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Three Weeks Out, Clinton Boosts Lead Over Trump to 24 Points, 54-30 Percent, Up from 21 Points Last Month

Voters Lean Pessimistic When Asked if New President & Congress Will Work Together to Move America Forward; Majority Believes a Year from Now, Most Americans Will Feel We Made the Right Choice for President

Schumer Maintains Huge Lead Over Long; Lead Now 66-27 Percent

Loudonville, NY. Hillary Clinton boosted her lead over Donald Trump to 24 points, 54-30 percent (up a little from 51-30 percent last month), with five percent for Gary Johnson and four percent for Jill Stein, according to a new Siena College poll of likely New York State registered voters released today.

A small majority, 52 percent, say they are pessimistic that the new President and Congress will work together to move the United States forward, compared to 46 percent who say they're optimistic. By a 52-34 percent margin, voters say that a year from now, most Americans will look back and say we made the right choice for President. Senator Chuck Schumer holds a commanding 39-point lead over Wendy Long, down from 46 points last month.

ōNew York is poised to be a blue presidential state for the eighth consecutive election. Clinton gets stronger support from Democrats than Trump gets from Republicans and Clinton has now opened a 17-point lead with

If the election was today, who would you vote for?					
	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Gary Johnson	Jill Stein	Other / Not Vote / Don't Know
October 19, 2016 – NYS	54%	30%	5%	4%	7%
<i>Democrats</i>	79%	12%	2%	3%	4%
<i>Republicans</i>	14%	68%	7%	1%	9%
<i>Independents</i>	46%	29%	9%	10%	6%
New York City	73%	17%	1%	5%	4%
Downstate Suburbs	47%	38%	5%	2%	9%
Upstate	43%	37%	8%	5%	6%
Men	50%	34%	6%	4%	6%
Women	58%	27%	4%	4%	6%
September 20, 2016 . NYS	51%	30%	8%	3%	8%
August 15, 2016 . NYS	50%	25%	9%	6%	10%

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independents, up from just two points last month,ō said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. ōClinton has a lopsided 56-point lead in New York City. She leads by nine points in the downstate suburbs and six points upstate.ō

“While Clinton leads among men by 16 points, she has a 31-point lead with women,” Greenberg said. “White voters side with Clinton by eight points, however she bests Trump by 74 points with black voters and by 49 points among Latinos. She leads among Jewish voters by 41 points and Protestants by 24 points. Catholic voters are evenly divided with 44 percent each supporting Trump and Clinton.”

Clinton has a 52-46 percent favorability rating, exactly the same as last month. Trump’s *negative* 26-69 percent favorability rating is down a little from a negative 29-68 percent last month. By a 58-39 percent margin (same as last month) voters say Clinton is *not* honest and trustworthy. By a larger 73-25 percent margin (67-29 percent last month) they say Trump is *not* honest and trustworthy. Voters say Clinton is more honest and trustworthy than Trump, 55-37 percent (up from 50-39 percent last month). By a 79-16 percent margin, voters say Clinton will win, up from 65-27 percent last month.

“While a small majority of Republicans and Trump voters, and a larger majority of independents and men are pessimistic about the next President and Congress working together to move America forward, a majority of Democrats, women and Clinton supporters are optimistic that our leaders will move the country forward,” Greenberg said. “By nearly three-to-one, Democrats think that a year from now most Americans will say that the country made the right choice for President, as do a plurality of independents. Republicans think the opposite.

“New Yorkers, by a 79-16 percent margin ó including 92 percent of Democrats, 80 percent of independents, and even 55 percent of Republicans ó think Clinton will win the election, up from 65-27 percent last month,” Greenberg said. “Last month, Trump voters thought he would win by a nearly three-to-one margin, whereas today only a small plurality of Trump voters think he will win.”

Schumer Continues Huge Lead Over Long, Who Remains Unknown to Three-Quarters of Voters

Schumer has a 63-28 percent favorability rating, little changed from 64-26 percent last month. Long has a 12-12 percent favorability rating, with more than three-quarters not knowing enough about her to have an opinion, little changed from 13-11 percent last month. Schumer leads Long 66-27 percent, down from 69-23 percent last month.

