

## **Marist College Institute for Public Opinion**

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 + Phone 845.575.5050 + Fax 845.575.5111 www.maristpoll.marist.edu

### NY1/YNN-Marist Poll

Cuomo Keeping Campaign Promises...Approval Rating Grows
\*\*\* Complete Tables for Poll Appended \*\*\*

For Immediate Release: Monday, May 9, 2011

Contact: Lee M. Miringoff

Barbara L. Carvalho

Mary E. Azzoli Marist College 845.575.5050

#### This NY1/YNN-Marist Poll Reports:

With four months in office under his belt, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo is receiving high marks from the New York State electorate. Nearly two thirds of registered voters -- 64% -- say he is fulfilling the promises he made on the campaign trail. The governor also enjoys an increase in his job approval rating which now stands at 54% and a high favorability rating.

Many voters believe Governor Cuomo is fulfilling his campaign promises. 64% think this to be the case while 23% say he is not keeping his word. 13% are unsure. This is a 10 percentage point increase from when NY1/YNN-Marist last asked this question in January. At that time, 54% said Cuomo was making good on his promises, and 20% reported he was not. 26%, at the time, were unsure.

"Governor Cuomo is off to a strong start," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "He's sticking to the political adage, 'Say you are going to do it, do it, and say you've done it."

There has been an increase in the proportions of both Democrats and Republicans who think Cuomo is making good on his word. 67% of Democratic voters and 72% of Republican voters have this view while 57% and 52%, respectively, thought this way in January. There has been little change among non-enrolled voters on this question. A majority of these voters -- 55% -- believe Cuomo is fulfilling his campaign promises while the same proportion -- 55% -- shared this view earlier this year.

While there has been little change among New York City voters on this question, the proportion of upstate voters -- 70% -- and those in the suburbs of New York City -- 64% -- have grown. In January, 54% of those upstate and 51% of those in the city's suburbs held this opinion. In New York City, 55% think Cuomo has been true to his word while 56% thought this way in January.

On the specifics of Cuomo's image, other key highlights include:

- 72% of voters report Mr. Cuomo is a good leader for New York State. 16% think he is not, and 12% are unsure. Similar proportions shared these views in January.
- More than six in ten voters -- 63% -- think the governor represents all regions of New York State while 28% do not. Nine percent are unsure. There has been relatively little change on this question from NY1/YNN-Marist's January survey.
- More than six in ten registered voters -- 62% -- believe Governor Cuomo is changing the way things work in Albany for the better. 27% disagree, and 11% are unsure. In January, those proportions stood at 58%, 23%, and 19%, respectively.
- Governor Cuomo is perceived as a political moderate by a majority -- 52% -- of the New York State electorate. Nearly one in five voters -- 19% -- view him as a liberal while 17% think he is a conservative. 12% are unsure.
- While a majority of New York State voters still perceive Cuomo to be a moderate, fewer view him to be a liberal, and slightly more voters think he is a conservative. In January, 55% described the governor as a moderate, 26% said he was a liberal, and 12% said Cuomo was a conservative. Eight percent, at the time, were unsure.

#### Bump in Cuomo's Approval Rating...High Favorability Continues

When it comes to Governor Andrew Cuomo's approval rating, 54% of registered voters statewide report Cuomo is doing either an excellent or good job in office. This includes 10% who believe he is doing an excellent job and 44% who think he is doing a good one. He receives a fair rating from 31% of voters while just 6% say he is performing poorly. Nine percent are unsure how to rate him.

There has been a six percentage point increase in Mr. Cuomo's approval rating. In January, 48% gave him high marks. 28% said he was doing a fair job, and only 5% thought he missed the mark. At that time, a notable 19% were unsure how to rate him.

Governor Andrew Cuomo's approval rating has surpassed that of his father, former New York State Governor Mario Cuomo, during his first months in office. When Marist reported Mario Cuomo's approval rating in June of 1983, half of the statewide electorate -- 50% -- gave him a thumbs-up.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has gained favor with Republicans. More than six in ten Republican voters -- 62% -- statewide approve of the job Mr. Cuomo is doing while 43% of Republicans thought that way in January. There has been little change among Democrats and non-enrolled voters. 56% of Democrats and 41% of non-enrolled voters give Cuomo a thumbs-up while 55% and 42%, respectively, did the same earlier this year.

Governor Cuomo is also well-liked by most of the electorate. 72% of voters view him favorably while only 16% have a negative impression of him. 12% are unsure.

Earlier this year, Cuomo's favorability rating stood at 71%. 17% had a lesser impression of the governor, and 12% were unsure.

#### Nearly Six in Ten Voters Approve of Cuomo's Approach Toward the State Legislature

When it comes to how Governor Andrew Cuomo deals with the New York State Legislature, 58% of voters approve of his actions. 23%, however, disapprove, and 19% are unsure.

Democrats statewide -- 68% -- have a more positive reaction to Cuomo's approach than do Republicans in the state. However, even a majority of Republicans -- 56% -- approve of how the governor interacts with the Legislature. Among non-enrolled voters, nearly half -- 47% -- approve of how the governor deals with the New York State Legislature.

Regionally, more voters in the suburbs of New York City -- 68% -- approve of Mr. Cuomo's tactics compared with those in New York City and upstate. However, majorities in New York City -- 57% -- and upstate -- 53% -- maintain this view.

