Siena College Poll:

NYers Support Congress Impeaching & Removing Trump 55-38%

Biden & Warren Share Lead Among NY Dems; Sanders Close Behind

40% Watch ½-Hour+ of Cable News Daily; CNN Most Trusted Station

Thumbs Down for Dividing NY Into 2 States: 70%+ Downstate; 56% Upstate

Loudonville, NY. Divided along partisan lines, New Yorkers support impeaching and removing President Trump 55-38 percent. Impeachment and removal is supported by 79 percent of Democrats and opposed by 81 percent of Republicans, with independents closely divided, according to today's new Siena College Poll of registered New York State voters. By a 60-34 percent margin, voters say Trump has taken actions that warrant an impeachment investigation, and by a 62-34 percent margin, voters say the House is justified in conducting an impeachment investigation. Similarly, voters say they trust House Speaker Nancy Pelosi over Trump 57-30 percent.

Among New York Democrats, former Vice President Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren are each favored by 21 percent; Biden had led Warren by five points last month. Biden is still seen as the most likely Democrat to beat Trump, although Warren has cut that gap in half. Four in ten New Yorkers watch at least a half hour of cable news daily, and by a 13-point margin, a plurality of voters says they most trust CNN for unbiased news.

"In these hyperpartisan times, it is not particularly surprising that Republicans oppose impeaching and removing Trump from office 81-14 percent and Democrats support it 79-13 percent, while independents lean, ever so slightly, toward impeachment, 49-47 percent," said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. "Downstate suburban and white voters are closely divided on the question, while New York City, black, Latino, and young voters are strongly in support of removing the President, as are a plurality of upstaters.

"On questions regarding whether the President's actions warrant an impeachment investigation, the House is justified in conducting an impeachment investigation, and whether voters more trust Trump or Pelosi, Democrats are more intensely against the President than Republicans are in support of him. Independents side with Democrats by nearly twenty points on each of those questions," Greenberg said. "So, while the partisans are squarely in their respective corners, independents look more like Democrats on the investigation and actions taken by the President, but independents are not yet convinced that impeachment is the way to proceed."

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Warren Catches Biden in Support Among New York Democrats; He Still Seen Having Best Chance to Win

Asked which candidate they want to see be their party's presidential nominee, Biden and Warren each garner support from 21 percent of Democrats, Biden down one point from September and Warren up four points from last month. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders is close behind with 16 percent support, up one point from last month, while California Sen. Kamala Harris and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg each have four percent support. When asked who has the best chance to win in 2020, 30 percent say Biden, down from 37 percent last month, with Warren at 18 percent, up from 13 percent, and Sanders at 12 percent, up one point from last month.

"Biden no longer holds the title of frontrunner in the Empire State, as he shares the lead with Warren. With six months until New Yorkers cast their ballots in the presidential sweepstakes, a quarter of Democrats are still undecided, and no candidate has even that much support. This race remains wide open," Greenberg said.

"Warren leads Biden by four points with men, while Biden has a slight two-point edge with women. Warren leads with white voters by seven points, while Biden leads with Latinos by eight points. Black voters are more closely divided, with Biden leading Sanders by just two points. Sanders leads with voters under 35; Warren leads with voters 35-54; and Biden leads with voter 55 and older," Greenberg said.

Cable News Watched Few Days a Week by 56%; Daily by 40%; CNN Trusted More than Fox & MSNBC

Forty percent of New Yorkers spend at least a half hour daily watching one of the 24-hour cable news channels. Another 16 percent watch at least a half hour a day of cable news a few days a week, with 21 percent watching that much once in a while. One in five never watch. CNN is the cable news channel most trusted by 35 percent of New Yorkers, followed by Fox News, 22 percent, and MSNBC at 21 percent. One in seven trust none of them.

"Lots of New Yorkers are getting at least some of their news from the 24-hour cable news channels. Republicans are more likely to watch daily than Democrats or independents. Downstate suburbanites are more avid viewers than New York City or upstate voters. And voters 55 and older are more than twice as likely to watch cable news daily than are those under 35," Greenberg said.

