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Siena College Poll:

NYers Oppose Using SUNY Dorms to Temporarily House New Migrants to New York, 54-33%; Oppose Relocating Migrants from NYC to Housing in Other Counties that is Paid for by NYC, 46-40%

Voters Say Moving Local Elections to Even Years Will Be Good for NY; Limiting Election Lawsuits to 4 Counties Will Be Bad for NY

In Early '24 Look, Voters Back Biden Over Trump 50-28%; Plurality of Voters Would Prefer '24 Ballot that Has Neither Trump nor Biden

DOJ Right to Indict Trump in Classified Documents Case, 58-33%; By 44-41%, Voters Say Biden Played a Part in the Decision to Indict Trump

Loudonville, NY. Voters oppose using SUNY dorms to temporarily house new migrants to New York by a 54-33% margin, and by a narrower 46-40% margin, voters also oppose relocating some new migrants from New York City to housing in other counties that is paid for by New York City, according to a new Siena College poll of registered New York State voters released today.

Pluralities of voters say that several recently passed proposals will be good for New York, including moving elections for most town and county offices to even years, requiring schools to close for Lunar New Year, creating a commission to study the impact of slavery and subsequent discrimination against African Americans, and increasing liquor store hours on Sunday from the current noon to 9pm to 10am to 10pm. A majority of voters think limiting election lawsuits to four counties will be bad for New York, and a narrow plurality think that sealing records for most felony convictions after eight years will be bad for the state.

“Voters oppose using SUNY dorms to temporarily house new migrants to New York by a 21-point margin. It’s opposed by more than three-quarters of Republicans and a majority of independents, while Democrats are evenly divided. Pluralities of young and Latino voters support using SUNY dorms to temporarily house migrants, but majorities of older, white and Black voters oppose it,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

“By a narrower 46-40% margin, a plurality of voters opposes relocating migrants to counties outside New York City in housing paid for by the City,” Greenberg said. “A majority of Democrats and New York City voters support it, however, it’s opposed by Republicans, independents, downstate suburbanites and upstaters.”

New Yorkers' Views on Several Recently Passed Proposals					
Good for NY or Bad for NY?		Total	Dem	Rep	I / O
Moving election of most county & town offices from odd years as they are now, to even years, the same time as elections for federal & state offices	Good	47%	56%	37%	41%
	Bad	20%	14%	29%	23%
Requiring all school districts outside of NYC – where Lunar New Year is already observed – to close schools for Lunar New Year	Good	42%	50%	32%	36%
	Bad	29%	21%	42%	34%
Creating commission to study impact of slavery & subsequent discrimination against African Americans & propose potential remedies, reparations & legislative solutions	Good	45%	61%	21%	38%
	Bad	37%	20%	64%	43%
Allowing liquor stores to be open on Sundays from 10am to 10pm. Currently liquor stores can open on Sundays from noon till 9pm	Good	44%	47%	40%	40%
	Bad	36%	33%	38%	40%
Sealing the record for most felony convictions –not for offenses like murder, arson and sex crimes – 8 years after someone finishes their incarceration	Good	37%	44%	26%	34%
	Bad	40%	33%	55%	40%
Mandating that any lawsuits challenging the state's election laws can only be brought in one of four counties: Manhattan, Westchester, Albany or Erie	Good	23%	34%	12%	13%
	Bad	52%	40%	66%	60%
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“Pluralities of Republicans and independents join a majority of Democrats as voters say better than two-to-one that moving most local elections from their current odd years to even years, same as Federal and state elections, will be good for New York,” Greenberg said. “On the other side of the equation, a plurality of Democrats join majorities of Republicans and independents to say that limiting election lawsuits to only four counties in the state will be bad for New York.

“On one of the issues that got a lot of attention in the final days of session – ‘clean slate’ – New Yorkers are very mixed. Pluralities of Democrats, New York City and Black voters think sealing criminal records as proposed will be good for the state, while a majority of Republicans and pluralities of independents, downstate suburbanites, upstaters, white and Latino voters think ‘clean slate’ will be bad for New York,” Greenberg said. “Similarly, a new ‘reparations commission’ will be good for the state, according to a majority of Democrats, New York City, Black and Latino voters. A majority of Republicans and pluralities of white and non-New York City voters disagrees.”

Biden Has Large Early Lead in Potential Trump Rematch; Plurality of Voters Want '24 Ballot Sans Either

In a 2024 rematch of President Joe Biden vs. former President Donald Trump, New York voters prefer Biden 50-28%, with 14% volunteering that they will vote for someone else. When asked which of four scenarios would be their preference for the 2024 presidential ballot, a plurality, 35%, said a Republican other than Trump and a Democrat other than Biden, 26% said Biden vs. a Republican other than Trump, 19% said Trump vs. Biden, and 11% said Trump vs. a Democrat other than Biden.

“With more than a year till the presidential election, New York begins dark blue, with Biden holding a solid lead over Trump,” Greenberg said. “Interestingly, about a third of Democrats, Republicans and independents agree that they would like the 2024 ballot to not include either Biden or Trump. While 49% of Republicans prefer a scenario that includes Trump and 54% of Democrats want Biden on the ballot, for independents, only 29% want Trump on the ballot and only 32% want Biden.”

