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### Siena College Poll:

# Obama, Ratings Up, Beats All Republicans by 25-37 Points

Romney Leads Republican Field; Republicans Overwhelmingly See Romney as Strongest Obama Opponent & Likely Nomination Winner By 2-to-1 Voters Do Not Believe OWS Represents 99% of Americans;

## One Year Out, Gillibrand Looking Strong in Seeking Re-election

57% Say OWS Participants Should Be Allowed in Parks 24 Hours a Day

**Loudonville**, **NY**. President Obama's favorability and job performance ratings edged up this month, as he has expanded his lead over six potential Republican opponents to at least 25 points, according to a new Siena College Research Institute poll of registered New York voters released today. Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney leads the field for the Republican nomination for President, although he has the support of less than one-third of Republicans. However, nearly half of New York Republicans say he would be the strongest challenger against Obama, and 57 percent think he will win the nomination.

More than two-thirds of voters say they are paying at least some attention to the Occupy Wall Street movement, and by a 66-31 percent margin, voters say that the movement does not represent 99 percent of people. Participants in the movement should be allowed to occupy public parks 24 hours a day, voters say by a 57-40 percent margin.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, viewed favorably by a two-to-one margin, is in a strong position for re-election one year out, with leads of more than 40 points against two potential Republican opponents.

"President Obama may be facing a difficult national electorate as we move closer to 2012, however, he does not appear to have any problems in 'blue' New York," said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg. "His favorability is the highest it has been since July, he is back over 50 percent on the generic re-elect for the first time since June, and he leads Romney by 25 points, with five other Republicans finishing even further back."

Obama has a 57-40 percent favorability rating (up from 55-43 percent last month) and a 43-57 percent job performance rating (up from 38-62 percent). Fifty-one percent are prepared to re-elect the President, compared to 42 percent who prefer 'someone else' (up from 48-45 percent).

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"While Obama gets at least 82 percent of Democrats and a majority of independents against each of the Republicans, currently only Romney, among the six, has the support of at least 70 percent of Republicans," Greenberg said. "And Obama has majority support in every region of the state against all six.

Potential 2012 Presidential Horseraces				
Barack Obama vs.	Obama	Repub.	Don't Know/ No Opinion	
Mitt Romney	59%	34%	7%	
Ron Paul	60%	31%	9%	
Rick Perry	63%	28%	9%	
Newt Gingrich	63%	28%	9%	
Michele Bachmann	64%	27%	9%	
Herman Cain	63%	27%	10%	
So	urce: Siena Co	llege Poll, Nov	ember 15, 2011	

#### Romney Leads in Primary Vote, Seen as Nominee by Most Republicans

"Romney has the support of 32 percent of Republicans, followed by Herman Cain at 15 percent, former Speaker Newt Gingrich at 12 percent, and Texas Governor Rick Perry, Representative Ron Paul and Representative Michele Bachmann, all at nine percent," Greenberg said. "Among self-described conservative Republicans, Romney's lead shrinks, with 30 percent support, compared to Gingrich at 18 percent and Cain at 14 percent.

"Nearly half, 46 percent, of Republicans think Romney is the strongest challenger against Obama, with only Gingrich at 13 percent finishing in double digits," Greenberg said. "Republicans don't see much doubt as to who they think will win the nomination, with Romney getting the nod from 57 percent and Gingrich finishing a distant second at 11 percent."

Favorability Ratings of Potential 2012 Republican Presidential Candidates							
	All F	All Registered Voters			Registered Republicans		
Candidate	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't Know/ No Opinion	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't Know/ No Opinion	
Mitt Romney	36%	48%	16%	58%	28%	14%	
Ron Paul	26%	46%	28%	33%	37%	29%	
Newt Gingrich	26%	58%	16%	46%	44%	10%	
Herman Cain	24%	59%	18%	44%	39%	17%	
Michele Bachmann	21%	56%	23%	35%	37%	27%	
Rick Perry	19%	58%	24%	30%	48%	22%	
				Source: Siena	a College Poll, Nov	vember 15, 2011	

#### Obama: High Grades from Dems, Low Grades from Reps & Middle of the Road from Independents

"Voters were asked to give Obama an A through F grade on seven specific issues and an overall grade on his first three years as President. Overall, 13 percent of voters give him an A, 37 percent a B, 22 percent a C, 13 percent a D, and he was given a failing grade by 15 percent," Greenberg said. "While his overall grade point average, or GPA, calculates to 2.2, or nearly a C +, Democrats give him a GPA of 2.8, while Republicans give him a 1.4 and independents rate him at 1.9.

