



Gillibrand Approval Rating Dips

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This Marist Poll Reports:

Half of registered voters in New York State -- 50% -- approve of the job Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is doing in office. This includes 9% of voters who think Gillibrand is doing an excellent job and 41% who believe she is doing a good one. Nearly one in four voters -- 24% -- say Senator Gillibrand is doing a fair job in her post while 12% think she is performing poorly. 14% are unsure.

“Senator Gillibrand scored her best rating during the height of her re-election campaign,” says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. “Now, the partisan climate felt nationally has spilled to affect her New York standing.”

Gillibrand’s approval rating has dropped from when Marist last reported this question in October. At that time, Gillibrand achieved her highest approval rating since taking office -- 55%. 28%, then, thought she was doing a fair job while 8% believed she fell short. 10% were unsure.

Looking at party, the change has occurred among Republicans and non-enrolled voters. 37% of Republicans have a positive view of Gillibrand’s job performance. This compares with 47% last fall. Among non-enrolled voters in the state, 41% approve of how Gillibrand is doing in office, down from 48% in October. Gillibrand’s support among her base, however, has changed little. 64% of Democrats statewide applaud her job performance. 63% did so in the fall.

Schumer Approval Rating Steady

Senator Chuck Schumer enjoys a consistent job approval rating. A majority -- 54% -- give the senator high marks. Included here are 16% who think the senator is doing an excellent job and 38% who believe he is doing a good one. 26% rate his performance as fair while 13% say he is performing poorly. Seven percent are unsure.

In Marist's October survey, 55% gave Schumer a thumbs-up. 27% thought he was doing an average job while 13% believed he fell short. Five percent were unsure.

Obama Approval Rating at 50% in New York State

Among registered voters in New York State, half -- 50% -- approve of the job President Barack Obama is doing in office. This includes 21% who think he is doing an excellent job and 29% who say he is doing a good one. 22% give Obama fair marks while 27% say his performance is poor. Less than 1% is unsure.

When Marist last reported this question in April, 47% approved of Mr. Obama's job performance. 22% thought he was doing an average job, and 31% thought his performance fell short. Less than 1% was unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: New York State Poll of 814 Adults

This survey of 814 adults was conducted February 26th through February 28th, 2013. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the state of New York 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 region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results for adults are statistically significant within ± 3.4 percentage points. There are 673 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.8 percentage points. Registered voters were balanced to reflect the difference in registration in New York City, the suburbs, and upstate New York as reported by state election officials. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample - New York State

		NYS Adults	NYS Registered Voters
		Col %	Col %
NYS Adults		100%	
Registered Voters		83%	100%
Party Registration	Democrat	n/a	48%
	Republican	n/a	24%
	Non-enrolled	n/a	25%
	Other	n/a	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	n/a	25%
	Moderate	n/a	43%
	Conservative	n/a	32%
Region	New York City	42%	30%
	Suburbs	21%	24%
	Upstate	37%	46%
Income	Less \$50,000	47%	43%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	29%	31%
	\$100,000 or more	24%	26%
Income	Less than \$50,000	47%	43%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	57%
Education	Not college graduate	54%	53%
	College graduate	46%	47%
Age	Under 45	48%	43%
	45 or older	52%	57%
Age	18 to 29	21%	18%
	30 to 44	27%	25%
	45 to 59	26%	28%
	60 or older	25%	30%
Race	White	60%	66%
	African American	14%	12%
	Latino	17%	15%
	Other	9%	7%
Race	White	60%	66%
	Non White	40%	34%
Gender	Men	48%	45%
	Women	52%	55%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	41%	40%
	No children in household	59%	60%
Interview Type	Landline	70%	72%
	Cell Phone	30%	28%

Marist Poll NYS Adults: Interviews conducted February 26th through 28th, 2013, N=814 MOE +/- 3.4 percentage points. Registered Voters: N=673 MOE +/- 3.8 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Marist Poll New York State Tables

		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 Voters		9%	41%	24%	12%	14%
Party Registration	Democrat	13%	51%	18%	5%	14%
	Republican	6%	31%	30%	17%	16%
	Non-enrolled	6%	35%	29%	19%	10%
Political Ideology	Liberal	20%	50%	19%	3%	8%
	Moderate	8%	45%	23%	8%	16%
	Conservative	2%	31%	29%	22%	15%
Region	New York City	10%	37%	26%	11%	16%
	Suburbs	11%	45%	20%	11%	13%
	Upstate	7%	42%	24%	13%	14%
Income	Less \$50,000	6%	45%	27%	8%	15%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	10%	40%	25%	11%	14%
	\$100,000 or more	11%	38%	24%	14%	13%
Income	Less than \$50,000	6%	45%	27%	8%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	10%	39%	25%	12%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	5%	45%	26%	10%	15%
	College graduate	14%	38%	21%	13%	14%
Age	Under 45	4%	41%	23%	11%	20%
	45 or older	12%	42%	24%	12%	10%
Age	18 to 29	4%	34%	29%	7%	25%
	30 to 44	4%	47%	19%	13%	17%
	45 to 59	12%	40%	26%	13%	9%
	60 or older	13%	43%	22%	11%	10%
Race	White	10%	40%	25%	13%	12%
	Non White	8%	45%	23%	7%	17%
Gender	Men	7%	37%	28%	16%	12%
	Women	11%	44%	20%	8%	16%
Interview Type	Landline	10%	42%	20%	13%	14%
	Cell Phone	6%	38%	33%	9%	14%

