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New York State: Campaign 2006

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This WNBC/Marist Poll of New York State reports:

- Hillary Clinton has a commanding lead over her opponents in her bid for re-election:**

Hillary Clinton substantially outdistances her Democratic Primary challenger and both of her potential Republican competitors for the U.S. Senate. Clinton outpaces Jonathan Tasini by 70 points for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in New York. In match-ups against her potential Republican opponents for November’s U.S. Senate race, Senator Clinton outscores former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer and former Reagan administration official Kathleen Troia McFarland by wide margins.

Question Wording: If September's Democratic primary for U.S. Senate in New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Democrats | Jonathan Tasini | Hillary Clinton | Undecided |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 13% | 83% | 4% |

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

| Registered Voters | John Spencer Republican | Hillary Clinton Democrat | Undecided |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 34% | 61% | 5% |
| May 2006 | 33% | 63% | 4% |
| January 2006 | 33% | 62% | 5% |
| September 2005 | 31% | 62% | 7% |

| Registered Voters | Kathleen McFarland Republican | Hillary Clinton Democrat | Undecided |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| July 2006 | 32% | 61% | 7% |
| May 2006 | 30% | 64% | 6% |

- **Many New York Republicans still undecided about whom to nominate to challenge Hillary Clinton for the U.S. Senate in November:** 49% of New York State’s registered Republicans are undecided about whom to support for their party’s U.S. Senate nominee against Hillary Clinton. John Spencer has the support of 36% of registered Republicans compared with 15% for Kathleen McFarland.

Question Wording: If September's Republican primary for U.S. Senate in New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Republicans | Undecided | John Spencer | Kathleen McFarland | Other |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| July 2006 | 49% | 36% | 15% | n.a. |
| May 2006 | 47% | 26% | 14% | 13% |

- **A majority of New York voters approve of the job Hillary Clinton is doing as senator:** 52% of New York State’s registered voters rate the job Hillary Clinton is doing as senator as either excellent or good.

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

| Registered Voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| July 2006 | 52% | 13% | 39% | 27% | 19% | 2% |
| Party | | | | | | |
| Democrat | 69% | 19% | 50% | 22% | 7% | 2% |
| Republican | 36% | 8% | 28% | 31% | 31% | 2% |
| Non-enrolled | 45% | 10% | 35% | 31% | 21% | 3% |
| Region | | | | | | |
| Upstate | 46% | 11% | 35% | 30% | 21% | 3% |
| New York City | 61% | 16% | 45% | 24% | 13% | 2% |
| Suburbs | 50% | 13% | 37% | 27% | 21% | 2% |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Men | 43% | 10% | 33% | 30% | 24% | 3% |
| Women | 58% | 15% | 43% | 25% | 15% | 2% |
| Previous Polls | | | | | | |
| May 2006 | 51% | 15% | 36% | 27% | 19% | 3% |
| January 2006 | 54% | 18% | 36% | 24% | 19% | 3% |

| Registered Voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| September 2005 | 54% | 18% | 36% | 22% | 20% | 4% |
| August 2005 | 54% | 19% | 35% | 23% | 16% | 7% |
| April 2005 | 56% | 16% | 40% | 24% | 16% | 4% |
| October 2004 | 57% | 18% | 39% | 21% | 18% | 4% |
| September 2004 | 53% | 18% | 35% | 25% | 20% | 2% |
| April 2004 | 51% | 13% | 38% | 27% | 18% | 4% |
| January 2004 | 55% | 18% | 37% | 23% | 17% | 5% |
| September 2003 | 49% | 17% | 32% | 26% | 21% | 4% |
| April 2003 | 47% | 13% | 34% | 27% | 22% | 4% |
| December 2002 | 44% | 10% | 34% | 28% | 20% | 8% |
| April 2002 | 47% | 11% | 36% | 27% | 20% | 6% |
| December 2001 | 45% | 11% | 34% | 23% | 23% | 9% |
| April 2001 | 35% | 9% | 26% | 26% | 22% | 17% |
| February 2001 | 30% | 10% | 20% | 22% | 20% | 28% |

- Eliot Spitzer is a formidable frontrunner in the race for New York governor:** 75% of New York State's registered Democrats support Attorney General Eliot Spitzer for their party's nominee for New York governor. Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi receives 10%, and 15% are undecided. In a match-up between Eliot Spitzer and his Republican opponent for November's election for New York governor, Spitzer outdistances former Assemblyman John Faso by 49 points.