#### **State Senate and Assembly Not Making the Grade**

While Governor Cuomo receives kudos from voters, the New York State Senate and Assembly are falling short.

Looking at the State Senate, just 17% of voters approve of the job it is doing. Included here are just 1% who believe it is doing an excellent job and 16% who say it is doing a good one. 43% perceive the legislative body's performance as fair while 36% call it poor. Only 3% are unsure.

The State Senate continues to struggle in the eyes of voters. In January's survey, 18% applauded its performance, 34% rated it as fair, and 43% thought the State Senate was performing poorly. Five percent were unsure.

It's a similar story for the State Assembly. 17% give this legislative body above average marks. This includes 1% who believe it is doing an excellent job and 16% who say it is doing a good one. 42% report it is fair in its performance while 36% think it is doing a poor job. Five percent are unsure.

In January, 17% gave the State Assembly high marks. 35% said it performed fairly well while 43% thought it fell short. Only 5% were unsure.

#### Major Change Needed in Albany...State Moving in the Wrong Direction, Say Voters

With the low approval ratings of both the State Senate and Assembly, it's not surprising that voters think major changes are needed in the way things are done in state government in Albany. Almost seven in ten voters -- 69% -- hold this view while 22% say minor changes are required. Eight percent say state government is broken and beyond repair while only 1% believe no adjustments are needed.

Little has changed since January when 73% thought major changes were needed, 16% reported minor changes were needed, 10% said things were beyond repair, and 1% felt no changes were needed.

Voters also remain pessimistic about the direction of the state. 54% say the Empire State is moving in the wrong direction while 41% report it is traveling in the right direction. Six

percent are unsure. A few months ago, 52% said New York needed a new path while 42% believed the state was on the right track. Six percent, at the time, were unsure.

#### Gillibrand's Approval Rating Slides

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's job approval rating has declined. Currently, 41% of registered voters statewide believe Gillibrand is doing an excellent or good job in the U.S. Senate. This includes 9% who report she is doing an excellent job and 32% who think she is doing a good one. 31% give Gillibrand fair marks while 11% rate her job performance as poor. 17% are unsure.

Gillibrand's approval rating has suffered an eight percentage point loss. In January, Gillibrand's approval rating stood at 49% which marked her highest job approval rating since taking office. 29%, at that time, said she was doing a fair job while one in ten -- 10% -- believed she fell short. 12% were unsure.

The change has occurred mostly among members of Gillibrand's own party. Half of Democratic voters -- 50% -- now give Gillibrand high grades while 61% did so in January. Among Republicans, 37% approve of Gillibrand's job performance compared with 39% who did so earlier this year. 35% of non-enrolled voters give Gillibrand kudos while 40% shared this sentiment in January.

#### **Steady as Schumer Goes**

Senator Chuck Schumer's job approval rating is solid. 56% of voters think he is doing either an excellent or good job in the United States Senate. Among them are 17% who say he is doing an excellent job and 39% who believe he is doing a good one. 26% rate his performance as fair while 14% call it poor. Four percent are unsure.

In NY1/YNN-Marist's previous survey, 59% gave Schumer above average marks, 28% rated him as fair, and 9% said his performance was subpar. Five percent, at the time, were unsure.

#### **How the Survey was Conducted**

#### Nature of the Sample: New York State Poll of 941 Adults

This survey of 941 New York State adults was conducted on April 25<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in New York State were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each county 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 ±3.5 percentage points. There are 758 registered voters. The sample of registered voters was adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±4.0 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample - NYS Adults					
		NYS Adults			
		Col %			
NYS Adults		100%			
NYS Registered	NYS Registered Voters				
Region	New York City	43%			
	Suburbs	21%			
	Upstate	36%			
Income	Less than \$50,000	48%			
	\$50,000 or more	52%			
Race	White	57%			
	African American	14%			
	Latino	14%			
	Other	16%			
Race	White	57%			
	Non White	43%			
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	23%			
	Gen X (31-46)	25%			
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	34%			
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	19%			
Age	Under 45	43%			
	45 or older	57%			
Gender	Men	48%			
	Women	52%			
Interview Type	Landline	73%			
	Cell Phone	27%			

NY1/YNN-Marist Poll NYS Adults: Interviews conducted April 25th through 29th, 2011, N=941 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the S	ample - NYS Register	ed Voters
		NYS Registered Voters
		Col %
NYS Registered Vot	ers	100%
Party ID	Democrat	44%
	Republican	28%
	Non-enrolled	25%
	Other	2%
Support Tea Party	Yes	21%
Political Ideology	Liberal	28%
	Moderate	42%
	Conservative	30%
Region	New York City	30%
	Suburbs	24%
	Upstate	46%
Income	Less than \$50,000	45%
	\$50,000 or more	55%
Race	White	66%
	African American	10%
	Latino	12%
	Other	13%
Race	White	66%
	Non White	34%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	17%
	Gen X (31-46)	25%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	37%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	22%
Age	Under 45	37%
	45 or older	63%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	75%
	Cell Phone	25%

### **Governor Andrew Cuomo Fulfilling Campaign Promises**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters Split Sample:

**Question Wording:** Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor Andrew Cuomo is fulfilling campaign promises?

