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Siena College Poll:

87% of NYers Approve of Cuomo's Handling of the Coronavirus Pandemic, While 41% Approve of Trump's Handling

Nearly Three-quarters of NYers are *VERY* Concerned about the Pandemic (92% are Concerned), with 79% Concerned that They will Get the Virus; Nearly One-Third Know Someone Who Has Tested Positive

**53% of NYers Say "Things Will Be Back to Normal Sometime Soon";
44% Say They're Not Confident "America Will be Back to Normal Anytime Soon"**

One-Quarter Say Someone in Their Household Has Been Laid Off from Work

Loudonville, NY. New Yorkers overwhelmingly approve of the job Governor Andrew Cuomo is doing to address the coronavirus pandemic, 87-11 percent. They also give overwhelmingly high marks to their local health department, Dr. Anthony Fauci, their local government leader, and the CDC. New Yorkers *disapprove* of the job Vice President Mike Pence is doing, 47-41 percent, and they *disapprove* of the job President Donald Trump is doing, 56-41 percent, according to a new Siena College Poll of registered New York State voters released today.

Ninety-two percent of New Yorkers say they're very (73 percent) or somewhat (19 percent) concerned about the pandemic, and 79 percent say they are very (42 percent) or somewhat (37 percent) concerned about getting the coronavirus themselves. Nearly one-third of voters, 31 percent, say they know someone who tested positive.

"In the midst of this global pandemic, New Yorkers approve of Governor Cuomo's handling of the coronavirus pandemic with near universal support. At least 85 percent of voters from every region approve of his handling of the crisis, as do 95 percent of Democrats, 87 percent of independents and even 70 percent of Republicans," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "President Trump, on the other hand, gets praise from 82 percent of Republicans, but 52 percent of independents and 79 percent of Democrats disapprove of the job he's doing.

"Similarly, by a 79-18 percent margin – including at least 74 percent from every region and party – voters say New York State government is doing everything it can to protect the health of New Yorkers," Greenberg said.

"However, by 53-43 percent margin, they say the federal government is *not* doing all it can to protect Americans' health. Although 82 percent of Republicans say the feds are doing all they can, 52 percent of independents and 71 percent of Democrats say they're not."

Approve / Disapprove of the Job Each is Doing to Address the Pandemic					
		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
Andrew Cuomo	Approve	87%	95%	70%	87%
	Disapprove	11%	5%	26%	9%
Your local health department	Approve	76%	75%	82%	74%
	Disapprove	13%	14%	13%	12%
Dr. Anthony Fauci	Approve	74%	73%	77%	76%
	Disapprove	6%	5%	3%	7%
<i>(Downstate Suburbs or Upstate Only):</i> Your local government leader	Approve	73%	74%	77%	68%
	Disapprove	16%	15%	13%	20%
The Federal Centers for Disease Control or CDC	Approve	73%	71%	82%	68%
	Disapprove	20%	20%	13%	25%
<i>(NYC Only):</i> Bill de Blasio	Approve	61%	70%	38%	34%
	Disapprove	31%	21%	54%	57%
U.S. House of Representatives	Approve	54%	59%	45%	54%
	Disapprove	32%	27%	43%	30%
U.S. Senate	Approve	43%	35%	62%	43%
	Disapprove	44%	54%	29%	42%
Mike Pence	Approve	41%	23%	78%	44%
	Disapprove	47%	66%	12%	44%
Donald Trump	Approve	41%	20%	82%	41%
	Disapprove	56%	79%	15%	52%
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“Not surprising given how fast this pandemic has overtaken nearly everyone’s lives, at least 85 percent of voters from every region and party are very or somewhat concerned about the pandemic, and at least 64 percent from every region and party are at least somewhat concerned that they will be infected with the virus,” Greenberg said. “While about 40 percent of downstaters personally know someone who has tested positive, only 14 percent of upstaters personally know someone.”

1/4 of Households Have Someone Laid Off from Work & 53 Percent Have Someone Working from Home

Four percent of voters say they are in a household with someone who has tested positive and 10 percent say someone is sick but not tested. One-third say that someone in their household is either under mandatory or voluntary quarantine. Twenty-six percent say someone in their household has been laid off and 53 percent say someone is working from home. Twenty-eight percent say a neighbor or friend has checked in or assisted them.

