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

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Right track	30%	36%	23%	26%	29%	30%	42%	25%	21%	26%	52%	39%	36%	31%	24%	28%	30%	26%	33%
Wrong direction	52%	46%	64%	49%	57%	47%	38%	56%	63%	55%	25%	39%	43%	52%	57%	57%	40%	56%	45%
Don't know/No opinion	19%	18%	13%	24%	14%	23%	21%	20%	16%	19%	23%	22%	21%	17%	19%	15%	30%	18%	22%

2. Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Right track	50%	65%	28%	46%	47%	53%	60%	44%	44%	47%	78%	62%	52%	53%	46%	48%	41%	39%	64%
Wrong direction	36%	23%	58%	38%	40%	34%	31%	39%	40%	40%	13%	20%	36%	35%	38%	38%	46%	44%	24%
Don't know/No opinion	14%	11%	13%	16%	13%	14%	10%	16%	16%	14%	8%	18%	12%	12%	16%	14%	13%	17%	12%

I'm going to read the names of several 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 of the people I name.

3. David Paterson

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	29%	32%	24%	29%	35%	25%	36%	22%	27%	27%	44%	18%	24%	33%	29%	22%	33%	34%	34%
Unfavorable	58%	53%	65%	60%	56%	60%	53%	54%	65%	60%	46%	64%	58%	58%	58%	66%	50%	57%	49%
Don't know/No opinion	13%	14%	11%	11%	9%	16%	11%	25%	8%	13%	9%	18%	19%	9%	14%	12%	17%	9%	17%

4. George Pataki

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	49%	45%	62%	44%	53%	46%	46%	53%	50%	48%	47%	32%	61%	50%	41%	51%	52%	42%	48%
Unfavorable	41%	47%	32%	41%	39%	43%	46%	32%	43%	42%	47%	50%	32%	42%	46%	39%	28%	54%	41%
Don't know/No opinion	10%	8%	6%	14%	8%	11%	9%	15%	7%	10%	6%	18%	7%	8%	13%	9%	19%	4%	11%

5. Andrew Cuomo																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	68%	77%	55%	64%	72%	64%	73%	68%	63%	66%	75%	66%	52%	69%	76%	71%	69%	58%	68%
Unfavorable	17%	12%	26%	16%	16%	17%	14%	16%	20%	17%	14%	26%	20%	19%	13%	17%	15%	20%	16%
Don't know/No opinion	15%	11%	19%	20%	12%	18%	13%	16%	17%	17%	12%	8%	28%	12%	11%	12%	16%	22%	16%
6. Barack Obama																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	70%	86%	46%	66%	67%	73%	78%	69%	63%	67%	92%	81%	75%	70%	66%	67%	63%	62%	82%
Unfavorable	23%	11%	41%	27%	27%	19%	16%	22%	30%	26%	3%	13%	15%	23%	28%	26%	21%	31%	13%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	3%	13%	7%	6%	8%	5%	9%	7%	7%	5%	6%	10%	6%	6%	7%	15%	7%	5%
7. Kirsten Gillibrand																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	26%	28%	26%	25%	32%	22%	19%	15%	41%	27%	33%	26%	28%	30%	23%	27%	13%	29%	29%
Unfavorable	20%	17%	28%	17%	16%	23%	23%	24%	13%	21%	16%	24%	24%	20%	17%	23%	19%	16%	16%
Don't know/No opinion	54%	56%	46%	58%	52%	56%	58%	61%	45%	52%	51%	50%	48%	51%	60%	50%	69%	55%	54%
8. Rudy Giuliani																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	58%	44%	82%	57%	62%	55%	44%	63%	68%	63%	26%	38%	67%	57%	52%	65%	60%	58%	45%
Unfavorable	36%	51%	13%	34%	34%	38%	50%	30%	27%	32%	68%	30%	22%	38%	44%	28%	33%	38%	49%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	5%	5%	9%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%	5%	6%	32%	11%	5%	4%	6%	7%	4%	6%

