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This Marist College Institute for Public Opinion poll reports:

The Democratic 2004 Presidential Contest: After Gore

- Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry are the early leaders for the 2004 New York State Democratic Presidential Primary. Among registered Democrats, Lieberman has 23% and Kerry has 20%.
- Senator Lieberman attracts the greatest share of former supporters of Al Gore. 31% of New York State Democrats who were backing Al Gore now say they support Lieberman.

Question Wording: If the next Democratic presidential primary were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

	Lieberman	Kerry	Sharpton	Gephardt	Daschle	Edwards	Dean	Und.
Democrats	23%	20%	14%	11%	9%	3%	1%	19%
Gore Backers	31%	10%	16%	14%	11%	4%	1%	13%

- 59% of New York State Democrats do not want Senator Hillary Clinton to run for president in 2004.

Question Wording: Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for president in 2004 or not?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Democrats	37%	59%	4%

- 57% of New York State Democrats are more likely to vote for a presidential candidate who is endorsed by former President Bill Clinton and 24% are less likely to do so.

Question Wording: Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate for president who has been endorsed by former President Bill Clinton?

	More Likely	Less Likely	No Difference	Unsure
Democrats	57%	24%	17%	2%

President George Bush in New York: Prospects for 2004

- 36% of registered voters in New York State definitely plan to vote to re-elect President George Bush and 40% definitely plan to vote against him. New York voters divide along party lines.

Question Wording: Do you definitely plan to vote for George Bush for re-election as president or do you definitely plan to vote against him?

Registered Voters	Vote For	Vote Against	Unsure
December 2002	36%	40%	24%
Democrats	18%	64%	18%
Republicans	58%	14%	28%
Non-enrolled	32%	40%	28%

- President Bush’s approval rating is currently 57% among New York State's registered voters. 42% do not rate his job performance positively.

Question Wording: Would you rate the job President George Bush is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Registered Voters	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure/ DK
December 2002	57%	24%	33%	23%	19%	1%

Senator Schumer in 2004: You Win Some, You Lose Some

- Senator Charles Schumer leads John Faso but trails Rudy Giuliani in hypothetical match-ups for the U.S. Senate contest in New York in 2004.

Question Wording: If the 2004 election for U.S. Senate in New York were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

Registered Voters	Charles Schumer	John Faso	Undecided
December 2002	64%	24%	12%

Registered Voters	Charles Schumer	Rudy Giuliani	Undecided
December 2002	37%	58%	5%

- Senator Charles Schumer’s approval rating is currently 53% among New York State's registered voters. 36% do not rate his job performance positively.

Question Wording: Would you rate the job Senator Charles Schumer is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Registered Voters	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure/ DK
December 2002	53%	11%	42%	28%	8%	11%

Nature of the Sample: 817 New York State Registered Voters

This survey was conducted from December 4th through 9th, 2002. 817 registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the registration in each county in the state and adjusted for turnout in comparable elections. There are 371 registered Democrats. Results are statistically significant at $\pm 3.5\%$ for registered voters and $\pm 5\%$ for Democrats. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.