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Siena College Poll:

Majority Says Cuomo Has Made NY Better Place in 9 Years as Gov; Yet, His Favorability & Job Performance Ratings Match Record Lows

Strong Support for Many New Laws; Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants Opposed; Voters Say 2019 Legislative Session Will Move NY on Right Track

Trump Ratings Edge Up, Nearly 2/3 Remain Negative, Huge Partisan Divide; Majority Support Law Giving Congress Access to Trump's NYS Tax Returns

Loudonville, NY. By a 51-39 percent margin, New Yorkers say Andrew Cuomo has made New York a better place to live in his nine years as governor. Yet, Cuomo's favorability rating, *negative* 43-50 percent (down from 52-42 percent in June), matches his lowest-ever favorability rating, and his job performance rating 34-64 percent, hit its lowest level ever, according to a new Siena College Poll of registered New York State voters released today.

Voters overwhelmingly support new laws to require vaccinations of children regardless of the parents' religious beliefs, institute a farmworkers' bill of rights, mandate zero carbon emissions in electricity by 2040, ban single-use plastic bags, and prohibit use of the gay and trans panic defense. A majority opposes the law allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain a New York driver's license. By a 52-33 percent margin, voters say the recently concluded legislative session will move the state on the right track, not in the wrong direction.

"For the dog days of August, voters give Cuomo good news and some bad news. The good news: by a margin of 51-39 percent, they say he has made New York a better place to live in nine years as governor. Democrats, black, Latino and Jewish voters, and voters from New York City strongly agree he's made the state better. However, Republicans overwhelmingly say he's made the state worse, as do a plurality of independents and upstaters. Men, downstate suburbanites and white voters are closely divided," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

"Voters say Cuomo has put New York on the right track on protecting the rights of all New Yorkers, providing children with a quality public education and ensuring accessibility to affordable quality health care. They give him mixed grades on infrastructure and helping businesses succeed. A plurality say he's moved the state in the wrong direction on creating a fair tax structure and managing state government effectively," Greenberg said.

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"The bad news for Cuomo is that for only the second time, half of voters view him unfavorably. Nearly two-thirds also give him a negative job performance rating," Greenberg said. "Since June, his favorability rating has fallen double digits with Democrats, Republicans, independents and voters from every region of the state."

Has Cuomo Put NY on the Right Track or the Wrong Direction?		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
Protecting the rights of all New Yorkers	Right Track	63%	79%	37%	57%
	Wrong Direction	31%	15%	58%	37%
Providing New York children with a quality public education	Right Track	53%	58%	48%	50%
	Wrong Direction	39%	34%	49%	40%
Ensuring accessibility to affordable quality health care in New York	Right Track	52%	65%	28%	46%
	Wrong Direction	37%	25%	62%	42%
Improving New York's infrastructure	Right Track	47%	52%	36%	47%
	Wrong Direction	44%	41%	52%	45%
Enhancing the ability of businesses in New York to be successful	Right Track	44%	57%	27%	36%
	Wrong Direction	43%	27%	63%	57%
Managing New York State government effectively	Right Track	44%	58%	22%	37%
	Wrong Direction	49%	34%	74%	56%
Creating a fair state tax structure in New York	Right Track	40%	52%	22%	31%
	Wrong Direction	49%	33%	70%	61%
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Strong Support for Many New Laws but Not for Giving Driver's Licenses to Undocumented Immigrants

Support or Oppose New Laws		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
Requiring parents to have children vaccinated for diseases such as measles before the children can attend school, regardless of parents' religious beliefs	Support	84%	88%	80%	86%
	Oppose	14%	10%	19%	13%
Establishing a farmworkers bill of rights which includes granting overtime pay, a rest day and a right to unionize	Support	78%	92%	54%	75%
	Oppose	15%	5%	37%	17%
Requiring NYS to reach zero carbon emissions in the electricity sector by 2040 and reduce greenhouse gases by 85% from 1990 levels by 2050	Support	73%	85%	53%	73%
	Oppose	19%	8%	42%	17%
Banning single-use plastic bags	Support	65%	78%	48%	61%
	Oppose	31%	19%	48%	38%
Bar people who attack or kill a gay or trans person from arguing they panicked over their victim's sexuality as part of their defense	Support	58%	67%	38%	63%
	Oppose	33%	25%	50%	29%
Allowing undocumented immigrants to get a New York driver's license	Support	43%	61%	15%	38%
	Oppose	53%	37%	85%	55%
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"Democrats, Republicans and independents all overwhelmingly support requiring children to be vaccinated regardless of their parents' religious beliefs. There is also strong support for the new farmworkers' bill of rights and mandating significant reductions in carbon emissions and greenhouse gases, although Republicans are not as strongly supportive as Democrats and independents," Greenberg said.

"Banning single-use plastic bags is strongly supported by Democrats and independents, with Republicans evenly divided. Democrats and independents strongly support banning the gay and trans panic defense, while Republicans are opposed. Only Democrats support allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain a New York driver's license; it is opposed by independents and overwhelmingly opposed by Republicans," Greenberg said.

