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Siena College Poll:

Voters Prefer Split Supreme Court Health Care Decision **Romney Expands Commanding Lead Among NY Republicans** *Cuomo Favorability Edges Up; Highest Job Performance Rating Ever* **Plurality Say New Budget Good for NYers; On-Time Budget Very Important**

Loudonville, NY. About one-quarter of New Yorkers want to see the United States Supreme Court rule that the federal health care reform law is constitutional and about one-quarter want the Court to rule the entire law unconstitutional, however, a plurality of 41 percent would prefer the Court to declare parts of the law unconstitutional and parts of the law legally permissible, according to a new Siena College Research Institute poll of registered voters released today. Among Republican voters, Mitt Romney has opened a commanding lead over his three primary opponents, and while he trails President Obama by 25 points, the other three Republicans trail the President by at least 30 points.

Governor Andrew Cuomo is viewed favorably by nearly three-quarters of voters, and nearly two-thirds give him a positive job performance rating. He gets much higher grades from voters than do either house of the Legislature on their performance on the recently enacted budget. More than nine in ten voters think having an on-time budget is important and a plurality of voters believes this year's budget is a good budget for New Yorkers.

“Some New Yorkers are supportive of the two year old federal health care reform law, including 27 percent who believe the Supreme Court should find the entire law constitutional. Some are opposed to ‘Obamacare,’ including 26 percent – 46 percent of Republicans – who want the Court to rule the entire law unconstitutional. However, a plurality of New Yorkers, 41 percent, including a plurality of Democrats and independents, wants the Court to find parts of the law constitutional and parts unconstitutional,” said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg. “Not surprisingly, most liberals want the law declared constitutional, a near majority of conservatives want the entire law ruled unconstitutional, and half of moderates want some of the law constitutional and some unconstitutional.”

With two weeks until the Republican presidential primary, Romney has the support of 51 percent of Republicans and has widened his lead over Rick Santorum, at 18 percent, Ron Paul, at 11 percent and Newt Gingrich, at six percent. Last month Romney led Santorum by 15 points, 38-23 percent.

“As the Republican Party leadership has rallied behind Romney, so too it appears, have Republican voters in New York,” Greenberg said. “Romney has extended the 15-point lead over Santorum he held last month to a now nearly three-to-one 33-point lead.”

All four Republican presidential candidates have negative favorability ratings: Romney 35-57 percent, Santorum 31-56 percent, Paul 30-50 percent, and Gingrich 22-71 percent. Only Romney has a positive favorability rating with Republicans. Obama’s favorability rating is 58-39 percent, down a little from 61-36 percent last month.

Obama’s job performance rating is 45 percent positive, 54 percent negative, down from 50-49 percent last month. Currently, 54 percent of voters say they are prepared to re-elect the President and 41 percent prefer ‘someone else,’ down slightly from last month’s 56-38 last month.

Obama Continues to Hold 25+ Point Leads Over All Potential Republican Opponents

“The President’s standing among New York voters is now the weakest it’s been since the beginning of 2012. However, given the two-to-one enrollment edge Democrats hold over Republicans, the President continues to enjoy comfortable

Potential 2012 Presidential Horseraces (Numbers in parenthesis are from March 7, 2012 Siena College Poll)			
Barack Obama vs.	Obama	Republican	Don't Know/ No Opinion
Mitt Romney	60% (60%)	35% (34%)	5% (6%)
Rick Santorum	62% (64%)	33% (30%)	5% (6%)
Ron Paul	61% (62%)	31% (29%)	8% (9%)
Newt Gingrich	65% (65%)	29% (27%)	6% (8%)

Source: Siena College Poll, April 10, 2012

leads over all potential November opponents, garnering at least 60 percent against each of them,” Greenberg said.

Cuomo Job Performance Rating Hits New High, as Favorability Rating Climbs Back over 70 Percent

Cuomo is viewed favorably by 73 percent of voters and unfavorably by 22 percent (up from 69-25 percent last month). Sixty-three percent give him a positive job performance rating compared to 36 percent negative (up from last month’s 57-42 percent).

“For the fifth time in 15 months, Cuomo’s favorability rating is at least 73 percent. He is viewed favorably by at least 62 percent from every demographic group, and by at least two-thirds of voters from every region and party. And now a record high 63 percent give the Governor a positive job performance rating,” Greenberg said. “Given his role on the same sex marriage bill, some call Cuomo a liberal. Others cite his advocacy of a property tax cap to call Cuomo conservative. But a strong majority of voters, 59 percent, call the Governor a moderate.

