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## Siena College Poll:

**Only One-Third of Voters Say Cuomo Should Run for Re-election; 39% Say Finish Term but Don't Run Again; 23% Say Resign Immediately**  
Cuomo Gets Positive Pandemic Grades on Vaccinations, Info and Reopening; Overwhelmingly Bad Grade for Addressing His Handling of Nursing Homes  
***Crime, Followed by Education, Is Voters' Top Priority for Gov & Legislature; By 2-to-1, New Yorkers Say the State's Best Days Lie Ahead, Not Behind***

Loudonville, NY. When New York voters were asked what they would like Governor Andrew Cuomo to do, 23 percent say he should resign immediately, 39 percent say he should serve out his term but not seek re-election, and 33 percent say he should continue to serve and run for re-election. Separately, 35 percent say they are prepared to re-elect Cuomo if he runs, while 56 percent would prefer 'someone else' (from 37-53 percent last month), according to a new Siena College poll of registered New York State voters.

Overall, voters approve of Cuomo's handling of the pandemic, 51-32 percent. Specifically, voters say Cuomo did a good job on managing vaccines (66-20 percent), keeping New Yorkers informed (60-27 percent), and reopening the state (54-33 percent). However, voters say Cuomo did a bad job, 60-22 percent, addressing questions about his handling of nursing homes. Cuomo's 45-47 percent favorability rating is little changed from 44-48 percent last month. His job performance rating is negative 41-56 percent, from 42-55 percent in May.

"Since his poll numbers took a significant hit earlier this year, Cuomo's favorability, job performance and re-elect ratings have remained largely stable the last few months. But 16 months from the next gubernatorial election and less than a year from the primary, only one-third of New Yorkers – including just 43 percent of Democrats – think Cuomo should run for re-election," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

"The good news for the Governor is that only 23 percent of New Yorkers want him to resign immediately. However, when you add those voters to the 39 percent who say he should serve out his term but not seek re-election, 62 percent say he should not run for a fourth term," Greenberg said. "Twenty-seven percent of white voters want to see him run again, as do 40 percent of Latinos and a majority, 52 percent, of Black voters.

"When it comes to impeachment, voters are more closely divided with 45 percent, a plurality, saying the Assembly should not impeach Cuomo, while 35 percent – including one-quarter of Democrats – would like to see the Assembly impeach the Governor," Greenberg said.

Voters say, 42-32 percent, investigations into allegations of sexual harassment against Cuomo will find evidence of harassment. Republicans strongly believe it, as do a plurality of independents. Democrats are evenly divided.

“When it comes to the pandemic, voters still largely give Cuomo strong grades, except for nursing homes,” Greenberg said. “By more than three-to-one – including a plurality of Republicans – voters say he’s done a good job managing the state’s vaccine program. By more than two-to-one – with Republicans closely divided – they say he’s done a good job on keeping residents informed with accurate information. Voters think he’s done a good job – although not Republicans – overseeing New York’s reopening.

“But when it comes to answering questions about how he handled nursing homes during the pandemic, voters say nearly three-to-one – including Democrats, 49-30 percent – Cuomo did a bad job,” Greenberg said. “More than half of New York City voters and two-thirds from upstate and the downstate suburbs agree that he did a bad job.”

<b>Rating Governor Cuomo’s Handling of the Pandemic</b>					
As governor, Andrew Cuomo managed New York’s pandemic response. For each of the following specific aspects of the pandemic, do you think Cuomo did a good job or a bad job in handling it?					
<b>Pandemic Response</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind/Oth</b>
Managing New York’s vaccination program	Good job	<b>66%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>59%</b>
	Bad job	20%	12%	38%	21%
Keeping New Yorkers informed with accurate information	Good job	<b>60%</b>	<b>72%</b>	42%	<b>51%</b>
	Bad job	27%	15%	<b>46%</b>	35%
Overseeing the reopening of New York	Good job	<b>54%</b>	<b>69%</b>	28%	<b>46%</b>
	Bad job	33%	21%	<b>60%</b>	32%
Addressing questions about his handling of nursing homes during the pandemic	Good job	22%	30%	8%	19%
	Bad job	<b>60%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>63%</b>
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**Crime is Top Priority Issue for One-Third, Followed by Education for 22%**