		NY	S Registered Vot	ters
		statement:	gree or disagree Governor Andre ng campaign pro	w Cuomo is
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vo	ters	64%	23%	13%
Party Registration	Democrat	67%	26%	8%
	Republican	72%	22%	6%
	Non-enrolled	55%	22%	23%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	65%	30%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	67%	19%	15%
	Moderate	66%	21%	13%
	Conservative	61%	30%	9%
Region	New York City	55%	29%	15%
	Suburbs	64%	22%	15%
	Upstate	70%	19%	11%
Income	Less than \$50,000	58%	25%	17%
	\$50,000 or more	67%	24%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	28%	12%
	College graduate	70%	18%	12%
Age	Under 45	59%	28%	14%
	45 or older	66%	21%	13%
Race	White	69%	19%	13%
	Non White	56%	32%	12%
Gender	Men	65%	23%	12%
	Women	63%	23%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	64%	22%	14%
	Cell Phone	63%	27%	9%

## **Governor Andrew Cuomo as Leader**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters Split Sample:

**Question Wording:** Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor Andrew Cuomo is a good leader for New York State?

		NYS	Registered Vot	ters	
		Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor Andrew Cuomo is a good leader for New York State?			
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	
NYS Registered Vo	ters	72%	16%	12%	
Party Registration	Democrat	79%	16%	4%	
	Republican	67%	21%	12%	
	Non-enrolled	69%	14%	17%	
Tea Party Supporte	ers	64%	28%	8%	
Political Ideology	Liberal	76%	12%	12%	
	Moderate	79%	13%	8%	
	Conservative	65%	22%	12%	
Region	New York City	71%	17%	12%	
	Suburbs	71%	15%	14%	
	Upstate	74%	16%	10%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	69%	18%	14%	
	\$50,000 or more	76%	17%	7%	
Education	Not college graduate	69%	20%	11%	
	College graduate	77%	13%	10%	
Age	Under 45	70%	22%	8%	
	45 or older	74%	13%	13%	
Race	White	76%	15%	9%	
	Non White	70%	16%	13%	
Gender	Men	75%	16%	10%	
	Women	70%	17%	13%	
Interview Type	Landline	72%	15%	13%	
	Cell Phone	75%	19%	7%	

## **Governor Andrew Cuomo as Representing All New York State Regions**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters Split Sample:

**Question Wording:** Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor Andrew Cuomo represents all regions of the state?

		NY	S Registered Vot	ers	
		statement	: Governor Andre	disagree with the nor Andrew Cuomo gions of the state?	
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	
NYS Registered Voters		63%	28%	9%	
Party Registration	Democrat	68%	24%	8%	
	Republican	58%	30%	12%	
	Non-enrolled	57%	34%	9%	
Tea Party Supporte	rs	63%	32%	5%	
Political Ideology	Liberal	65%	26%	9%	
	Moderate	68%	25%	7%	
	Conservative	52%	38%	10%	
Region	New York City	66%	27%	7%	
	Suburbs	64%	29%	8%	
	Upstate	60%	28%	12%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	63%	27%	11%	
	\$50,000 or more	64%	30%	6%	
Education	Not college graduate	61%	31%	9%	
	College graduate	65%	25%	10%	
Age	Under 45	56%	36%	8%	
	45 or older	66%	24%	10%	
Race	White	61%	30%	9%	
	Non White	70%	22%	8%	
Gender	Men	65%	29%	6%	
	Women	61%	27%	12%	
Interview Type	Landline	64%	26%	10%	
	Cell Phone	60%	32%	8%	

#### **Governor Andrew Cuomo's Impact on Albany**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters Split Sample:

**Question Wording:** Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor Andrew Cuomo is changing the way things work in Albany for the better?

		NYS	S Registered Vot	ters
		Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor Andrew Cuomo is changing the way things work in Albany for the better?		w Cuomo is
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vot	ters	62%	27%	11%
Party Registration	Democrat	66%	28%	6%
	Republican	69%	22%	9%
	Non-enrolled	48%	31%	21%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	57%	37%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	59%	25%	16%
	Moderate	63%	29%	8%
	Conservative	67%	25%	8%
Region	New York City	65%	22%	13%
	Suburbs	64%	21%	15%
	Upstate	58%	33%	9%
Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	34%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	70%	22%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	61%	28%	11%
	College graduate	64%	27%	9%
Age	Under 45	49%	41%	10%
	45 or older	69%	20%	11%
Race	White	67%	22%	11%
	Non White	53%	37%	10%
Gender	Men	68%	25%	8%
	Women	57%	28%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	64%	23%	13%
	Cell Phone	54%	39%	7%

#### **Governor Andrew Cuomo's Ideology**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Politically speaking, do you think Governor Andrew Cuomo is a:

			NYS Regis	tered Voters	
		Politically spe		hink Governor An	drew Cuomo
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vot	ters	19%	52%	17%	12%
Party Registration	Democrat	17%	57%	16%	10%
	Republican	24%	48%	17%	10%
	Non-enrolled	18%	45%	21%	17%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	33%	48%	13%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	24%	53%	15%	8%
	Moderate	12%	65%	15%	8%
	Conservative	27%	36%	23%	14%
Region	New York City	21%	43%	21%	15%
	Suburbs	21%	60%	14%	6%
	Upstate	18%	53%	16%	13%
Income	Less \$50,000	16%	47%	21%	16%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	22%	57%	17%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	24%	57%	10%	9%
Income	Less than \$50,000	16%	47%	21%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	23%	57%	14%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	18%	45%	22%	15%
	College graduate	21%	60%	12%	7%
Age	Under 45	15%	50%	21%	14%
	45 or older	22%	53%	15%	10%
Age	18 to 29	14%	55%	20%	11%
	30 to 44	16%	46%	22%	16%
	45 to 59	24%	50%	17%	10%
	60 or older	21%	56%	12%	11%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	14%	56%	20%	11%
	Gen X (31-46)	18%	45%	22%	15%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	23%	52%	16%	9%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	20%	57%	11%	12%
Race	White	22%	53%	15%	10%
	Non White	12%	53%	21%	14%
Gender	Men	21%	52%	16%	12%
	Women	18%	52%	18%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	20%	51%	15%	13%
	Cell Phone	16%	53%	23%	9%

