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Siena College Poll:

Hochul Dominating Primary Field; Viewed Most Favorably by Dems

Only 29% Say It's Very Likely US Will be Democratic Republic in 2030; Another 38% Say Somewhat Likely; 22% Say Not Very or Not at All Likely *Trump Should Be Required to Testify in AG James' Civil Investigation, 63-27%*

Loudonville, NY. Governor Kathy Hochul is – five months before the primary – the clear favorite among New York Democrats, leading potential primary opponents by more than 30 points. She has the support of 46 percent of Democrats, compared to 12 percent for former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, 11 percent for New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and six percent for Rep. Tom Suozzi, with 24 percent unsure or naming another candidate, according to a new Siena College poll of registered New York State voters released today.

When asked how likely it is that the United States will continue to be a democratic republic in 2030 despite current partisan divisions, 29 percent said it was very likely, another 38 percent say it's somewhat likely, 17 percent say not very likely, and five percent say not likely at all. Voters support, 63-27 percent, requiring former President Donald Trump to testify in the civil investigation into potential fraud by the Trump Organization being conducted by Attorney General Letitia James.

"James is out of the race. Williams and Suozzi are unknown to half of Democrats. A potential opponent, de Blasio, is viewed unfavorably by more Democrats than view him favorably. With 22 weeks until the primary, it appears Hochul is in the catbird seat to be the Democratic nominee for governor," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "Hochul approaches support from nearly half of Democrats, 46 percent, up from 36 percent last month – before James, who had the support of 18 percent, exited the race. DeBlasio appears to have picked up some James supporters as well, now at 12 percent, up from six percent in December.

"Hochul leads big in New York City and the downstate suburbs and has an enormous lead, 65 percent support, upstate. In fact, she leads with every demographic group, except Black voters – 36 percent for de Blasio, 26 percent for Hochul, 19 percent for Williams," Greenberg said. "Among Democrats, Hochul has a 60-19 percent favorability rating, compared to Williams, 38-13 percent, Suozzi, 26-19 percent, and de Blasio, 42-45 percent."

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"Five months is a long time in politics but given her bully pulpit, campaign war chest and enormous early lead, Williams, Suozzi and de Blasio, if he enters the race, have a lot of catching up to do and a very steep path in front of them," Greenberg said.

Only Three in Ten Voters Thinks It's 'Very Likely' the US Will Remain a Democratic Republic in 2030

"New Yorkers are not overly optimistic about our nation's future as the world's oldest continuing democracy. Only one in three Democrats and one in four Republicans and independents thinks it very likely that the United States will still be a democratic republic in 2030," Greenberg said. "One-third of Republicans, one-quarter of independents and 17 percent of Democrats don't think it very or at all likely that the republic as we know it will continue. New York City voters are more optimistic than the rest of the state; men more optimistic than women.

"While Siena has never asked this question before, it's hard to believe that a decade ago nearly one in four New Yorkers would say American democracy was not likely to exist a decade later," Greenberg said. "Voters think the country is currently headed in the wrong direction by nearly two-to-one and hold a rather glum assessment of the nation's future. New Yorkers' level of optimism in America appears to be lower than a January thermometer."

Trump Should be Required to Testify in James' Civil Investigation into Trump Organization

"With a clear partisan divide, New Yorkers strongly support requiring Trump to testify in the James civil investigation into the Trump Organization. Eighty-one percent of Democrats and 51 percent of independents say Trump should be required to testify, and while Republicans say Trump should not be required to testify, they do so by only a 47-40 percent margin," Greenberg said. "At least 55 percent of voters from every region, race, gender, age group, and income level support compelling Trump to testify in the investigation."

