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Q1. Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Right track	47%	56%	33%	44%	49%	46%	73%	46%	22%	52%	45%	55%	42%	42%	44%	68%	43%	62%	48%	40%	45%	43%	56%
Wrong direction	39%	30%	60%	36%	40%	38%	17%	36%	66%	37%	40%	32%	42%	44%	40%	24%	49%	28%	41%	43%	37%	42%	36%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	14%	6%	20%	11%	16%	11%	18%	12%	11%	15%	13%	17%	14%	15%	8%	8%	10%	12%	17%	18%	15%	8%

[Q2-Q8 ROTATED] Q2. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. New York's Legislature

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	42%	56%	25%	34%	41%	43%	66%	39%	22%	41%	42%	50%	39%	36%	41%	53%	43%	46%	44%	38%	40%	40%	48%
Unfavorable	38%	25%	63%	43%	45%	33%	15%	37%	67%	37%	39%	29%	42%	45%	41%	28%	33%	23%	40%	45%	32%	43%	40%
Don't know/No opinion	20%	20%	13%	24%	14%	24%	18%	24%	11%	22%	19%	21%	19%	19%	19%	19%	24%	31%	15%	17%	28%	17%	12%

Q3. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. Lobbyists working in New York

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	20%	23%	22%	13%	18%	22%	27%	19%	15%	19%	20%	28%	14%	15%	16%	34%	26%	22%	23%	15%	23%	21%	18%
Unfavorable	55%	48%	64%	61%	65%	47%	52%	52%	65%	64%	52%	49%	67%	54%	60%	39%	45%	39%	59%	61%	44%	56%	67%
Don't know/No opinion	25%	29%	14%	26%	17%	31%	22%	29%	20%	17%	28%	23%	19%	31%	23%	27%	29%	39%	18%	24%	34%	23%	15%

Q4. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. Lawyers that advertise on TV or on billboards

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	31%	30%	30%	30%	29%	33%	30%	32%	29%	27%	32%	37%	23%	30%	22%	59%	52%	49%	27%	24%	41%	29%	25%
Unfavorable	50%	51%	50%	51%	56%	45%	50%	50%	52%	58%	47%	46%	57%	48%	57%	28%	35%	33%	54%	55%	39%	51%	58%
Don't know/No opinion	19%	18%	20%	20%	15%	23%	20%	18%	19%	14%	21%	17%	20%	22%	21%	13%	13%	18%	19%	21%	20%	20%	18%

Q5. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. Insurance companies

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	29%	30%	30%	22%	22%	33%	28%	27%	31%	27%	29%	34%	24%	26%	26%	35%	32%	38%	24%	28%	35%	24%	27%
Unfavorable	59%	58%	62%	62%	69%	52%	62%	60%	58%	64%	58%	56%	63%	61%	62%	53%	62%	49%	67%	58%	50%	65%	64%
Don't know/No opinion	12%	11%	8%	16%	9%	15%	11%	13%	11%	9%	13%	10%	13%	13%	12%	12%	6%	13%	9%	14%	15%	11%	9%