#### **Governor Andrew Cuomo Approval Rating**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

**Question Wording:** Would you rate the job Governor Andrew Cuomo is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

			NY	S Registered Vo	ters	
		Would you rat	te the job New Y doing in office a	/ork State Gover as excellent, god	nor General Ai od, fair, or poo	ndrew Cuomo is r?
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vot	ters	10%	44%	31%	6%	9%
Party Registration	Democrat	16%	40%	32%	6%	7%
	Republican	6%	56%	26%	7%	5%
	Non-enrolled	5%	36%	38%	6%	15%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	5%	44%	37%	9%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	14%	48%	28%	3%	8%
	Moderate	11%	41%	34%	6%	8%
	Conservative	6%	46%	34%	6%	8%
Region	New York City	10%	44%	29%	7%	10%
	Suburbs	13%	41%	30%	6%	11%
	Upstate	8%	46%	34%	5%	7%
Income	Less \$50,000	10%	41%	31%	6%	11%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	8%	47%	33%	5%	6%
	\$100,000 or more	13%	43%	32%	8%	4%
Income	Less than \$50,000	10%	41%	31%	6%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	10%	45%	33%	6%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	8%	42%	36%	6%	9%
	College graduate	12%	48%	28%	6%	7%
Age	Under 45	6%	43%	34%	7%	9%
	45 or older	12%	45%	30%	5%	8%
Age	18 to 29	7%	43%	39%	5%	6%
	30 to 44	6%	43%	30%	9%	11%
	45 to 59	12%	44%	29%	7%	7%
	60 or older	12%	46%	32%	3%	8%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	8%	40%	42%	5%	6%
	Gen X (31-46)	7%	45%	28%	9%	11%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	12%	46%	29%	6%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	12%	43%	33%	3%	9%
Race	White	11%	49%	28%	4%	8%
	Non White	8%	39%	36%	7%	10%
Gender	Men	10%	42%	34%	5%	9%
	Women	10%	46%	29%	7%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	10%	43%	31%	6%	10%
	Cell Phone	8%	46%	34%	6%	6%

#### **Governor Andrew Cuomo Favorability**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Andrew Cuomo?

		NY	S Registered Vo	ters
		In general, d unfavorable i	lo you have a far mpression of An	vorable or an drew Cuomo?
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vot	ters	72%	16%	12%
Party Registration	Democrat	76%	15%	8%
	Republican	69%	19%	12%
	Non-enrolled	68%	16%	16%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	68%	21%	11%
Political Ideology	Liberal	79%	12%	8%
	Moderate	72%	17%	11%
	Conservative	68%	18%	13%
Region	New York City	73%	16%	12%
	Suburbs	76%	15%	8%
	Upstate	69%	17%	14%
Income	Less \$50,000	68%	17%	15%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	76%	15%	9%
	\$100,000 or more	76%	18%	5%
Income	Less than \$50,000	68%	17%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	76%	16%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	68%	18%	14%
	College graduate	77%	15%	8%
Age	Under 45	67%	20%	13%
	45 or older	74%	15%	11%
Age	18 to 29	66%	24%	10%
	30 to 44	68%	17%	15%
	45 to 59	69%	19%	12%
	60 or older	79%	11%	10%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	65%	24%	11%
	Gen X (31-46)	67%	19%	14%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	73%	15%	12%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	79%	11%	10%
Race	White	72%	16%	12%
	Non White	74%	16%	10%
Gender	Men	71%	19%	10%
	Women	72%	14%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	73%	16%	11%
	Cell Phone	67%	19%	14%

### Governor Andrew Cuomo's Dealing with the NYS Legislature

Asked of NYS Registered Voters Split Sample:

**Question Wording:** Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Andrew Cuomo deals with The New York State Legislature?

		NY	S Registered Vote	ers
		Governor A	prove or disappro ndrew Cuomo de York State Legisla	als with the
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vot	ers	58%	23%	19%
Party Registration	Democrat	68%	15%	17%
	Republican	56%	29%	15%
	Non-enrolled	47%	30%	23%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	61%	29%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	69%	18%	13%
	Moderate	61%	19%	21%
	Conservative	51%	33%	16%
Region	New York City	57%	25%	18%
	Suburbs	68%	17%	15%
	Upstate	53%	26%	21%
Income	Less than \$50,000	54%	27%	18%
	\$50,000 or more	67%	20%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	52%	28%	19%
	College graduate	65%	17%	18%
Age	Under 45	54%	26%	19%
	45 or older	61%	21%	18%
Race	White	58%	22%	19%
	Non White	61%	24%	15%
Gender	Men	63%	19%	18%
	Women	52%	28%	20%
Interview Type	Landline	58%	21%	21%
	Cell Phone	59%	29%	12%

#### **New York State Senate Job Approval Rating**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

**Question Wording:** Would you rate the job the New York State Senate in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