Marist Poll NYS Registered Voters: Interviews conducted February 26th through 28th, 2013, N=673 MOE +/- 3.8 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	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	Fair/Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure- Never Heard
March 2013	50%	36%	9%	41%	24%	12%	14%
October 2012	55%	36%	13%	42%	28%	8%	10%
April 2012	42%	42%	11%	31%	28%	14%	16%
January 2012	40%	41%	6%	34%	29%	12%	18%
November 2011	41%	43%	8%	33%	32%	11%	16%
May 2011	41%	42%	9%	32%	31%	11%	17%
January 2011	49%	39%	13%	36%	29%	10%	12%
October 30, 2010	36%	48%	6%	30%	30%	18%	16%
October 22, 2010	35%	47%	6%	29%	32%	15%	18%
September 28, 2010	27%	56%	4%	23%	38%	18%	17%
May 11, 2010	27%	51%	3%	24%	37%	14%	22%
March 29, 2010	27%	51%	2%	25%	34%	17%	22%
March 2, 2010	25%	53%	3%	22%	38%	15%	22%
February 1, 2010	24%	51%	2%	22%	33%	18%	25%
January 15, 2010	24%	51%	2%	22%	33%	18%	25%
November 23, 2009	25%	51%	3%	22%	39%	12%	24%
September 17, 2009	26%	47%	3%	23%	38%	9%	27%
July 1, 2009	24%	43%	3%	21%	30%	13%	33%
May 4, 2009	19%	38%	2%	17%	28%	10%	43%
March 3, 2009	18%	32%	3%	15%	27%	5%	50%
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		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Voters		16%	38%	26%	13%	7%
Party Registration	Democrat	24%	47%	19%	4%	6%
	Republican	7%	33%	35%	20%	4%
Political Ideology	Non-enrolled	13%	30%	32%	20%	6%
	Liberal	30%	48%	17%	2%	3%
	Moderate	16%	41%	28%	9%	6%
Region	Conservative	8%	27%	31%	25%	9%
	New York City	23%	39%	22%	11%	6%
	Suburbs	16%	42%	26%	14%	3%
Income	Upstate	13%	35%	28%	14%	10%
	Less \$50,000	17%	36%	28%	8%	11%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	12%	45%	27%	12%	4%
Income	\$100,000 or more	21%	38%	21%	18%	2%
	Less than \$50,000	17%	36%	28%	8%	11%
Education	\$50,000 or more	16%	42%	24%	15%	3%
	Not college graduate	13%	37%	29%	12%	9%
Age	College graduate	20%	39%	22%	15%	5%
	Under 45	10%	35%	31%	12%	12%
Age	45 or older	21%	41%	21%	14%	4%
	18 to 29	2%	33%	41%	9%	15%
	30 to 44	15%	37%	24%	14%	10%
	45 to 59	19%	38%	24%	17%	2%
Race	60 or older	23%	43%	18%	11%	5%
	White	15%	37%	26%	16%	6%
	Non White	20%	40%	25%	7%	9%
Gender	Men	15%	33%	27%	18%	7%
	Women	18%	41%	24%	9%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	18%	39%	22%	14%	7%
	Cell Phone	12%	35%	35%	11%	8%

