



Governor Paterson's Approval Rating Hovers in Low 20's Voters Weigh In on NY State Senate Unrest

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This Marist Poll Reports:

Paterson's Approval Rating Still in the Tank...Voters Dissatisfied with Handling of NYS Senate Situation

The news for Governor David Paterson remains grim. The governor's approval rating is an abysmal 21%, and with the New York State Senate in disarray, nearly half of the state's electorate says they disapprove of the way in which the governor is handling the situation while 43% approve. To make matters even worse, more than six in ten registered voters disapprove of the way Paterson is dealing with the state's economic crisis.

How bad is Governor Paterson's political situation? The answer is pretty bad. According to The Marist Poll's new statewide survey, about one in five registered voters in New York – 21% -- report that Governor Paterson is doing either an excellent or good job in office. Voters' view of the governor's job performance is little changed since The Marist Poll last asked this question in May. At that time, 19% of voters gave Paterson's job performance above average marks. And, the governor still does not receive affirmation from a major share of voters within his own party. However, he has received a slight bump among Democrats in New York State. 28% believe Governor Paterson is doing an excellent or good job in office. This compares with the 22% of Democrats he received in May.

Paterson's Image Still Muddied: Leadership Skills Questioned...Half Disapprove of Handling of NYS Senate Situation

So, just what do registered voters in New York State think of Governor David Paterson? Overall, a majority of the electorate perceives the governor as a weak leader. 65% of voters say he is not a good leader for the state while 31% disagree. Much like Paterson's approval rating, the governor's leadership rating has stagnated since Marist's May survey.

The chaos in the New York State Senate has not helped Governor Paterson's image. Nearly half of voters disapprove of the way in which Paterson is handling the situation while 43%

believe he is dealing with it appropriately. Members of Paterson's own party are divided over the governor's approach. 47% of Democrats approve while 45% disapprove. 60% of Republicans say Paterson should be handling the matter differently. There is a slight difference of opinion among voters in different regions of the state. While nearly half of voters in New York City and a majority of those in the suburbs disapprove of how Governor Paterson is addressing the situation in the State Senate, voters Upstate divide. 48% of these voters would like a different course of action taken while 46% approve of Paterson's methods. Looking at the way things work, in general, in Albany, 68% say Governor Paterson is not changing government in Albany for the better while 27% think he is. Governor Paterson received similar marks on this question back in May.

The state's economic situation is still a major issue facing Governor Paterson, and voters say they are not satisfied with how he is managing it. 61% of the electorate disapproves of the governor's attempts to address the economic crisis while 31% approve. This is a slight improvement since May when 68% of voters disapproved of how the governor was dealing with the state's economic crisis.

Is Paterson perceived as a governor who cares about the average person? Voters are currently divided with 47% who agree with the statement that Paterson cares about people like them and 47% who disagree. Paterson has slightly improved in this area. Two months ago, a majority of New York State voters – 51% -- reported the governor is not in tune with voters.

Charter a New Course... Nearly Three-Quarters Say NY State Moving in the Wrong Direction

74% of registered voters in New York State are not optimistic about where the state is going. This compares with 21% who believe things in the Empire State are moving along the right track. Voters' view of the state's status has gotten dimmer. In Marist's May survey, 27% had a positive outlook on the state's direction, and 67% thought the state was moving along the wrong path.

Paterson's Gubernatorial Prospects: Inches Closer to Giuliani...Dead Heat with Lazio

Governor David Paterson has an uphill battle ahead of him when it comes to next year's gubernatorial election in New York State. Here is how he fares in a couple of hypothetical matchups. The good news for Paterson is that he has inched closer to former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. However, if the election were held today, Paterson receives 37% of the electorate compared with 54% for Giuliani. In The Marist Poll's May survey, Paterson had 32% of the electorate's support compared with 56% for Giuliani.

When Governor Paterson is pitted against former U.S. Representative Rick Lazio, the two remain in a statistical dead heat. However, Paterson has gained a little ground. In this hypothetical pairing, Paterson currently garners 41% of registered voters in New York State while the Republican nets 40%. 19% are unsure. Two months ago, the same proportion of

registered voters in the state said they would support Lazio while 37% reported they would back Paterson. At that time, 23% were unsure.

Cuomo Stands Strong Against Paterson in 2010 Democratic Primary for Governor

Looking ahead to next year's Democratic primary for governor in New York, the state's Attorney General, Andrew Cuomo, is a force to be reckoned with. If the primary were held today, Cuomo would easily defeat Governor Paterson with 69% of New York State Democrats saying they would support Cuomo and 24% reporting they would back Paterson. In May, 70% said they would vote for Cuomo, and 21% stated they would cast their ballot for Paterson.