"A plurality of Democrats, 45 percent, and independents, 33 percent, say they trust CNN for the most unbiased news. For Republicans, Fox News, 51 percent, is the runaway choice for most unbiased cable news channel. MSNBC is the second choice for Democrats and the third choice for both Republicans and independents," Greenberg said. "Black, Latino and younger voters all rank CNN first and Fox a distant third. Older and downstate suburban voters both rank their order of trustworthiness as Fox, CNN and MSNBC."

Two-Thirds of New Yorkers Oppose Dividing the Empire State into Two States

Dividing New York into two states – New York City combined with the downstate suburbs as one state, and the other 51 counties as another state – is opposed by 66 percent and supported by 25 percent of voters.

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"Nearly three-quarters of New York City voters, more than two-thirds of downstate suburbanites and a clear majority of upstaters oppose dividing New York into two states. It is also opposed by more than three-quarters of Democrats, 56 percent of independents and half of Republicans," Greenberg said. "While some have talked about breaking New York into two states and there is a bill before the Legislature to do that, there is little support for such a move by any demographic group."

Cuomo Favorability Holds Steady; Job Performance Up a Little, Still Under Water

Governor Andrew Cuomo has a 49-47 percent favorability rating, unchanged from 48-46 percent in September. His job performance rating is 41-57 percent, up from 38-59 percent last month and 34-64 percent in August.

"Cuomo's favorability rating remained in positive territory – barely. His job performance rating, while still very much under water, has improved by a net 14 points in the last two months," Greenberg said.

Voters Strongly Supportive of Providing Financial Opportunities for NCAA Athletes

By 63-29 percent, voters support allowing college student-athletes to receive compensation for the use of their name, image or likeness. By a similar 60-30 percent margin, voters support requiring all New York colleges to take 15 percent of revenue from athletic ticket sales and divide that revenue among all their student athletes.

"New Yorkers are strongly supportive of two potential proposals that would compensate student athletes," Greenberg said. "While Democrats are overwhelmingly supportive and independents strongly supportive of both proposals, Republicans are closely divided on both. Voters from upstate and the downstate suburbs are very supportive of both proposals, while New York City voters are overwhelmingly supportive."

Odds & Ends

➢ Trump recorded his lowest favorability rating, 30-67 percent, since October 2017, when it was 28-68 percent.

➢ Trump is not the only Republican facing an under-water favorability rating with New York's blue electorate:
  o Vice President Mike Pence – 34-55 percent   o Sen. Mitch McConnell – 21-53 percent
  o Sec. of State Mike Pompeo– 25-46 percent   o Attorney General William Barr – 20-45 percent

➢ Congress' top two Democrats have virtually identical favorability ratings: Speaker Nancy Pelosi's is 49-42 percent, from 47-41 percent last month, and Sen. Chuck Schumer's is 49-41 percent, from 48-39 percent.

➢ For the first time, New Yorkers do not oppose the new law allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain a driver's license It is supported by 48 percent and opposed by 47 percent, up from 45-50 percent last month.

