



NY1-Marist Poll

Weiner Undone:

Slim Majority Want Weiner to Remain in Congress...

No Go for Mayor

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

For Immediate Release: Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Contact: Lee M. Miringoff
Barbara L. Carvalho
Mary E. Azzoli
Marist College
845.575.5050

This NY1-Marist Poll Reports:

In the wake of U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner's emotional admission that he engaged in inappropriate online activity with women other than his wife, a little more than half of New York City registered voters still want Weiner to remain in Congress. A majority, however, say Weiner should bid farewell to his hopes of becoming the next mayor of New York City.

According to this NY1-Marist Poll conducted just hours after the story broke, 51% of New York City voters believe Anthony Weiner should *not* resign from Congress. 30% disagree and think he should step down, and a notable 18% are unsure.

However, when it comes to the 2013 race for New York City mayor, voters want Congressman Weiner to stay out. A majority -- 56% -- do not want him to make a bid for the office, including a majority of Democrats. 25% of registered voters would like to see him campaign, and 19% are unsure.

"All of this spells trouble for Congressman Weiner and his political future," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "For voters, there are questions of judgment -- never a winner for an office-holder."

House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is calling for an investigation into Weiner's actions, but do New York City residents think Congressman Weiner acted illegally? Slightly more than six in ten -- 61% -- believe his behavior was unethical but not illegal. 13% say his actions constituted illegal behavior while the same proportion -- 13% -- report Weiner did nothing wrong. An additional 14% are unsure.

The congressman has admitted that his actions were personal flaws and apologized to his wife, his family, his constituents, and the media. However, those in New York City don't

think his teary mea culpa was sincere. Nearly two-thirds of New York City residents -- 64% - report Weiner apologized only because he got caught while 24% think he is truly sorry. 12% are unsure.

Racy Online Rendezvous: The Exception or the Rule?

While a majority of New York City residents -- 54% -- believe sending lewd photos over the Internet is unusual practice for politicians, a notable 30% of New Yorkers think it is common practice. 16% are unsure.

Does the Internet Ruin Lives? Internet Users Don't Regret Behavior, but View Lewd Photo Exchange as Cheating

Most Internet users don't have any regrets when it comes to their own online behavior. 83% say they have not said or sent anything over the Internet that they regret while 17% have.

Congressman Anthony Weiner admitted yesterday that he exchanged lewd photos and engaged in other provocative activities with women other than his wife. Do New York City residents consider that to be cheating? Six in ten -- 60% -- think it does constitute infidelity. About one-third -- 32% -- says it does not, and 7% are unsure.

If residents discovered their partner engaged in this type of behavior, half would hold a grudge. In fact, 50% report they would not forgive their partner if he or she sent sexually charged photos of themselves to someone over the Internet while 33% would forgive them. 17% are unsure.

Women are less likely than men to forgive these indiscretions. A majority of women -- 54% - would not forgive their partner while 27% would. This compares with 45% of men who wouldn't let go of the incident while 40% would move past it and forgive their partner.

So, overall, does social media, like Facebook, do more harm than good, or does it do more good than harm? A majority -- 54% -- believe it is hurtful to relationships while 19% say it makes personal connections better. More than one in four New York City residents -- 27% - are unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: New York City Poll of 500 Adults

This survey of 500 New York City adults was conducted on June 6th, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the five boroughs of New York City were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the city. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each borough was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 4.5 percentage points. There are 379 registered voters and 378 Internet users. The results for each of these subsets are statistically significant within ± 5.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Adults

Nature of the Sample - NYC Adults		
		NYC Adults
		Col %
NYC Adults		100%
Registered Voters		76%
Internet Users		76%
NYC Borough	Bronx	15%
	Brooklyn	30%
	Manhattan	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	34%
Income	Less than \$50,000	52%
	\$50,000 or more	48%
Race	White	35%
	African American	24%
	Latino	27%
	Other	14%
Age	Under 45	49%
	45 or older	51%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	82%
	Cell Phone	18%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - NYC Registered Voters		
		NYC Registered Voters
		Col %
NYC Registered Voters		100%
Party Registration	Democrat	65%
	Republican	13%
	Non-enrolled	21%
	Other	1%
NYC Borough	Bronx	14%
	Brooklyn	29%
	Manhattan	21%
	Queens and Staten Island	36%
Income	Less than \$50,000	50%
	\$50,000 or more	50%
Race	White	39%
	African American	26%
	Latino	23%
	Other	13%
Age	Under 45	43%
	45 or older	57%
Gender	Men	46%
	Women	54%
Interview Type	Landline	84%
	Cell Phone	16%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=379 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Congressman Anthony Weiner Resignation?

