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## **Siena College Poll:**

### **Hochul Has Commanding Lead Over Williams & Suozzi with Dems; With Cuomo in Race, Hochul Leads 38-30%, Other Two Way Behind**

**56% of Voters Say Bail Reform Law Has Been Bad for NY; 64% Say it Has Resulted in Crime Increase; 82% Say Give Judges More Discretion; 56% Concerned Discretion Will Result in Poor Being Unjustly Incarcerated**

***88% of NYers View Putin Unfavorably; 70% View Zelensky Favorably***

***Twice as Many Yankees Fans (40%) as Mets Fans (21%) in New York***

**Loudonville, NY.** In a three-way Democratic gubernatorial primary, Governor Kathy Hochul has a commanding 40-point lead over both New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and Rep. Tom Suozzi among registered New York Democrats. If former Governor Andrew Cuomo runs in the primary, Hochul has the support of 38% of Democrats, compared to 30% for Cuomo, 10% for Suozzi and 7% for Williams, according to a new Siena College poll of registered New York State voters released today.

By a 56-30% margin, voters say the 2019 bail reform law has been bad for New York. In January 2020, voters thought the law was bad, 49-37%. Immediately after its passage, in April 2019, voters thought the law would be good for New York by a 55-38% margin. Voters say the law has resulted in an increase in crime, 64-24%, and think it should be amended to give judges more discretion to set bail based on the seriousness of the crime or the individual's criminal record, 82-11%. By a 56-39% margin, voters say they're concerned that giving judges discretion to set bail will result in poor people and people of color being unfairly incarcerated.

"If the Democratic candidates for governor in the primary 85 days from now are Hochul, Suozzi and Williams, Hochul currently has the support of 52% of Democrats, compared to 12% for Williams and 11% for Suozzi," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "However, if Cuomo files petitions to run in the next 10 days, he enters the race trailing his chosen successor by only eight points, 38-30%, with Suozzi and Williams way behind."

Hochul has a 45-35% favorability rating, 67-17% with Democrats. Williams has a 24-19% favorability rating, 40-13% with Democrats. Suozzi's favorability rating is 20-18%, 25-16% with Democrats. Cuomo has a 32-60% favorability rating, 50-42% with Democrats. When asked what Cuomo should do this year, 18% of voters said run in the Democratic primary, 10% run as independent in November, and 67% not run for governor in 2022. Among Democrats, 33% say run in primary, 8% say run as independent, and 54% of Democrats say don't run.

“In a three-way race, Hochul has a commanding lead no matter how you look at it. She leads by 29 points in New York City, 28 points in the downstate suburbs and 56 points upstate. She leads with liberals by 42 points and leads Williams among Black Democrats 39-17%,” Greenberg said.

“Hochul has 50-point net positive favorability rating among Democrats, compared to Cuomo’s eight-point net positive rating. More than half of Democrats don’t want Cuomo to run for governor this year and only one-third say he should run in the primary,” Greenberg said. “Despite all that, Cuomo would be very much in the game – if he decides to put himself in the game.

“The two are tied in New York City, likely home to a majority of Democratic primary voters. Hochul leads by eight points in the downstate suburbs and 25 points upstate. Cuomo has a two-to-one lead with Black Democrats and Hochul has a comparable lead among white Democrats, while Latinos are closely divided,” Greenberg said.

“Interestingly, while Hochul leads among men by 15 points, she only leads with women by four points.”

