



Giuliani Jumps Ship in Race for NYS Governor Electoral Prospects

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

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This Marist Poll Reports:

Giuliani Out of Race for Governor...Would Be Formidable Candidate for U.S. Senate

Published reports out today have squelched the long-standing rumors that former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will run for governor of New York State.

But, what if Giuliani makes a bid for the U.S. Senate? Giuliani leads U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the Democrat appointed by Governor David Paterson to fill the vacant seat left by Hillary Clinton. 54% of registered voters statewide would vote for Giuliani compared with 40% who would support Gillibrand. Even one-third of Democrats report they would back the Republican challenger, and Giuliani runs competitively against Gillibrand in overwhelmingly Democratic New York City.

Gaining the nomination for U.S. Senate does not appear to pose a problem either. By nearly a three to one margin, Giuliani would be the Republicans' pick when matched up against former New York State Governor George Pataki. If the Republican primary were held today, he would receive 71% of the vote to Pataki's 24%.

"It's good news for Andrew Cuomo and Rick Lazio but potentially a huge problem for Kirsten Gillibrand," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of the Marist College Poll, "If Giuliani were to capture the U.S. Senate seat from heavily Democratic New York State, it would return him to the national spotlight big time."

Opting Out of Gubernatorial Race...Good Decision?

Although Giuliani may have easily defeated Governor David Paterson, he would have faced stiff competition from New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. According to the latest Marist Poll, among registered voters, Giuliani receives 60% to Paterson's 35%. Support for Giuliani has been rock solid in this hypothetical matchup. When Marist last stacked Giuliani up against Paterson, the candidates received similar proportions of the electorate.

However, when up against New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, a majority of voters – 53% -- would back Democrat Cuomo to 43% for Giuliani. These proportions are also unchanged from Marist's September 16th survey.

Rudy's Exit Opens Door for Lazio

Giuliani's decision has breathed new life into former U.S. Representative Rick Lazio's campaign for the GOP nomination for governor. Had Giuliani entered the contest, 84% of Republicans in New York State say they would have voted for him while only 13% report they would have cast their ballot for Lazio. In Marist's September 16th poll, similar proportions of the GOP thought this way.

Nature of the Sample: 805 New York State Registered Voters

This survey of 805 New York State registered voters was conducted on November 12th, November 16th, and November 17th 2009. Registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the voter registration in each county in New York and adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. In an effort 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 at +/- 3.5%. There are 216 Republicans. The results for this subset are statistically significant at $\pm 7.0\%$. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

**Marist Poll November 2009
NYS Registered Voter Tables**

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2010 election for U.S. Senate in New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Kirsten Gillibrand, the Democratic candidate	Rudy Giuliani, the Republican candidate	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		40%	54%	6%
Party Registration	Democrat	59%	33%	8%
	Republican	12%	84%	4%
	Non-enrolled	41%	55%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	64%	30%	6%
	Moderate	41%	53%	6%
	Conservative	20%	76%	5%
Region	New York City	45%	48%	7%
	Suburbs	32%	60%	7%
	Upstate	42%	54%	5%
Income	less \$50,000	41%	53%	7%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	40%	54%	5%
	\$100,000 or more	42%	56%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	53%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	41%	55%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	57%	7%
	College graduate	44%	51%	4%
Race	White	38%	56%	6%
	Non White	52%	44%	4%
Religion	Protestant	37%	59%	4%
	Catholic	35%	60%	5%
	Jewish	39%	52%	9%
Age	18 to 29	21%	74%	5%
	30 to 44	39%	57%	4%
	45 to 59	46%	48%	6%
	60 or older	43%	49%	7%
Age	Under 45	33%	62%	4%
	45 or older	45%	49%	6%
Gender	Men	36%	60%	3%
	Women	44%	47%	8%

Marist Poll New York Registered Voters "N=805 MOE +/- 3.5%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

	Republicans		
	If next year's Republican primary for U.S. Senate in New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Rudy Giuliani	George Pataki	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans	71%	24%	5%

Marist Poll New York Registered Republicans "N=216 MOE +/- 7%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		If the 2010 election for Governor of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		David Paterson, the Democratic candidate	Rudy Giuliani, the Republican candidate	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		35%	60%	5%
Party Registration	Democrat	53%	41%	5%
	Republican	9%	88%	4%
	Non-enrolled	32%	61%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	59%	35%	5%
	Moderate	34%	60%	6%
	Conservative	14%	82%	3%
Region	New York City	51%	44%	6%
	Suburbs	28%	67%	5%
	Upstate	29%	66%	6%
Income	less \$50,000	35%	61%	4%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	33%	58%	8%
	\$100,000 or more	35%	64%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	61%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	34%	61%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	67%	5%
	College graduate	40%	54%	6%
Race	White	29%	65%	5%
	Non White	59%	38%	3%
Religion	Protestant	34%	60%	6%
	Catholic	26%	70%	4%
	Jewish	39%	58%	3%
Age	18 to 29	34%	66%	0%
	30 to 44	31%	64%	5%
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		Andrew Cuomo, the Democratic candidate	Rudy Giuliani, the Republican candidate	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		53%	43%	4%
Party Registration	Democrat	72%	24%	4%
	Republican	23%	73%	4%
	Non-enrolled	52%	45%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	76%	21%	3%
	Moderate	57%	38%	5%
	Conservative	29%	69%	2%
Region	New York City	63%	31%	6%
	Suburbs	48%	50%	3%
	Upstate	49%	47%	4%
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	If next year's New York State Republican primary for Governor were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Rudy Giuliani	Rick Lazio	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans	84%	13%	3%

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