Question Wording: If September's Democratic primary for governor of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Democrats | Tom Suozzi | Eliot Spitzer | Undecided |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 10% | 75% | 15% |
| May 2006 | 12% | 72% | 16% |
| January 2006 | 8% | 72% | 20% |

Question Wording: If November's election for governor of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Voters | John Faso Republican | Eliot Spitzer Democrat | Undecided |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 20% | 69% | 11% |
| May 2006 | 20% | 70% | 10% |
| January 2006 | 18% | 68% | 14% |
| September 2005 | 20% | 64% | 16% |

- **Most New Yorkers approve of the job Eliot Spitzer is doing as attorney general:** 63% of registered voters rate the job Eliot Spitzer is doing as attorney general as either excellent or good. 21% rate the job he is doing as fair, and 7% rate his performance as poor. 9% are unsure.

Question Wording: Would you rate the job Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

| Registered Voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| July 2006 | 63% | 18% | 45% | 21% | 7% | 9% |
| Party | | | | | | |
| Democrat | 67% | 21% | 46% | 21% | 5% | 7% |
| Republican | 58% | 11% | 47% | 23% | 10% | 9% |
| Non-enrolled | 62% | 22% | 40% | 17% | 8% | 13% |
| Previous Polls | | | | | | |
| May 2006 | 63% | 20% | 43% | 22% | 5% | 10% |
| January 2006 | 63% | 21% | 42% | 21% | 3% | 13% |
| September 2005 | 61% | 18% | 43% | 22% | 4% | 13% |
| April 2005 | 61% | 20% | 41% | 19% | 5% | 15% |
| October 2004 | 57% | 23% | 34% | 19% | 4% | 20% |
| September 2004 | 54% | 18% | 36% | 25% | 5% | 16% |
| April 2004 | 60% | 20% | 40% | 20% | 4% | 16% |

- **Former HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo leads the Democratic primary field for New York’s attorney general, but many still undecided:** Andrew Cuomo leads the field of potential candidates for the Democratic nomination for New York State’s attorney general with the support of 40% of registered Democrats. Former New York City Public Advocate Mark Green follows with 25%. 25% of Democrats remain undecided. The other candidates in the race trail with single digit support.

Question Wording: If September's Democratic primary for attorney general of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Democrats | Andrew Cuomo | Mark Green | Sean Patrick Maloney | Charlie King | Other | Undecided |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 40% | 25% | 7% | 3% | n.a. | 25% |
| May 2006 | 39% | 20% | 5% | 2% | 7% | 27% |
| January 2006 | 40% | 18% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 31% |

- Democrats lead in the contest for New York’s next attorney general:** In match-ups for November’s election for New York State’s attorney general, Democrat Andrew Cuomo leads Republican Jeanine Pirro. Cuomo receives the support of 51% of New York State’s registered voters compared with 37% for Pirro. 12% of registered voters are undecided. When Democrat Mark Green is matched against Republican Jeanine Pirro, he receives the support of 49% of registered voters compared with 35% for Pirro. 16% are undecided.

Question Wording: If November’s election for attorney general of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Voters | Jeanine Pirro Republican | Andrew Cuomo Democrat | Undecided |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 37% | 51% | 12% |
| May 2006 | 34% | 52% | 14% |
| January 2006 | 36% | 50% | 14% |

| Registered Voters | Jeanine Pirro Republican | Mark Green Democrat | Undecided |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 35% | 49% | 16% |
| May 2006 | 34% | 48% | 18% |
| January 2006 | 36% | 46% | 18% |

- Although a majority of voters think the state is headed in the wrong direction, the number who hold this view has declined:** 52% of registered voters think New York State is headed in the wrong direction, but this is a decline from 61% in a similar poll conducted in May. Voters upstate, where 65% believe the state is headed in the wrong direction, are the most negative. Voters in New York City divide over whether things are on the right track or not, and a majority of voters in the suburbs which surround New York City think the state is headed in the right direction.

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 | Right Direction | Wrong Direction | Unsure |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| July 2006 | 40% | 52% | 8% |
| Region | | | |
| Upstate | 29% | 65% | 6% |
| New York City | 46% | 44% | 10% |
| Suburbs | 52% | 40% | 8% |

| Registered Voters | Right Direction | Wrong Direction | Unsure |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Previous Polls | | | |
| 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% |
| December 2000 | 64% | 30% | 6% |
| September 1999 | 65% | 25% | 10% |
| October 1998 | 68% | 23% | 9% |
| October 1997 | 58% | 33% | 9% |
| November 1996 | 51% | 37% | 12% |
| September 1995 | 35% | 48% | 17% |

- **Education tops list of issues voters want addressed by next governor:** 20% of registered voters think education should be the top priority for the next governor. Other top issues include taxes, economic development, jobs, and security from terrorism.