“Schumer leads by 81 points with Democrats and 32 points with independents. And while Long is winning among Republicans, Schumer has the support of 31 percent of GOP voters. Schumer has commanding leads in New York City ó 69 points ó and upstate ó 30 points ó and leads among downstate suburban voters by 13 points.”

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This Siena College Poll was conducted October 13-17, 2016 by telephone calls conducted in English to 611 self-identified likely New York State voters. Respondent sampling was initiated by asking for the youngest male in the household. It has an overall margin of error of ± 4.6 percentage points including the design effects resulting from weighting. Sampling was conducted via a stratified dual frame sample of landline and cell phone telephone numbers drawn from the L-2 Voter File augmented by an RDD sample of cell phones supplied by Survey Sampling International. The sample was drawn to reflect known population patterns. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, region, race and gender to ensure representativeness. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. SRI, 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 cross-tabs: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.



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Q.12 If the election for President was being held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton on the Democratic line, Donald Trump on the Republican line, Gary Johnson on the Libertarian Party line, and Jill Stein on the Green Party line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	JOHNSON	STEIN	OTHER/NO VOTE/NO OPINION
October 2016*	54	30	5	4	7
September 2016*	51	30	8	3	8
August 2016	50	25	9	6	10
HIGHEST EVER	54 (10/16)	30 (10/16, 9/16)	9 (8/16)	6 (8/16)	10 (8/16)
LOWEST EVER	50 (8/16)	25 (8/16)	5 (10/16)	3 (9/16)	7 (10/16)

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Hillary Clinton?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	52	46	2
September 2016*	52	46	2
August 2016	51	46	3
June 2016	50	47	3
May 31, 2016	46	51	2
May 3, 2016	48	50	2
March 2016	48	48	4
February 2016	50	47	3
HIGHEST EVER	75 (12/12)	51 (5/31/16, 9/15)	8 (3/05, 6/06, 3/07)
LOWEST EVER	46 (5/31/16, 9/15)	23 (12/12)	2 (many)

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	26	69	4
September 2016*	29	68	3
August 2016	24	72	4
June 2016	28	68	4
May 31, 2016	27	68	4
May 3, 2016	26	70	4
March 2016	29	67	4
February 2016	25	71	4
HIGHEST EVER	38 (1/14)	72 (8/16)	10 (10/13)
LOWEST EVER	24 (8/16)	57 (1/14)	2 (9/15)

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Gary Johnson?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	17	44	38
September 2016*	18	29	53
HIGHEST EVER	18 (9/16)	44 (10/16)	53 (9/16)
LOWEST EVER	17 (10/16)	29 (9/16)	38 (10/16)

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Jill Stein?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	22	33	45
September 2016*	23	26	51
HIGHEST EVER	23 (9/16)	33 (10/16)	51 (9/16)
LOWEST EVER	22 (10/16)	26 (9/16)	45 (10/16)

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Q.13 Regardless of your preference for President, who do you think is most likely to be the next President of the United States ó Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump? (CANDIDATES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	OTHER/NO VOTE/NO OPINION
October 2016*	79	16	5
September 2016*	65	27	8
August 2016	72	23	6
HIGHEST EVER	79 (10/16)	27 (9/16)	8 (9/16)
LOWEST EVER	65 (9/16)	16 (10/16)	5 (10/16)

Q.14 Do you think the next President should largely continue the policies of Barack Obama or do you think the next President should largely change the policies of Barack Obama?

DATE	CONTINUE	CHANGE	SOME OF BOTH/NO OPINION
October 2016*	47	44	9
September 2016*	46	45	9
August 2016	45	48	7
HIGHEST EVER	47 (10/16)	48 (8/16)	9 (10/16, 9/16)
LOWEST EVER	45 (8/16)	44 (10/16)	7 (8/16)

Q.17 Do you think Hillary Clinton is honest and trustworthy or not?