9. New York State Assembly																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	40%	46%	34%	36%	34%	45%	45%	49%	29%	36%	60%	58%	54%	36%	35%	44%	41%	30%	41%
Unfavorable	42%	38%	47%	46%	53%	34%	35%	34%	55%	47%	23%	29%	28%	45%	49%	43%	44%	47%	39%
Don't know/No opinion	18%	16%	20%	18%	13%	21%	20%	17%	17%	17%	17%	13%	18%	19%	17%	13%	16%	23%	21%
10. New York State Senate																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Favorable	43%	51%	34%	39%	33%	52%	51%	46%	34%	38%	64%	58%	63%	39%	35%	45%	44%	33%	47%
Unfavorable	43%	36%	54%	49%	57%	32%	35%	41%	53%	48%	26%	33%	26%	48%	50%	44%	44%	53%	37%
Don't know/No opinion	13%	14%	12%	13%	10%	16%	15%	13%	12%	14%	10%	9%	10%	13%	16%	11%	12%	14%	16%
11. How would you rate the job that David Paterson is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	1%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	4%	1%	3%
Good	18%	21%	16%	15%	19%	17%	20%	16%	18%	16%	27%	9%	15%	22%	16%	16%	19%	18%	19%
Fair	46%	45%	49%	46%	48%	44%	47%	50%	43%	46%	47%	63%	50%	41%	49%	46%	47%	44%	50%
Poor	32%	27%	35%	38%	30%	34%	30%	29%	37%	34%	26%	28%	28%	35%	32%	35%	29%	36%	26%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	3%	0%	1%	0%	4%	1%	5%	1%	3%	0%	0%	6%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	3%
12. I know it's a long way off, but if David Paterson runs for Governor in 2010, would you vote to elect him or would you prefer someone else?																			
	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer/Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Elect Paterson	14%	20%	9%	8%	18%	10%	18%	8%	14%	12%	25%	5%	6%	16%	17%	11%	14%	21%	13%
Prefer someone else	67%	62%	75%	70%	60%	73%	60%	73%	71%	71%	52%	68%	71%	69%	64%	74%	70%	66%	59%
Don't know/No opinion	19%	18%	17%	23%	21%	16%	21%	19%	16%	16%	23%	27%	23%	15%	19%	15%	16%	13%	28%

13. How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Attorney General? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																			
	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	16%	22%	8%	13%	19%	13%	17%	18%	13%	16%	11%	16%	6%	13%	25%	15%	17%	20%	13%
Good	51%	51%	52%	51%	50%	52%	48%	57%	51%	52%	54%	44%	53%	54%	47%	60%	47%	34%	51%
Fair	22%	20%	26%	24%	21%	23%	23%	19%	24%	20%	27%	34%	28%	21%	19%	18%	20%	30%	26%
Poor	4%	2%	8%	2%	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%
Don't know/No opinion	7%	5%	6%	11%	6%	8%	7%	4%	9%	8%	3%	4%	12%	6%	5%	4%	12%	13%	5%
14. I know it's a long way off, but if Kirsten Gillibrand runs for Senator in 2010, would you vote to elect her or would you prefer someone else?																			
	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Elect Gillibrand	23%	25%	27%	18%	28%	20%	15%	15%	36%	24%	28%	19%	33%	20%	21%	23%	18%	25%	26%
Prefer someone else	37%	34%	40%	40%	34%	40%	41%	45%	29%	38%	32%	37%	30%	39%	40%	39%	33%	36%	36%
Don't know/No opinion	39%	41%	33%	42%	38%	40%	43%	40%	35%	38%	40%	44%	37%	41%	39%	38%	49%	39%	38%
15. How would you describe the fiscal condition of New York State right now? Would you describe it as excellent, good, fair, or poor?																			
	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%
Good	6%	9%	2%	3%	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%	5%	13%	0%	6%	5%	6%	4%	8%	4%	10%
Fair	33%	34%	29%	37%	29%	36%	41%	31%	27%	31%	42%	49%	48%	25%	32%	34%	27%	33%	34%
Poor	60%	56%	67%	58%	63%	57%	49%	62%	69%	64%	42%	46%	44%	68%	60%	61%	62%	62%	55%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
16. How would you rate the job that the State Legislature is doing? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?																			
	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Excellent	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%
Good	17%	17%	16%	19%	14%	19%	18%	23%	13%	15%	20%	28%	32%	16%	9%	18%	25%	12%	16%
Fair	43%	48%	39%	37%	42%	44%	49%	37%	41%	41%	58%	50%	41%	40%	48%	40%	43%	45%	47%
Poor	34%	28%	41%	38%	40%	29%	26%	33%	43%	38%	16%	22%	24%	35%	39%	40%	24%	36%	27%
Don't know/No opinion	5%	5%	4%	6%	3%	7%	7%	5%	3%	5%	5%	0%	4%	7%	3%	2%	7%	7%	8%

