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Siena College Poll:

¾ of NYers Say New Law Requiring Permit to Get Semi-Automatic Weapons Will be Good for the State & 79% Hope Supreme Court Upholds NY Law Requiring License to Carry a Concealed Handgun

Voters Say New Law Enhancing Legal Protections for Abortions Will be Good for NY 63-19%; 60% Want Supreme Court to Uphold Roe v. Wade

Crime Concerns Persist; 60% Worried About Being a Victim of Crime
Hochul Job & 'Re-Elect' Ratings Rebound from April; Similar to March

Loudonville, NY. By 76-14%, voters say a new law requiring a permit to get a semi-automatic rifle – including being at least 21, passing a background check and taking a safety course – will be good for New York. By a similar 79-15% margin, voters want to see the Supreme Court uphold New York's decades-old law requiring a license to carry a concealed handgun, according to a new Siena College poll of registered New York State voters.

A new law enhancing legal protections for individuals seeking or performing abortions in New York will be good for the state, 63-19%. By 60-24%, voters want the Supreme Court to uphold the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and declare Mississippi's abortion law unconstitutional. Governor Kathy Hochul has a 46-37% favorability rating, compared to 44-34% in April. Her job performance rating is 41-52%, up from 36-57% in April, and 46% are prepared to re-elect her in November, compared to 44% who want 'someone else,' up from 40-45% in April.

"More than three-quarters of voters think the new law – requiring a permit to obtain a semi-automatic rifle going forward – will be good for New York, including at least 65% of every demographic group. It's worth noting that 67% of Republicans and 73% of gun owners (about one-fifth of all voters) think the law will be good," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg.

"Likewise, more than three-quarters of voters want the Supreme Court to uphold New York's decades-old law requiring a license to carry a concealed handgun, including 72% of gun owners and 79% of Republicans (even more than the 77% of independents)," Greenberg said. "By a smaller, 58-24% margin, voters say outlawing body or armored vests except for law enforcement will be good for the state. Two-thirds of Democrats support the ban, as do 53% of independents, 50% of Republicans, and 54% of gun owners."

"Four years ago, marking the fifth anniversary of New York's Safe Act – at the time, one of the strictest gun control measures in the nation – voters supported the Safe Act by a wide 61-28% margin. Now, support for needing both a permit for acquiring a semi-automatic weapon and a license for carrying a concealed weapon is even higher – across the ideological spectrum," Greenberg said.

New Yorkers Strongly Support Enhanced Abortion Protections & Strongly Want SCOTUS to Keep Roe

"Sixty-three percent of voters say the recently passed law enhancing legal protections for those seeking or performing abortions in New York will be good for the state, including a majority of voters from every region, gender, religion, and age group, as well as Democrats and independents. A 44-34% plurality of Republicans also think it will be good for New York," Greenberg said.

"Similarly, 60% of New Yorkers want the Supreme Court to uphold Roe v. Wade and throw out the Mississippi law in question, while only 24% want Roe overturned," Greenberg said. "Nearly three-quarters of Democrats and a strong majority of independents want Roe upheld, while Republicans are closely divided, 41-39%, leaning toward supporting Roe. There is only a small gender gap, with 56% of men and 64% of women supporting Roe."

Will New Laws Be Good or Bad for New York?					
Earlier this month, the Legislature finished its 2022 session and I want to ask your opinion about a few proposals that passed both houses of the Legislature. For each, tell me whether such a bill will be good for NY or bad for NY.					
Proposal	Good/ Bad	All Voters	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other
Requiring permit to acquire semiautomatic rifle: being 21, passing background check, taking safety course. Won't affect current semiautomatic rifle owners.	Good	**76%**	**83%**	**67%**	**73%**
	Bad	14%	11%	17%	14%
Outlawing body vests - also known as armored vests - except for law enforcement and first responders.	Good	**58%**	**65%**	**50%**	**53%**
	Bad	24%	17%	32%	32%
Enhancing the legal protections for individuals seeking or performing abortions in New York State.	Good	**63%**	**77%**	**44%**	**52%**
	Bad	19%	11%	34%	23%
Prohibiting insurance companies from imposing co-payments for treatment at an opioid treatment program.	Good	**51%**	**61%**	**42%**	**42%**
	Bad	27%	19%	34%	34%
Prohibiting for 2 years reactivation of old fossil fuel power plants to mine cryptocurrency, an energy intensive process.	Good	**36%**	**46%**	18%	**34%**
	Bad	31%	23%	**50%**	30%
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Voters' Concerns About Crime Persist; 60% Concerned About Being Crime Victim, ¼ Very Concerned