Giuliani Garners GOP Support for 2010

Who is the stronger Republican candidate to square off in the 2010 gubernatorial race? If next year's Republican primary were held today, Rudy Giuliani would defeat Rick Lazio by more than four to one. 77% of Republicans would vote for Giuliani compared with 16% for Lazio. Both potential candidates received similar support in Marist's May survey.

Cuomo Leads Competition in Hypothetical Gubernatorial Contests

If New York State Attorney General were to win the Democratic nomination for governor, Cuomo would be New York's next governor. In a hypothetical contest against Rick Lazio, Cuomo defeats Lazio by three to one. 68% of the state's electorate would vote for Cuomo while Lazio receives 22% of the vote. Even a plurality of Lazio's own party – 48% -- said they would back his Democratic opponent. This is little changed from Marist's last survey.

But, when pitted against Rudy Giuliani, the race against Cuomo is tighter, but Cuomo would still beat Giuliani. A slim majority – 51% -- report that Cuomo would be their candidate of choice compared with 43% who would prefer Giuliani. In May, Cuomo led Giuliani 55% to 38%.

NY State Senate Unrest Does Not Sit Well With Voters

The unrest in the New York State Senate has topped the state's political headlines, and not only have voters been listening, they are not happy.

76% of registered voters statewide have heard, at least, a good amount about the current chaos in the Senate. This includes 31% of voters who have heard a great deal about the situation. And, voters say they just don't think their elected officials have their best interests at heart. A whopping 84% of registered voters report that, from what they have heard, the situation is nothing more than a political power play. In fact, just 12% view the wrangling as a serious effort to bring reform to Albany. The sentiment that the Senate dispute is for political gain transcends party lines with 88% of Democrats, 80% of Republicans, and 82% of non-enrolled voters echoing this argument.

So, overall, how do voters feel about the Senate battle? To put it bluntly, many are mad. Seven in ten voters say they are angry about the unrest while 25% say they are not. Again, this feeling crosses party lines. 72% of Democrats and 69% Republicans express this emotion while 66% of non-enrolled voters say the same.

Nearly Two-Thirds Report Poor Job Performance of NY State Senate... Paterson Not Immune from Backlash

65% of New York State registered voters say the job the New York State Senate in Albany is doing is a poor one. Just 11% of the state's electorate says the legislative body is doing either an excellent or good job. And, while Democrats and Republicans may not agree about their overall political ideas, they do agree that the Senate's performance is shoddy. 64% of Democrats and 66% of Republicans view the Senate's performance as poor. 67% of non-enrolled voters agree.

With Governor David Paterson's approval rating at 21%, a Senate battle is probably one of the last things he needs on his plate. So, how do voters view his handling of the situation? Nearly half of the state's electorate disapproves of his efforts. 43% approve.

Playing the Blame Game & Long-Term Effects

When it comes to pointing a finger at who's to blame for the current Senate fiasco, voters divide. 38% say it's the Democrats while 39% put the onus on the Republicans. 23% are unsure. Not surprisingly, majorities within both the Democratic and Republican parties blame their rival party. Non-enrolled voters divide. Breaking down the numbers by region, a plurality of voters in New York City – 47% -- blames the Republicans. A plurality in the suburbs – 46% -- points a finger at the Democrats. Upstate voters divide with 40% blaming the Republicans and 37% blaming the Democrats.

Looking down the road, 61% of the New York State electorate believes the Senate will be less effective in the future as a result of the current battle in the chamber. 31%, however, believe the body will be more effective. 61% of Democrats and 57% of Republicans view the impact on the Senate's future actions as negative while 66% of non-enrolled voters concur.

Slim Majority View NY State Assembly As Doing Poor Job

Although the New York State Assembly has remained mostly out of the spotlight during the Senate battle, New York State voters aren't cutting them any slack. 51% of the New York electorate views the Assembly's job performance as poor, and just 18% say the legislative body is doing either an excellent or good job. A majority of Republicans – 58% -- compared with Democrats – 44% -- say the Assembly needs to shape up. 54% of non-enrolled voters report the New York State Assembly is doing a poor job. Looking across the state, more voters Upstate and in the suburbs give the body a subpar rating compared with those living in New York City.