"On specific issues, Obama is graded best on protecting America from terrorism and enhancing the nation's reputation abroad. He gets his worst grades on improving the economy and creating jobs," Greenberg said.

Voters: Occupy Doesn't Represent 99% & Has No Clear Message; Allow Participants in Parks Overnight "By two-to-one, voters say that the Occupy Wall Street movement does not represent 99 percent of Americans. Even a majority of Democrats – a majority of whom have a favorable view of Occupy Wall Street – does not believe the movement represents 99 percent of people. By a smaller, but still strong 58-37 percent margin, voters – including those from every party and region – believe that the Occupy Wall Street movement does not have a clear message," Greenberg said.

"When it comes to how voters feel about whether the people engaged in the movement should be allowed to occupy public parks around the clock, the answer is 'yes.' By a 57-40 percent margin, including a majority of Democrats, independents and voters from every region, New Yorkers believe that the demonstrators should be able to stay in the parks all day and all night," Greenberg said.

Democratic Party 'Speaks' for More New Yorkers than Republican Party + Tea Party + Occupy Wall St.

"More than two in five voters, 43 percent, say they Democratic Party currently best speaks for them, compared to 18 percent who said the Republican Party, 12 percent Occupy Wall Street, and 11 percent Tea Party," Greenberg said. "Not surprisingly, more than two-thirds of Democrats said their party best speaks for them, however, only 43 percent of Republicans identified their party, while 22 percent said the Tea Party. A plurality of independents, 27 percent identified the Democratic Party, with between 15 and 18 percent identifying the other three, although 20 percent of independents volunteered that none of those four entities best speaks for them."

#### Gillibrand Enjoys Huge Leads Over Two Largely Unknown Potential Republican Opponents

"Senator Gillibrand, with a two-to-one favorability rating (49-25 percent), and with 53 percent of voters saying they are prepared to re-elect her (up from 46 percent last month), leads two potential challengers by more than 40 points," Greenberg said. "She leads former State Comptroller candidate Harry Wilson 63-21 percent and leads Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos 65-17 percent. Both Wilson and Maragos are unknown to more than three-quarters of voters and both are viewed unfavorably by more than twice as many as view them favorably."

#### **Cuomo Still Strong with Voters**

"Governor Andrew Cuomo's nearly year-long honeymoon with voters continues, as his favorability rating continues to soar at 72-22 percent, virtually unchanged from 71-22 percent last month," Greenberg said. "His job performance rating dipped slightly. However, he is still given a positive rating by 56 percent and a negative rating by 42 percent, down from 58-41 percent last month."

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This Siena College Poll was conducted November 8-13, 2011 by telephone calls to 803 New York State registered voters. It has a margin of error of  $\pm$  3.5 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, under the direction of 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, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: <a href="https://www.siena.edu/SRI/SNY">www.siena.edu/SRI/SNY</a>.



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## Siena College Poll Trends – November 2011

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

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
December 2010	66	25	8
November 2010	64	26	9
October 31, 2010*	57	38	5
October 20, 2010*	62	34	3
October 5, 2010*	56	37	7
September 2010	60	31	9
August 2010	61	27	13
July 2010	62	25	13
HIGHEST EVER	77 (2/11)	42 (10/06)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	44 (8/06, 10/0	06) 14 (8/09)	3 (10/20/10)

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 I	FAIR F	POOR DO	N'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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	15 (7/11)	47 (10/11, 2/11)	36 (9/11, 5/11)	9 (11/11,	etc.) 28 (1/11)
LOWEST EVER	8 (3/11)	34 (1/11)	24 (1/11)	4 (2/11, 1	/11) 1 (7/11)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the Tea Party Movement?