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Q6. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. New York ´s Court System																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	42%	51%	29%	35%	41%	42%	51%	45%	28%	42%	41%	48%	38%	38%	44%	44%	35%	43%	39%	42%	37%	40%	47%
Unfavorable	38%	28%	58%	41%	45%	33%	25%	35%	58%	38%	39%	35%	36%	43%	37%	32%	48%	39%	38%	40%	39%	39%	37%
Don't know/No opinion	20%	21%	14%	24%	14%	24%	24%	20%	15%	20%	20%	17%	26%	18%	19%	23%	17%	18%	23%	18%	24%	21%	16%
Q7. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. Auto repair companies																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	51%	45%	67%	45%	54%	47%	48%	46%	60%	50%	50%	43%	57%	55%	54%	37%	48%	54%	46%	52%	44%	56%	51%
Unfavorable	30%	33%	18%	36%	31%	29%	33%	32%	24%	32%	29%	31%	27%	31%	27%	39%	36%	29%	36%	25%	33%	27%	31%
Don't know/No opinion	20%	22%	15%	19%	15%	24%	19%	22%	16%	18%	20%	26%	17%	14%	19%	24%	16%	17%	18%	22%	23%	17%	18%
Q8. I'm going to read a series of names of people and institutions in public life and I'd like you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each one. Doctors																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Favorable	83%	86%	82%	82%	81%	85%	89%	81%	81%	84%	83%	83%	86%	81%	84%	84%	90%	89%	81%	83%	82%	83%	86%
Unfavorable	11%	9%	12%	12%	11%	11%	8%	11%	14%	9%	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%	14%	8%	7%	13%	11%	13%	10%	8%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	5%	6%	6%	8%	4%	2%	8%	5%	7%	5%	6%	3%	8%	6%	2%	2%	4%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%
Q9. Overall, how good a job do you think government of the State of New York is doing representing the interests of people like you? Would you say...																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Excellent	6%	7%	7%	3%	8%	4%	10%	4%	5%	10%	5%	7%	7%	5%	6%	6%	12%	7%	7%	4%	6%	8%	5%
Good	31%	41%	18%	23%	27%	34%	51%	29%	13%	26%	32%	36%	30%	26%	33%	31%	14%	33%	28%	33%	26%	26%	41%
Total Positive	37%	48%	25%	26%	35%	38%	61%	33%	18%	36%	37%	43%	37%	31%	39%	37%	26%	40%	35%	37%	32%	34%	46%
Only fair	34%	35%	22%	45%	31%	37%	30%	43%	25%	38%	33%	34%	33%	35%	32%	42%	41%	37%	37%	31%	47%	31%	24%
Poor	27%	15%	52%	27%	32%	23%	8%	22%	55%	25%	27%	20%	29%	32%	29%	18%	30%	17%	28%	31%	21%	31%	29%
Total Negative	61%	50%	74%	72%	63%	60%	38%	65%	80%	63%	60%	54%	62%	67%	61%	60%	71%	54%	65%	62%	68%	62%	53%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	3%	0%	2%	1%	3%	3%	6%	0%	2%	1%	4%	1%
Q10. Have you ever been involved in a lawsuit?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	20%	19%	20%	22%	22%	20%	21%	20%	20%	24%	19%	20%	28%	15%	20%	19%	21%	5%	24%	25%	18%	20%	24%
No	79%	80%	80%	78%	77%	80%	78%	80%	80%	76%	80%	78%	72%	85%	79%	81%	78%	95%	75%	75%	81%	80%	76%
Don't know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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Q11. Have you ever been involved in a traffic accident that resulted in damages to vehicles that involved insurance companies?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	50%	40%	66%	53%	59%	42%	45%	50%	54%	55%	48%	32%	63%	59%	57%	22%	47%	25%	56%	57%	36%	55%	59%
No	50%	59%	34%	47%	41%	58%	54%	49%	46%	44%	52%	67%	37%	41%	43%	78%	52%	75%	44%	42%	64%	45%	40%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q12. Have you ever been involved in a traffic accident that resulted in personal injuries that involved insurance companies or lawyers?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	16%	13%	20%	16%	16%	15%	18%	14%	14%	21%	14%	13%	19%	15%	15%	11%	28%	12%	16%	18%	13%	18%	17%
No	84%	87%	80%	84%	84%	85%	82%	86%	86%	79%	86%	86%	81%	84%	85%	89%	71%	88%	84%	82%	87%	82%	83%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q13. (If yes to Q12) Which were involved?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Just insurance companies	27%																						
Just lawyers	4%																						
Both insurance companies and lawyers	66%																						
Don't know	3%																						
Refused	0%																						
Q14. Have you ever received a settlement in a case in which you were injured whether the case did or did not go to court?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	14%	15%	15%	11%	14%	14%	16%	12%	14%	22%	11%	17%	14%	12%	14%	10%	24%	9%	14%	18%	13%	16%	16%
No	86%	84%	84%	89%	85%	86%	83%	87%	86%	78%	88%	83%	86%	88%	86%	89%	76%	91%	86%	81%	87%	84%	83%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Q15. Have you ever been involved in a case in which someone else other than you received a financial settlement whether the case did or did not go to court?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	12%	8%	16%	12%	16%	8%	10%	12%	12%	15%	10%	13%	16%	7%	13%	7%	11%	7%	13%	13%	8%	14%	14%
No	83%	86%	80%	81%	78%	87%	84%	83%	82%	83%	84%	82%	77%	89%	82%	86%	85%	92%	78%	82%	86%	79%	81%
Don't know	5%	5%	3%	7%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	2%	6%	5%	7%	4%	5%	7%	3%	1%	9%	4%	7%	6%	4%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

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Q16. Have you ever been represented by a personal injury lawyer?

	Party				Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Yes	13%	11%	21%	10%	15%	12%	13%	12%	15%	20%	11%	14%	15%	11%	12%	11%	20%	8%	14%	17%	14%	13%	14%
No	87%	89%	79%	89%	85%	88%	87%	88%	85%	80%	89%	86%	85%	89%	88%	89%	80%	92%	86%	83%	86%	87%	86%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Q17. Have you ever been sued by a lawyer that said you were at fault for damages alleged by that lawyer's client?