**Voters: Bail Reform Law Bad for NY, Resulted in Increased Crime, and Needs to Be Amended**

<b>Bail Reform: Good or Bad for New York State?</b>					
Three years ago, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law has been good for New York or bad for New York? *					
<b>Question Date</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Ind/ Other</b>
March 2022	Good for NY	30%	<b>46%</b>	9%	25%
	Bad for NY	<b>56%</b>	38%	<b>84%</b>	<b>61%</b>
January 2020	Good for NY	37%	<b>53%</b>	15%	29%
	Bad for NY	<b>49%</b>	34%	<b>78%</b>	<b>56%</b>
April 2019	Good for NY	<b>55%</b>	<b>64%</b>	34%	<b>60%</b>
	Bad for NY	38%	31%	55%	38%
* January 2020: Last year, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law is good for New York or bad for New York? April 2019: I'm going to ask you about several provisions included in the recently passed state budget and I want you to tell me if you think these new laws passed as part of the budget will be good for New York or bad for New York: Eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges.					
<b>Siena College Poll: March 28, 2022</b>					

“One month after the 2019 bail reform law passed, at least 60% of Democrats, independents, New York City, Black, Latino, and young voters, and a majority of non-New York City, white, and older voters thought the new law would be good for the state. Only Republicans, 55-34%, thought the law would be bad,” Greenberg said.

“Today, 84% of Republicans think the law has been bad for New York, as do at least 60% of independents, voters outside New York City, white, and older voters. A plurality of Democrats, 46-38%, and a majority of young voters think the law has been good for the state. Black and Latino voters are closely divided, tilting toward bad.

“Nearly two-thirds of New Yorkers – including at least 60% of Republicans, independents, voters from every region, and white and Latino voters, as well as majorities of Democratic and Black voters – say the bail law has resulted in an increase in crime,” Greenberg said. “And an overwhelming majority of New Yorkers, including at least 72% of voters of every party, region and race, say the law should be amended to give judges more discretion to set bail.”

“At the same time, 56% of New Yorkers – including at least two-thirds of Democrats, New York City voters, and Black and Latino voters – are at least somewhat concerned that giving judicial discretion on bail could result in the unjust incarceration of poor people and people of color,” Greenberg said. “A majority of voters believe that the bail reform law has been bad for New York and led to an increase in crime. There is near-universal agreement that the bail law should be amended to give judicial discretion, while at the same time, a majority are concerned that providing discretion could lead to unjust incarcerations. Good luck, Governor and legislators.”

**Cheers for Zelensky; Bronx Cheers for Putin, Most Unfavorable Rating Ever in a Siena College Poll**

Russian President Vladimir Putin is viewed favorably by 6% of voters and unfavorably by 88%. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has a 70-13% favorability rating.

“With an 88% unfavorable rating, Putin sets the all-time Siena College poll record, previously held by former Rep. Anthony Weiner, who had an 11-80 favorability rating in August 2013. It could lead one to wonder about the 6% of voters – and 17% of voters under 35 – who have a favorable view of Putin,” Greenberg said. “While love for Zelensky is not as great as hate for Putin, the Ukrainian leader is viewed favorably by every demographic measure. Views on both Putin and Zelensky cross party lines and provide a rare glimpse of bipartisan agreement.”

**New Yorkers: 40% Yankees Fans, 21% Mets Fans; Yanks Rout in City, Upstate; Dogfight in the Burbs**

“New Yorkers prefer pinstripes. While 21% identify as fans of the team from Queens, nearly twice as many identify with the Bronx Bombers. New York City and upstate are solidly behind the Yanks, while the downstate suburbs show a pitcher’s duel with 36% supporting the Yanks and 34% the Metropolitanans,” Greenberg said. “When it comes to playing October baseball and making it to the Series, 45% think the Yankees have the better chance to make it, 19% say the Mets, six percent see a Subway Series possibility, and seven percent say wait till next year before you see a New York team make the Series.”

**Gas Tax Suspension Strongly Supported; Tepid Support for Enviro Bond Act & To-Go Drink Sales**

Voters support temporarily suspending New York’s gas tax by 16 cents per gallon 70-24%. They support a \$4-6 billion environmental bond 48-28% and legalizing sale of to-go drinks by restaurants 50-41%, down from 55-34% in January. Voters oppose ensuring that early licenses for marijuana retail stores go to those previously convicted of marijuana-related crimes, or their family members 54-33%.

