	6	10	6	8

5. 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.	Other	
favorable	51	56	43	47	52	50	48	52	52	52	55	32	37	47	56	51	46	54	50	
unfavorable	26	19	38	29	29	23	21	34	24	27	18	16	27	29	23	30	17	25	23	
don't know/no opinion	24	25	19	24	19	27	31	14	24	22	27	53	37	24	21	19	37	22	27	
6. 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	53	34	76	63	50	55	43	55	59	59	23	37	55	55	50	62	50	52	40	
unfavorable	39	57	15	30	42	36	48	37	31	34	62	53	37	37	41	30	40	36	52	
don't know/no opinion	9	9	9	7	8	9	9	7	9	8	15	11	8	8	9	7	10	12	8	
7. 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	56	69	37	53	53	59	56	58	56	55	72	74	63	62	51	49	64	63	62	
unfavorable	24	15	40	25	29	19	22	25	25	27	7	11	22	23	25	29	21	18	20	
don't know/no opinion	20	16	22	22	18	22	22	17	20	19	22	16	14	15	25	22	15	19	18	
8. 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	27	20	38	29	32	22	23	29	29	29	20	37	16	25	30	33	17	29	19	
unfavorable	30	39	16	28	31	28	27	36	27	31	25	21	33	28	30	27	44	27	31	
don't know/no opinion	44	42	46	43	36	50	50	35	44	41	55	42	51	48	40	41	39	44	50	
9. How would you rate the job that Eliot Spitzer is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																				



	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
excellent	5	8	3	3	4	6	4	5	6	5	5	11	2	4	6	4	10	5	6
good	39	45	35	32	35	41	34	36	44	39	47	37	41	38	39	37	37	49	36
fair	38	34	40	39	39	37	37	38	38	38	38	42	43	41	35	42	31	38	34
poor	11	7	15	18	14	8	14	13	6	12	3	0	6	12	10	13	14	6	10
don't know/no opinion	8	7	7	10	8	8	10	8	6	7	7	11	8	5	10	6	10	2	14

10. How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Attorney General? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	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
excellent	8	11	5	7	9	8	4	7	13	9	5	5	6	5	11	7	12	10	9
good	41	46	36	35	39	42	43	34	42	40	52	37	29	39	44	40	31	47	40
fair	28	27	35	26	24	31	26	33	26	28	32	37	35	32	24	32	25	30	21
poor	7	3	12	7	10	3	6	10	5	7	0	5	10	7	6	9	6	5	6
don't know/no opinion	17	13	13	25	17	16	20	16	14	15	12	16	20	17	16	13	27	8	25

Bruno. How much have you read or heard about this story?

	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
a great deal	22	19	22	29	29	16	17	28	22	25	8	21	10	20	26	24	35	18	18
some	34	39	32	27	35	34	33	34	35	36	37	21	16	36	37	30	27	46	36
very little	25	25	24	28	20	29	25	23	25	24	32	37	29	30	20	26	25	26	21
nothing at all	18	18	21	15	16	20	23	15	16	15	23	21	43	14	17	20	14	10	22
don't know/no opinion	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3

12. Do you think that Eliot Spitzer has been honest with the public regarding what he knows about this issue or do you think that he needs to be more forthright?

	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

honest about what he knew	26	32	19	21	27	26	24	22	31	27	28	20	22	25	28	26	29	25	26
needs to be more forthright	59	52	71	64	58	60	58	67	54	58	52	67	56	58	59	63	44	63	55
don't know/no opinion	15	16	11	16	16	15	18	12	15	15	20	13	22	17	13	11	27	12	20

13. Do you think that Eliot Spitzer was aware of what his top aides were doing?

	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
yes	53	46	63	57	57	50	58	55	48	54	50	60	70	55	50	59	56	44	50
no	27	30	23	26	27	27	23	26	31	27	24	33	19	28	27	26	22	30	26
don't know/no opinion	20	24	14	17	17	23	19	19	21	20	26	7	11	17	23	14	22	25	23

14. Do you think Eliot Spitzer should publicly testify under oath about everything he knows about this situation?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			10			
	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
yes	70	68	72	75	68	72	74	68	68	69	76	67	82	74	65	75	64	70	64
no	19	19	17	20	23	16	16	20	22	19	13	20	15	17	22	17	24	13	26
don't know/no opinion	11	13	11	5	9	12	11	12	10	11	11	13	4	9	13	8	11	17	10

priority. 2. Although important, while this issue is being investigated, state government should concentrate on other issues that affect the lives of New Yorkers. 3. This