	Party				Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Yes	5%	4%	4%	7%	8%	2%	7%	5%	3%	7%	4%	8%	5%	1%	4%	6%	8%	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%
No	95%	96%	95%	93%	92%	98%	93%	95%	96%	93%	95%	91%	95%	99%	96%	94%	92%	97%	94%	94%	96%	95%	94%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Q18. How often do you notice advertising by lawyers that say that they will represent you if you were injured and not charge you anything until your case is settled?

	Party				Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Very often	42%	42%	42%	42%	42%	41%	39%	43%	44%	46%	40%	36%	42%	47%	45%	25%	50%	23%	45%	49%	35%	44%	46%
Somewhat often	34%	32%	37%	36%	38%	31%	39%	34%	32%	29%	36%	36%	37%	30%	36%	40%	23%	41%	35%	31%	34%	34%	36%
Seldom	11%	11%	12%	9%	9%	12%	8%	12%	11%	12%	10%	11%	11%	9%	9%	14%	13%	18%	6%	11%	12%	10%	9%
Never	11%	11%	8%	12%	10%	12%	12%	9%	10%	11%	11%	12%	8%	12%	8%	16%	10%	14%	12%	7%	15%	9%	7%
Don't know/Refused	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	6%	3%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%

Q19. If you were in a car accident or perhaps you slipped and fell and you suffered an injury that required medical attention, how likely is it that you would hire a lawyer to represent your interests?

	Party				Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Very likely	33%	33%	29%	33%	37%	29%	38%	29%	32%	32%	32%	36%	33%	28%	28%	41%	42%	31%	35%	31%	36%	32%	31%
Somewhat likely	37%	40%	32%	36%	35%	39%	36%	41%	31%	40%	36%	40%	40%	32%	37%	42%	37%	45%	34%	36%	36%	38%	39%
Not very likely	17%	16%	20%	18%	16%	18%	16%	18%	19%	14%	19%	17%	13%	21%	20%	10%	15%	18%	17%	17%	16%	17%	16%
Not at all likely	6%	5%	8%	8%	6%	7%	4%	8%	7%	11%	5%	5%	6%	9%	6%	7%	1%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%
Don't know/Refused	7%	5%	12%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	11%	3%	8%	3%	9%	9%	9%	0%	5%	1%	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%

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Q20. If you were injured in a car accident or some other event through no fault of your own, to what degree would you trust an insurance company to treat you fairly?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Completely	10%	11%	13%	7%	10%	11%	9%	10%	13%	11%	10%	13%	7%	10%	9%	15%	17%	15%	12%	6%	14%	9%	9%
Somewhat	41%	44%	34%	40%	35%	46%	45%	39%	39%	36%	43%	43%	33%	45%	41%	49%	29%	47%	38%	42%	42%	42%	37%
Not very much	29%	28%	31%	32%	32%	27%	28%	31%	29%	35%	27%	27%	38%	26%	30%	19%	34%	27%	28%	32%	27%	32%	30%
Not at all	14%	12%	17%	16%	20%	9%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%	12%	18%	14%	15%	16%	13%	9%	17%	13%	12%	11%	20%
Don't know/Refused	5%	5%	5%	5%	3%	7%	3%	7%	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	7%	3%	5%	7%	6%	6%	4%
Q21. Personal injury lawyers are paid a `contingent` fee, that is, they are paid a portion of the settlement they win or negotiate on your behalf after the case is settled, rather than charging you by the hour or a flat fee. Do you think that system is fair to clients?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	54%	58%	51%	48%	50%	57%	56%	55%	49%	54%	54%	63%	57%	42%	53%	54%	60%	60%	52%	53%	48%	57%	56%
No	16%	15%	16%	19%	21%	12%	11%	18%	20%	13%	18%	15%	15%	19%	15%	21%	14%	18%	13%	17%	17%	14%	18%
Depends	28%	26%	32%	31%	27%	29%	31%	25%	30%	32%	27%	20%	27%	38%	31%	25%	26%	20%	36%	27%	34%	29%	25%
Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Q22. And how about to the lawyers, do you think it is fair to them?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Yes	64%	62%	67%	62%	68%	61%	62%	67%	60%	60%	65%	63%	71%	60%	65%	55%	69%	60%	66%	64%	55%	66%	68%
No	10%	12%	9%	8%	11%	9%	11%	9%	12%	12%	9%	10%	6%	12%	7%	20%	11%	13%	8%	10%	13%	10%	7%
Depends	24%	23%	22%	29%	20%	27%	27%	22%	25%	26%	23%	22%	22%	28%	25%	25%	20%	23%	26%	24%	29%	23%	23%
Don't know/Refused	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	5%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	4%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Q23. Lawyers typically bill the client for their expenses, including costs associated with expert testimony, filings and postage, in addition to their contingent fee. What percentage of the settlement do you think is fair for personal injury lawyers to charge as their contingent fee?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
10%	31%	29%	31%	32%	35%	28%	28%	30%	34%	27%	33%	30%	32%	32%	30%	31%	32%	23%	32%	35%	30%	28%	32%
20%	36%	38%	40%	32%	35%	36%	34%	38%	35%	39%	35%	36%	36%	35%	36%	38%	35%	40%	39%	30%	38%	33%	38%
33%	15%	16%	10%	13%	16%	14%	18%	16%	11%	16%	14%	16%	17%	13%	15%	9%	21%	14%	14%	16%	11%	18%	17%
40%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	5%	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%	5%	2%
50%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	8%	2%	4%	3%	1%	6%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused	13%	11%	13%	19%	9%	16%	14%	12%	14%	12%	14%	11%	11%	17%	16%	9%	5%	14%	10%	16%	14%	16%	11%