17. For the first time in 35 years the majority of both houses of the State Legislature and the Governor are all of the same party - Democrats. Do you think this will make state government more effective than it's been in the last several years, less effective than it's been in the last several years, or be about as effective as it has been the last several years?

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
More effective	33%	45%	20%	22%	28%	36%	41%	38%	21%	30%	55%	32%	32%	33%	32%	30%	32%	32%	36%
Less effective	22%	11%	43%	23%	26%	20%	14%	25%	29%	25%	7%	8%	17%	27%	21%	27%	26%	23%	15%
About as effective	41%	39%	35%	51%	44%	39%	39%	35%	48%	43%	28%	54%	46%	37%	43%	40%	39%	41%	44%
Don't know/No opinion	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	3%	3%	10%	5%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%

18. How likely do you think it is that the State Legislature will pass an on-time state budget by March 31st, before the new fiscal year begins on April 1st? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Very likely	5%	9%	2%	3%	6%	5%	9%	1%	4%	4%	13%	7%	3%	5%	7%	4%	4%	7%	7%
Somewhat likely	31%	37%	19%	33%	26%	35%	37%	37%	22%	27%	50%	57%	38%	26%	32%	32%	27%	34%	30%
Somewhat unlikely	31%	30%	35%	27%	29%	32%	27%	32%	33%	33%	25%	22%	41%	31%	25%	30%	33%	30%	33%
Very unlikely	31%	23%	41%	36%	38%	25%	23%	30%	40%	34%	12%	14%	17%	36%	35%	34%	31%	27%	28%
Don't know/No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	5%	2%	2%

19. How important do you think it is that the Legislature passes the budget on time before April 1st? Is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Very important	54%	57%	48%	56%	48%	59%	55%	53%	54%	51%	63%	62%	65%	54%	48%	58%	49%	54%	50%
Somewhat important	34%	34%	31%	36%	37%	32%	35%	35%	34%	37%	26%	35%	29%	32%	41%	29%	40%	35%	40%
Not very important	8%	6%	15%	5%	12%	5%	7%	9%	9%	9%	7%	3%	5%	10%	9%	10%	8%	6%	7%
Not important at all	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%

20. The budget crisis facing the state of New York is both large and complicated. Which of the following two ways the state could use to balance the budget comes closest to your point of view:

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Primarily with Federal stimulus money and budget cuts	38%	33%	47%	38%	43%	33%	32%	36%	44%	40%	26%	36%	39%	42%	33%	39%	51%	47%	25%
Primarily with Federal stimulus money and increasing the personal income tax on New Yorkers making at least \$250,000 per year	56%	62%	47%	53%	49%	61%	60%	57%	51%	53%	72%	61%	61%	51%	58%	55%	45%	47%	67%
Don't know/No opinion	6%	4%	7%	9%	8%	5%	8%	7%	5%	7%	2%	2%	0%	7%	9%	6%	4%	6%	7%

21. How confident are you that the Governor and State Legislature will be successful in solving New York's budget crisis?