“Has the Governor kept his campaign promise to make state government in Albany more open and transparent? Four in ten voters say yes, Cuomo has made state government more open and transparent, while five percent say it’s less open and transparent. A plurality of 46 percent say there’s been no change during Cuomo’s tenure. Last September, 30 percent said the Governor had made state government more open,” Greenberg said.

Voters Give Cuomo Much Better Grade on Budget than Legislature

When asked to grade the Governor and Legislature on the recently passed budget, 19 percent of voters give the Governor an ‘A,’ 42 percent a ‘B,’ 22 percent a ‘C,’ six percent a ‘D,’ and four percent a failing grade. For the Assembly the comparable grades were five percent A, 34 percent B, 33 percent C, 10 percent D, and five percent F. For the Senate the grades were four percent A, 35 percent B, 36 percent C, nine percent D, and five percent F.

“More than 60 percent of voters give the Governor an ‘A’ or ‘B’ on his budget performance, while less than 40 percent give either house a comparable grade,” Greenberg said. “Looked at on the 4.0 college GPA scale, the Governor (2.71) scores nearly a half point higher than the Assembly (2.28) or Senate (2.27),” Greenberg said.

On-Time Budget Very Important; Plurality Say Current Budget Good for New Yorkers

“More than nine in ten voters say having an on-time budget is important, including 63 percent who say it’s very important. At least 60 percent of voters from every region and party say having an on-time budget is very important,” Greenberg said. “A plurality, 41 percent – including a plurality from every party and region – believes that the new state budget is a good budget for New Yorkers, while 26 percent say it’s a bad budget.”

Voters Strongly Support Several Actions Taken by Governor & Legislature as Part of Budget

By a 70-26 percent margin voters support the creation of a new pension tier that increases contribution rates for new state and local government employees. By a similar 71-26 percent margin voters support the new requirement that a person convicted of any crime in New York be required to submit a DNA sample for inclusion in the state’s DNA databank.

Voters, by a 59-35 percent margin, are supportive of penalizing school districts that do not institute a new teacher evaluation system by January. And, an overwhelming three-quarters of voters support that the state spending increase in this year’s budget was about two percent, or less than the rate of inflation.

“When voters look at all the major issues that were resolved as part of – or in advance of – this year’s budget, there is much in there they like,” Greenberg said. “There is overwhelming support for increasing state spending by less than the rate of inflation, including at least 73 percent of the voters of every party. And voters strongly support the Governor and Legislature expanding New York’s DNA databank, creating a new pension tier and holding school districts accountable for instituting new teacher evaluation standards.”

Casino Gambling Continues to Be a Near 50-50 Proposition for New Yorkers

“Voters remain virtually evenly divided on a constitutional amendment to allow non-Indian casinos in New York, with 50 percent supporting such an amendment and 46 percent opposing,” Greenberg said. “It’s not a partisan or regional issue, as neither support nor opposition hits 55 percent with any region or party.”

Most Voters Unfamiliar with Gov’s New York Works Program; But Think it Will Have Positive Impact

More than half of voters, 53 percent, say they have heard nothing at all about the Governor’s New York Works program, while 42 percent have heard a little about it and three percent have heard a great deal about it. When asked what kind of impact this \$15 billion investment in infrastructure projects and job creation will have on New York’s economy, 71 percent say at least a somewhat significant impact (21 percent very significant), compared to 17 percent who say not a very significant impact and six percent not at all a significant impact.

“Voters may not have heard very much about Cuomo’s New York Works program but they are clearly hungry for a program that has the potential to create jobs, improve infrastructure and stimulate the state’s economy,” Greenberg said. “The Governor has a lot more work to do to educate New Yorkers about the program. And beyond that, he has expectations to meet because New Yorkers believe that his infrastructure and jobs program will have a significant impact on New York’s economy.”

Clear Majority Says NY is Headed on Right Track; Highest Ever in 7 Years of the Siena College Poll

“By a strong 55-34 percent margin, voters say New York is headed on the right track, not in the wrong direction, the highest margin ever in a Siena poll, and up from 50-40 percent last month,” Greenberg said. “An overwhelming majority of downstaters feel the state is on the right track, as do a small plurality of upstaters.

“A majority of New Yorkers continues to believe the country is headed in the wrong direction by a 54-38 percent margin. While a bare majority of Democrats think the country is on the right track, as do a plurality of New York City voters, more than three quarters of Republicans and roughly six in ten independents, downstate suburbanites and upstaters say the country is headed in the wrong direction,” Greenberg said.

Gillibrand Continues to Look Strong; Turner & Long in Race Do Not Change Dynamic

“With a two-to-one favorability rating and a majority prepared to re-elect her, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand continues to look strong seven months from her first re-election attempt. She currently leads by at least 40 points against Wendy Long, Nassau Comptroller George Maragos or Congressman Bob Turner,” Greenberg said.

