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

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
right track	34%	39%	27%	33%	32%	35%	39%	31%	31%	31%	51%	47%	44%	31%	35%	35%	43%	28%	32%
wrong direction	41%	36%	49%	41%	43%	38%	33%	43%	46%	44%	34%	24%	28%	45%	39%	41%	25%	47%	41%
don't know/no opinion	26%	24%	25%	26%	25%	27%	28%	27%	23%	25%	15%	29%	27%	24%	26%	24%	32%	24%	27%

I'm going to read the names of several people in public life and I'd like for you to tell me whether you have a favorable opinion or an unfavorable opinion of each of the people I name. [Names

2. Eliot Spitzer

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	13%	16%	9%	14%	15%	12%	17%	14%	10%	11%	35%	24%	16%	14%	12%	9%	12%	14%	20%
unfavorable	79%	76%	87%	78%	79%	80%	75%	81%	82%	83%	54%	63%	74%	82%	78%	85%	79%	80%	71%
don't know/no opinion	7%	8%	4%	7%	6%	9%	9%	5%	8%	6%	11%	13%	10%	5%	10%	6%	9%	6%	9%

3. Hillary Clinton

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	52%	70%	22%	48%	43%	60%	57%	55%	45%	46%	69%	89%	59%	50%	53%	48%	54%	43%	62%
unfavorable	43%	25%	75%	46%	51%	35%	39%	40%	50%	49%	29%	11%	38%	46%	41%	49%	35%	53%	32%
don't know/no opinion	5%	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	6%	5%	5%	2%	0%	3%	4%	6%	3%	10%	4%	6%

4. Andrew Cuomo

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favorable	53%	63%	37%	50%	50%	56%	55%	49%	53%	52%	51%	61%	34%	55%	60%	58%	43%	45%	53%
unfavorable	25%	18%	40%	26%	28%	23%	23%	28%	25%	26%	28%	13%	38%	24%	21%	24%	22%	30%	25%
don't know/no opinion	22%	19%	23%	24%	22%	22%	21%	23%	21%	21%	22%	26%	28%	21%	19%	17%	35%	24%	22%

5. Joe Bruno

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	32%	29%	40%	30%	34%	30%	31%	28%	36%	32%	34%	24%	24%	29%	41%	35%	22%	36%	29%
unfavorable	32%	37%	23%	30%	39%	25%	32%	32%	31%	31%	32%	34%	33%	33%	29%	28%	40%	27%	36%
don't know/no opinion	36%	34%	36%	41%	28%	45%	37%	40%	34%	37%	34%	42%	43%	38%	30%	36%	38%	36%	36%

6. Barack Obama

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	56%	66%	38%	55%	56%	55%	65%	46%	52%	50%	91%	68%	60%	56%	54%	52%	46%	55%	65%
unfavorable	32%	24%	48%	30%	33%	30%	26%	39%	32%	36%	8%	21%	33%	30%	33%	35%	41%	33%	23%
don't know/no opinion	13%	10%	14%	14%	11%	15%	9%	15%	15%	14%	2%	11%	7%	14%	13%	13%	13%	12%	13%

7. Mike Bloomberg

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	67%	69%	69%	62%	69%	66%	76%	84%	47%	68%	75%	58%	61%	66%	72%	67%	90%	61%	62%
unfavorable	18%	20%	17%	16%	18%	17%	19%	10%	22%	16%	22%	29%	18%	20%	13%	17%	7%	21%	22%
don't know/no opinion	15%	11%	14%	22%	13%	17%	5%	6%	31%	16%	3%	13%	20%	14%	14%	16%	3%	18%	16%

8. John McCain

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	54%	38%	81%	58%	57%	52%	48%	59%	57%	61%	26%	47%	44%	53%	60%	61%	59%	57%	42%
unfavorable	34%	49%	13%	28%	35%	33%	40%	30%	31%	28%	58%	42%	44%	35%	28%	31%	31%	29%	43%
don't know/no opinion	12%	13%	6%	14%	8%	16%	12%	10%	12%	11%	15%	11%	11%	12%	12%	9%	10%	14%	15%

