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## Siena New York Poll:

# Gov's Property Tax Cap Has Overwhelming Support

*Most NYers Support Some Recognition of Same Sex Couples*

**Nearly Half of Voters Say "No" To Hillary or Bloomberg For VP;  
Obama Widens Lead; More Voters Now View McCain Unfavorably**

**Loudonville, NY.** Nearly three-quarters of voters support Governor David Paterson's proposal to cap property tax increases to no more than four percent per year, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll released today. Voters overwhelmingly agree with arguments in favor of the cap and strongly disagree with arguments against the cap. The Siena poll shows a plurality of voters support a law to legalize same sex marriage in New York and three-quarters support some recognition of same sex couples. Forty-nine percent of voters say that neither Senator Hillary Clinton nor New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg should be selected as vice presidential candidates. Senator Barack Obama has widened his lead to 18 points over Senator John McCain, who is now viewed unfavorably by more voters than view him favorably.

"Statewide, support for the property tax cap is 74-15 percent, including at least 71 percent support in every region," said Steven Greenberg, spokesman for the Siena New York Poll. "Support for the cap is strong with every party and every demographic group. Voters to polls: pass the property tax cap.

"When we drilled down to the arguments in support and opposition to the cap, voters overwhelmingly believe that the cap is necessary to help struggling taxpayers and help school district spend more carefully. They strongly disagree that the cap is unnecessary because voters approve school budgets, and nearly two-thirds of voters reject the argument that the cap will hurt education in New York," Greenberg said.

ISSUE	NYS (AGREE- DISAGREE)	NYC (AGREE- DISAGREE)	SUBURBS (AGREE- DISAGREE)	UPSTATE (AGREE- DISAGREE)
Property tax cap is necessary to help people who have seen property tax bills increase by 7% per year over the last 5 years	74-16%	66-22%	80-12%	79-13%
Property tax cap is unnecessary since local voters have ability to determine school budgets and size of property tax increases	32-56%	33-50%	26-67%	35-55%
Property tax cap is necessary to force school districts to budget and spend resources more carefully	67-25%	56-31%	79-16%	67-25%
A mandated cap on property tax increases will hurt education in New York	26-64%	30-57%	23-69%	23-66%

By a 46-40 percent margin, voters support a law to legalize same sex marriage in New York. A majority of Democrats, 18-34 year-olds, and Jewish voters support such a law, while Republicans, Catholics, Protestants, African Americans, and voters 55 years-old and older oppose it. Given a choice on what state policy should be regarding same sex couples, 40 percent support civil unions, 35 percent support marriage and 19 percent say the state should not recognize same sex couple relationships. By a 55-37 percent margin, voters support the Governor's decision to recognize same sex marriages legally performed outside of New York.

“Three-quarters of New Yorkers support some recognition of same sex couples, and while a plurality support legalizing same sex marriage, when it is one of two options for recognition, a plurality support civil unions over marriage,” Greenberg said. “Other than Republicans, who oppose it, voters in every region and demographic group support the Governor's policy to recognize same sex marriages legally performed in other states and countries.”

Obama leads McCain 51-33 percent. An Obama/Clinton ticket leads McCain/Bloomberg 53-37 percent. Only four percent of Obama supporters and 16 percent of McCain supporters say the choice of a vice presidential candidate would have them shift their support to the other candidate. By a 49-41 percent margin voters do not want to see Clinton selected vice president and by a 49-36 percent margin they do not want to see Bloomberg selected vice president. Obama's favorable/unfavorable rating is 58-30 percent, his best since February, up from 55-34 percent last month. McCain has a negative 42-47 percent favorable rating, his lowest ever.

“Obama has his biggest lead ever in a Siena poll over McCain – 18 points,” Greenberg said. “And if they each add a prominent New Yorker – Clinton and Bloomberg – to their ticket, Obama maintains a 16 point lead. With election day 141 days away, New York is solidly blue. Across the board, voters say ‘no’ to Vice President Bloomberg. While overall voters also say ‘no’ to Vice President Clinton, Democrats like the idea.”

Paterson's favorable/unfavorable rating is 57-17 percent, up from 48-17 percent last month. He continues to lead Attorney General Andrew Cuomo in a hypothetical 2010 gubernatorial primary 43-31 percent, and continues to trail Bloomberg in a hypothetical 2010 gubernatorial election 45-34 percent. Cuomo's favorable/unfavorable rating, 57-22 percent, and job performance rating, 54-32 percent positive, are both the highest ever for Cuomo in a Siena poll.