“While Turner is marginally better known than Long or Maragos and has a small lead among Republicans in a potential three-way primary, two-thirds of Republicans are so far undecided as to whom they will support.”

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	73	22	6
March 2012	69	25	6
February 2012	74	18	8
January 2012	73	20	7
November 2011	72	22	6
October 2011	71	22	7
September 2011	72	18	10
August 2011	69	22	8
July 2011	71	21	8
June 2011	68	21	12
May 2011	71	20	9
April 2011	73	18	8
March 2011	69	20	11
February 2011	77	16	7
January 2011	70	17	13
HIGHEST EVER	77 (2/11)	42 (10/06)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	44 (8/06, 10/06)	14 (8/09)	3 (10/20/10)

Q. 15 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
April 2012	16	47	29	7	1
March 2012	14	43	33	9	1
February 2012	14	47	31	6	2
January 2012	17	45	29	8	2
November 2011	12	44	33	9	2
October 2011	11	47	32	9	2
September 2011	12	43	36	7	2
August 2011	12	46	31	9	2
July 2011	15	43	32	8	1
June 2011	11	44	32	9	5
May 2011	9	43	36	9	3
April 2011	11	43	34	7	4
March 2011	8	43	34	7	8
February 2011	10	47	29	4	10
January 2011	10	34	24	4	28
HIGHEST EVER	17 (1/12)	47 (4/12, etc.)	36 (9/11, 5/11)	9 (3/12, etc.)	28 (1/11)
LOWEST EVER	8 (3/11)	34 (1/11)	24 (1/11)	4 (2/11, 1/11)	1 (4/12, etc.)

Q. 16 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
April 2012	22	59	12	8
July 2011	35	50	8	8
May 2011	22	57	12	9
April 2011	18	57	15	10
March 2011	20	60	11	9
February 2011	21	57	15	7
January 2011	25	55	10	10
HIGHEST EVER	35 (7/11)	60 (3/11)	15 (4/11, 2/11)	10 (4/11, 1/11)
LOWEST EVER	21 (2/11)	50 (7/11)	8 (7/11)	7 (2/11)

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Q. 33 On another issue, Governor Cuomo made openness and transparency of state government an important issue when campaigning for Governor. Do you think the Governor has made the workings of state government in Albany more open and transparent than it had been, less open and transparent than it had been, or do you think there has been no change in the level of openness and transparency in state government?

DATE	MORE OPEN	LESS OPEN	NO CHANGE IN OPENNESS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	40	5	46	9
September 2011	30	4	58	9
HIGHEST EVER	40 (4/12)	5 (4/12)	58 (9/11)	9 (4/12, 9/11)
LOWEST EVER	30 (9/11)	4 (9/11)	46 (4/12)	9 (4/12, 9/11)

Q. 13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Sheldon Silver?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	26	35	39
January 2012	24	36	40
July 2011	22	36	41
April 2011	22	39	39
February 2011	19	41	39
HIGHEST EVER	28 (7/05)	42 (12/10)	50 (4/05)
LOWEST EVER	19 (2/11, 4/05)	30 (4/05)	36 (12/10, 6/09)

Q. 14 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Dean Skelos?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	13	21	67
January 2012	12	21	67
July 2011	13	20	67
April 2011	11	19	69
February 2011	11	17	71
HIGHEST EVER	15 (6/09)	23 (6/09)	82 (11/08)
LOWEST EVER	9 (12/10)	8 (7/08)	62 (6/09)

Q. 26 Do you support or oppose passing an amendment to the state constitution to allow non-Indian, Las Vegas style casinos to be built in New York?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	50	46	4
March 2012	48	49	3
February 2012	52	44	4
January 2012	53	42	5
HIGHEST EVER	53 (1/12)	49 (3/12)	5 (1/12)
LOWEST EVER	48 (3/12)	42 (1/12)	3 (3/12)

Q. 27 Do you support or oppose creating a new pension system for future state and local government employees that will save money for government employers going forward and have employees make a larger contribution toward their retirement plan?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	70	26	4
March 2012	66	29	5
February 2012	69	28	4
HIGHEST EVER	70 (4/12)	29 (3/12)	5 (3/12)
LOWEST EVER	66 (3/12)	26 (4/12)	4 (4/12, 2/12)

