Siena College Poll:

Biden Retakes Frontrunner Role with NY Dems; Leads by 10 Points

Support for Impeaching/Removing Trump Dips; Independent Support Falls

Trump Ratings Tick Up; Cuomo Ratings Drop

NYC Mayor Favorability: Bloomberg 47-39%; de Blasio 27-56%; Giuliani 30-62%

Loudonville, NY. Joe Biden has opened a 10-point lead among New York Democrats, supported by 24 percent (up from 21 percent last month), followed by Elizabeth Warren with 14 percent (down from 21 percent) and Bernie Sanders with 13 percent (down from 16 percent). Among Democrats, 35 percent say Biden has the party's best chance to win the 2020 election, followed by Warren at 12 percent and Sanders at 11 percent.

By a margin of 52-44 percent – down from 55-38 percent last month – New Yorkers say President Donald Trump should be impeached and removed from office. By a larger 57-38 percent – little changed from 57-36 percent last month – they say the impeachment inquiry is 'fair' rather than a 'partisan attack,' according to a new Siena College Poll of registered New York State voters released today. Trump's favorability, job performance and re-elect ratings all edged up since last month, though still deeply underwater. Governor Andrew Cuomo's favorability and job performance ratings both dropped since October.

"With a little more than two months till Iowa kicks off the 2020 presidential voting and five months till New Yorkers get to weigh in, Joe Biden has opened up a 10-point lead over Elizabeth Warren 24-14 percent, after the two were tied last month," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "Sanders is right on Warren's heals with 13 percent support, followed by Pete Buttigieg with five percent and Kamala Harris with three percent.

"Biden leads with men and women and he leads upstate and downstate. Among white Democrats, Biden only edges Warren by two points. He has a commanding 24-point lead over Sanders among black Democrats. Sanders and Biden lead with Latino Democrats. Democrats under 35 are solidly in Sanders' camp, as he enjoys an 18-point lead over Warren and leads Biden by 19 points. However, Biden leads by seven points with middle-aged Democrats and a commanding 25 points with Democrats 55 and older. Three in ten Democrats have yet to settle on a candidate," Greenberg said. "Biden is seen as having the best chance to win by 35 percent of Democrats, three times more than Warren or Sanders. "

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Support for Impeaching/Removing Trump Slips in Last Month as Independents Now Oppose

"While a majority of New Yorkers continues to support impeaching and removing President Trump from office, the margin has narrowed since last month, as public House impeachment hearings have begun. More than three-quarters of Democrats continue to support it and more than three-quarters of Republicans continue to oppose it," Greenberg said. "However, independents, who were evenly divided on the question last month, now oppose impeachment and removal 59-37 percent. And voters under 35, who had strongly supported impeachment and removal last month, are now nearly evenly divided.

"More than eight in ten Democrats continue to say the impeachment inquiry is fair. However, since last month, a majority of independents went from saying it was fair by eight points to now a majority saying it is a partisan attack by eight points. At the same time, 23 percent of Republicans now say it is fair, up from 15 percent last month," Greenberg said. "And by a wide margin, 54-29 percent, New Yorkers continue to say they trust Speaker Nancy Pelosi to tell the truth more than the President."

Trump – Still Hugely Unpopular in New York – Sees Ratings Tick Up in Last Month

Trump's favorability rating edged up to 32-65 percent, from 30-67 percent last month. His job performance rating is 32-67 percent, up from 28-70 percent. And 31 percent are prepared to re-elect him, with 64 percent preferring 'someone else,' up from 28-68 percent in October.

"Trump is viewed unfavorably by 65 percent of New Yorkers; 67 percent give him a negative job performance rating; and, 64 percent would prefer to vote for 'someone else' next year. And those numbers are all small improvements from last month," Greenberg said. "Republicans continue to support Trump, albeit by smaller margins. While 66 percent of Republicans view him favorably and 66 percent say they are prepared to re-elect him, that support is down from 71 percent favorability and 73 percent re-elect last month. Conversely, independents, who continue to view Trump negatively, are less negative than they were in October."

Cuomo Favorability Dips Back Under Water; Nearly 2/3 Rate Job Performance as Negative

Cuomo has a 44-49 percent favorability rating, down from 49-47 percent in October. His job performance rating is 35-65 percent, down from 41-57 percent last month.

"After two months in slightly positive territory, Cuomo's favorability has fallen back into negative territory, and it's largely because of Democrats. His favorability rating among Democrats is now 59-34 percent, down from 68-29 percent last month," Greenberg said. "Cuomo's job performance rating matches his all-time low from August. While Democrats are evenly divided on the question, more than three-quarters of Republicans and independents give Cuomo a negative job performance rating."