“Voters now view the direction of the state more negatively than anytime since October 2006. While it has been a tale of two states, now even a plurality of New York City voters say the state is headed in the wrong direction. Only African American and Jewish voters think the state is on the right track,” Greenberg said.

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## Siena New York Poll Trends – June, 2008

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	57	17	25
May 2008	48	17	35
April 2008	48	18	34
March 24, 2008	58	10	31
January 2007	17	8	76

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

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	6	38	31	6	19
May 2008	5	35	28	4	29
April 2008	4	30	30	4	32

I know it's a long way off, but if David Paterson runs for Governor in 2010, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	30	30	40
May 2008	29	25	47

If the 2010 election for governor were held today and the candidates were David Paterson on the Democratic line and Michael Bloomberg on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	PATERSON	BLOOMBERG	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	34	45	21
May 2008	36	45	20
April 2008	34	48	18

(DEMS ONLY): Looking ahead to 2010 and the next election for Governor. If the Democratic primary for governor were held today and the candidates were David Paterson or Andrew Cuomo, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED) (NOTE: In April 2008, Tom Souzzi was included as a choice)?

DATE	PATERSON	CUOMO	SOUZZI	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	43	31	NA	26
May 2008	42	29	NA	29
April 2008	35	30	7	28

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Michael Bloomberg?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	64	21	16
May 2008	65	19	16
April 2008	63	21	16
March 24, 2008	67	18	15
January 2008	59	24	17
October 2007	68	20	12
July 2007	65	19	17
June 2007	62	20	18

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	57	22	21
May 2008	56	25	20
April 2008	55	24	21
March 24, 2008	53	25	22
January 2008	51	29	20
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

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

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	10	44	26	6	14
May 2008	7	44	29	6	13
April 2008	10	42	30	8	11
January 2008	8	39	32	6	14
October 2007	7	42	35	6	12
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

Currently, Democrats have an overwhelming majority in the State Assembly. Republicans have a small 32-30 majority in the State Senate. The Governor is a Democrat. Which statement comes closest to your opinion (CHOICES WERE ROTATED): I agree with those who claim it is important for Republicans to keep control of the Senate, providing checks and balances so one party does not control all of state government, or I agree with those who claim that if Democrats gain control of the Senate, it would end the gridlock and make state government more effective.

DATE	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRATIC	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	41	48	12
May 2008	39	48	13
March 2008	47	45	9

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Currently, New York State taxes on gasoline are nearly 41 cents per gallon. Some legislators support a bill that has passed one house of the Legislature to reduce the state's gas taxes for the summer by 32 cents per gallon to help consumers. Do you support or oppose temporarily reducing the state's gas taxes?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	63	34	4
May 2008	61	35	4

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	56	38	6
May 2008	52	43	5
April 2008	48	46	6
March 24, 2008	52	43	5
March 3, 2008	54	39	7
February 2008	53	43	4
January 2008	60	35	5
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

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	58	30	13
May 2008	55	34	11
April 2008	54	34	12
March 24, 2008	56	32	13
March 3, 2008	56	31	13
February 2008	60	30	10
January 2008	57	28	15
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

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	42	47	11
May 2008	49	39	12
April 2008	54	35	11
March 24, 2008	54	34	12
March 3, 2008	48	41	11
February 2008	55	34	11
January 2008	56	27	17
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

If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and John McCain on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATE CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	OBAMA	MCCAIN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2008	51	33	17
May 2008	49	38	14
April 2008	45	40	15
February 2008	47	40	13
January 2008	44	42	15
June 2007	49	35	16
May 2007	50	33	18
April 2007	50	37	13
March 2007	47	39	14
November 15, 2006	39	40	21

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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>
June 2008	30	46	23
May 2008	32	43	26
April 2008	33	48	20
March 24, 2008	34	41	26
February 2008	33	43	24
January 2008	39	38	23
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

**Siena Research Institute - 06/09/08 - 06/11/08 624 completes +/- 3.9%**

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	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Right track	30%	38%	25%	24%	30%	31%	36%	28%	26%	28%	42%	43%	37%	34%	23%	27%	51%	23%	34%
Wrong direction	46%	38%	55%	50%	48%	44%	41%	41%	55%	50%	28%	43%	39%	46%	50%	52%	21%	46%	45%
dk/no opinion/refused	23%	24%	20%	26%	22%	25%	23%	31%	19%	23%	30%	14%	23%	21%	26%	21%	28%	31%	21%

I'm going to read the names of several people in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each of them.

