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### Siena College Poll:

## **Voters Divided on Common Core; Support 2-Year Moratorium** **Overwhelming Support for SED over Gov on Setting Education Policy** **Cuomo Ratings Slip; Still Maintains 40+ Point Leads over Astorino/Trump** **Majority of NYers See Upstate Struggling More than Downstate Economically**

Loudonville, NY. Voters continue to be divided by the State Education Department's (SED) Common Core learning standards, with 36 percent saying they are too demanding, 24 percent saying they are not demanding enough and 23 percent saying they are about right (34-27-23 percent in November). And division continues on confidence in Common Core standards better preparing students to be college or career ready upon graduation, with 46 percent saying they are confident and 47 percent saying they are not (45-49 percent in November). By a 50-38 percent margin, voters want implementation of Common Core standards delayed for two years.

By a 62-21 percent margin, voters say they trust SED more than the governor to set education policy, with 13 percent trusting neither. Pluralities of voters say there is too much testing in schools and that the Common Core has increased state testing. Voters overwhelmingly support the state funding universal pre-K; a majority says they are willing to pay more in taxes to fund universal pre-K; however, a majority of voters would prefer to see existing school programs receive additional funding prior to focusing on universal pre-K.

Andrew Cuomo's favorability rating fell to 60-35 percent from 66-28 percent last month and his job performance rating also fell from 54-46 percent last month to 48-51 percent today. However, in head-to-head matchups, he continues to lead Rob Astorino by 42 points (down from 48 points last month) and Donald Trump by 44 points (down from 48 points last month). By a margin of 56-32 percent, voters say upstate is having a tougher economic time than downstate, although a plurality of New York City voters say downstate is in tougher shape.

As the controversy around the Common Core and its implementation continues to swirl among politicians, education advocates, parents, and teachers, New York voters remain divided on whether or not the new standards are too demanding, and whether or not those standards will better prepare students for college or the workplace after graduation, said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. Even as the debate over the Common Core rages on, New Yorkers' attitudes about the Common Core have changed very little over the last three months.

On the issue of state testing in public schools, 45 percent say there's too much of it, down from 52 percent in November, Greenberg said. And a plurality of voters, 41 percent, says the Common Core standards have increased testing, compared to 30 percent who say the new standards have not changed the number of state tests.

When it comes to who should be setting education policy in the state, there's no contest. By an overwhelming three-to-one margin, New Yorkers trust SED and the Regents more than they trust the governor. It's an issue that unites voters, as at least 59 percent from every region, party, gender, ideology, race, and age group say they trust SED more than the governor to set education policy, Greenberg said.

New Yorkers clearly support universal pre-K. An overwhelming 71 percent support using state tax dollars to fund universal pre-K for all school districts, including a majority of Republicans, two-thirds of independents, more than 80 percent of Democrats, and at least 65 percent from every region. By a 54-43 percent margin, voters say they are willing to pay more in taxes to fund universal pre-K across the state. A majority of independents and two-thirds of Democrats say they would, although two-thirds of Republicans say they wouldn't, Greenberg said.

However, while voters strongly support universal pre-K, by a 55-34 percent margin voters say they would prefer new state education funding be used to support existing public school programs, rather than institute universal pre-K. New York City voters are nearly evenly divided, while a clear majority of downstate suburbanites and two-thirds of upstaters would prefer to see funding go toward existing school programs, Greenberg said.

### **Cuomo Favorability, Job Performance Ratings Slip; Continues to Lead Potential Challenger by 40+ Points**

A majority of voters, 54 percent, are prepared to re-elect Cuomo, compared to 37 percent who would prefer someone else (down from 57-33 percent last month). Astorino has a negative 11-15 percent favorability rating (down from 14-10 percent last month). Trump has a negative 31-62 percent favorability rating (down from 38-57 percent last month).

Cuomo's favorability, job performance and generic re-elect ratings all fell this month compared to last month, with the biggest drops occurring with independent, downstate suburban and upstate voters. Virtually all of the gains that the Governor saw in his ratings between November and January have been lost, Greenberg said.

Cuomo, Trump and Astorino were not alone, however, as the Assembly, the Senate and Hillary Clinton saw their favorability ratings drop by double digits this month.