DATE	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	39	58	3
September 2016*	39	58	3
August 2016	37	60	4
HIGHEST EVER	39 (10/16, 9/16)	60 (8/16)	4 (8/16)
LOWEST EVER	37 (8/16)	58 (10/16, 9/16)	3 (10/16, 9/16)

Q.18 Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy or not?

DATE	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	25	73	3
September 2016*	29	67	4
August 2016	28	69	3
HIGHEST EVER	29 (9/16)	73 (10/16)	4 (9/16)
LOWEST EVER	25 (10/16)	67 (9/16)	3 (10/16, 8/16)

Q.19 Who do you think is more honest and trustworthy ó Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump? (CHOICES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	NEITHER/BOTH/NO OPINION
October 2016*	55	37	8
September 2016*	50	39	11
August 2016	54	38	9
HIGHEST EVER	55 (10/16)	39 (9/16)	11 (9/16)
LOWEST EVER	50 (9/16)	37 (10/16)	8 (10/16)

Q. 10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Barack Obama?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	64	36	0
September 2016*	61	37	2
August 2016	62	37	1
March 2016	59	36	4
February 2016	59	38	3
HIGHEST EVER	81 (1/09)	46 (9/14, 10/31/10)	40 (11/06)
LOWEST EVER	48 (11/06)	10 (1/09)	0 (10/16)

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Q.11 If the election for United States Senator was being held today and the candidates were Chuck Schumer on the Democratic line and Wendy Long on the Republican line, who would you vote for? (CANDIDATES WERE ROTATED)

DATE	SCHUMER	LONG	OTHER/NO VOTE/NO OPINION
October 2016*	66	27	6
September 2016*	69	23	8
August 2016	63	24	13
June 2016	66	23	11
May 31, 2016	64	22	14
May 3, 2016	64	24	12
HIGHEST EVER	69 (9/16)	27 (10/16)	14 (5/31/16)
LOWEST EVER	63 (8/16)	22 (5/31/16)	6 (10/16)

Q. 4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	63	28	9
September 2016*	64	26	10
August 2016	58	31	11
June 2016	60	28	12
May 31, 2016	59	30	10
May 3, 2016	57	32	11
February 2016	60	29	10
HIGHEST EVER	70 (7/05)	32 (5/3/16, 10/31/10, 9/10, 6/10)	17 (2/05)
LOWEST EVER	54 (6/10)	20 (2/05, 11/06)	4 (10/31/10)

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Wendy Long?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	12	12	76
September 2016*	13	11	76
August 2016	11	12	77
June 2016	11	11	78
May 31, 2016	12	11	77
May 3, 2016	13	10	78
October 2012	17	16	67
HIGHEST EVER	17 (10/12)	16 (10/12)	82 (4/12)
LOWEST EVER	8 (4/12)	9 (5/12)	67 (10/12)

Q. 3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2016*	56	41	3
September 2016*	57	39	4
August 2016	53	40	7
June 2016	56	38	6
May 31, 2016	54	40	6
May 3, 2016	54	41	5
February 2016	52	43	5
HIGHEST EVER	77 (2/11)	44 (7/15, 5/15)	24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)
LOWEST EVER	44 (8/06, 10/06)	14 (8/09)	3 (10/16, 10/20/10)

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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
October 2016*	40	54	6
September 2016*	41	51	8
August 2016	36	54	10
June 2016	33	58	9
May 31, 2016	34	57	9
March 2016	35	52	13
February 2016	36	52	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. 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
October 2016*	51	41	8
September 2016*	53	38	9
August 2016	47	40	13
June 2016	44	43	13
May 31, 2016	43	46	12
May 3, 2016	43	46	10
February 2016	47	43	10
HIGHEST EVER	57 (1/13)	76 (10/31/10)	30 (1/07)
LOWEST EVER	14 (10/10)	26 (1/07)	7 (5/13)

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: September and October 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 February 2016.

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

^ Inconsequential wording change.