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### Siena College Poll:

## Majority Want ‘Obamacare’ Implemented, Not Repealed

Huge Partisan Difference on Health Care Between Republicans & Democrats;  
Few Voters Expect Law to Increase Health Care Access or Decrease Costs  
***Cuomo Still Popular; Virtually Same Grade for Session this Year as Last***  
Voters Divided on State Legislature, But Two-thirds View Congress Unfavorably

Loudonville, NY. By a 45-28 percent margin voters agree with the recent United State Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – often referred to as Obamacare. In light of the decision, 53 percent of voters want to see the law fully implemented and 37 percent want to see it repealed, with three-quarters of Democrats favoring implementation and three-quarters of Republicans supporting repeal, according to a new Siena College Research Institute poll of registered voters released today. Only one in five voters thinks the law will increase health care access and only one in eight thinks it will reduce their costs.

Governor Andrew Cuomo continues to have a three-to-one favorability rating and voters have given him virtually the same grade (on the A to F scale) for his work on the 2012 legislative session as they gave him for the 2011 session. Each house of the Legislature also got session grades comparable to last year’s – considerably lower than the Governor’s grade. And while nearly as many voters have a favorable view of each house as has an unfavorable view, the same is not true for the United States Congress which is viewed unfavorably by 67 percent.

“Overall, a plurality of New Yorkers agree with the Supreme Court’s decision that Obamacare is constitutional and a majority want to now see the law fully implemented rather than repealed,” said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg. “There is, however, a huge partisan difference as 76 percent of Democrats want to see the law implemented and 75 percent of Republicans want it repealed. Independent voters are nearly evenly divided with 44 percent for implementation and 47 percent for repeal.

“While voters in non-union households barely favor implementation by a 50-41 percent margin, voters in union households favor implementation two-to-one. New York City voters favor implementation by better than two-to-one, while suburban and upstate voters are evenly divided. A majority of Protestant and Jewish voters support implementation but a plurality of Catholic voters want to see the law repealed,” Greenberg said.

Fifty percent of voters believe that if the law is fully implemented their access to quality health care professionals will remain about the same, 27 percent say their access will be decreased and 19 percent think they will have greater access. When it comes to cost of health care if the law is implemented, 44 percent think their health care costs will increase, 38 percent think they will remain about the same and 13 percent say they will decrease.

“A majority of Democrats and independents believe that if Obamacare is fully implemented they will have about the same level of access to health care services they have now. A majority of Republicans think their access will be less. A majority of Republicans and independents say they will pay more for health care if the law is implemented, while a plurality of Democrats think their costs will remain about the same,” Greenberg said.

“Among those voters who favor implementing the law, only 18 percent say it will result in decreased cost and only 30 percent say it will increase their health care access. Among those who favor repeal, two-thirds believe their access will be lessened and 78 percent say their costs will increase. While few voters think Obamacare will reduce their health care costs or increase their access to health care, a majority of voters still wants to see the law implemented and a majority is more likely to support a candidate who favors implementation,” Greenberg said.

### **Romney Continues to Significantly Trail Obama in ‘Blue’ New York**

President Obama has a 59-38 percent favorability rating (unchanged from last month) and Governor Mitt Romney has a negative 35-59 percent favorability rating (35-56 percent last month). Fifty-seven percent of voters are prepared to re-elect Obama and 39 percent would prefer ‘someone else’ (54-42 percent last month).

“Obama has slightly increased his lead over Romney from last month and now has a 27-point lead, 61-34 percent, up from 24 points last month,” Greenberg said. Obama leads Romney by 77 points among Democrats, he trails by 57 points among Republicans and leads by 13 points among independent voters.”

### **Cuomo’s Extended Honeymoon with Voters Shows No Signs of Letting Up**

Cuomo has a 69-22 percent favorability rating (little change from 70-24 percent last month) and a 58-41 percent job performance rating (60-40 percent last month). Fifteen percent of voters give him an ‘A’ for the just completed session, 46 percent a ‘B,’ 25 percent a ‘C,’ six percent a ‘D,’ and four percent failed him.

“Two budgets, two sessions, a year and a half in office, and more than two-thirds of voters – including at least 59 percent of voters from every region and party – continue to view Cuomo favorably,” Greenberg said. “While some pundits have opined that Cuomo’s sophomore year wasn’t as strong as his freshman year, voters don’t agree with that assessment. His favorability and job performance ratings are virtually the same today as they were exactly one year ago, and overall, voters gave the Governor a 2.65 GPA (grade point average) for his efforts in the just-completed session. Last year, voters gave him a 2.67 GPA for his first session.”

