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New York State Campaign 2006 Final Primary Poll

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This WNBC/Marist Poll of New York State reports:

- Former HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo leads his closest rival former NYC Public Advocate Mark Green by 22 percentage points:** Andrew Cuomo is the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for New York State’s attorney general with the support of 53% of Democrats likely to vote in Tuesday’s primary, including voters who are leaning toward a candidate. Former New York City Public Advocate Mark Green follows with 31%, and activist Sean Patrick Maloney trails with 6%. 9% of likely Democratic voters still remain undecided and another 17% say they may vote differently on primary day.

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

	Andrew Cuomo	Mark Green	Sean Patrick Maloney	Other	Undecided
Likely Dems w/ Leaners					
September 2006	53%	31%	6%	1%	9%
Likely Democrats					
September 2006	52%	30%	6%	1%	11%
August 2006	46%	28%	10%	1%	15%
Registered Democrats					
September 2006	49%	29%	6%	1%	15%
August 2006	49%	24%	9%	3%	15%
July 2006	40%	25%	7%	3%	25%

Question Wording: Would you say that you strongly support (candidate’s name) somewhat support him, or do you think that you might vote differently on primary day?

Likely Democrats	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Might Vote Differently
September 2006	49%	34%	17%
Cuomo supporters	52%	33%	15%
Green supporters	46%	37%	17%

- Regardless of Tuesday’s primary outcome, both Cuomo and Green are early favorites against Republican Jeanine Pirro in the race for New York’s next attorney general this November:** Both Andrew Cuomo and Mark Green lead Republican Jeanine Pirro by double-digits in early match-ups for the November contest for attorney general of New York. Cuomo receives the support of 56% of New York State’s registered voters compared with 33% for Pirro. 11% of registered voters are undecided. When Mark Green is matched against Republican Jeanine Pirro, he receives the support of 51% of registered voters compared with 35% for Pirro. 14% 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
September 2006	33%	56%	11%
August 2006	39%	54%	7%
July 2006	37%	51%	12%

Registered Voters	Jeanine Pirro Republican	Mark Green Democrat	Undecided
September 2006	35%	51%	14%
August 2006	42%	48%	10%
July 2006	35%	49%	16%

- Eliot Spitzer outpaces rivals in the race for New York governor:** 79% of New York Democrats likely to vote in the primary on Tuesday, including those leaning toward a candidate, support Attorney General Eliot Spitzer for their party’s nominee for New York governor. Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi receives 14%, and 7% 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 46 percentage points.

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

	Tom Suozzi	Eliot Spitzer	Undecided
Likely Dems w/ Leaners			
September 2006	14%	79%	7%
Likely Democrats			
September 2006	14%	76%	10%
August 2006	17%	70%	13%
Registered Democrats			
September 2006	11%	73%	16%
August 2006	16%	73%	11%
July 2006	10%	75%	15%

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

	John Faso Republican	Eliot Spitzer Democrat	Undecided
Registered Voters			
September 2006	21%	67%	12%
August 2006	23%	67%	10%
July 2006	20%	69%	11%

- Most Democrats likely to vote on Tuesday support Senator Hillary Clinton’s re-election as their party’s nominee for U.S. Senate:** Hillary Clinton has a formidable lead against Jonathan Tasini for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate on Tuesday. Clinton receives the support of 88% of likely Democratic voters, including those leaning toward a candidate. Clinton also handily outmatches either of her potential Republican opponents for November’s U.S. Senate race in New York. Former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer and former Reagan administration official Kathleen Troia McFarland trail Senator Clinton by 30 and 31 percentage points, respectively.

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

	Jonathan Tasini	Hillary Clinton	Undecided
Likely Dems w/ Leaners			
September 2006	10%	88%	2%
Likely Democrats			
September 2006	9%	88%	3%
August 2006	15%	80%	5%

	Jonathan Tasini	Hillary Clinton	Undecided
Registered Democrats			
September 2006	10%	85%	5%
August 2006	15%	80%	5%
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:

	John Spencer Republican	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Undecided
Registered Voters			
September 2006	32%	62%	6%
August 2006	35%	60%	5%
July 2006	34%	61%	5%

	Kathleen McFarland Republican	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Undecided
Registered Voters			
September 2006	31%	62%	7%
August 2006	32%	62%	6%
July 2006	32%	61%	7%

- Many New York Republicans still undecided in Tuesday's primary contest for their U.S. Senate nominee:** 45% of New York State's registered Republicans are undecided about whom to nominate to challenge Hillary Clinton for the U.S. Senate. John Spencer is the frontrunner among Republicans who support a candidate. He leads Kathleen Troia McFarland by 23 percentage points. But, with many Republicans undecided, and an additional 26% saying they may vote differently on primary day, the outcome of Tuesday's contest is uncertain.

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

	Undecided	John Spencer	Kathleen McFarland
Registered Republicans			
September 2006	45%	39%	16%
August 2006	46%	38%	16%
July 2006	49%	36%	15%

Question Wording: Would you say that you strongly support (candidate's name) somewhat support him/her, or do you think that you might vote differently on primary day?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Might Vote Differently	Unsure
Registered Republicans				
September 2006	20%	50%	26%	4%

- **Comptroller Alan Hevesi is coasting toward re-election:** Alan Hevesi’s bid for re-election this November looks strong. He outdistances his Republican opponent Christopher Callaghan by 29 percentage points.

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 Callaghan Republican	Alan Hevesi Democrat	Undecided
September 2006	28%	57%	15%
August 2006	27%	60%	13%
July 2006	28%	57%	15%

- **The Iraq war is a major campaign issue for many voters:** 61% of registered voters see the war in Iraq as a major campaign issue this fall, including 71% of Democrats, 63% of voters who are not enrolled in any party, and 49% of Republicans. 49% of New York voters are more likely to vote for a candidate who is against the war in Iraq, and 23% are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the war.

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
September 2006	61%	24%	15%
August 2006	63%	24%	13%
July 2006	62%	23%	15%
Party			
Democrat	71%	20%	9%
Republican	49%	30%	21%
Non-enrolled	63%	22%	15%

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	Candidate’s Position Makes No Difference
September 2006	23%	49%	28%
August 2006	22%	50%	28%
July 2006	21%	48%	31%

Registered Voters	Vote for Candidate who Supports Iraq War	Vote for Candidate who is Against Iraq War	Candidate's Position Makes No Difference
Party			
Democrat	10%	67%	23%
Republican	46%	23%	31%
Non-enrolled	16%	53%	31%

Nature of the Sample: 1,102 New York State Registered Voters

This survey of 1,102 New York State registered voters was conducted September 5th through September 7th, 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 $\pm 3\%$. There are 521 registered Democrats including 260 who are likely to vote on primary day. Results for these sub-samples are statistically significant at $\pm 4.5\%$ and $\pm 6\%$, respectively. There are 294 registered Republicans, and the results for this sub-sample are statistically significant at $\pm 6\%$. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.