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	28	60	12
October 2011	28	60	12
December 2010	31	52	17
November 2010	33	49	18
October 31, 2010*	39	51	9
October 20, 2010*	34	52	15
October 5, 2010*	40	50	10
September 2010	34	49	18
HIGHEST EVER	40 (10/5/10	) 60 (11/11, 1	<b>0/11)</b> 18 (11/10, 9/10)
LOWEST EVER	<b>28</b> (11/11, 1	<b>49</b> (11/10)	9 (10/31/10)

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Occupy Wall Street?

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	45	44	11
October 2011	49	38	13
HIGHEST EVER	49 (10/11)	<b>44 (11/11)</b>	13 (10/11)
LOWEST EVER	<b>45</b> (11/11)	38 (10/11)	<b>11 (11/11)</b>

For the last few weeks, there have been ongoing demonstrations taking place in lower Manhattan that have become known as the Occupy Wall Street movement. Similar demonstrations have now taken place in cities across the country. How much attention have you paid to the Occupy Wall Street movement – a great deal of attention, some, not very much, or no attention at all?

DATE	GREAT DEAL	SOME	NOT VERY MUCH	NONE	Don't Know/No Opinion
November 2011	22	49	19	10	0
October 2011	24	42	22	12	0
HIGHEST EVER	24 (10/11)	<mark>49 (11/11</mark>	22 (10/11)	12 (10/1	1) <b>0</b> (11/11, 10/11)
LOWEST EVER	<b>22</b> (11/11)	42 (10/11	19 (11/11)	10 (11/1	0 (11/11, 10/11)

When it comes to media coverage of these demonstrations, do you think there has been too much media coverage, about the right amount of coverage, or not enough coverage?

DATE	Тоо Мисн	RIGHT AMOUNT	NOT ENOUGH	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	29	46	22	4
October 2011	22	44	27	7
HIGHEST EVER	<b>29 (11/11)</b>	<b>46 (11/11)</b>	27 (10/11)	7 (10/11)
LOWEST EVER	22 (10/11)	44 (10/11)	<b>22 (11/11)</b>	4 (11/11)

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

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
November 2010	50	24	26
October 31, 2010*	52	34	14
October 20, 2010*	51	31	18
September 2010	43	26	30
August 2010	40	29	31
July 2010	34	29	37
HIGHEST EVER	57 (2/11)	34 (10/31/10	56 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	26 (3/09)	14 (1/09)	14 (10/31/10)

I know it's a ways off, but if Kirsten Gillibrand runs for re-election as United State Senator in 2012, would you vote to re-elect her or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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	<b>53 (11/11</b> )	34 (10/11, 9/1)	1, 8/11) 22 (9/11)
LOWEST EVER	45 (9/11)	29 (7/11, 2/11)	<mark>17 (11/11)</mark>

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	5	14	82
HIGHEST EVER	6 (5/10)	<b>14 (11/11)</b>	89 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	<b>5</b> (11/11)	6 (5/10)	<b>82 (11/11)</b>

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Harry Wilson?

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	8	16	76
October 31, 2010*	21	18	60
October 20, 2010*	13	17	70
September 2010	10	11	79
August 2010	8	11	81
July 2010	9	7	85
HIGHEST EVER	21 (10/31/10)	18 (10/31/10)	89 (5/10)
LOWEST EVER	6 (5/10)	5 (5/10, 4/10	60 (10/31/10)

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

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
December 2010	55	42	3
November 2010	58	37	5
October 31, 2010*	51	46	3
October 20, 2010*	56	41	3
September 2010	60	36	4
July 2010	60	37	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)

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	<b>POOR</b>	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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 (5/11)	37 (5/11)	32 (10/11)	33 (9/	11, 8/11) 1 (7/11)
LOWEST EVER	9 (10/11)	26 (8/11)	24 (5/11)	23 (5/	11) 0 (11/11, etc.)

