

RNN/Siena Research Institute  
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<b>Q1. Is Westchester County on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Right track</b>	38%	52%	22%	29%	37%	39%	64%	12%	24%	42%	34%	29%	43%	50%	44%	
<b>Wrong direction</b>	45%	26%	64%	60%	48%	42%	16%	77%	51%	44%	46%	60%	24%	44%	31%	
<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>	17%	21%	14%	11%	15%	18%	20%	11%	26%	14%	21%	11%	33%	6%	25%	
<b>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 the people I name.</b>																
<b>Q2. Andy Spano</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Favorable</b>	47%	67%	26%	34%	48%	47%	82%	11%	37%	48%	47%	38%	65%	47%	58%	
<b>Unfavorable</b>	46%	26%	68%	60%	49%	43%	12%	87%	42%	46%	46%	59%	27%	43%	33%	
<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>	7%	7%	5%	6%	4%	9%	7%	3%	21%	6%	7%	3%	7%	10%	9%	
<b>Q3. Rob Astorino</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Favorable</b>	37%	23%	57%	42%	42%	32%	17%	64%	21%	35%	38%	50%	14%	47%	15%	
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	22%	11%	7%	14%	15%	23%	5%	17%	13%	17%	13%	16%	5%	25%	
<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>	49%	55%	33%	51%	44%	53%	61%	31%	63%	51%	45%	36%	70%	48%	60%	
<b>Q3. David Paterson</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Favorable</b>	26%	37%	13%	18%	25%	27%	35%	15%	26%	29%	22%	21%	27%	44%	22%	
<b>Unfavorable</b>	61%	49%	74%	70%	66%	56%	49%	79%	45%	58%	65%	70%	51%	50%	58%	
<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>	13%	14%	13%	12%	9%	17%	16%	6%	29%	13%	13%	9%	22%	6%	21%	

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<b>Q4. Of the following issues, which is the single MOST IMPORTANT issue that will determine your vote for County Executive?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
Property taxes	51%	45%	55%	52%	46%	55%	45%	52%	70%	50%	50%	51%	53%	49%	46%	
Federal housing desegregation lawsuit	8%	10%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	8%	10%	7%	9%	6%	5%	16%	10%	
Size of County government	8%	7%	8%	11%	12%	4%	5%	11%	10%	8%	8%	10%	5%	6%	7%	
Spending of County government	29%	32%	26%	30%	30%	29%	37%	25%	11%	31%	27%	29%	32%	25%	30%	
Other	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	0%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	
Don't know/Refused	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	5%	
<b>Q5. If the election for County Executive were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were...</b>																
	Party				Gender					Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F				Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
Andy Spano on the Democratic line	48%	72%	20%	37%	47%	48%				49%	47%	34%	72%	49%	61%	
Rob Astorino on the Republican line	41%	19%	77%	48%	46%	36%				40%	43%	59%	16%	38%	24%	
Don't know/No opinion	11%	9%	4%	15%	7%	15%				11%	10%	7%	11%	12%	15%	
<b>Q6. Are you aware that Westchester County recently settled a federal Housing Desegregation lawsuit?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
Yes	71%	67%	75%	75%	77%	66%	68%	75%	69%	67%	77%	74%	74%	64%	68%	
No	28%	33%	25%	24%	23%	33%	32%	24%	31%	33%	22%	26%	26%	36%	32%	
Don't know/No opinion	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Q7. (If aware of lawsuit) Do you support or oppose the county's decision to settle that lawsuit?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
Support	52%	67%	28%	54%	51%	54%	72%	34%	45%	49%	57%	46%	58%	51%	62%	
Oppose	32%	17%	52%	35%	37%	27%	14%	52%	33%	33%	31%	41%	21%	36%	21%	
Don't know/Refused	15%	16%	20%	11%	11%	19%	15%	15%	21%	18%	12%	13%	21%	13%	17%	

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<b>Q8. In a recent debate between Andy Spano and Rob Astorino, and in subsequent interviews, Spano used the term racist to label Astorino's opposition to the federal housing settlement. Do you approve or disapprove of Spano's use of the term racist in this discussion?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Approve</b>	8%	11%	5%	6%	7%	9%	14%	1%	5%	5%	12%	7%	9%	7%	11%	
<b>Disapprove</b>	71%	56%	90%	79%	75%	67%	54%	91%	67%	69%	73%	84%	53%	71%	58%	
<b>Don't know</b>	20%	31%	6%	15%	18%	23%	31%	8%	25%	26%	14%	9%	35%	21%	32%	
<b>Refused</b>	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	
<b>Q9. Are you in favor or opposed to the county continuing to own and manage Rye Playland?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Favor</b>	49%	55%	52%	37%	48%	50%	55%	42%	48%	47%	52%	52%	45%	54%	42%	
<b>Oppose</b>	29%	23%	28%	40%	36%	23%	23%	38%	19%	32%	25%	32%	25%	28%	28%	
<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>	22%	22%	19%	23%	16%	28%	22%	20%	33%	22%	22%	16%	30%	18%	30%	
<b>Q10. Should the County Executive support the re-licensing of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
<b>Yes</b>	61%	52%	75%	65%	74%	49%	54%	71%	48%	63%	58%	67%	45%	69%	55%	
<b>No</b>	26%	34%	12%	25%	20%	31%	32%	18%	30%	27%	25%	22%	38%	20%	32%	
<b>Don't know/No opinion</b>	14%	14%	13%	9%	6%	20%	14%	11%	21%	10%	17%	11%	18%	11%	14%	

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<b>Q11. Which level of government do you blame MOST for the current rate of property taxes in Westchester?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
State government including the governor and legislature	36%	35%	37%	37%	39%	34%	38%	35%	30%	40%	31%	37%	32%	37%	37%	
County government including the Executive and County Board	26%	22%	33%	25%	22%	31%	17%	35%	31%	27%	26%	30%	16%	34%	20%	
Local government including town and school board elected officials	29%	32%	24%	32%	32%	26%	32%	26%	27%	27%	31%	27%	43%	20%	30%	
Don't know	9%	11%	6%	6%	8%	10%	13%	3%	12%	6%	13%	6%	10%	9%	13%	
<b>Q12. If the election for Westchester District Attorney were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were...</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
Janet DiFiore on the Democratic line	52%	66%	37%	46%	46%	57%	71%	35%	32%	53%	51%	45%	67%	58%	51%	
Dan Schorr on the Republican line	21%	8%	43%	26%	26%	17%	8%	41%	6%	19%	25%	32%	7%	20%	10%	
Tony Castro on the Working Families and Independence Party lines	14%	14%	11%	18%	15%	13%	14%	14%	14%	15%	13%	14%	13%	14%	17%	
Don't know/Refused	13%	12%	10%	9%	12%	13%	7%	10%	48%	14%	10%	8%	13%	8%	22%	
<b>Q13. And as you think about health care and the current national debate over the health care system, which of the following would you MOST prefer?</b>																
	Party				Gender		Vote Choice			Age		Religion				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	Spano	Astorino	Unsure	Under 55	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other	
Leave things the way they are	29%	12%	54%	36%	33%	25%	14%	48%	25%	24%	36%	39%	19%	31%	12%	
Provide a Public Option	40%	53%	26%	34%	36%	44%	48%	33%	35%	42%	38%	36%	53%	38%	43%	
Have a single-payer, that is, a universal system that covers everyone	23%	29%	10%	25%	25%	22%	32%	12%	27%	25%	21%	17%	24%	25%	37%	
Some other solution	5%	4%	10%	4%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	4%	7%	3%	6%	3%	
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	8%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	5%	