Ninety-two percent say crime is a serious problem across the state – 63% say very serious problem – up slightly from 91% and 60% in February. Closer to home, 65% say crime in their community is a serious problem – 27% very serious – from 63% and 27% in February. Six in ten say they are concerned they could be a victim of crime – 26% very concerned, up slightly from 57% and 22% in February.

"Crime continues to be an overriding issue for New Yorkers. At least 90% of voters from every party, region and race say crime is a serious problem in the state, with at least 57% saying it's a very serious problem, including 79% of Black voters who say it's a very serious problem," Greenberg said.

"About two-thirds of New Yorkers think crime in their community is a serious problem, including 78% of New York City voters – 40% very serious – 61% of upstaters and 51% of downstate suburbanites," Greenberg said.

"New Yorkers said crime was a problem in February and they continue to see it a major problem in June. A majority of voters of every region, party, race, and gender say they are concerned they could be victims of crime," Greenberg said. "Nearly three-quarters of Black and New York City voters are concerned about being a victim."

Hochul Job Performance & Re-elect Ratings Bounce Up from April Dip; Comparable to March

"While Hochul's favorability rating has remained largely consistent throughout the year – between 44% and 46% of voters have viewed her favorably every month – her job performance and re-elect ratings both dipped in April and have both bounced back this month to about where they were in March," Greenberg said.

"Hochul is strong with Democrats: 65% view her favorably, 60% give her a positive job performance rating, and 70% are prepared to elect her to a full term in November if she's the Democratic nominee for governor," Greenberg said. "However, 70% of Republicans view her unfavorably, 81% give her a negative job rating and 81% would prefer to vote for 'someone else' in November. Independents look a lot more like Republicans than Democrats when it comes to their views on Hochul, with 64% giving her a negative job rating, and 59% wanting someone else to vote for in November."

Odds & Ends

➢ Voters are mixed on a proposed law prohibiting for two years the reactivation of old fossil fuel power plants to mine cryptocurrency, with 36% saying the law will be good for New York, 31% saying it will be bad for the state, and about one-third having no opinion or volunteering that it will have a mixed impact.

➢ New Yorkers say a law to prohibit insurance companies from imposing co-payments for treatment at an opioid treatment program will be good for the state, 51-27%. A strong majority of Democrats support that position as do pluralities of Republicans and independents.

➢ While 19% of voters say that the recent state gas tax suspension has had a noticeable impact on what they're paying for gas, 55% said it hasn't had a noticeable impact but they're glad the state suspended the tax, and 15% said it's had no impact and they wish the state hadn't suspended the gas tax.

➢ President Joe Biden's favorability rating ticked down to 49-46%, from 51-45% last month. His job performance rating, continued to slide and is now negative 35-65%, down from 36-62% last month, its lowest level since he's been president.

➢ By a 51-37% margin, voters say New York state is headed in the wrong direction, rather than on the right track, virtually unchanged from 52-36% in April. New Yorkers' views on the direction of the country is far worse and took a major hit this month. Now, New Yorkers think the country is headed in the wrong direction 68-25%, worsening from 57-34% in April.