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	Would you rate the job Senator Charles Schumer is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?						
	Excellent/Good	Fair/Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure-Never Heard
March 2013	54%	39%	16%	38%	26%	13%	7%
October 2012	55%	40%	18%	37%	27%	13%	5%
April 2012	54%	41%	18%	36%	25%	16%	5%
January 2012	56%	39%	18%	38%	27%	12%	5%
November 2011	56%	41%	18%	38%	26%	15%	3%
May 2011	56%	40%	17%	39%	26%	14%	4%
January 2011	59%	37%	22%	37%	28%	9%	5%
October 30, 2010	55%	40%	20%	35%	25%	15%	5%
October 22, 2010	53%	43%	19%	34%	26%	17%	4%
September 28, 2010	47%	50%	15%	32%	31%	19%	3%
March 11, 2010	50%	47%	14%	36%	31%	16%	3%
March 29, 2010	51%	45%	13%	38%	28%	17%	4%
March 2, 2010	53%	43%	12%	41%	28%	15%	4%
February 1, 2010	47%	48%	11%	36%	31%	17%	5%
January 15, 2010	51%	42%	13%	38%	24%	18%	7%
November 23, 2009	54%	42%	17%	37%	29%	13%	4%
September 17, 2009	58%	39%	17%	41%	26%	13%	3%
July 1, 2009	54%	42%	15%	39%	27%	15%	4%
May 4, 2009	55%	39%	18%	37%	25%	14%	6%
March 3, 2009	57%	38%	17%	40%	25%	13%	5%
October 28, 2008	55%	33%	20%	35%	20%	13%	12%
April 9, 2008	57%	37%	15%	42%	27%	10%	6%
March 27, 2007	57%	32%	20%	37%	23%	9%	11%
October 20, 2006	55%	40%	19%	36%	32%	8%	5%
July 19, 2006	58%	35%	13%	45%	27%	8%	7%
May 10, 2006	56%	35%	15%	41%	27%	8%	9%
January 2006 (Release: February 1 st)	57%	35%	15%	42%	23%	12%	8%
September 30, 2005	55%	36%	17%	38%	25%	11%	9%
April 12, 2005	58%	32%	15%	43%	24%	8%	10%
October 28, 2004	61%	29%	19%	42%	21%	8%	10%
September 17, 2004	50%	40%	13%	37%	29%	11%	10%
April 19, 2004	54%	35%	13%	41%	27%	8%	11%
January 14, 2004	58%	30%	14%	44%	23%	7%	12%
September 22, 2003	52%	40%	12%	40%	30%	10%	8%
April 10, 2003	52%	35%	10%	42%	27%	8%	13%
December 15, 2002	53%	36%	11%	42%	28%	8%	11%
September 16, 2002	52%	35%	9%	43%	27%	8%	13%
April 20, 2002	55%	32%	11%	44%	26%	6%	13%
December 12, 2001	54%	31%	12%	42%	24%	7%	15%
April 9, 2001	49%	34%	12%	37%	26%	8%	17%
December 1, 2000	51%	31%	13%	38%	22%	9%	18%
March 31, 2000	39%	34%	9%	30%	27%	7%	27%
September 24, 1999	44%	39%	9%	35%	31%	8%	17%
March 10, 1999	41%	33%	7%	34%	23%	10%	26%

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		Would you rate the job President Barack Obama is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
NYS Registered Voters		21%	29%	22%	27%	0%
Party Registration	Democrat	30%	42%	18%	11%	0%
	Republican	10%	12%	25%	52%	1%
	Non-enrolled	17%	19%	31%	33%	0%
Political Ideology	Liberal	37%	37%	20%	6%	0%
	Moderate	17%	29%	28%	25%	0%
	Conservative	12%	25%	18%	45%	0%
Region	New York City	28%	27%	23%	22%	0%
	Suburbs	29%	23%	23%	25%	0%
	Upstate	12%	34%	22%	32%	0%
Income	Less \$50,000	23%	28%	27%	22%	0%
	\$50,000 to just under \$100,000	18%	33%	20%	29%	0%
	\$100,000 or more	16%	30%	25%	29%	0%
Income	Less than \$50,000	23%	28%	27%	22%	0%
	\$50,000 or more	17%	32%	22%	29%	0%
Education	Not college graduate	22%	28%	22%	28%	0%
	College graduate	19%	31%	22%	27%	0%
Age	Under 45	19%	29%	29%	23%	0%
	45 or older	22%	31%	18%	29%	0%
Age	18 to 29	27%	21%	34%	18%	0%
	30 to 44	13%	35%	25%	27%	0%
	45 to 59	21%	28%	22%	29%	0%
	60 or older	23%	33%	15%	30%	0%
Race	White	14%	27%	24%	35%	0%
	Non White	33%	34%	21%	11%	0%
Gender	Men	16%	30%	19%	35%	0%
	Women	24%	29%	25%	21%	0%
Interview Type	Landline	20%	31%	20%	29%	0%
	Cell Phone	24%	26%	28%	22%	0%

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	Would you rate the job President Barack Obama is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?						
	Excellent /Good	Fair/Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
March 2013	50%	49%	21%	29%	22%	27%	0
April 2012	47%	53%	18%	29%	22%	31%	<1%
January 2012	46%	54%	13%	33%	26%	28%	<1%
November 2011	44%	56%	14%	30%	27%	29%	<1%
August 2011	46%	53%	12%	34%	25%	28%	2%
January 2011	53%	47%	17%	36%	25%	22%	1%
October 30, 2010	45%	55%	16%	29%	23%	32%	<1%
October 22, 2010	45%	55%	16%	29%	22%	33%	<1%
September 30, 2010	43%	56%	13%	30%	27%	29%	1%
September 24, 2010	47%	53%	16%	31%	22%	31%	<1%
May 12, 2010	55%	45%	22%	33%	22%	23%	<1%
March 29, 2010	53%	47%	21%	32%	21%	26%	<1%
March 3, 2010	52%	47%	16%	36%	24%	23%	1%
February 3, 2010	46%	54%	13%	33%	27%	27%	<1%
January 15, 2010	56%	43%	20%	36%	22%	21%	1%
November 23, 2009	55%	44%	18%	37%	24%	20%	1%
September 24, 2009	52%	46%	25%	27%	20%	26%	2%
September 14, 2009	57%	43%	23%	34%	23%	20%	<1%
July 1, 2009	63%	36%	31%	32%	20%	16%	1%
May 4, 2009	64%	34%	33%	31%	20%	14%	2%
March 3, 2009	68%	28%	33%	35%	15%	13%	4%
January 27, 2009	60%	22%	28%	32%	16%	6%	18%
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