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Siena College Poll:

Trump Ratings Are Lowest They've Been in His Presidency

Two-Thirds: Trump Poor on Race Relations; Half: For Charlottesville

***Small Plurality of Voters Says Neo-Nazis & White Nationalists
Should Not Be Given Permits to March; Strong Majority
Says Confederate Statues & Memorial Should Stay Up***

***By Two-to-One Voters Say Country Headed in Wrong Direction; Majority Are
Pessimistic About Country's Future; Reps in Congress: Lower Than Trump***

Loudonville, NY. President Donald Trump is with a *negative* 29-66 percent favorability rating is viewed more unfavorably than at any time since he's been president and has his worst favorability rating since October 2016. His job performance rating is with more than three-quarters of New Yorkers giving him a negative rating and 59 percent saying he's doing a poor job is also at its lowest level of the Trump presidency, according to a new Siena College Poll of New York State registered voters released today. When it comes to making race relations better, 85 percent give Trump a negative grade, including 68 percent who give him a poor grade, and 50 percent of voters give the President an F for his handling of the aftermath of events in Charlottesville.

By a 49-45 percent margin, New Yorkers say groups including self-identified white nationalists and neo-Nazis should not be able to obtain permits to rally. A strong majority of voters, 59-35 percent, say Confederate statues or memorials should stay up. Sixty-two percent think the country is headed in the wrong direction, compared to only 27 percent who say the country is on the right track (down from 33-58 percent in July).

New Yorkers are viewing the Queens-born President more negatively than they have any time since he took office. While he continues to be viewed unfavorably by more than 80 percent of Democrats, Trump's favorability rating with Republicans is 61-33 percent is while still strongly positive, is down by a net 20 points since July when he had a 71-23 percent favorability rate with Republicans, said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

At *negative* 22-77 percent, Trump's job performance rating is also the lowest it's been since becoming President. While nine in ten Democrats and three-quarters of independents give Trump a negative job performance rating, now a small majority of 52 percent of Republicans give the President a thumbs down, Greenberg said. Between 72 and 81 percent of voters from every region give Trump a negative job performance rating.

Trump Job Performance								
	Total				Republicans			
	Sept. 2017		Feb 2017		Sept. 2017		Feb 2017	
	Ex Good	Fair Poor	Ex Good	Fair Poor	Ex Good	Fair Poor	Ex Good	Fair Poor
Overall Job Performance								
Overall rating	22%	77%	29%	68%	48%	52%	61%	39%
Trump Job Performance on Specific Issues								
Keeping Americans safe from terrorism	34%	63%	25%	71%	67%	33%	65%	33%
Creating jobs	30%	66%	36%	59%	59%	39%	64%	32%
Addressing conflict between US & N. Korea	27%	68%	N/A	N/A	61%	37%	N/A	N/A
Improving our immigration system	25%	73%	30%	68%	48%	50%	60%	37%
Improving health care for Americans	15%	82%	N/A	N/A	32%	65%	N/A	N/A
Working collaboratively with Congress	14%	82%	26%	70%	28%	70%	50%	43%
Making race relations in the US better	13%	85%	N/A	N/A	29%	67%	N/A	N/A
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“New Yorkers give Trump his least bad rating on keeping Americans safe from terrorism, with 34 percent giving him a positive rating and 63 percent a negative rating. On three issues – improving health care, working with Congress and making our nation’s race relations better – at least 82 percent of voters, and at least 65 percent of Republicans, give Trump negative grades,” Greenberg said.

“In addition to 85 percent giving Trump a negative performance on improving race relations, 50 percent give the President an ‘F’ for his handling of the aftermath of Charlottesville, with only 25 percent giving him an ‘A’ or ‘B.’ In fact his GPA on Charlottesville is 1.20, barely a ‘D+,’” Greenberg said.

NYers Closely Divided on Allowing Neo-Nazis to March; Strongly Support Keeping Confederate Statues

“There is little consensus among New York voters on whether self-identified white nationalists and neo-Nazis should be allowed to march in this country. A majority of Democrats says no. A majority of Republicans and a plurality of independents say yes. A small majority of downstaters says no; a plurality of upstaters says yes. Small majorities of liberals and moderates say no, while a small majority of conservatives say yes. White voters say no by four points and black voters say no by 14 points. Women, no; men, yes,” Greenberg said.