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Favorability Ratings					
	Fav	**Unfav**	**DK/NO**	**Net**	**Net from Sept.**
NYS Senate	47%	35%	17%	+12	+2
Chuck Schumer	49%	41%	10%	+8	-1
Nancy Pelosi	49%	42%	9%	+7	+1
NYS Assembly	44%	39%	17%	+5	-2
Andrew Cuomo	49%	47%	4%	+2	E
Mike Pence	34%	55%	11%	-21	NA
Mike Pompeo	25%	46%	29%	-21	NA
William Barr	20%	45%	35%	-25	NA
Mitch McConnell	21%	56%	23%	-35	-9
Donald Trump	30%	67%	3%	-37	-5
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Andrew Cuomo Favorability 2011-2019
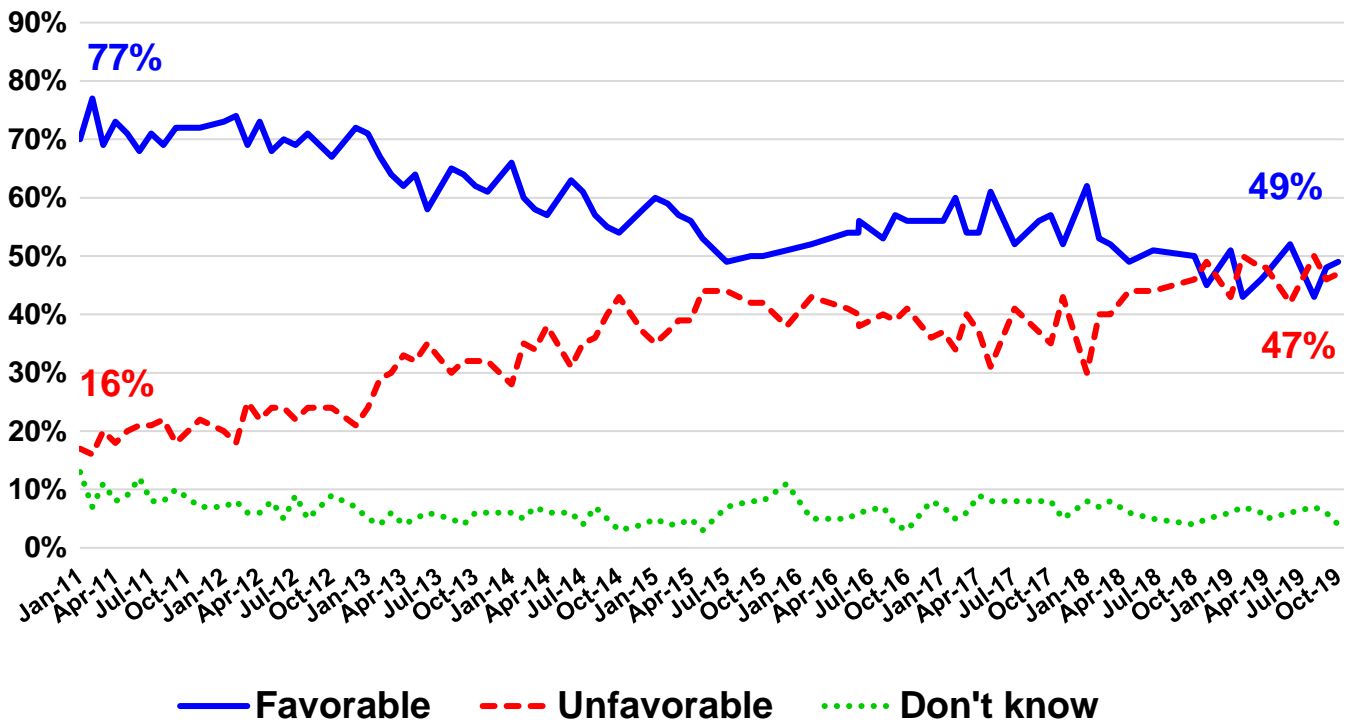
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Siena College Poll Trends – October 2019

Q. 1 Is New York State on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	46	44	10
September 2019	47	40	12
August 2019	45	44	11
June 2019	44	43	12
April 2019	42	46	13
March 2019	43	46	11
February 2019	44	45	11
January 2019	49	40	11
HIGHEST EVER	**57 (1/13)**	**76 (10/31/10)**	**30 (1/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**14 (10/10)**	**26 (1/07)**	**7 (2/17, 5/13)**

Q. 2 Is the United States on the right track, or is it headed in the wrong direction?

DATE	RIGHT TRACK	WRONG DIRECTION	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	31	62	7
September 2019	33	59	8
August 2019	37	53	10
June 2019	33	60	7
April 2019	36	54	9
March 2019	34	57	9
February 2019	35	57	8
January 2019	32	62	6
HIGHEST EVER	**62 (5/09)**	**74 (10/13, 8/11)**	**17 (9/08)**
LOWEST EVER	**19 (10/13, 10/08)**	**24 (12/09)**	**5 (1/13)**

Q. 3 DEMS ONLY: Among all the candidates running for the Democratic nomination for President in 2020, which one would you most like to see be the Democratic Party's nominee against President Trump?