“One of every three New York City voters lives in a household where someone has been laid off, while the same is true in 24 percent of downstate suburban and 19 percent of upstate households. And nearly 60 percent of downstate households and 44 percent of upstate households have someone working from home,” Greenberg said. “Sadly, only a little more than one-quarter of New Yorkers say that a friend or neighbor has checked in on them or provided them with some assistance, with little variation by region or age.

A Small Majority of New Yorkers Think “Things Will Be Back to Normal Sometime Soon”

“Seventy percent of Republicans and 57 percent of independents think ‘things will be back to normal sometime soon,’ while 54 percent of Democrats say they are not confident we ‘will be back to normal anytime soon.’ Although a small majority of New York City voters are pessimistic, upstaters and downstate suburbanites are optimistic that a return to normalcy will happen sometime soon,” Greenberg said. “Voters 55 and older are the optimists, while those under 55 are virtually evenly divided.”

Feds Not Doing Enough to Meet Financial Needs of People, Affected Industries, Small Businesses

By a 59-33 percent margin, voters say the federal government is not doing enough to meet the financial needs of average Americans. By 48-37 percent, they say the feds are not doing enough to meet the most affected industries. And by 63-24 percent, they say the feds are not meeting the financial needs of small businesses.

“Republicans say the federal government is doing enough to meet the financial needs of average Americans, small businesses and affected industries, however, independents say the federal government is not doing enough for any of those three groups and nearly three-quarters of Democrats say the feds are not doing enough for average Americans or small businesses,” Greenberg said, noting calls were completed prior to final bill passage.

More than Half of New Yorkers Say they Need Federal Government Payment to Pay for Current Bills

When asked how they would spend money received from the federal government, 53 percent say they will use it for immediate needs, 24 percent say they will save it for future needs and 14 percent intend to donate the money.

“Half of New Yorkers, including two-thirds of New York City voters and nearly two-thirds of voters of color, need the federal payment they will receive under the law passed last week for immediate personal and family needs,” Greenberg said. “One-quarter plan to save it for future needs, and 14 percent, including one-quarter of those who earn at least \$100,000 annually, plan to donate the money to help those less fortunate.”

Odds & Ends

- Cuomo’s favorability rating jumped to 71-23 percent this month, up dramatically from 44-50 percent in February, his best since January 2013, just before passage of the Safe Act. His job performance rating soared to 63-35 percent, up from 36-63 percent last month, its highest level since April 2012, his best ever.
- Joe Biden leads Trump 58-33 percent, up a little from last month, when Biden led 55-36 percent. Currently, New Yorkers say Trump will be re-elected 51-37 percent, down from 62-29 percent in February.