Eight Hochul State of the State Proposals Enjoy Strong to Overwhelming Support

Do Voters Support or Opposition Gov. Hochul's State of the State Proposals?					
Proposal		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other
Expanding programs to help those incarcerated and formerly	Support	79%	89%	63%	76%
incarcerated get job skills and long-term employment	Oppose	14%	7%	26%	15%
Amending the State Constitution to implement a two-term	Support	77%	78%	77%	78%
limit for Governor, State Comptroller and Attorney General	Oppose	14%	14%	15%	10%
Allocating \$4 billion to support wages and bonuses for	Support	77%	88%	66%	68%
healthcare workers	Oppose	14%	9%	21%	17%
Amending the State Constitution to include an Equal Rights	Support	71%	84%	52%	66%
Amendment	Oppose	16%	9%	32%	16%
Banning virtually all outside income for Governor, Lieutenant	Support	64%	68%	63%	59%
Governor, State Comptroller, and Attorney General	Oppose	22%	20%	23%	22%
Requiring zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions for new	Support	62%	77%	41%	54%
building construction no later than 2027	Oppose	23%	12%	40%	29%
Permanently legalizing the sale of to-go drinks by bars and	Support	55%	63%	47%	49%
restaurants	Oppose	34%	28%	43%	38%
Asking voters to approve a \$4 billion environmental bond act	Support	53%	70%	27%	44%
this November	Oppose	32%	17%	57%	38%
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"Voters support eight Hochul proposals from her first state of the state address by margins of between 21 and 65 points. Five of the proposals – help those currently and formerly incarcerated with job skills and employment, implementing term limits for the statewide offices, providing wages and bonuses for healthcare workers, adding an Equal Rights Amendment to the State Constitution, and banning most outside income for statewide elected officials – have strong bipartisan support," Greenberg said.

Voters Are Mostly Evenly Divided on Whether Hochul Will Make Progress Toward Her Goals

Will Hochul Administration Make Progress Towards Achieving Goals?					
Goal		Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other
Increasing the evallability of quality medical core	Will	53%	64%	41%	41%
Increasing the availability of quality medical care	Will Not	34%	26%	46%	37%
Creating the conditions needed for businesses to	Will	49%	66%	31%	34%
be successful in New York	Will Not	34%	21%	53%	45%
Making communities safer from crime	Will	45%	61%	27%	31%
	Will Not	41%	27%	62%	51%
Enhancing New Yorkers' trust in their state	Will	45%	59%	25%	33%
government	Will Not	42%	30%	64%	48%
Transforming New York's higher education	Will	43%	55%	26%	34%
system - SUNY - into the envy of the nation	Will Not	41%	29%	59%	47%
Making the state a place where people want to	Will	43%	60%	22%	28%
live, not leave	Will Not	44%	29%	63%	54%
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"Democrats are optimistic Hochul's administration will make progress in achieving five of the goals she laid out earlier this year. Republicans largely think she will not make progress. Independents also don't think she'll make progress but they're not as pessimistic about it as Republicans," Greenberg said. "Overall, Hochul has work to do in convincing New Yorkers that she will make progress on these issues. Time will tell."

Odds & Ends

- New York City Mayor Eric Adams has a 41-19 percent favorability rating in his first statewide poll. It's 63-20 percent among New York City voters, and only 20-12 percent among Upstate voters.
- President Joe Biden's rating held steady in the last month. His favorability rating is 52-42 percent, from 52-44 percent last month. His job performance rating is 39-60 percent, from 39-59 percent.

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This Siena College Poll was conducted January 9-13, 2022 among 806 New York State registered voters with 406 voters contacted through a dual frame (landline and cell phone) mode and 400 responses drawn from a proprietary online panel (Lucid) of New Yorkers. Telephone calls were conducted in English and respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest person in the household. Telephone sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame probability sample of landline (ASDE) and cell phone (Dynata) telephone numbers within New York State weighted to reflect known population patterns. Data from both collection modes (phone and web) was merged and statistically adjusted by age, party by region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. It has an overall margin of error of \pm 4.0 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. There were 417 Democrats, with a margin of error of \pm 5.4 percentage points including the design effect resulting from weighting. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social, and cultural research primarily in NYS. SCRI, 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 crosstabs: www.Siena.edu/SCRI/SNY.