Q. 4 DEMS ONLY: Among all the candidates running for the Democratic nomination for President in 2020, which one do you think has the best chance to win the presidential election in 2020?

CANDIDATE	Q.3 OCT. 2019	Q. 3 SEPT. 2019	Q.4 OCT. 2019	Q.4 SEPT. 2019
Biden	21	22	30	37
Warren	21	17	18	13
Sanders	16	15	12	11
Harris	4	4	3	2
Buttigieg	4	3	1	1
Yang	3	1	1	<1
Klobuchar	1	1	1	<1
Booker	1	<1	<1	1
O'Rourke	1	<1	<1	<1
Gabbard	<1	1	<1	0
De Blasio	<1	<1	<1	<1
Castro	0	<1	0	0
Bullock	0	0	1	0
Williamson	0	0	0	<1
Other	4	1	6	<1
Don't Know/No Opinion	24	34	27	34

Q. 5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Andrew Cuomo?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	49	47	4
September 2019	48	46	6
August 2019	43	50	7
June 2019	52	42	6
April 2019	47	48	5
March 2019	46	48	6
February 2019	43	50	7
January 2019	51	43	6
HIGHEST EVER	**77 (2/11)**	**50 (8/19, 2/19)**	**24 (1/06, 2/06, 9/07)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (8/19, 2/19)**	**14 (8/09)**	**3 (10/16, 10/20/10)**

Q. 6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Assembly?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	44	39	17
September 2019	42	35	23
August 2019	43	38	19
June 2019	47	36	17
April 2019	48	33	19
March 2019	44	35	21
February 2019	43	38	18
January 2019	48	32	20
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (4/19, 1/19)**	**61 (7/10)**	**23 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**25 (7/10)**	**32 (1/19)**	**10 (5/15)**

Q. 7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about the New York State Senate?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	47	35	17
September 2019	46	36	18
August 2019	45	40	16
June 2019	46	39	16
April 2019	46	39	16
March 2019	46	38	16
February 2019	43	41	17
January 2019	49	38	13
HIGHEST EVER	**50 (2/17)**	**74 (7/09)**	**18 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (7/09)**	**35 (10/19, 5/17)**	**6 (7/09)**

Q. 8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Donald Trump?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	30	67	3
September 2019	32	64	4
August 2019	35	62	3
June 2019	34	63	3
April 2019	38	59	3
March 2019	36	60	5
February 2019	35	59	6
January 2019	32	64	4
HIGHEST EVER	**41 (12/16)**	**72 (8/16)**	**10 (10/13)**
LOWEST EVER	**24 (8/16)**	**53 (12/16)**	**2 (9/15)**

Q. 9 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Chuck Schumer?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	49	41	10
September 2019	48	39	13
August 2019	53	39	8
June 2019	54	40	6
April 2019	49	43	8
March 2019	51	41	8
February 2019	47	46	7
January 2019	53	39	8
HIGHEST EVER	**70 (7/05)**	**46 (2/19)**	**17 (2/05)**
LOWEST EVER	**47 (2/19)**	**20 (2/05, 11/06)**	**4 (10/31/10)**

Q. 11 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Nancy Pelosi?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	49	42	9
September 2019	47	41	12
June 2019	47	45	8
HIGHEST EVER	**49 (10/19)**	**45 (6/19)**	**16 (5/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (5/17)**	**41 (9/19, 5/17)**	**8 (6/19)**

Q. 12 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion about Mitch McConnell?

DATE	FAVORABLE	UNFAVORABLE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	21	56	23
September 2019	22	48	30
June 2019	25	50	24
HIGHEST EVER	**25 (6/19)**	**56 (10/19)**	**32 (5/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**20 (5/17)**	**48 (9/19, 5/17)**	**23 (10/19)**

