



NYS Poll: Hillary Clinton and the Numbers

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This Marist College Institute for Public Opinion poll reports:

NYS Voters on Senator Clinton and Living History

- With the publication of Hillary Clinton's book *Living History* due next week, New York State registered voters are divided over the reasons she wrote the memoir. 33% think Hillary Clinton is mostly motivated by the desire to make money, 28% think she is setting the stage for a future presidential run, and 27% believe she is telling her side of the story.
- As with most voter reactions to Hillary Clinton, the numbers on this literary venture split along partisan lines. Democrats are more likely to think she wants to tell her side of the story, and Republicans and Independents think she is mainly motivated to make money.

Question Wording: Hillary Clinton has written a book called *Living History* that will be coming out soon. Do you think she is doing this mostly to:

Registered Voters	Tell her side of the story	Make money	Set the stage for a future presidential run	Unsure
June 2003	27%	33%	28%	12%
Democrats	34%	26%	26%	14%
Republicans	17%	42%	29%	12%
Independents	24%	41%	25%	10%

Candidate Clinton in 2004?

- Nearly two-thirds of registered voters in New York State take Hillary Clinton at her word to serve her full six-year term in the U.S. Senate and not run for president in 2004. Only 25% of voters statewide think she will seek the presidency this time around. The number of New Yorkers who believe Senator Clinton will stick to her pledge has grown since her election in the fall of 2000. Initially, 51% thought she would serve her full term in the Senate and 40% thought she would enter the 2004 presidential sweepstakes.
- Although most Republican voters side with the majority on whether she will serve her full senate term, GOPers are less likely than Democrats to believe her.

Question Wording: Hillary Clinton has stated that she will serve her full six-year term in the U.S. Senate and not run for president in 2004. Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for president in 2004 or serve out her six-year term?

Registered Voters	Run in 2004	Serve Out Term	Unsure
June 2003	25%	65%	10%
Democrats	18%	73%	9%
Republicans	32%	57%	11%
Independents	23%	64%	13%
April 2001	37%	54%	9%
December 2000	40%	51%	9%

Is There a President Clinton in Your Future?

- New York State registered voters overall are not encouraging when it comes to Hillary Clinton running for president. 58% statewide do not want to see Hillary Clinton run for president sometime in the future. 35% would like her to eventually make a run for the White House. A majority of Democratic voters would like to see her seek the presidency at some point, but 82% of Republicans and 65% of Independents would not.

Question Wording: Would you like to see Hillary Clinton run for president someday or not?

Registered Voters	Yes	No	Unsure
June 2003	35%	58%	7%
Democrats	56%	38%	6%
Republicans	11%	82%	7%
Independents	27%	65%	8%

Hillary vs. Rudy Revisited

- Former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani would unseat Hillary Clinton for the U.S. Senate race in 2006, according to current poll numbers. In a hypothetical match up of the race that did not materialize in 2000, Rudy Giuliani has the support of 56% of voters statewide and Hillary Clinton is preferred by 39%.
- There is a huge gap along partisan lines in this potential contest. Clinton leads Giuliani by nearly 2:1 among Democrats, but attracts only 9% of Republican support. Clinton leads Giuliani in traditionally Democratic New York City, but trails him by approximately 2:1 upstate and in the suburbs.

Question Wording: If the 2006 election for U.S. Senate in New York were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

Registered Voters	Rudy Giuliani	Hillary Clinton	Unsure
June 2003	56%	39%	5%
Democrats	32%	63%	5%
Republicans	88%	9%	3%
Independents	61%	32%	7%
Upstate	63%	32%	5%
New York City	39%	56%	5%
Suburbs	65%	32%	3%

Nature of the Sample: 512 New York State Registered Voters

This survey was conducted on May 12th, 2003. 512 registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the voter registration in each county in New York State and adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. Results are statistically significant at $\pm 4.5\%$. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.