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Siena College Poll:

Hochul Favorability Rating Negative for First Time, 40-45%; Majority Say Hochul Hard Working; Split on Both Effective and Strong Leader

Plurality of Voters Say, Overall, New State Budget Will Be Good for NY, 38-26%; Strong Majorities Say $1B for Mental Health, Minimum Wage Increase, Giving Judges More Discretion on Bail; $100M for Abortion Providers & Cracking Down on Unlicensed Cannabis Sellers Will All Be Good for NY

NYS Dems: Renominate Biden 56%, Other Candidate 40% (Up from 43-51%) NYS Reps: Trump 60%, Someone Else 32%

SCOTUS Viewed Unfavorably, 37-52%; (45-41% in December; 63-30% in 2012)

Loudonville, NY. For the first time, more voters, 45%, view Governor Kathy Hochul unfavorably than view her favorably, 40%, down from 43-43% in March. Her job approval rating slid to 50-44% from 52-41% in March. A strong majority thinks Hochul is hard working, 58-20%, and a plurality of voters says Hochul is honest, 44-32%, and not corrupt, 47-26%. However, voters are evenly divided on whether Hochul is effective, 39-39%, or a strong leader, 40-40%, according to a Siena College poll of registered New York State voters released today.

A plurality of voters says that overall, the recently passed state budget will be good, rather than bad, for New York, 38-26%. A strong to overwhelming majority of voters think five specific proposals will be good for New York: increasing funding by $1 billion for mental health services, 80-9%, increasing the minimum wage, 64-24%, giving judges more discretion to set bail, 59-20%, allocating $100 million to support abortion providers, 59-27%, and authorizing the state to penalize/close unlicensed cannabis businesses, 58-26%. Voters are closely divided on new building electrification mandates and expanded film tax credits.

"While voters think that the recently passed budget and many of its specifics will be good for New York, at the same time they also give Hochul her worst-ever favorability rating – the first time it's been under water. For months, we've noted that Hochul's favorable rating has never hit 50%, now she's struggling to keep it in the 40s," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "While viewed favorably by 57% of Democrats, she's viewed unfavorably by 54% of independents and 77% of Republicans. Upstate, voters view her unfavorably two-to-one.

"Hochul's job performance rating remained modestly positive, 50-44%, and nearly matched its all time low of 49-44% in December," Greenberg said. "Since January, Hochul's favorability and job approval ratings have both dropped in each of the last three Siena polls. Job approval has fallen by 14 points and favorability by 11 points."

"By a three-to-one margin, including 72% of Democrats and pluralities of Republicans and independents, voters say Hochul is hard working. Strong majorities of Democrats and pluralities of independents say Hochul is both honest and not corrupt, while

Hochul Characteristics								
Hochul Is or Is Not…		**Total**	**Dem**	**Rep**	**I / O**	**NYC**	**Burbs**	**Upstate**
Hard working	Is	**58%**	**72%**	**41%**	**45%**	**63%**	**57%**	**52%**
	Is Not	20%	8%	38%	27%	13%	22%	26%
Corrupt	Is	26%	15%	**44%**	30%	19%	26%	33%
	Is Not	**47%**	**58%**	30%	**41%**	**49%**	**50%**	**42%**
Honest	Is	**44%**	**61%**	24%	31%	**52%**	**43%**	37%
	Is Not	32%	18%	**56%**	**40%**	23%	37%	**40%**
A strong leader	Is	**40%**	**57%**	20%	26%	**48%**	38%	33%
	Is Not	**40%**	21%	**70%**	**51%**	27%	**44%**	**51%**
Effective	Is	**39%**	**55%**	21%	27%	**47%**	37%	32%
	Is Not	**39%**	23%	**65%**	**47%**	28%	**46%**	**47%**
Out of touch with average NYers	Is	**49%**	**39%**	**69%**	**50%**	**40%**	**52%**	**57%**
	Is Not	31%	37%	18%	31%	36%	29%	27%
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Republicans disagree. Democrats say Hochul is effective and a strong leader; Republicans and independents disagree," Greenberg said. "Nearly half of New Yorkers say Hochul is out of touch with average New Yorkers, including a narrow plurality of Democrats."