9. Sheldon Silver

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
favorable	24%	30%	16%	24%	23%	26%	30%	23%	19%	23%	31%	37%	22%	23%	27%	24%	41%	22%	20%
unfavorable	31%	25%	43%	33%	42%	21%	32%	30%	31%	33%	26%	21%	32%	30%	33%	33%	29%	30%	30%
don't know/no opinion	44%	45%	41%	43%	35%	53%	38%	46%	49%	44%	43%	42%	47%	47%	40%	43%	29%	47%	50%

10. David Paterson

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favorable	58%	67%	48%	55%	60%	57%	61%	59%	56%	59%	66%	45%	51%	59%	60%	61%	65%	58%	53%
unfavorable	10%	8%	16%	10%	11%	10%	10%	6%	13%	10%	11%	13%	11%	11%	9%	9%	3%	10%	15%
don't know/no opinion	31%	25%	36%	35%	29%	33%	29%	35%	31%	31%	23%	42%	38%	30%	30%	30%	32%	32%	32%

11. Looking back on his 15 months in office, how would you rate the job that Eliot Spitzer DID as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
excellent	4%	5%	1%	6%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	1%	5%	6%
good	27%	34%	18%	22%	27%	26%	27%	26%	27%	25%	38%	39%	34%	27%	23%	25%	29%	22%	30%
fair	38%	38%	35%	42%	36%	40%	37%	43%	35%	37%	37%	37%	38%	38%	37%	37%	38%	37%	39%
poor	28%	21%	40%	27%	30%	25%	28%	24%	30%	31%	17%	16%	22%	27%	31%	33%	22%	28%	22%
don't know/no opinion	4%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	9%	7%	3%

12. How would you rate the job that the New York State Assembly is doing? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

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excellent	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	8%	0%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%
good	26%	31%	19%	22%	18%	33%	28%	25%	24%	24%	38%	29%	27%	25%	26%	26%	19%	25%	27%
fair	43%	43%	46%	38%	43%	42%	43%	41%	44%	45%	40%	42%	45%	44%	40%	48%	40%	45%	35%
poor	22%	16%	27%	29%	31%	13%	20%	20%	25%	22%	11%	18%	18%	22%	23%	19%	25%	18%	27%
don't know/no opinion	8%	7%	8%	10%	6%	10%	7%	12%	6%	8%	9%	3%	9%	8%	9%	5%	16%	9%	9%

13. How would you rate the job that the New York State Senate is doing? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

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excellent	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	5%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	13%	5%	4%	2%	4%	1%	4%	3%
good	26%	30%	21%	22%	19%	32%	27%	28%	22%	24%	42%	24%	24%	25%	28%	26%	19%	25%	27%
fair	43%	44%	43%	42%	44%	42%	46%	38%	43%	43%	40%	50%	47%	45%	39%	46%	40%	44%	38%
poor	22%	15%	30%	29%	30%	15%	17%	23%	28%	24%	11%	11%	18%	22%	26%	21%	22%	20%	26%
don't know/no opinion	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	8%	4%	7%	5%	3%	7%	5%	6%	3%	18%	6%	5%

14. With Governor Eliot Spitzer's resignation, Lieutenant Governor David Paterson becomes New York's new Governor. How familiar are you with David Paterson?

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very familiar	5%	8%	1%	4%	6%	4%	10%	1%	3%	3%	22%	3%	5%	5%	5%	3%	7%	5%	7%
somewhat familiar	30%	34%	27%	23%	28%	31%	35%	27%	26%	26%	40%	47%	26%	32%	27%	29%	28%	25%	33%
not very familiar	35%	30%	40%	42%	36%	34%	31%	36%	38%	38%	26%	18%	39%	35%	34%	37%	37%	38%	30%
not at all familiar	30%	27%	33%	30%	29%	31%	24%	35%	33%	33%	12%	32%	31%	28%	33%	31%	28%	30%	29%
don't know/no opinion	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%

15. David Paterson is legally blind. Do you think his disability will impact his job performance a lot, somewhat, not very much, or not at all?