Two-Thirds Approve of Cuomo's Job Performance

Once again, New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo receives high marks among registered voters in New York State. 67% of the state's electorate thinks he is doing either an excellent or good job in office while just 5% report that he is doing a poor job. Cuomo's approval rating has been rock solid. In the Marist Poll's May survey, 70% viewed his performance as above average. In March, he enjoyed a 71% job approval rating.

DiNapoli's Approval Rating Consistent...Steady at 32%

32% of New York State registered voters give New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli high marks for his job performance. That's the proportion of voters who report DiNapoli is doing either an excellent or good job in office. In The Marist Poll's May survey, DiNapoli received the exact same job approval rating. However, more voters have formed an opinion about DiNapoli now. Currently, 28% say they do not know how to rate him. This compares with 36% who thought that way two months ago.

Nature of the Sample: 1,003 New York State Registered Voters

This survey of 1,003 registered voters in New York State was conducted on June 23rd through June 25th 2009. Registered voters were interviewed by telephone in proportion to the voter registration in each county in New York and adjusted for turnout in statewide elections. Results are statistically significant at $\pm 3\%$. There are 441 Democrats and 281 Republicans. Results for these subsamples are statistically significant at $\pm 5\%$ and $\pm 6\%$, respectively. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Marist Poll June 2009
NYS Registered Voter Tables

		Registered Voters				
		Would you rate the job Governor David Paterson is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	3%	18%	39%	37%	3%
Party Registration	Democrat	4%	24%	38%	32%	2%
	Republican	3%	15%	36%	44%	1%
	Non-enrolled	2%	15%	44%	34%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	5%	22%	39%	29%	4%
	Moderate	2%	22%	45%	30%	0%
	Conservative	2%	10%	32%	52%	3%
Region	New York City	3%	17%	42%	32%	6%
	Suburbs	5%	15%	41%	37%	2%
	Upstate	3%	21%	36%	39%	1%
Income	less \$50,000	4%	23%	36%	33%	4%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	3%	20%	38%	39%	1%
	\$100,000 or more	5%	17%	43%	35%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	4%	23%	36%	33%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	3%	19%	40%	37%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	4%	20%	35%	38%	3%
	College graduate	3%	17%	43%	35%	2%
Race	White	2%	19%	39%	38%	2%
	Non White	10%	18%	37%	32%	3%
Religion	Protestant	5%	21%	38%	35%	2%
	Catholic	2%	18%	40%	38%	1%
	Jewish	5%	15%	44%	29%	8%
Age	18 to 29	7%	13%	40%	32%	8%
	30 to 44	2%	22%	38%	36%	3%
	45 to 59	3%	17%	40%	39%	1%
	60 or older	3%	19%	38%	36%	3%
Age	Under 45	4%	19%	39%	34%	4%
	45 or older	3%	18%	39%	38%	2%
Gender	Men	4%	17%	37%	41%	2%
	Women	3%	20%	41%	32%	4%

Marist Poll New York Registered Voters "N=1,003 MOE +/- 3%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters				
		Would you rate the job New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	21%	46%	22%	5%	6%
Party Registration	Democrat	27%	47%	17%	3%	6%
	Republican	17%	43%	29%	7%	4%
	Non-enrolled	17%	46%	26%	4%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	25%	50%	17%	1%	6%
	Moderate	25%	47%	19%	4%	4%
	Conservative	12%	40%	31%	9%	8%
Region	New York City	16%	47%	23%	5%	9%
	Suburbs	29%	50%	15%	2%	4%
	Upstate	21%	43%	25%	6%	5%
Income	less \$50,000	19%	45%	23%	5%	9%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	25%	46%	21%	4%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	20%	47%	23%	6%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	19%	45%	23%	5%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	23%	47%	22%	5%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	44%	23%	6%	6%
	College graduate	21%	47%	22%	4%	6%
Race	White	22%	45%	23%	5%	5%
	Non White	18%	47%	22%	3%	9%
Religion	Protestant	22%	43%	26%	6%	4%
	Catholic	23%	45%	22%	6%	5%
	Jewish	24%	49%	13%	3%	11%
Age	18 to 29	17%	29%	34%	0%	20%
	30 to 44	7%	51%	28%	6%	8%
	45 to 59	20%	49%	23%	5%	3%
	60 or older	34%	44%	14%	5%	3%
Age	Under 45	10%	44%	30%	4%	12%
	45 or older	27%	47%	19%	5%	3%
Gender	Men	23%	44%	21%	6%	6%
	Women	20%	47%	24%	3%	6%