➢ With Democratic and Republican gubernatorial primaries in less than two weeks, most of the candidates – excepting Hochul (and Andrew Giuliani, based on his last name) – remain largely unknown to a wide swath of voters, even voters in their own party:

- o Kathy Hochul: 46-37% favorability rating with all voters (44-34% in April), and 65-19% with Democrats (60-16% in March)
- o Jumaane Williams: 24-19% overall (24-20%), 40-12% with Democrats (38-14%)
- o Tom Suozzi: 20-21% overall (21-18%), 23-22% with Democrats (26-16%)

- o Andrew Giuliani: 27-46% overall (26-48%), 50-28% with Republicans (38-31%)
- o Lee Zeldin: 21-22% overall (22-19%), 36-21% with Republicans (36-14%)
- o Rob Astorino: 18-17% overall (18-20%), 32-12% with Republicans (23-16%)
- o Harry Wilson: 14-11% overall (12-11%), 18-12% with Republicans (13-12%)

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Siena College Poll Trends – June 2022

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
June 2022	37	51	12
April 2022	36	52	12
March 2022	40	49	11
February 2022	41	45	14
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
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 How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	5	19	34	37	5
March 2022	5	21	32	36	5
February 2022	7	19	35	35	5
September 2021	7	23	35	32	4
HIGHEST EVER	**7 (2/22, 9/21)**	**29 (7/14)**	**49 (8/12)**	**67 (3/22/10)**	**7 (1/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**0 (many)**	**6 (3/22/10, etc.)**	**25 (3/22/10)**	**21 (12/16)**	**0 (4/11, etc.)**

Q. 3 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
June 2022	25	68	8
April 2022	34	57	10
March 2022	36	57	8
February 2022	34	57	9
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
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. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Joe Biden?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	49	46	5
April 2022	51	45	4
March 2022	50	46	4
February 2022	48	48	4
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
HIGHEST EVER	**65 (2/21)**	**48 (2/22)**	**28 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**45 (2/20)**	**26 (9/08)**	**3 (2/21)**

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Kathy Hochul?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	46	37	17
April 2022	44	34	22
March 2022	45	35	20
February 2022	46	32	22
January 2022	45	29	25
December 2021	42	28	30
October 2021	42	26	32
September 2021	42	17	41
HIGHEST EVER	46 (6/22, 2/22)	37 (6/22)	69 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	18 (4/21)	13 (4/21)	17 (6/22)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	33	63	4
April 2022	34	61	6
March 2022	34	61	5
February 2022	35	59	6
January 2022	33	61	6
December 2021	36	58	6
October 2021	37	59	3
September 2021	33	61	6
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. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	37	38	25
April 2022	40	38	23
February 2022	40	37	23
January 2022	45	32	23
September 2021	45	30	24
June 2021	45	29	25
HIGHEST EVER	57 (4/20)	61 (7/10)	28 (4/21)
LOWEST EVER	25 (7/10)	25 (3/21)	10 (5/15)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	41	40	19
April 2022	37	42	21
February 2022	44	39	17
January 2022	45	36	19
September 2021	46	33	21
June 2021	48	33	18
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. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jumaane Williams?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	24	19	57
April 2022	24	20	56
March 2022	24	19	57
February 2022	25	17	59
January 2022	26	15	59
December 2021	23	17	59
October 2021	25	13	62
HIGHEST EVER	26 (1/22)	20 (4/22)	62 (10/21)
LOWEST EVER	23 (12/21)	13 (10/21)	56 (4/22)

Q. 10   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Tom Suozzi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	20	21	59
April 2022	21	18	61
March 2022	20	18	62
February 2022	17	16	66
January 2022	20	18	62
December 2021	20	15	65
April 2008	21	15	64
HIGHEST EVER	**28 (8/06)**	**21 (6/22)**	**70 (1/06)**
LOWEST EVER	**17 (2/22)**	**12 (1/06)**	**55 (8/06)**

Q. 11   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Rob Astorino?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	18	17	65
April 2022	18	20	62
March 2022	21	18	62
February 2022	18	14	67
January 2022	19	17	64
December 2021	16	15	69
October 2021	17	16	67
September 2021	17	15	68
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. 12   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Giuliani?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	27	46	27
April 2022	26	48	25
March 2022	25	50	25
February 2022	28	47	25
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)**	**50 (3/22)**	**29 (9/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (3/22)**	**42 (9/21)**	**24 (12/21, 10/21)**

Q. 13   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Lee Zeldin?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	21	22	57
April 2022	22	19	59
March 2022	20	20	60
February 2022	18	20	62
January 2022	19	18	63
December 2021	20	17	63
October 2021	17	19	64
September 2021	18	15	67
HIGHEST EVER	**22 (4/22)**	**22 (6/22)**	**67 (9/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**17 (10/21)**	**15 (9/21)**	**57 (6/22)**

