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Siena College Poll:

Clinton Maintains Large Lead Over Trump, 51-30 Percent; 21-Point Lead in 4-Way Matchup Down a Bit from 25 Points

Voters Overwhelmingly Say Climate Change is Significant Threat to the Planet & Favor Pathway to Citizenship for Undocumented Immigrants; Support for Obamacare, Gun Control, Federal Stimulation for Economy

Schumer Ups Already Huge Lead Over Long; Now Leads 69-23 Percent

Loudonville, NY. Hillary Clinton now holds a 21-point lead over Donald Trump, 51-30 percent (down a little from a 25-point, 50-25 percent lead last month), with eight percent for Gary Johnson and three percent for Jill Stein, according to a new Siena College poll of likely New York State registered voters released today.

By more than three-to-one, likely New York voters both support a pathway for citizenship for those now here illegally and believe that climate change is a significant threat to our planet. By smaller margins, they want to keep and improve, rather than repeal and replace, Obamacare (by 18 points); consider themselves gun control supporters, rather than 2nd Amendment supporters (by 15 points); and, want the federal government to do more to stimulate the economy, rather than lessening its role (by nine points). Senator Chuck Schumer has a commanding 46-point lead over Wendy Long, up from 39 points last month.

"Clinton holds her base better than Trump holds his. She leads with Democrats 75-10 percent, while Trump holds a 67-16 percent lead with Republicans. Independent voters are closely divided, with 39 percent supporting Clinton and 37 percent backing Trump," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "Clinton leads by a whopping 52 points in New York City and six points upstate; they are virtually even in the downstate suburbs.

"The gender gap has narrowed and Clinton now leads by 22 points with women, down from 36 points last month, and 18 points with men, up from 10 points. While the two run virtually even with white voters, Clinton has the support of 85 percent of black voters and 86 percent of Latinos," Greenberg said. "She leads by 26 points with voters under 35, and by 16 points with those 55 and older. She leads by eight points with Catholics, 14 points with Jews and 21 points with Protestants."

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Clinton has a 52-46 percent favorability rating, virtually unchanged from 51-46 percent last month. Trump's *negative* 29-68 percent favorability rating is up from a negative 24-72 percent last month. By a 58-39 percent margin (60-37 percent last month) voters say Clinton is *not* honest and trustworthy. By a larger 67-29 percent margin (69-28 percent last month) they say Trump is *not* honest and trustworthy. By 50-39 percent, voters say Clinton is more honest and trustworthy than Trump (down from 54-38 percent last month).

"Three-quarters of Democrats have a favorable view of Clinton. By a 23-point margin they think she is honest and nearly three-quarters say she's more honest than Trump. Nearly six in ten Republicans view Trump favorably. By a 14-point margin they think he is honest and more than three-quarters say he's more honest than Clinton," Greenberg said. "Independent voters view both candidates unfavorably – Clinton by 13 points and Trump by 24 points. They say they don't trust either – Clinton by 51 points and Trump by 23 points – but by a narrow six-point margin, independents say Trump is more honest and trustworthy than Clinton.

"On several key national issues, likely voters in traditionally 'blue' New York identify far more with the positions taken by the Democratic nominee, rather than the Republican nominee," Greenberg said. "Voters overwhelmingly support giving undocumented immigrants a pathway to citizenship rather than deporting them, 76-20 percent, which includes a strong majority of Republicans. And by a similar 76-21 percent margin, voters, also including a large majority of Republicans, say that climate change is a significant threat to the planet rather than not real nor based on science.

"Democrats overwhelmingly support keeping and improving Obamacare, while Republicans overwhelmingly want it repealed and replaced. Independents are closely divided. More than two-thirds of Democrats identify more as gun control supporters, while nearly two-thirds of Republicans identify more as 2nd Amendment supporters, and independents divide equally. Two-thirds of Democrats say the federal government should do more to stimulate the economy and two-thirds of Republicans and a majority of independents say the federal government should lessen its role and give businesses more freedom to operate," Greenberg said.

Schumer Ups Already Huge Lead Over Little Known Long

Schumer has a 64-26 percent favorability rating, up from 58-31 percent last month. Long has a 13-11 percent favorability rating, with more than three-quarters not knowing enough about her to have an opinion, little changed from 11-12 percent last month. Schumer leads Long 69-23 percent, up from 63-24 percent last month.

"Schumer's current 46-point lead matches the margin that Senator Kirsten Gillibrand beat Long by four years ago, 72-26 percent," Greenberg said. "He leads by 79 points with Democrats and 34 points with independents. Long has the support of a majority of Republicans – barely – among whom she leads Schumer 51-37 percent."

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Cuomo Favorability Up a Little; Job Performance & Re-Elect Down a Little

Governor Andrew Cuomo has a 57-39 percent favorability rating, up a little from 53-40 percent last month, and his job performance rating is a negative 41-57 percent, down a little from negative 43-55 percent last month. If he runs for re-election in 2018, 45 percent say they're prepared to re-elect him, compared to 49 percent who would prefer 'someone else,' down a little from 46-47 in August.

