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Siena New York Poll:

Voters Favorable to Spitzer & Job He Is Doing

NYers Agree with Spitzer on Comptroller Selection

Hillary & Rudy Continue to Dominate NY Primary Fields

Loudonville, NY – Seven weeks into his term, Governor Eliot Spitzer remains popular with New York voters and by a better than two-to-one margin they give him positive grades on the job he is doing, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of registered voters released today. Two-thirds of voters are aware of the recent controversy over the selection of a new State Comptroller and more than two-thirds believe the Governor was right in claiming the Legislature reneged on the agreement to choose a candidate put forward by the panel of former comptrollers. Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Rudy Giuliani continue to have commanding leads in their respective primaries in New York.

"Spitzer's popularity continues to steamroll along with the public, with nearly three-quarters of New York voters – including 61 percent of Republicans – having a favorable view of the Governor," said Steven Greenberg, Siena New York Poll spokesman. "And if Spitzer were to pull an Ed Koch and ask 'how am I doing?' he would like what he heard.

"Fifty-eight percent think he's doing an excellent or good job, while only 23 percent think he's doing a fair or poor job after nearly two months in office. Even Republicans give the state's top Democrat a passing grade by a better than two-to-one margin," Greenberg said.

Two-thirds of voters said they read or heard about the selection of a new Comptroller. And while they were split on the most important trait for a State Comptroller to possess, voters overwhelmingly side with the Governor and not the Legislature about how the selection process played out.

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"An overwhelming 69 percent of voters tell Siena that the Governor was right when he says the 'Legislature reneged on their agreement' to choose a new comptroller from the candidates advanced by the panel of former comptrollers," Greenberg said. "Only one in five voters maintain that the Legislature was right in their claim that it was 'their constitutional right' to make the appointment.

"Three-quarters of voters do not know enough about new Comptroller Tom DiNapoli to have an opinion about him, and among those who do, nearly two-thirds have an unfavorable view. A plurality – 39 percent – thinks that 'integrity' is the most important trait for a comptroller to have. More than one-quarter think 'financial experience' is the key trait, while only nine percent said 'independence from the Governor' and 22 percent volunteered that they are equally important," Greenberg said.

On the New York presidential primary front, Clinton and Giuliani maintain commanding leads among members of their respective parties.

"New Yorkers want to see an all Empire State race between Hillary and Rudy," Greenberg said. They both enjoy support from nearly half their party's voters, with their nearest rivals only in the teens."

DEMOCRATIC NY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY					
Candidate	Feb. '07	Jan. '07	Nov. '06		
Clinton	44%	58%	49%		
Obama	13%	11%	15%		
Gore	11%	NA	8%		
Edwards	8%	9%	7%		
Biden	4%	4%	NA		
Richardson	2%	4%	NA		
Kucinich	2%	1%	NA		
Dodd	1%	0%	NA		
Vilsack	0%	<1%	NA		
other	NA	NA	10%		
DK/NO	15%	13%	12%		

REPUBLICAN NY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY					
Candidate	Feb. '07	Jan. '07	Nov. '06		
Giuliani	45%	47%	34%		
McCain	17%	20%	33%		
Gingrich	11%	9%	NA		
Romney	5%	5%	NA		
Pataki	3%	5%	7%		
Brownback	1%	1%	NA		
other	NA	NA	16%		
DK/NO	19%	13%	10%		

"Hillary and Rudy enjoy strong favorable ratings, as do Senators Barack Obama and John McCain," Greenberg said. "However, another New Yorker, former Governor George Pataki, not only finishes fifth with three percent in a primary horse race, he also has the highest unfavorable rating, 57 percent, that he's ever had in two years of the Siena New York poll."

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This SRI survey was conducted February 15-19, 2007 by telephone calls to 620 registered New York State voters. It has a margin of error of \pm 3.9 percentage points. For more information or comments, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858.