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a lot	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%
somewhat	9%	10%	8%	7%	9%	10%	11%	6%	10%	8%	11%	13%	14%	9%	8%	8%	1%	7%	15%
not very much	21%	20%	22%	22%	20%	22%	21%	22%	21%	22%	12%	16%	19%	20%	23%	20%	29%	23%	18%
not at all	67%	68%	69%	67%	69%	66%	65%	70%	68%	68%	75%	71%	64%	69%	66%	70%	68%	68%	63%
don't know/no opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%

16. How significant do you think it is that David Paterson becomes the first African-American Governor of New York? Is it very significant, somewhat significant, not very significant, or not significant at all?

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very significant	27%	36%	16%	17%	23%	30%	35%	20%	22%	21%	65%	32%	33%	24%	27%	23%	21%	29%	33%
somewhat significant	30%	31%	30%	30%	28%	32%	33%	21%	27%	31%	26%	32%	31%	33%	26%	32%	41%	23%	27%
not very significant	16%	11%	23%	18%	19%	13%	8%	18%	22%	18%	3%	5%	16%	16%	16%	15%	16%	24%	13%
not significant at all	25%	21%	28%	31%	29%	22%	22%	27%	27%	27%	5%	26%	19%	25%	28%	29%	19%	23%	22%
don't know/no opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	0%	5%

17. If you were called upon to provide advice to the new governor, which of following governing strategies would you suggest? (ROTATE CHOICES):

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make every effort to build consensus across party lines even if you have to compromise	39%	38%	43%	43%	46%	33%	38%	43%	38%	44%	26%	29%	33%	39%	42%	44%	46%	43%	27%
take positions that you believe are right and try your hardest to make them happen	56%	59%	52%	52%	48%	63%	57%	53%	56%	51%	72%	68%	61%	57%	52%	52%	44%	53%	68%
don't know/no opinion	5%	3%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	4%	6%	5%	2%	3%	6%	4%	6%	4%	10%	4%	4%

18. Which ONE of the following issues do you believe should be the new governor's top priority? (ROTATE CHOICES):

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		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
jobs and the economy	36%	43%	27%	30%	32%	38%	34%	30%	41%	35%	35%	47%	39%	38%	30%	37%	26%	37%	35%
health care	11%	14%	6%	10%	7%	15%	15%	10%	8%	10%	22%	8%	9%	9%	15%	8%	15%	8%	15%
education	16%	16%	10%	22%	12%	19%	21%	14%	11%	12%	25%	32%	31%	13%	12%	14%	16%	12%	19%
government ethics and reform	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%
controlling state spending and taxes	31%	19%	51%	34%	40%	21%	22%	40%	33%	36%	11%	8%	17%	31%	36%	34%	32%	34%	23%
don't know/no opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	6%	2%	3%

19. Given what know about the new governor and the state government in general, how confident are you in the ability of state officials to solve the problems faced by the citizens of New York. Are very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not at all confident?

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very confident	8%	11%	5%	6%	8%	8%	10%	6%	7%	7%	18%	11%	5%	10%	8%	8%	12%	7%	8%
somewhat confident	52%	56%	45%	49%	45%	57%	55%	54%	46%	50%	60%	58%	58%	50%	50%	53%	50%	51%	51%
not very confident	28%	24%	36%	27%	32%	24%	24%	27%	33%	29%	18%	24%	27%	28%	29%	27%	24%	29%	30%
not at all confident	11%	7%	14%	17%	13%	9%	8%	12%	14%	12%	2%	8%	10%	10%	13%	11%	10%	12%	10%
don't know/no opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%

20. Overall, do you believe the change from Governor Spitzer to Governor Paterson will be good for New York, bad for New York or have no effect?