Question Wording: Do you think the top priority for the next governor should be:

| May 2006 | Registered Voters | Upstate | New York City | Suburbs |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Education | 20% | 13% | 29% | 20% |
| Taxes | 19% | 28% | 3% | 21% |
| Economic development | 16% | 20% | 11% | 15% |
| Jobs | 15% | 21% | 11% | 10% |
| Security from terrorism | 12% | 6% | 17% | 18% |
| Poverty/homelessness | 6% | 5% | 10% | 5% |
| Housing | 5% | 2% | 10% | 4% |
| Crime | 4% | 3% | 6% | 1% |
| Ethnic/race relations | 1% | <1% | <1% | 4% |
| Unsure | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% |

- Most voters think the Iraq war should be a major campaign issue this fall:** 62% of registered voters think the war in Iraq should be a major issue in the campaigns this fall including 70% of Democrats, 59% of voters who are not enrolled in any party, and 51% of Republicans. 48% of New York voters are more likely to vote for a candidate who is against the war in Iraq, and 21% are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the war. Overall, most New York voters believe the war in Iraq has not been worth it. A majority of Republicans do not share this view.

Question Wording: Do you think the war in Iraq should be a major campaign issue, a minor campaign issue, or not a campaign issue this fall?

| Registered Voters | Major Issue | Minor Issue | Not an Issue |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| July 2006 | 62% | 23% | 15% |
| Party | | | |
| Democrat | 70% | 18% | 12% |
| Republican | 51% | 29% | 20% |
| Non-enrolled | 59% | 24% | 17% |

Question Wording: Are you more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the war in Iraq, more likely to vote for a candidate who is against the war in Iraq, or does it not make any difference to you?

| Registered Voters | Vote for Candidate who Supports Iraq War | Vote for Candidate who is Against Iraq War | Candidates Position Makes No Difference |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|
| July 2006 | 21% | 48% | 31% |
| Party | | | |
| Democrat | 9% | 62% | 29% |
| Republican | 42% | 26% | 32% |
| Non-enrolled | 18% | 48% | 34% |

Question Wording: All in all, do you think the war in Iraq is worth it, or not?

| Registered Voters | Worth it | Not Worth it | Unsure |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| July 2006 | 26% | 71% | 3% |
| Party | | | |
| Democrat | 12% | 86% | 2% |
| Republican | 51% | 47% | 2% |
| Non-enrolled | 23% | 74% | 3% |

- A majority of voters do not think same-sex marriage should be a campaign issue this fall:** 55% of registered voters do not think same-sex marriage should be an issue in the campaigns this fall. In addition, a majority of voters do not feel a candidate's position on this issue makes a difference to their vote. New York voters are divided on same-sex marriage. 36% believe gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to marry, 35% support civil unions, and 29% believe there should be no legal recognition of the relationship between gay and lesbian couples.

Question Wording: Do you think same-sex marriage should be a major campaign issue, a minor campaign issue, or not a campaign issue this fall?

| Registered Voters | Major Issue | Minor Issue | Not an Issue |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| July 2006 | 9% | 36% | 55% |
| Party | | | |
| Democrat | 10% | 39% | 51% |
| Republican | 7% | 36% | 57% |
| Non-enrolled | 7% | 31% | 62% |

Question Wording: Are you more likely to vote for a candidate who supports same-sex marriage, more likely to vote for a candidate who is against same-sex marriage, or does it not make any difference to you?

| Registered Voters | Vote for Candidate who Supports Same-sex Marriage | Vote for Candidate who is Against Same-sex Marriage | Candidates Position Makes No Difference |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| July 2006 | 20% | 25% | 55% |
| Party | | | |
| Democrat | 30% | 15% | 55% |
| Republican | 10% | 36% | 54% |
| Non-enrolled | 15% | 24% | 61% |

Question Wording: Which comes closer to your view: gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally marry, gay and lesbian couples should be allowed to legally form civil unions, but not marry, or there should be no legal recognition of the relationship between gay and lesbian couples?

| Registered Voters | Allow Same Sex Marriage | Allow Civil Unions | No Legal Recognition |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| July 2006 | 36% | 35% | 29% |

| Registered Voters | Allow Same Sex Marriage | Allow Civil Unions | No Legal Recognition |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Party | | | |
| Democrat | 48% | 26% | 26% |
| Republican | 22% | 47% | 31% |
| Non-enrolled | 34% | 37% | 29% |

- **Many voters approve of the job Charles Schumer is doing as senator:** Senator Charles Schumer's approval rating is currently 58% among New York State's registered voters. This is statistically unchanged from the 56% he received from voters in May.