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Siena New York Poll Trends – February 2007

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Eliot Spitzer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	Unfavorable	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	74	12	14
January 2007	75	10	16
November 15, 2006	75	14	12
November 3, 2006	74	17	10
October 2006	69	20	12
September 2006	74	16	10
August 2006	71	15	15
June 2006	68	16	16
May 2006	63	19	19
March 2006	62	18	20
January 2006	59	19	23
November 2005	65	15	20
October 2005	61	19	20
August 2005	60	14	26
July 2005	62	15	22
June 2005	59	15	25
May 2005	58	17	25
April 2005	53	18	29
March 2005	50	18	32
February 2005	48	17	34

How would you rate the job that Eliot Spitzer is doing as Governor – excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	Poor	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	15	43	21	3	20
January 2007	11	37	15	4	33

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	45	35	20
January 2007	48	29	23
November 15, 2006	50	36	15
November 3, 2006	49	36	15
October 2006	44	42	15
September 2006	50	35	15
August 2006	44	35	21
June 2006	47	29	24
January 2006	45	31	24

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Charles Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	66	24	11
November 15, 2006	68	20	11
July 2005	70	22	9
February 2005	63	20	17

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	56	40	5
January 2007	60	33	7
November 15, 2006	65	29	6
November 3, 2006	61	33	6
October 2006	56	38	6
September 2006	60	37	4
August 2006	54	38	7
June 2006	54	38	8
May 2006	58	36	6
March 2006	55	39	6
January 2006	60	37	3
November 2005	60	34	6
October 2005	59	35	6
August 2005	59	37	4
July 2005	60	34	6
June 2005	60	33	7
May 2005	58	35	7
April 2005	60	33	6
March 2005	58	34	8
February 2005	61	33	6

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	52	21	28
January 2007	50	17	34
November 15, 2006	48	12	40

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about John Edwards?

DATE	FAVORABLE	Unfavorable	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	44	31	25
January 2007	49	25	25
November 15, 2006	42	23	35

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about John McCain?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	47	33	19
January 2007	51	29	21
November 15, 2006	56	24	20

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rudy Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	59	34	7
January 2007	63	29	9
November 15, 2006	63	32	5
April 2005	63	26	10
February 2005	61	28	11

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
February 2007	36	57	7
November 15, 2006	41	49	10
September 2006	42	50	9
August 2006	41	51	8
June 2006	41	49	10
May 2006	38	55	7
March 2006	53	40	7
January 2006	48	44	8
November 2005	53	39	8
October 2005	48	44	8
August 2005	50	44	7
July 2005	52	40	8
June 2005	46	45	9
May 2005	40	53	7
April 2005	50	39	11
March 2005	37	50	13
February 2005	39	45	16

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If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Chris Dodd, Tom Vilsack, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Biden, or Al Gore for whom would you vote? (Democrats only; choices rotated. Not all candidates were included in each poll; NA indicates where a candidate was not included.)

DATE	OBAMA	CLINTON	EDWARDS	RICHARDSON	DODD
February 2007	13	44	8	2	1
January 2007	11	58	9	4	0
November 15, 2006	15	49	7	NA	NA
	VILSACK	KUCINICH	Biden	GORE	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
February 2007 0	2 4	11 15			
January 2007	<1	1	4	NA	13
November 15, 2006	NA	NA	NA	8	20

If the Republican Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Sam Brownback, Mitt Romney, George Pataki, and Newt Gingrich, for who would you vote? (Republicans only; choices rotated. Not all candidates were included in each poll; NA indicates where a candidate was not included.)

DATE	GIULIANI	McCain	BROWNBACK	ROMNEY
February 2007	45	17	1	5
January 2007	47	20	1	5
November 15, 2006	34	33	NA	NA
	Ратакі	GINGRICH	Don't Know/No	OPINION
February 2007	3	11	19	011,101,
January 2007	5	9	13	
November 15, 2006	_	NA	26	

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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
February 2007	49	26	25
January 2007	45	26	30
November 15, 2006	52	30	18
November 3, 2006	36	43	21
October 2006	29	47	23
September 2006:	33	39	28
August 2006	29	47	25
June 2006	29	45	26
May 2006	27	52	21
March 2006	35	39	26
January 2006	34	43	24
November 2005	38	41	22
October 2005	34	42	24
August 2005	36	44	20
July 2005	33	41	26
June 2005	30	44	26
May 2005	29	46	25
April 2005	29	44	27
March 2005	26	47	27
February 2005	32	44	24