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good for NY	60%	64%	58%	60%	58%	62%	56%	64%	62%	61%	72%	45%	44%	61%	65%	62%	56%	67%	54%
bad for NY	4%	3%	6%	4%	6%	3%	2%	7%	4%	5%	2%	5%	2%	6%	2%	5%	4%	1%	5%
no effect	24%	23%	27%	24%	25%	23%	27%	20%	25%	24%	18%	32%	39%	21%	23%	23%	32%	21%	25%
don't know/no opinion	12%	11%	10%	12%	11%	12%	15%	9%	9%	10%	8%	18%	15%	11%	11%	10%	7%	11%	15%

21. Looking forward two years from today and to the next gubernatorial election, which of the following statements do you think you will be most LIKELY to make? (ROTATE CHOICES):

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Paterson has become a great governor and should be re-elected	41%	52%	29%	37%	42%	40%	39%	39%	44%	40%	62%	32%	30%	42%	43%	44%	40%	36%	40%
Paterson has been an adequate caretaker but we need a new governor	21%	15%	30%	19%	23%	18%	21%	22%	20%	21%	8%	24%	33%	20%	15%	18%	28%	19%	23%
Paterson was simply not up to the job and his Administration moved New York backwards	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	8%	6%	3%	2%	3%	0%	4%	4%
don't know/no opinion	35%	31%	36%	41%	31%	39%	37%	37%	32%	36%	26%	37%	32%	34%	39%	35%	32%	40%	34%

22. Currently, Democrats have an overwhelming majority in the State Assembly. Republicans have a small 32-30 majority in the State Senate. The Governor is a Democrat. Which statement comes closest to your opinion (ROTATE CHOICES): I agree with those who claim it is important for Republicans to keep control of the Senate, providing checks and balances so one party does not control all of state government, or I agree with those who claim that if Democrats gain control of the Senate, it would end the gridlock and make state government more effective.

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Republican control	47%	24%	80%	56%	50%	43%	39%	52%	50%	53%	22%	24%	45%	47%	47%	54%	43%	52%	34%
Democratic control	45%	68%	15%	32%	41%	49%	51%	37%	44%	39%	71%	63%	49%	44%	44%	37%	49%	40%	57%
don't know/no opinion	9%	8%	5%	12%	9%	9%	10%	10%	6%	9%	8%	13%	6%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	10%

23. Some members of the State Assembly have proposed temporarily raising the personal income tax rate on taxpayers earning more than one million dollars a year from 6.85 percent to 7.7 percent. Do you support or oppose an income tax surcharge on those making more than one million dollars a year?

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support	72%	81%	60%	73%	70%	75%	68%	75%	75%	74%	72%	61%	75%	72%	72%	74%	65%	71%	74%
oppose	23%	15%	35%	25%	26%	21%	27%	22%	21%	22%	26%	29%	15%	25%	24%	23%	26%	24%	21%
don't know/no opinion	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	11%	10%	3%	4%	3%	9%	5%	5%

24. The events leading up to Spitzer's resignation were covered by the press nationally and even internationally. How much do you believe the attention surrounding the issue, including Spitzer's resignation, has damaged the reputation of New York State: a great deal, a little bit, not at all?

	Total	Party			GENDER		Region			Ethnic			AGE			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind./ Other	M	F	NYC	NYC Suburbs	Upstate	White	Afr.Am./ Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath.	Jewish	Prot.	Other
a great deal	23%	23%	27%	18%	22%	25%	26%	20%	23%	23%	25%	29%	20%	22%	28%	29%	9%	17%	24%
a little bit	36%	36%	40%	33%	34%	37%	31%	39%	38%	37%	29%	37%	44%	37%	29%	34%	41%	41%	34%
not a at all	39%	41%	31%	47%	42%	36%	42%	39%	36%	38%	45%	34%	34%	40%	41%	35%	50%	39%	41%
don't know/no opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%