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 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| July 2006 | 58% | 13% | 45% | 27% | 8% | 7% |
| May 2006 | 56% | 15% | 41% | 27% | 8% | 9% |
| January 2006 | 57% | 15% | 42% | 23% | 12% | 8% |
| September 2005 | 55% | 17% | 38% | 25% | 11% | 9% |
| April 2005 | 58% | 15% | 43% | 24% | 8% | 10% |
| October 2004 | 61% | 19% | 42% | 21% | 8% | 10% |
| September 2004 | 50% | 13% | 37% | 29% | 11% | 10% |
| April 2004 | 54% | 13% | 41% | 27% | 8% | 11% |
| January 2004 | 58% | 14% | 44% | 23% | 7% | 12% |
| September 2003 | 52% | 12% | 40% | 30% | 10% | 8% |
| April 2003 | 52% | 10% | 42% | 27% | 8% | 13% |
| December 2002 | 53% | 11% | 42% | 28% | 8% | 11% |
| April 2002 | 55% | 11% | 44% | 26% | 6% | 13% |
| December 2001 | 54% | 12% | 42% | 24% | 7% | 15% |
| April 2001 | 49% | 12% | 37% | 26% | 8% | 17% |
| December 2000 | 51% | 13% | 38% | 22% | 9% | 18% |
| March 2000 | 39% | 9% | 30% | 27% | 7% | 27% |
| September 1999 | 44% | 9% | 35% | 31% | 8% | 17% |
| March 1999 | 41% | 7% | 34% | 23% | 10% | 26% |

- **Comptroller Alan Hevesi is not known by nearly three in ten voters but his re-election prospects are strong:** 29% of New York State's registered voters are still unsure how to rate Comptroller Alan Hevesi. 37% rate his job performance as either excellent or good, and 34% rate the job he is doing as either fair or poor. But his bid for re-election this November looks positive. He outdistances his Republican opponent Christopher Callahan by 29 points.

Question Wording: Would you rate the job Comptroller Alan Hevesi is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

| Registered Voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| July 2006 | 37% | 3% | 34% | 29% | 5% | 29% |
| May 2006 | 36% | 6% | 30% | 24% | 6% | 34% |
| January 2006 | 40% | 5% | 35% | 23% | 3% | 34% |
| September 2005 | 40% | 4% | 36% | 24% | 3% | 33% |
| April 2005 | 36% | 5% | 31% | 22% | 6% | 36% |
| October 2004 | 35% | 4% | 31% | 24% | 5% | 36% |
| September 2004 | 33% | 4% | 29% | 29% | 5% | 33% |
| April 2004 | 36% | 4% | 32% | 27% | 3% | 34% |

Question Wording: If the November election for comptroller of New York were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

| Registered Voters | Christopher Callahan Republican | Alan Hevesi Democrat | Undecided |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| July 2006 | 28% | 57% | 15% |

- **Governor Pataki’s job performance rating improves:** Although only 39% of New York State’s registered voters rate the job Governor Pataki is doing in office as excellent or good, this is an increase from his lowest point of 30% in May.

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

| Registered Voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| July 2006 | 39% | 5% | 34% | 40% | 19% | 2% |
| Party | | | | | | |
| Democrats | 30% | 3% | 27% | 43% | 25% | 2% |
| Republicans | 53% | 6% | 47% | 34% | 12% | 1% |
| Non-enrolled | 37% | 7% | 30% | 42% | 18% | 3% |
| Region | | | | | | |
| Upstate | 34% | 4% | 30% | 42% | 22% | 2% |
| New York City | 35% | 3% | 32% | 44% | 19% | 2% |
| Suburbs | 51% | 7% | 44% | 33% | 14% | 2% |
| Previous Polls | | | | | | |
| May 2006 | 30% | 3% | 27% | 47% | 20% | 3% |
| January 2006 | 43% | 6% | 37% | 38% | 17% | 2% |
| September 2005 | 38% | 5% | 33% | 42% | 17% | 3% |
| April 2005 | 34% | 5% | 29% | 39% | 25% | 2% |
| October 2004 | 41% | 7% | 34% | 38% | 19% | 2% |