Voters Say Several Recently Passed Budget Proposals Will Be Good for New York

New Yorkers' Views on Recently Passed Budget Proposals					
Good for NY or Bad for NY?		**Total**	**Dem**	**Rep**	**I / O**
Increasing funding by $1B for mental health services	Good	**80%**	**89%**	**70%**	**73%**
	Bad	9%	5%	11%	12%
Increasing the minimum wage by $2 over the next 3 years and then tying future increases to the cost of living	Good	**64%**	**79%**	43%	**53%**
	Bad	24%	10%	**46%**	31%
Giving judges more discretion to set bail for offenders accused of serious crimes	Good	**59%**	**59%**	**63%**	**56%**
	Bad	20%	18%	23%	22%
Allocating $100M to support abortion providers and reproductive health care	Good	**59%**	**77%**	28%	**51%**
	Bad	27%	11%	**53%**	34%
Authorizing state to fine or even close businesses that sell cannabis without a license	Good	**58%**	**59%**	**67%**	**51%**
	Bad	26%	26%	25%	27%
Mandating new buildings 7 stories & under, built after '26, & new buildings > 7 stories built after '29, use electricity – rather than gas – for heating & cooking	Good	**40%**	**57%**	19%	26%
	Bad	39%	21%	**66%**	**49%**
Expanding film tax credit for TV and movie production companies from $420M to $700M annually	Good	**38%**	**50%**	28%	25%
	Bad	36%	26%	**43%**	**46%**
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"Majorities of Democrats, Republicans and independents all agree that three proposals in the recently passed state budget will be good for New York: increasing funding for mental health services, giving judges more discretion on setting bail for serious crimes, and authorizing the state to crack down on unlicensed cannabis businesses," Greenberg said. "Majorities of Democrats and independents think the minimum wage increase and new funding for reproductive health care will also be good for the state. Only Democrats say the new building electrification mandates and expanded film tax credit will be good for New York. Overall, Democrats think the budget will be good for the state, Republicans think it will be bad for the state, and independents are more closely divided."

2024: 60% of NY Reps Want Trump as Nominee; 56% of NY Dems Now Want Biden (Up from 43%)

Sixty percent of Republicans would vote for Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential primary, compared to 32% who want someone else. In March, Trump had 52% support, compared to Ron DeSantis at 27% and someone else at 18%. Among Democrats, 56% say their party should renominate Joe Biden, while 40% want another candidate. In March, 43% supported Biden's renomination, compared to 51% who wanted someone else.

"Nearly a year from New York's presidential primary, Republicans – who view Trump favorably 67-27% – are solidly behind the former President, nearly two-to-one. Only among self-described moderate Republicans does 'other' beat Trump," Greenberg said. "Among the third of Republicans who said they wanted another candidate, 28% of them said DeSantis, 14% Mike Pence, 8% Nikki Haley, 6% Liz Cheney, and a scattering," Greenberg said.

"Biden, who saw a small uptick in his favorability, 51-45%, and job approval, 51-47%, ratings since March, rallied Democrats to his nascent re-election campaign since then," Greenberg said. "Two months ago, Democrats, by a margin of eight points, said they preferred a different nominee than Biden. Today, by a 16-point margin, Democrats say they want Biden as their standard bearer next year."

Majority Views US Supreme Court Unfavorably, Except Republicans; First Time Ever

"The US Supreme Court has a *negative* 37-52% favorability rating, down from 45-41% in December 2022 and its high, 63-30%, in July 2012. The Court is viewed favorably by 57% of Republicans and unfavorably by 65% of Democrats. Independents view the Court unfavorably, 40-49%," Greenberg said. "As recently as October 2021, SCOTUS was viewed favorably, 51-32%. Now, a majority from each region views the Court unfavorably."

Odds & Ends

➢ Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's favorability rating is 41-31%, down from 46-25% in March. More than one-quarter of voters continue to not have an opinion about her. A plurality, 43%, of voters say they would vote to re-elect Gillibrand, compared to 38% who would prefer 'someone else,' exactly the same as March.

➢ Voters' view on the direction of the state edged closer to break even, with 42% saying the state is on the right track and 48% saying the wrong direction, up slightly from 39-48% in March. The view about the direction of the country was negative in March, 33-57% and fell to 28-63% today.