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		Registered Voters				
		Would you rate the job New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
Registered Voters		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Party Registration	Democrat	4%	30%	27%	8%	30%
	Republican	3%	27%	34%	11%	25%
	Non-enrolled	2%	33%	27%	11%	27%
Political Ideology	Liberal	4%	27%	30%	6%	32%
	Moderate	2%	37%	29%	10%	22%
	Conservative	3%	22%	30%	13%	30%
Region	New York City	3%	22%	31%	9%	35%
	Suburbs	6%	35%	28%	6%	24%
	Upstate	2%	31%	30%	12%	25%
Income	less \$50,000	5%	25%	29%	8%	33%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	2%	37%	35%	11%	16%
	\$100,000 or more	2%	31%	30%	11%	26%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	5%	25%	29%	8%	33%
	\$50,000 or more	2%	34%	33%	11%	20%
Education	Not college graduate	4%	27%	32%	10%	27%
	College graduate	2%	32%	27%	10%	29%
Race	White	3%	31%	28%	10%	29%
	Non White	5%	26%	35%	10%	23%
Religion	Protestant	2%	31%	29%	10%	28%
	Catholic	4%	32%	29%	11%	24%
	Jewish	5%	29%	14%	6%	46%
Age	18 to 29	7%	19%	22%	11%	40%
	30 to 44	0%	27%	35%	12%	25%
	45 to 59	2%	34%	33%	11%	21%
	60 or older	4%	32%	26%	7%	31%
Age	Under 45	3%	24%	31%	12%	30%
	45 or older	3%	33%	29%	9%	26%
Gender	Men	4%	32%	27%	11%	25%
	Women	2%	27%	32%	8%	30%

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		Registered Voters				
		Would you rate the job the New York State Senate in Albany is doing as excellent, good, fair, or poor?				
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	1%	10%	20%	65%	4%
Party Registration	Democrat	3%	10%	20%	64%	3%
	Republican	1%	11%	19%	66%	3%
	Non-enrolled	0%	8%	20%	67%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	2%	7%	22%	64%	5%
	Moderate	1%	11%	15%	71%	2%
	Conservative	2%	11%	25%	59%	4%
Region	New York City	1%	10%	20%	62%	7%
	Suburbs	4%	7%	18%	68%	3%
	Upstate	1%	11%	21%	65%	3%
Income	less \$50,000	3%	13%	27%	53%	4%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	1%	11%	16%	68%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	1%	7%	19%	72%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	3%	13%	27%	53%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	1%	9%	17%	70%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	3%	13%	23%	58%	3%
	College graduate	1%	7%	16%	72%	4%
Race	White	1%	10%	17%	68%	3%
	Non White	5%	10%	29%	52%	4%
Religion	Protestant	0%	10%	20%	66%	4%
	Catholic	3%	12%	20%	63%	2%
	Jewish	4%	8%	16%	64%	9%
Age	18 to 29	6%	11%	29%	47%	7%
	30 to 44	1%	14%	19%	59%	6%
	45 to 59	1%	10%	20%	67%	1%
	60 or older	1%	6%	17%	72%	4%
Age	Under 45	3%	13%	22%	55%	6%
	45 or older	1%	8%	19%	70%	2%
Gender	Men	2%	8%	15%	71%	4%
	Women	1%	12%	25%	59%	3%

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		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
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	1%	17%	28%	51%	3%
Party Registration	Democrat	1%	23%	29%	44%	3%
	Republican	0%	11%	31%	58%	1%
	Non-enrolled	1%	13%	25%	54%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	1%	18%	28%	47%	6%
	Moderate	1%	17%	28%	53%	2%
	Conservative	1%	15%	29%	52%	3%
Region	New York City	2%	16%	32%	44%	7%
	Suburbs	1%	16%	27%	54%	3%
	Upstate	1%	18%	27%	52%	2%
Income	less \$50,000	1%	25%	31%	41%	3%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	2%	18%	24%	54%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	0%	12%	33%	54%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	1%	25%	31%	41%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	1%	16%	28%	54%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	1%	22%	27%	47%	3%
	College graduate	1%	12%	30%	54%	4%
Race	White	1%	16%	28%	52%	3%
	Non White	1%	22%	32%	41%	4%
Religion	Protestant	1%	16%	30%	48%	5%
	Catholic	0%	19%	28%	51%	1%
	Jewish	2%	18%	33%	40%	7%
Age	18 to 29	2%	32%	33%	28%	6%
	30 to 44	1%	15%	29%	49%	5%
	45 to 59	1%	15%	31%	53%	1%
	60 or older	1%	14%	26%	56%	3%
Age	Under 45	1%	21%	30%	42%	6%
	45 or older	1%	15%	28%	54%	2%
Gender	Men	1%	18%	25%	53%	3%
	Women	1%	16%	31%	48%	4%