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Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	58	39	3
March 2012	61	36	3
February 2012	64	34	2
January 2012	59	38	3
November 2011	57	40	3
October 2011	55	43	3
September 2011	52	45	2
August 2011	52	45	3
July 2011	57	39	4
June 2011	59	38	4
May 2011	62	36	2
April 2011	63	34	3
March 2011	60	37	3
February 2011	62	35	3
January 2011	61	36	3
HIGHEST EVER	81 (1/09)	46 (10/31/10)	40 (11/06)
LOWEST EVER	48 (11/06)	10 (1/09)	2 (9/11, 5/11)

Q. 17 How would you rate the job that Barack Obama is doing as President? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	13	32	25	29	0
March 2012	16	34	23	26	0
February 2012	15	34	27	24	0
January 2012	12	34	26	27	0
November 2011	10	33	28	29	0
October 2011	9	29	32	30	0
September 2011	11	29	28	33	0
August 2011	10	26	30	33	0
July 2011	13	32	30	25	1
May 2011	16	37	24	23	0
HIGHEST EVER	16 (3/12, 5/11)	37 (5/11)	32 (10/11)	33 (9/11, 8/11)	1 (7/11)
LOWEST EVER	9 (10/11)	26 (8/11)	23 (3/12)	23 (5/11)	0 (many)

Q. 18 Barack Obama is running for re-election as President this year. I know it's a ways off, but as things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would you prefer someone else?^

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	54	41	5
March 2012	56	38	6
February 2012	58	36	5
January 2012	55	40	5
November 2011	51	42	7
October 2011	48	45	7
September 2011	47	47	6
August 2011	47	45	8
July 2011	50	41	9
June 2011	52	44	4
May 2011	54	39	6
April 2011	52	39	9
March 2011	49	43	8
February 2011	49	43	8
January 2011	50	40	10
HIGHEST EVER	58 (2/12)	47 (9/11, 12/10)	10 (1/11, 12/10)
LOWEST EVER	43 (12/10)	36 (2/12)	4 (6/11)

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Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Mitt Romney?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	35	57	8
March 2012	32	57	10
February 2012	35	55	10
November 2011	36	48	16
October 2011	34	45	21
September 2011	30	46	24
August 2011	32	46	21
HIGHEST EVER	36 (11/11)	57 (4/12, 3/12)	35 (12/07)
LOWEST EVER	25 (12/07)	40 (12/07)	8 (4/12)

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Newt Gingrich?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	22	71	7
March 2012	21	70	8
February 2012	24	67	9
November 2011	26	58	16
August 2011	20	64	16
HIGHEST EVER	26 (11/11)	71 (4/12)	16 (11/11, 8/11)
LOWEST EVER	20 (8/11)	58 (11/11)	7 (4/12)

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Ron Paul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	30	50	20
March 2012	29	52	19
February 2012	32	49	19
November 2011	26	46	28
August 2011	26	40	35
HIGHEST EVER	32 (2/12)	52 (3/12)	38 (3/3/08)
LOWEST EVER	14 (3/3/08)	40 (8/11)	19 (3/12, 2/12)

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rick Santorum?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	31	56	13
March 2012	26	56	17
February 2012	28	46	26
August 2011	14	32	54
HIGHEST EVER	31 (4/12)	56 (4/12, 3/12)	54 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	14 (8/11)	32 (8/11)	13 (4/12)

Q. 35 (REPUBLICANS ONLY) Looking ahead to the upcoming election for President. If the New York Republican primary for President were held today and the candidates were Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.) ^

DATE	NEWT GINGRICH	RON PAUL	MITT ROMNEY	RICK SANTORUM	OTHER*	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	6	11	51	18	NA	14
March 2012	13	11	38	23	NA	14
February 2012	29	16	31	13	NA	10
November 2011	12	9	32	NA	33	15
August 2011	3	8	18	1	61	9
HIGHEST EVER	29 (2/12)	16 (2/12)	51 (4/12)	23 (3/12)	NA	15 (11/11)
LOWEST EVER	3 (8/11)	8 (8/11)	18 (8/11)	1 (8/11)	NA	9 (8/11)

* In August, choices also included Rudy Giuliani, George Pataki, Sarah Palin, John Huntsman, and Tim Pawlenty

* In November, choices also included Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, and Rick Perry

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Q. 37 If the 2012 election for President were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and Newt Gingrich on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	OBAMA	GINGRICH	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	65	29	6
March 2012	66	27	8
February 2012	68	26	6
November 2011	63	28	9
HIGHEST EVER	68 (2/12)	29 (4/12)	9 (11/11)
LOWEST EVER	63 (11/11)	26 (2/12)	6 (4/12, 2/12)