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Barack Obama is running for re-election as President in 2012. 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?<sup>A</sup>

DATE	RE-ELECT	PREFER SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
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
December 2010	43	47	10
HIGHEST EVER	54 (5/11)	47 (9/11, 12/10	<b>10</b> (1/11, 12/10)
LOWEST EVER	43 (12/10	<b>39 (5/11, 4/11)</b>	4 (6/11)

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rick Perry?

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	19	58	24
October 2011	18	53	30
September 2011	21	45	34
August 2011	15	32	54
HIGHEST EVER	21 (9/11)	<b>58 (11/11)</b>	54 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	15 (8/11)	32 (8/11)	<b>24 (11/11)</b>

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

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	36	48	16
October 2011	34	45	21
September 2011	30	46	24
August 2011	32	46	21
HIGHEST EVER	<b>36 (11/11)</b>	<b>48</b> (11/11)	35 (12/07)
LOWEST EVER	25 (12/07)	40 (12/07)	<b>16 (11/11)</b>

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Herman Cain?

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	24	59	18
October 2011	25	32	42
August 2011	12	25	64
HIGHEST EVER	25 (10/11)	<b>59 (11/11)</b>	64 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	12 (8/11)	25 (8/11)	<b>18 (11/11)</b>

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

DATE	<b>FAVORABLE</b>	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	26	58	16
August 2011	20	64	16
HIGHEST EVER	<b>26</b> (11/11)	66 (5/07)	<b>16</b> (11/11, 8/11)
LOWEST EVER	20 (8/11)	<b>58</b> (11/11)	14 (5/07)

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	26	46	28
August 2011	26	40	35
HIGHEST EVER	<b>26</b> (11/11, 8/2	48 (3/3/08)	38 (3/3/08)
LOWEST EVER	14 (3/3/08)	40 (8/11)	<b>28</b> (11/11)

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Michele Bachmann?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	21	56	23
August 2011	25	44	31
HIGHEST EVER	25 (8/11)	<b>56 (11/11)</b>	31 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	<b>21 (11/11)</b>	44 (8/11)	<b>23 (11/11)</b>

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

DATE	OBAMA	PERRY	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	63	28	9
October 2011	58	31	11
September 2011	56	33	11
August 2011	57	30	13
HIGHEST EVER	63 (11/11)	33 (9/11)	13 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	56 (9/11)	<b>28</b> (11/11)	9 (11/11)

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
November 2011	59	34	7
October 2011	55	37	8
September 2011	56	36	8
August 2011	55	37	8
HIGHEST EVER	<b>59 (11/11)</b>	37 (10/11, 8/11	8 (10/11, 9/11, 8/11)
LOWEST EVER	55 (10/11, 8/11)	<b>34 (11/11)</b>	<mark>7 (11/11)</mark>

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

DATE	OBAMA	CAIN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	63	27	10
October 2011	58	32	10
HIGHEST EVER	<b>63 (11/11)</b>	32 (10/11)	<b>10</b> (11/11, 10/11)
LOWEST EVER	58 (10/11)	<b>27</b> (11/11)	<b>10</b> (11/11, 10/11)

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

DATE	OBAMA	BACHMANN	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	64	27	9
August 2011	60	30	10
HIGHEST EVER	<b>64 (11/11)</b>	30 (8/11)	10 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	60 (8/11)	<b>27</b> (11/11)	<b>9 (11/11)</b>

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
November 2011	60	31	9
August 2011	57	32	11
HIGHEST EVER	<b>60 (11/11)</b>	32 (8/11)	11 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	57 (8/11)	31 (11/11)	9 (11/11)