With the election now only eight months away, the Governor maintained huge leads in matchups against two potential Republican opponents. While both Astorino and Trump now have the support of a small majority of Republicans, they both continue to trail Cuomo by at least two-to-one with independents, and neither hits double digits with Democrats, who comprise 50 percent of the registered voters in the state.

**Majority Says Upstate Struggling Economically More than Downstate; City Voters Don't Agree**

Most New Yorkers recognize that upstate is having a tougher time economically than is downstate, however, that view is far from universal depending on where you live. Upstaters say their region is hurting the most by a 79-13 percent margin. Downstate suburbanites are more closely divided with 49 percent saying upstate is having the tougher time and 39 percent saying it's downstate. And New York City voters say that downstate is suffering tougher economic times by a 45-38 percent margin, Greenberg said.

**Strong Support Continues for Legalizing Medical Marijuana; Opposition for Legalizing Recreational Use**

More than three-quarters of voters favor some effort to legalize medical marijuana in New York, with 45 percent supporting full legalization and 32 percent supporting the governor's pilot program. Last month it was 49 percent for full legalization and 28 percent for the governor's program, Greenberg said. New Yorkers, however, are not ready to see New York join Colorado and Washington and legalize the recreational use of marijuana. They oppose that idea 53-43 percent, little changed from 54-41 percent last month. It has the support of a majority of voters under 35, independents and liberals.

**Small Plurality Remains Opposed to Fracking; Close Division Continues**

Fracking is opposed by 43 percent of voters and supported by 38 percent (exactly the same as it was in October, the last time it was asked).

Fracking continues to divide New Yorkers nearly evenly, as it has for the last two years. It is supported by a two-to-one margin among Republicans and opposed by the same margin among Democrats, while independents are virtually evenly divided. New York City voters remain opposed by a 13-point margin, while upstaters oppose it by a four-point margin and downstate suburbanites support it by five points, Greenberg said.

**Strong Support for Allowing Localities to Determine Their Minimum Wage**

Nearly three quarters of voters, 73 percent, support allowing local governments to increase the minimum wage in their community to a higher rate than the state's minimum wage, while that idea is opposed by 24 percent, Greenberg said. Republicans are evenly divided on the issue, which enjoys the support of nearly three-quarters of independents and 85 percent of Democrats. At least two-thirds in every region support it.

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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
February 2014	60	35	5
January 2014	66	28	6
November 2013	61	32	6
October 2013	62	32	6
September 2013	64	32	4
August 2013	65	30	5
June 2013	58	35	6
May 2013	64	32	5
April 2013	62	33	4
March 2013	64	30	6
February 2013	67	29	4
January 2013	71	24	5
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>77 (2/11)</b>	<b>42 (10/06)</b>	<b>24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>44 (8/06, 10/06)</b>	<b>14 (8/09)</b>	<b>3 (10/20/10)</b>

**Q. 17** 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
February 2014	7	41	38	13	1
January 2014	10	44	35	11	1
November 2013	7	37	39	17	1
October 2013	8	44	34	13	1
September 2013	11	38	36	14	1
August 2013	9	43	33	13	2
June 2013	9	41	34	15	1
May 2013	10	42	31	16	1
April 2013	11	41	31	16	1
March 2013	12	42	31	13	1
February 2013	16	42	28	13	1
January 2013	16	44	28	10	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (1/12)</b>	<b>47 (4/12, etc.)</b>	<b>39 (11/13)</b>	<b>17 (11/13)</b>	<b>28 (1/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>34 (1/11)</b>	<b>24 (1/11)</b>	<b>4 (2/11, 1/11)</b>	<b>1 (many)</b>

**Q. 16** I know it's a long way off, but as things stand now, if Andrew Cuomo runs for re-election as Governor this year, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else? ^

DATE	RE-ELECT CUOMO	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	54	37	9
January 2014	57	33	10
November 2013	51	41	9
October 2013	52	38	10
September 2013	52	39	10
August 2013	55	35	9
June 2013	52	41	7
May 2013	55	36	9
April 2013	53	39	7
March 2013	54	37	9
February 2013	56	36	8
January 2013	60	32	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (12/12)</b>	<b>41 (11/13, 6/13)</b>	<b>10 (10/13, 9/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (11/13)</b>	<b>29 (12/12)</b>	<b>7 (6/13, 4/13)</b>

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**Q. 18** Based on what you've seen of him as Governor so far, would you describe Andrew Cuomo as a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?