				S Registered Vo		
		Would you r	ate the job the excell	New York State S ent, good, fair, o	Senate in Alba r poor?	ny is doing as
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Vot	ters	1%	16%	43%	36%	3%
Party Registration	Democrat	2%	14%	48%	35%	1%
	Republican	1%	21%	36%	40%	3%
	Non-enrolled	<1%	15%	42%	37%	7%
Tea Party Supporte	rs	<1%	14%	36%	49%	1%
Political Ideology	Liberal	1%	17%	48%	31%	3%
	Moderate	1%	15%	42%	39%	2%
	Conservative	2%	20%	40%	37%	2%
Region	New York City	2%	21%	45%	30%	3%
	Suburbs	2%	14%	47%	35%	2%
	Upstate	<1%	15%	40%	40%	4%
Income	Less \$50,000	1%	24%	38%	31%	5%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	1%	15%	44%	38%	1%
	\$100,000 or more	1%	7%	46%	45%	1%
Income	Less than \$50,000	1%	24%	38%	31%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	1%	11%	45%	41%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	2%	19%	43%	32%	5%
	College graduate	1%	15%	42%	40%	2%
Age	Under 45	1%	21%	42%	32%	4%
	45 or older	1%	14%	44%	38%	3%
Age	18 to 29	1%	24%	42%	25%	7%
	30 to 44	1%	19%	42%	37%	1%
	45 to 59	2%	12%	47%	38%	2%
	60 or older	<1%	16%	41%	37%	5%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	1%	22%	44%	26%	6%
	Gen X (31-46)	1%	17%	45%	37%	1%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	2%	14%	43%	40%	2%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	<1%	17%	42%	34%	6%
Race	White	1%	13%	44%	38%	4%
	Non White	1%	25%	41%	30%	3%
Gender	Men	1%	11%	39%	45%	3%
	Women	2%	21%	46%	27%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	1%	15%	45%	35%	3%
•	Cell Phone	1%	20%	37%	38%	5%

# New York State Senate Job Approval Rating (Over Time) Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Would you rate the job the New York State Senate in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Registered Voters							
	Would you	Would you rate the job the New York State Senate in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?						
	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard		
May 2011	17%	1%	16%	43%	36%	3%		
January 2011	18%	1%	17%	34%	43%	5%		
March 26, 2010	14%	1%	13%	35%	48%	3%		
March 3, 2010	16%	2%	14%	33%	49%	2%		
February 3, 2010	17%	2%	15%	33%	48%	2%		
November 23, 2009	16%	1%	15%	33%	48%	3%		
September 15, 2009	14%	1%	13%	30%	54%	2%		
June 30, 2009	11%	1%	10%	20%	65%	4%		
Marist Poll New York	Marist Poll New York Registered Voters							

#### **New York State Assembly Job Approval Rating**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

**Question Wording:** Would you rate the job the New York State Assembly in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

		NYS Registered Voters					
		Would you rate the job the New York State Assembly in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?					
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	
NYS Registered Vot	ters	1%	16%	42%	36%	5%	
Party Registration	Democrat	1%	15%	45%	36%	3%	
	Republican	2%	18%	37%	40%	3%	
	Non-enrolled	<1%	15%	42%	35%	9%	
Tea Party Supporte	rs	<1%	13%	34%	51%	2%	
Political Ideology	Liberal	<1%	20%	45%	31%	4%	
3,	Moderate	1%	15%	42%	37%	5%	
	Conservative	1%	17%	40%	41%	2%	
Region	New York City	2%	20%	39%	32%	7%	
	Suburbs	2%	11%	48%	34%	5%	
	Upstate	<1%	16%	41%	40%	3%	
Income	Less \$50,000	1%	22%	36%	33%	7%	
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	<1%	13%	46%	39%	2%	
	\$100,000 or more	1%	8%	45%	44%	3%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	1%	22%	36%	33%	7%	
	\$50,000 or more	1%	11%	45%	41%	2%	
Education	Not college graduate	1%	17%	43%	33%	4%	
	College graduate	<1%	15%	41%	40%	3%	
Age	Under 45	1%	22%	42%	31%	4%	
	45 or older	1%	12%	43%	39%	5%	
Age	18 to 29	1%	30%	39%	26%	4%	
	30 to 44	1%	17%	44%	35%	3%	
	45 to 59	1%	12%	45%	38%	5%	
	60 or older	<1%	13%	41%	41%	5%	
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	1%	28%	41%	27%	3%	
	Gen X (31-46)	1%	15%	46%	35%	3%	
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	1%	13%	42%	39%	5%	
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	<1%	13%	40%	40%	6%	
Race	White	1%	13%	44%	38%	4%	
	Non White	1%	25%	39%	29%	6%	
Gender	Men	<1%	13%	38%	46%	4%	
	Women	1%	19%	46%	28%	5%	
Interview Type	Landline	1%	14%	44%	35%	5%	
	Cell Phone	<1%	23%	36%	39%	2%	

## New York State Assembly Job Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

**Question Wording:** Would you rate the job the New York State Assembly in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Registered Voters  Would you rate the job the New York State Assembly in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?							
	Excellent/	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard		
May 2011	17%	1%	16%	42%	36%	5%		
January 2011	17%	1%	16%	35%	43%	5%		
March 26, 2010	13%	<1%	13%	36%	47%	4%		
March 3, 2010	17%	1%	16%	35%	45%	3%		
February 3, 2010	17%	2%	15%	35%	45%	3%		
November 23, 2009	13%	1%	12%	36%	47%	4%		
September 15, 2009	15%	1%	14%	33%	49%	3%		
June 30, 2009	18%	1%	17%	28%	51%	3%		
Marist Poll New York Regis	stered Vote	rs						