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Bloomberg, By Far, Most Popular of New York City's Last Three Mayors

"On the cusp – maybe – of declaring his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President, Mike Bloomberg has a 47-39 percent favorability rating among all New Yorkers and a 55-36 percent favorability rating among New York Democrats," Greenberg said. "He is, by far, more popular than both his predecessor and his successor. Both Rudy Giuliani and Bill de Blasio have better than two-to-one negative favorability ratings.

"Bloomberg is also the only one of the three to have a positive favorability rating among New York City voters. De Blasio is the only one who is viewed negatively by Democrats, Republicans and independents; Bloomberg is viewed favorably by Democrats and, by a small margin, independents; and, Giuliani is viewed favorably by Republicans. Among black voters, Giuliani is viewed unfavorably by 82 percent, while de Blasio is break even with black voters and Bloomberg is viewed favorably two-to-one."

Odds & Ends

➢ New Yorkers continue to be more bullish on the state than the country. By a 45-42 percent margin, little changed from 46-44 percent last month, voters think the state is headed on the right track. When it comes to the direction of the country, by a 58-32 percent margin (down slightly from 62-31 percent in October), voters say the country is headed in the wrong direction.

➢ Moderate support for legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in New York continues. New Yorkers support it 54-40 percent, virtually unchanged from 54-41 percent last month. In more than two years of asking the question, support for legalization has always been between 52 and 56 percent, while opposition has always been between 40 and 44 percent.

➢ New Yorkers remain closely divided on the new law allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain a driver's license. It is supported by 46 percent and opposed by 50 percent, down from 48-47 percent support last month.

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Siena College Poll Trends – November 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
November 2019	45	42	13
October 2019	46	44	10
September 2019	47	40	12
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
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
November 2019	32	58	10
October 2019	31	62	7
September 2019	33	59	8
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
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 DEMS ONLY: Among all the candidates running for the Democratic nomination for President in 2020, which one would you most like to see be the Democratic Party's nominee against President Trump?

Q. 4 DEMS ONLY: Among all the candidates running for the Democratic nomination for President in 2020, which one do you think has the best chance to win the presidential election in 2020?

CANDIDATE Q. 3:	NOV. 2019	OCT. 2019	SEPT. 2019	Q. 4:	NOV. 2019	OCT. 2019	SEPT. 2019
Biden	24	21	22		35	30	37
Warren	14	21	17		12	18	13
Sanders	13	16	15		11	12	11
Buttigieg	5	4	3		5	1	1
Harris	3	4	4		1	3	2
Yang	2	3	1		1	1	<1
Booker	2	1	<1		1	<1	1
Klobuchar	1	1	1		0	1	<1
Gabbard	1	<1	1		0	<1	0
Castro	1	0	<1		0	0	0
Bennet	1	0	0		1	0	0
Patrick	0	0	0		1	0	0
Bullock	0	0	0		0	1	0
Williamson	0	0	0		0	0	<1
Other	4	4	1		1	6	<1
Don't Know/No Opinion	29	24	34		32	27	34

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	44	49	7
October 2019	49	47	4
September 2019	48	46	6
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
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. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	45	34	20
October 2019	44	39	17
September 2019	42	35	23
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)**	**23 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (7/10)**	**32 (1/19)**	**10 (5/15)**

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	45	39	16
October 2019	47	35	17
September 2019	46	36	18
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)**	**18 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (7/09)**	**35 (10/19, 5/17)**	**6 (7/09)**

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

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	32	65	3
October 2019	30	67	3
September 2019	32	64	4
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
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
November 2019	51	40	10
October 2019	49	41	10
September 2019	48	39	13
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 Nancy Pelosi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	48	44	8
October 2019	49	42	9
September 2019	47	41	12
June 2019	47	45	8
HIGHEST EVER	**49 (10/19)**	**45 (6/19)**	**16 (5/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (5/17)**	**41 (9/19, 5/17)**	**8 (11/19, 6/19)**

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Mitch McConnell?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	23	53	25
October 2019	21	56	23
September 2019	22	48	30
June 2019	25	50	24
HIGHEST EVER	**25 (6/19)**	**56 (10/19)**	**32 (5/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (5/17)**	**48 (9/19, 5/17)**	**23 (10/19)**

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rudy Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	30	62	8
August 2011	57	37	6
HIGHEST EVER	**63 (1/07, 11/06, 4/05)**	**62 (11/19)**	**11 (11/07, 2/05)**
LOWEST EVER	**30 (11/19)**	**26 (4/05)**	**4 (11/09, 4/09, 11/08)**