<b>Importance of Issues for Governor/Legislature to Address</b>					
How important it is to you that the Governor and Legislature make that issue a top priority - very important, somewhat important, not very important or not at all important. <i>Note: “Important” is the total of very/somewhat and has “Very important” in parenthesis while “Not Important” is simply the total of “Not very” and “Not at all” important.</i>					
<b>Issue (Top Priority - Q. 30)</b>	<b>Important/ Not Important</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind/ Other</b>
<b>Crime (32%)</b>	Important (very important)	<b>95% (77%)</b>	<b>94% (73%)</b>	<b>97% (83%)</b>	<b>96% (77%)</b>
	Not Important	4%	5%	2%	3%
<b>Education (22%)</b>	Important (very important)	<b>93% (75%)</b>	<b>94% (79%)</b>	<b>93% (70%)</b>	<b>92% (72%)</b>
	Not Important	5%	5%	5%	4%
<b>Infrastructure (13%)</b>	Important (very important)	<b>90% (57%)</b>	<b>91% (63%)</b>	<b>90% (51%)</b>	<b>89% (51%)</b>
	Not Important	7%	7%	8%	5%
<b>Economic equity (16%)</b>	Important (very important)	<b>82% (50%)</b>	<b>92% (61%)</b>	<b>63% (31%)</b>	<b>81% (45%)</b>
	Not Important	13%	7%	32%	10%
<b>Racial justice (14%)</b>	Important (very important)	<b>82% (60%)</b>	<b>94% (76%)</b>	<b>60% (34%)</b>	<b>81% (54%)</b>
	Not Important	15%	7%	39%	14%
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“Each of the five issues Siena asked about – crime, education, infrastructure, economic equity, and racial equality – was seen as very important by at least half of voters, crime and education by at least three-quarters of voters,” Greenberg said. “When asked which issue should be the top priority of the Governor and lawmakers, crime was the winner among all voters as well as with voters of every party, region and gender. Racial equality was the top issue for Black voters, while education was tops with Latinos and voters under 35.”

### **NY’s Best Days Lie Ahead, Not Behind Us, Say New Yorkers Two-to-One**

“By a 53-27 percent margin, voters say New York’s best days are still to come. That view is held by a strong majority of Democrats and a large plurality of independents. Republicans are nearly evenly divided,” Greenberg said. “A strong majority of voters from every region are optimistic about the state’s future, as are a plurality of Latinos, a strong majority of whites and an overwhelming majority of Blacks.”

### **Moderate Support for Two Constitutional Amendments on Voting; Overwhelming Support for ‘Clean Air’**

Voters support three proposed constitutional amendments: allow absentee ballots for any reason (55-35 percent); allow voter registration up until and including election day (52-39 percent); and, adding, “Each person shall have a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment” to the State Constitution (80-12 percent).

“A strong majority of Democrats supports both proposed amendments regarding voting, as do a plurality of independents. Republicans, however, oppose each of the amendments better than two-to-one,” Greenberg said. “While there is little difference between white, Latino and Black voters on the amendment for no excuse absentee ballots, on the issue of same day registration, whites are closely divided while that amendment has better than two-to-one support from both Latinos and Blacks. Other than Republicans (64 percent) and conservatives (68 percent), at least 70 percent of every demographic group supports the clean air and water amendment.”

### **Odds & Ends**

- President Joe Biden has a 63-34 percent favorability rating, virtually unchanged from 62-34 percent in May. His job performance rating is 52-46 percent, also little changed from last month’s 53-45 percent.
- Sen. Chuck Schumer has a 50-38 percent favorability, virtually unchanged from 50-39 percent in May.
- Attorney General Letitia James has 34-21 percent favorability, with 45 percent having never heard of her or not knowing enough to have an opinion, down a little from 38-20 percent in May.
- The Assembly’s favorability rating is 45-29 percent, little changed from 46-32 percent in May, while the State Senate has a 48-33 percent favorability rating, little changed from 47-34 percent in May.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted June 22-29, 2021 among 809 New York State registered voters with 522 voters contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 287 responses drawn from a proprietary online panel (Lucid) of New Yorkers. Telephone calls were conducted in English and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline (ASDE) and cell phone (Dynata) telephone numbers within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data from both collection modes (phone and web) was merged and statistically adjusted by age, party by region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of  $\pm 4.1$  percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. 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](http://www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY).