“Another issue uniting Democrats and Republicans is the temporary suspension of the gas tax. It’s supported by 75% of Republicans, 70% of Democrats and 66% of independents. The proposed environmental bond act currently enjoys strong support from Democrats, tepid support from independents and opposition from Republicans. To-go drinks for sale by bars and restaurants enjoys support from Democrats, 57-35%, but Republicans and independents are evenly divided,” Greenberg said.

“Giving first dibs on marijuana licenses to those previously convicted divides Democrats and New York City voters. Strong majorities of Republicans, independents, voters outside New York City, and white voters give it a thumbs down,” Greenberg said. “Latino voters support it by 12 points and Black voters by 11 points.”

### **Odds & Ends**

- New Yorkers support making Daylight Savings Time year-round, ending changing the clocks in the spring and fall, 67-25%. Strongest support, 79%, with Latinos, and ‘weakest’ support, 59%, with Black voters.
- President Joe Biden’s ratings rebounded a little from last month, which was their lowest levels since he’s been President. His favorability rating is 50-46%, up from 48-48% last month. His job performance rating is negative 42-57%, up from 36-63% last month.
- Three months from the June primary, and the most prominent Republican gubernatorial candidates (perhaps with the exception of Andrew Giuliani, based on his last name) remain unknown to most voters, and even to most Republicans:
  - Andrew Giuliani: 25-50% favorability rating with all voters, and 46-29% with Republicans.
  - Rep. Lee Zeldin: 20-20% overall, 35-12% with Republicans.
  - Rob Astorino: 21-18% overall, 33-10% with Republicans.
  - Harry Wilson: 13-9% overall, 13-9% with Republicans as well.
- More than two-thirds of New Yorkers, 69%, say the worst of the pandemic is over, compared to 18% who say the worst is still to come. Optimism is up from last month’s 58-24% saying the worst is over.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted March 20-24, 2022 among 804 New York State registered voters with 504 voters contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 300 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  $\pm 4.2$  percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. There were 369 Democrats, with a margin of error of  $\pm 5.5$  percentage points including the design effect 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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**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 2022	40	49	11
February 2022	41	45	14
January 2022	41	43	16
December 2021	41	45	15
October 2021	44	43	13
September 2021	48	37	16
June 2021	48	38	13
May 2021	48	40	11
<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
March 2022	36	57	8
February 2022	34	57	9
January 2022	31	57	12
December 2021	34	56	10
October 2021	35	54	12
September 2021	40	48	12
June 2021	45	44	11
May 2021	46	43	10
<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
March 2022	50	46	4
February 2022	48	48	4
January 2022	52	42	6
December 2021	52	44	4
October 2021	51	44	5
September 2021	57	37	6
June 2021	63	34	3
May 2021	62	34	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (2/21)</b>	<b>48 (2/22)</b>	<b>28 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (2/20)</b>	<b>26 (9/08)</b>	<b>3 (2/21)</b>

**Q. 4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	45	35	20
February 2022	46	32	22
January 2022	45	29	25
December 2021	42	28	30
October 2021	42	26	32
September 2021	42	17	41
April 2021	18	13	69
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (2/22)</b>	<b>35 (3/22)</b>	<b>69 (4/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>18 (4/21)</b>	<b>13 (4/21)</b>	<b>20 (3/22)</b>