| Registered Voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| September 2004 | 43% | 6% | 37% | 38% | 17% | 2% |
| April 2004 | 41% | 4% | 37% | 40% | 18% | 1% |
| January 2004 | 46% | 7% | 39% | 35% | 14% | 5% |
| September 2003 | 40% | 6% | 34% | 41% | 17% | 2% |
| May 2003 | 37% | 4% | 33% | 34% | 25% | 4% |
| April 2003 | 49% | 7% | 42% | 31% | 18% | 2% |
| December 2002 | 57% | 12% | 45% | 31% | 10% | 2% |
| October 30, 2002 | 57% | 14% | 43% | 33% | 9% | 1% |
| October 1, 2002 | 61% | 14% | 47% | 30% | 8% | 1% |
| September 2002 | 60% | 12% | 48% | 31% | 7% | 2% |
| May 2002 | 72% | 14% | 58% | 23% | 5% | 0% |
| April 2002 | 64% | 15% | 49% | 28% | 6% | 2% |
| December 2001 | 65% | 15% | 50% | 27% | 4% | 4% |
| April 2001 | 53% | 10% | 43% | 34% | 8% | 5% |
| December 2000 | 55% | 11% | 44% | 30% | 10% | 5% |
| March 2000 | 51% | 9% | 42% | 35% | 11% | 3% |
| September 1999 | 51% | 10% | 41% | 38% | 9% | 2% |
| July 1999 | 55% | 15% | 40% | 31% | 11% | 3% |
| March 1999 | 61% | 12% | 49% | 28% | 10% | 1% |
| October 1998 | 60% | 14% | 46% | 31% | 8% | 1% |
| September 1998 | 62% | 16% | 46% | 31% | 6% | 1% |
| April 1998 | 59% | 11% | 48% | 33% | 7% | 1% |
| February 1998 | 60% | 11% | 49% | 32% | 6% | 2% |
| October 1997 | 49% | 7% | 42% | 39% | 10% | 2% |
| March 1997 | 47% | 6% | 41% | 38% | 12% | 3% |
| November 1996 | 47% | 8% | 39% | 36% | 14% | 3% |
| March 1996 | 39% | 6% | 33% | 40% | 17% | 4% |
| September 1995 | 39% | 5% | 34% | 38% | 17% | 6% |
| March 1995 | 36% | 8% | 28% | 28% | 16% | 20% |

- **President’s job performance rating in New York still low:** Only 26% of New York’s registered voters rate the job President Bush is doing in office as either excellent or good.

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 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| July 2006 | 26% | 8% | 18% | 24% | 49% | 1% |
| Party | | | | | | |
| Democrat | 12% | 2% | 10% | 20% | 67% | 1% |
| Republican | 48% | 16% | 32% | 32% | 20% | <1% |
| Non-enrolled | 26% | 7% | 19% | 20% | 53% | 1% |

| Registered voters | Excellent/ Good | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Unsure/ DK |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|---------------|
| Previous Polls | | | | | | |
| May 2006 | 24% | 7% | 17% | 21% | 55% | <1% |
| January 2006 | 34% | 11% | 23% | 21% | 45% | <1% |
| September 2005 | 33% | 10% | 23% | 22% | 44% | 1% |
| April 2005 | 43% | 16% | 27% | 23% | 34% | <1% |
| October 2004 | 39% | 19% | 20% | 18% | 42% | 1% |
| September 2004 | 40% | 19% | 21% | 21% | 39% | <1% |
| April 2004 | 38% | 14% | 24% | 22% | 39% | 1% |
| January 2004 | 52% | 22% | 30% | 19% | 28% | 1% |
| September 2003 | 44% | 17% | 27% | 22% | 33% | 1% |
| April 2003 | 58% | 29% | 29% | 19% | 22% | 1% |
| December 2002 | 57% | 24% | 33% | 23% | 19% | 1% |
| April 2002 | 72% | 33% | 39% | 17% | 10% | 1% |
| December 2001 | 79% | 43% | 36% | 15% | 5% | 1% |
| April 2001 | 40% | 11% | 29% | 30% | 23% | 7% |

Nature of the Sample: 800 NYS Registered Voters

The survey of 800 registered voters was conducted July 11th through July 14th, 2006. 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 $\pm 3.5\%$. There are 337 registered Democrats and 236 registered Republicans. Results for these sub-samples are statistically significant at $\pm 5.5\%$ and $\pm 6.5\%$, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.