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1. Is New York State on t	he right trac	ck, or is it	headed i	n the wro	ng direction	on?													
			Party		GEN	IDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs		White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
right track	49%	61%	37%	40%	47%	51%	60%	48%	42%	47%	58%	79%	56%	52%	46%	46%	73%	49%	42%
wrong direction	26%	19%	35%	30%	27%	25%	20%	24%	32%	27%	24%	16%	22%	30%	24%	29%	11%	28%	29%
don't know/no opinion	25%	20%	28%	30%	25%	24%	20%	29%	25%	26%	18%	5%	22%	18%	29%	25%	16%	23%	29%
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2. Eliot Spitzer																			
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				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs		White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	74%	84%	61%	71%	74%	74%	81%	68%	72%	73%	78%	84%	70%	73%	75%	70%	90%	70%	67%
unfavorable	12%	5%	22%	16%	12%	13%	6%	19%	13%	13%	4%	5%	16%	16%	9%	15%	2%	16%	13%
don't know/no opinion	14%	11%	18%	13%	14%	13%	12%	13%	15%	14%	18%	11%	14%	10%	16%	14%	8%	14%	21%
3. Hillary Clinton																			
•			Party		GEN	IDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	56%	75%	26%	51%	48%	63%	70%	44%	52%	53%	76%	79%	64%	55%	55%	52%	71%	47%	54%
unfavorable	40%	20%	68%	44%	47%	32%	25%	51%	43%	42%	20%	21%	30%	41%	40%	45%	21%	47%	42%
don't know/no opinion	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	0%	6%	4%	5%	3%	8%	6%	4%
4. Charles Schumer																			
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, , , , ,	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	66%	81%	50%	56%	65%	66%	79%	57%	62%	64%	74%	74%	60%	62%	70%	62%	89%	60%	56%
unfavorable	24%	10% 9%	41%	29%	26%	21%	12%	33%	26%	26%	14% 12%	5%	24%	26%	23%	27%	6%	27%	31%
don't know/no opinion	11%	9%	9%	15%	9%	13%	9%	11%	12%	10%	12%	21%	16%	13%	8%	11%	5%	13%	13%
5. Andrew Cuomo	1	1		l					l						I				
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favorable	45%	56%	28%	42%	42%	47%	54%	34%	44%	44%	66%	42%	40%	45%	46%	45%	55%	40%	44%
unfavorable	35%	23%	54%	37%	39%	31%	26%	46%	35%	37%	24%	26%	38%	37%	33%	38%	24%	40%	27%
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don't know/no opinion	20%	21%	18%	21%	19%	21%	20%	21%	20%	19%	10%	32%	22%	18%	21%	17%	21%		20%

6. Thomas DiNapoli			Party		GEN	IDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	aion	
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	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%	13%	7%	9%	8%	16%	14%	8%	9%	11%	10%	8%	8%
unfavorable	15%	13%	14%	19%	18%	11%	13%	18%	14%	15%	6%	21%	20%	13%	15%	16%	16%	11%	13%
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don't know/no opinion	76%	77%	78%	12%	73%	79%	1170	69%	80%	76%	86%	63%	66%	79%	70%	73%	74%	81%	79%
7. George Pataki			I			I.		I.	I			I			I				
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favorable	36%	27%	53%	33%	36%	36%	31%	42%	36%	36%	32%	42%	42%	41%	32%	42%	23%	34%	52%
unfavorable	57%	66%	39%	60%	57%	56%	65%	49%	56%	56%	66%	53%	56%	54%	59%	52%	66%	58%	44%
don't know/no opinion	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	4%	9%	8%	8%	2%	5%	2%	5%	10%	6%	11%	8%	4%
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8. Rudy Giuliani		T	Party		GEN	NDER	1	Region		Τ	Ethnic		1	AGE		1	Reli	nion	
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favorable	59%	43%	83%	61%	61%	57%	43%	61%	69%	63%	24%	37%	68%	62%	56%	68%	47%	63%	52%
unfavorable	34%	48%	10%	34%	33%	34%	55%	31%	21%	29%	70%	63%	30%	34%	34%	27%	44%	30%	35%
don't know/no opinion	7%	8%	7%	5%	6%	9%	3%	8%	10%	8%	6%	0%	2%	4%	11%	5%	10%	7%	13%
9. Barack Obama						<u> </u>													
			Party		GEN	DER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	М	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	52%	64%	33%	52%	49%	55%	62%	48%	47%	51%	62%	42%	52%	56%	49%	43%	66%	50%	46%
unfavorable	21%	14%	35%	17%	25%	16%	11%	26%	24%	22%	6%	26%	20%	21%	20%	27%	8%	25%	19%
don't know/no opinion	28%	22%	32%	31%	26%	29%	27%	26%	29%	27%	32%	32%	28%	24%	31%	30%	26%	25%	35%
10. John Edwards																			
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favorable	44%	57%	24%	43%	44%	45%	49%	41%	43%	45%	52%	21%	44%	44%	45%	38%	55%	40%	38%
		19%	52%	30%	35%	26%	26%	37%	30%	32%	14%	21%	30%	33%	29%	37%	24%	35%	35%
unfavorable	31%	19%	0-70			000/	24%	22%	27%	23%	34%	58%	26%	23%	26%	25%	21%	25%	27%
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unfavorable don't know/no opinion 11. John McCain	25%	25% Dem	Party Rep	27% Ind./ Other	GEN M	IDER F	NYC	Region NYC Suburbs		White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Reli	gion Prot.	Other
unfavorable don't know/no opinion 11. John McCain favorable	25% Total 47%	25% Dem 37%	Party Rep 64%	Ind./ Other 48%	M 53%	F 42%	NYC 38%	Region NYC Suburbs 53%	51%	51%	Afr.Am./ Black 32%	26%	46%	35-54 48%	48%	56%	Relig Jewish 42%	gion Prot. 50%	Other 40%
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			Party		GEN	DER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Relig	gion	
	Total	Dom	Rep	Ind./ Other	М	_	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Linatata	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	lovich	Prot.	Other
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excellent	15%	17%	13%	12%	15%	15%	14%	13%	16%	16%	8%	11%	12%	13%	17%	13%	26%	11%	6%
good	43%	45%	40%	44%	44%	41%	42%	39%	45%	44%	46%	37%	28%	45%	43%	42%	45%	45%	44%
fair	21%	22%	19%	19%	20%	21%	23%	16%	22%	19%	24%	37%	42%	26%	13%	23%	15%	21%	19%
poor	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	0%	4%	4%	2%	4%	0%	1%	4%
don't know/no opinion	20%	15%	23%	22%	19%	20%	19%	28%	15%	19%	18%	16%	14%	11%	26%	17%	15%	22%	27%