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**Q. 5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	34	61	5
February 2022	35	59	6
January 2022	33	61	6
December 2021	36	58	6
October 2021	37	59	3
September 2021	33	61	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (12/16)</b>	<b>72 (8/16)</b>	<b>10 (10/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>24 (8/16)</b>	<b>53 (12/16)</b>	<b>2 (4/20, 9/15)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	50	40	9
February 2022	47	39	14
January 2022	51	38	12
December 2021	48	38	14
October 2021	50	40	10
September 2021	52	33	15
June 2021	50	38	13
May 2021	50	39	11
<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. 7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	42	27	32
February 2022	39	23	38
January 2022	40	25	35
December 2021	40	25	35
October 2021	39	19	42
September 2021	38	18	45
June 2021	34	21	45
May 2021	38	20	42
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (3/22)</b>	<b>27 (3/22)</b>	<b>70 (6/18)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (6/18)</b>	<b>10 (10/18, 6/18)</b>	<b>32 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jumaane Williams?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	24	19	57
February 2022	25	17	59
January 2022	26	15	59
December 2021	23	17	59
October 2021	25	13	62
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (1/22)</b>	<b>19 (3/22)</b>	<b>62 (10/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>23 (12/21)</b>	<b>13 (10/21)</b>	<b>57 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 9** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom Suozzi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	20	18	62
February 2022	17	16	66
January 2022	20	18	62
December 2021	20	15	65
April 2008	21	15	64
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (8/06)</b>	<b>18 (3/22, 1/22)</b>	<b>70 (1/06)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (2/22)</b>	<b>12 (1/06)</b>	<b>55 (8/06)</b>

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**Q. 10** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	32	60	8
February 2022	33	60	7
October 2021	33	60	7
September 2021	34	55	11
June 2021	45	47	8
May 2021	44	48	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>77 (4/20, 2/11)</b>	<b>60 (3/22, 2/22, 10/21)</b>	<b>24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (3/22)</b>	<b>14 (8/09)</b>	<b>2 (4/20)</b>

**Q. 11** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rob Astorino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	21	18	62
February 2022	18	14	67
January 2022	19	17	64
December 2021	16	15	69
October 2021	17	16	67
September 2021	17	15	68
May 2021	20	15	65
October 2014*	32	41	27
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (10/14)</b>	<b>41 (10/14)</b>	<b>76 (1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (2/14)</b>	<b>10 (1/14)</b>	<b>27 (10/14)</b>

**Q. 12** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	25	50	25
February 2022	28	47	25
January 2022	29	44	27
December 2021	30	46	24
October 2021	27	49	24
September 2021	29	42	29
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (12/21)</b>	<b>50 (3/22)</b>	<b>29 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (3/22)</b>	<b>42 (9/21)</b>	<b>24 (12/21, 10/21)</b>

**Q. 13** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Lee Zeldin?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	20	20	60
February 2022	18	20	62
January 2022	19	18	63
December 2021	20	17	63
October 2021	17	19	64
September 2021	18	15	67
May 2021	20	19	62
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (3/22, 12/21, 5/21)</b>	<b>20 (3/22, 2/22)</b>	<b>67 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (10/21)</b>	<b>15 (9/21)</b>	<b>60 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 14** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Harry Wilson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	13	9	78
October 31, 2010*	21	18	60
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>21 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>18 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>89 (5/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (5/10)</b>	<b>5 (5/10, 4/10)</b>	<b>60 (10/31/10)</b>



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**Q. 17/18 DEMS ONLY:** While the Democratic primary for governor in New York isn't until June, if the primary election was held today, would you voter for: Bill de Blasio, Kathy Hochul, Letitia James, Tom Suozzi, Jumaane Williams, or someone else? (Candidate choices were rotated.)

**Q.18.** If Andrew Cuomo decides to enter the Democratic primary for Governor, who would you vote for if the candidates were: Cuomo, Hochul, Suozzi, Williams, or someone else; candidate choices were rotated.)