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Very confident	6%	7%	0%	10%	4%	8%	7%	9%	3%	3%	10%	28%	12%	4%	5%	7%	7%	2%	7%
Somewhat confident	35%	42%	32%	27%	36%	35%	39%	34%	32%	34%	53%	19%	37%	34%	35%	35%	33%	38%	35%
Not very confident	38%	36%	37%	44%	35%	41%	36%	40%	39%	42%	24%	29%	32%	39%	42%	39%	39%	37%	38%
Not at all confident	19%	13%	31%	18%	25%	15%	16%	16%	24%	20%	9%	25%	18%	23%	17%	18%	21%	22%	19%
Don't know/No opinion	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%

22. The Governor, whose salary is \$179,000 per year has said he is taking a 10 percent pay cut during these difficult fiscal times. Do you think that state legislators, whose base pay is \$79,500, should also agree to reduce their salaries by 10 percent?

	Party				Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Yes	55%	55%	54%	56%	49%	60%	48%	54%	63%	52%	70%	67%	59%	46%	63%	59%	32%	62%	52%
No	42%	42%	43%	43%	49%	36%	49%	43%	35%	45%	28%	33%	40%	51%	34%	38%	66%	35%	46%
Don't know/No opinion	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%

23. (Democrats only) Looking ahead to 2010 and the next election for Governor. If the Democratic primary for Governor were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were:

	Total	Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
David Paterson	17%	21%	14%	17%	12%	19%	17%	22%	0%	21%	18%	14%	9%	17%	21%	22%
Andrew Cuomo	67%	64%	68%	65%	74%	65%	69%	55%	94%	69%	65%	68%	84%	60%	59%	55%
Don't know/No opinion	17%	15%	18%	18%	14%	16%	14%	23%	6%	11%	17%	18%	6%	23%	20%	23%

24. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were:

	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
David Paterson on the Democratic line	33%	49%	8%	29%	33%	33%	42%	28%	27%	27%	68%	40%	27%	32%	38%	24%	25%	32%	50%
Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line	56%	38%	88%	61%	59%	54%	41%	64%	67%	64%	17%	53%	70%	54%	51%	67%	65%	58%	36%
Don't know/No opinion	11%	13%	5%	10%	9%	12%	17%	7%	6%	9%	15%	7%	3%	15%	11%	9%	10%	10%	14%

25. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were:

	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Andrew Cuomo on the Democratic line	51%	69%	21%	46%	45%	55%	60%	49%	42%	46%	80%	61%	39%	49%	59%	48%	36%	49%	60%
Rudy Giuliani on the Republican line	41%	21%	73%	45%	48%	35%	32%	42%	48%	46%	9%	39%	58%	42%	30%	47%	55%	42%	26%
Don't know/No opinion	9%	10%	6%	9%	7%	10%	8%	8%	9%	7%	11%	0%	3%	9%	11%	5%	9%	9%	13%

26. If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today , who would you vote for if the candidates were:

	Total	Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
		Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line	47%	59%	32%	40%	51%	44%	42%	41%	55%	46%	58%	47%	61%	41%	44%	47%	37%	40%	57%
Peter King on the Republican line	23%	14%	42%	22%	24%	22%	23%	31%	18%	26%	7%	15%	21%	24%	23%	28%	23%	24%	14%
Don't know/No opinion	30%	27%	26%	38%	25%	35%	35%	27%	27%	28%	36%	37%	17%	35%	33%	26%	40%	35%	29%

27. If the 2010 election for United States Senator were held today , who would you vote for if the candidates were:																			
		Party			Gender		Region			Ethnic			Age			Religion			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	M	F	NYC	Suburbs	Upst	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	18-34	35-54	55+	Cath	Jewish	Prot	Other
Kirsten Gillibrand on the Democratic line	41%	55%	24%	33%	41%	41%	40%	34%	46%	39%	58%	37%	39%	39%	44%	39%	22%	41%	49%
George Pataki on the Republican line	41%	28%	65%	41%	44%	39%	37%	47%	42%	45%	20%	37%	54%	42%	32%	46%	61%	37%	30%
Don't know/No opinion	18%	17%	11%	26%	15%	20%	23%	19%	13%	16%	22%	25%	7%	19%	24%	15%	17%	22%	21%