### **State Legislature: Not as Good as Cuomo but Far Better than Congress**

The State Assembly is viewed favorably by 42 percent of voters and unfavorably by 45 percent (little changed from 42-44 percent in May) and the State Senate has a 43-48 percent favorability rating (down a little from 46-43 percent in May). The United States Congress has a 27-67 percent favorability rating.

“The State Legislature is hardly beloved by New Yorkers, however, voters view both houses significantly better than last June when each had a two-to-one negative favorability rating,” Greenberg said. “Democrats have a mildly favorable view of each house while Republicans have a mildly unfavorable view of each and independents are more unfavorable to both houses. Interestingly, there is no partisan divide when it comes to Congress, which is viewed unfavorably by 65 percent of Republicans, 67 percent of Democrats and 70 percent of independents.

“Voters give the Senate a 2.13 GPA for the 2012 session, up slightly from 2.05 last year, and they give the Assembly a comparable 2.12 GPA, also up slightly from 2.03 last year,” Greenberg said.

### **Long Wins Republican Primary but Continues to Trail Gillibrand by a Huge Margin**

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has a 49-24 percent favorability rating (little changed from 50-24 percent in June) and by a margin of 55-28 percent voters say they are prepared to re-elect her rather than support ‘someone else’ (little changed from 54-29 percent in June). Wendy Long has a 13-11 percent favorability rating (9-11 percent in June).

“Long has won the right to take on Gillibrand and she has more than three months to make her case to voters but she has a lot of ground to make up and gained no momentum from the slightly-noticed primary. Right now, Gillibrand has a commanding 62-25 percent lead over Long,” Greenberg said. “While only seven percent of Democrats are supporting the largely unknown Long, 30 percent of Republicans are supporting Democrat Gillibrand, who also leads among independents 50-30 percent.”

### **Majority Say New York is Headed on Right Track for 7<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Month**

“By a 53-36 percent margin, virtually unchanged from last month, voters say New York is on the right track rather than heading in the wrong direction. Fifty-nine percent of New York City voters and 50 percent of voters from upstate and the downstate suburbs say the state is on the right track,” Greenberg said. “When it comes to the direction of the nation, 44 percent say the country is on the right track and 52 percent say it’s headed in the wrong direction. This is up from 40-53 percent in June and while still negative, the most positive it’s been in more than a year.”

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This Siena College Poll was conducted July 10-15, 2012 by telephone calls to 758 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.6$  percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party and gender to ensure representativeness. Sampling was conducted via random digit dialing to landline and cell phones weighted to reflect known population patterns. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in New York State. SRI, 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 and frequencies: [www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY).



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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
July 2012	69	22	9
June 2012	70	24	5
May 2012	68	24	8
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
<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. 14** 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
July 2012	13	45	33	8	1
June 2012	16	44	31	9	1
May 2012	14	42	33	10	1
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>17 (1/12)</b>	<b>47 (4/12, etc.)</b>	<b>36 (9/11, 5/11)</b>	<b>10 (5/12)</b>	<b>28 (1/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (3/11)</b>	<b>34 (1/11)</b>	<b>24 (1/11)</b>	<b>4 (2/11, 1/11)</b>	<b>1 (many)</b>

**Q. 15** 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
July 2012	27	54	10	8
April 2012	22	59	12	8
July 2011	35	50	8	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>35 (7/11)</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>50 (7/11)</b>	<b>8 (7/11)</b>	<b>7 (2/11)</b>

**Q. 22** How would you grade Governor Cuomo on his effectiveness in the just completed legislative session in Albany? Overall, would give the Governor a grade of A, B, C, D, or F on his second legislative session? ^

DATE	A	B	C	D	F	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	15	46	25	6	4	5
July 2011	21	41	20	7	6	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>21 (7/11)</b>	<b>46 (7/12)</b>	<b>25 (7/12)</b>	<b>7 (7/11)</b>	<b>6 (7/11)</b>	<b>5 (7/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>15 (7/12)</b>	<b>41 (7/11)</b>	<b>20 (7/11)</b>	<b>6 (7/12)</b>	<b>4 (7/12)</b>	<b>4 (7/11)</b>

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**Q. 26** Governor Cuomo has said he is dedicated to improving the economy of New York, to making us the Empire State again. What grade would you give the governor on his efforts so far to improve the economy of New York? Would you give him a grade of A, B, C, D or F?