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Siena College Poll Trends – May 2023

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
May 2023	42	48	11
March 2023	39	48	14
February 2023	41	49	10
January 2023	39	49	12
December 2022	38	50	11
October 2022*	39	52	9
September 2022*	41	47	12
August 2022*	36	50	14
June 2022	37	51	12
HIGHEST EVER	**65 (4/20)**	**76 (10/31/10)**	**30 (1/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**14 (10/10)**	**26 (1/07)**	**7 (4/20, 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
May 2023	28	63	8
March 2023	33	57	10
February 2023	35	56	9
January 2023	28	63	9
December 2022	32	59	9
October 2022*	30	61	9
September 2022*	31	59	10
August 2022*	19	71	10
June 2022	25	68	8
HIGHEST EVER	**62 (5/09)**	**74 (10/13, 8/11)**	**17 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**19 (8/22, 10/13, 10/08)**	**24 (12/09)**	**5 (1/13)**

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	51	45	4
March 2023	48	45	6
February 2023	54	43	3
January 2023	49	47	4
December 2022	48	46	6
October 2022*	53	45	3
September 2022*	51	46	3
August 2022*	48	48	5
June 2022	49	46	5
HIGHEST EVER	**65 (2/21)**	**48 (8/22, 2/22)**	**28 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**45 (2/20)**	**26 (9/08)**	**3 (2/23, 9/22, 2/21)**

Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	30	64	5
March 2023	38	57	5
February 2023	37	60	2
January 2023	31	64	4
December 2022	37	58	6
October 2022*	36	61	3
September 2022*	32	63	5
August 2022*	32	63	5
June 2022	33	63	4
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (12/16)**	**72 (8/16)**	**10 (10/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**24 (8/16)**	**53 (12/16)**	**2 (2/23, 4/20, 9/15)**

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	40	45	15
March 2023	43	43	13
February 2023	46	43	11
January 2023	48	42	10
December 2022	45	43	12
October 2022*	45	41	14
September 2022*	47	40	13
August 2022*	46	41	13
June 2022	46	37	17
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (1/23)**	**45 (5/23)**	**69 (4/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**18 (4/21)**	**13 (4/21)**	**10 (1/23)**

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	41	31	28
March 2023	46	25	29
February 2023	43	36	22
December 2022	42	27	31
HIGHEST EVER	**61 (12/12)**	**36 (2/23, 9/19, 8/19, 6/19)**	**56 (1/09)**
LOWEST EVER	**26 (3/09)**	**14 (1/09)**	**14 (4/20, 10/31/10)**

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	50	38	12
March 2023	54	36	11
February 2023	48	45	8
December 2022	49	40	11
October 2022*	53	40	7
September 2022*	50	40	9
August 2022*	49	43	8
June 2022	50	40	10
HIGHEST EVER	**70 (7/05)**	**46 (2/19)**	**17 (2/05)**
LOWEST EVER	**45 (1/21, 11/20)**	**20 (2/05, 11/06)**	**4 (10/31/10)**

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	40	36	24
March 2023	44	34	22
February 2023	45	37	18
January 2023	44	34	23
June 2022	37	38	25
HIGHEST EVER	**57 (4/20)**	**61 (7/10)**	**28 (4/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (7/10)**	**25 (3/21)**	**10 (5/15)**

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	41	41	18
March 2023	50	34	16
February 2023	45	39	16
January 2023	44	38	18
June 2022	41	40	19
HIGHEST EVER	**58 (4/20)**	**74 (7/09)**	**22 (4/21, 3/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (7/09)**	**28 (3/21)**	**6 (7/09)**

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Carl Heastie?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	13	17	69
March 2023	17	15	68
December 2022	18	13	69
HIGHEST EVER	**18 (12/22)**	**20 (10/15)**	**78 (1/17, 9/15)**
LOWEST EVER	**8 (9/15)**	**11 (1/18)**	**68 (3/23, 2/20)**

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrea Stewart-Cousins?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	14	18	68
March 2023	19	15	66
December 2022	18	13	69
HIGHEST EVER	**20 (1/19)**	**18 (5/21, 2/20)**	**79 (4/18)**
LOWEST EVER	**12 (4/18)**	**9 (4/18)**	**66 (3/23)**

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eric Adams?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	31	36	33
December 2022	32	33	36
February 2022	36	20	44
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (1/22)**	**36 (5/23)**	**44 (2/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**31 (5/23)**	**19 (1/22)**	**33 (5/23)**

Q. 13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the United States Supreme Court?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	37	52	11
December 2022	45	41	14
October 2021	51	32	17
July 2012	63	30	8
HIGHEST EVER	**63 (7/12)**	**52 (5/23)**	**17 (10/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**37 (5/23)**	**30 (7/12)**	**8 (7/12)**

Q. 16 DEMS ONLY: Do you think the Democratic Party should renominate Joe Biden as the party's candidate for President in 2024, or do you think the party should nominate a different candidate for President in 2024?