DATE	LIBERAL	MODERATE	CONSERVATIVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	31	52	9	7
September 2013	36	46	12	6
March 2013	35	47	10	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (9/13)</b>	<b>60 (3/11)</b>	<b>15 (4/11, 2/11)</b>	<b>10 (4/11, 1/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>21 (2/11)</b>	<b>46 (3/13)</b>	<b>8 (7/11)</b>	<b>6 (9/13)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	11	15	73
January 2014	14	10	76
November 2013	12	14	75
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>14 (1/14)</b>	<b>15 (2/14)</b>	<b>76 (1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>11 (2/14)</b>	<b>10 (1/14)</b>	<b>73 (2/14)</b>

**Q. 12** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	31	62	7
January 2014	38	57	5
October 2013	30	59	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>38 (1/14)</b>	<b>62 (2/14)</b>	<b>10 (10/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (10/13)</b>	<b>57 (1/14)</b>	<b>5 (1/14)</b>

**Q. 36** If the 2014 election for governor was held today and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line and Rob Astorino on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	CUOMO	ASTORINO	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	64	22	15
January 2014	67	19	14
November 2013	63	24	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>67 (1/14)</b>	<b>24 (11/13)</b>	<b>15 (2/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>63 (11/13)</b>	<b>19 (1/14)</b>	<b>13 (11/13)</b>

**Q. 37** If the 2014 election for governor was held today and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line and Donald Trump on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	CUOMO	TRUMP	OTHER/WON'T VOTE/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	68	24	8
January 2014	70	22	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (1/14)</b>	<b>24 (2/14)</b>	<b>8 (2/14, 1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>68 (2/14)</b>	<b>22 (1/14)</b>	<b>8 (2/14, 1/14)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	37	49	14
January 2014	41	43	16
November 2013	34	48	19
October 2013	43	41	16
September 2013	38	49	14
August 2013	37	48	15
June 2013	36	51	13
May 2013	39	45	16
April 2013	39	49	12
February 2013	44	42	14
January 2013	45	42	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (1/13)</b>	<b>61 (7/10)</b>	<b>19 (11/13, 12/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (7/10)</b>	<b>40 (12/12)</b>	<b>12 (4/13, 1/10)</b>

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**Q. 10** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	37	51	12
January 2014	46	42	12
November 2013	35	52	12
October 2013	41	47	12
September 2013	40	51	10
August 2013	40	48	12
June 2013	41	49	11
May 2013	43	48	9
April 2013	40	53	7
February 2013	45	46	9
January 2013	45	45	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (1/14, 5/12)</b>	<b>74 (7/09)</b>	<b>14 (12/12, 6/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/09)</b>	<b>41 (12/12)</b>	<b>6 (7/09)</b>

**Q. 19** How serious a problem would you say corruption is in the New York State Legislature? Would you say it's very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

DATE	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NOT VERY SERIOUS	NOT AT ALL SERIOUS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	38	47	8	2	6
October 2013	40	42	10	2	7
June 2013	51	41	5	1	3
May 2013	41	48	8	0	3
April 2013	41	50	6	1	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>51 (6/13)</b>	<b>50 (4/13)</b>	<b>10 (10/13)</b>	<b>2 (2/14, 10/13)</b>	<b>7 (10/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>40 (10/13)</b>	<b>41 (6/13)</b>	<b>5 (6/13)</b>	<b>0 (5/13)</b>	<b>2 (4/13)</b>

**Q. 20** What about the rest of New York State government? Would you say corruption in state government other than in the Legislature is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not a very serious problem, or not at all a serious problem?

DATE	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NOT VERY SERIOUS	NOT AT ALL SERIOUS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	24	51	16	3	5
October 2013	30	47	15	2	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (10/13)</b>	<b>51 (2/14)</b>	<b>16 (2/14)</b>	<b>3 (2/14)</b>	<b>6 (10/13)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>24 (2/14)</b>	<b>47 (10/13)</b>	<b>15 (10/13)</b>	<b>2 (10/13)</b>	<b>5 (2/14)</b>