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getting to bottom/top state gov priority	12	12	10	12	12	11	16	10	8	11	11	7	19	10	12	13	16	11	9
concentrate other issues	66	64	70	65	62	69	58	74	66	68	63	60	56	75	59	68	62	67	62
not important	21	21	20	23	24	18	23	14	24	19	20	33	26	15	25	16	22	19	29
don't know/no opinion	2	3	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	7	0	0	0	4	3	0	3	1

months as Governor, are you now more optimistic, less optimistic or do you have about the same level of optimism that you had in January that Governor Spitzer will be

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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
more optimistic	12	14	9	9	13	11	15	6	12	10	18	16	12	11	12	12	12	14	10
less optimistic	31	26	39	32	35	26	28	36	28	33	23	26	20	31	32	34	33	31	25
same	51	53	47	54	45	56	45	52	55	53	52	47	57	53	48	49	48	47	57
don't know/no opinion	7	7	6	6	7	8	11	6	4	5	7	11	10	5	8	6	8	8	8

18:[Dems only] If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were:

	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	17	17	na	na	21	14	24	8	13	9	44	29	27	19	14	12	9	24	20
Hillary Clinton	42	42	na	na	36	47	37	35	55	42	39	50	43	43	40	44	38	37	43
John Edwards	9	9	na	na	10	9	11	8	8	12	0	0	7	10	10	11	18	2	8
Bill Richardson	3	3	na	na	7	0	2	5	4	5	0	0	0	2	5	3	6	8	0
Chris Dodd	0	0	na	na	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dennis Kucinich	1	1	na	na	2	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	3	2	1	1	3	0	2
Joe Biden	2	2	na	na	2	2	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	4	0
Al Gore	11	11	na	na	8	13	9	21	5	13	2	7	7	13	9	10	12	2	15
don't know/no opinion	15	15	na	na	16	15	13	23	13	14	15	14	13	9	20	16	12	24	11

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
Eliot Spitzer	47	47	na	na	49	45	42	47	56	50	40	50	43	40	54	49	56	37	47
Andrew Cuomo	24	24	na	na	27	22	31	18	19	20	33	29	27	31	18	24	12	28	28
don't know/no opinion	29	29	na	na	24	33	27	35	26	30	27	21	30	29	29	28	32	35	25

Romney, Newt Gingrich, and Fred Thompson, 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
Rudy Giuliani	47	na	47	na	40	53	55	52	41	44	50	100	71	54	40	51	40	39	46

John McCain	16	na	16	na	22	10	23	17	13	17	0	0	14	13	18	16	10	11	25
Mitt Romney	6	na	6	na	4	8	7	2	8	6	0	0	0	5	7	4	10	14	0
Newt Gingrich	5	na	5	na	9	1	7	2	6	6	0	0	14	5	5	4	20	8	0
Fred Thompson	9	na	9	na	12	6	7	7	11	9	50	0	0	7	11	7	20	14	4
Don't know/No opinion	17	na	17	na	13	22	3	20	22	18	0	0	0	16	19	19	0	14	25
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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	81	19	46	48	59	63	49	50	48	90	79	59	55	53	45	65	54	64
Rudy Giuliani	36	11	71	46	42	30	26	44	39	42	3	21	33	36	37	47	27	33	24
don't know/no opinion	10	8	10	9	10	11	11	7	11	10	7	0	8	9	10	8	8	14	12

22. If the candidates were [rotate choices] Hillary Clinton on the Democratic Line and Fred Thompson 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	56	81	26	47	50	62	65	52	52	51	85	74	69	60	51	47	69	56	65
Fred Thompson	30	10	60	33	36	24	22	34	35	36	5	16	14	29	34	40	21	31	18
don't know/no opinion	14	9	14	21	14	14	13	15	14	13	10	11	16	11	15	13	10	14	17

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	45	68	15	38	43	47	52	39	43	40	80	68	63	44	43	33	52	54	55
Rudy Giuliani	42	21	71	50	45	38	34	50	42	48	12	21	31	43	43	53	42	35	29
don't know/no opinion	13	10	15	12	12	15	14	11	15	13	8	11	6	13	14	14	6	12	16

Republican line, who would you vote for?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
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