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		Registered Voters		
		If the 2010 election for governor of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		David Paterson, the Democratic candidate	Rick Lazio, the Republican candidate	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	41%	40%	19%
Party Registration	Democrat	63%	22%	16%
	Republican	15%	68%	17%
	Non-enrolled	39%	40%	21%
Political Ideology	Liberal	67%	14%	19%
	Moderate	44%	39%	18%
	Conservative	17%	66%	17%
Region	New York City	55%	27%	19%
	Suburbs	36%	49%	15%
	Upstate	37%	42%	21%
Income	less \$50,000	45%	33%	23%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	42%	43%	15%
	\$100,000 or more	45%	40%	15%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	33%	23%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	42%	15%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	43%	20%
	College graduate	46%	36%	18%
Race	White	37%	44%	19%
	Non White	64%	24%	12%
Religion	Protestant	41%	40%	19%
	Catholic	35%	53%	12%
	Jewish	48%	25%	27%
Age	18 to 29	39%	45%	16%
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	45 to 59	42%	43%	15%
	60 or older	43%	37%	19%
Age	Under 45	41%	40%	20%
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Gender	Men	39%	44%	18%
	Women	44%	36%	20%

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		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	37%	54%	9%
Party Registration	Democrat	60%	32%	8%
	Republican	9%	84%	7%
	Non-enrolled	30%	59%	11%
Political Ideology	Liberal	60%	30%	11%
	Moderate	39%	53%	8%
	Conservative	13%	80%	7%
Region	New York City	52%	40%	8%
	Suburbs	32%	58%	10%
	Upstate	30%	60%	9%
Income	less \$50,000	46%	46%	8%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	35%	56%	9%
	\$100,000 or more	36%	55%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	46%	8%
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	Catholic	31%	64%	5%
	Jewish	38%	49%	12%
Age	18 to 29	45%	43%	12%
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	45 to 59	32%	57%	11%
	60 or older	39%	53%	9%
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	Women	36%	54%	10%

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		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	68%	22%	10%
Party Registration	Democrat	83%	10%	7%
	Republican	48%	40%	12%
	Non-enrolled	67%	21%	12%
Political Ideology	Liberal	88%	7%	6%
	Moderate	73%	16%	11%
	Conservative	44%	43%	13%
Region	New York City	76%	17%	7%
	Suburbs	70%	25%	5%
	Upstate	63%	23%	15%
Income	less \$50,000	62%	23%	15%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	72%	23%	6%
	\$100,000 or more	70%	23%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	62%	23%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	71%	23%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	67%	22%	11%
	College graduate	69%	21%	9%
Race	White	67%	23%	10%
	Non White	77%	16%	8%
Religion	Protestant	71%	21%	8%
	Catholic	64%	30%	6%
	Jewish	76%	15%	9%
Age	18 to 29	59%	28%	14%
	30 to 44	64%	22%	13%
	45 to 59	70%	22%	8%
	60 or older	73%	20%	7%
Age	Under 45	62%	24%	13%
	45 or older	71%	21%	8%
Gender	Men	62%	27%	11%
	Women	74%	17%	9%