2. David Paterson

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Favorable	57%	69%	47%	50%	51%	63%	59%	56%	57%	56%	70%	64%	56%	59%	55%	53%	66%	60%	61%
Unfavorable	17%	9%	28%	18%	23%	12%	17%	16%	18%	18%	6%	18%	19%	13%	22%	22%	10%	14%	14%
dk/no opinion/refused	25%	23%	25%	31%	26%	25%	24%	28%	25%	26%	25%	18%	25%	27%	23%	25%	25%	26%	25%

2a. In regards to David Paterson, which of the following statements most closely resembles your position:

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Paterson is someone I've heard of but do not know what he is like	15%	10%	13%	27%	13%	18%	15%	15%	16%	14%	8%	40%	30%	13%	12%	15%	7%	18%	17%
I know David Paterson is the governor of New York but I just don't have an opinion one way or another as yet	50%	57%	49%	41%	50%	50%	50%	39%	59%	50%	46%	20%	39%	49%	56%	51%	80%	39%	44%
I currently have mixed feelings about the governor and I can't say whether I have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of him	33%	33%	36%	27%	35%	31%	31%	46%	24%	34%	39%	40%	22%	38%	31%	32%	13%	43%	34%

3. Hillary Clinton

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Favorable	56%	74%	31%	54%	49%	63%	64%	52%	51%	54%	68%	79%	56%	61%	49%	53%	66%	52%	61%
Unfavorable	38%	18%	65%	40%	44%	31%	30%	41%	43%	40%	17%	21%	42%	33%	43%	43%	25%	43%	31%
dk/no opinion/refused	6%	8%	4%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%	15%	0%	2%	6%	8%	5%	10%	6%	7%

4. Andrew Cuomo

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Favorable	57%	67%	42%	55%	59%	55%	59%	57%	55%	56%	66%	43%	44%	55%	64%	56%	74%	56%	52%
Unfavorable	22%	17%	32%	19%	23%	22%	21%	24%	22%	23%	6%	32%	34%	23%	17%	24%	18%	20%	23%
dk/no opinion/refused	21%	16%	26%	26%	19%	23%	20%	20%	23%	21%	28%	25%	22%	22%	18%	20%	8%	23%	26%