DATE	RENOMINATE BIDEN	DIFFERENT CANDIDATE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	56	40	4
March 2023	43	51	7
HIGHEST EVER	**56 (5/21)**	**51 (3/23)**	**7 (3/23)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (3/21)**	**40 (5/23)**	**4 (5/23)**

Q. 18 If Kirsten Gillibrand runs for re-election as US Senator in 2024, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT GILLIBRAND	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
May 2023	43	38	19
March 2023	43	38	19
HIGHEST EVER	**43 (5/23, 3/23)**	**38 (5/23, 3/23)**	**19 (5/23, 3/23)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (5/23, 3/23)**	**38 (5/23, 3/23)**	**19 (5/23, 3/23)**

Q. 19 Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Joe Biden is doing as President? FOLLOW UP: Is that strongly or somewhat?

DATE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
May 2023	22	29	15	32	2
March 2023	24	26	15	33	2
February 2023	26	29	11	31	3
January 2023	21	30	14	33	2
December 2022	23	28	13	34	2
October 2022*	29	24	6	39	2
September 2022*	25	28	8	38	1
August 2022*	18	29	10	41	2
HIGHEST EVER	**29 (10/22)**	**30 (1/23)**	**15 (5/23, 3/23)**	**41 (8/22)**	**3 (2/23)**
LOWEST EVER	**18 (8/22)**	**24 (10/22)**	**6 (10/22)**	**31 (2/23)**	**1 (9/22)**

Q. 20 Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Kathy Hochul is doing as governor? FOLLOW UP: Is that strongly or somewhat?

DATE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
May 2023	17	33	17	27	7
March 2023	20	32	15	26	7
February 2023	20	36	12	28	4
January 2023	20	36	11	25	8
December 2022	19	30	14	30	7
October 2022*	21	31	7	38	4
September 2022*	24	29	11	31	5
August 2022*	22	30	10	31	6
HIGHEST EVER	**24 (9/22)**	**36 (2/23, 1/23)**	**17 (5/23)**	**38 (10/22)**	**8 (1/23)**
LOWEST EVER	**17 (5/23)**	**29 (9/22)**	**7 (10/22)**	**25 (1/23)**	**4 (2/23)**

Q. 33 How serious a problem do you think crime is across the State of New York?

DATE	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NOT VERY SERIOUS	NOT SERIOUS AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
May 2023	59	34	6	1	1
March 2023	62	30	6	2	0
February 2023	60	32	6	1	1
January 2023	61	32	6	1	1
December 2022	59	31	7	1	2
June 2022	63	29	6	1	1
HIGHEST EVER	**63 (6/22)**	**34 (5/23)**	**7 (12/22, 2/22)**	**2 (3/23)**	**2 (12/22, 2/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**59 (5/23, 12/22)**	**29 (6/22)**	**6 (Several)**	**1 (Several)**	**0 (3/23)**

Q. 34 And how about closer to home – how serious a problem do you think crime is in your community?

DATE	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NOT VERY SERIOUS	NOT SERIOUS AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
May 2023	26	39	26	9	1
March 2023	33	32	27	7	1
February 2023	34	33	22	10	1
January 2023	30	35	27	7	1
December 2022	28	35	24	11	1
June 2022	27	38	27	7	1
HIGHEST EVER	**34 (2/23)**	**39 (5/23)**	**27 (3/23, 1/23, 6/22)**	**11 (12/22)**	**1 (Several)**
LOWEST EVER	**26 (5/23)**	**32 (3/23)**	**22 (2/23)**	**7 (3,23, 1/23, 6/22)**	**1 (Several)**

Q. 35 And what about in your everyday life, how concerned are you that you might be a victim of a crime?

DATE	VERY CONCERNED	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	NOT VERY CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
May 2023	24	35	26	13	1
March 2023	28	32	29	10	0
December 2022	26	35	23	14	2
June 2022	26	34	27	12	1
HIGHEST EVER	**28 (3/23)**	**35 (several)**	**29 (3/23)**	**14 (12/22, 2/22)**	**2 (12/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**22 (2/22)**	**32 (3/23)**	**23 (12/22)**	**10 (3/23)**	**0 (3/23)**

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: August thru October 2022, 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 March 2022.

"Highest Ever" and **"Lowest Ever"** are provided at the bottom of each question.

⌃ Inconsequential wording change.