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Q24. Typically lawyers working on a contingent fee charge their clients 1/3 or 33% of the settlement and additionally are reimbursed for their expenses. Do you think this fee is too much, about right or too little?																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Too much	57%	55%	58%	62%	61%	54%	53%	58%	57%	62%	56%	53%	63%	57%	63%	41%	50%	43%	65%	58%	52%	59%	61%
About right	33%	34%	31%	29%	30%	34%	36%	34%	27%	32%	32%	37%	26%	32%	28%	44%	43%	41%	27%	33%	31%	33%	32%
Too little	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	5%	1%	3%	2%	4%	1%	1%	5%	6%	7%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/Refused	8%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	9%	6%	11%	5%	10%	8%	6%	10%	8%	10%	1%	10%	7%	8%	14%	6%	5%
Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements that some have made about the contingent fees charged by lawyers in torts or injury cases? [Q25-Q30 ROTATED]																							
Q25. When injured in a car accident or other event, the best thing to do is to hire a lawyer since insurance companies try not to provide a fair settlement.																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Agree	68%	71%	66%	61%	72%	65%	67%	70%	65%	66%	68%	73%	70%	61%	65%	78%	70%	57%	73%	70%	69%	65%	69%
Disagree	17%	16%	20%	16%	18%	15%	16%	15%	21%	19%	16%	15%	15%	20%	17%	12%	20%	27%	13%	14%	17%	14%	18%
Don't know/Refused	15%	13%	15%	23%	10%	19%	17%	16%	14%	14%	16%	12%	15%	20%	18%	10%	10%	16%	14%	17%	14%	21%	13%
Q26. Personal injury lawyers take far too much money and leave far too little for their clients.																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Agree	59%	60%	61%	59%	61%	58%	56%	60%	63%	63%	59%	59%	62%	58%	61%	53%	58%	44%	66%	64%	61%	63%	56%
Disagree	23%	24%	20%	19%	23%	23%	23%	23%	20%	20%	23%	28%	19%	20%	20%	30%	28%	32%	20%	18%	21%	18%	26%
Don't know/Refused	18%	16%	19%	22%	16%	19%	20%	17%	16%	17%	18%	13%	19%	22%	19%	17%	15%	24%	14%	19%	18%	19%	18%
Q27. I don't care how much the lawyers make on injury cases because without them victims could never negotiate with insurance companies or the court system.																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Agree	40%	44%	37%	31%	39%	41%	40%	38%	41%	41%	39%	45%	39%	35%	37%	48%	46%	45%	36%	41%	46%	36%	36%
Disagree	42%	40%	44%	43%	47%	37%	40%	44%	40%	43%	42%	43%	37%	44%	42%	42%	41%	45%	41%	40%	35%	42%	49%
Don't know/Refused	18%	16%	19%	25%	14%	21%	19%	18%	19%	16%	19%	11%	24%	22%	21%	9%	13%	10%	23%	19%	20%	22%	15%
Q28. These billboard lawyers act like they care about victims but they are really only out for themselves.																							
		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+
Agree	61%	60%	63%	61%	65%	58%	59%	61%	62%	70%	58%	61%	68%	55%	61%	52%	64%	55%	62%	62%	57%	64%	61%
Disagree	22%	22%	19%	22%	22%	22%	24%	23%	19%	18%	24%	26%	17%	22%	20%	33%	28%	30%	23%	17%	25%	20%	21%
Don't know/Refused	17%	17%	18%	17%	13%	20%	18%	16%	18%	13%	19%	13%	15%	23%	19%	15%	7%	15%	15%	21%	18%	16%	18%

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Q29. Capping the fees personal injury lawyers can charge would benefit consumers.