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		Registered Voters		
		If the 2010 election for governor of New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Andrew Cuomo, the Democratic candidate	Rudy Giuliani, the Republican candidate	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	51%	43%	6%
Party Registration	Democrat	73%	23%	4%
	Republican	21%	75%	4%
	Non-enrolled	48%	44%	9%
Political Ideology	Liberal	78%	17%	5%
	Moderate	53%	42%	5%
	Conservative	23%	69%	7%
Region	New York City	63%	32%	6%
	Suburbs	53%	44%	3%
	Upstate	44%	49%	8%
Income	less \$50,000	53%	38%	9%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	53%	43%	5%
	\$100,000 or more	52%	46%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	53%	38%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	44%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	48%	46%	6%
	College graduate	54%	40%	6%
Race	White	46%	49%	5%
	Non White	73%	22%	6%
Religion	Protestant	50%	46%	4%
	Catholic	45%	52%	3%
	Jewish	59%	34%	7%
Age	18 to 29	46%	42%	13%
	30 to 44	44%	51%	5%
	45 to 59	53%	42%	6%
	60 or older	58%	38%	4%
Age	Under 45	45%	48%	7%
	45 or older	55%	40%	5%
Gender	Men	46%	47%	6%
	Women	56%	39%	6%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor David Paterson is a good leader for New York State?		
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	31%	65%	4%
Party Registration	Democrat	39%	57%	3%
	Republican	22%	76%	2%
	Non-enrolled	30%	65%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	38%	56%	6%
	Moderate	36%	62%	2%
	Conservative	19%	77%	4%
Region	New York City	36%	58%	6%
	Suburbs	27%	69%	4%
	Upstate	31%	66%	3%
Income	less \$50,000	36%	58%	6%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	31%	66%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	34%	64%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	58%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	65%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	32%	65%	3%
	College graduate	30%	65%	5%
Race	White	28%	68%	4%
	Non White	46%	50%	4%
Religion	Protestant	30%	64%	7%
	Catholic	33%	66%	1%
	Jewish	27%	68%	6%
Age	18 to 29	31%	67%	2%
	30 to 44	34%	60%	6%
	45 to 59	28%	70%	2%
	60 or older	32%	62%	6%
Age	Under 45	33%	63%	5%
	45 or older	30%	66%	4%
Gender	Men	27%	69%	4%
	Women	35%	60%	4%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor David Paterson is changing the way things work in Albany for the better?		
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	27%	68%	5%
Party Registration	Democrat	31%	63%	6%
	Republican	21%	74%	5%
	Non-enrolled	28%	68%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	33%	62%	6%
	Moderate	29%	68%	3%
	Conservative	19%	74%	7%
Region	New York City	28%	65%	7%
	Suburbs	24%	69%	7%
	Upstate	28%	69%	3%
Income	less \$50,000	33%	62%	5%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	28%	65%	6%
	\$100,000 or more	26%	72%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	62%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	27%	68%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	65%	6%
	College graduate	25%	71%	4%
Race	White	24%	71%	5%
	Non White	40%	53%	6%
Religion	Protestant	30%	64%	6%
	Catholic	27%	68%	5%
	Jewish	19%	72%	9%
Age	18 to 29	25%	65%	11%
	30 to 44	27%	66%	7%
	45 to 59	25%	73%	1%
	60 or older	29%	64%	7%
Age	Under 45	26%	66%	8%
	45 or older	27%	69%	4%
Gender	Men	25%	69%	6%
	Women	29%	67%	4%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Governor David Paterson cares about people like you?		
		Agree	Disagree	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	47%	47%	6%
Party Registration	Democrat	59%	36%	5%
	Republican	35%	59%	6%
	Non-enrolled	44%	52%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	57%	36%	7%
	Moderate	53%	43%	5%
	Conservative	30%	65%	5%
Region	New York City	53%	40%	7%
	Suburbs	46%	48%	7%
	Upstate	44%	51%	5%
Income	less \$50,000	48%	48%	4%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	49%	45%	6%
	\$100,000 or more	53%	43%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	48%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	44%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	54%	5%
	College graduate	52%	41%	7%
Race	White	46%	49%	5%
	Non White	54%	41%	4%
Religion	Protestant	45%	49%	6%
	Catholic	44%	51%	4%
	Jewish	58%	34%	8%
Age	18 to 29	48%	50%	2%
	30 to 44	45%	48%	6%
	45 to 59	45%	51%	4%
	60 or older	51%	42%	7%
Age	Under 45	46%	49%	5%
	45 or older	48%	46%	6%
Gender	Men	48%	46%	6%
	Women	45%	49%	6%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor David Paterson is handling the economic crisis?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	31%	61%	8%
Party Registration	Democrat	36%	56%	8%
	Republican	24%	70%	6%
	Non-enrolled	32%	61%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	37%	54%	9%
	Moderate	34%	58%	7%
	Conservative	20%	73%	8%
Region	New York City	35%	56%	9%
	Suburbs	27%	64%	9%
	Upstate	30%	63%	7%
Income	less \$50,000	32%	61%	7%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	31%	62%	7%
	\$100,000 or more	35%	60%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	61%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	61%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	26%	68%	6%
	College graduate	35%	56%	9%
Race	White	29%	63%	8%
	Non White	38%	58%	4%
Religion	Protestant	34%	58%	8%
	Catholic	27%	67%	6%
	Jewish	32%	52%	16%
Age	18 to 29	21%	75%	4%
	30 to 44	35%	56%	8%
	45 to 59	30%	67%	3%
	60 or older	30%	57%	13%
Age	Under 45	31%	62%	7%
	45 or older	30%	62%	8%
Gender	Men	31%	61%	7%
	Women	30%	61%	9%