Asked of NYC Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you think Anthony Weiner should resign from Congress, or not?

		NYC Registered Voters		
		Do you think Anthony Weiner should resign from Congress, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Registered Voters		30%	51%	18%
Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	52%	17%
	\$50,000 or more	30%	54%	16%
Race	White	38%	44%	19%
	African American	17%	70%	13%
	Latino	30%	51%	19%
Age	Under 45	32%	52%	16%
	45 or older	29%	52%	19%
Gender	Men	33%	51%	16%
	Women	28%	52%	20%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=379 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Congressman Anthony Weiner 2013 NYC Mayoralty?

Asked of NYC Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you want Anthony Weiner to run for mayor of New York City in 2013, or not?

		NYC Registered Voters		
		Do you want Anthony Weiner to run for mayor of New York City in 2013, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Registered Voters		25%	56%	19%
Income	Less than \$50,000	29%	55%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	59%	20%
Race	White	13%	68%	19%
	African American	36%	47%	17%
	Latino	31%	47%	22%
Age	Under 45	19%	60%	21%
	45 or older	30%	54%	16%
Gender	Men	28%	54%	18%
	Women	22%	58%	19%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Registered Voters: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=379 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Views on Congressman Anthony Weiner's Actions

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Congressman Anthony Weiner had a press conference today admitting he sent lewd photos over the Internet to women other than his wife. Do you think he did nothing wrong, did something unethical, but not illegal, or did something illegal?

		NYC Adults			
		Congressman Anthony Weiner had a press conference today admitting he sent lewd photos over the Internet to women other than his wife. Do you think he did nothing wrong, did something unethical, but not illegal, or did something illegal?			
		Did nothing wrong	Did something unethical but not illegal	Did something illegal	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		13%	61%	13%	14%
NYC Borough	Bronx	12%	62%	12%	14%
	Brooklyn	10%	67%	10%	13%
	Manhattan	18%	58%	11%	13%
	Queens and Staten Island	12%	56%	17%	15%
Income	Less than \$50,000	19%	52%	16%	14%
	\$50,000 or more	7%	73%	11%	10%
Race	White	7%	71%	10%	12%
	African American	19%	60%	11%	10%
	Latino	17%	55%	14%	14%
Age	Under 45	12%	70%	10%	8%
	45 or older	13%	54%	15%	17%
Gender	Men	16%	61%	11%	12%
	Women	10%	60%	15%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	13%	60%	12%	14%
	Cell Phone	11%	62%	15%	12%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Congressman Anthony Weiner's Apology

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Anthony Weiner apologized for his actions and not telling the truth about them. Do you believe he is truly sorry or do you think he only said he was sorry because he got caught?

		NYC Adults		
		Anthony Weiner apologized for his actions and not telling the truth about them. Do you believe he is truly sorry or do you think he only said he was sorry because he got caught?		
		Truly sorry	Only said sorry because he got caught	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		24%	64%	12%
NYC Borough	Bronx	15%	68%	17%
	Brooklyn	26%	64%	9%
	Manhattan	27%	54%	19%
	Queens and Staten Island	23%	69%	8%
Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	62%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	25%	67%	8%
Race	White	20%	66%	14%
	African American	32%	57%	11%
	Latino	21%	73%	7%
Age	Under 45	20%	69%	10%
	45 or older	27%	60%	12%
Gender	Men	28%	59%	13%
	Women	20%	69%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	23%	64%	13%
	Cell Phone	27%	65%	8%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Is Sending Lewd Photos Over the Internet Common Practice by Politicians?

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Do you think sending lewd photos over the Internet is common practice by politicians or unusual?