Q. 15 How would you rate the job that Andrew Cuomo is doing as Governor? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	6	35	30	27	1
September 2019	7	31	34	25	2
August 2019	6	28	32	32	2
June 2019	7	31	34	27	1
April 2019	8	29	32	30	2
March 2019	7	31	32	29	1
February 2019	8	27	33	31	2
January 2019	9	34	31	25	1
HIGHEST EVER	**17 (1/12)**	**47 (4/12, etc.)**	**40 (6/16, 7/15, 12/14)**	**32 (8/19)**	**28 (1/11)**
LOWEST EVER	**5 (9/16)**	**27 (2/19)**	**24 (1/11)**	**4 (2/11, 1/11)**	**0 (2/16, 5/15, 10/14)**

Q. 16 Donald Trump has said he's running for re-election as President in 2020. As things stand now, would you vote to re-elect him or would prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	28	68	3
September 2019	28	66	6
August 2019	32	64	4
June 2019	29	68	3
HIGHEST EVER	**32 (8/19)**	**68 (10/19, 6/19)**	**6 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**28 (10/19, 9/19)**	**64 (8/19)**	**3 (10/19, 6/19)**

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Q. 17 How would you rate the job that Donald Trump is doing as President? Would you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

DATE	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	13	15	14	56	1
September 2019	12	16	21	51	1
August 2019	17	17	16	50	1
June 2019	13	16	18	52	1
April 2019	17	18	17	48	0
March 2019	14	17	19	49	2
February 2019	14	19	16	50	1
HIGHEST EVER	**19 (6/18)**	**19 (2/19, 7/17)**	**21 (9/19)**	**63 (10/17)**	**3 (4/17)**
LOWEST EVER	**8 (10/17, 9/17)**	**13 (4/18)**	**12 (6/18)**	**48 (4/19, 2/17)**	**0 (4/19, 10/17)**

Q. 18 Do you support or oppose legalizing the recreational use of marijuana?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	54	41	6
September 2019	52	43	5
June 2019	55	40	5
April 2019	52	42	6
March 2019	53	43	4
February 2019	52	42	7
January 2019	56	41	3
HIGHEST EVER	**56 (1/19, 2/18)**	**44 (4/18)**	**7 (2/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**52 (9/19, 4/19, 2/19, 4/18)**	**40 (6/19, 2/18)**	**3 (1/19)**

Q. 19 In June, New York passed a law allowing undocumented immigrants to get a New York driver's license. Do you support or oppose that new law?

DATE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	48	47	6
September 2019	45	50	5
August 2019	43	53	4
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (10/19)**	**53 (8/19)**	**6 (10/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (8/19)**	**47 (10/19)**	**4 (8/19)**

Q. 23 Looking ahead to 2020, would you vote to re-elect your state senator, or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	48	40	13
September 2019	45	36	19
August 2019	47	39	14
HIGHEST EVER	**48 (10/19)**	**40 (10/19)**	**19 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**45 (9/19)**	**36 (9/19)**	**13 (10/19)**

Q. 24 And how about your state assemblymember, would you vote to re-elect your state assemblymember, or would you prefer someone else?

DATE	RE-ELECT	SOMEONE ELSE	DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION
October 2019	46	32	21
September 2019	43	31	25
August 2019	43	36	21
HIGHEST EVER	**46 (10/19)**	**36 (8/19)**	**25 (9/19)**
LOWEST EVER	**43 (9/19, 8/19)**	**31 (9/19)**	**21 (10/19, 8/19)**

Poll Trend Notes: * All surveys are of registered voters except for the following polls: June thru November 2018, November 2017, September thru November 2016, July thru October 2014, August/October 2012, October 2010, September/October 2008, and September/October 2006, which are polls of likely voters.

Trends reflect questions asked at least twice since the first Siena College Poll in February 2005.

Results listed here include all times questions have been asked since January 2019.

"Highest Ever" and "Lowest Ever" are provided at the bottom of each question.

⌃ Inconsequential wording change.