Q. 13 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Michael Bloomberg?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	47	39	14
February 2016	52	38	10
HIGHEST EVER	**67 (3/08)**	**42 (3/13)**	**21 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**47 (11/19)**	**16 (9/08)**	**7 (3/13)**

Q. 14 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bill de Blasio?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	27	56	17
September 2019	25	57	18
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 (9/19, 8/19)**	**32 (11/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (9/19)**	**27 (11/13)**	**15 (2/16)**

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
November 2019	6	29	36	29	1
October	6	35	30	27	1
September 2019	7	31	34	25	2
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. 16 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
November 2019	31	64	5
October 2019	28	68	3
September 2019	28	66	6
August 2019	32	64	4
June 2019	29	68	3
HIGHEST EVER	**32 (8/19)**	**68 (10/19, 6/19)**	**6 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**28 (10/19, 9/19)**	**64 (11/19, 8/19)**	**3 (10/19, 6/19)**

Q. 17 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
November 2019	17	15	15	52	1
October 2019	13	15	14	56	1
September 2019	12	16	21	51	1
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
HIGHEST EVER	**19 (6/18)**	**19 (2/19, 7/17)**	**21 (9/19)**	**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)**

Q. 18 Do you support or oppose legalizing the recreational use of marijuana?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	54	40	6
October 2019	54	41	6
September 2019	52	43	5
June 2019	55	40	5
April 2019	52	42	6
March 2019	53	43	4
February 2019	52	42	7
January 2019	56	41	3
HIGHEST EVER	**56 (1/19, 2/18)**	**44 (4/18)**	**7 (2/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**52 (9/19, 4/19, 2/19, 4/18)**	**40 (11/19, 6/19, 2/18)**	**3 (1/19)**

Q. 19 In June, New York passed a law allowing undocumented immigrants to get a New York driver's license. Do you support or oppose that new law?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	46	50	3
October 2019	48	47	6
September 2019	45	50	5
August 2019	43	53	4
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (10/19)**	**53 (8/19)**	**6 (10/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (8/19)**	**47 (10/19)**	**3 (11/19)**

Q. 20   Based on everything you know right now, do you support or oppose Congress impeaching President Trump and removing him from office?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	52	44	4
October 2019	55	38	7
HIGHEST EVER	**55 (10/19)**	**44 (11/19)**	**7 (10/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**52 (11/19)**	**38 (10/19)**	**4 (11/19)**

Q. 21   How best would you describe the impeachment inquiry being led by Democrats in the House of Representatives: a fair investigation of President Trump OR a partisan attack on President Trump? (Choices were rotated.)

DATE	FAIR	PARTISAN ATTACK	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
November 2019	57	38	5
October 2019	57	36	7
HIGHEST EVER	**57 (11/19, 10/19)**	**38 (11/19)**	**7 (10/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**57 (11/19, 10/19)**	**36 (10/19)**	**5 (11/19)**

Q. 22   Who do you trust more to tell the American people the truth: Donald Trump OR Nancy Pelosi? (Choices were rotated.)
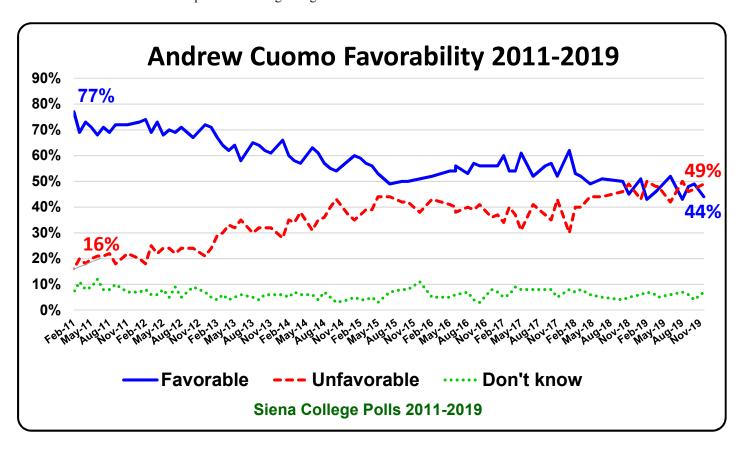
DATE	TRUMP	PELOSI	NEITHER/DK/NO OPINION
November 2019	29	54	17
October 2019	30	57	13
HIGHEST EVER	**30 (10/19)**	**57 (10/19)**	**17 (11/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**29 (11/19)**	**54 (11/19)**	**13 (10/19)**

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 January 2019.

"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