		NYC Adults		
		Do you think sending lewd photos over the Internet is common practice by politicians or unusual?		
		Common practice	Unusual	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		30%	54%	16%
NYC Borough	Bronx	42%	46%	11%
	Brooklyn	27%	58%	16%
	Manhattan	24%	58%	18%
	Queens and Staten Island	32%	51%	17%
Income	Less than \$50,000	29%	58%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	53%	14%
Race	White	28%	57%	15%
	African American	36%	45%	19%
	Latino	33%	58%	9%
Age	Under 45	36%	54%	10%
	45 or older	26%	56%	19%
Gender	Men	26%	60%	14%
	Women	34%	48%	18%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	52%	18%
	Cell Phone	33%	60%	7%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Personal Online Practices

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Have you, yourself, ever sent or said anything over the Internet that you regret?

		Internet Users	
		Have you, yourself, ever sent or said anything over the Internet that you regret?	
		Yes	No
		Row %	Row %
Internet Users		17%	83%
NYC Borough	Bronx	25%	75%
	Brooklyn	15%	85%
	Manhattan	15%	85%
	Queens and Staten Island	16%	84%
Income	Less than \$50,000	18%	82%
	\$50,000 or more	15%	85%
Race	White	14%	86%
	African American	10%	90%
	Latino	26%	74%
Age	Under 45	21%	79%
	45 or older	11%	89%
Gender	Men	24%	76%
	Women	9%	91%
Interview Type	Landline	17%	83%
	Cell Phone	14%	86%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Internet Users: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=378 MOE +/- 5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Is Sending Lewd Photos Over the Internet Cheating?

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Do you consider sending lewd photos over the Internet to people other than your partner cheating?

		NYC Adults		
		Do you consider sending lewd photos over the Internet to people other than your partner cheating?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		60%	32%	7%
NYC Borough	Bronx	62%	34%	3%
	Brooklyn	58%	32%	9%
	Manhattan	65%	31%	4%
	Queens and Staten Island	59%	32%	10%
Income	Less than \$50,000	59%	39%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	65%	27%	9%
Race	White	65%	25%	10%
	African American	58%	38%	4%
	Latino	63%	33%	5%
Age	Under 45	65%	30%	5%
	45 or older	57%	35%	8%
Gender	Men	58%	34%	8%
	Women	62%	31%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	59%	33%	8%
	Cell Phone	68%	28%	4%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Forgive Partner for Engaging in Inappropriate Online Behavior

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: Would you forgive your partner if they sent lewd photos of themselves over the Internet to other people?

		NYC Adults		
		Would you forgive your partner if they sent lewd photos of themselves over the Internet to other people?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		33%	50%	17%
NYC Borough	Bronx	42%	47%	11%
	Brooklyn	33%	49%	18%
	Manhattan	31%	47%	23%
	Queens and Staten Island	32%	53%	15%
Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	58%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	46%	19%
Race	White	28%	52%	20%
	African American	47%	36%	17%
	Latino	32%	53%	15%
Age	Under 45	34%	51%	15%
	45 or older	33%	49%	18%
Gender	Men	40%	45%	15%
	Women	27%	54%	19%
Interview Type	Landline	33%	49%	18%
	Cell Phone	36%	52%	12%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Social Media: More Good Than Harm or More Harm Than Good?

Asked of NYC Adults:

Question Wording: In general, do you think social media like Facebook does more harm than good or more good than harm to relationships?

		NYC Adults		
		In general, do you think social media like Facebook does more harm than good or more good than harm to relationships?		
		More harm than good	More good than harm	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYC Adults		54%	19%	27%
NYC Borough	Bronx	54%	24%	22%
	Brooklyn	57%	16%	26%
	Manhattan	46%	28%	26%
	Queens and Staten Island	57%	14%	30%
Income	Less than \$50,000	58%	20%	22%
	\$50,000 or more	58%	20%	22%
Race	White	51%	20%	29%
	African American	62%	16%	22%
	Latino	57%	28%	15%
Age	Under 45	61%	14%	25%
	45 or older	50%	25%	26%
Gender	Men	50%	24%	26%
	Women	58%	14%	28%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	20%	30%
	Cell Phone	72%	16%	12%

NY1-Marist Poll NYC Adults: Interviews conducted June 6th, 2011, N=500 MOE +/- 4.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.