DATE	A	B	C	D	F	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	9	39	32	11	8	2
July 2011	9	34	35	12	7	4
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/12, 7&amp;5/11)</b>	<b>39 (7/12)</b>	<b>37 (5/11)</b>	<b>12 (7/11)</b>	<b>8 (7/12)</b>	<b>5 (5/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (7/12, 7&amp;5/11)</b>	<b>34 (7/11)</b>	<b>32 (7/12)</b>	<b>8 (5/11)</b>	<b>6 (5/11)</b>	<b>2 (7/12)</b>

**Q. 8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Sheldon Silver?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	25	37	39
April 2012	26	35	39
January 2012	24	36	40
July 2011	22	36	41
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>28 (7/05)</b>	<b>42 (12/10)</b>	<b>50 (4/05)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (2/11, 4/05)</b>	<b>30 (4/05)</b>	<b>36 (12/10, 6/09)</b>

**Q. 9** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Dean Skelos?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	13	22	64
April 2012	13	21	67
January 2012	12	21	67
July 2011	13	20	67
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>15 (6/09)</b>	<b>23 (6/09)</b>	<b>82 (11/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (12/10)</b>	<b>8 (7/08)</b>	<b>62 (6/09)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	42	45	13
May 2012	42	44	14
March 2012	37	49	14
January 2012	39	46	15
July 2011	38	47	15
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (7/12, 5/12)</b>	<b>61 (7/10)</b>	<b>18 (6/11, 2/09)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (7/10)</b>	<b>42 (2/09)</b>	<b>12 (1/10)</b>

**Q. 11** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	43	48	9
May 2012	46	43	11
March 2012	42	46	12
January 2012	39	49	13
July 2011	41	49	10
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>46 (5/12)</b>	<b>74 (7/09)</b>	<b>14 (6/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>20 (7/09)</b>	<b>43 (5/12, 2/09)</b>	<b>6 (7/09)</b>

**Q. 23** How would you grade the State Senate on its effectiveness in the just completed legislative session in Albany? Overall, would give the State Senate a grade of A, B, C, D, or F?

DATE	A	B	C	D	F	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	3	30	42	12	6	7
July 2011	6	28	34	13	11	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>6 (7/11)</b>	<b>30 (7/12)</b>	<b>42 (7/12)</b>	<b>13 (7/11)</b>	<b>11 (7/11)</b>	<b>8 (7/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>3 (7/12)</b>	<b>28 (7/11)</b>	<b>34 (7/11)</b>	<b>12 (7/12)</b>	<b>6 (7/12)</b>	<b>7 (7/12)</b>

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**Q. 24** How would you grade the State Assembly on its effectiveness in the just completed legislative session in Albany? Overall, would give the State Assembly a grade of A, B, C, D, or F?

DATE	A	B	C	D	F	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	2	32	43	9	7	8
July 2011	5	29	33	14	11	8
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>5 (7/11)</b>	<b>32 (7/12)</b>	<b>43 (7/12)</b>	<b>14 (7/11)</b>	<b>11 (7/11)</b>	<b>8 (7/12, 7/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>2 (7/12)</b>	<b>29 (7/11)</b>	<b>33 (7/11)</b>	<b>9 (7/12)</b>	<b>7 (7/12)</b>	<b>8 (7/11, 7/11)</b>

**Q. 20** As things stand now, if the election for State Senate were held today would you vote to re-elect your incumbent Senator or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	42	38	20
June 2012	43	40	17
May 2012	47	34	19
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>47 (5/12)</b>	<b>40 (6/12)</b>	<b>20 (7/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>42 (7/12)</b>	<b>34 (5/12)</b>	<b>17 (6/12)</b>

**Q. 21** Republicans currently control the State Senate by a 33-29 majority. Looking at this year's election, would you prefer to see the Republicans continue to control the State Senate, or would you prefer to see the Democrats win control of the Senate? (Choices were rotated)

DATE	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRATIC	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	38	54	8
June 2012	37	54	8
May 2012	38	56	7
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>38 (7/12, 5/12)</b>	<b>56 (5/12)</b>	<b>8 (7/12, 6/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>37 (6/12)</b>	<b>54 (7/12, 6/12)</b>	<b>7 (5/12)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	59	38	3
June 2012	59	38	2
May 2012	60	38	2
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
<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>2 (6/12, etc.)</b>