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Recent Session Moves State in Right Direction; Overwhelming Support for 2-Party State Government Rule

"Two-thirds of Democrats and a plurality of independents say the recently-concluded legislative session will move New York on the right track; nearly two-thirds of Republicans say it will move the state in the wrong direction," Greenberg said. "A strong majority of New York City voters and a plurality of non-New York City voters say the session moves the state on the right track.

"Voters support many actions from the recent legislative session, continue to view both houses of the Legislature favorably, and a plurality are prepared to re-elect their legislators. Despite that, voters overwhelmingly say, 68-22 percent, it's better if both parties controlled at least one branch of state government to provide checks and balances," Greenberg said. "Even a strong majority of Democrats favor two-party control of state government."

Trump Ratings Inch Up; Still Unpopular; Support for NY Providing Trump's State Taxes to Congress

Trump has a *negative* 35-62 percent favorability rating, up a tick from 34-63 percent in June. His job performance rating is 34-66 percent, up from 29-70 percent in June.

"Trump continues to be viewed overwhelmingly negatively by his fellow New Yorkers – with the exception of Republicans, nearly three-quarters of whom continue to view him favorably and give him a positive job performance rating," Greenberg said. "Perhaps Trump can take some solace in the fact that as unpopular as he is in his home state, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is even more unpopular.

Favorability Ratings					
	Fav	**Unfav**	**DK/ NO**	**Net**	**Net from June**
Letitia James	36%	18%	**46%**	+18	NA
Robert Mueller	**47%**	30%	23%	+17	+4
Chuck Schumer	**53%**	39%	8%	+14	-2
Tom DiNapoli	23%	17%	**60%**	+6	NA
NYS Senate	**45%**	40%	16%	+5	-2
NYS Assembly	**43%**	38%	19%	+5	-6
Kirsten Gillibrand	**41%**	36%	23%	+5	-3
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	**41%**	**41%**	17%	E	NA
Andrew Cuomo	43%	**50%**	7%	-7	-17
Donald Trump	35%	**62%**	3%	-27	+2
Bill de Blasio	26%	**57%**	17%	-31	-7
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"By a 53-41 percent margin, voters support the new law allowing certain congressional leaders to have access to state tax returns of any New Yorker, including the President. The law is supported by nearly three-quarters of Democrats, and is opposed by two-thirds of Republicans and a majority of independents," Greenberg said.

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Siena College Poll Trends – August 2019

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
August 2019	45	44	11
June 2019	44	43	12
April 2019	42	46	13
March 2019	43	46	11
February 2019	44	45	11
January 2019	49	40	11
November 2018*	40	47	13
October 2018*	42	44	14
HIGHEST EVER	**57 (1/13)**	**76 (10/31/10)**	**30 (1/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**14 (10/10)**	**26 (1/07)**	**7 (2/17, 5/13)**

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
August 2019	37	53	10
June 2019	33	60	7
April 2019	36	54	9
March 2019	34	57	9
February 2019	35	57	8
January 2019	32	62	6
November 2018*	39	56	5
October 2018*	38	56	7
HIGHEST EVER	**62 (5/09)**	**74 (10/13, 8/11)**	**17 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**19 (10/13, 10/08)**	**24 (12/09)**	**5 (1/13)**

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	43	50	7
June 2019	52	42	6
April 2019	47	48	5
March 2019	46	48	6
February 2019	43	50	7
January 2019	51	43	6
November 2018*	45	49	5
October 2018*	50	46	4
HIGHEST EVER	**77 (2/11)**	**50 (8/19, 2/19)**	**24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (8/19, 2/19)**	**14 (8/09)**	**3 (10/16, 10/20/10)**

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	43	38	19
June 2019	47	36	17
April 2019	48	33	19
March 2019	44	35	21
February 2019	43	38	18
January 2019	48	32	20
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (4/19, 1/19)**	**61 (7/10)**	**21 (3/19, 2/18, 5/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (7/10)**	**32 (1/19)**	**10 (5/15)**

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	45	40	16
June 2019	46	39	16
April 2019	46	39	16
March 2019	46	38	16
February 2019	43	41	17
January 2019	49	38	13
HIGHEST EVER	**50 (2/17)**	**74 (7/09)**	**17 (2/19, 1/18, 5/17, 3/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (7/09)**	**35 (5/17)**	**6 (7/09)**

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	36	18	46
April 2019	34	18	48
January 2019	39	18	43
November 2018*	28	12	60
October 2018*	31	10	58
HIGHEST EVER	**39 (1/19)**	**18 (8/19, 4/19, 1/19)**	**70 (6/18)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (6/18)**	**10 (10/18, 6/18)**	**43 (1/19)**

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	23	17	60
April 2019	29	17	54
January 2019	34	16	49
November 2018*	33	16	52
October 2018*	29	9	62
HIGHEST EVER	**35 (10/14)**	**36 (10/31/10)**	**80 (6/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**7 (6/07, 5/07)**	**9 (10/18)**	**37 (10/31/10)**