Last week, the State Legislature selected a new State Comptroller to fill the vacancy created when Alan Hevesi resigned. Did you read or hear anything about the selection of a new Comptroller?

			Party		GEN	DER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
yes	67%	66%	69%	64%	67%	66%	60%	68%	71%	71%	48%	37%	44%	63%	72%	66%	74%	70%	58%
no	32%	33%	30%	33%	31%	33%	38%	30%	28%	28%	52%	58%	54%	35%	26%	32%	24%	29%	42%
don't know/no opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%

14. Which do you think is the most important trait for the State Comptroller to have: [ROTATE CHOICES]

			Party		GEN	DER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
	T. 1.1	6		Ind./		_	NIVO	NYC	11	14/1-1	Afr.Am./		10.01	05.54		0.11	1	6	011
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
independence from the																			
Governor	9%	12%	6%	6%	11%	7%	11%	8%	8%	7%	20%	5%	8%	7%	10%	9%	5%	11%	6%
integrity	39%	37%	38%	43%	36%	41%	34%	43%	39%	41%	22%	42%	48%	43%	35%	41%	35%	36%	33%
financial experience	29%	32%	28%	25%	31%	26%	33%	23%	29%	28%	34%	42%	32%	34%	25%	29%	32%	28%	31%
they are equally important	22%	18%	25%	24%	21%	23%	21%	20%	23%	22%	18%	11%	10%	14%	29%	19%	26%	20%	27%
don't know/no opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	6%	1%	2%	6%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%

15. After the November elections, newly re-elected State Comptroller Alan Hevesi resigned. Governor Spitzer *proposed*, and the Legislature *agreed*, that an independent panel review the candidates for the Comptroller's replacement, and recommend qualified finalists. After the panel announced its choices, the Legislature decided instead to choose an Assemblymember who was *not* recommended by the panel, maintaining that it is their constitutional right to make this appointment. Governor Spitzer says the Legislature reneged on their agreement. Whose position is closer to yours (ROTATE CHOICES): the Legislature or the Governor?

			Party		GEN	IDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Relig	gion	
				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Governor	69%	70%	65%	73%	66%	71%	68%	65%	72%	72%	54%	74%	70%	69%	68%	70%	68%	70%	56%
Legislature	20%	20%	22%	17%	22%	17%	18%	21%	20%	17%	30%	21%	24%	22%	17%	21%	18%	15%	35%
don't know/no opinion	12%	10%	13%	9%	11%	12%	14%	14%	8%	10%	16%	5%	6%	9%	14%	9%	15%	16%	8%

16. Governor Spitzer recently proposed his first state budget for the fiscal year that begins on April first. Did you read or hear anything about his budget proposal?