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Agree	71%	72%	69%	74%	72%	72%	79%	68%	72%	75%	70%	67%	82%	68%	75%	66%	68%	67%	74%	74%	65%	74%	78%
Disagree	16%	17%	16%	11%	16%	15%	10%	18%	16%	15%	16%	20%	10%	15%	13%	21%	21%	23%	12%	13%	17%	15%	12%
Don't know/Refused	13%	11%	15%	15%	12%	13%	11%	14%	12%	10%	14%	12%	8%	17%	13%	13%	12%	9%	14%	14%	18%	11%	10%

Q30. No doubt the high fees charged by personal injury lawyers drives up insurance cost for everyone.

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Agree	73%	74%	79%	71%	74%	74%	74%	71%	78%	83%	70%	70%	77%	74%	77%	67%	72%	60%	73%	82%	73%	74%	74%
Disagree	13%	12%	10%	13%	15%	11%	12%	14%	11%	10%	14%	16%	12%	10%	11%	14%	14%	20%	12%	9%	10%	12%	14%
Don't know/Refused	14%	15%	11%	16%	11%	15%	15%	15%	11%	7%	16%	13%	11%	16%	12%	20%	14%	20%	15%	9%	17%	13%	12%

Q31. Would you be in favor of or opposed to limiting the percentage of a contingent fee that lawyers could charge their clients, or not?

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
In favor of limiting fee	77%	80%	76%	76%	77%	78%	76%	80%	75%	83%	75%	77%	81%	74%	80%	78%	71%	67%	79%	81%	73%	80%	80%
Not in favor of limiting fee	14%	14%	17%	8%	16%	13%	14%	12%	16%	11%	15%	16%	13%	14%	12%	13%	24%	26%	11%	12%	14%	13%	14%
Don't know/Refused	8%	6%	7%	16%	8%	9%	10%	8%	8%	6%	9%	7%	6%	12%	8%	9%	5%	7%	10%	7%	13%	7%	6%

Q32. One plan that has been suggested is that lawyers charge clients 1/3 or 33% of the first \$1 million dollars obtained in a settlement and 20% of any money above \$1 million dollars. Do you support or oppose that idea?

		Party			Gender		Ideology			Union HH		Region			Ethnicity			Age			Income		
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind / Oth	M	F	Lib	Mod	Conserv	Yes	No	NYC	Suburbs	Upstate	White	Black / Afr Amer	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+
Support	45%	49%	46%	37%	46%	45%	55%	43%	37%	47%	44%	47%	47%	41%	47%	35%	52%	51%	46%	41%	42%	43%	50%
Oppose	37%	34%	36%	43%	39%	35%	27%	41%	43%	37%	37%	39%	34%	37%	34%	49%	39%	36%	36%	37%	38%	39%	32%
Don't know/Refused	18%	18%	18%	20%	15%	20%	18%	16%	20%	16%	19%	14%	18%	22%	19%	16%	9%	13%	18%	22%	20%	18%	18%

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Nature of the Sample	
NYS Registered Voters	
Party	
Democrat	47%
Republican	21%
Ind / Oth	27%
Gender	
Male	45%
Female	55%
Ideology	
Liberal	29%
Moderate	42%
Conserv	26%
Union HH	
Yes	29%
No	71%
Region	
NYC	39%
Suburbs	27%
Upstate	35%
Ethnicity	
White	66%
Black / Afr Amer	15%
Latino	11%
Age	
18-34	22%
35-54	37%
55+	37%
Income	
<\$50K	33%
\$50K-\$100K	30%
\$100K+	31%

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Interviews conducted online are excluded from the sample and final analysis if they fail any data quality attention check question. Duplicate responses are identified by their response ID and removed from the sample. Three questions were asked of online respondents including a honey-pot question to catch bots and two questions ask the respondent to follow explicit directions. The proprietary panel also incorporates measures that “safeguard against automated bot attacks, deduplication issues, fraudulent VPN usage, and suspicious IP addresses”. Coding of open-ended responses was done by a single human coder.

Data from collection modes was weighted to balance sample demographics to match estimates for New York State’s population using data from the Census Bureau’s 2023 U.S. American Community Survey (ACS), on age, region, race/ethnicity, education, and gender to ensure representativeness. The sample was also weighted to match current patterns of party registration using data from the New York State Board of Elections. It has an overall margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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