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## Siena College Poll Trends – June 2021

**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
June 2021	48	38	13
May 2021	48	40	11
April 2021	49	40	12
March 2021	48	38	14
February 2021	48	41	11
January 2021	50	40	10
November 2020	50	37	13
October 2020*	46	34	20
June 2020	52	38	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (4/20)</b>	<b>76 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>30 (1/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (10/10)</b>	<b>26 (1/07)</b>	<b>7 (4/20, 2/17, 5/13)</b>

**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
June 2021	45	44	11
May 2021	46	43	10
April 2021	45	45	10
March 2021	50	41	10
February 2021	49	42	9
January 2021	31	59	10
November 2020	38	48	14
October 2020*	24	62	14
June 2020	28	64	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (5/09)</b>	<b>74 (10/13, 8/11)</b>	<b>17 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (10/13, 10/08)</b>	<b>24 (12/09)</b>	<b>5 (1/13)</b>

**Q. 3** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	63	34	3
May 2021	62	34	4
April 2021	62	33	5
March 2021	64	30	5
February 2021	65	29	5
January 2021	62	32	6
November 2020	63	31	6
October 2020*	62	33	6
June 2020	53	39	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (2/21)</b>	<b>47 (2/20)</b>	<b>28 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (2/20)</b>	<b>26 (9/08)</b>	<b>4 (4/20)</b>

**Q. 4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	45	47	8
May 2021	44	48	8
April 2021	40	52	9
March 2021	43	45	12
February 2021	56	39	5
January 2021	57	39	4
November 2020	56	39	5
October 2020*	59	33	7
June 2020	65	31	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>77 (4/20, 2/11)</b>	<b>52 (4/21)</b>	<b>24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>40 (4/21)</b>	<b>14 (8/09)</b>	<b>2 (4/20)</b>

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**Q. 5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	45	29	25
May 2021	46	32	22
April 2021	42	30	28
March 2021	49	25	26
February 2021	45	31	24
January 2021	48	28	24
November 2020	47	28	25
June 2020	45	30	25
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (4/20)</b>	<b>61 (7/10)</b>	<b>28 (4/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (7/10)</b>	<b>25 (3/21)</b>	<b>10 (5/15)</b>

**Q. 6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	48	33	18
May 2021	47	34	18
April 2021	46	32	22
March 2021	50	28	22
February 2021	47	33	20
January 2021	51	30	19
November 2020	50	31	18
June 2020	45	34	21
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (4/20)</b>	<b>74 (7/09)</b>	<b>22 (4/21, 3/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/09)</b>	<b>28 (3/21)</b>	<b>6 (7/09)</b>

**Q. 7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	50	38	13
May 2021	50	39	11
April 2021	49	38	14
March 2021	49	35	16
February 2021	49	39	12
January 2021	45	39	16
November 2020	45	39	16
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (7/05)</b>	<b>46 (2/19)</b>	<b>17 (2/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (1/21, 11/20)</b>	<b>20 (2/05, 11/06)</b>	<b>4 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Carl Heastie?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	13	15	72
March 2021	16	14	71
January 2021	13	13	75
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>16 (3/21)</b>	<b>20 (10/15)</b>	<b>78 (1/17, 9/15)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (9/15)</b>	<b>11 (1/18)</b>	<b>68 (2/20)</b>

**Q. 9** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrea Stewart-Cousins?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	16	16	68
March 2021	19	13	68
January 2021	18	12	71
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (1/19)</b>	<b>16 (7/21, 2/20)</b>	<b>79 (4/18)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (4/18)</b>	<b>9 (4/18)</b>	<b>68 (7/21, 3/21, 2/20)</b>

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**Q. 10** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	34	21	45
May 2021	38	20	42
April 2021	39	17	44
March 2021	40	14	46
February 2021	36	17	47
January 2021	35	17	48
November 2020	33	17	49
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>40 (3/21)</b>	<b>21 (7/21)</b>	<b>70 (6/18)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (6/18)</b>	<b>10 (10/18, 6/18)</b>	<b>42 (5/21)</b>

**Q.11** How would you rate the job that Joe Biden is doing as President? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	22	30	20	26	1
May 2021	26	27	17	28	2
April 2021	24	29	20	25	2
March 2021	28	26	18	23	4
February 2021	24	31	17	21	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (3/21)</b>	<b>31 (2/21)</b>	<b>20 (7/21, 4/21)</b>	<b>28 (5/21)</b>	<b>6 (2/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>22 (7/21)</b>	<b>26 (3/21)</b>	<b>17 (5/21, 2/21)</b>	<b>21 (2/21)</b>	<b>1 (7/21)</b>