**Q. 6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eric Schneiderman?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	27	19	55
January 2014	27	15	58
November 2013	27	16	57
September 2013	23	18	60
August 2013	25	15	60
April 2013	27	18	55
March 2013	19	17	65
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>29 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>27 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>86 (11/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (11/09)</b>	<b>6 (5/10, 11/09)</b>	<b>44 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	26	21	54
January 2014	28	17	55
November 2013	27	19	54
September 2013	26	20	55
August 2013	26	18	57
March 2013	22	15	63
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>30 (11/10, 10/20/10)</b>	<b>36 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>80 (6/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>7 (6/07, 5/07)</b>	<b>10 (12/09, 11/08)</b>	<b>37 (10/31/10)</b>

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**Q. 21** The Governor has proposed launching a pilot or test program to permit about 20 New York hospitals to provide medical marijuana to patients being treated for serious illness. Which of the following three options best describes how you feel about this: the Governor's test program is the way to go; New York should immediately move beyond a test program and make medical marijuana legal, as about 20 states have already done; or medical marijuana should remain illegal in New York? (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	GOVERNOR'S TEST PROGRAM	LEGALIZE MEDICAL MARIJUANA	KEEP MEDICAL MARIJUANA ILLEGAL	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	32	45	20	3
January 2014	28	49	21	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>32 (2/14)</b>	<b>49 (1/14)</b>	<b>21 (1/14)</b>	<b>3 (2/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (1/14)</b>	<b>45 (2/14)</b>	<b>20 (2/14)</b>	<b>2 (1/14)</b>

**Q. 22** Looking beyond the issue of medical marijuana, two states – Colorado and Washington – have legalized and regulated marijuana for recreational use. Do you support or oppose passing a similar law in New York to legalize and regulate marijuana for recreational use?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	43	53	4
January 2014	41	54	5
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>43 (2/14)</b>	<b>54 (1/14)</b>	<b>5 (1/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>41 (1/14)</b>	<b>53 (2/14)</b>	<b>4 (2/14)</b>

**Q. 23** Now, looking at public education in New York, how familiar are you with the Common Core learning standards in math and English that the State Education Department has adopted for all public schools in New York?

DATE	VERY FAMILIAR	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR	NOT VERY FAMILIAR	NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	23	38	21	18	1
November 2013	22	37	20	21	0
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>23 (2/14)</b>	<b>38 (2/14)</b>	<b>21 (2/14)</b>	<b>21 (11/13)</b>	<b>1 (2/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>22 (11/13)</b>	<b>37 (11/13)</b>	<b>20 (11/13)</b>	<b>18 (2/14)</b>	<b>0 (11/13)</b>

**Q. 24** Based on what you do know, do you think the Common Core standards are too demanding, about right, or not demanding enough?

DATE	TOO DEMANDING	ABOUT RIGHT	NOT DEMANDING ENOUGH	DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	36	23	24	9	7
November 2013	34	23	27	10	6
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (2/14)</b>	<b>23 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>27 (11/13)</b>	<b>10 (11/13)</b>	<b>7 (2/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>34 (11/13)</b>	<b>23 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>24 (2/14)</b>	<b>9 (2/14)</b>	<b>6 (11/13)</b>

**Q. 26** The State Education Department says the Common Core standards will help prepare students to be more college or career ready upon graduation. How confident are you that implementing the Common Core in New York's schools will make students more college or career ready upon graduation?

DATE	VERY CONFIDENT	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	NOT VERY CONFIDENT	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	13	33	28	19	8
November 2013	9	36	28	21	7
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>13 (2/14)</b>	<b>36 (11/13)</b>	<b>28 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>21 (11/13)</b>	<b>8 (2/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (11/13)</b>	<b>33 (2/14)</b>	<b>28 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>19 (2/14)</b>	<b>7 (11/13)</b>

**Q. 27** When it comes to the number of state tests currently taken by public school students, do you think there is too much testing, not enough testing, or the right amount of testing?

DATE	TOO MUCH	NOT ENOUGH	RIGHT AMOUNT	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	45	16	28	10
November 2013	52	12	28	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>52 (11/13)</b>	<b>16 (2/14)</b>	<b>28 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>10 (2/14)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (2/14)</b>	<b>12 (11/13)</b>	<b>28 (2/14, 11/13)</b>	<b>8 (11/13)</b>

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**Q. 33** The State Department of Environmental Conservation is expected to soon issue a decision on whether or not to allow hydrofracking ó that is the proposed method to recover natural gas from parts of upstate New York ó to move forward. How much have you heard or read about it ó a great deal, some, not very much, or nothing at all?