#### Status of State Government in Albany

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you think the way things are done in state government in Albany:

			NYS Regist	ered Voters			
		Do you think the way things are done in state government in Albany:					
		Do not need to be changed	Need minor changes	Need major changes	Are broken and beyond repair		
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %		
NYS Registered Vo	ters	1%	22%	69%	8%		
Party Registration	Democrat	1%	25%	68%	6%		
	Republican	<1%	21%	69%	9%		
	Non-enrolled	<1%	18%	72%	10%		
Tea Party Supporte	rs	2%	15%	70%	14%		
Political Ideology	Liberal	<1%	24%	70%	5%		
	Moderate	<1%	22%	70%	8%		
	Conservative	1%	20%	68%	10%		
Region	New York City	<1%	29%	64%	7%		
	Suburbs	1%	22%	70%	7%		
	Upstate	1%	19%	71%	10%		
Income	Less \$50,000	1%	29%	62%	7%		
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	<1%	17%	74%	9%		
	\$100,000 or more	<1%	18%	73%	9%		
Income	Less than \$50,000	1%	29%	62%	7%		
	\$50,000 or more	<1%	17%	74%	9%		
Education	Not college graduate	1%	29%	61%	9%		
	College graduate	1%	16%	77%	7%		
Age	Under 45	<1%	32%	60%	8%		
	45 or older	1%	17%	73%	9%		
Age	18 to 29	<1%	34%	61%	5%		
	30 to 44	<1%	30%	59%	11%		
	45 to 59	1%	14%	75%	10%		
	60 or older	1%	21%	72%	6%		
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	<1%	32%	62%	6%		
	Gen X (31-46)	<1%	27%	62%	11%		
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	1%	14%	76%	10%		
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	1%	25%	68%	5%		
Race	White	1%	19%	71%	9%		
	Non White	<1%	30%	64%	6%		
Gender	Men	<1%	22%	68%	10%		
	Women	1%	23%	70%	7%		
Interview Type	Landline	1%	21%	71%	7%		
	Cell Phone	<1%	26%	63%	11%		

## Status of State Government in Albany (Over Time)

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

Question Wording: Do you think the way things are done in state government in Albany:

	Registered Voters  Do you think the way things are done in sta						
	Do not need to be changed	Need minor changes	Need major changes	Are broken and beyond repair			
May 2011	1%	22%	69%	8%			
January 2011	1%	16%	73%	10%			
September 24, 2010	<1%	15%	72%	13%			
May 7, 2010	1%	13%	70%	16%			
March 26, 2010	1%	15%	71%	13%			
February 3, 2010	<1%	21%	67%	12%			
November 23, 2009	<1%	18%	71%	11%			
September 15, 2009	1%	21%	68%	10%			
Marist Poll New York	Registered \	oters/					

#### **Direction of NYS**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

**Question Wording:** In general, thinking about the way things are going in New York State, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?

		NYS	Registered Vot	ters	
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in New York State, do you feel things are going in the right direction or th things are going in the wrong direction?			
		Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	
NYS Registered Vot	ers	41%	54%	6%	
Party Registration	Democrat	50%	45%	6%	
	Republican	35%	57%	8%	
	Non-enrolled	31%	66%	3%	
Tea Party Supporte	rs	35%	61%	4%	
Political Ideology	Liberal	43%	50%	6%	
	Moderate	42%	52%	6%	
	Conservative	39%	57%	4%	
Region	New York City	55%	41%	4%	
	Suburbs	37%	56%	8%	
	Upstate	33%	61%	6%	
Income	Less \$50,000	44%	50%	7%	
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	39%	57%	4%	
	\$100,000 or more	43%	52%	4%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	50%	7%	
	\$50,000 or more	41%	55%	4%	
Education	Not college graduate	39%	55%	6%	
	College graduate	42%	53%	6%	
Age	Under 45	37%	61%	2%	
	45 or older	42%	50%	8%	
Age	18 to 29	35%	65%	<1%	
	30 to 44	38%	58%	3%	
	45 to 59	38%	56%	5%	
	60 or older	47%	42%	11%	
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	36%	64%	<1%	
	Gen X (31-46)	37%	60%	3%	
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	40%	54%	6%	
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	49%	39%	12%	
Race	White	37%	56%	7%	
	Non White	50%	47%	3%	
Gender	Men	44%	52%	4%	
	Women	37%	55%	8%	
Interview Type	Landline	40%	53%	7%	
	Cell Phone	41%	56%	3%	

## **Direction of NYS (Over Time)**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

**Question Wording:** In general, thinking about the way things are going in New York State, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?