5. Barack Obama																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
Favorable	58%	72%	38%	55%	60%	56%	65%	54%	54%	53%	89%	71%	68%	59%	51%	50%	62%	57%	71%	
Unfavorable	30%	18%	48%	28%	30%	29%	25%	33%	32%	32%	8%	29%	28%	27%	35%	36%	31%	28%	19%	
dk/no opinion/refused	13%	10%	14%	17%	10%	15%	11%	13%	14%	15%	4%	0%	4%	14%	14%	14%	7%	15%	10%	
6. Mike Bloomberg																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
Favorable	64%	68%	60%	61%	64%	64%	72%	78%	46%	63%	68%	64%	52%	65%	68%	64%	82%	57%	61%	
Unfavorable	21%	20%	20%	22%	22%	19%	22%	16%	22%	21%	9%	25%	35%	17%	19%	23%	10%	23%	20%	
dk/no opinion/refused	16%	12%	20%	17%	14%	18%	6%	7%	32%	16%	23%	11%	13%	18%	13%	14%	8%	20%	19%	
7. John McCain																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
Favorable	42%	23%	69%	43%	48%	37%	33%	47%	47%	46%	28%	21%	31%	41%	49%	47%	31%	48%	34%	
Unfavorable	47%	66%	23%	39%	43%	50%	56%	40%	42%	42%	59%	75%	61%	48%	39%	43%	57%	40%	55%	
dk/no opinion/refused	11%	10%	8%	18%	9%	13%	11%	13%	11%	11%	13%	4%	9%	11%	12%	11%	12%	12%	12%	
8. How would you rate the job that David Paterson is doing as Governor?																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
Excellent	6%	9%	3%	4%	4%	7%	8%	3%	5%	5%	19%	11%	4%	6%	6%	5%	7%	8%	6%	
Good	38%	42%	34%	36%	39%	37%	33%	36%	44%	39%	34%	25%	38%	38%	38%	36%	30%	42%	41%	
Fair	31%	31%	30%	33%	30%	33%	32%	33%	29%	31%	30%	39%	38%	31%	29%	33%	34%	27%	30%	
Poor	6%	2%	11%	6%	8%	4%	5%	5%	8%	6%	0%	4%	9%	5%	6%	7%	3%	5%	6%	
dk/no opinion/refused	19%	16%	22%	22%	19%	19%	22%	23%	14%	19%	17%	21%	11%	20%	22%	19%	26%	19%	17%	
9. How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Attorney General?																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
Excellent	10%	14%	7%	7%	11%	10%	7%	14%	11%	11%	11%	4%	4%	9%	15%	10%	5%	16%	9%	
Good	44%	51%	34%	43%	44%	43%	46%	44%	41%	43%	47%	43%	38%	44%	45%	46%	51%	38%	40%	
Fair	26%	21%	33%	27%	25%	27%	28%	24%	27%	27%	25%	25%	31%	27%	25%	26%	23%	27%	28%	
Poor	6%	2%	9%	8%	8%	3%	4%	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	10%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	
dk/no opinion/refused	14%	12%	17%	16%	11%	17%	15%	12%	15%	15%	13%	21%	17%	16%	11%	13%	16%	13%	17%	
10. I know it's a long way off, but if David Paterson runs for Governor in 2010, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
Elect Paterson	30%	43%	18%	23%	30%	31%	33%	20%	34%	26%	60%	46%	25%	29%	34%	26%	16%	35%	40%	
someone else	30%	19%	43%	34%	34%	26%	31%	33%	27%	31%	11%	39%	38%	26%	31%	36%	23%	25%	25%	
dk/no opinion/refused	40%	38%	39%	43%	37%	43%	36%	46%	40%	43%	28%	14%	37%	44%	35%	39%	61%	40%	35%	

11. Do you support or oppose a law to legalize same-sex marriage in New York State?																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
support	46%	55%	33%	48%	40%	52%	49%	48%	43%	47%	38%	46%	66%	49%	35%	41%	70%	38%	53%	
oppose	40%	34%	54%	32%	45%	35%	38%	39%	42%	37%	58%	36%	28%	38%	46%	46%	13%	48%	33%	
dk/no opinion/refused	14%	11%	13%	21%	15%	13%	13%	13%	15%	15%	4%	18%	6%	13%	18%	13%	16%	14%	14%	

12. Which of the following three positions concerning same sex couples comes closest to what you believe should be the policy of New York State [ROTATE																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
the state should allow same-sex couples to marry	35%	44%	21%	34%	32%	37%	38%	34%	31%	36%	25%	32%	53%	36%	25%	27%	66%	24%	44%	
the state should allow for civil unions, which provide the same legal rights as marriage, but should only allow marriages between a	40%	34%	50%	41%	39%	41%	32%	47%	44%	43%	36%	36%	27%	43%	43%	48%	16%	44%	33%	
the state should not recognize relationships between same sex couples	19%	17%	26%	15%	22%	16%	23%	12%	20%	17%	34%	21%	17%	16%	23%	21%	8%	24%	17%	
dk/no opinion/refused	6%	6%	4%	10%	7%	6%	7%	8%	4%	5%	6%	11%	3%	5%	8%	5%	10%	7%	7%	

13. Recently, Governor Paterson directed state agencies to recognize marriages between same-sex partners performed in states and countries that have legalized such marriages, such as Massachusetts and Canada. The governor claims he took this action to comply with an appeals court decision. Do you support or oppose the Governor's policy?																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
support	55%	64%	42%	57%	51%	59%	55%	56%	56%	58%	51%	50%	64%	59%	48%	49%	71%	49%	66%	
oppose	37%	29%	51%	34%	42%	32%	36%	38%	37%	36%	43%	39%	29%	34%	44%	45%	21%	45%	23%	
dk/no opinion/refused	8%	7%	8%	9%	7%	8%	9%	6%	8%	6%	6%	11%	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%	10%	