**Q. 5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Mitt Romney?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	35	59	7
June 2012	35	56	9
May 2012	33	57	10
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>36 (11/11)</b>	<b>59 (7/12)</b>	<b>35 (12/07)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>25 (12/07)</b>	<b>40 (12/07)</b>	<b>7 (7/12)</b>

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**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
July 2012	16	35	21	28	0
June 2012	14	32	26	27	0
May 2012	15	32	25	27	0
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>16 (7/12, etc.)</b>	<b>37 (5/11)</b>	<b>32 (10/11)</b>	<b>33 (9/11, 8/11)</b>	<b>1 (7/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (10/11)</b>	<b>26 (8/11)</b>	<b>21 (7/12)</b>	<b>23 (5/11)</b>	<b>0 (many)</b>

**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
July 2012	57	39	4
June 2012	54	42	5
May 2012	54	42	3
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (2/12)</b>	<b>47 (9/11, 12/10)</b>	<b>10 (1/11, 12/10)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>43 (12/10)</b>	<b>36 (2/12)</b>	<b>3 (5/12)</b>

**Q. 27** If the election for President was 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
July 2012	61	34	5
June 2012	59	35	6
May 2012	57	37	6
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>63 (2/12)</b>	<b>37 (5/12, 10/11, 8/11)</b>	<b>8 (10/11, 9/11, 8/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>55 (10/11, 8/11)</b>	<b>31 (2/12)</b>	<b>5 (7/12, 4/12)</b>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	13	11	76
June 2012	9	11	80
May 2012	10	9	81
April 2012	8	10	82
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>13 (7/12)</b>	<b>11 (7/12, 6/12)</b>	<b>82 (4/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>8 (4/12)</b>	<b>9 (5/12)</b>	<b>76 (7/12)</b>

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**Q. 6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	49	24	28
June 2012	50	24	26
May 2012	48	27	25
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>57 (2/11)</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. 16** How would you rate the job that Kirsten Gillibrand is doing as United States Senator? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	12	31	29	11	16
March 2012	11	38	32	11	9
November 2011	9	37	29	12	13
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>12 (7/12)</b>	<b>38 (3/11)</b>	<b>32 (11/11)</b>	<b>12 (11/11)</b>	<b>16 (7/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>9 (11/11)</b>	<b>31 (7/12)</b>	<b>29 (7/12, 11/11)</b>	<b>11 (7/12, 3/12)</b>	<b>9 (3/12)</b>

**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
July 2012	55	28	17
June 2012	54	29	17
May 2012	54	32	13
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>58 (3/12)</b>	<b>34 (10/11, 9/11, 8/11)</b>	<b>22 (9/11)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>45 (9/11)</b>	<b>27 (2/12)</b>	<b>12 (3/12)</b>

**Q. 28** If that election for U.S. Senator was held today and the candidates were Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line and Wendy Long on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	GILLIBRAND	LONG	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
July 2012	62	25	13
June 2012	65	22	12
May 2012	60	26	14
April 2012	63	23	14
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>65 (6/12)</b>	<b>26 (5/12)</b>	<b>14 (5/12, 4/12)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>60 (5/12)</b>	<b>22 (6/12)</b>	<b>12 (6/12)</b>

# Siena College Poll Trends – July 2012

**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
July 2012	44	52	5
June 2012	40	53	7
May 2012	42	51	7
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>62 (5/09)</b>	<b>74 (8/11)</b>	<b>17 (9/08)</b>
<b>LOWEST EVER</b>	<b>19 (10/08)</b>	<b>24 (12/09)</b>	<b>6 (8/11)</b>

**Q. 25** 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
July 2012	0	19	44	36	1
June 2012	1	18	46	32	2
May 2012	2	16	47	34	1
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>2 (5/12)</b>	<b>19 (7/12)</b>	<b>48 (4/12)</b>	<b>67 (3/22/10)</b>	<b>4 (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>32 (6/12)</b>	<b>0 (4/11, etc.)</b>

**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
July 2012	53	36	11
June 2012	53	37	10
May 2012	55	34	10
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
<b>HIGHEST EVER</b>	<b>55 (5/12, 4/12)</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>9 (7/10)</b>

**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 July 2011.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.