DATE	CUOMO	DE BLASIO	HOCHUL	JAMES	SUOZZI	WILLIAMS	OTHER	DON'T KNOW
March 2022 (17)	NA	NA	52	NA	11	12	6	19
March 2022 (18)	30	NA	38	NA	10	7	1	14
February 2022	NA	NA	46	NA	9	17	2	26
January 2022	NA	12	46	NA	6	11	2	22
December 2021	NA	6	36	18	6	10	1	23
October 2021	17	6	31	14	NA	7	2	23

**Q. 19** 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
March 2022	14	28	19	38	1
February 2022	11	25	25	38	1
January 2022	11	28	26	34	0
December 2021	16	23	21	38	2
October 2021	13	27	24	34	1
September 2021	16	30	22	30	2
June 2021	22	30	20	26	1
May 2021	26	27	17	28	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (3/21)</b>	<b>31 (2/21)</b>	<b>26 (1/22)</b>	<b>38 (3/22, 2/22, 12/21)</b>	<b>6 (2/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (2/22, 1/22)</b>	<b>23 (12/21)</b>	<b>17 (5/21, 2/21)</b>	<b>21 (2/21)</b>	<b>0 (1/22)</b>

**Q. 20** How would you rate the job that Kathy Hochul is doing as Governor? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	9	33	30	23	5
February 2022	11	33	30	21	5
January 2022	12	33	29	18	9
December 2021	12	30	29	17	12
October 2021	9	34	26	19	12
September 2021	9	35	27	10	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (1/22, 12/21)</b>	<b>35 (9/21)</b>	<b>30 (3/22, 2/22)</b>	<b>23 (3/22)</b>	<b>18 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (3/22, etc.)</b>	<b>30 (12/21)</b>	<b>26 (10/21)</b>	<b>10 (9/21)</b>	<b>5 (3/22, 2/22)</b>

**Q. 21** If Kathy Hochul wins the primary for governor in June, and is the Democratic candidate for governor in 2022, as things stand now would you vote to elect Hochul as governor would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT HOCHUL	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	43	43	14
February 2022	47	38	15
January 2022	48	36	16
December 2021	42	39	18
October 2021	45	37	18
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (1/22)</b>	<b>43 (3/22)</b>	<b>18 (12/21, 10/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (12/21)</b>	<b>36 (1/22)</b>	<b>14 (3/22)</b>

**Q. 23** Based on what you know now, do you think Cuomo did or did not sexually harass multiple women that worked for the state of New York?

DATE	DID	DID NOT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	56	22	22
February 2022	58	21	22
September 2021	56	20	24
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (2/22)</b>	<b>22 (3/22)</b>	<b>24 (9/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>56 (3/22, 9/21)</b>	<b>20 (9/21)</b>	<b>22 (3/22, 2/22)</b>



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- Q. 24** Three years ago, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law has been good for New York or bad for New York? <sup>^</sup> (**January 2020**: Last year, New York passed a law eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges. Do you think this law is good for New York or bad for New York? **April 2019**: I'm going to ask you about several provisions included in the recently passed state budget and I want you to tell me if you think these new laws passed as part of the budget will be good for New York or bad for New York: Eliminating monetary bail for people facing misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges.)

DATE	GOOD FOR NY	BAD FOR NY	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/OTHER
March 2022	30	56	13
January 2020	37	49	13
April 2019	55	38	7
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>55 (4/19)</b>	<b>56 (3/22)</b>	<b>13 (3/22, 1/20)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (3/22)</b>	<b>38 (4/19)</b>	<b>7 (4/19)</b>

- Q. 31** Do you support or oppose permanently legalizing the sale of to-go drinks by bars and restaurants?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	50	41	9
January 2022	55	34	11
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>55 (1/22)</b>	<b>41 (3/22)</b>	<b>11 (1/22)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>50 (3/22)</b>	<b>34 (1/22)</b>	<b>9 (3/22)</b>

- Q. 35** Do you think that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is over, or do you think the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is still to come?

DATE	WORST OVER	WORST TO COME	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
March 2022	69	18	13
February 2022	58	24	18
May 2021	69	19	11
April 2021	60	27	13
March 2021	65	23	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>69 (3/22, 5/21)</b>	<b>55 (1/21)</b>	<b>18 (2/22, 2/21)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>31 (1/21)</b>	<b>18 (3/22)</b>	<b>11 (5/21)</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 May 2021.

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

<sup>^</sup> Inconsequential wording change.