14. Governor Paterson has endorsed the findings of a special commission, and has asked the Legislature to pass a law that for most areas of the state would cap property tax increases to no more than four percent per year. Do you support or oppose such a cap?																				
	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other	
support	74%	71%	78%	74%	70%	77%	71%	76%	75%	75%	66%	64%	66%	75%	75%	77%	67%	65%	75%	
oppose	15%	17%	13%	16%	19%	12%	17%	15%	14%	14%	21%	25%	15%	16%	15%	14%	23%	18%	13%	
dk/no opinion/refused	11%	13%	9%	11%	11%	11%	13%	9%	11%	11%	13%	11%	19%	9%	10%	9%	10%	18%	12%	

Many people have expressed opinions about the proposed property tax cap. For each of the following four statements, indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree

15. The property tax cap is necessary to help people who have seen average property tax bills in New York increase by seven percent a year over the last five

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr.Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Strongly agree	21%	19%	21%	25%	21%	21%	18%	27%	21%	21%	15%	25%	15%	21%	24%	22%	15%	29%	18%
Agree	53%	50%	56%	54%	51%	55%	48%	53%	58%	55%	51%	39%	56%	57%	46%	57%	51%	42%	55%
Disagree	15%	17%	14%	13%	17%	13%	21%	11%	12%	14%	15%	25%	13%	12%	19%	16%	20%	10%	14%
Strongly disagree	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%
dk/no opinion/refused	10%	12%	10%	8%	10%	11%	13%	9%	9%	9%	19%	7%	14%	9%	10%	5%	12%	19%	12%

16. The property tax cap is unnecessary since local voters already have the ability to determine school budgets and thus the size of any property tax increase.

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr.Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Strongly agree	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	2%	11%	4%	4%	7%	6%	2%	6%	6%
Agree	27%	25%	31%	28%	27%	26%	27%	22%	30%	27%	28%	29%	25%	30%	24%	31%	22%	26%	22%
Disagree	44%	45%	45%	40%	42%	46%	41%	47%	45%	44%	49%	39%	53%	42%	44%	43%	53%	45%	43%
Strongly disagree	12%	10%	12%	16%	15%	10%	9%	20%	10%	12%	8%	18%	3%	15%	13%	13%	10%	10%	14%
dk/no opinion/refused	12%	16%	5%	11%	11%	13%	17%	7%	10%	12%	13%	4%	15%	10%	13%	8%	13%	13%	17%

17. The property tax cap is necessary to force school districts to budget and spend resources more carefully.

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr.Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Strongly agree	16%	13%	18%	16%	17%	14%	11%	22%	16%	16%	9%	11%	17%	15%	16%	19%	10%	14%	13%
Agree	51%	49%	57%	45%	50%	51%	45%	57%	51%	50%	55%	50%	51%	49%	52%	52%	47%	51%	50%
Disagree	22%	25%	17%	26%	23%	22%	28%	14%	22%	24%	21%	29%	22%	25%	20%	21%	23%	22%	24%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	0%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	8%	2%	2%
dk/no opinion/refused	9%	10%	6%	10%	8%	10%	13%	5%	7%	8%	15%	7%	9%	8%	10%	6%	12%	11%	11%

18. A mandated cap on property tax increases will hurt education in New York.

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr.Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Strongly agree	4%	7%	3%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	11%	5%	4%	4%	3%	7%	7%	4%
Agree	22%	27%	15%	20%	20%	23%	25%	19%	20%	19%	36%	29%	21%	21%	23%	21%	28%	17%	23%
Disagree	55%	49%	64%	57%	56%	54%	50%	57%	58%	57%	47%	46%	53%	58%	53%	57%	54%	57%	52%
Strongly disagree	9%	7%	10%	11%	11%	7%	7%	12%	8%	9%	4%	7%	9%	9%	8%	11%	5%	5%	9%
dk/no opinion/refused	11%	12%	8%	9%	10%	12%	13%	7%	11%	11%	9%	7%	12%	8%	13%	9%	7%	16%	12%

19. Currently, New York State taxes on gasoline are nearly 41 cents per gallon. Some legislators support a bill that has passed one house of the Legislature to reduce the state's gas taxes for the summer by 32 cents per gallon to help consumers. Do you support or oppose temporarily reducing the state's gas taxes?