DATE	A GREAT DEAL	SOME	NOT VERY MUCH	NOTHING	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	28	32	22	18	1
October 2013	27	33	20	19	1
September 2013	30	32	17	21	0
August 2013	34	31	17	19	0
June 2013	35	34	13	19	0
May 2013	32	29	20	19	0
April 2013	32	32	18	19	0
March 2013	32	32	21	15	0
February 2013	26	34	22	18	0
January 2013	31	33	18	17	0
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>35 (6/13)</b>	<b>39 (10/12)</b>	<b>22 (2/14, etc.)</b>	<b>21 (9/13)</b>	<b>1 (many)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>27 (10/13, etc.)</b>	<b>29 (5/13)</b>	<b>13 (6/13)</b>	<b>12 (10/12)</b>	<b>0 (many)</b>

**Q. 34** Do you support or oppose the Department of Environmental Conservation allowing hydrofracking to move forward in parts of upstate New York?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION/ DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	38	43	19
October 2013	38	43	19
September 2013	37	45	18
August 2013	41	42	17
June 2013	37	44	18
May 2013	39	41	20
April 2013	40	45	15
March 2013	39	43	18
February 2013	40	40	20
January 2013	40	44	16
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (12/12, 10/12)</b>	<b>45 (9/13, 4/13)</b>	<b>27 (5/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>37 (9/13, 6/13, 5/12)</b>	<b>36 (12/12, 10/12, 5/12)</b>	<b>12 (8/13)</b>

**Q. 13** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	61	35	4
January 2014	68	29	3
November 2013	67	31	2
October 2013	67	30	4
September 2013	69	27	3
August 2013	67	31	2
March 2013	73	25	3
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>75 (12/12)</b>	<b>46 (4/08)</b>	<b>8 (3/05, 6/06, 3/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (4/08)</b>	<b>23 (12/12)</b>	<b>2 (many)</b>

**Q. 14** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Charles Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	61	29	10
August 2013	65	27	8
March 2013	59	28	12
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>70 (7/05)</b>	<b>32 (10/31/10, 9/10, 6/10)</b>	<b>17 (2/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>54 (6/10)</b>	<b>20 (2/05, 11/06)</b>	<b>4 (10/31/10)</b>

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**Q. 15** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	54	23	23
August 2013	57	22	21
March 2013	56	22	22
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>61 (12/12)</b>	<b>34 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>56 (1/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>26 (3/09)</b>	<b>14 (1/09)</b>	<b>14 (10/31/10)</b>

**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2014	52	45	3
October 2013	55	42	3
September 2013	57	40	3
August 2013	56	41	3
May 2013	58	40	2
March 2013	56	41	3
February 2013	66	32	2
January 2013	66	33	1
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>81 (1/09)</b>	<b>46 (10/31/10)</b>	<b>40 (11/06)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>48 (11/06)</b>	<b>10 (1/09)</b>	<b>1 (1/13, 8/12)</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
February 2014	39	55	6
January 2014	37	55	8
October 2013	19	74	7
September 2013	34	58	7
August 2013	37	54	9
May 2013	41	56	4
March 2013	32	60	8
January 2013	46	49	5
<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** 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
February 2014	2	22	43	31	2
January 2014	2	27	42	27	2
September 2013	1	20	47	30	2
August 2013	3	20	43	30	4
May 2013	1	19	44	33	2
March 2013	1	16	47	35	2
February 2013	0	19	44	35	2
January 2013	1	18	47	32	2
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>3 (8/13)</b>	<b>27 (1/14)</b>	<b>49 (8/12)</b>	<b>67 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>4 (8/13, 9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>0 (many)</b>	<b>6 (3/22/10, etc.)</b>	<b>25 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>27 (1/14)</b>	<b>0 (4/11, etc.)</b>

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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
February 2014	48	40	12
January 2014	52	36	12
November 2013	46	44	10
October 2013	44	44	12
September 2013	43	46	11
August 2013	47	40	13
June 2013	48	42	10
May 2013	49	44	7
April 2013	48	42	10
March 2013	50	42	8
February 2013	55	35	9
January 2013	57	33	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (1/13)</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 (5/13)</b>

**Poll Trend Notes:** All surveys are of registered voters except for the polls of August and October 2012, October 2010, September and October 2008, and September and 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 January 2013.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.