Q. 38 If the 2012 election for President were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and Ron Paul on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	OBAMA	PAUL	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	61	31	8
March 2012	62	29	9
February 2012	65	29	6
November 2011	60	31	9
August 2011	57	32	11
HIGHEST EVER	65 (2/12)	32 (8/11)	11 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	57 (8/11)	29 (3/12, 2/12)	6 (2/12)

Q. 39 If the 2012 election for President were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and Mitt Romney on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	OBAMA	ROMNEY	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	60	35	5
March 2012	60	34	6
February 2012	63	31	6
November 2011	59	34	7
October 2011	55	37	8
September 2011	56	36	8
August 2011	55	37	8
HIGHEST EVER	63 (2/12)	37 (10/11, 8/11)	8 (10/11, 9/11, 8/11)
LOWEST EVER	55 (10/11, 8/11)	31 (2/12)	5 (4/12)

Q. 40 If the 2012 election for President were held today and the candidates were Barack Obama on the Democratic line and Rick Santorum on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	OBAMA	SANTORUM	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	62	33	5
March 2012	64	30	6
February 2012	65	28	6
HIGHEST EVER	65 (2/12)	33 (4/12)	6 (3/12, 2/12)
LOWEST EVER	62 (4/12)	28 (2/12)	5 (4/12)

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	51	25	24
March 2012	54	24	22
February 2012	52	20	29
January 2012	49	25	26
November 2011	49	25	26
October 2011	46	24	30
September 2011	46	25	29
August 2011	46	24	30
July 2011	49	21	30
May 2011	51	20	29
February 2011	57	18	25
HIGHEST EVER	57 (2/11)	34 (10/31/10)	56 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	26 (3/09)	14 (1/09)	14 (10/31/10)

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Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about George Maragos?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	6	12	82
March 2012	5	17	78
February 2012	8	14	78
January 2012	8	12	79
November 2011	5	14	82
HIGHEST EVER	8 (2/12, 1/12)	17 (3/12)	89 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	5 (3/12, 11/11)	6 (5/10)	78 (3/12, 2/12)

Q. 19 Kirsten Gillibrand is running for re-election as United State Senator this year. As things stand now would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else? ^

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	54	28	18
March 2012	58	30	12
February 2012	53	27	20
January 2012	53	32	16
November 2011	53	30	17
October 2011	46	34	21
September 2011	45	34	22
August 2011	49	34	18
July 2011	50	29	21
May 2011	50	30	20
February 2011	52	29	19
HIGHEST EVER	58 (3/12)	34 (10/11, 9/11, 8/11)	22 (9/11)
LOWEST EVER	45 (9/11)	27 (2/12)	12 (3/12)

Q. 42 Looking at the November election for United States Senator from New York, if that election were held today and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line and George Maragos on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.) ^

DATE	GILLIBRAND	MARAGOS	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
April 2012	65	21	14
March 2012	68	19	13
February 2012	63	20	17
January 2012	63	22	15
November 2011	65	17	18
HIGHEST EVER	68 (3/12)	22 (1/12)	18 (11/11)
LOWEST EVER	63 (2/12, 1/12)	17 (11/11)	13 (3/12)

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
April 2012	38	54	8
March 2012	40	52	8
February 2012	42	51	7
January 2012	37	56	7
November 2011	26	66	8
October 2011	22	71	7
September 2011	26	66	8
August 2011	20	74	6
July 2011	35	55	10
May 2011	43	49	9
March 2011	34	57	9
February 2011	44	47	9
January 2011	36	54	10
HIGHEST EVER	62 (5/09)	74 (8/11)	17 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	19 (10/08)	24 (12/09)	6 (8/11)

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Q. 20 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
April 2012	1	17	48	33	1
March 2012	1	15	46	37	1
October 2011	0	11	38	50	1
September 2011	1	11	36	50	1
August 2011	1	11	39	48	1
July 2011	1	8	40	51	1
May 2011	0	9	33	57	1
April 2011	1	8	32	58	0
March 2011	1	7	30	62	1
February 2011	0	7	26	66	1
HIGHEST EVER	1 (many)	17 (4/12)	48 (4/12)	67 (3/22/10)	4 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	0 (many)	6 (3/22/10, etc.)	25 (3/22/10)	33 (4/12)	0 (4/11, etc.)

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
April 2012	55	34	11
March 2012	50	40	10
February 2012	52	36	12
January 2012	51	38	11
November 2011	42	46	12
October 2011	40	48	12
September 2011	45	44	10
August 2011	44	47	10
July 2011	48	40	12
June 2011	38	47	15
May 2011	40	49	11
April 2011	46	41	13
March 2011	43	45	12
February 2011	47	39	14
January 2011	36	50	14
HIGHEST EVER	55 (4/12)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	9 (7/10)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the polls of 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 2011.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.