"In last month's Siena poll, Cuomo's favorability rating was down a little and his job performance rating was up a little. This month we see just the opposite," Greenberg said. "However, the pattern of the last two plus years continues. Cuomo's ratings with voters remain largely stagnant over the course of his second term – he's viewed favorably by a small majority of voters, and a majority of voters give him a negative job performance rating."

Voters View of the State Legislature Is as Good as It's Been

The State Senate has a 48-41 percent favorability rating – the best it's ever been – up from 41-45 percent last month. By a 51-38 percent margin, voters say they're inclined to re-elect their State Senator, up from 46-39 percent last month. The State Assembly has a 44-40 percent favorability rating – within one point of its best ever rating – up a little from 41-40 percent last month. Voters are inclined to re-elect their Assemblymember by 46-38 percent margin, up slightly from 42-36 percent last month.

"Legislative elections are run district by district and not statewide, however, seven weeks from election day, voters view the Legislature as favorably today as they have at any time in the last decade and a majority of New Yorkers are prepared to re-elect their State Senator and a plurality are prepared to re-elect their Assemblymember. Siena will be taking a closer look at key State Senate battleground seats later this fall," Greenberg said.

Voters Are Optimistic About Direction of NYS and Less Pessimistic About Direction of Country

By a 53-38 percent margin, voters say New York is on the right track, rather than heading in the wrong direction, up from 47-40 percent last month. A small majority say the country is headed in the wrong direction, 51-41 percent, down from a 54-36 percent majority last month who said the country was headed in the wrong direction.

"Nearly six in ten downstaters say the state is on the right track, while upstaters are closely divided. It's the most optimistic New Yorkers have been about the direction of the state since January 2014," Greenberg said. "New York City voters are evenly divided on the direction of the country, while a majority of the rest of the state feels the country is headed in the wrong direction."

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Siena College Poll Trends – September 2016

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	52	46	2
August 2016	51	46	3
June 2016	50	47	3
May 31, 2016	46	51	2
May 3, 2016	48	50	2
March 2016	48	48	4
February 2016	50	47	3
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. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	29	68	3
August 2016	24	72	4
June 2016	28	68	4
May 31, 2016	27	68	4
May 3, 2016	26	70	4
March 2016	29	67	4
February 2016	25	71	4
HIGHEST EVER	**38 (1/14)**	**72 (8/16)**	**10 (10/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**24 (8/16)**	**57 (1/14)**	**2 (9/15)**

Q.14 If the election for President was being held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line, Donald Trump on the Republican line, Gary Johnson on the Libertarian Party line, and Jill Stein on the Green Party line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	JOHNSON	STEIN	OTHER/NO VOTE/NO OPINION
September 2016*	51	30	8	3	8
August 2016	50	25	9	6	10
HIGHEST EVER	**51 (9/16)**	**30 (9/16)**	**9 (8/16)**	**6 (8/16)**	**10 (8/16)**
LOWEST EVER	**50 (8/16)**	**25 (8/16)**	**8 (9/16)**	**3 (9/16)**	**8 (9/16)**

Q.15 Regardless of your preference for President, who do you think is most likely to be the next President of the United States – Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump? (CANDIDATES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	OTHER/NO VOTE/NO OPINION
September 2016*	65	27	8
August 2016	72	23	6
HIGHEST EVER	**72 (8/16)**	**27 (9/16)**	**8 (9/16)**
LOWEST EVER	**65 (9/16)**	**23 (8/16)**	**6 (8/16)**

Q. 20 Of the following five issues, which one do you think is the most important for the next President to work on? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

ISSUE	SEPTEMBER 2016	AUGUST 2016	FEBRUARY 2016	HIGHEST EVER	LOWEST EVER
Jobs and economy	35	35	42	42 (2/16)	35 (/9/16, 8/16)
Keeping America safe	29	31	30	31 (8/16)	29 (9/16)
Selecting judges	16	15	7	16 (9/16)	6 (9/15)
Health Care	12	11	12	12 (9/16, 2/16)	10 (9/15)
Immigration	5	6	7	11 (9/15)	5 (9/16)
Other/No Opinion	2	2	1	2 (9/16, 8/16, 9/15)	1 (2/16)

Q.22 Do you think the next President should largely continue the policies of Barack Obama or do you think the next President should largely change the policies of Barack Obama?

DATE	CONTINUE	CHANGE	SOME OF BOTH/NO OPINION
September 2016*	46	45	9
August 2016	45	48	7
HIGHEST EVER	**46 (9/16)**	48 (8/16)	**9 (9/16)**
LOWEST EVER	45 (8/16)	**45 (9/16)**	7 (8/16)

Q.23 Do you think Hillary Clinton is honest and trustworthy or not?

DATE	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	39	58	3
August 2016	37	60	4
HIGHEST EVER	**39 (9/16)**	60 (8/16)	4 (8/16)
LOWEST EVER	37 (8/16)	**58 (9/16)**	**3 (9/16)**

Q.24 Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy or not?