“While a small majority of Democrats believes Confederate statues or memorials should be removed, 84 percent of Republicans and 66 percent of independents say they should stay up,” Greenberg said. “A small majority of New York City voters, a larger majority of downstate suburbanites and a huge majority of upstaters say these statues and memorials should remain. While black voters say take them down by a relatively narrow 52-40 percent, white and Latino voters say better than two-to-one to keep them up.”

Job Performance for Dems in Congress Virtually Equals Trump’s; Reps’ Rating About as Low as Possible

“New York voters – with more than twice as many Democrats as Republicans – give the President and Democrats in Congress virtually even job performance ratings. The Dems have a *negative* job performance rating of 21-78 percent, virtually unchanged from May,” Greenberg said. “Republicans in Congress have an incredibly *negative* job performance rating with only 11 percent of New Yorkers ranking them positively and 86 percent negatively, down from *negative* 17-81 percent in May. Even 69 percent of Republicans join with 92 percent of Democrats and independents in negatively rating Congressional Republicans.”

Voters Strongly Say U.S. Headed in Wrong Direction; Majority Pessimistic About Future of Country

By a 62-27 percent margin – up from 58-33 percent in July – New Yorkers say the country is headed in the wrong direction, not on the right track. While 44 percent are optimistic about the future of the country over the next few years, 54 percent are pessimistic. In May, optimists and pessimists were tied at 49 percent.

“At least 60 percent of voters from every region of the state think the country is headed in the wrong direction, as do more than three-quarters of Democrats and a strong majority of independents,” Greenberg said. “By a 46-40 percent margin, a plurality of Republicans still thinks the country is on the right track, although that is down significantly from July when Republicans thought the country was on the right track by 62-31 percent. This is the worst showing New Yorkers have given on the direction of the country in nearly four years.

“Two-thirds of Democrats are pessimistic about the country’s future, while nearly two-thirds of Republicans are optimistic, as are a small majority of independents. While downstate suburbanites are evenly divided, a majority of upstaters and New York City voters are pessimistic,” Greenberg said.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted August 26-30, 2017 by telephone calls conducted in English to 771 New York State registered voters. Respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest male in the household. It has an overall margin of error of ± 4.2 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline and cell phone telephone numbers (both from Survey Sampling International) from within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, region and gender to ensure representativeness. 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 cross-tabs: www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY.



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Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	29	66	5
July 2017	34	62	4
May 2017	30	65	5
April 2017	34	61	6
March 2017	33	63	4
February 2017	36	59	5
January 2017	37	55	8
HIGHEST EVER	41 (12/16)	72 (8/16)	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	53 (12/16)	2 (9/15)

Q. 24 How would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	8	14	18	59	1
July 2017	11	19	16	52	2
May 2017	11	16	14	57	2
April 2017	11	17	19	50	3
March 2017	10	16	14	57	2
February 2017	12	17	20	48	2
HIGHEST EVER	12 (2/17)	19 (7/17)	20 (2/17)	59 (9/17)	3 (4/17)
LOWEST EVER	8 (9/17)	14 (9/17)	14 (5/17, 3/17)	48 (2/17)	1 (9/17)

Q. 27 Specifically, how would you rate the job that President Trump is doing on improving our immigration system? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	9	16	16	57	2
February 2017	16	14	15	53	3
HIGHEST EVER	16 (2/17)	16 (9/17)	16 (9/17)	57 (9/17)	3 (2/17)
LOWEST EVER	9 (9/17)	14 (2/17)	15 (2/17)	53 (2/17)	2 (9/17)

Q. 29 Specifically, how would you rate the job that President Trump is doing on creating jobs? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	12	18	26	40	4
February 2017	19	17	24	35	5
HIGHEST EVER	19 (2/17)	18 (9/17)	26 (9/17)	40 (9/17)	5 (2/17)
LOWEST EVER	12 (9/17)	17 (2/17)	24 (2/17)	35 (2/17)	4 (9/17)