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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
January 2022	41	43	16
December 2021	41	45	15
October 2021	44	43	13
September 2021	48	37	16
June 2021	48	38	13
May 2021	48	40	11
April 2021	49	40	12
March 2021	48	38	14
February 2021	48	41	11
January 2021	50	40	10
HIGHEST EVER	65 (4/20)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	7 (4/20, 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
January 2022	31	57	12
December 2021	34	56	10
October 2021	35	54	12
September 2021	40	48	12
June 2021	45	44	11
May 2021	46	43	10
April 2021	45	45	10
March 2021	50	41	10
February 2021	49	42	9
January 2021	31	59	10
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 Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	52	42	6
December 2021	52	44	4
October 2021	51	44	5
September 2021	57	37	6
June 2021	63	34	3
May 2021	62	34	4
April 2021	62	33	5
March 2021	64	30	5
February 2021	65	29	5
January 2021	62	32	6
HIGHEST EVER	65 (2/21)	47 (2/20)	28 (9/08)
LOWEST EVER	45 (2/20)	26 (9/08)	4 (4/20)

Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	45	29	25
December 2021	42	28	30
October 2021	42	26	32
September 2021	42	17	41
April 2021	18	13	69
March 2021	23	14	64
HIGHEST EVER	<mark>45 (1/22)</mark>	<mark>29 (1/22)</mark>	69 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	18 (4/21)	13 (4/21)	25 (1/22)

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Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	33	61	6
December 2021	36	58	6
October 2021	37	59	3
September 2021	33	61	6
April 2021	33	64	4
March 2021	31	66	3
February 2021	26	67	6
January 2021	30	66	5
HIGHEST EVER	41 (12/16)	72 (8/16)	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	53 (12/16)	2 (4/20, 9/15)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	51	38	12
December 2021	48	38	14
October 2021	50	40	10
September 2021	52	33	15
June 2021	50	38	13
May 2021	50	39	11
April 2021	49	38	14
March 2021	49	35	16
February 2021	49	39	12
January 2021	45	39	16
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	46 (2/19)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	45 (1/21, 11/20)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kirsten Gillibrand?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	44	28	28
September 2021	44	23	32
May 2021	41	32	27
March 2021	43	27	30
January 2021	43	29	29
HIGHEST EVER	61 (12/12)	36 (9/19, 8/19,	6/19) 56 (1/09)
LOWEST EVER	26 (3/09)	14 (1/09)	14 (4/20, 10/31/10)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	40	25	35
December 2021	40	25	35
October 2021	39	19	42
September 2021	38	18	45
June 2021	34	21	45
May 2021	38	20	42
April 2021	39	17	44
March 2021	40	14	46
February 2021	36	17	47
January 2021	35	17	48
HIGHEST EVER	40 (1/22, 12/21, 3/21)	25 (1/22, 12/21)	70 (6/18)
LOWEST EVER	20 (6/18)	10 (10/18, 6/18)	35 (1/22, 12/21)

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	24	16	60
September 2021	22	14	64
May 2021	23	14	63
January 2021	21	14	65
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)

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Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jumaane Williams?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	26	15	59
December 2021	23	17	59
October 2021	25	13	62
HIGHEST EVER	<mark>26 (1/22)</mark>	17 (12/21)	62 (10/21)
LOWEST EVER	23 (12/21)	13 (10/21)	59 (1/22, 12/21)

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom Suozzi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	20	18	62
December 2021	20	15	65
April 2008	21	15	64
HIGHEST EVER	28 (8/06)	18 (1/22)	70 (1/06)
LOWEST EVER	18 (1/06)	12 (1/06)	55 (8/06)

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Bill de Blasio?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	30	53	17
December 2021	28	55	17
October 2021	25	56	19
January 2021	28	53	19
HIGHEST EVER	44 (1/18)	57 (9/19, 8/19)	32 (11/13)
LOWEST EVER	25 (10/21, 9/19)	27 (11/13)	15 (2/16)

Q. 14 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rob Astorino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	19	17	64
December 2021	16	15	69
October 2021	17	16	67
September 2021	17	15	68
May 2021	20	15	65
October 2014*	32	41	27
HIGHEST EVER	32 (10/14)	41 (10/14)	76 (1/14)
LOWEST EVER	11 (2/14)	10 (1/14)	27 (10/14)

Q. 15 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	29	44	27
December 2021	30	46	24
October 2021	27	49	24
September 2021	29	42	29
HIGHEST EVER	30 (12/21)	49 (10/21)	29 (9/21)
LOWEST EVER	27 (10/21)	42 (9/21)	24 (12/21, 10/21)