DATE	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	29	67	4
August 2016	28	69	3
HIGHEST EVER	**29 (9/16)**	69 (8/16)	**4 (9/16)**
LOWEST EVER	28 (8/16)	**67 (9/16)**	3 (8/16)

Q.25 Who do you think is more honest and trustworthy – Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	NEITHER/BOTH/NO OPINION
September 2016*	50	39	11
August 2016	54	38	9
HIGHEST EVER	54 (8/16)	**39 (9/16)**	**11 (9/16)**
LOWEST EVER	**50 (9/16)**	38 (8/16)	9 (8/16)

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	61	37	2
August 2016	62	37	1
March 2016	59	36	4
February 2016	59	38	3
HIGHEST EVER	81 (1/09)	46 (9/14, 10/31/10)	40 (11/06)
LOWEST EVER	48 (11/06)	10 (1/09)	1 (several)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	64	26	10
August 2016	58	31	11
June 2016	60	28	12
May 31, 2016	59	30	10
May 3, 2016	57	32	11
February 2016	60	29	10
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	32 (5/3/16, 10/31/10, 9/10, 6/10)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	54 (6/10)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Wendy Long?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	13	11	76
August 2016	11	12	77
June 2016	11	11	78
May 31, 2016	12	11	77
May 3, 2016	13	10	78
October 2012	17	16	67
HIGHEST EVER	17 (10/12)	16 (10/12)	82 (4/12)
LOWEST EVER	8 (4/12)	9 (5/12)	67 (10/12)

Q.13 If the election for United States Senator was being held today and the candidates were Chuck Schumer on the Democratic line and Wendy Long on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	SCHUMER	LONG	OTHER/NO VOTE/NO OPINION
September 2016*	69	23	8
August 2016	63	24	13
June 2016	66	23	11
May 31, 2016	64	22	14
May 3, 2016	64	24	12
HIGHEST EVER	69 (9/16)	24 (8/16, 5/3/16)	14 (5/31/16)
LOWEST EVER	63 (8/16)	22 (5/31/16)	8 (9/16)

Q. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	57	39	4
August 2016	53	40	7
June 2016	56	38	6
May 31, 2016	54	40	6
May 3, 2016	54	41	5
February 2016	52	43	5
HIGHEST EVER	77 (2/11)	44 (7/15, 5/15)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	44 (8/06, 10/06)	14 (8/09)	3 (10/20/10)

Q. 19 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
September 2016*	5	36	36	21	2
August 2016	6	37	39	16	3
June 2016	7	33	40	19	1
May 31, 2016	8	34	39	19	1
May 3, 2016	7	36	37	19	2
February 2016	8	34	34	24	0
HIGHEST EVER	17 (1/12)	47 (4/12, etc.)	40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)	25 (10/14)	28 (1/11)
LOWEST EVER	5 (9/16)	32 (12/15, etc.)	24 (1/11)	4 (2/11, 1/11)	0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)

Q. 18 If Andrew Cuomo runs for re-election as Governor in two years, as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	45	49	6
August 2016	46	47	7
June 2016	46	48	6
May 31, 2016	42	49	9
HIGHEST EVER	46 (8/16, 6/16)	49 (9/16, 5/31/16)	9 (5/31/16)
LOWEST EVER	42 (5/31/16)	47 (8/16)	6 (9/16, 6/16)

Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	44	40	16
August 2016	41	40	19
June 2016	39	46	15
May 31, 2016	32	49	19
May 3, 2016	39	47	14
February 2016	37	49	15
HIGHEST EVER	45 (1/13)	61 (7/10)	20 (12/14)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	40 (9/16, 8/16, 12/12)	10 (5/15)

Q. 17 As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect your State Assemblymember if he or she is running for re-election, or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	46	38	16
August 2016	42	36	22
June 2016	43	38	20
HIGHEST EVER	46 (9/16)	38 (9/16, 6/16)	22 (8/16)
LOWEST EVER	42 (8/16)	36 (8/16)	16 (9/16)

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	48	41	11
August 2016	41	45	14
June 2016	41	47	12
May 31, 2016	34	52	14
May 3, 2016	42	48	9
February 2016	38	49	13
HIGHEST EVER	48 (9/16)	74 (7/09)	16 (12/15, 10/15)
LOWEST EVER	20 (7/09)	41 (9/16, 12/12)	6 (7/09)

Q. 16 As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect your State Senator if he or she is running for re-election, or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
September 2016*	51	38	11
August 2016	46	39	15
June 2016	48	37	14
HIGHEST EVER	51 (9/16)	39 (8/16)	15 (8/16)
LOWEST EVER	46 (8/16)	37 (6/16)	11 (9/16)

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 2016*	41	51	8
August 2016	36	54	10
June 2016	33	58	9
May 31, 2016	34	57	9
March 2016	35	52	13
February 2016	36	52	11
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)

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
September 2016*	53	38	9
August 2016	47	40	13
June 2016	44	43	13
May 31, 2016	43	46	12
May 3, 2016	43	46	10
February 2016	47	43	10
HIGHEST EVER	57 (1/13)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	7 (5/13)

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

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

⌃ Inconsequential wording change.