			Party		GEN	DER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
yes (go to q.17)	45%	43%	48%	48%	48%	43%	38%	48%	49%	47%	28%	21%	32%	45%	47%	45%	47%	43%	38%
no	53%	54%	51%	52%	51%	55%	59%	51%	50%	52%	68%	79%	64%	54%	51%	53%	52%	56%	60%
don't know/no opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

17. Do you think the Legislature should approve Governor Spitzer's proposed budget as is or do you think the Legislature should make significant changes to the budget before approving it?

			Party		GEN	IDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	М	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
approve as is	41%	46%	41%	34%	47%	35%	45%	42%	38%	42%	43%	25%	44%	43%	39%	38%	31%	49%	22%
make significant changes	33%	28%	34%	39%	31%	36%	32%	28%	37%	31%	29%	75%	31%	36%	32%	41%	38%	29%	22%
don't know/no opinion	26%	27%	24%	27%	22%	30%	23%	30%	25%	27%	29%	0%	25%	21%	30%	21%	31%	22%	56%

19a. (Dems only): If the Democratic Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Bill Richardson, Chris Dodd, Tom Vilsack, Dennis Kucinich, Joe Biden, or Al Gore, for whom would you vote?

			Party		GEN	DER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Reli	gion	
			_	Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Barack Obama	13%	13%	N/A	N/A	13%	13%	13%	11%	14%	14%	17%	0%	8%	13%	14%	10%	9%	21%	6%
Hillary Clinton	44%	44%	N/A	N/A	31%	54%	43%	38%	48%	41%	57%	63%	63%	38%	45%	47%	39%	54%	39%
John Edwards	8%	8%	N/A	N/A	11%	6%	5%	7%	13%	9%	6%	0%	0%	8%	10%	8%	5%	3%	11%
Bill Richardson	2%	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	1%	4%	0%	1%	2%	0%	6%	0%	2%	3%	4%	0%	3%	0%
Chris Dodd	1%	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Tom Vilsack	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Dennis Kucinich	2%	2%	N/A	N/A	4%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%
Joe Biden	4%	4%	N/A	N/A	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	0%	0%	3%	5%	5%	0%	3%	6%
Al Gore	11%	11%	N/A	N/A	13%	8%	11%	14%	8%	11%	3%	31%	17%	14%	7%	11%	18%	5%	17%
don't know/no opinion	15%	15%	N/A	N/A	17%	14%	17%	21%	10%	16%	14%	0%	13%	17%	14%	13%	25%	13%	22%

19b. (Reps only): IF the Republican Primary were held today and the candidates for the presidential nomination were (rotate choices) Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Sam Brownback, Mitt Romney, George Pataki, and Newt Gingrich, for who would you vote?

		Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
				Ind./				NYC			Afr.Am./								
	Total	Dem	Rep	Other	М	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
Rudy Giuliani	45%	N/A	45%	N/A	46%	44%	63%	49%	39%	44%	40%	0%	58%	48%	41%	53%	50%	37%	33%
John McCain	17%	N/A	16%	N/A	21%	11%	6%	16%	18%	17%	20%	0%	8%	22%	14%	19%	33%	12%	20%
Sam Brownback	1%	N/A	1%	N/A	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	7%
Mitt Romney	5%	N/A	5%	N/A	4%	5%	0%	4%	6%	5%	0%	0%	8%	2%	6%	4%	0%	8%	0%
George Pataki	3%	N/A	3%	N/A	2%	4%	0%	2%	4%	3%	0%	0%	8%	3%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%
Newt Gingrich	11%	N/A	11%	N/A	9%	13%	6%	16%	8%	12%	0%	0%	0%	7%	14%	7%	0%	18%	20%
don't know/no opinion	19%	N/A	19%	N/A	17%	23%	25%	13%	22%	17%	40%	100%	17%	16%	22%	15%	17%	20%	20%

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Refused	3%															
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				18-34	8%											
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Caucasian/white	81%			55+	54%											
African American/Black	8%			refused	1%											
Hispanic/Latino	3%			Total	100%											
Other	5%															
refused	3%															
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