**Q. 12** 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
June 2021	15	26	22	34	3
May 2021	18	24	23	32	2
April 2021	10	32	22	34	1
March 2021	17	29	22	30	3
February 2021	18	33	20	27	2
January 2021	24	32	15	27	2
November 2020	23	31	18	27	1
October 2020*	30	31	18	20	1
June 2020	27	35	17	20	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>37 (4/20)</b>	<b>47 (4/12, etc.)</b>	<b>40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)</b>	<b>34 (7/21, 4/21)</b>	<b>28 (1/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>5 (9/16)</b>	<b>24 (5/21)</b>	<b>15 (1/21)</b>	<b>4 (2/11, 1/11)</b>	<b>0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)</b>

**Q. 13** If Andrew Cuomo runs for re-election as governor in 2022, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect Cuomo or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT CUOMO	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2021	35	56	9
May 2021	37	53	11
April 2021	33	57	10
March 2021	34	52	14
February 2021	46	45	10
January 2021	48	42	10
November 2020	51	42	7
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (11/20)</b>	<b>57 (4/21)</b>	<b>14 (3/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>33 (4/21)</b>	<b>42 (1/21, 11/20)</b>	<b>7 (11/20)</b>

**Poll Trend Notes:** \* All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: October 2020; 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.

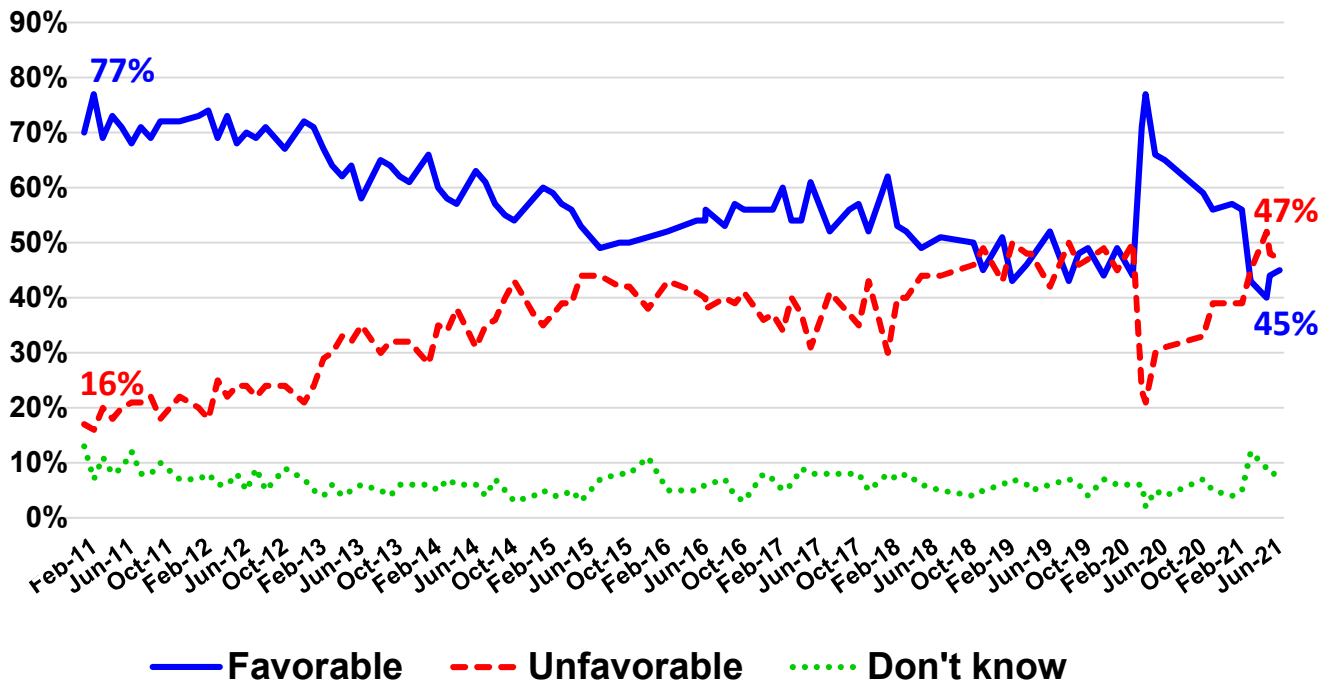
Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since June 2020.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.

# Andrew Cuomo Favorability 2011-2021



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