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Should They Run in 2008?

New Yorkers Weigh In

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This WNBC/Marist Poll of New York State reports:

- **New York State’s voters divide over whether or not they want Hillary Clinton to run for president in 2008:** When asked about Senator Clinton’s potential presidential candidacy in 2008, 49% of registered voters would like to see her run. 44% do not want her to enter the presidential sweepstakes, and 7% are unsure. In January, 41% of New Yorkers wanted her to run for president in 2008.

Question Wording: Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, run	No, don’t run	Unsure
May 2006	49%	44%	7%
January 2006	41%	49%	10%
September 2005	40%	52%	8%
Party			
Democrats	63%	30%	7%
Republicans	30%	66%	4%
Non-enrolled	50%	41%	9%

- **Most New Yorkers think Hillary Clinton will, in fact, run for president in 2008:** 60% of New York State’s registered voters think Hillary Clinton will run for president in 2008.

Question Wording: Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Will run	Will Not run	Unsure
May 2006	60%	32%	8%
January 2006	59%	29%	12%
September 2005	54%	34%	12%
August 2005	55%	27%	18%
Party			
Democrats	62%	28%	10%
Republicans	63%	33%	4%
Non-enrolled	48%	45%	7%

- **But many New Yorkers don’t think Hillary Clinton will win the presidency:** Should Hillary Clinton decide to run for president in 2008, 66% of New York State’s registered voters do not think it is likely she will be elected, including 57% of Democrats.

Question Wording: Do you think it is very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that Hillary Clinton will be elected president in 2008?

Registered Voters	Very Likely	Likely	Not Very Likely	Not Likely At All	Unsure
May 2006	8%	23%	40%	26%	3%
January 2006	8%	25%	39%	23%	5%
Party					
Democrats	11%	29%	40%	17%	3%
Republicans	4%	15%	33%	46%	2%
Non-enrolled	10%	29%	38%	21%	2%

- **A majority of New Yorkers want Rudy Giuliani to make a run for president:** 51% of New York State’s registered voters want former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani to make a run for the country’s top post in 2008. 43% do not want him to enter the presidential contest, and 6% are unsure.

Question Wording: Do you want Rudy Giuliani to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, run	No, don’t run	Unsure
May 2006	51%	43%	6%
January 2006	53%	41%	6%
September 2005	49%	46%	5%

Registered Voters	Yes, run	No, don't run	Unsure
Party			
Democrats	34%	61%	5%
Republicans	76%	19%	5%
Non-enrolled	50%	43%	7%

- **Rudy Giuliani has New Yorkers guessing about his future plans:** 45% of registered voters think Rudy Giuliani will make a run for the White House in 2008, and 41% do not think he will. 14% are unsure.

Question Wording: Do you think Rudy Giuliani will run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Will run	Will Not run	Unsure
May 2006	45%	41%	14%
Party			
Democrats	45%	42%	13%
Republicans	51%	37%	12%
Non-enrolled	35%	45%	20%

- **A majority of New Yorkers don't think Rudy Giuliani will be elected president:** 52% of New York State's registered voters do not think it is likely that Rudy Giuliani would be elected president if he ran in 2008. However, 56% of Republicans in the state think he would be successful.

Question Wording: Do you think it is very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that Rudy Giuliani will be elected president in 2008?

Registered Voters	Very Likely	Likely	Not Very Likely	Not Likely At All	Unsure
May 2006	9%	35%	35%	17%	4%
Party					
Democrats	9%	28%	39%	22%	2%
Republicans	11%	45%	28%	12%	4%
Non-enrolled	5%	31%	36%	17%	11%

- **Few New Yorkers want to see a President Pataki:** Only 22% of New York State's registered voters want to see Governor George Pataki run for president in 2008.

Question Wording: Do you want George Pataki to run for president in 2008 or not?

Registered Voters	Yes, run	No, don't run	Unsure
May 2006	22%	74%	4%
January 2006	25%	69%	6%
September 2005	17%	79%	4%
Party			
Democrats	20%	77%	3%
Republicans	24%	70%	6%
Non-enrolled	21%	74%	5%

- Top Republicans, Giuliani and McCain, are strong presidential candidates against Hillary Clinton in New York:** Both Rudy Giuliani and John McCain put New York in play for the Republicans against Hillary Clinton. Giuliani receives the support of 50% of the state's registered voters compared with 46% for Clinton. Although not as strong as Rudy Giuliani, John McCain runs competitively against Hillary Clinton in the state. McCain receives the support of 45% of registered voters compared with 48% for Clinton. Senator Clinton has a wide lead when matched against George Pataki.

Question Wording: If the 2008 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

Registered Voters	Rudy Giuliani Republican	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Undecided
May 2006	50%	46%	4%
Party			
Democrats	25%	71%	4%
Republicans	85%	14%	1%
Non-enrolled	51%	42%	7%
Gender			
Men	54%	42%	4%
Women	46%	50%	4%

Registered Voters	John McCain Republican	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Undecided
May 2006	45%	48%	7%
Party			
Democrats	24%	69%	7%
Republicans	77%	18%	5%
Non-enrolled	45%	47%	8%
Gender			
Men	51%	43%	6%
Women	40%	53%	7%

Registered Voters	George Pataki Republican	Hillary Clinton Democrat	Undecided
May 2006	36%	58%	6%
Party			
Democrats	13%	83%	4%
Republicans	75%	20%	5%
Non-enrolled	33%	60%	7%
Gender			
Men	42%	53%	5%
Women	31%	63%	6%

Nature of the Sample: 735 NYS Registered Voters

The survey of 735 registered voters was conducted May 1st through May 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 $\pm 4\%$. There are 315 registered Democrats and 222 registered Republicans. Results for these sub-samples are statistically significant at $\pm 5.5\%$ and $\pm 6.6\%$, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations. Interviews were conducted in either English or Spanish.