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	35	62	3
June 2019	34	63	3
April 2019	38	59	3
March 2019	36	60	5
February 2019	35	59	6
January 2019	32	64	4
November 2018*	39	58	3
October 2018*	37	59	4
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (12/16)**	**72 (8/16)**	**10 (10/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**24 (8/16)**	**53 (12/16)**	**2 (9/15)**

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	53	39	8
June 2019	54	40	6
April 2019	49	43	8
March 2019	51	41	8
February 2019	47	46	7
January 2019	53	39	8
HIGHEST EVER	**70 (7/05)**	**46 (2/19)**	**17 (2/05)**
LOWEST EVER	**47 (2/19)**	**20 (2/05, 11/06)**	**4 (10/31/10)**

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	41	36	23
June 2019	44	36	20
April 2019	41	35	24
March 2019	43	33	23
February 2019	44	34	21
January 2019	48	31	21
November 2018*	46	34	20
October 2018*	49	33	19
HIGHEST EVER	**61 (12/12)**	**36 (8/19, 6/19)**	**56 (1/09)**
LOWEST EVER	**26 (3/09)**	**14 (1/09)**	**14 (10/31/10)**

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bill de Blasio?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	26	57	17
June 2019	29	53	17
April 2019	33	50	17
March 2019	34	50	16
January 2019	38	46	16
HIGHEST EVER	**44 (1/18)**	**57 (8/19)**	**32 (11/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**26 (8/19)**	**27 (11/13)**	**15 (2/16)**

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Robert Mueller?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	47	30	23
June 2019	47	34	19
HIGHEST EVER	**47 (8/19, 6/19)**	**34 (6/19)**	**23 (8/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**47 (8/19, 6/19)**	**30 (8/19)**	**19 (6/19)**

Q. 13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez ?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	41	41	17
March 2019	31	44	26
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (8/19)**	**44 (3/19)**	**26 (3/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**31 (3/19)**	**41 (8/19)**	**17 (8/19)**

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
August 2019	6	28	32	32	2
June 2019	7	31	34	27	1
April 2019	8	29	32	30	2
March 2019	7	31	32	29	1
February 2019	8	27	33	31	2
January 2019	9	34	31	25	1
HIGHEST EVER	**17 (1/12)**	**47 (4/12, etc.)**	**40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)**	**32 (8/19)**	**28 (1/11)**
LOWEST EVER	**5 (9/16)**	**27 (2/19)**	**24 (1/11)**	**4 (2/11, 1/11)**	**0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)**

Q. 15 Donald Trump has said he's running for re-election as President in 2020. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	32	64	4
June 2019	29	68	3
HIGHEST EVER	**32 (8/19)**	**68 (6/19)**	**4 (8/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**29 (6/19)**	**64 (8/19)**	**3 (6/19)**

Q. 16 How would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

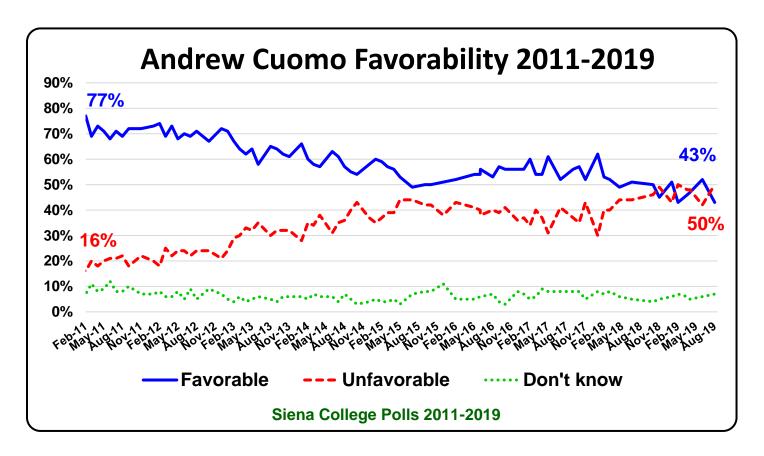| DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
August 2019	17	17	16	50	1
June 2019	13	16	18	52	1
April 2019	17	18	17	48	0
March 2019	14	17	19	49	2
February 2019	14	19	16	50	1
June 2018*	19	17	12	51	1
April 2018	14	13	17	54	1
HIGHEST EVER	19 (6/18)	19 (2/19, 7/17)	20 (2/17)	63 (10/17)	3 (4/17)
LOWEST EVER	8 (10/17, 9/17)	13 (4/18)	12 (6/18)	48 (4/19, 2/17)	0 (4/19, 10/17)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: June thru November 2018, November 2017, September thru November 2016, July thru October 2014, August/October 2012, October 2010, September/October 2008, and September/October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since October 2018.

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

⌃ Inconsequential wording change.

Andrew Cuomo Favorability 2011-2019

Siena College Polls 2011-2019