	Registered Voters							
	In general, thinking about the way things are going in New York State, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?							
	Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure					
May 2011	41%	54%	6%					
January 2011	42%	52%	6%					
October 30, 2010	18%	78%	4%					
October 22, 2010	21%	74%	5%					
September 30, 2010	16%	79%	5%					
September 24, 2010	24%	73%	3%					
May 7, 2010	22%	72%	6%					
March 26, 2010	16%	78%	6%					
March 2, 2010	18%	76%	6%					
February 3, 2010	21%	74%	5%					
November 23, 2009	20%	75%	5%					
September 16, 2009	22%	74%	4%					
June 30, 2009	21%	74%	5%					
May 4, 2009	27%	67%	6%					
March 3, 2009	27%	65%	8%					
October 2008	35%	57%	8%					
April 2008	33%	59%	8%					
March 2007	49%	43%	8%					
October 2006	35%	56%	9%					
July 2006	40%	52%	8%					
May 2006	34%	61%	5%					
January 2006	39%	54%	7%					
September 2005	43%	50%	7%					
April 2005	29%	65%	6%					
October 2004	40%	54%	6%					
September 2004	40%	54%	6%					
April 2004	43%	51%	6%					
January 2004	42%	46%	12%					
September 2003	39%	54%	7%					
April 2003	40%	53%	7%					
December 2002	39%	52%	9%					
October 30, 2002	51%	40%	9%					
October 1, 2002	55%	37%	8%					
September 2002	56%	38%	6%					
May 2002	65%	28%	7%					
April 2002	66%	28%	6%					
December 2001	65%	25%	10%					
April 2001	58%	33%	9%					
Marist Poll New York	Registered V	oters						

# Direction of NYS (Over Time Continued) Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

Question Wording: In general, thinking about the way things are going in New York State, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?

Registered Voters							
	In general, thinking about the way						
	things are going in New York State, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?						
	Right direction	Unsure					
December 2000	64%	30%	6%				
March 2000	60%	29%	11%				
September 1999	65%	25%	10%				
March 1999	64%	26%	10%				
October 1998	68%	23%	9%				
September 1998	68%	23%	9%				
April 1998	66%	23%	11%				
February 1998	68%	25%	7%				
October 1997	58%	33%	9%				
March 1997	51%	35%	14%				
November 1996	51%	37%	12%				
March 1996	36%	49%	15%				
September 1995	35%	48%	17%				
March 1995	36%	48%	16%				
November 1994	25%	62%	13%				
October 1994	22%	66%	12%				
September 1994	24%	62%	14%				
March 1994	25%	61%	14%				
November 1993	26%	59%	15%				
May 1993	26%	58%	16%				
October 1991	18%	72%	10%				
March 1991	20%	68%	12%				
October 1990	25%	59%	16%				
September 1990	28%	56%	16%				
Marist Poll New York I	Registered V	oters					

# Gillibrand Approval Rating Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

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

		NYS Registered Voters					
		Would you rate the job Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?					
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	
NYS Registered Vot	ters	9%	32%	31%	11%	17%	
Party Registration	Democrat	14%	36%	29%	7%	14%	
	Republican	6%	31%	32%	17%	13%	
	Non-enrolled	5%	30%	35%	11%	19%	
Tea Party Supporte	rs	3%	26%	40%	23%	8%	
Political Ideology	Liberal	15%	44%	22%	4%	15%	
. chaoar lacology	Moderate	10%	31%	39%	7%	14%	
	Conservative	4%	27%	31%	23%	15%	
Region	New York City	8%	32%	28%	10%	21%	
ŭ	Suburbs	11%	31%	30%	12%	16%	
	Upstate	9%	33%	34%	10%	15%	
Income	Less \$50,000	7%	34%	28%	9%	21%	
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	11%	32%	33%	12%	13%	
	\$100,000 or more	10%	30%	39%	14%	8%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	7%	34%	28%	9%	21%	
	\$50,000 or more	10%	31%	35%	13%	11%	
Education	Not college graduate	9%	31%	31%	10%	20%	
	College graduate	10%	35%	32%	11%	12%	
Age	Under 45	7%	35%	35%	9%	14%	
	45 or older	10%	31%	30%	12%	17%	
Age	18 to 29	5%	41%	35%	4%	14%	
	30 to 44	8%	31%	34%	12%	15%	
	45 to 59	10%	31%	33%	14%	12%	
	60 or older	11%	30%	26%	11%	23%	
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	7%	38%	39%	4%	13%	
	Gen X (31-46)	7%	33%	34%	11%	15%	
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	10%	33%	31%	14%	12%	
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	10%	26%	25%	12%	27%	
Race	White	11%	34%	33%	10%	11%	
	Non White	6%	31%	28%	9%	27%	
Gender	Men	8%	28%	35%	17%	12%	
	Women	10%	36%	28%	5%	20%	
Interview Type	Landline	10%	31%	29%	12%	18%	
	Cell Phone	7%	37%	38%	7%	11%	

# Gillibrand Approval Rating (Over Time) Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

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

	New York State Registered Voters								
	Would you rate the job Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?								
	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard			
May 2011	41%	9%	32%	31%	11%	17%			
January 2011	49%	13%	36%	29%	10%	12%			
October 30, 2010	36%	6%	30%	30%	18%	16%			
October 22, 2010	35%	6%	29%	32%	15%	18%			
September 28, 2010	27%	4%	23%	38%	18%	17%			
May 11, 2010	27%	3%	24%	37%	14%	22%			
March 29, 2010	27%	2%	25%	34%	17%	22%			
March 2, 2010	25%	3%	22%	38%	15%	22%			
February 1, 2010	24%	2%	22%	33%	18%	25%			
January 15, 2010	24%	2%	22%	33%	18%	25%			
November 23, 2009	25%	3%	22%	39%	12%	24%			
September 17, 2009	26%	3%	23%	38%	9%	27%			
July 1, 2009	24%	3%	21%	30%	13%	33%			
May 4, 2009	19%	2%	17%	28%	10%	43%			
March 3, 2009	18%	3%	15%	27%	5%	50%			
Marist Poll New York Regist	ered Voters	3							