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
support	63%	56%	66%	68%	56%	69%	62%	62%	64%	61%	62%	79%	66%	64%	59%	69%	44%	59%	61%
oppose	34%	41%	29%	28%	41%	27%	36%	34%	32%	35%	36%	18%	31%	32%	38%	27%	54%	39%	36%
dk/no opinion/refused	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%

20. Currently, Democrats have an overwhelming majority in the State Assembly. Republicans have a small 32-30 majority in the State Senate. The Governor is a Democrat. Which statement comes closest to your opinion (ROTATE CHOICES): I agree with those who claim it is important for Republicans to keep control of the Senate, providing checks and balances so one party does not control all of state government, or I agree with those who claim that if Democrats gain control of the Senate, it would end the gridlock and make state government more effective.

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Republican	41%	18%	68%	49%	44%	37%	31%	43%	48%	43%	13%	25%	38%	39%	46%	47%	25%	43%	33%
Democratic	48%	71%	22%	37%	46%	50%	58%	44%	41%	45%	79%	57%	55%	49%	43%	41%	69%	43%	56%
dk/no opinion/refused	12%	10%	11%	14%	10%	14%	11%	13%	11%	12%	8%	18%	6%	12%	12%	12%	7%	15%	10%

21. If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the candidates were (ROTATE CHOICES): Barack Obama on the Democratic line and John McCain on the Republican line, who would you vote for?

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Obama	51%	73%	23%	45%	49%	53%	59%	48%	45%	44%	89%	71%	63%	52%	44%	40%	59%	51%	66%
McCain	33%	14%	64%	31%	36%	29%	25%	35%	39%	37%	9%	21%	27%	31%	39%	40%	21%	35%	23%
dk/no opinion/refused	17%	13%	13%	24%	15%	18%	16%	18%	16%	18%	2%	7%	11%	17%	17%	20%	20%	14%	12%

Q22. Despite your choice right now of Barack Obama, is there any potential running mate that if chosen by John McCain would lead you to change your preference from Obama to McCain?

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Yes	4%	2%	9%	5%	5%	2%	4%	1%	6%	4%	0%	10%	9%	3%	2%	6%	6%	0%	3%
No	92%	93%	86%	91%	91%	92%	93%	92%	90%	91%	96%	90%	86%	92%	94%	87%	86%	96%	96%
Dk/no opinion/refused	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	4%	0%	5%	5%	4%	7%	8%	4%	1%

22A. Who is that potential running mate?

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Bloomberg	9%	0%	25%	0%	0%	25%	0%	100%	0%	14%	0%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	100%	0%	9%
Romney	18%	25%	25%	0%	14%	25%	25%	0%	17%	14%	0%	50%	20%	0%	50%	29%	0%	0%	18%
Rice	9%	0%	0%	33%	14%	0%	25%	0%	0%	14%	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	14%	0%	0%	9%
Lieberman	18%	0%	25%	33%	29%	0%	25%	0%	17%	14%	50%	0%	20%	25%	0%	29%	0%	0%	18%
other	46%	75%	25%	33%	43%	50%	25%	0%	67%	43%	50%	50%	40%	50%	50%	29%	0%	####	45%

23. Despite your choice right now of John McCain, is there any potential running mate that if chosen by Barack Obama would lead you to change your preference from McCain to Obama?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Yes	16%	35%	9%	19%	13%	18%	25%	13%	11%	14%	60%	33%	20%	18%	12%	16%	21%	13%	16%
No	78%	55%	86%	77%	81%	75%	67%	80%	85%	81%	40%	50%	76%	76%	82%	79%	79%	76%	79%
Dk/no opinion/refused	6%	10%	6%	5%	5%	7%	8%	7%	4%	6%	0%	17%	4%	6%	7%	6%	0%	11%	5%

23A. Who is that potential running mate?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Clinton	50%	58%	50%	38%	29%	69%	54%	43%	50%	48%	67%	50%	20%	60%	50%	50%	50%	40%	60%
Bloomberg	7%	8%	0%	13%	7%	6%	8%	14%	0%	9%	0%	0%	20%	7%	0%	6%	50%	0%	0%
Dodd	3%	0%	10%	0%	7%	0%	0%	14%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	6%	0%	0%	0%
other	40%	33%	40%	50%	57%	25%	38%	29%	50%	39%	33%	50%	60%	33%	40%	39%	0%	60%	40%