Q. 30 Specifically, how would you rate the job that President Trump is doing on working collaboratively with Congress? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	3	11	21	61	4
February 2017	6	20	27	43	5
HIGHEST EVER	6 (2/17)	20 (2/17)	27 (2/17)	61 (9/17)	5 (2/17)
LOWEST EVER	3 (9/17)	11 (9/17)	21 (9/17)	43 (2/17)	4 (9/17)

Q. 31 Specifically, how would you rate the job that President Trump is doing on keeping America safe from terrorism? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	14	20	22	41	3
February 2017	18	18	20	40	4
HIGHEST EVER	18 (2/17)	20 (9/17)	22 (9/17)	41 (9/17)	4 (2/17)
LOWEST EVER	14 (9/17)	18 (2/17)	20 (2/17)	40 (2/17)	3 (9/17)

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Q. 25 Overall, how would you rate the job that Republicans in Congress are doing? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	1	10	28	58	2
May 2017	2	15	27	54	2
HIGHEST EVER	2 (5/17)	15 (5/17)	28 (9/17)	58 (9/17)	2 (9/17, 5/17)
LOWEST EVER	1 (9/17)	10 (9/17)	27 (5/17)	54 (5/17)	2 (9/17, 5/17)

Q. 26 Overall, how would you rate the job that Democrats in Congress are doing? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	3	18	38	40	2
May 2017	5	16	37	40	2
HIGHEST EVER	5 (5/17)	18 (9/17)	38 (9/17)	40 (9/17, 5/17)	2 (9/17, 5/17)
LOWEST EVER	3 (9/17)	16 (5/17)	37 (5/17)	40 (9/17, 5/17)	2 (9/17, 5/17)

Q. 37 Thinking about the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, are you more in favor of repealing and replacing it or keeping and improving it? ^ (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	REPEAL/REPLACE	KEEP/IMPROVE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	30	67	3
July 2017	32	65	3
May 2017	30	67	2
March 2017	30	67	3
HIGHEST EVER	32 (7/17)	67 (9/17, 5/17, 3/17)	3 (9/17, 7/17, 3/17)
LOWEST EVER	30 (9/17, 5/17, 3/17)	65 (7/17)	2 (5/17)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	58	32	10
July 2017	53	37	9
May 2017	57	33	10
March 2017	60	33	7
February 2017	64	31	6
January 2017	63	29	9
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	37 (7/17)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	53 (7/17)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	49	23	28
July 2017	43	24	33
February 2017	46	24	29
HIGHEST EVER	61 (12/12)	34 (10/31/10)	56 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	26 (3/09)	14 (1/09)	14 (10/31/10)

Q. 12 If Kirsten Gillibrand runs for re-election as United States Senator in 2018, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	47	32	21
July 2017	43	35	22
HIGHEST EVER	47 (9/17)	35 (7/17)	22 (7/17)
LOWEST EVER	43 (7/17)	32 (9/17)	21 (9/17)

Q. 38 Given all the news coming out of Washington and thinking ahead a few years, would you say you are very optimistic about the future of the country, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic about the future of the country?

DATE	VERY OPTIMISTIC	SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC	SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC	VERY PESSIMISTIC	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	13	31	26	28	3
May 2017	17	32	25	24	2
HIGHEST EVER	17 (5/17)	32 (5/17)	26 (9/17)	28 (9/17)	3 (9/17)
LOWEST EVER	13 (9/17)	31 (9/17)	25 (5/17)	24 (5/17)	2 (5/17)

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Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2017	52	42	6
November 2016*	49	47	4
HIGHEST EVER	75 (12/12)	51 (5/31/16, 9/15)	8 (3/05, 6/06, 3/07)
LOWEST EVER	46 (5/31/16, 9/15)	23 (12/12)	2 (many)

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
September 2017	27	62	11
July 2017	33	58	8
May 2017	28	61	11
April 2017	36	51	13
March 2017	31	61	8
February 2017	34	56	10
January 2017	39	48	13
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	74 (10/13, 8/11)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (10/13, 10/08)	24 (12/09)	5 (1/13)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: 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 December 2016.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.