### **Schumer Approval Rating**

Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

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

		NYS Registered Voters					
		Would you rate the job Senator Charles Schumer is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?					
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	
NYS Registered Vot	ters	17%	39%	26%	14%	4%	
Party Registration	Democrat	28%	37%	25%	8%	3%	
	Republican	10%	36%	29%	23%	3%	
	Non-enrolled	10%	43%	28%	14%	6%	
Tea Party Supporte	rs	5%	32%	31%	31%	1%	
Political Ideology	Liberal	25%	45%	24%	4%	2%	
	Moderate	21%	39%	27%	8%	5%	
	Conservative	6%	32%	29%	29%	4%	
Region	New York City	17%	43%	24%	12%	4%	
, and the second se	Suburbs	24%	33%	26%	16%	2%	
	Upstate	15%	39%	27%	14%	5%	
Income	Less \$50,000	17%	45%	22%	10%	7%	
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	19%	36%	28%	16%	1%	
	\$100,000 or more	17%	34%	29%	20%	1%	
Income	Less than \$50,000	17%	45%	22%	10%	7%	
	\$50,000 or more	18%	35%	28%	18%	1%	
Education	Not college graduate	17%	37%	28%	12%	6%	
	College graduate	19%	41%	24%	15%	2%	
Age	Under 45	14%	38%	32%	10%	6%	
	45 or older	19%	40%	23%	16%	3%	
Age	18 to 29	13%	40%	35%	6%	6%	
	30 to 44	15%	36%	30%	14%	6%	
	45 to 59	17%	38%	24%	18%	3%	
	60 or older	21%	42%	21%	14%	2%	
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	14%	37%	37%	7%	5%	
	Gen X (31-46)	15%	37%	29%	14%	6%	
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	20%	39%	21%	17%	3%	
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	18%	42%	23%	15%	2%	
Race	White	19%	36%	27%	15%	4%	
	Non White	15%	47%	25%	9%	5%	
Gender	Men	16%	35%	26%	19%	4%	
	Women	19%	43%	26%	9%	4%	
Interview Type	Landline	18%	39%	24%	15%	4%	
	Cell Phone	14%	37%	33%	11%	5%	

# Schumer Approval Rating (Over Time) Asked of NYS Registered Voters:

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

		New	York Stat	e Register	ed Voters					
	Would you rate the job Senator Charles Schumer is doing in office as excellent good, fair, or poor?									
	Excellent/Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure-Never Heard				
May 2011	56%	17%	39%	26%	14%	4%				
January 2011	59%	22%	37%	28%	9%	5%				
October 30, 2010	55%	20%	35%	25%	15%	5%				
October 22, 2010	53%	19%	34%	26%	17%	4%				
September 28, 2010	47%	15%	32%	31%	19%	3%				
March 11, 2010	50%	14%	36%	31%	16%	3%				
March 29, 2010	51%	13%	38%	28%	17%	4%				
March 2, 2010	53%	12%	41%	28%	15%	4%				
February 1, 2010	47%	11%	36%	31%	17%	5%				
January 15, 2010	51%	13%	38%	24%	18%	7%				
November 23, 2009	54%	17%	37%	29%	13%	4%				
September 17, 2009	58%	17%	41%	26%	13%	3%				
July 1, 2009	54%	15%	39%	27%	15%	4%				
May 4, 2009	55%	18%	37%	25%	14%	6%				
March 3, 2009	57%	17%	40%	25%	13%	5%				
October 28, 2008	55%	20%	35%	20%	13%	12%				
April 9, 2008	57%	15%	42%	27%	10%	6%				
March 27, 2007	57%	20%	37%	23%	9%	11%				
October 20, 2006	55%	19%	36%	32%	8%	5%				
July 19, 2006	58%	13%	45%	27%	8%	7%				
May 10, 2006	56%	15%	41%	27%	8%	9%				
January 2006	3070	1070	4170	21 70	070	370				
(Release: February 1 <sup>st</sup> )	57%	15%	42%	23%	12%	8%				
September 30, 2005	55%	17%	38%	25%	11%	9%				
April 12, 2005	58%	15%	43%	24%	8%	10%				
October 28, 2004	61%	19%	42%	21%	8%	10%				
September 17, 2004	50%	13%	37%	29%	11%	10%				
April 19, 2004	54%	13%	41%	27%	8%	11%				
January 14, 2004	58%	14%	44%	23%	7%	12%				
September 22, 2003	52%	12%	40%	30%	10%	8%				
•										
April 10, 2003	52%	10%	42%	27%	8%	13%				
December 15, 2002	53%	11%	42%	28%	8%	11%				
September 16, 2002	52%	9%	43%	27%	8%	13%				
April 20, 2002	55%	11%	44%	26%	6%	13%				
December 12, 2001	54%	12%	42%	24%	7%	15%				
April 9, 2001	49%	12%	37%	26%	8%	17%				
December 1, 2000	51%	13%	38%	22%	9%	18%				
March 31, 2000	39%	9%	30%	27%	7%	27%				
September 24, 1999	44%	9%	35%	31%	8%	17%				
March 10, 1999	41%	7%	34%	23%	10%	26%				