In a presidential primary, 61% of Republicans support Trump, compared to 34% who want someone else (little changed from 60-32% in May). Democrats think Biden should be renominated 54-40% (little changed from 56-40% last month). Biden’s favorability rating is 47-47%, down from 51-45% in May. His job approval rating is 47-51%, down from 51-47%. Trump has a 33-61% favorability rating, up from 30-64% last month.

By 25-Points, Voters Say DOJ Right to Indict Trump; Divided on Whether Biden Played Role in Decision

“New Yorkers say, 58-33%, that the US Justice Department made the right decision to indict Trump for mishandling classified materials and obstructing justice. Democrats give DOJ the thumbs up 77-14%, while Republicans say thumbs down 72-21%. Independents say DOJ made the right call, 56-34%,” Greenberg said. “While 44% of voters, including 79% of Republicans and 30% of Democrats, say Biden played a part in the decision to indict Trump, 41% disagree, including 55% of Democrats. Independents were evenly divided.”

Little Movement, Continued Mixed Bag for Hochul

“Governor Kathy Hochul’s 42-43% favorability rating is up a little from 40-45% last month. Her job approval rating stands at 48-44%, barely down from 50-44% last month,” Greenberg said. “While Hochul has been touting her legislative achievements, many voters are not sharing their love with her. Her favorability and job approval ratings continue to be very mixed, with support from Democrats but even larger opposition from Republicans. Independents are not as negative on Hochul as Republicans, but they lean in that direction.”

Odds & Ends

- By 47-38%, voters support requiring school staff to refer to students by the names and pronouns the student chooses, consistent with their gender identity. Democrats support by 63-24% and independents 42-38%, while Republicans oppose it 66-22%. It is supported by 62% of voters under 35 and 43% of voters 35 and older.
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s favorability rating is 41-31%, exactly the same as in May. Voters are evenly divided, 40-40%, on whether they would re-elect Gillibrand, or they prefer ‘someone else,’ down from 43-38% in support of her re-election last month.
- Both houses of the Legislature exited the 2023 session with barely positive favorability ratings. The Assembly has a 38-36% favorability rating, down slightly from 40-36% last month. The Senate has a 41-38% favorability rating, up slightly from 41-41% last month.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted June 20-25, 2023, among 817 New York State Registered Voters. Of the 817 respondents, 474 were contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 343 respondents were drawn from a proprietary online panel (Lucid). 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 and cell phone telephone numbers weighted to reflect known population patterns. The landline telephone sample was obtained from ASDE and the cell phone sample was obtained from Dynata. Data from collection modes was statistically adjusted by age, party by region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of +/- 3.9 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.



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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
June 2023	38	50	12
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 How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	8	20	33	34	5
March 2023	9	18	36	34	3
December 2022	7	21	31	35	6
June 2022	5	19	34	37	5
HIGHEST EVER	9 (3/23)	29 (7/14)	49 (8/12)	67 (3/22/10)	7 (1/19)
LOWEST EVER	0 (many)	6 (3/22/10, etc.)	25 (3/22/10)	21 (12/16)	0 (4/11, etc.)

Q. 3 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 2023	32	61	8
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. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	47	47	6
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)

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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
June 2023	33	61	6
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. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	42	43	16
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. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	41	31	28
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. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	46	38	16
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)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	38	36	26
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. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	41	38	20
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. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	39	30	31
December 2022	44	29	27
October 2022*	42	33	26
September 2022*	45	30	25
August 2022*	43	29	28
June 2022	40	28	32
HIGHEST EVER	45 (9/22)	33 (10/22)	70 (6/18)
LOWEST EVER	20 (6/18)	10 (10/18, 6/18)	25 (9/22)

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	22	20	58
December 2022	27	12	61
October 2022*	21	13	66
September 2022*	20	12	68
August 2022*	22	11	67
June 2022	21	14	65
HIGHEST EVER	35 (10/14)	36 (10/31/10)	80 (6/07)
LOWEST EVER	7 (6/07, 5/07)	9 (10/18)	37 (10/31/10)

Q. 13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eric Adams?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	28	38	34
May 2023	31	36	33
December 2022	32	33	36
HIGHEST EVER	41 (1/22)	38 (6/23)	44 (2/22)
LOWEST EVER	28 (6/23)	19 (1/22)	33 (5/23)

Q. 14 REPS ONLY: If the 2024 Republican primary for President was held today, would you vote for Donald Trump or someone else?

DATE	TRUMP	DIFFERENT CANDIDATE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2023	61	34	5
May 2023	60	32	8
HIGHEST EVER	61 (6/23)	34 (6/23)	8 (5/23)
LOWEST EVER	60 (5/23)	32 (5/23)	5 (6/23)

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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
June 2023	54	40	6
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 (6/23, 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
June 2023	40	40	20
May 2023	43	38	19
March 2023	43	38	19
HIGHEST EVER	43 (5/23, 3/23)	40 (6/23)	20 (6/23)
LOWEST EVER	40 (6/23)	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
June 2023	24	23	17	34	3
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)	17 (6/23)	41 (8/22)	3 (6/23, 2/23)
LOWEST EVER	18 (8/22)	23 (6/23)	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
June 2023	19	29	16	28	9
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)	9 (6/23)
LOWEST EVER	17 (5/23)	29 (6/23, 9/22)	7 (10/22)	25 (1/23)	4 (2/23)

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.