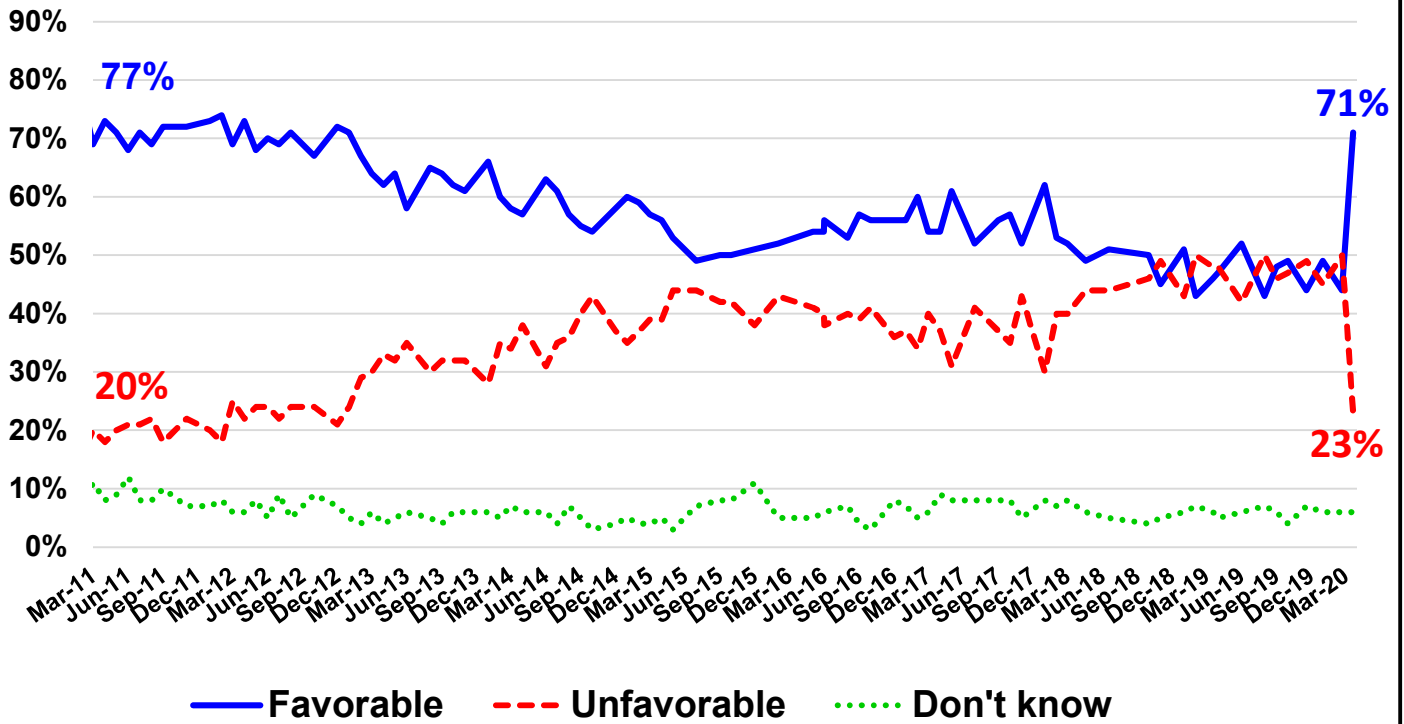
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This Siena College Poll was conducted March 22-26, 2020 by telephone calls conducted in English to 566 New York State registered voters. Respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. It has an overall margin of error of ± 4.5 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of both landline and cell phone telephone numbers drawn from registered voters (L-2) from within New York State. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party by region, race/ethnicity, and gender to ensure representativeness. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, call Steve Greenberg at (518) 469-9858. For survey crosstabs: www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY.

Favorability Ratings								
	March 2020				February 2020			
	Fav	Unfav	DK/NO	Net	Fav	Unfav	DK/NO	Net
Andrew Cuomo	71%	23%	6%	+48	44%	50%	6%	-6
Chuck Schumer	52%	38%	9%	+14	54%	38%	9%	+16
Joe Biden	51%	40%	9%	+11	45%	47%	7%	-2
Nancy Pelosi	48%	45%	7%	+3	NA			
Mike Pence	36%	50%	14%	-14	NA			
Donald Trump	35%	59%	5%	-24	36%	61%	3%	-25
Mitch McConnell	24%	55%	21%	-31	NA			

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Andrew Cuomo Favorability 2011-2020



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Siena College Poll Trends – March 2020

Q. 1 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
March 2020	56	27	17
February 2020	41	46	13
January 2020	49	41	10
November 2019	45	42	13
October 2019	46	44	10
September 2019	47	40	12
August 2019	45	44	11
June 2019	44	43	12
April 2019	42	46	13
March 2019	43	46	11
HIGHEST EVER	57 (1/13)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	7 (2/17, 5/13)

Q. 2 Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	42	47	11
February 2020	38	55	7
November 2019	32	58	10
October 2019	31	62	7
September 2019	33	59	8
August 2019	37	53	10
June 2019	33	60	7
April 2019	36	54	9
March 2019	34	57	9
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	74 (10/13, 8/11)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (10/13, 10/08)	24 (12/09)	5 (1/13)

Q. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	35	59	5
February 2020	36	61	3
January 2020	31	64	5
November 2019	32	65	3
October 2019	30	67	3
September 2019	32	64	4
August 2019	35	62	3
June 2019	34	63	3
April 2019	38	59	3
March 2019	36	60	5
HIGHEST EVER	41 (12/16)	72 (8/16)	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	53 (12/16)	2 (9/15)