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(REPUBLICANS ONLY) Looking ahead to next year's election for President. If the New York Republican primary for President were held today and the candidates were Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	MICHELE	HERMAN	NEWT	RON	RICK	MITT	]	Oon't Know/
	BACHMANN	CAIN	GINGRICH	PAUL	<b>PERRY</b>	ROMNEY	OTHER*	NO OPINION
November 2011	9	15	12	9	9	32	NA	15
August 2011	9	1	3	8	6	18	46	9
HIGHEST EVER	<mark>9 (11/1</mark>	1) 15 (11 <i>i</i>	/11) <mark>12 (11/1</mark>	1) 9 (11/i	<mark>11) 9 (11</mark>	<mark>/11) 32 (11/</mark>	11) NA	<b>15 (11/11)</b>
LOWEST EVER	<mark>9 (11/1</mark>	1) 1 (8/1	3 (8/11)	8 (8/1	6 (8/2	11) 18 (8/1	1) NA	9 (8/11)

<sup>\*</sup> In August, choices also included Rudy Giuliani, George Pataki, Sarah Palin, John Huntsman, Rick Santorum, and Tim Pawlenty

(REPUBLICANS ONLY) Of those candidates, who do you think will win the Republican nomination for President to run against Barack Obama? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	MICHELE 1	HERMAN	NEWT	RON	RICK	MITT		Don't Know/
	BACHMANN	CAIN	GINGRICH	PAUL	PERRY	ROMNEY	OTHER*	NO OPINION
November 2011	2	8	11	2	8	57	NA	12
August 2011	7	1	2	2	5	36	23	23
HIGHEST EVER	7 (8/11)	) <mark>8 (11</mark> /	<mark>/11)                                   </mark>	1) 2 (11/	<mark>11) 8 (11</mark>	<mark>/11)                                   </mark>	11) NA	23 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	<mark>2 (11/1</mark>	<mark>1)</mark> 1 (8/1	11) 2 (8/11)	) 2 (11/	<b>11)</b> 5 (8/1	11) 36 (8/1	1) NA	12 (11/11)

<sup>\*</sup> In August, choices also included Rudy Giuliani, George Pataki, Sarah Palin, John Huntsman, Rick Santorum, and Tim Pawlenty

(REPUBLICANS ONLY) Of those candidates, who do you think would be the strongest Republican presidential candidate against Barack Obama? (Order of candidates was rotated.)

DATE	MICHELE 1	HERMAN	NEWT	RON	RICK	MITT	I	Oon't Know/
	BACHMANN	CAIN	GINGRICH	PAUL	PERRY	ROMNEY	OTHER*	NO OPINION
November 2011	5	9	13	3	9	46	NA	15
August 2011	7	1	3	3	7	30	32	16
HIGHEST EVER	7 (8/11)	9 (11 <mark>,</mark>	/11) <mark>13 (11/1</mark>	1) <b>3</b> (11/1	<mark>11) 9 (11</mark>	<mark>/11) 46 (11/</mark>	11) NA	16 (8/11)
LOWEST EVER	<b>5 (11/1</b> )	1 (8/1	3 (8/11	) 3 (11/1	<b>11)</b> 7 (8/1	<b>30 (8/1</b> )	1) NA	<b>15 (11/11)</b>
* In August, choices also included Rudy Giuliani, George Pataki, Sarah Palin, John Huntsman, Rick Santorum, and Tim Pawlenty								

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
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
December 2010	30	59	11
November 2010	39	51	10
July 2010	41	52	8
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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DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG D	IRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2011	42	۷	16	12
October 2011	40	2	18	12
September 2011	45	۷	14	10
August 2011	44	۷	17	10
July 2011	48	۷	10	12
June 2011	38	۷	17	15
May 2011	40	۷	19	11
April 2011	46	۷	11	13
March 2011	43	۷	15	12
February 2011	47	3	39	14
January 2011	36	5	50	14
December 2010	29	6	50	11
November 2010	32	4	54	15
October 31, 2010*	14	7	76	10
October 20, 2010*	14	7	75	12
October 5, 2010*	16	7	72	11
September 2010	21	6	58	11
August 2010	21	Ć	57	12
July 2010	20	7	71	9
HIGHEST EVER	52 (11/06)	7	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/31	<b>&amp; 20/10</b> ) 2	26 (1/07)	9 (7/10)

#### **Poll Trend Notes:**

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 2010.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Highest Ever" and "Lowest Ever" is provided at the bottom of each question.

<sup>^</sup> Inconsequential wording change.