24. Some have suggested that New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg be a vice presidential candidate. Do you think Mike Bloomberg should or should not be chosen to run for Vice President?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
should	36%	37%	37%	33%	34%	37%	39%	45%	27%	37%	32%	50%	30%	36%	39%	38%	39%	35%	31%
should not	49%	49%	47%	49%	50%	47%	51%	45%	48%	46%	62%	50%	57%	47%	47%	46%	53%	53%	49%
dk/no opinion/refused	16%	14%	16%	18%	16%	15%	10%	10%	25%	17%	6%	0%	13%	17%	14%	16%	8%	12%	20%

25. Some have suggested that Senator Hillary Clinton be a vice presidential candidate. Do you think Hillary Clinton should or should not be chosen to run for Vice President?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
should	41%	52%	25%	42%	37%	46%	47%	41%	37%	38%	53%	71%	48%	44%	33%	38%	37%	43%	48%
should not	49%	39%	65%	47%	55%	43%	46%	49%	52%	51%	40%	25%	42%	47%	57%	51%	60%	45%	43%
dk/no opinion/refused	10%	9%	10%	11%	9%	11%	8%	9%	12%	11%	8%	4%	11%	9%	10%	11%	3%	12%	10%

26. If the 2008 presidential election were held today and the (ROTATE CHOICES): Democratic ticket was Barack Obama for President and Hillary Clinton for Vice President, and the Republican ticket was John McCain for President and Mike Bloomberg for Vice President, would you vote for (ROTATE CHOICES):

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Obama/Clinton	53%	78%	21%	49%	50%	57%	63%	46%	49%	48%	85%	71%	67%	55%	44%	47%	59%	49%	66%
McCain/Bloomberg	37%	14%	70%	38%	41%	33%	28%	43%	42%	42%	8%	25%	28%	35%	44%	43%	33%	41%	25%
dk/no opinion/refused	10%	8%	9%	13%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	8%	4%	5%	10%	12%	10%	8%	10%	10%

28. Looking ahead to 2010 and the next election for Governor. If the Democratic primary for Governor were held today and the candidates were (rotate choices) David Paterson, and Andrew Cuomo who would you vote for?

	Party				GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburb s	Upstat e	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Paterson	43%	43%	n/a	n/a	44%	42%	46%	28%	48%	40%	50%	53%	63%	41%	37%	43%	38%	40%	47%
Cuomo	31%	31%	n/a	n/a	30%	32%	28%	37%	33%	34%	27%	32%	16%	32%	38%	38%	33%	26%	23%
dk/no opinion/refused	26%	26%	n/a	n/a	26%	26%	27%	35%	19%	26%	23%	16%	21%	27%	26%	20%	29%	35%	30%

29. If the 2010 election for governor were held today and the candidates were (ROTATE CHOICES): David Paterson on the Democratic Line and Mike Bloomberg on the Republican line, who would you vote for?

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr. Am. / Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Paterson	34%	46%	21%	31%	33%	35%	33%	21%	45%	31%	62%	46%	48%	32%	32%	33%	23%	35%	40%
Bloomberg	45%	36%	61%	43%	46%	44%	50%	61%	30%	48%	26%	36%	37%	47%	48%	48%	60%	40%	38%
dk/no opinion/refused	21%	18%	18%	26%	20%	21%	17%	18%	26%	21%	11%	18%	15%	22%	20%	19%	17%	25%	22%

<b>Demographics:</b>					
<b>Party:</b>	<b>t</b>		<b>Gender</b>	<b>t</b>	
Democrat	45%		M	49%	
Republican	31%		F	51%	
Ind.	20%		Total	####	
Other	3%				
Refused	2%				
Total	100%		<b>Age:</b>	<b>t</b>	
			18-34	15%	
<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	<b>t</b>		35-54	48%	
Caucasian/white	76%		55+	36%	
African American/Black	9%		refused	1%	
Hispanic/Latino	5%		Total	####	
Other	11%				
Total	100%				

<b>Region:</b>	<b>t</b>
NYC	37%
NYC Sub	26%
Upstate	38%
Total	100%

<b>Religion:</b>	<b>t</b>
Catholic	47%
Jewish	10%
Protestant	17%
other/noaffiliation/ref	26%
Total	100%