Q.4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	51	40	9
February 2020	45	47	7
March 2016	50	30	10
HIGHEST EVER	62 (10/27/08)	47 (2/20)	28 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	45 (2/20)	26 (9/08)	6 (8/12)

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Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	71	23	6
February 2020	44	50	6
January 2020	49	45	6
November 2019	44	49	7
October 2019	49	47	4
September 2019	48	46	6
August 2019	43	50	7
June 2019	52	42	6
April 2019	47	48	5
March 2019	46	48	6
HIGHEST EVER	77 (2/11)	50 (2/20, 8/19, 2/19)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	43 (8/19, 2/19)	14 (8/09)	3 (10/16, 10/20/10)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	52	38	9
February 2020	54	38	9
January 2020	54	36	11
November 2019	51	40	10
October 2019	49	41	10
September 2019	48	39	13
August 2019	53	39	8
June 2019	54	40	6
April 2019	49	43	8
March 2019	51	41	8
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	46 (2/19)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	47 (2/19)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Nancy Pelosi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	48	45	7
November 2019	48	44	8
October 2019	49	42	9
September 2019	47	41	12
June 2019	47	45	8
HIGHEST EVER	49 (10/19)	45 (3/20, 6/19)	16 (5/17)
LOWEST EVER	43 (5/17)	41 (9/19, 5/17)	7 (3/20)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Mitch McConnell?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	24	55	21
November 2019	23	53	25
October 2019	21	56	23
September 2019	22	48	30
June 2019	25	50	24
HIGHEST EVER	25 (6/19)	56 (10/19)	32 (5/17)
LOWEST EVER	20 (5/17)	48 (9/19, 5/17)	21 (3/20)

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Mike Pence?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	36	50	14
October 2019	34	55	11
HIGHEST EVER	36 (3/20)	55 (10/19)	14 (3/20)
LOWEST EVER	34 (10/19)	50 (3/20)	11 (10/19)

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Q. 10 If the election for President was being held today and the candidates were Joe Biden on the Democratic line and Donald Trump on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	BIDEN	TRUMP	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	58	33	10
February 2020	55	36	9
HIGHEST EVER	58 (3/20)	36 (2/20)	10 (3/20)
LOWEST EVER	55 (2/20)	33 (3/20)	9 (2/20)

Q. 11 Even though the general election is months away, if you had to predict today, do you think Donald Trump will or will not be re-elected President of the United States?

DATE	WILL	WILL NOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	51	37	12
February 2020	62	29	9
HIGHEST EVER	62 (2/20)	37 (3/20)	12 (3/20)
LOWEST EVER	51 (3/20)	29 (2/20)	9 (2/20)

Q. 12 How would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	19	14	16	49	1
November 2019	17	15	15	52	1
October 2019	13	15	14	56	1
September 2019	12	16	21	51	1
August 2019	17	17	16	50	1
June 2019	13	16	18	52	1
April 2019	17	18	17	48	0
March 2019	14	17	19	49	2
HIGHEST EVER	19 (3/20, 6/18)	19 (2/19, 7/17)	21 (9/19)	63 (10/17)	3 (4/17)
LOWEST EVER	8 (10/17, 9/17)	13 (4/18)	12 (6/18)	48 (4/19, 2/17)	0 (4/19, 10/17)

Q. 13 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2020	27	36	22	13	1
February 2020	8	28	32	31	1
January 2020	10	31	29	27	3
November 2019	6	29	36	29	1
October	6	35	30	27	1
September 2019	7	31	34	25	2
August 2019	6	28	32	32	2
June 2019	7	31	34	27	1
April 2019	8	29	32	30	2
March 2019	7	31	32	29	1
HIGHEST EVER	27 (3/20)	47 (4/12, etc.)	40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)	32 (8/19)	28 (1/11)
LOWEST EVER	5 (9/16)	27 (2/19)	22 (3/20)	4 (2/11, 1/11)	0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: June thru November 2018, November 2017, September thru November 2016, July thru October 2014, August/October 2012, October 2010, September/October 2008, and September/October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since February 2019.

“Highest Ever” and “Lowest Ever” are provided at the bottom of each question.

^ Inconsequential wording change.