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		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
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	21%	74%	5%
Party Registration	Democrat	30%	65%	5%
	Republican	13%	85%	2%
	Non-enrolled	17%	78%	4%
Political Ideology	Liberal	29%	66%	5%
	Moderate	22%	73%	4%
	Conservative	12%	84%	4%
Region	New York City	27%	65%	7%
	Suburbs	23%	74%	3%
	Upstate	17%	80%	3%
Income	less \$50,000	28%	68%	4%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	20%	76%	4%
	\$100,000 or more	22%	75%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	28%	68%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	76%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	24%	72%	4%
	College graduate	19%	77%	5%
Race	White	17%	79%	4%
	Non White	40%	56%	4%
Religion	Protestant	21%	74%	5%
	Catholic	22%	75%	3%
	Jewish	23%	68%	8%
Age	18 to 29	40%	56%	4%
	30 to 44	18%	78%	4%
	45 to 59	20%	77%	3%
	60 or older	17%	77%	6%
Age	Under 45	25%	71%	4%
	45 or older	19%	77%	5%
Gender	Men	22%	75%	3%
	Women	21%	74%	5%

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		Registered Voters			
		How much have you heard or read about what is going on in the New York State Senate in Albany: a great deal, a good amount, not very much, or nothing at all?			
		A great deal	A good amount	Not very much	Nothing at all
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	31%	45%	20%	4%
Party Registration	Democrat	31%	44%	21%	5%
	Republican	30%	48%	18%	4%
	Non-enrolled	31%	47%	19%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	26%	47%	19%	7%
	Moderate	36%	43%	19%	2%
	Conservative	27%	47%	21%	5%
Region	New York City	31%	38%	24%	6%
	Suburbs	34%	47%	17%	3%
	Upstate	29%	48%	18%	4%
Income	less \$50,000	25%	43%	25%	8%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	29%	47%	22%	2%
	\$100,000 or more	37%	46%	14%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	25%	43%	25%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	46%	18%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	46%	21%	5%
	College graduate	33%	45%	18%	4%
Race	White	30%	48%	18%	4%
	Non White	28%	40%	25%	6%
Religion	Protestant	30%	45%	21%	3%
	Catholic	27%	49%	20%	4%
	Jewish	36%	31%	29%	5%
Age	18 to 29	25%	43%	29%	3%
	30 to 44	19%	50%	23%	8%
	45 to 59	34%	45%	19%	2%
	60 or older	36%	45%	14%	5%
Age	Under 45	21%	48%	25%	6%
	45 or older	35%	45%	17%	3%
Gender	Men	39%	40%	17%	4%
	Women	23%	50%	23%	5%

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		Registered Voters		
		From what you have heard or read about what is going on in the New York State Senate in Albany, would you describe it:		
		More as a serious effort to bring reform to Albany	More as a political power play	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	12%	84%	4%
Party Registration	Democrat	9%	88%	4%
	Republican	17%	80%	3%
	Non-enrolled	13%	82%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	7%	87%	5%
	Moderate	10%	88%	2%
	Conservative	20%	77%	4%
Region	New York City	9%	85%	6%
	Suburbs	10%	86%	4%
	Upstate	14%	83%	3%
Income	less \$50,000	12%	83%	4%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	11%	86%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	11%	87%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	83%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	11%	86%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	13%	82%	5%
	College graduate	11%	87%	3%
Race	White	12%	84%	4%
	Non White	14%	84%	3%
Religion	Protestant	12%	83%	5%
	Catholic	14%	84%	1%
	Jewish	9%	83%	9%
Age	18 to 29	13%	82%	5%
	30 to 44	18%	77%	5%
	45 to 59	10%	88%	2%
	60 or older	8%	87%	5%
Age	Under 45	17%	79%	5%
	45 or older	9%	87%	3%
Gender	Men	13%	83%	4%
	Women	11%	85%	4%

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		Registered Voters		
		Are you angry or not angry about the situation in the New York State Senate in Albany?		
		Angry	Not angry	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	70%	25%	5%
Party Registration	Democrat	72%	23%	5%
	Republican	69%	24%	7%
	Non-enrolled	66%	28%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	72%	22%	5%
	Moderate	72%	25%	3%
	Conservative	66%	26%	8%
Region	New York City	63%	30%	7%
	Suburbs	74%	21%	6%
	Upstate	72%	23%	5%
Income	less \$50,000	64%	30%	5%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	71%	26%	3%
	\$100,000 or more	77%	18%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	64%	30%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	74%	23%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	67%	26%	7%
	College graduate	73%	23%	4%
Race	White	72%	23%	5%
	Non White	63%	32%	4%
Religion	Protestant	64%	31%	5%
	Catholic	75%	20%	5%
	Jewish	65%	27%	9%
Age	18 to 29	52%	41%	6%
	30 to 44	65%	27%	8%
	45 to 59	73%	23%	4%
	60 or older	79%	17%	4%
Age	Under 45	61%	32%	7%
	45 or older	76%	20%	4%
Gender	Men	68%	27%	5%
	Women	72%	22%	6%