Q. 16 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Lee Zeldin?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	19	18	63
December 2021	20	17	63
October 2021	17	19	64
September 2021	18	15	67
May 2021	20	19	62
April 2021	18	17	66
HIGHEST EVER	20 (12/21, 5/21)	19 (10/21, 5/21)	67 (9/21)
LOWEST EVER	17 (10/21)	15 (9/21)	62 (5/21)

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Q. 17 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	45	32	23
September 2021	45	30	24
June 2021	45	29	25
May 2021	46	32	22
April 2021	42	30	28
March 2021	49	25	26
February 2021	45	31	24
January 2021	48	28	24
HIGHEST EVER	57 (4/20)	61 (7/10)	28 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	25 (3/21)	10 (5/15)

Q. 18 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	45	36	19
September 2021	46	33	21
June 2021	48	33	18
May 2021	47	34	18
April 2021	46	32	22
March 2021	50	28	22
February 2021	47	33	20
January 2021	51	30	19
HIGHEST EVER	58 (4/20)	74 (7/09)	22 (4/21, 3/21)
LOWEST EVER	20 (7/09)	28 (3/21)	6 (7/09)

Q. 19 DEMS ONLY: While the Democratic primary for governor in New York isn't until June, if the primary election was held today, would you voter for: Bill de Blasio, Kathy Hochul, Letitia James, Tom Suozzi, Jumaane Williams, or someone else? (Candidate choices were rotated.)

DATE	Cuomo	DE BLASIO	HOCHUL	JAMES	SUOZZI	WILLIAMS	OTHER 1	Don't Know
January 2022	NA	12	46	NA	6	11	2	22
December 2021	NA	6	36	18	6	10	1	23
October 2021	17	6	31	14	NA	7	2	23
HIGHEST EVER	17 (10/	(21) 12 (1/22)	46 (1/22)	18 (12/21)	<mark>6 (1/22</mark>	, 12/21) <mark>11 (1/22</mark>)) 2 (1/2:	2, 10/21) 23 (12/21, 10/21)
LOWEST EVER	17 (10/	(21) 6 (12/21,	<mark>10/21)</mark> 31 (10/21)	14 (10/21)	<mark>6 (1/22</mark>	<mark>, 12/21)</mark> 7 (10/21	l) 1 (12	2/21) <mark>22 (1/22)</mark>

Q.20 How would you rate the job that Joe Biden is doing as President? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	Poor	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
11	28	26	34	0
16	23	21	38	2
13	27	24	34	1
16	30	22	30	2
22	30	20	26	1
26	27	17	28	2
24	29	20	25	2
28	26	18	23	4
24	31	17	21	6
28 (3/21) 11 (1/22)	31 (2/21) 23 (12/21)	26 (1/22) 17 (5/21, 2/21)	`	
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Q.21 How would you rate the job that Kathy Hochul is doing as Governor? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor? ^

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	Poor Don	Y'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	12	33	29	18	9
December 2021	12	30	29	17	12
October 2021	9	34	26	19	12
September 2021	9	35	27	10	18
HIGHEST EVER	12 (1/22, 1	<mark>2/21)</mark> 35 (9/21)	29 (1/22, 1	12/21) 19 (10/21)	18 (9/21)
LOWEST EVER	9 (10/21,	9/21) 30 (12/21)	26 (10/21)	10 (9/21)	9 (1/22)

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Q. 22 If Kathy Hochul wins the primary for governor in June, and is the Democratic candidate for governor in 2022, as things stand now would you vote to elect Hochul as governor would you prefer someone else?

DATE	ELECT HOCHUL	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	48	36	16
December 2021	42	39	18
October 2021	45	37	18
HIGHEST EVER	<mark>48 (1/22)</mark>	39 (12/21)	18 (12/21, 10/21)
LOWEST EVER	42 (12/21)	36 (1/22)	<mark>16 (1/22)</mark>

Q. 31 Do you support or oppose amending the New York State Constitution to include an Equal Rights Amendment?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
January 2022	71	16	13
January 2020	76	18	7
June 2019	72	17	11
HIGHEST EVER	76 (1/20)	18 (1/20)	<mark>13 (1/22)</mark>
LOWEST EVER	71 (1/22)	16 (1/22)	7 (1/20)

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 November 2020.

^{*} All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: October 2020; 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.

[&]quot;Highest Ever" and "Lowest Ever" are provided at the bottom of each question.

[^] Inconsequential wording change.