Q. 14   Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Harry Wilson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	14	11	75
April 2022	12	11	77
March 2022	13	9	78
October 31, 2010*	21	18	60
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)**

Q. 16 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Thomas DiNapoli?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	21	14	65
January 2022	24	16	60
September 2021	22	14	64
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. 17 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Letitia James?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	40	28	32
March 2022	42	27	32
February 2022	39	23	38
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
HIGHEST EVER	**42 (3/22)**	**28 (6/22)**	**70 (6/18)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (6/18)**	**10 (10/18, 6/18)**	**32 (6/22, 3/22)**

Q. 18 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	50	40	10
March 2022	50	40	9
February 2022	47	39	14
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
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. 19 How would you rate the job that Joe Biden is doing as President? Would you rate it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	12	23	26	39	1
April 2022	11	25	26	36	2
March 2022	14	28	19	38	1
February 2022	11	25	25	38	1
January 2022	11	28	26	34	0
December 2021	16	23	21	38	2
October 2021	13	27	24	34	1
September 2021	16	30	22	30	2
June 2021	22	30	20	26	1
HIGHEST EVER	**28 (3/21)**	**31 (2/21)**	**26 (6/22, 4/22, 1/22)**	**39 (6/22)**	**6 (2/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**11 (4/22, etc.)**	**23 (6/22, 12/21)**	**17 (5/21, 2/21)**	**21 (2/21)**	**0 (1/22)**

Q. 20 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'T KNOW/NO OPINION
June 2022	12	29	26	26	7
April 2022	8	28	30	27	6
March 2022	9	33	30	23	5
February 2022	11	33	30	21	5
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 (6/22, etc.)**	**35 (9/21)**	**30 (4/22, etc.)**	**27 (4/22)**	**18 (9/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**8 (4/22)**	**28 (4/22)**	**26 (6/22, 10/21)**	**10 (9/21)**	**5 (3/22, 2/22)**

Q. 21 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
June 2022	46	44	10
April 2022	40	45	15
March 2022	43	43	14
February 2022	47	38	15
January 2022	48	36	16
December 2021	42	39	18
October 2021	45	37	18
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (1/22)**	**45 (4/22)**	**18 (12/21, 10/21)**
LOWEST EVER	**40 (4/22)**	**36 (1/22)**	**10 (6/22)**

Q. 22 How serious a problem do you think crime is across the State of New York?

DATE	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NOT VERY SERIOUS	NOT SERIOUS AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
June 2022	63	29	6	1	1
February 2022	60	31	7	1	2
HIGHEST EVER	**63 (6/22)**	**31 (2/22)**	**7 (2/22)**	**1 (6/22, 2/22)**	**2 (2/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**60 (2/22)**	**29 (6/22)**	**6 (6/22)**	**1 (6/22, 2/22)**	**1 (6/22)**

Q. 23 And how about closer to home – how serious a problem do you think crime is in your community?

DATE	VERY SERIOUS	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	NOT VERY SERIOUS	NOT SERIOUS AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
June 2022	27	38	27	7	1
February 2022	27	36	26	9	1
HIGHEST EVER	**27 (6/22, 2/22)**	**38 (6/22)**	**27 (6/22)**	**9 (2/22)**	**1 (6/22, 2/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**27 (6/22, 2/22)**	**36 (2/22)**	**26 (2/22)**	**7 (6/22)**	**1 (6/22, 2/22)**

Q. 24 And what about in your everyday life, how concerned are you that you might be a victim of a crime?

DATE	VERY CONCERNED	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	NOT VERY CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION
June 2022	26	34	27	12	1
February 2022	22	35	28	14	1
HIGHEST EVER	**26 (6/22)**	**35 (2/22)**	**28 (2/22)**	**14 (2/22)**	**1 (6/22, 2/22)**
LOWEST EVER	**22 (2/22)**	**34 (6/22)**	**27 (6/22)**	**12 (6/22)**	**1 (6/22, 2/22)**

Poll Trend Notes: * 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.

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 May 2021.

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

⌃ Inconsequential wording change.