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		Registered Voters		
		Who do you think is more to blame for the situation in the New York State Senate in Albany?		
		The Democrats	The Republicans	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	38%	39%	23%
Party Registration	Democrat	24%	58%	18%
	Republican	60%	15%	24%
	Non-enrolled	39%	36%	24%
Political Ideology	Liberal	18%	60%	22%
	Moderate	40%	38%	22%
	Conservative	56%	21%	23%
Region	New York City	33%	47%	21%
	Suburbs	46%	28%	26%
	Upstate	37%	40%	23%
Income	less \$50,000	35%	44%	21%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	38%	40%	22%
	\$100,000 or more	43%	41%	16%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	44%	21%
	\$50,000 or more	40%	40%	19%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	36%	24%
	College graduate	37%	42%	21%
Race	White	40%	37%	22%
	Non White	34%	50%	17%
Religion	Protestant	37%	39%	23%
	Catholic	47%	33%	19%
	Jewish	36%	42%	23%
Age	18 to 29	51%	41%	8%
	30 to 44	41%	36%	23%
	45 to 59	38%	40%	22%
	60 or older	35%	39%	27%
Age	Under 45	44%	37%	19%
	45 or older	36%	39%	24%
Gender	Men	45%	35%	21%
	Women	31%	43%	26%

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		Registered Voters		
		As a result of the situation in the New York State Senate in Albany, do you think state government will be more effective or less effective in getting things done in the future?		
		More effective	Less effective	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	31%	61%	8%
Party Registration	Democrat	32%	61%	8%
	Republican	34%	57%	8%
	Non-enrolled	28%	66%	6%
Political Ideology	Liberal	26%	67%	7%
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	Conservative	34%	57%	9%
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	Catholic	30%	63%	6%
	Jewish	28%	62%	10%
Age	18 to 29	51%	48%	2%
	30 to 44	31%	63%	6%
	45 to 59	27%	68%	5%
	60 or older	26%	60%	13%
Age	Under 45	37%	58%	5%
	45 or older	27%	64%	9%
Gender	Men	32%	60%	7%
	Women	30%	61%	9%

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		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor David Paterson is handling the crisis in the New York State Senate in Albany?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
	Registered Voters	43%	49%	8%
Party Registration	Democrat	47%	45%	7%
	Republican	34%	60%	6%
	Non-enrolled	47%	46%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	50%	42%	8%
	Moderate	46%	47%	6%
	Conservative	31%	60%	9%
Region	New York City	42%	49%	10%
	Suburbs	38%	54%	8%
	Upstate	46%	48%	7%
Income	less \$50,000	46%	44%	10%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	47%	47%	6%
	\$100,000 or more	40%	55%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	46%	44%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	51%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	53%	8%
	College graduate	46%	47%	7%
Race	White	41%	52%	6%
	Non White	52%	41%	8%
Religion	Protestant	47%	47%	6%
	Catholic	38%	56%	6%
	Jewish	42%	48%	9%
Age	18 to 29	37%	54%	10%
	30 to 44	41%	47%	13%
	45 to 59	40%	57%	3%
	60 or older	49%	44%	7%
Age	Under 45	39%	49%	12%
	45 or older	45%	51%	5%
Gender	Men	40%	52%	8%
	Women	45%	47%	8%

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	Democrats		
	If next year's New York State Democratic primary for Governor were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	David Paterson	Andrew Cuomo	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
Democrats	24%	69%	7%

Marist Poll New York Registered Democrats "N=441 MOE +/- 5%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

	Republicans		
	If next year's New York State Republican primary for Governor were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Rudy Giuliani	Rick Lazio	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans	77%	16%	7%

Marist Poll New York Registered Republicans "N=281 MOE +/- 6%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

	Republicans		
	If next year's Republican primary for U.S. Senate in New York State were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Peter King	George Pataki	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans	36%	51%	13%

Marist Poll New York Registered Republicans "N=281 MOE +/- 6%". Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.